

Clifton Chronicles April 2011

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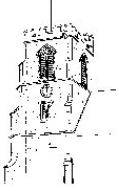
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Greetings to all

It's been a month since the "Rector" has moved away, but the church is still here!

We believe at All Saints, that the mission of God has not been entrusted to buildings, but to us, to the people of God. It has been said that: *"It is not the Church of God that has a mission in the world, but the God of mission who has a Church in the world,"*

It is therefore our responsibility to be the visible church in this village as we live out our daily lives through prayer, work and service.

Our church building makes a unique and valuable contribution to the life of this village. It is a special place where people meet God and hear the good news of Christ. Come and join us on the Easter Monday Pilgrimage to the Abbey, (see website for details...followed by a fair!).

Our church is a place of celebration and mourning, service and silence This Easter Season; we invite you to play your part in ensuring that we continue to be a place of mission and welcome. We are delighted that we have three Weddings this April.

All Saints is a central place a beacon of hope the "glue" of community life in this area. Our church supports activities in its local schools, community centre and church hall. It is vibrant and offers opportunities for friendship.

See the details in "The chronicles" about the many services for all ages, over the Easter Holiday. Help us rejoice in the many different ways we can each be involved in helping others to discover and receive the love of God in Christ.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter!

Revd Caren Topley, (Curate)

From the Registers



Baptism:

27 February Oliver Colin Weddell

Interment of ashes:

17th March Charles Maurice Songer

All Saints Church Services

(for dates see sidespersons rota at back of magazine)

Sundays:

8.00 *Communion 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)

Under 5's

28th April



2-3pm in the Church⁵ * All Welcome

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

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

10.00 am: Mums and Tots.

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

Secretary: Nick Rogers, 07910353520, njr.pbc@gmail.com

All Saints' Clifton Services during the vacancy

8.00 Holy Communion services will **ONLY** be held on the last Sunday of the month during the vacancy; other services will be maintained in our normal pattern for the immediate future.

CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

CLIFTON NEEDS YOU?



With the prospect of spring and summer approaching it's encouraging to see how well our residents are responding to the appeals for help to keep the village 'spick and span'.

The Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance working party on 5th March was a huge success with about 50 volunteers helping out. Although at the time of writing the Spring Litter Pick organised by the Parish Council has yet to take place, I'm sure that it too will make a big difference to maintaining standards in the village.

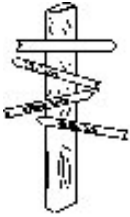
We are all fortunate to live in such a delightful place with such a strong community spirit, but this can only be sustained if we all play our part. If you can spare some time to help any of the groups who contribute so much to the lifestyle we enjoy then please do; if not perhaps you could turn up at some of the one-off events (like those mentioned) to 'do your bit' - it all helps!

NEED HELP?

We in the Care Scheme simply want to help individual fellow residents in any way we can, so if you need that little bit of assistance just phone us on . . .

07817 614654

. . . all calls are strictly confidential.



From the Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 10th March. Those present heard reports from the Playing Fields, Highways and Planning committees as well as a brief financial report and one from the Tree Warden, Mrs Pauline Livesey. In his remarks summing up the year the Chairman, Mr Barry Livesey noted that these reflected a record of hard work rewarded by solid achievement on behalf of the residents of Clifton. However he questioned current assumptions that Town and Parish Councils would be able to take on extra responsibilities for local services without extra resources. There was a lively debate about speeding traffic and parking difficulties within the village – one of the unresolved challenges which will be faced by the new Parish Council in May.

DOGS There has been an impassioned plea from a resident to all dog owners to clear up after their pets both on the playing field and also off the verges in the village. As is rightly pointed out dog excreta carries bacteria which can be transmitted to humans and can cause serious kidney disorders and intestinal illness, so please always use bags to clear it up and dispose of them in the bins provided around the village. Many thanks.

BYELAWS; New byelaws for the playing field superseding those made in 1979 have now been confirmed by the Secretary of State. A copy of these can be obtained from the Parish Council.

BADMINTON



Henlow Village Badminton Club which uses the Community Centre on a Tuesday evening is seeking new players. If you enjoy a game of badminton and feel you would like to join them please get in touch with:

Sue Briars, 10 Manor Close. (01462 811661)



Clifton Residents Association

We've just had two beautiful sunny days of spring and now we can only look forward. The crocus are out and the daffodils are pushing their heads towards the sun.

On the 8th March we had our first open meeting of the year. Unfortunately, the public response was pretty grim and for those not there, you missed a very good guest speaker.

We were entertained by Sonia Banks, the volunteer organiser of HOSPICE AT HOME VOLUNTEERS, who gave an excellent talk about her organisation.

It started about 25 years ago and covers the whole of Bedfordshire. Her section has been in operation for approx. 10 years. There are 20 volunteers involved and they do about 2000 hours per year. They are there to help the 24/7 carers and to give them a break for 3 hours a week. They are ordinary caring people, trained to a high standard to help and support those with terminal illness and their families. Many patients prefer to have their last journey at home. The service they provide is completely free, and if this service would be of help to you, please contact Sonia Banks on 01234 743063 for a chat.

At the meeting we distributed leaflets about stopping doorstep crime and distraction burglary. If you are faced with this and you are not sure, don't open the door!...If in doubt phone 999

On the crime theme, we had a Mr. Gary Edwards talk about street walking. This is an initiative by volunteers to 'street walk' in pairs to nip potential crime in the bud. He has 6 volunteers at present and is looking for more. He did stress that this is not to replace the police! You have probably seen them already, walking round in their high 'viz' jackets.

Gary can be contacted on 01462 816334 or e-mail garycath13@yahoo.co.uk.....there is a web site....www.street-watch.org.uk

At the meeting we held a raffle and all the proceeds went to Hospice At Home Volunteers organisation.

A gentle reminder, this is your village residents association and we are here to give help on any community issues.

Remember.....If you work together, it happens!!

Stay lucky, Den Fensome

All Saints' Voluntary Aided Lower School



April will be a quiet month for the school as the last day of the Spring term is Friday 8th April and the children return to school on Wednesday 26th for two days. Due to the Royal Wedding we are lucky enough to get an extra bank holiday on the Friday making the May Day Bank Holiday a lovely long weekend. During the couple of days leading up to the Wedding the school and children will be doing activities associated with this event to celebrate our Royal Family. Let's hope the weather is kind for the Royal Wedding as well as the rest of the weekend.

Tag Rugby Success

Ten year 4 pupils (4 girls and 6 boys) took part in the Redbourne Tag Rugby Competition with 23 other lower schools. We are very proud to say we reached the final and lost against Langford Lower School by 1 try! We were very pleased with the children's behaviour and coming second out of 24 was a great achievement. Well done to all of the pupils involved and thank you to Mrs Evans, Miss Martin and all of the parents who supported this event.

Queens Park Faith Tour

The year 3 and 4 children had a tour of Westbourne Road Mosque and Guru Nanak Gurdwara to help them understand and appreciate other religions. As always the children were very well behaved and were respectful in wearing a scarf to cover their heads. The children and staff found this an amazing experience and learnt a lot from it. As a result of this, we will be pleased for this¹⁰ to become part of our regular

2 year cycle in the teaching of R.E. The year 3 and 4 children have also had a visit from an Islamic teacher prior to the trip which enhanced their knowledge.

Academic Year Dates 2011/12

We get a lot of enquiries at this time of year for the term dates next academic year. These are detailed below but please remember to check our website.

Autumn Term 2011:		
Tuesday 6th September	-	Friday 16th December
(Half Term - week commencing Monday 24th October)		
Spring Term 2012		
Wednesday 4th January	-	Friday 30th March
(Half Term - week commencing Monday 13th February)		
Summer Term 2012		
Tuesday 17th April	-	Friday 20th July
(Half Term - week commencing Monday 4th June) May Day - Monday 7th May		
Inset Days		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 5th September 2011• Monday 31st October 2011• Tuesday 3rd January 2012• Monday 16th April 2012		

Please check our website www.allsaints.beds.sch.uk/ for newsletters, updates and photographs of recent events. The website has a variety of sections; therefore it is often worth checking this first before phoning the school with any queries.

CLIFTON CHURCH HALL BOOKING

The Church Hall is available for private functions and club or commercial bookings. These can be for one-off, weekly or monthly events.

Hire includes use of the main hall (licensed for up to 100 occupants), stage, kitchen, cloakroom and toilets. All for only £13 per hour (special rates for longer contracts).

For availability call Dorothy Brown on 628982 or check the website:-

<http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/ChurchHallCalendar>

CHURCH HALL

Our Church Hall needs a few minor repairs, a lick of paint and a bit of spring cleaning. How would you like to join us for a couple of hours at:-



10:00am on Sat 16th April

We have all the equipment and materials -
we just need your help.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



The service "How many loaves have you", held in Clifton Church, was devised by the women of Chile. 80 people attended. It was a beautiful service, enjoyed by all. Mothers' Union provided refreshments after the service. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, the ladies who sang in the choir, readers, Kathy Blackmore who led the service and Rev Paul Lanham who welcomed everyone.

CLIFTON
BARN DANCE
THE GRAIN BARN

CLIFTON BURY FARM

SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2011

8.00PM - 11.30 PM

DANCING TO THE LIVE BAND

“BRICKS AND BRUSSELS”

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ALL DONATIONS TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH



50 Heroes

Answered the call!



And attended the Rear Churchyard & Garden of
Remembrance Working Party on Saturday March 5th

There are no words to express how amazed we were at the number of people, who turned up and worked so hard.

Hidden away at behind the holly hedge the 'compost team' worked away erecting a new fence and clearing the rest of the debris from the old compost heap – 'big' job well done! New signage has been put up directing graveyard users where to put rubbish. The holly hedge just outside this area has been transformed and all the brambles have gone – we have found graves invisible in recent years! Another 'big' job also well done!

The yew hedge got its much needed haircut inside the Rectory and outside in the yew walk. This will make it much easier for funeral directors and mourners at funerals and has the added benefit of letting more light and appearance of space into the rectory garden. The Rectory garden has had a total spring clear and with the help of our regular grass-cutters and Southill parishioners this, we hope, will be an attraction to our interviewees in May! We certainly achieved much more in this area than we expected and even got the Leylandi hedge cut as well. Amazing job!

In addition work was carried out in the grave-yard and we managed to tidy up some of the graves spaces removing dead flowers and old wreaths in particular. The area outside the tower has been cleared and the soak-away emptied (again).

There was an amazing sense of purpose throughout the morning even down to the clearing up and final barrow loads of rubbish and material destined for the tip. All of this was carried out in a spirit of fun and friendship fortified by the suppliers of refreshments – especial thanks to Felicity for her famous sausage sandwiches!!

Even the weather was kind to us, we could not have asked for more!
Felicity Kendall and Kathy Blackmore, Churchwardens



Gardens' Competition 2011

You don't even have to enter to take part!!



Prizes:

We have a pledge of £50.00 from the Parish Council – are there any other sponsors' prepared to come forward?

First round judging: 18th June 2011 – 24th June 2011

24 finalists from all round the village will go forward to:

Final judging: 25th June 2011 – 30th June 2011

Overall winner and 7 runners up (1 from each zone)

Presentation of Prizes and Certificates at the Church Fete -
Saturday 2nd July 2011

Large or small, simple or ornate, lawns or hard landscaping, bedding plants or pots all gardens/frontages will be judged as seen from the nearest point of public access. Judging will be based on general impressions based on:



- Pots/baskets/planters/tubs/window boxes
- Use of colour and planting
- Design and focal points
- Use of hard landscaping

You don't even have to enter to take part. The 24 finalists will be notified by letter by 27th June and the prize winners will be notified by 1st July. Keith Hichisson from Langford Garden Centre has agreed to judge our 24 finalists and present the prizes and Competition Certificates at the Church Fete at 3.00pm on Saturday July 2nd.

Good luck – let's all give our gardens some special care and make our village look even lovelier. This event is endorsed by:

Parish Council Clifton Church PCC Care Scheme
Residents Association Improvement & Preservation Society

Businesses or Organisations that might be prepared to help sponsor this event are asked to call Julie-Anne Clarke on 01462 851400

Biggleswade and Sandy Lions

THE POWER OF MUSIC



You will remember Biggleswade Sandy Lion Jeanette Taylor with other Lions and friends last year walked the length of Hadrian's Wall to raise money for MS. Well, Jeanette is on the march again. This time, accompanying Rosalind Jones walking the 68 miles St Cuthbert's Way from Melrose to Lindisfarne, from the 2nd to 7th June. The route takes in St Boswells, Jedburgh, Yetholm, Wooler and Lowick.

This walk is to raise money for Nordoff Robbins, a registered charity which helps vulnerable children and adults suffering from autism and a range of mental health problems through the power of music. This dramatically improves the quality of their lives giving them the ability and confidence to express themselves. Their music therapists see time and time again that music helps not only the individual, but that it also transforms the life of the whole family. Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club is delighted to support this. For more information and to sponsor, go to www.justgiving.com/Rosalind-Jones.

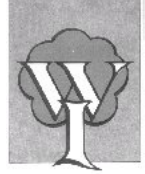
The full extent of the horrors of the disaster in Japan are still unfolding. Lions Clubs International Foundation committed US\$1.25m within hours of the quake (100million Japanese yen) and has also established a designated fund for Lions to give support worldwide. A designated fund has also been set up for the Christchurch, New Zealand disaster. At the onset LCIF provided US\$110k and in addition Lions from neighbour towns and areas have been working in Christchurch to provide much needed relief.



For more information about Biggleswade Sandy Lions, call Roger Wolburn on 01462 814967.

YOU CAN RELY ON LIONS

Clifton W I



President Katherine welcomed 39 members to our A.G.M on March 2nd. Secretary Iris gave details of past meetings and many successful events arranged over the year. Katherine read out some outings etc from March Issue of W/eye, also reminding us of Bring and Buy stall on our May meeting. Our treasurer Chris passed round copies of the 2010 Financial Statement to members. Katherine thanked each Committee member, and Joanne who now resigns and unable to come tonight, was sent a gift to say a big thank you from us all. Pat Wisbey now joins us to fill the vacancy. Business matters completed, Katherine welcomed Dot Wigg, County Executive Committee member, who came to join us tonight. She spoke about the Spring Federation meeting due in April, which several of our members will attend. Dot explained it is difficult at times to book speakers because of such high costs. To help this problem, Dot had brought some nice gifts along for our members to buy. All business ended here, and we had a break for tea and biscuits served by Janice, Jennifer and Barbara. To end our evening Jackie had prepared 2 quiz sheets for us all. Winner one was Janice, and 3 winners for second quiz- Teri, Jane and Joan. Finally a box of chocs each for Helen, Audrey and Margaret for most competition wins over the year

Our next meeting on April 6th is a Group meeting and Representatives from Arlesey, Henlow, Stotfold and Stondon will be joining us at 7.30pm in Clifton Church Hall. Our speaker will be Daniel Bruce "Living and Reporting the Front Line"



Clifton in Springtime

Once again, our village is bright with colour, thanks to the planting of long lasting violas, in the tubs around the village. This year, we also rejoice in new saplings, by the pond and the innovative planting of spring flowers, in the remains of a felled tree. Special thanks to the members of the Parish Council, especially Pauline and Barry Livesey.

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From Joyce, Terry and Alex Billington



A New Season at Langford Tennis Club



Langford Tennis Club is keen to welcome new members from the surrounding villages to join us to play fun or competitive tennis.

We offer both junior and adult coaching for all levels and have an ex-professional player as coach, Justin Layne. Justin lives in the village and was recently a top ten player in the country and now runs a professional tennis programme for the LTA - we are lucky to have a coach with his experience. As well as coaching there are Wednesday evening and Saturday club afternoons for adults and we run several mens, womens and mixed teams in local leagues. If you are interested in joining please come down for a club evening/afternoon at the Playing Field in the middle of Langford village to meet us or contact:

- Membership enquiries – Julie Larman. Tel: 01462 701289
- Coaching & tennis development – Paul Metcalfe. Tel: 01462 700991. pauln.metcalfe@ntlworld.com

Shefford Bowling Club

Open evenings—11th, 18th & 25th May

The bowls club are proposing to hold 3 open evenings on the 11th, 18th and 25th May 2011 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on the green at the STMA in Hitchin Road Shefford.

We cordially invite members of the public along to try their hand at the game of bowls. Equipment will be provided by the club but we would ask anyone coming along to bring shoes that have flat soles and heels as possible.

Please contact Ralph Archer, Hon Secretary
89 Clifton Road, Shefford, 01462 857224



Biggleswade & District Art Society

12th Spring Art Exhibition

part of the Northhill Arts Festival

Northhill Village Hall (opposite the church)

Saturday 7th May (10.00–4.00) Sunday 8th May (10.00-4.00)

Free Admission Original Paintings for sale Refreshments

Palm Sunday—Devotion and Passion Readings

17th April at 6.30 pm

On Palm Sunday there is a special service of Devotion and Passion Reading for Holy Week at All Saints' Church. Readings from the Passion according to St Matthew will be interspersed with the singing of traditional Passiontide hymns and the choir will sing anthems by amongst others: Elgar, Vaughan Williams and John Rutter. The service will finish with the spiritual "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"



Please come and worship with us on this Holy Day as we prepare for Holy Week.

CLIFTON IMPROVEMENT & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Wine & Cheese Evening – Wednesday 10th August



The Grange, Grange Street, Clifton
By kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Taylor

Commencing at 7.00pm until 9.00pm

with an opportunity to tour the lovely garden.

A limited number of entry tickets priced at £5.00 are available
from: The Secretary, Jim Peacock, 01462 812514

Proceeds in aid of the Society's funds.

Saturday Club

★ 30th April ★

Come Join Us For
CRAFTS & FUN
ACTIVITIES!

£1.00 Per Session



Who: All 5-12s welcome

★ When:

Saturday, 30th April

Where:

Church Hall, Clifton

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm

★ WWW.CLIFTONSATURDAYCLUB.CO.UK

Clifton Cricket Club
Registration Day for Adults and Juniors
Sunday 3rd April 2011
Clifton Cricket Club 2pm to 5pm



If you are interested in playing cricket, please come along to our registration day where you can speak to the coaches and join in with the fun games.

We welcome players of all abilities, both adults and juniors. We currently have 2 Under 10 teams, Under 12s, Under 14s, Under 16s and 4 senior teams competing in the Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Millman leagues.

Fun games for the kids, BBQ and Bar. Look forward to seeing you there.

For further information, please contact either Anna Jones on 07540 763555 or Siobhan Stevens on 07875 413770.

Letchworth Songs of Praise
Sunday 8th May, 3.00—5.00

You are invited to join with the local churches of North Herts and Central Beds to celebrate 400 years since the publishing of the King James Bible.

Pam Rhodes will be joining us and interviewing local Christians. The local Salvation Army Band will supply the music for singing old favourite hymns and songs.

The Letchworth Free Church will host this service of Praise and Thanks giving.

A nice tea with cake and biscuits will be served. Facility for wheel chair bound or other handicapped requirements will be provided.

Please book you place by Telephoning or emailing to David Morgan
Tel No 01462 812497 Email david.morgan260@ntlworld.com

When you think of Scouting, what comes to mind?



Boys, knots, woggles, tents, bob a job,
something about dyb and dob?



Think again!

Photography
Camping
Walking
Cycling
Gliding
Climbing
Rafting
Orienteering
Fencing
Abseiling
Skating
Archery
Sailing
Mountaineering

Members of Henlow/Clifton Scout Group have lots of fun and adventure, take part in lots of activities, indoors and out, boys and girls. We have a fantastic refurbished headquarters and lots of activity equipment.

But we do need more Leaders, can you give up some time to share our adventure? A commitment to Scouting looks great on a CV. Training is given, and support from other Leaders will be available for as long as needed.

For more information, please call Sarah on 01462



**Boys, girls, adventure, outdoors, challenge, confidence and
above all fun!**

Clifton Chronicles



Calling all subscribers!

**Do you submit articles on behalf of a local group or club
to be included in the Clifton Chronicles?**

Then we are sure you know the value of this community project in promoting your activities and events. Have you thought about the running costs? We have to buy paper and ink; we have to pay for the print machine this includes regular maintenance and servicing of course, to say nothing of trying to plan for when we need to replace the machine. To give you an idea of the cost running the Chronicles, think that we produce 10 editions a year, going to 1325 homes in Clifton, each containing 28 pages of editorial and an additional 12 pages of adverts and cover—145,750 sheets of A4 paper!

Thank you so much to organisations which have contributed already which include: Care Scheme, Residents Association and Women's Institute. If you benefit from the Chronicles please get in touch with our Treasurer:

Sue Welsford, 13 Pedley Lane, Clifton, Tel: 811303. Cheques should be made payable to: **All Saints PCC Clifton Magazine.**

Thank you and happy reading

Christian Aid Week—envelope collection

15—21 May 2011

Poverty—People made it. People can end it.

Christian Aid is a Christian organisation that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

We work globally for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. We are part of a wider movement for social justice.

We provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes.





Clifton Street Watch Scheme Launched

Bedfordshire Police launched Street Watch in Central Bedfordshire in April 2010 and now has 9 villages participating in the initiative with a further three due to be launched in the next month. Those local to Clifton are Shefford and Stotfold but there are large groups in Marston, Ampthill and Harlington, just to name a few.

The initiative has been very successful with some areas seeing a decrease in ASB of up to 12% in the first six months and 6% in overall crime.

Street Watch is about residents patrolling their own streets, identifying and resolving low level nuisance and anti-social behaviour and increasing the feeling of safety and community cohesion within their local area.

Street Watch is not about policing or about replacing police officers. The scheme is about local residents helping to build stronger and safer neighbourhoods by patrolling their own streets. The initiative will give residents an opportunity to work in partnership with the police and other partners.

All that is required is for local residents to commit two hours per month to the initiative. They will be issued a high visibility vest and will patrol in pairs generally observing what is going on and talking to people – something we used to do in villages many years ago!

I have volunteered to take part in the initiative to help get a scheme started in Clifton. We have secured the requisite number of people to start the scheme but our scheme in Clifton needs more volunteers. I have also offered to act as a local co-ordinator for Clifton. Please can I encourage a few more volunteers from all parts of Clifton in an effort to reduce the fear of crime and promote good citizenship in our Clifton community.

Can you spare a minimum of two hours a month to help with making this a success in Clifton?

If so contact Gary Edwards Tel 01462 816334 or Email garykath13@yahoo.co.uk

You can find out more about Street Watch on the web site:-

www.streetwatch.org.uk

CLIFTON IMPROVEMENT & PRESERVATION SOCIETY

“CIPS”

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 16th March 2011 in the Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Dr David Lincoln at 8.00pm, 24 people attended and apologies were received from 16 members. The minutes of the previous AGM were approved and signed by the chairman and are now recorded on The Clifton web site www.clifton-beds.co.uk

The Treasurer gave his report and circulated the accounts for the previous year; the Chairman gave his report and thanked the committee and specifically the society's consultant for his hard work and efforts over the past year. The society's consultant, Mr Taylor then gave his report which focused on five principle planning applications. These had been in Church Street, two in Broad Street, Shefford Road and Grange Street. Mr Taylor expressed considerable concern about the proposed expansion of the village, in particular, a development of possibly 80 new properties in the area of New Road and Shefford Road. The Inspector's report had basically dismissed the objections made but did leave major questions outstanding regarding the access. Mr Taylor then thanked Mrs Lincoln typing up his reports

After the reports the officers and Committee for the next year were proposed and duly elected as follows: Dr David Lincoln – Chairman, Mr John Whitbread – Treasurer, Mr Jim Peacock – Secretary. The Committee: Mr Peter Ames, Mr Don Killick, Miss Tracey Moynihan. Mr John Taylor was elected as Consultant.

It was agreed to hold another Wine and Cheese evening at The Grange on Wednesday 10th August 2011 further details to be announced in The Clifton Chronicles. During any other business it was agreed that The Society, as a matter of urgency, would invite candidates of all Political Parties, who intend to stand for the local elections, to attend an open meeting of the Clifton Improvement & Preservation Society and declare their views on how they would try to preserve and protect the village from inappropriate development in the future. It was also suggested that the Society had a regular feature in The Chronicles which detailed village planning applications and their outcome. A point was also raised regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking on verges and paths around the village.

Dr Lincoln thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

New members welcome – please forward your name & address to The Secretary, J A Peacock – 61 Shefford Road, Clifton, Beds.

SG17 5RQ or e-mail cips@clifton-beds.co.uk



Forward Planner

April	
3	Church Open, 2-5 pm
6	WI
16	Church Hall clean up, 10.00 am
17	Palm Sunday Devotion and Passion Readings 6.30 pm
21	Maundy Thursday service, 8.00 pm, Church
22	Good Friday 10.30 family service, meditation 2.00-3.00 pm
28	Under 5's, 2-3 pm, Church, all welcome
30	Saturday Club, 2.00-4.00, Church Hall
May	
1	Church Open, 2-5 pm
11	Shefford Bowls open evening, 6.00-8.00 pm
15-21	Christian Aid Week – envelope collection
17	Christian Aid Quiz, Church Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 prompt start
18	Shefford Bowls open evening, 6.00-8.00 pm
June	
11	Barn Dance, Clifton Bury Farm Barn, 8.00-11.30
18-24	First round of the Gardens Competition
25-30	Final Judging of the Gardens Competition

Sidespersons and Readers April 2011

Date	Time	Sidesperson	Reader
3rd April	11.00	Mr & Mrs Killick	Mrs L Dawes 2 Corinthians 1.3-7
	6.30	Mr K Pledger	Mr B Padgett James 5
10 th April	11.00	Mrs S Clarke Mrs S Collins	Mrs J Dutson-Steinfeld Romans 8.6-11
	6.30	Mrs F Kendall	Mrs A Sullivan Matthew 20.17-end
17 th April	11.00	Mr T Sullivan Mrs J Cooper	Mr J Good Philippians 2.5-11
	6.30	Mrs H Moncrief	Mrs P Whittington Matthew 21.33-end
21 st April Maundy Thursday	8 p.m.		Jane Pavey 1 Corinthians 11.23-26
24 th April	8.00	Mr M Richardson	
	11.00	Mr & Mrs Smith & Family	Mr J Gray Acts 10.34-43
	6.30	Mrs N Gifford	Mr P Blackmore Revelation 1.12-18
1 st May	11.00	Mrs S Dawson Mrs J Peacock	Mr D Killick 1 Peter 1.3-9
	6.30	Mrs C Killick	Mrs M Cakebread Mark 15.46-16.8

Please note:

8.00 Holy Communion services will **ONLY** be held on the last Sunday of the month during the vacancy.

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.

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