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# Forward Planner

<b>February</b>	
1	WI, The City of London, Church Hall, 7.30
	Police Surgery: 2.15–3.15 pm: One Stop Shop, Shefford Rd
2-4	Clifton Drama Panto – Dick Whittington
3-4	HATS Panto, Sing a Song of Sixpence, Henlow Theatre
5	Choral Evensong, All Saints' Church, 6.30
9	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Moses and the Red Sea
	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre,
10	WI Coffee morning, Church Hall, 10.00 – 12 noon
11	Model Railway Exhibition, Stratton School, 10.30– 5.00
	Police Surgery, 9.00–12 noon, Shefford Farmers Mkt
13	Craft Club, Church, 10 am – 12 noon, all welcome
18	Church Dinner, Church Hall, 7.00 for 7.30
22	Jubilee Open meeting, 8.00 Church Hall
23	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Shrove Tuesday
27	Craft Club, Church, 10 am – 12 noon, all welcome
<b>March</b>	
8	Parish Council Meeting, Community Centre,
10	Police Surgery: 9.00–12 noon, Shefford Farmers Mkt
24& 25	Parish Council Litter Pick, Community Centre, 10.00
24	Biggleswade and District Choral Society concert, Church

## **Providence Baptist Church – Clifton**

### **Sunday Services**

10.30 am and 6.00 pm. A warm welcome is assured to all.  
Communion following the service 3rd Sunday in the month

### **Mondays** (term time)

Mums and Tots – 10.00 am

Monday Club {Lower School Age} – 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

The Zone on Monday {Middle School Age} – 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

### **Wednesdays**

Weekly bible study and prayer meetings – ring for details.

### **Thursday's**

10.30 am – coffee pot at the church, feel free to drop in for a drink.

### **Fridays** (term time)

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

**Pastor:** Nick Angell 01234 381094, nick.angell6@googlemail.com

**Secretary:** Ron Cook 01462 850643

## **All Saints Church Services**

*(for dates see sidespersons rota at back of magazine)*

### **Sundays:**

**8.00**     *Communion (2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, last Sunday BCP)*

**11.00**     *Parish Communion (Last Sunday Family Communion)*

**6.30**     *Evensong*

### **Wednesdays: 10 am—Communion**

*Under 5's - 2-3 pm on Thursdays (dates Forward Planner)*

Dear Friends,



What a wonderful experience my first Christmas has been here in Clifton and Southill. I loved the Christmas trees, and the new Memory/Prayer tree proved a marvellous success as people chose to offer the name of a loved one upon it, ready for its Christmas Eve dedication. The Christingle was a truly exciting occasion, and the Carol Service witnessed our own 'home grown' Southill Church choir offering the fruits of Peter Twitchin's tuition. For several of us this was the first time we'd ever been in a choir. We have a long way to go – but Gareth Malone, you have some strong competition! We were there and we were willing. Maybe we could try something like that again. Coming together as novices to sing is quite exhilarating. At Clifton we enjoyed the musical contributions made by the school and Shefford Town Band at our Crib Service. Handbells supplemented our experience at Midnight Mass, and the Church Choir sang their hearts out. We were treated to some very moving poetry read by Brain Pexton and Joyce Billington.

I have to say with all honesty that the Midnight Mass at Clifton was in fact the most enjoyable I have ever experienced. A priest is usually quite exhausted at that point – it has been known for me to conduct 18 services in the past within the week leading up to Christmas! I was however on a more reasonable schedule this year and this allowed me to also savour and reflect upon the Holy Mystery of the season. If you were unable to attend any of our services this year, then please do consider it for next year – you may find yourself to be pleasantly surprised!

I am about to distribute a **Prayer Diary**. There will be one focus for each day of the month. We are encouraged then to go back the next month and pray for those items again.....we can pray through their progress and development in that way. We are called to "Pray without ceasing" (*1Thessalonians 5:17*), and this is one way we can fulfil that calling. Many

who are housebound find this a rewarding and vital ministry as they support those who fulfil a more active 'doing' role within the church and community.



The strengthening of community is essential in this day and age; which is why our local PC will be coming to speak to us on February 26<sup>th</sup> at both Churches.

Blessings *Revd Anne*

## *From the Registers*



### *Wedding:*

Christopher Andrews and Melissa Gingell 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011

### *Funerals:*

10<sup>th</sup> November Doreen Gwendoline Davies  
30<sup>th</sup> November Elma Leona Lattimer  
8<sup>th</sup> December Byron Frederick Chappin  
16<sup>th</sup> January Phyllis Maud Woodward

### *Interment of ashes:*

Edith Izzard

## **Under 5's on Thursdays**

9th February - Moses & the Red Sea

23rd February - Shrove Tuesday

2-3 pm in the Church

**\* All Welcome \***



# CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

Happy New Year to all users, supporters and especially volunteers.

The past year has again been a busy year for the scheme with more members of our village community using the service. However it is still apparent from the calls we receive that the scheme is perceived as a service to the elderly or infirm. In reality we are here to help anyone who needs us, but we do recognise that younger people are less dependant on outside help.

I do recall some instances of help which were not age related. A young mum whose electricity kept tripping out and she wasn't sure if she needed an electrician to look at her wiring installation or an appliance repairman to check her washing machine and drier. We ran a few checks and confirmed that it was her washing machine. For legal reasons we couldn't fix the fault but did provide enough guidance to enable her to have a more economical repair. We have several times helped when people have been unable to relight central heating boilers when the pilot light has blown out and on once when an outside door had swollen in the wet weather and couldn't be closed to secure the premises we managed to fix it. So don't be afraid to ask - if we can help we will help!

## IF YOU NEED HELP

The logo consists of the letters 'CCS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly shadowed and appear to be written on a light-colored surface, giving it a three-dimensional, hand-drawn appearance.

If you or someone you know needs a bit of assistance; e.g. transport, help at home, or maybe just getting some information - please phone . . .

**07817 614654**

**ALL SAINTS' V.A. LOWER SCHOOL**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**Our Value for February is 'Freedom'**



**PTA**

We would like to thank the PTA who have recently purchased a visualiser and a new projector for the school hall as well as pay for the preparation of the screen area. Puffins Class will also benefit from two new drying racks that have been ordered.

**Chinese Workshop**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January we had Don Rae Academy of Movement & Arts coming for the day to teach the children ribbon and lion dancing as well as martial arts, puppetry and fan dancing. Don Rae did a Bollywood workshop for us last year and was excellent. The school is lucky enough to be in the position to pay for this workshop so we won't be asking for a contribution on this occasion.

**Team Colours**

As you should be aware all the children are in a team colour throughout their time at the school. We are pleased to let you know that 'Yellow Group' had the most posi-points last term; they have decided that their reward should be extra cooking and made chocolate chip cookies! Good luck to all of the other team colours for this new term

**Parents Consultation Evenings**

Our parent consultation evenings are on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (straight after half term) between 4.00 – 6.00pm. Each classroom will have an appointment time sheet on display from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January for you to allocate your time slot. It is preferred that children and siblings do not attend these appointments. Woodlands Pre –School and after school care may be able to help you out if you contact them in plenty of time.

**Travel Survey**

Below are the results of our recent travel survey which has already gone out in the school newsletter. However, due to the amount of complaints the school receives from the local community as well as parents we thought it would be a good idea to put the results in the Parish magazine for everyone to see. We have passed the results of the travel survey on to Central Bedfordshire, the Parish Council and our local police. Also the Clifton Community Speed Watch Group have been doing speed checks

around the village and patrolling outside the school where there are parking issues. We will be working with the PTA and the above parties to address some of the issues highlighted from this survey. The results are available from school.

### **Term Dates**

We are often asked for next year's term dates, so below is a reminder of the rest of this year and next academic year's term dates:

#### **Spring term 2012**

Spring term: 4 January - 30 March  
Half term school holidays: 13 February - 17 February  
(*Easter school holidays: 2 April - 16 April*)

#### **Summer term 2012**

Summer term: 17 April - 20 July  
Half term school holidays: 4 June - 8 June  
(*Summer school holidays: 23 July - 5 September*)

#### **INSET DAYS 2011/12**

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2012

#### **Autumn term 2012**

Autumn term: 6 September - 21 December  
Half term school holidays: 29 October - 5 November  
(*Christmas school holidays: 24 December - 7 January 2013*)

#### **Spring term 2013**

Spring term: 8 January - 28 March  
Half term school holidays: 18 February - 22 February  
(*Easter school holidays: 29 March - 15 April*)

#### **Summer term 2013**

Summer term: 16 April - 23 July  
Half term school holidays: 27 May - 31 May  
(*Summer school holidays: 25 July - TBC September 2013*)

#### **INSET DAYS 2012/13**

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2013

These dates will also be on the schools website

# CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL



## **Traffic Calming Initiatives.**

The “box brownie” speed signs, advising of continuing speed checks, are now displayed in Broad Street and Shefford Road.

Between 16<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> December the Clifton Community Speed Watch Group spent a total of thirty four and a half man hours, out in Clifton seeking to reduce vehicle speeds. Forty two vehicles were reported to the police for exceeding the speed limit.

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit report that, between 6th January and 8th December last year, speed camera van visits resulted in 182 prosecutions, and 4 cautions, of vehicle owners exceeding the speed limit in our village.

## **CCTV Traffic Enforcement Vehicles.**

The Parish Council has asked that one of these, recently purchased, Central Bedfordshire Council vehicles be scheduled to visit the roads serving the All Saints Lower School. This is to attempt to reduce inconsiderate parking at peak times, as it is becoming dangerous for children crossing the roads to and from school.

Enforcement of parking contraventions by these vehicles does involve the issue of penalty charge notices.

## **Donation to Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.**

The Parish Council has agreed to donate £2000 towards the proposed Village celebrations.

## **Planning.**

Last year Central Bedfordshire Council consulted with the Parish Council on a total of 24 planning applications.

## Next Council Meetings.

Council meetings will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## Police Surgeries

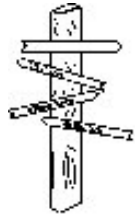
1<sup>st</sup> February – 2.15 – 3.15 pm: One Stop Shop, Shefford Road.

11<sup>th</sup> February – 9.00 – 12 noon – Shefford Farmers Market.

10<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00 – 12 noon – Shefford Farmers Market.

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## CLIFTON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH 16<sup>th</sup> October to 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.



Remember from a previous article that, in an attempt to assist Police in reminding motorists to abide to speed limits in Clifton, eleven Clifton residents volunteered to form the Clifton Community Speed Watch Group? Its first training and on-site session took place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, and between then and the 8<sup>th</sup> December there has been a total of 20 sessions, taking up a total of 34.5 man hours. This has resulted in a significant reduction in speeds whilst the volunteers have been on site; and in **42 vehicle plate numbers being passed to the police for action**. Whilst all eleven volunteers readily acknowledge that although speeds significantly reduce when they are out and about, they do tend to rise when they are not on site. However, there is no set date, time or place when and where they operate, and they hope that eventually the majority of drivers will get into the habit of keeping to within the speed limit, rather than be reported.

Finally, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit report that, in addition to the 42 offences mentioned above, the visits by the speed camera vans last year resulted in **182 drivers being prosecuted and 4 cautioned** for speeding offences in Clifton!



# Clifton Residents Association

Hi Everyone,

Well, a new year is upon us, and what a year it will be! The Queen's Jubilee, the 2012 Olympics in London and your resident's association once more taking on your community issues. What could be better! At our next meeting we will discuss the agenda for 2012, and would invite any suggestions from villagers regarding issues in our community.

The Credit Union in Shefford has now moved to a new location. It's now in Shefford House, 15 High Street, next to the bakers, on Fridays 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Why not pop in for a chat, and find out what it's all about? I would be very pleased to see you.

Last July, I mentioned that we were looking to increase our number of committee members, have you thought about it yet? It doesn't involve a lot, just giving up a couple of hours a month to attend a group meeting, and have an active interest in what happens in our village. How easy is that? Our secretary Joyce can be contacted on 814902, and I can be reached on [dennis.fensome@ntlworld.com](mailto:dennis.fensome@ntlworld.com). Why not give it a try in 2012?

Wishing you a very prosperous and active new year,  
Stay lucky, Den Fensome.

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## **Biggleswade and District Choral Society concert Saturday 24th March 2012 All Saints Church, Clifton**

Biggleswade and District Choral Society will give a concert in All Saints Church, Clifton on Saturday 24th March 2012. The programme will include Faure's Requiem and Feel The Spirit, an arrangement of spirituals by John Rutter. Tickets will be available early March.

**All Saints Church Dinner  
Saturday 18th February 2012**

**Clifton Church Hall**

**Entertainment by David Tomkins MIMC**

**Licensed Bar**

**Sparkling Wine Reception 7.00pm  
for 7.30pm Dinner**



Come and enjoy a social evening with family and friends, tickets on sale now at £10.00 per person from Jim Peacock Tel: 01462 812514 but you had better act quickly; they could disappear before your very eyes!! In keeping with this Jubilee Year we will serve Coronation Chicken followed by Crêpes. Please let us know of any Special Dietary / Vegetarian requirements when ordering your tickets.

Our entertainer, David Tomkins, was awarded Member of The (Inner) Magic Circle with Gold Star (London) so come along and enjoy the show **“Watch very closely.....and be amazed!”**

Proceeds in aid of All Saints Church Clifton.

**Clifton Planning Applications  
Central Beds decisions to 13th January 2012**



CB/11/03444 – 29/09/2011 – 5 Sears Close  
Erection of single storey side/rear extension – granted

CB/11/03402 – 03/10/2011 – Pedley Farm, 9 Grange Street  
Renewal of planning permission CB/08/01665 – Restoration of barn – granted

CB/11/03403 – 03/10/2011 – Pedley Farm, 9 Grange Street  
Renewal of planning permission CB/08/01666 – Demolition of brick & timber barns – granted

CB/11/04446 – 21/12.2011 – 104 Shefford Road, Clifton, Shefford, SG17 5RF  
Erection of three 4-brdroom detached dwellings following the part demolition of 104 Shefford Road, Clifton – not yet decided

# WOODLANDS NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2012



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A warm welcome to our new Finance Committee Chair, Simon Joynes who has kindly agreed to accept this challenging role. As our first and only Dad on the Committee, we wish him good luck!

Spring has arrived early at Woodlands! Thanks to the generosity of Committee members, staff and parents we have been able to provide 5 vegetable beds for the children, which is fantastic! So far we have planted onions and garlic and as the weeks progress, we will be adding more variety. The children have been very interested, and have especially enjoyed the digging!!

Our theme this term is Our Community. We are hoping to take the children on some visits around the village, in particular the duck pond, the post office, the church and the park. We will be looking at where we live and our craft activity will centre on making pictures of our homes using shapes and putting our door number or name on them. To tie in with our visit to the park we will be having a go at bark rubbing and making chocolate nests

Finally, please look out for our fundraising and fun events we are running. As well as our regular cake sales which are always very popular, we are organising a pancake day on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. to include races and of course eating pancakes!

A reminder for anyone shopping on the internet: please go via our easy fundraising link which is:  
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> It doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and you can raise valuable funds for Woodlands at the same time! It only takes a couple of minutes to register by clicking on Register as a user. Please specify The Woodlands Pre-School Clifton so we receive the donations. As many retailers now give extra discounts when you buy on-line, you may even save money!

# Clifton Diamond Jubilee Celebration



## Monday 4th June 2012

- Sports Activities for children on the playing field in the morning with **free Climbing Wall and Bouncy Castle**
- Street Fair on the afternoon (subject to gaining permissions) with **free rides** and many activities
- **Flower Festival** in the church
- Teas in the churchyard and BBQ in Church Street
- The event will be opened by someone from the village and we are going to run a raffle to choose the lucky person
- Event sponsored by the Parish Council and PCC

The next open meeting will be held on:  
**Wednesday 22nd February, 8.00**  
Church Hall—all welcome to find out more

Contact Kathy Blackmore for more details:  
[jubilee@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:jubilee@clifton-beds.co.uk) 646371

## Sports activities

Are you involved in a sports activity within the village or local area? would you like to showcase what you can do and give other people, both old and young, the opportunity to try out your activity in the morning of 4th June on the playing field? Organisations which took part in the Year of the Child celebration in 2009 included: Football Club, Scouts, Dancing and Kung Fu.

For more details contact Tessa Chiswell via:  
[jubilee@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:jubilee@clifton-beds.co.uk)

## Clubs societies

Are you involved in a local organisation and would you like the opportunity to tell people about what you do and provide an activity for the people attending the Street Fair on Church Street in the afternoon of 4th June? Of course you could also raise some money for your organisation but we hope the main thrust of this would be providing a fun activity.

Organisations which took part in the last Street Fair for the Golden jubilee in 2002 included: Residents@ Association, Brownies, Guides, WI, RNLI. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Kathy Blackmore via:  
[jubilee@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:jubilee@clifton-beds.co.uk)



## Children

Apart from all the sideshows and rides (free at point of delivery) children at Lower School can also participate in a decorated bicycle competition and younger children in fancy dress.

# All Saints' Lower School PTA



**The Autumn Fayre** was a huge success this year raising an amazing £3,500. This money is shared between the school and church. Santa was very busy and attendance was up on last year. Our Auction of Promises proved to be very popular with some great “promises” being auctioned off. A special thank you go to all staff for their help on the day and of course all Church and PTA members who give up so much of their time, before, during and after to make this event so successful year on year. We hope you all had an enjoyable afternoon.

The PTA would like to recognise and thank the following companies for their raffle prize donations:

TES Ltd	Bird of Prey Centre, Shuttleworth
LV	Luton Town Football Club
Dalchini Spice	Paradise Wildlife Park
Clifton Cuisine	Willows Farm Village
Amy B	Thurleigh Farm Centre
Your Photo Party	Spring House Beauty
Clifton Bury Farm	Seasons Fruit and Veg
I Cuts	North Herts Leisure Centre
Morrisons	Little Rascals Play Centre
Gambado Play Centre	Oasis Beach Pool Bedford

## **Cake and book sale:**

The latest rugby scrum raised a total of £115. The children still enjoy the cake sales so thank you for attending them and providing the delicious cakes.

## **Christmas cards:**

Thank you to everyone who ordered their Christmas cards with their child's design on. We hope you liked them. This initiative raised £180 for the school.

# Clifton Street Watch



With the Christmas & New Year festivities now over your Street Watch team will be back to help keep our village and community safe and secure. Fortunately, during these last few months, our village has had a relatively peaceful period from crime and disorder. The new Police reorganisation, together with our help, may be having the desired effect of removing those unwanted elements from our village.

In addition, our colleagues in the Speed Watch team have had remarkable success with more than 40 offending motorists being reported for breaking the speed restrictions. Together we seem to be having the desired effect of reducing the inherent problems in our village.

The Police **non-emergency number Tel 101** is the number to ring should you see or hear of anything suspicious.

Our Street Watch team are **short of another volunteer** to help keep our village safe. Can you spare a minimum of two hours per month? If so please contact the below co-ordinator for Clifton. It is our aim to help reduce the fear of crime, to promote a better community by providing visible reassurance and improved liaison with our Police team.

A recent success relates to the parking problems associated with our All Saints' Lower School on Church Street. Often motorists delivering or collecting their children have been known to "double park", park on footpaths and on the zig-zags adjacent to the school which is illegal and more importantly dangerous for the young children and adults alike. By being at the school at those times we have seen a reduced number of problems and hope this will help remind motorists of their duty of care to the pupils at the school.

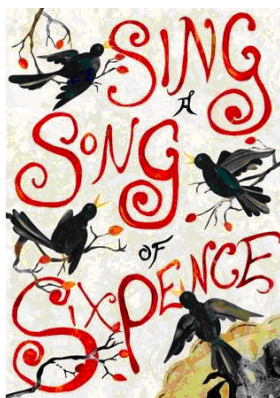
On 1<sup>st</sup> February at One Stop Car Park (2.15 – 3.15pm) Police will be carrying out a 'Your Numbers Up' Operation for car owners which involves a FOC service to secure registration plates.

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# 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](http://www.henlowtheatre.co.uk)**

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

# 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](http://www.sheffordtownband.org)



# Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

A member of Lions International, the largest voluntary service organisation in the world



## THEY'RE OFF

Biggleswade Sandy Lions are holding a bumper jumble sale at Clifton Community Centre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, (doors open at 1.30pm) and we're collecting for it already! We are keen to build up our stocks of books and jigsaws especially. All contributions are welcome – please call the number below.

Now for something new. You will remember that at the start of the season we bought Biggleswade Town Football Under 8's team their strip. Well we are now supporting all the 6 Youth teams by holding a Race Night where the profits will be shared equally between them and the Lions. This will take place on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Carlsberg Stadium – doors open at 7.30pm with the first race at 8pm. The race films arrive in sealed canisters so nobody knows which horse wins. The runners in the last of the 8 races will be auctioned on the night and the winning "owner" will get a cash prize. Tickets are on sale now and can be obtained from Lynn Walker on 01767 220598 or Derek Wright on 01767 681507 at a cost of £6 per adult which includes a ploughman's or £3 for youngsters up to age 14 which includes a picnic bag. There will be a bar.

Members of the Lions all voted for Sue Ryder to become Luton Airports Charity of the Year for 2011/2013 and are delighted that Sue Ryder has been successful.

The Lions badge has 2 Lions heads facing different ways – one looks back on our heritage and glorious success whilst the other looks ahead to a promising future. Would you like to help us bring a promising future to those who need our help in our local community? You would be very welcome – why not give us a call? Biggleswade Sandy Lions phone number is 0845 833 9749.



For more information about us visit our website

[www.biggeswadesandylions.org.uk](http://www.biggeswadesandylions.org.uk).

We look forward to meeting you.

**HELP LIONS HELP**

# 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

Saturday 4th February 2012

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!

For Tickets call Emma on 01462

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## Christmas Gift Donations—Thank you



I would like to thank everyone who donated gifts to go under the Tree at Christmas time. The gifts were donated to **Spurgeons** and helped to make people who are less fortunate than ourselves a little happier at Christmas.

Gladys Dawson.

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On New Years Day after a pleasant evening the night before, I went out to my car to find that some mindless person had decided that a nice key scratch down the side would make it look better, this also happened to my neighbours car, between us it will cost £1000 for resprays. I really hope that that person has a really happy new year. This happened in Yew Tree Walk for those who might have seen or heard anything.



Name supplied

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## Thank You



We pleased to report that the **Children's Society** has benefitted this year from:

£499.38 from 24 house boxes opened during the year  
£130.85 from the wonderful Christingle Service in December

**Making a total of £630.23**

Many thanks to all the people that have supported the very important and worthwhile work of the Society during 2011

Peter & Kathy Blackmore  
Clifton Secretary, The Children's Society

Clifton W.I. are hosting a



**COFFEE MORNING**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00am until 12.00 noon  
Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton

**Refreshments: Tea, Coffee and Biscuits**  
**Raffle \* Bring & Buy Stall**



Proceeds to be donated to the Church Hall Restoration Fund

CLIFTON IMPROVEMENT & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Clifton Improvement & Preservation Society**

Wednesday 18th April 2012  
Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton.  
Registration from 7.30pm for 8.00pm Meeting

New Members are Welcome

For further information please telephone  
Mr Jim Peacock (Secretary) 01462 812514 or  
Mr John Whitbread (Treasurer) on 01462 811826



## **Clifton Dramatic Society**

Clifton Dramatic Society is currently in full pantomime rehearsal mode, with our show, *Dick Whittington*, coming up on at the beginning of February. We've had a few new faces joining the cast this year and have all been enjoying the run up to this years show. We will be putting on the show on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 through to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> with a matinee and evening performance on the Saturday. Evening performances start at 20:00 with doors opening at 19:45. Matinee on Saturday starts at 14:30 with doors opening at 14:15. Tickets are £7.50 for adults, with £5.00 concessions. 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 Emma on **01462 649228**, or email [cliftondramsoc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cliftondramsoc@hotmail.co.uk) and someone will get back to you.

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

### **East Beds Model Railway Society Exhibition**

**Stratton School, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8JB.**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012: 10-30am – 5.00pm  
**Prices:** £4.00 adult, £2.00 child, £3.00 concession,  
£10.00 family (2+2)

**Contact:** Dick Sulch (Exhibition Manager)  
**Tel:** 01626 864942

**Email:** [organiser@ebmrs.org.uk](mailto:organiser@ebmrs.org.uk)  
**Web:** [www.ebmrs.org.uk](http://www.ebmrs.org.uk)

Wheelchair access to all areas except raised stage area in main hall  
Free parking and light refreshments available all day

# Clifton Village Plan

**This is YOUR CHANCE to have a direct input into the future of Clifton. Please do not miss out on this opportunity.**

Dear Clifton Resident

Following my entry in the December/January issue of Clifton Chronicles I am now asking for volunteers to form a Clifton Plan Steering Group. This will be an independent group of volunteers which is supported by Clifton Parish Council, the Residents' Association and the Clifton Improvement and Preservation Society.

It will circulate a Questionnaire to provide a collective view of what people want for the Parish and in turn provide a stronger voice for the community to make a difference. Do we really want more building in Clifton? The various applications for more housing do not include adding to the infrastructure, which would not be possible anyway.

In order to build a defence we need a Village Plan. We are looking for suggestions from the residents of Clifton stating what they would like for their community. Unless we make our voices heard, building will go ahead whether we wish it or not. Any suggestions received will be compiled into a questionnaire which will be circulated and the information gathered formed into a village plan. The issues are likely to be: Traffic and Transport (including parking); Housing and Development; Retail facilities; Work; Education; Crime and Policing; Community facilities, youth & leisure; Environment and Health.

Please do think about this as it affects us all.

Contact Bob Smith Tel: 812336 or e-mail [bob@smithbob.com](mailto:bob@smithbob.com)

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this request

# Sue Ryder St John's Hospice Outward Friendship Group

We have recently formed this friendship group with the aim of supporting those who now live on their own through those difficult and lonely times that we all experience. We currently meet fortnightly at one of our homes or other suitable meeting places. We are organising get-togethers over coffee, lunch or an evening meal and, as we grow in numbers, plan to set-up self-managed social groups such as theatre visits, walking, gardening, other hobbies and maybe short break holidays.

If you are on your own, have lost a loved one and feel that meeting people in the same situation would be a nice idea, we would be pleased if you would join us. If you would like to know more about our group, one of us will be available to visit you. If you are interested please contact:

Alex Simpson  
01462 851639, alex.asal@btinternet.com  
OR  
Jessica Wilson (St John's)  
01767 641044, jessica.wilson@sueryder.org

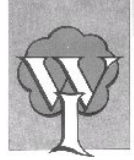
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## **Choral Evensong** **Education Sunday, 5th February @ 6.30 pm** **All Saints' Church, Clifton**

The guest speaker will be Philippa Whittington and, in addition to congregational hymns and psalm, the choir will sing music from three different centuries: an anthem by Tye from the sixteenth, responses by William Smith from the seventeenth, and two items from the twentieth: the canticles as set by Hylton Stewart, and "Brother James' Air" in the arrangement by Gordon Jacob.

Please come and join our worship on this significant day.

# Clifton WI



President Katherine welcomed 41 members and 1 visitor to our January meeting. Secretary Iris read out her full detailed report on our last meeting, mentioning our successful Xmas Party, enjoyed by us all and visitors from Stotfold, Henlow, Stondon and Arlesey. Katherine had received thank you notes from our party visitors. Katherine read out to us all WI news and events available. One date in particular February 10th, we are holding a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall 10-12 noon. Money raised will be donated towards the work done, and still to be done, in our Church Hall. Finally Treasurer Chris Byers gave her financial report.

WI business completed, Katherine welcomed Mr Frank Batt, our visitor tonight, who entertained us with an evening of poetry, all written by him. He told us that he was influenced into poetry as long ago as his Bedford Modern School days. He made Each poem he chose for us to listen to, entertaining and also humorous. One poem he ready was "Train Journey". As he recited this, he walked up and down, tapping his feet, making the sound the like a train travelling fast on the journey, then the slowing down sound as the journey ends—AMAZING. Pat Wisbey thanked Mr Batt on behalf of all of us for such an enjoyable evening. Tea ladies were Lisa Finch and Christine Simkins.

Next meeting: February 1st, The City of London, Martin Copping  
Competition: A London Souvenir

We meet at Clifton Church Hall at 7.30 pm.

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## Parish Council—Litter Pick

Saturday and Sunday 24th & 25th March

10.00 The Community Centre

Contact the clerk for more details:

Email: [parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:parish.council@clifton-beds.co.uk)

# Live the Challenge this Lent.

A six week opportunity to explore something of the monastic way of life in your own context and among your friends and contacts. rhythm and prayer, community and hospitality, study and action

Choose what works for you from these options and make a difference, in, and through, your life.

Take time each day to stop, think, pray and to live God's love.

Sign up\* to receive a daily email or text or follow on twitter; a verse, a brief reflection, an image and a challenge.

Or download\*\* a weekly sheet with the verses and reflections.

Take time with others each week to meet, eat, pray and take action.

Download\*\* for each week:

a short liturgy to pray together

a recipe for a meal to eat together

a reflection to think together, and

a challenge to act together



The Lent Challenge is a joint initiative between the Dioceses of St Albans and Belize. Enjoy pictures, reflections and recipes from Belize. All the resources work alongside the St Albans Diocesan Lent Course, Transforming Life \*\*. Use them together or separately. \* Sign up and find more information at [www.livethechallenge.co.uk](http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk).

(If you have registered for the Challenge in the past you do not need to sign up again; you

will receive the emails , unless you have chosen to unsubscribe.)



\*\* Download weekly material at:

[www.livethechallenge.co.uk/download/](http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk/download/)

## Sidespersons and Readers February 2012

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Reader</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00	Mr T Sullivan & Mrs S Collins	Isaiah 40.21-31 Mrs D Brown Psalm 147.1-6 Mr J Good
	6.30	Mr B Padgett	Mark 1.29-39 Mrs M Cakebread
12 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00	Mrs K Whitcher	
	11.00	Mr D Brace Mrs J Dann	Colossians 1.15-20 Mrs M Cole
	6.30	Mrs N Gifford	Genesis 2.4b-end Mrs P Whittington
19 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00	Mr B Livesey Mrs S Clarke	2 Kings 2.1-12 Mrs M Gorrige Corinthians 4.3-6 Mrs F Kendall
	6.30	Mrs S Welsford	1 Kings 19.1-16 Mrs J Pavey
22 <sup>nd</sup> February Ash Wednesday	8.00pm	Mr K Pledger	Isaiah 58.1-12 Mrs J Billington
26 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00	Mrs P Heath	
	11.00	Mr & Mrs Cooper and Family	Genesis 9.8-17 Miss A Smith 1 Peter 3.18-end Mr J Gray
	6.30	Mrs M Cakebread	Genesis 2.15-17.3.1-7 Mrs A Sullivan
4 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00	Mr & Mrs C Brown	Genesis 17.1,15,16 Mr D Killick Romans 4.13-end Mr B Livesey
	6.30	Mrs F Kendall	Genesis 12.1-9 Mr P Blackmore

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](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk) .

# ***ABOUT OUR FRIENDS***



## **St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford**

<b>Father</b>	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**

<b>Minister</b>	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](http://www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk)

## **Salvation Army, Stotfold**

Major Joy Davidson 01462-731072

**Sunday Services:** 10.30 am,                      6 pm  
Sunday School 11.15