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Dear Friends,

The old rhyme April Showers bring forth May flowers is part of a 16th century poem, inspired by the changing jet stream making way for warmer air. Rain is a blessing but, too much isn't! For some places in the UK,



they have had too much water and we are mindful that other parts of our planet have had hardly any rain.



April Showers bring forth May flowers, any hint of warmer and better weather would be appreciated by all, especially those who cannot get away to warmer countries this year. Not everyone is fortunate enough to go abroad, so we hope for decent weather for those who holiday at home.

In our own community we have suffered and endured quite enough rain throughout the last few months, our farmlands are saturated and our farmers are looking forward to a warmer spell and fruitful crops.

May this rhyme inspire and help us to hope for better things to come, not just better weather, but the hope that the Christian faith finds through prayer:

"In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus" (Philippians chapter 4, verses 6 to 7).

Every Blessing, Revd Caren

All Saints' Church, Clifton From the Registers



Garden of Remembrance, Burial of Ashes 23rd March Pauleen Cecelia Kennedy

Funeral in Church, followed by North Herts Crematorium 26th March Ursula Edith May Sells

Messy Church—28th April

Church Hall, 10:30 am

- Craft activities for all the family
- \checkmark Stories and songs
- ✓ Hot lunch
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All Saints' Church Clifton Services

<u>Sundays</u>:

- **11.00 am** Parish Communion 1st, 3rd Family Service, 2nd Morning Prayer, 4th
- 10.30 am Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)
- 6.30 pm Evensong, 3rd Sunday
- 10.00 am Benefice Service 5th Sunday at Clifton, Haynes or Southill

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

For details of church services see: <u>https://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/</u>



CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME



As predicted in last month's article we need to recruit volunteers to join the Clifton Good Neighbour Scheme (CGNS). Requests for help with the transport to hospital and doctors appointments and other more local journeys have increased a lot recently and we've had difficulty in meeting all these requests.

We need more drivers to help meet this demand. With more drivers we should be able to meet any future demand and to spread the requests to ensure volunteers are not called on too frequently. A mileage allowance is payable.

We are required to undertake DBS screening of volunteers and volunteers are insured by the Scheme whilst on CGNS activities.

Additionally we could do with some more help in setting out the tables and chairs for the Tea & Chat sessions. So if you are free and able to help for about 15 and 20 minutes on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at 1.30pm please come to the Church Hall, Stanford Lane.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or if you need our help just call.....

07817 614654

...... and one of our co-ordinators will do their best to help. To assist us in meeting requests please try and give at least 24 hours notice of your requirements.





Samuel Whitbread Academy

This half-term seems to have gone by incredibly quickly and before we know it, the exam season will be in full swing.

GCSE exam elements have begun with food and PE conducting their practicals. The students involved were totally focused on the task at hand and I look forward to their results. It was great to welcome and share with families their child's culinary creations. I would like to thank both departments for all their hard work in preparing our students and calming their nerves.

The black heritage programme, organised by Mrs Brown and Dr Haynes, and delivered by Sharon De Leonardis has had yet more media coverage with another segment on Friday night Three Counties Radio. It included an interview with two students, who were both incredibly eloquent and authentic, as well as our very own Mrs Brown, who explained how the idea came about and the impact of the programme so far. Sharon has been so impressed with our students that she is planning to invite them to speak at an upcoming event in Bedford - more details to follow.

The rehearsals for Oliver are in full swing and our performing arts students are busy learning their lines and choreography. We are hoping to go all out this year with a full set of costumes and staging. As I'm sure you can imagine, this does take some investment, so over the coming weeks we will be looking for support in raising funds to invest in our school productions and purchase equipment which will enable us to take our productions to the next level.

In sport, we have had some excellent results recently. The Year 10 boys rugby team won the Northampton Saints Sevens Championship at Perse School, in Cambridge. The girls U18 rugby team beat Oundle School 24-19, in a really close match which went right to the final whistle. Our 2nd VII also performed well with an impressive 60-12 result against Impington Village College. The district handball final ended up being a playoff between our A team and our B team. And finally, we would like to congratulate James Taylor in Y13 who played in goal for England U18s.

Nick Martin, Principal

All Saints' Church Clifton Let there be Light

Our church is floodlit at night as part of our efforts to keep our building safe and secure. To help us to meet escalating costs (now £66 pm) we are offering the opportunity to celebrate a special occasion or



commemorate a loved one's anniversary by contributing towards the cost.

Just give us the month or months in which you wish to sponsor, your name and the dedication which can include a specific date. If you wish to remain anonymous and don't wish to give a dedication that is fine too. Your chosen donation can be made annually or as a one-off. Details of each month's sponsorship will be published in the Clifton Chronicles and on the church pew sheet.

To mark your special occasion in this way please and help us keep our church safe contact: <u>benefice.admin@clifton-beds.co.uk</u>

or 01462 816451

Church Floodlighting Sponsors: March

Sponsor	Dedication
Peter & Kathy Blackmore	In memory of Bill Inskip , Chair of Parish Council, and Arthur Dilley , Tower Captain, who both died on the 23 rd of this month. Remembered with great affection.

Churchyard Working Parties



We are planning regular working parties on the second Saturday of each month between March and October. With spring arriving please join us for our busy First Session on

Saturday 13th April 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Do come along to help, bring tools if you can, enjoy working together and refreshments will be served!

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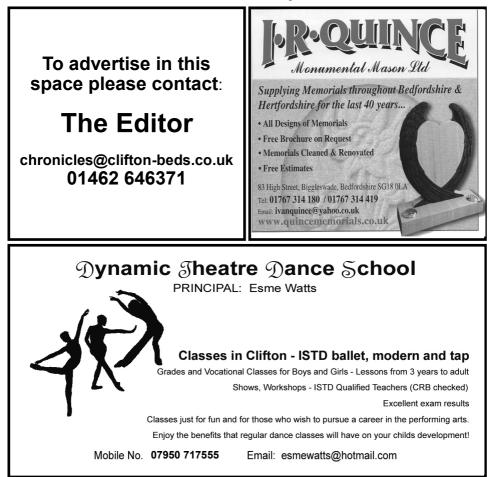
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Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Local Group

Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Group have a great events coming up:

Friday 5th April 7.30pm

Ethiopia - the Horn of Africa by Richard Pople.

Richard will tell us about birds, and other animals including the Ethiopian wolf, in this remarkable country.

At The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB, 7.30pm, visitors very welcome £4.

Sunday 28th April

All-day coach trip to Fingeringhoe Wick a lovely Essex costal reserve

Local pickups, visitors welcome to come along, Coach fare £30 and £3 Reserve donation. Phone Malcolm 01462 451320 for more info and booking.

HATS Drama Group 'Murder in the Mummy's Tomb' Meppershall Village Hall 17th 18th & 19th May



Tickets available soon at Ticketsource

Archaeologist Professor Trollope has organised an exhibition of ancient Egyptian artefacts at the museum where she is curator. To complement the exhibition, she has invited a group of actors to perform a play based on historical figures from Egypt's New Kingdom 3,000 years ago. During a rehearsal a dead body is discovered, and the suspicion of murder falls upon the assembled characters.

The audience will be seated at tables of 6 and each table invited to guess who the murderer was and how the dastardly deed was done. The winning table will be awarded a small prize. A cheese ploughman's will be served during the interval.

Please come along and enjoy a wonderful evening!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Month	Date	Event	
May	18	Plant Swap	
June	6	D-Day Beacon Lighting Event	
	5	Field Good Friday	
July	12	Duck Race	
	13&14	Clifton in Bloom	
	2	Field Good Friday	
August	4, 11, 18, 25	Sunday Afternoon Teas, Church Hall	
	2	Sunday Afternoon Teas, Church Hall	
September	6	Field Good Friday	
September	14/15	Scarecrow Festival	
	29	Farm Run	
November	10	Remembrance Sunday	
December	7	Light Up Clifton	

If you are organising a Village Event let us know and we will add you to our calendar.



Community Coffee Morning Wednesday 17th April 10am - 12pm

Clifton Community Centre, Whiston Crescent

Everyone is invited to join this community event!

(If you have preschool children with you please feel very welcome, we will have a toy corner!)

Entry by donation Free tea, coffee & cake Super Raffle too!

This is a cash event - no card payments

Hosted by Clifton WI raising essential funds for:

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Clifton in Bloom! 13 & 14 July Celebration of Garden Flowers! All Saints' Church

2.00-5.00 pm

Celebrate gardening & flower arranging skills

Adult and Junior Classes People's Voting & Guest Judging

Tea and Cake





Clifton in Bloom!

Get summer off to a blooming good start

Flower Festival on 13th & 14th July

Choose the category (or categories) to enter:

- Front Garden / flower beds
- Planters and Hanging Baskets
- Tallest sunflower (seeds will be available free for children)
- Celebration of Garden Flowers (in church)

Individual, household or community entries are all welcome

It will be free to enter with maps and voting forms available in advance from Parish Council office and the church

All entries can be viewed at the weekend when you can vote for each category - you are the judges!

There will be prizes for each category

Sharpen your shears & polish your trowel

Clifton Parish Council







We are currently reaching out for new volunteers who are enthusiastic about the future of community events in Clifton.

Clifton Residents' Association pride themselves on organising inclusive events that foster a sense of community in our village, and which celebrate local or national occasions. This currently includes the standalone events of The Plant Swap, The Scarecrow Festival, and Light Up Clifton; as well as partnering with other committees and organisations to assist with events such as The Platinum Jubilee and The Coronation.

We generally meet around once per month, then form working parties for specific events.

Without volunteers, these Clifton events simply couldn't happen. So, come on in, join the team and enjoy making the Spirit of Clifton come alive!

If you think you can help by offering just a few hours a month of your time and would like to take an active role in the continuation of community events in Clifton, please contact us at CliftonRASecretary@gmail.com

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Clifton WI

Happy Easter everyone. It is lovely to see all the Spring Flowers blooming around the Village, courtesy of Pauline Livesey. Thank you.



Our AGM was well attended by 31 Members and 4 visitors. Sue Pestell, representing County, attended to oversee proceedings. Minutes were read and signed. Three of our Committee are retiring, special thanks to Linda and Jackie, who have been members for many years. Also thanks to Meryl for creating an interesting year of Speakers. There are eight Committee Members left who agreed to stand, as there were no further nominations, they were adopted. However, if you feel you can volunteer to help at special events, now and again, it would be appreciated. Crazy bag whist, tea and coffee and raffle followed. A successful afternoon.

On April the 3rd, we will be hosting The Group Meeting. We have invited representatives from each Group. They will give reports of their activities over the last year. Our speaker is the Author Sarah Harrison, who is a best selling Author and Raconteur. Tea ladies Mary Newman, Pauline Livesey and Helen Johnson. Please make sure you are signed up to attend our Lunch, 12.30 at The Five Bells and have chosen your meal. We will pay on the day.

On May the 1st, we are very much looking forward to welcoming Caroline Coster, a COVID Survivor talking about her "Second Life".

Visitors are welcome to our Meetings. They are held on the first Wednesday of each Month, 2 - 4p.m. In the Community Hall.

Lesley Burton 07722 357542

Dear All

Friends of Clifton Church was established 10 years ago to help support and maintain the fabric of our historic church. We are a community organisation and are independent from the church.



We have had the same Treasurer for those 10 years, but our Treasurer has now moved to Norfolk and we need a new one. This is quite a simple task and not onerous to do. Please consider putting yourself forward to be Treasurer to ensure Friends can continue by contacting me.

Thank you

Keith Pledger, Chair, Friends of Clifton Church

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A: 2 Chapel Close

The Parish of All Saints, Clifton

NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

A meeting for the election of Churchwardens will be held in

All Saints Church, Clifton on 14th day of April 2024 at 12:15

This meeting may be attended by:

- 1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
- 2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM will be held in All Saints Church, Clifton on 14th day of April 2024 at 12.25

For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- 1. To the Parochial Church Council 2 representatives.
- 2. For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- 1. A Report on changes in the Electoral Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting;
- 2. An Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- 3. The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on the 31st December immediately preceding the meeting, audited or independently examined;
 - a. A Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
 - b. A Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
 - c. Other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of this parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity. WANDERBUS

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says of Coton		dely respected Good Gardens Guide aed garden of exceptional charm with g for everyone here'.		
25 May	Gotha Gardens, Ashwell, Nr Baldock	Entry £13.75 + £6.25 Bus Fare. Pickup 13.15/13.30 D. 16.15		
Private tour of	these lovely gardens includir	ng tea and cake. (Afternoon trip)		
22 June	Raptor Foundation, Woodhurst, Hunts	Entry £6.00 + £11.50 Bus Fare. Pickup 10.30/11.00 D. 15.30		
back to the wil		es and returns injured birds of prey will be various owls, kites etc to fé on site.		
27 July	Stowe House & Gardens, Stowe, Bucks	Entry £24.00 + £11.00 Bus fare Pickup – 10.00/10.30 Arrive 11.30 Depart 15.30		
Included in the £24.00 entry fee - House Tour Cost incl. Tea/Coffee & Biscuits. After House Tour we will drive to the Gardens entrance where there is a café for refreshments. National Trust members get free entry to the Gardens (Saving £13.00 – mention when booking)				
24 August Barnsdale Gardens, Exton, Rutland		£12.50 entry + £17.50 Bus Fare. Pickup 10.00/10.30 D. 15.45		
Geoff Hamilton's gardens run by his son Nick. With 38 individual gardens in an eight-acre site, there's plenty to see and do. Café with good menu choices.				
28 Sept	Audley End House & Gardens, nr Saffron Walden, Essex	£16.50 House & Gardens. Free to English Heritage £13.50 bus fare. Pickup 10.00/10.30 D. 15.00		
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We are a very friendly community (not church) group, who sing mostly classical and sacred choral music, and rehearsals are fun, relaxing and social. Rehearsals are every Monday from 7:30 - 9:00pm in Saint Mary's Church, Henlow SG16 6AN, beginning again on the 11th of March 2024, but you can join in at any time. We perform twice per year in the same church; a Christmas concert in December and a Spring/Summer concert on 5th of July 2024, after which we break up until September. We would love to see you there as a member or in the audience.

Please contact Mrs Beth Hutton, music director at: <u>bhutton966@gmail.com</u> or on 07891 504994 as soon as possible, so that we know how many singers to expect. We look forward to hearing from you!

Clifton Crime Statistics for FEBRUARY 2024

Provided by Bedfordshire Police Watch Schemes Co-Ordinator to Clifton Parish Council

ASSAULT WITH INJURY 08/02/2024 Napier Orchard 13/02/2024 Bilberry Road

ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY 11/02/2024 Harwood Lane 17/02/2024 Harwood Lane

ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY 19/02/2024 Church Street



Clifton Planning Applications Update Central Beds Decisions at 8th March 2024

CB/24/00583/LDCP - 1st March – 64, Church Street, SG17 5EY. Single storey side and rear extensions. **Application Registered.**



CB/24/00536/FULL – 1st March – 7, Fairfax Close, SG17 5RH. Single storey side and first floor extensions. **Consultation Period.**

CB/24/00528/FULL – 27th February - 65, Shefford Road, SG17 5RQ. Single storey rear building. **Consultation Period.**

CB/24/00275/FULL – 2nd February – 32, Hitchin Lane, SG17 5RS. Single storey rear extension and other alterations. **Awaiting Decision**.

CB/24/00205/LB – 24th January – 14, Grange Street, SG17 5EW. Listed building. Replacement roof covering and guttering. **Awaiting Decision**.

CB/24/00061/FULL – 11th January – 174, Shefford Road, SG17 5AH. Erection of 2 single storey dwellings. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/23/00018/FULL – 5th January – 32, Clifton Road, SG17 5AE. 2 storey side extension, single store front extension with loft conversion. Conservatory alteration. **Decided.**

CB/23/03567/FULL 15th November – 39, Shefford Road, SG17 5RQ. Erection of new 2 bed bungalow. **Awaiting Decision.**

Tony Hyde – Clifton Residents Association

Clifton Boys Group

You may be aware that this Group has been running for about 7 years now. It is, in fact, a Breakfast group that meets twice a month on the first and third Thursdays. The average age is 75 and there are usually between 8 and 12 of us.



Breakfast is at 9.30 and those who just want a coffee/tea etc join the others at 10am. The venue is the Bistro at the Mount Pleasant Golf Club at Lower Stondon.

With about 500 years experience between us there is rarely a pause in the chat! I email the week before just as a reminder.

Bob Smith 01462812336

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Community Centre

We are fortunate in Clifton to have a modern, spacious, well-equipped community centre with floodlit parking for 60 cars. For information on the facilities available, and to see just how easy and inexpensive it is to use this hall see:

www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls for hire/Community Centre

To check availability and make a booking, please contact:

clerk@cliftonbeds-pc.gov.uk

Kerri Kilby 07547 129038 or

Kevin Warren on 07546 239784

Booking forms and conditions of hire can be downloaded from the website.



Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

Sunday Services

*10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. A warm welcome is assured to all. Communion is held during the 6.00 p.m. service on the 3rd Sunday in the month.

*The 10.30 a.m. Sunday morning service will continue to held at the Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, Clifton.

Mondays (term time)

Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church Explorers 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (for Reception to Year 4) at Church

Wednesdays (term time)

Coffeepot 12.00 noon - 1.30 pm at the Church

<u>Fridays</u> (term time) Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church

> Website: <u>www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk</u> Contact: <u>cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com</u>

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Father Deacon Parish Secretar	Canon Bennie Noonan 813436 Rev Peter Hyde 711702 ry Rose Boulton 811547		
<u>Sunday Servic</u> St Francis	e <u>es</u> 9.00 am 5.15 pm		
<u>Saturday Serv</u> St Francis	<u>ice</u> 11.00 am		
Shefford Methodist Church			
<u>Minister</u> :	ister: Revd Lorna Valentine 813284		
<u>Bookings:</u>	Chris & Peter 815069		
<u>Sunday Service</u> 9.30 am Worship for all, plus Junior Church, crèche facilities & refreshments afterwards.			
•	Other activities see the notice-board & www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk		
Salvation Army, Stotfold			
Church Leaders:	Captains Adrian & Gemma Allen		
Contact:	01462-731072		
Sunday Services:	10.30 am		

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