

Clifton Chronicles December 2011 & January 2012

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Forward Planner

December	
1	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Southill Christmas Tree Festival
4	Church Open, 2-5 pm
	Teas in the Church Hall, 2.30-5
	Clifton Christmas Concert, 8.00 pm Church
7	WI Christmas Party, Church Hall
10	Toddlers Christmas Fayre, Community Centre, 1-4 pm
11	Christingle Service, 4.00 pm, Church
12	Craft Club, Church, 10 am – 12 noon, all welcome
13	Mothers' Union Christmas Party
	Prayer and Care Service, Southill Church, 8.00
15	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Christmas party
19	Lions' Sleigh Run – give generously!
January	
9	Craft Club, Church, 10 am – 12 noon, all welcome
12	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Creation
23	Craft Club, Church, 10 am – 12 noon, all welcome
28	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Adam and Eve
28	Saturday Club, Church, 2-4
27-29	HATS Panto, Sing a Song of Sixpence, Henlow Theatre
February	
2-4	Clifton Drama Panto – Dick Whittington
3-4	HATS Panto, Sing a Song of Sixpence, Henlow Theatre
9	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Moses and the Red Sea
13	Craft Club, Church, 10 am – 12 noon, all welcome
23	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Shrove Tuesday
27	Craft Club, Church, 10 am – 12 noon, all welcome

Dear Friends,



Christmas is on its way – time has flown by for me since Bob & I arrived here, and now I'm learning how you celebrate Christmas at Clifton and Southill. I'm still on that steep learning curve, but you have been so kind and supportive while I absorb it all.

We felt very much the strangers when we first moved in, and wondered how we would fit into the community here – I guess the bedraggled little Holy Family had the same concerns as they knocked upon the doors of the townsfolk of Bethlehem. Sadly for them they were met with hostility and rejection. I wonder how hospitable we really are with our neighbours. Do we offer them warmth and understanding? Are we showing a little compromise in order to accommodate their needs? Or do we in fact adopt the now familiar NIMBY approach?

I have to say I did offend some neighbours when I first arrived by having a bonfire to burn cuttings – Huge Apologies! Inadvertently we can all upset or irritate our neighbours at times, but the example of the Innkeeper at Bethlehem invites us to make allowances, and practice mutual concern and respect for those whose paths cross ours.

So this Christmas time please reflect on parts of the Christmas story as we put up our trees and eat our turkey. May God give us forgiving and tolerant hearts, and may we grow to adopt a greater acceptance and appreciation of our close and community neighbours.

'Do not neglect hospitality, because through this some have received angels as guests without knowing'. Hebrews 13:2

'O come to my heart Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for thee'

The Blessing of Peace within and without to you all.

Warmest regards, Revd Anne

From the Registers



Funerals:

2nd November 2011

Alan Gard

10th November 2011

Doreen Davies

Under 5's on Thursdays

1st December - Southill Christmas Tree Festival

15th December - Christmas party

12th January - Creation

26th January - Adam & Eve

9th February - Moses & the Red Sea

23rd February - Shrove Tuesday



2-3 pm in the Church

* All Welcome *



Christingle Service



11th December
4.00 pm

All Saints Church, Clifton

Celebrate a special Christingle in aid of the **Children's Society's** anti-bullying work, and help us shine light into darkness.

We hope you will join us for this joyful and moving service. Please get your collecting candles or purses from:

All Saints Church or All Saints School.



All proceeds go to
**The Children's
Society**

**Registered charity
number 221124**

ALL SAINTS' V.A. LOWER SCHOOL



November has been a very busy month for us. The children in Puffins Class made some lovely firework pictures for November 5th. We have had Puffins and Woodpeckers Class assemblies which were very well attended by parents and relatives. On 11th November the children had a day with activities associated with poppies and peace, learning why this is such an important day. The school council wanted to acknowledge Children in Need on 18th November. There were pictures and masks available for the children to decorate and our Kitchen Manager kindly made 150 teddy bear shape biscuits for the children to purchase, decorate and eat! We had a mufti day on 25th and asked for donations for the Christmas Fayre which is held jointly with the church. There were some lovely raffle prizes; we will let you know how much was raised in the next chronicles. Two prospective parents afternoons were arranged to allow parents the opportunity to look around the school and see it at work.

The Governors and staff would like to congratulate Mrs Steinfeld who has been offered and accepted the position as Deputy Head Teacher on a permanent basis.

We would like to wish the best of luck to the following staff in their new jobs; Mrs Sanders, who left us before half term to take up a position at Ramsey Manor Lower School. Mr Wren our Caretaker will be leaving us at the end of November as he has been offered full time Site Agent at Shefford Lower School. Mrs Bunton our cleaner will be replacing Mr Wren as our full time caretaker.

Mrs McCarthy (Office Manager) has also had her title altered to Business Manager to take account of her changing role within the school.

As usual December is an even busier month it's no wonder the staff and children feel exhausted by the time we break up for Christmas. Our Christmas performance this year is 'Stargazers', there will be a dress rehearsal on Friday 9th December at 2pm where members of the

community are very welcome to attend. Our performances will be on 12th & 13th December at 2pm and 6pm, these performances will be ticket only, these tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 28th November.

Our December Birthday assembly is on Wednesday 14th December at 3pm.

In the last week of term we will also have our Christmas dinner, parties and our end of term Church Service straight after registration on Thursday 15th December, everyone is welcome.

The last day of term is Friday 16th December and the children return to school on Wednesday 4th January. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Beware of vicious dogs



There have been two attacks on small pet dogs in Clifton in the past month.

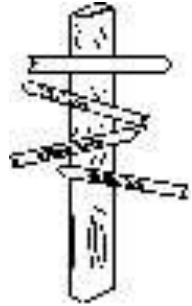
The first took place in Pedley lane when two large dogs off leads attacked a West Highland Terrier—resulting in the owner receiving hospital treatment after being bitten whilst trying to release the jaw from his dog's throat.

The second attack took place in Grange Street. A King Charles Spaniel was bitten by an Alsatian. Her injuries were serious and she was operated on immediately, out of hours. I know we are all fed up with rules and regulations but wouldn't it be wise to implement some ruling whereby all unpredictable dogs should be muzzled and kept on leads? Had a child been walking the above Westie I dread to think what may have happened to them.

Concerned Villager

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Information Update No 13.



Traffic Calming Initiatives.

Negotiations are continuing on a trial of “box brownie” speed signs in Broad Street and Shefford Road; in the areas where the speed camera vans normally operate.

The Clifton Community Speed Watch Group is up and running. It is reporting separately in this issue of the Chronicles.

Speeding Offences.

From the beginning of the year up to 8th November, the police have issued 7 cautions and 175 prosecutions for speeding offences in Clifton.

The Community Centre & Playing Field – Whiston Crescent.

Central Bedfordshire Council has confirmed that Section 106 Monies are now ready for release. The portable floodlights have been ordered, and the boot scraper delivered. Once the equipment is in place, the monies will be released to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has resolved that the appropriate action be taken to obtain a Dog Control Order banning dogs from the Playing Field.

New “motorcycle” child’s rocker to be ordered for the Play Area to replace the existing rocker which has been broken.

Planning.

Central Bedfordshire Council has consulted with the Parish Council on three planning applications since early September.

Police Request.

The police continue to ask villagers to report crime. Cases continue to arise where villagers have been subjected to criminal acts but have failed to report the incidents.

Suspected break-in in progress? Need an immediate police

response? Dial 999. Worried about suspicious activities/incident? Dial the new non-emergency number 101 straight away.

Parish Council Email Service.

Nine updates, mainly Police “Ringmaster” items, have been circulated to villagers signed up to the Email Service.
8.11.11 – TRC.

CLIFTON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP

**THANKS DRIVERS FOR ABIDING
TO THE VILLAGE SPEED LIMITS.**

Up to the 10th November (the last date for receipt of articles), nine of the local volunteers from Clifton’s newly formed Community Speed Watch Group, have been out on various days, assisting the Police by monitoring vehicle speeds on different roads in the Village.

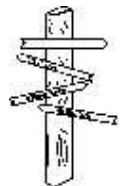
A total of eighteen man hours have been spent using the speed recording equipment, which has resulted in a noticeable reduction in speeds at the time of use. Hopefully, with some more activity the lowering of speed will become a habit for drivers, at the very least, whilst driving through our Village. We thankfully acknowledge the encouragement received from passing motorists and pedestrians, and for the support of PCSO’s Leigh Iddon and Ann Jeeves.

From the Parish Council

Help keep your community cleaner

Free litter pickers to anyone wishing to litter pick in their area. Contact the clerk on:

parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk or call 01462 339268



Some thoughts on life in Clifton in 2011

By general consent Clifton is an attractive well maintained village, a good place to live. However the village is not an island and is not immune from the increased level of stress that goes with modern life. Many people work hard often with long journeys to and from work. Many areas of the village have parking problems which get worse every year. The gardens of many new houses are very small with little space for children's play. Many families are bringing up children with both parents working. It is a good thing that people are living longer but older people tire more easily and older people living on their own can easily feel threatened by situations. Our houses have lots of gadgets that if misused can create a lot of noise. Many of us are tired before the end of the day! Tiredness brings irritability and small problems can soon get out of context.

As we approach the turn of the year and the season of "goodwill to all men" my thought is simply to suggest that we should increase our awareness of the impacts that our lives can have on others and do what we can to minimise them and equally that we should be as tolerant as we are able.

Barry Livesey
Chairman of Clifton Parish Council



Christmas Greetings
From the Chronicles Team

See you in February

Copy date 10th January by email to:
chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

Or hard copy to All Saints' School office

HENLOW VC MIDDLE SCHOOL

Your local Church Of England Middle School

It's not too late to come and visit our lovely school before you decide on your child's Middle School for September 2012.



Please call us to make an appointment for a personal visit.

www.henlowmiddleschool.co.uk

01462 813733

We are a caring community school who value every child as an individual and encourage them to be the best that they can be.

"Outstanding Pastoral Care" Ofsted 2009

Poppy Appeal, Clifton 2011

Thanks to the generosity of the village and the dedication of the collectors, a grand total of

£1449.76

was raised for this year!



Nora Gifford and Sue Kitulagoda



Hi Everyone,

As I write this, the trees look magnificent in their Autumn colours, and if you are like me, you would have been out with your camera taking some stunning pictures.

Our Association is now officially 10 years old, and to celebrate we had our birthday cake at our Annual General Meeting on 8th November.

At our AGM we shared the evening with our friends from Clifton Care Scheme who presented their year end reports to the guests and members. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. David Lincoln, who gave an informative talk on the Clifton Preservation Society. We had a good many prizes for the raffle and raised £53 to go towards our Bilberry Rd playground project. Our treasurer announced that we have received a donation of £100 from Aragon Housing Association for our project towards the improvement of the duck pond. This will probably be spent on water plants to re-activate the water.

We have had no feedback about having a scarecrow festival in Clifton, is it apathy or is it that you don't know who to contact?

I was pleased to see the speed monitoring team out in the village and hopefully their work will not be wasted. This is something that the Residents Association backs 100%!

Well, another year over!.... All our committee would like to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012



Monday 4th June 2012

Put the date in your diary

- There will be a street fair on the afternoon (subject to gaining permissions) with free rides
- Local organisations will be invited to showcase their activities and raise money for themselves
- The event will be opened by someone from the village and we are going to run a raffle to choose the lucky person
- Hopefully there will be sports activities for children on the playing field in the morning to reflect the London Olympics later that year

The next meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 30th November, 8.00
Clifton Community Centre, Committee room

Contact Kathy Blackmore for more details 646371

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME



The Season of Goodwill

Christmas is heralded as the 'Season of Goodwill'; a phrase we learnt at school, or picked up in a dozen different ways. The truth is that for all of us the season of goodwill needs to extend throughout the year, otherwise life would be very bleak indeed. We try to promote and encourage a practical approach to goodwill by offering direct help wherever it is needed.

However, (*and here is the Catch 22 situation*) if we are to continue to achieve this aim we need the practical goodwill of more residents who are able to occasionally drive clients to various destinations - surgeries, hospitals, clinics, shopping, etc.

I know we have frequently appealed for volunteers, but when you consider that we are in our eleventh year and many of our drivers are in their retirement, it is easy to see that a continuing stream of replacements is needed.

We believe that a major element in the success of the Clifton Care Scheme (*and we are nationally regarded as a outstandingly successful*) is due to maintaining a large team so that no volunteer is overloaded and that individual drivers feel free to refuse when it is inconvenient. This ensures that volunteers are able to comfortably fit their service around their normal lives and not the opposite way round.

Volunteering can be fun, interesting, rewarding and it won't cost you a penny. You are repaid all your expenses and you are fully insured.

If you are interested, please call Judith on 01462 814693 for more information.

For all other calls please use our normal number . . .

07817 614654

- ◆ . . . we will do our best to help, all calls are strictly confidential.

CRAFT CLUB

As mentioned in Rev Anne's letter in last month's Chronicles we have a new craft club. We are a small group of like minded men and women interested in crafts of all kinds. You can bring your own craft or come and learn a new one from the group. So far we have seen cross stitching, tapestry, beading, quilling, knitting and carpet making; we also have lace makers and a calligrapher.



We enjoy cups of tea or coffee and biscuits and a good chat. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 10am-12noon in Clifton Church. 'Why do we meet in the church?' Well, it's central, it's always open on Monday mornings and it's warm.



Our planned meeting dates are December 12th, January 9th and 23rd then February 13th and 27th. If you would like more information you are welcome to phone me on 01462 628982. Looking forward to hearing from you. Do come and join us you will be made most welcome.

Dorothy Brown

Clifton Village Plan

There is a two year window for Clifton to complete a Village Plan that would: Look forward for the next 5-10 years rather than just responding to tasks that need immediate action; form a collective view of what people in Clifton want, providing a stronger voice for the community; provide evidence of need and commitments, which may be used to influence local authorities, service providers and funders; test or encourage community backing for a project that has already been identified; and bring everyone in the area together, strengthening community spirit and involvement.

The first step is to carry out a brief questionnaire to show if there is a need and wish for a Village Plan. This could be done early next year. The Clifton Residents Association have indicated they could assist in the printing of a questionnaire and The One Stop shop have agreed to collect completed questionnaires. If the Village Plan is to go ahead then I am confident that the Parish Council would take it over to make it official.

I am happy to have your comments on this idea and delighted to hear from anyone who is willing to help draw up the questions.

Bob Smith (01462 812336) 30 New Road, Clifton.

Help Needed:

Biggleswade & Sandy Gateway Mencap Club

Biggleswade & Sandy Gateway Mencap Club is looking for volunteer drivers to transport their club members to their weekly meetings held in The Adult Training Centre London Road Biggleswade. The area covered is Biggleswade Langford Clifton Campton Arlesey and Stotfold.

Drivers must be over 25yrs and must have a clean driving licence. Transport, fuel and insurance provided.

If interested at all please contact
Mrs. Dawn Baker 01767 221627



Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

PREEN AND PARCELS



In November 2007 Preen Furniture Bank opened its doors in Sun Street, Biggleswade and since then they have helped 7600 low income families. Biggleswade Sandy Lions are keen supporters of this highly successful enterprise and work closely with Preens, helping to finance starter packs which are tailored to individual needs. The recently expanded site, with the new premises decorated by lads from the Princes Trust, is open to the public so that you cannot tell who is on hard times. The CRB checked and vulnerable person trained staff take into account such things as people being on benefits, receiving tax credits, being students, foster carers or over 60 when deciding on discounted rates. In these hard times, demand is never ending, so if you are changing furniture and wonder what to do with the old, contact Preen. They work closely with house clearance companies, and white goods are at a premium.

In December, Biggleswade Sandy Lions will be working hard to raise money to provide 200 Christmas parcels to bring some cheer to the lonely and the needy, as well as help fund their community service work. Our tin shakes will be at G&M Growers 3rd & 4th, Sainsburys 10th & 11th, Aldi 17th & 18th.



Look out for our sleigh run in Clifton on 19th December.

Please give as generously as you can so we can help those who need our support.

Finally, children take Mum and Dad to see Santa in his grotto at Langford Garden Centre – he will be there, 10.30am-12.30 and 2pm-4pm on November 26th & 27th, December 3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th.



For more information on Biggleswade Sandy Lions visit our website www.biggeswadesandylions.org.uk. Or speak to one of our members on 0845 833 9749

LIONS SERVE

Clifton W I



Tonight, November 2nd, was our 89th Anniversary and 48 members and 3 visitors were welcomed by President Katherine. Audrey Steeds, one of our longest attending members, cut our special iced cake, which later we all enjoyed with a drink of wine. Sec Iris read out her full, interesting report and Katherine told us about the bus trip for some members to Denman, which on the whole was a bit disappointing. However, the evening out, organized by member Jackie, had been a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by all attending members. Our financial details were read out by Treasurer Chris.

The Flower Club will be starting again- Tuesday Nov 8th at 2pm.

Tonight we were treated to an evening of laughter. Our visitor Dot Wigg, W.I Advisor and member of the County Executive Committee, had brought with her, a large book of short hilarious stories. The way she told each one had us all in stitches!!!. It was a most enjoyable evening for our anniversary, and Pat Wisbey thanked Dot on behalf of us all, for such a fun evening.

Comp winners: Jennifer Ward Fletcher, Heather Childs, Lesley Burton, Margaret Gorringe. Tea Ladies: Jan Cobb, Sonia Pugh, Susan Whiffin.

Next meeting Dec 7th Our Xmas Party. Entertainment "It Takes Two".
REMINDER- Bring your knife, fork and spoon!!!

Elvis Tribute Night



The Elvis Tribute Night which was held at the Clifton Cuisine on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 was well attended and turned out to be a very successful and enjoyable evening. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, with special thanks to Raj and Jeanette for the use of their restaurant. We raised over £750 towards Church funds.

Woodlands Newsletter



What a busy and exciting term we have had so far, and still more to come with Christmas fast approaching!

Our AGM was held at the beginning of November and we had a good turnout. It was lovely to see some new faces. We said a sad farewell to Connie, our Committee Chair for the last 3 years, who has decided to step down. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the Woodlands, and wish her well for the future.

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Toy Sale at the Community Centre. We had a large number of sellers and importantly even more buyers, which was fantastic! As always, your support for these important fundraising events is very much appreciated.

We are busy rehearsing for our Christmas concert, which this year will be a traditional nativity in the Church Hall on 15th December. Some of our children are already practising to be shepherds, angels and stars!!

Finally, many thanks to all the helpers we have had in session this term. It has been lovely to have so many Mums and Grandparents willing to give up their time.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 3rd December. Shopping trip to Lakeside

Thursday 15th December. Christmas Concert

Friday 16th December. Christmas Party

Phone 01462 811486 for more details or look out for newsletters.

Update on Clifton Planning Applications Central Beds decisions to 15th November 2011

CB/11/02635 – 29/07/2011 – 34 Broad Street
First floor extension – granted

CB/11/02644 – 26/08/2011 – Clifton Post Office, 27 Shefford Road
Single storey rear extension – granted

CB/11/03202 – 05/09/2011 – 65 Shefford Road
Variation of condition relating to turning space for vehicles – refused

CB/11/03299 – 19/09/2011 – 2A Linkway
Installation of solar panels to S/W facing roof – granted

CB/11/03444 – 29/09/2011 – 5 Sears Close
Erection of single storey side/rear extension – not yet decided

CB/11/03402 – 03/10/2011 – Pedley Farm, 9 Grange Street
Renewal of planning permission CB/08/01665 – Restoration of barn – not yet decided

CB/11/03403 – 03/10/2011 – Pedley Farm, 9 Grange Street
Renewal of planning permission CB/08/01666 – Demolition of brick & timber barns – not yet decided

Mothers' Union

At our Mothers' Union coffee morning on 12th November we raised £240 for "Away From It All", a charity giving holidays for needy families. Our sincere thanks to those who baked cakes and helped on the day, as well as everyone who supported an enjoyable morning.



Henlow Theatre Henlow Theatre

Henlow Amateur Theatrical Society



IT'S PANTO TIME

27, 28 & 29 January
and 3 & 4 February
2012

**Matinee performances at 2pm on 28, 29 Jan & 4 Feb.
Evening performances at 8pm on 27, 28 Jan & 3, 4 Feb**

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DIS-APPOINTMENT

Tickets: £8 for adults, £6 for concessions.

Groups of 10 or more, just £6 per person



**Tel: 01462 700785 or 629233
or book on-line at**



www.henlowtheatre.co.uk

Hitchin Road, Henlow Camp (Next to the Post Office)

Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

VISION 2020



Helen Keller who lost her sight and hearing after an illness aged 19 months, learnt to speak and write as an adult. She addressed a Lions International Convention in 1926 and asked Lions to become “Knights of the Blind”. Since then we have become very involved and it was Lions who introduced the white stick for the blind. For many years a Lions Eye Health Programme has been running to encourage people to have regular eye tests which can pick up signs of things such as glaucoma, cataracts and diabetes.

Therefore the Lions of Great Britain and Ireland are one of the many organisations supporting the Royal National Institute for the Blind’s Vision 2020 with the aim not only of promoting regular eye tests but also through a new initiative “seeing it my way” ensuring that everyone with sight loss gets the support they need. Did you know that over 50% of sight loss in the UK is preventable? To find out more go to www.vision2020uk.org.uk/ukvisionstrategy

Lion Jeanette Taylor has returned from Morocco after being 1 of only 7 of the group of 23 to complete the 100km desert walk raising £2500 so far for St John’s Hospice at Moggerhanger. This involved walking ankle deep in sand over dunes or across flat salt plains in temperatures of 38- 45 degrees C and needing to drink 5 litres of water a day to keep going. Biggleswade Sandy Lions are proud of Jeanette and her remarkable achievement – and it is still not too late to sponsor her - call 01767 680943 or email b_m_taylor@yahoo.com



For more information about Biggleswade Sandy Lions visit our website www.biggeswadesandylions.org.uk. Or call 0845 833 9749 and speak to one of our members.

Saturday Club

★ 28th January ★

FUN CREATIVE

★ Activities! ★

★ £1.00 Per Session ★

★ Come join us for

Crafts & Fun!

Who: All 5-12s welcome

★ When:

Saturday, 28th January

Where:

All Saints Church - Clifton

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm



SHEFFORD TOWN BAND

(Brass and woodwind)

We are seeking new brass or woodwind players to join our group of amateur musicians who meet weekly to play for pleasure.

We play a wide repertoire of music from films, TV, hymns, marches, classics and popular melodies.



Come and join us!


Where: Shefford Methodist Church Hall
When: Thursday evenings
Time: 7.45 pm - 9.45 pm

Contacts

Conductor: Victor Parker 01525 713202
Secretary: Jane Steinfeld 01462 629026
Bookings: Wendy Marriott 01462 850810

www.sheffordtownband.org





Clifton Dramatic Society Proudly Presents

DICK WHITTINGTON

A Pantomime by Norman Robbins

By Kind Permission of Samuel French

Performances Are:

Thursday 2nd February 2012

Friday 3rd February 2012

Saturday 4th February 2012

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Doors 19.45 Performance 20.00

Saturday 4th February 2012 Matinee

Doors 14.15 Performance 14.30

£5.00 Concessions

£7.50 Adults

Refreshments will be available, and a raffle at every performance. Come and join us for this traditional panto which is sure to be fun for the whole family!

Clifton Dramatic Society



Clifton Dramatic Society held a quiz on 11th October in aid of Macmillan. As a group, we took the rounds and divided them between ourselves in the preparations for the quiz, and wrote all of our own questions, themed on such areas as TV Theme Tunes, Movie Tag Lines, Celebrity Faces, and Books & Authors etc. There was a wide ranging spread of topics and all who came seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event. We staged it as a 'bring a plate' for the buffet evening, and everyone ate very well! A very successful night all round, in total raising £220 for Macmillan which has already been received by them.

Our next big endeavour is next year's Pantomime – Dick Whittington! Rehearsals are well underway with some new faces joining the cast this year. We will be putting on the show on Thursday 2nd February 2012 through to Saturday 4th with a matinee and evening performance on the Saturday. As usual it promises to be a fun show full of songs and laughter, so please come along, we'd love to see you all there! If you wish to book tickets for panto, or for more information please call **01462 649228** or email cliftondramsoc@hotmail.co.uk and someone will get back to you.

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CLIFTON CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
8pm SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER**

Sidespersons and Readers December 2011

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Reader
4 th December	11.00	Mr and Mrs C Brown	Isaiah 40.1-11 Mrs M Wilson Psalm 85.1-2,8-end Mr D Brace
	6.30	Mrs F Kendall	Romans 15.4-13 Mrs M Cakebread
11 th December	8.00	Mrs K Whitcher	
	11.00	Mr P Blackmore & Mrs S Clarke	Isaiah 61.1-4,8-end Mr C Brown 1 Thessalonians 5.16- 24, Mrs S Collins
	4.00	Christingle Service	
	6.30	Mr K Pledger	Philippians 4.4-7 Mrs P Whittington
18 th December	11.00	Mr & Mrs D Killick	2 Samuel 7.1-11.6 Mrs L Dawes Romans 16.25-end Mr A Good
	6.30	Mrs N Gifford	Lessons and Carols
24 th December	4.00	Mr & Mrs Blackmore	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Mr K Gray & Mrs F Kendall	Isaiah 52.7-10 Mr R Watson Hebrews 1.1-4 Mrs M Pledger
25 th December	11.00	Mr & Mrs Smith & Family	Mr B Welsford Isaiah 9.2-7

A copy of this rota is on the Vestry notice board. If you are unable to read or be a sidesperson on the date given, please try to swap with someone else and inform a Churchwarden or amend the Vestry copy. This rota is also available at: www.clifton-beds.co.uk .

Sidespersons and Readers January 2012

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Reader
1 st January	10.30	Naming of Jesus United Service Southill	Numbers 6.22-end TBC Galatians 4.4-7 TBC
	6.30	Mrs C Killick	Mr B Padgett Acts 3.1-16
8 th January	8.00	Mr M Richardson	
	11.00	Mrs J Peacock & Mrs M Pledger	Isaiah 60.1-6 Mrs P Outen
	6.30	Mr K Pledger	Mrs J Pavey Ephesians 2.1-10
15 th January	11.00	Mr & Mrs J Good	1 Samuel 3.1-10 Mrs J Pavey
	6.30	Kevin Gray	Mrs F Kendall Hebrews 6.17-7.10
22 nd January	8.00	Mr J Peacock	
	11.00	Mrs S Dawson & Mrs J Wyer	Genesis 14.17-20 Mr J Peacock Revelations 19.6-10 Mrs S Ward
	6.30	Mrs M Cakebread	Mrs A Sullivan Titus 2.1-8,11-14
29 th January	8.00	Mr M Richardson	
	11.00	Mr & Mrs Welsford & Family	Hebrews 2.14-end Mr J Gray
	6.30	Mrs K Blackmore	Songs of Praise
5 th February	11.00	Mr T Sullivan & Mrs S Collins	TBC
	6.30	Mr B Padgett	John 2.18-22

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ABOUT OUR FRIENDS



St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford

Father	Canon Bennie Noonan	813436
Deacon	Rev Peter Hyde	711702
Parish Secretary	Rose Boulton	811547
	Sr Margaret	814079

Sunday Services

St Francis 9.00 am 5.15 pm

Saturday Service

St Andrew's RAF Henlow 6.00 pm

Shefford Methodist Church

Minister	Dave Haseldine	813284
Steward	Elspeth	817199
Bookings	Chris & Peter	815069

Sunday Service

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

Major Joy Davidson 01462-731072

Sunday Services: 10.30 am, 6 pm
Sunday School 11.15