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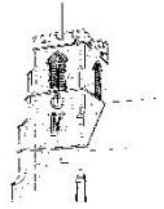
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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so very much for making Bob and I feel welcomed into the Benefice. We thoroughly enjoyed the Licensing Service and were mightily impressed by the care given to the preparations for the event. My family, friends and previous parishioners want me to express their gratitude too for your warm and generous hospitality.



So I am well and truly in situ – and I have not been slow in generating ministry rotas and a Benefice Diary. None of us relishes the prospect of embarrassing clashes of events, so hopefully significant occasions can be pencilled onto our calendars well in advance.

I am excited by the children's work already in place and am eager to explore ways of developing that. I plan to work with the Prayer Group to extend the wonderful undergirding that occurs by their prayerful support.....so keep looking out for signs of that!

By the time you read this letter harvest will have come and gone. It has been fantastic to prepare my own apples for the freezer and appreciate God's bounty in that way. I used to enjoy making pies, and I shall resume that with the blackberries and apples I have in stock. Seeing the combine harvesters hard at work recently made me thank God that most farmers managed to finish the task while the weather was warm and dry.

Now we prepare ourselves for All Saints and All Souls. Revd Paul will take the memorial service in 30<sup>th</sup> October at Clifton to remember loved ones lost and support those who are grieving. Paul has taken many funeral services

during the interregnum and I know how much you valued his care. I hope to develop a bereavement support group to continue that care. I know there are several of you interested in being a part of it. *"I will not forget you; see I have written you on the palms of my hands."* (Is 49:16)



Well it's still early days for me but I am filled with enthusiasm and am inspired by the gifting already evident in and amongst you. By the way, I have had offers being introduced to all manner of crafts and activities such as clay pigeon shooting – time permitting I look forward to having a go at these new things. As it says in Isaiah 43:19: *"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it"*, a verse which I take to heart myself and maybe it rings true with you too.

Every Blessing,

*Revd Anne*

## *From the Registers*



### *Baptisms:*

28th August

Iris Jay Ann Adams

Harry Edward Williams

## **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)*

# All Saints VA Lower School



We would like to welcome all of the new children who have started in Robins and new pupils in Puffins and Swallows class. We would also like to welcome Mrs Lines as our new full time year four teacher and Mrs Pereira who is a new midday supervisor working four days a week. We hope everyone settles in well to their new positions and classes.

## Values Education

We will be continuing with our Values education this year. This is a deliberate and systematic promotion of a set of universal and positive values in assemblies and PSHE lessons. The Values posters have been revamped with pictures and have also been set as a rolling screen saver on all of the school computers. There is also a display of all of the Value posters in the main entrance.

## Water for Life – Fundraiser

This year we are raising money for fresh water for Zimbabwe. All of the children will be given an empty water bottle to fill up with 1p and/or 5p coins. There will also be a colouring competition, posters will be 20p each and will be available from the main entrance. A lady from the 'Stones to Water' charity will be coming into school to take an assembly on 26<sup>th</sup> September and 17<sup>th</sup> October to explain how the charity works and that the main aim is to provide fresh water. We are also hoping to make a well shape out of pennies on the playground. If anyone from the community would like to contribute any change please drop it off at the school office.

## Reminders

Below is a few reminders, this went out in our recent newsletter but as we aware many relatives, grandparents and child minders help out with the child care and do not always get the information that is sent out in the newsletters.

- Please do not drive into school unless you are registered

disabled and have informed the school office. Parking is limited to staff and official visitors only. Woodlands staff has two car parking spaces for their use. The car park is in constant use with deliveries etc throughout the day.

- Please do not park or drop off on the zigzag lines. Please avoid parking opposite the school gates at all times as this makes it very difficult for daily traffic entering and exiting the car park. It also makes it difficult for parents crossing the road with their children. Please be considerate of driveways and double parking, emergency vehicles need to be able to get through Church Street and into the school at all times.
- Whether you are leaving by the front or rear gates please make sure you **close all of the gates** behind you. This is for the safety and security of your child.
- If your child is using a bike or scooter to get to school please dismount at the gates and walk through the playground to the bike and scooter rack (this includes grown ups to!)

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### **Term Dates for All Saints VA Lower School**

#### **Autumn Term 2011**

Tuesday 6th September 2011–Friday 16th December 2011  
(half term – week commencing 24th October)

#### **Spring Term 2012**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012–Friday 30th March 2012  
(half term – week commencing 13th February)

#### **Summer Term 2012**

Tuesday 17th April 2012–Friday 20th July 2012  
(half term – week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June )

(**May Day** – Monday 7th May 2012)

#### **Non – Contact/Inset Days:**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011,  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012,

## All Saints Lower School PTA

We would like to thank our PTA chair George Oxton who has stepped down this year. She has done a wonderful job in the last couple of years and worked well with the other PTA members raising extra funds for the school. Once again the money raised has contributed towards all of the coaches for school trips as well as new outdoor furniture, books for the library and curriculum as well as various other items throughout the year. We have lost other valuable PTA members due to their children moving to middle school. If you are a new or current parent and would like to help out on the PTA please check our website <http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/school> for a list of PTA meetings. Even if you have very little spare time and can not make all of the meetings you may still be able to give the PTA new ideas and valuable help. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

### Dates for your Diary

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - PTA quiz night
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre 2 - 4pm
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal 2pm (community welcome)

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### THANK YOU!



"Thank you " for all the good wishes received from so many people when I retired as Clerk to the Parish Council, and also for the cheque which I received from the Council. When I was appointed in 1992 Barry Livesey warned me that to be Clerk to Clifton was a long term appointment. He did not say how long, but by and large I have enjoyed working for the village, and as Barry said at Anne Hindle's licensing service, the only village to have won the title of Bedfordshire Village of the Year 3 times this century.

Judy Lanham.

# CLIFTON CARE SCHEME

## Looking Back - Going Forward

It seems only a short while ago that the Clifton Chronicles shut down for the usual summer break, yet here we go again.

Of course the Clifton Care Scheme carried on throughout the summer, as we do for 365 days each year, endeavouring to meet the needs of our fellow residents as we have done for the past decade.

Rather like the Chronicles shut-down it doesn't seem long ago that a few of us sat down in the committee room at the Community Centre to discuss the feasibility of a Care Scheme and whether there was any need. Now we look back with over 3,000 calls answered and the need is self-evident. Thanks to the generosity of all those who have given their time so freely, the care scheme has become an established part of our community life and has always been regarded as one of the best in the country.

However, like most voluntary organisations we have a constantly changing availability of volunteers, so we are always looking for additional helpers to keep this much needed service running. If you can spare just a few hours during the year and would like to help your neighbours, please call us.

## Need Help

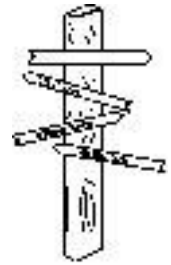
If you would like assistance or more information about our services, just call us on . . . .



**07817 614654**

. . . we will do our best to help and all calls are strictly confidential.

# CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL.



## **Speeding Prosecutions**

From the last information provided - the police have issued 7 cautions and 166 prosecutions for speeding in Clifton so far this year. During 2010 there were 209 prosecutions for the whole year.

## **Traffic Calming Initiatives**

Various initiatives are being tried to educate motorists to keep to the speed limit in the Village. Following on from previous use, and positive re-action from villagers, the temporary vehicle activated signs (VAS) were again used on various roads earlier in the summer. At the beginning of September alternative temporary speed signs were erected in various locations and their effectiveness will be monitored. A sufficient number of Villagers have come forward in answer to the plea for volunteers for a Clifton Community Speed Watch; and the police are in the process of setting up the necessary training.

## **The Village Pond**

Tidying up of the pond resulted in ten "Hunter" bags being filled with rubbish dropped by passers-by and old tree branches. A continuing problem is the amount of white bread thrown into the pond and not eaten by the ducks. Expert advice has been sought on the adverse effect on the ducks on the continual feeding of excessive amounts of white bread, and on alternative foods. Alternative food sources, and how to make it easily available to the public, is being investigated.

## **The Community Centre – Whiston Crescent**

The updating of the children's' play area is under active consideration with Section 106 monies being looked to for funding. Application for grant for the provision of solar power energy is being made for the Community Centre.

## **Planning Applications**

Between the 25<sup>th</sup> May and the 2<sup>nd</sup> August the Parish Council's comments on 13 planning applications were forwarded to Central Bedfordshire Council.

## **Police Surgery**

At the last police surgery held in the car park of One Stop shop in the Shefford Road there were no matters of concern raised with the police. The police did, however, secure 13 number plates for residents.

## Police Request

The police have asked that villagers be encouraged to report crime. Police officers have reported attending victims of thefts and finding that neighbours had also been targeted but not reported it.

## Clerk to the Parish Council.

With the retirement, after many years service, of Judy Lanham, Miss Sophie Sherwood is welcomed as the new Clerk to the Parish Council. You can contact her on 01462 339268.

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

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## Preventing Burglary

Communities are being encouraged to remember to always shut windows and double-lock UPVC doors which involve lifting the handle before turning the key to make sure your door locks properly. The public can help by ensuring doors and windows are properly locked and that valuables are kept well out of sight. Once your home is securely locked, ensure you can easily access your keys to allow a quick evacuation in the event of a fire.

To prevent burglary Speak to your Local Policing Team for advice on 01234 841212 or email: [saferhomes@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:saferhomes@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Under 5's on Thursdays



6th Oct - David & Goliath

20th Oct - Noah & the Ark

3rd Nov - Jonah & the Whale

17th Nov & 1st Dec - Southill Christmas Tree Festival

15th Dec - Christmas party

2-3 pm in the Church

\* All Welcome \*

## Clifton Street Watch



The Clifton Street Watch team, of 9 members would welcome an additional member, to bring us up to capacity. During the past few weeks the team have been particularly active, having patrolled for more than 32 man hours during July and August. Also 3 members were involved with the Police in a very successful CAPS operation, securing number plates, in the pouring rain at the One Stop shop.

During our patrols, volunteers are regularly receiving information from residents to help keep Clifton a safer place. Just remember you are able contact the Police direct using the non-emergency number **01234 841212** or the Safer Neighbourhood Team on **01234 842567**. Your information as a good neighbour does help, be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, or vehicles in the area,

Unfortunately, despite our activity and more help from our residents, we continue to have problems with villains. Recently, the village has suffered another burglary, this happened in the centre of our village on a Sunday afternoon, the offender gained access through a front window, in full view of passing people and traffic, once more it involved a rather messy search.

Recently, we have noticed a marked increase in cars speeding through and around our village. It is important to remind drivers to adhere to the speed limit of 30pmh, to do so will add little to your time passing through the village, but will provide the village with a safer environment. This is especially important in relation to both young children and our older residents. To help remind drivers of their responsibilities, Terry Cobb is soon to initiate "SPEED WATCH" in our village.

A further problem highlighted by our residents is the "double parking" and "parking on the corners or on the footpath" that is affecting many of our streets. It is especially a problem for cars but more important should an ambulance or fire engine require access. This is also a potential hazard to pedestrians and wheelchair users. Please have more consideration for others!

Gary Edwards – Clifton Street Watch Co-ordinator. Tel 01462 816334  
e mail [garykath13@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garykath13@yahoo.co.uk)

## Rectory – no right of way

We have been advised by St Alban's Diocese Estates Office that there is no right of way between Rectory Close and the Church or Church Street through the Rectory Drive. The gate between the Rectory drive and churchyard has been reinstated by the Diocese and we have been advised to display a sign saying 'Rectory Only' at the end of the drive to the Rectory from Rectory Close.

We would like to ask for the cooperation and support of all members of the community not to trespass on private property.

Wardens and PCC



**Mothers' Union—Clifton Branch**

**Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 12th November**

10.00 am till 12.00 noon

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, Clifton



- **Cake Stall, with delicious home-made cakes**
- **Raffle**
- **Refreshments: tea, coffee and biscuits**

Proceeds to be donated to  
AFIA (Away from it all) a Mothers' Union charity  
To provide holidays for families in need



# Saturday Club

★ 29th October ★

★ CRAFTS, GAMES ★  
& FUN

★ Come Join Us For  
★ CRAFTS & FUN ACTIVITIES! ★

£1.00 Per Session



Who: All 5-12s welcome

★ When: ★  
Saturday, 29th October

Where:

All Saints Church, Clifton

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm



# Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012



## Questions, questions, questions

- ? Is Clifton going to have an event?
- ? Will it be like the Year of the Child Event in 2009?
- ? Will Church Street be closed like in 2002?
- ? Can I help with organising an event?
- ? Can my organisation get involved in it?

If you think we should have an event and if you, or an organisation you belong to, would like to be involved please come to an Open Meeting on:

Wednesday 19th October, 8.00  
Church Hall, Stanford Lane

All Saints' Church & All Saints' School

## Christmas Fayre

Saturday 26th November 2011

2.00pm - 4.00 pm

All Saints Lower School, Clifton

Stalls, games, gifts, crafts, music,  
fabulous prize draw, tombola, face  
-painting, Tea & Cakes &

Father Christmas'  
grotto!



Prize draw tickets on sale through the School and  
Church...prizes include two luxury Christmas  
hampers

Proceeds will be shared between All Saints' Church  
and All Saints' School PTA

# Woodlands Pre-school

By the time you read this, we hope that our 18 new children who started with us in September will have settled in well and enjoying their time with us.



Following our theme of mini-beasts we will continue to look at creatures such as ladybirds, slugs, snails and worms.

Our 4 year olds will start extended activities and have new book bags and topic books, of which they are very proud

Our sponsored obstacle course at the start of term was great fun for the children and the Staff! Well done to everyone who took part and many thanks to the parents and friends who supported this activity.

Our next fundraiser will be a toy sale at the Clifton Community Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please look out for Posters and come and support us or register as a seller and raise some money from your old toys.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Half term Mon 24<sup>th</sup> October to Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November

Parents evenings 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November

Look out next month for details of Operational Christmas Child

**Rushing to get to work on time....? Did you know that you can drop off your child(ren) at the Woodlands, and our staff will entertain them and safely deliver to All Saints Lower School?**



**woodlands**  
pre-school

# TOYS, GAMES AND BOOKS SALE



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Clifton Community Centre, Whiston Crescent**



# woodlands

pre-school

Anyone wanting to sell their unwanted items at the above sale should call 07946537263 to register.



**Biggleswade & District Art Society**

## 28<sup>th</sup> Autumn Art Exhibition

**Northhill Village Hall (opposite the church)**



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October (10.00–4.00)**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October (10.00-4.00)**

**Free Admission    Original Paintings for sale    Refreshments**

# All Saints' Lower School PTA update



## **Summer camp-out and BBQ:**

Despite an afternoon of heavy rain most families still attended the camp-out and were rewarded with a glorious sunny evening. The fun and games lasted well past bedtime and sunset and the Chinese lanterns were a lovely sight to see. We raised a total of £500.

## **Cake sale:**

The latest rugby scrum raised a total of £116. The children still enjoy the cake sales so thank you for attending them and providing the delicious cakes.

## **“Senses” Quiz night – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October:**

Our next quiz will be themed as a “senses” quiz. So eat plenty of carrots and come along to smell the coffee and roses.

## **Christmas Fayre:**

I know, I know I don't want to mention it yet as the summer is just over, but the date has been set for 26<sup>th</sup> November in the school. Put the date in your diary.

## **Goodbye:**

We are saying a fond farewell to a couple of PTA members this year: George Oxtan and Amanda Griggs. Amanda has been an active PTA member for many years. She was the main organiser of our very successful cake sales and was always on hand to help with many other events. Thank you Amanda! Our thanks also go to our Chairperson, George. She has worked tirelessly for the PTA over the last 3 years and achieved much in her time as our leader due to her enthusiasm for new projects and ability to create a great team spirit amongst members. The committee will miss her very much (and we hope she will come and help us out from time to time).

## **All Saints Church, Southill**

On Wednesday 31 August, 2011 in 2h.44

A peal of 5040 MIXED MINOR

(One extent each Bourne S, Single Oxford B, Oxford TB,  
St Clements CB, Norwich S, Plain Bob.)

- 1 - Susan M Silver
- 2 - Charlotte M Smith
- 3 - Nicholas D Brown
- 4 - Philippa M Whittington
- 5 - Martin J Whiteley
- 6 - Frank W Rivett (Conductor)



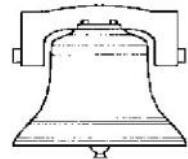
Rung as a welcome to Revd Anne Hindle and her family  
to the Benefice of Clifton & Southill, on the day of her  
Licensing.

## **All Saints Church, Clifton**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in 43m

A quarter peal of 1280 BOB MAJOR

- 1 – Peter W Blackmore
- 2 – John P Loveless
- 3 – Teresa J Brown
- 4 – Nicholas D Brown
- 5 – Harriet Moncrieff
- 6 – Philippa M Whittington
- 7 – Russell A Brown
- 8 – Frank W Rivett (Conductor)



Rung for Evensong and to welcome Revd Anne Hindle  
on her first Sunday in the parishes.

## POSTCARDS



Thank you everyone who has donated postcards since our appeal in the Chronicles. Special thanks to the person who left two carrier bags of them in the church. The collection is continuous so please keep the cards coming, the more we get the more children in Sudan are able to go to school.

We collect postcards, new or used, which are passed onto an organisation dealing with postcard sales. The money raised is used to fund education for children in the Sudan who would not normally be able to attend school. New or used cards can be left at any service or when the church is open on Monday mornings or on the first Sunday afternoon of the month.

**Every postcard helps!**

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### Clifton Dramatic Society



Clifton Dramatic Society joined All Saints Lower School on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at their fete, where they hosted an area reading children's books to junior fete visitors. Fortunately on that day the rain held off mostly, only making an appearance before the fete and at the very end, and many children came to the area to enjoy a tale or two! Members of the society dressed up for the event as panto characters including a witch, Principal Boys, Principal Girls, pirates and more. Raffle tickets were sold to fete attendees to be entered into a draw to win a family set of tickets to our 2012 Panto, which will be the classic favourite, Dick Whittington. This was won by Katie Waterman. Through sales of raffle tickets, they managed to make a £10 donation to the school to be used at the schools discretion.

#### ***Looking for something new to do?***

Clifton Dramatic Society is looking for new members for next year's panto – Dick Whittington! They need your talents and abilities both on stage and behind the scenes.

Whatever your forte, they'd be delighted to see you!

They meet **every Monday at 8.15pm** at the Church Hall, Stanford Road, Clifton. Feel free to drop in for a chat and a cuppa and meet the rest of the group, or for more information please call **01462 649228** or email [cliftondramsoc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cliftondramsoc@hotmail.co.uk).

11th October, 2011



clifton dramatic society

# quiz night

Clifton Church Hall, Stanford Lane

Starts 8pm

£5.00 per person

Bring your own drink and a plate of food for the buffet.

Plenty of ?s and lots of fun!

Teams or up to 6 people.

**All proceeds to  
Macmillan Cancer Support**

Tickets must be booked in advance.  
For more info and tickets  
call or email:

**01462 649228**

[cliftdramsoc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cliftdramsoc@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Clifton W I



Our Annual Bar-B-Q was held at Clifton Cricket Club on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and was well supported. We were very lucky regarding the weather! Heavy rain earlier had cleared, and it turned out to be a beautiful Summer Evening. Once again our super Bar-Q cooks were John, Dave, Roger and Ken. Our Committee provided and laid out a good selection of food for all. Our evening ended with President Katherine thanking all our helpers, followed by a raffle.

33 members, husbands & friends enjoyed an outing to Pitstone Wharf Organized by member Pat Kemp. A countryside ride, heading towards Dunstable, arriving at Pitstone village. Disembarking in the Wharf Area we went into the cafeteria, had our packed lunches and drinks before boarding our narrow boat waiting for us alongside the canal. All on board, we set off at a gentle pace, enabling us to enjoy picturesque scenery on both sides, also the moored narrow boats, some obviously lived in. We went through several locks, an experience in itself!! Masses of gushing water, enabling our boat sometimes up, sometimes lowered!! to level us up onto the canal again. On our route, a few passengers got off to walk alongside the canal, coming onboard again a bit further along, just before we reached our returning point. A steady journey back to the Wharf, where we left our narrow boat and all passengers went and found our coach waiting to take us on our journey home.

Committee member Sally welcomed 33 members and 2 visitors in President Katherine's absence tonight. Sec. Iris read her full, up to date report, and Chris gave current finance details. Available events were given, also a reminder for Friday Sept .16th – our Annual COFFEE MORNING in the Church Hall for Macmillan Nurses- Open 10 a.m. to12.00. Tonight Andy Johnson came to tell us “All About Bees” He has some locally in Shillington, and is an obvious expert on this vocation. He set up a screen, and we viewed 80 large pictures as he explained the Bee Keeping Year, which starts in September. In January it is pollen collecting, and snowdrops are one flower bees use. The Queen Bee lays eggs Feb/March, and to protect them, wire netting cover the hives to keep away birds such as the Green Woodpecker. Spring is the building time for the colony of bees. A Queen Bee is needed and she never stings. Drones, used for mating, have a short life. Finally we were shown how honey is extracted, and finally bottled. Pat Wisbey thanked Mr. Johnson on our behalf, for a most interesting and detailed talk.

Tea Ladies. Betty Richardson Sheila Boulding.

Comp. Winners. 1. Heather Childs 2. Chris Byers 3. Barbara Crisp

Next Meeting Oct.5<sup>th</sup> Duncan Wilcox—Funny Stories as a Solicitor  
COMP. A Legal Cartoon



# RACE NIGHT!

In aid of **Saturday Club** and **ALL SAINTS CHURCH CLIFTON**

- Bring your own drinks and glasses
- Bring a dish to share for the buffet
- 'Buy' a horse for £2.50 and win £10.00
- Sponsor a race for £10.00
- **50p** per bet



**DATE:** Saturday 15 October 2011

**TIME:** 7:30pm

**PLACE:** Clifton Church Hall

**TICKETS:** Adults: **£5.00**, Children: **£2.50**

To buy tickets, a horse or sponsor a race, or for more info, please contact **Susan Turner** on: **07968 229954** or email **turnertime@hotmail.com** or **Terry Sullivan** on **01462 817491** or **terrrysullivan62@gmail.com**.



# “Let's Talk Together” community meeting

You are invited to join us at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Road, Stotfold on:

**Tuesday 25 October 2011, 7-9pm**

to meet with a range of public service providers operating in this area, including Central Bedfordshire Council, the Police, NHS Bedfordshire and others to 'Let's Talk Together'.

The event will start at 7.00pm and finish at 9.00pm and is organised into two parts.

The first hour is very informal and is an opportunity for you to meet various public service providers, talk to your local Councillors and find out what is going on in your area.

From 8.00pm you will be able to hear about the Council's budget plans for next year, help set community safety priorities for your area and participate in discussions about local issues. This part of the meeting will be chaired by an Executive Member from Central Bedfordshire Council.

If you are interested in getting more involved in your local community, you can also talk to local organisations about the many volunteering opportunities available.

Please look out for posters on notice boards and local press for final details closer to the date of the meeting.

More details about the Let's Talk Together meetings are also available on the Central Bedfordshire Together website [www.centraltogether.org.uk](http://www.centraltogether.org.uk), or please contact Sarah Hughes, Community Engagement Manager at Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 6166.

# Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club



## SOME LIKE IT HOT

The first Sue Ryder home opened in Suffolk in 1953 and we are lucky to have one near us at St John's, Moggerhanger, providing expert and compassionate care for Bedford and the surrounding area. Relief is provided for illnesses such as cancer, heart, lung and liver diseases, MS and end of life illnesses for patients 18 years and over. Support is also there for their families. This costs money, far far more than that provided by statutory authorities, so they rely heavily on donations and on outside funding.

A member of Biggleswade Sandy Lions, Jeanette Taylor, is setting off on 28<sup>th</sup> October on a 100Km Sahara Trek from M'hamid, a village in the Zagora region of Morocco on the edge of the desert. They will trek over sand dunes and salt flats for 6 – 7 hours each day to reach Marrakech in temperatures up to 40 degrees C, spending the nights in tents or under the stars! The journey by car would only take 7 – 8 hours! Marrakech is the second largest city in Morocco near the foot hills of the snow capped Atlas Mountains and the trek ends there on 6<sup>th</sup> November, where the party of 21 will enjoy some well earned sightseeing.

Biggleswade Sandy Lions are supporting Jeanette and are seeking your support please. You can sponsor her by calling 01767 680 943 or email [b\\_m\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:b_m_taylor@yahoo.com) Please support Jeanette and St Johns.

Nearer home and in cooler climes, Biggleswade Sandy Lions are holding their annual Christmas Charity Dance at the Weatherly Centre, Biggleswade on 10<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 8pm. Dancing will be to the ever popular 'Rhythm and Rhapsody' and there will be the traditional tombola. Tickets are £13 each and include a plated supper. Tickets can be obtained from Judith Hagger 01462 814693 or Julie Bonfield on 07771735638.



Visit the Lions on [www.biggeswadesandylions.org.uk](http://www.biggeswadesandylions.org.uk). Or call 0845 833 9749

## LIONS CARE



# More officers to tackle Crime in Our Communities

**BEDFORDSHIRE**  
**POLICE**

Bedfordshire Police have drawn up ambitious plans to improve the service provided by the Force while also saving taxpayers' money.

From October 2011, the Force and the Police Authority will deliver a more streamlined process to improve both operational capacity and capability. This means that more officers will be available to deal with incidents reported to us by the public.

The Force carried out a detailed review of the way it organised key departments to identify areas where costs could be cut and performance improved. During the process, residents confirmed they were happy for structural matters to be dealt with by the Force so long as they received an appropriate police response when needed and crime continued to fall.

The new changes will see the number of police officers dedicated to local policing double from 92 to 185. This means a larger number of officers will be available to tackle local crime, anti-social behaviour and other community concerns while PCSOs will carry out more patrols.

There will no longer be any geographic boundaries or divisions separating communities. Instead, a Chief Superintendent will oversee Local Policing while another will be responsible for Tackling Crime.

Through reorganisation, the Force and the Police Authority will speed up response times. A new centralised team will respond to incidents county-wide officers will get to where they are needed more quickly as well as save money.

Meanwhile, a greater number of incidents will be resolved over the telephone to reduce demand on frontline staff thanks to a new appointment system for non-emergency issues. A recent survey found that people accepted this as a good way of dealing with non-urgent matters. A new three digit non-emergency number will be introduced in the autumn, after which time all you will need to dial is 101 for non-urgent situations.

Peter Conniff, Chair of Bedfordshire Police Authority, said: "We've listened to our residents throughout the review process and their comments have very much informed our strategic decisions. The changes have been made to promote greater access to police services and deliver a more effective response that meets the expectations of our communities."

## It's never too early to volunteer for The Poppy Appeal.



We all know that Remembrance Sunday is in November and that poppies are available in stores, schools and shops for the 2 weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, what we don't see is the work that goes on behind the scenes during the year.

All the money given to the Poppy Appeal is used to support our serving and ex-service men/ women and their beneficiaries that request our help and with the recent conflicts particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan the need has never been greater.

Henlow has a new organiser this year and is looking for some extra support. Tony has the time and drive to make sure the poppies are successfully distributed and monies collected. However he would really like someone who could help out behind the scenes. From things like ordering the poppies, wreaths and supplies, maintaining records, to contacting the collectors or telling Tony what needs delivering to where. This role could be completed solely at home as Tony will do the leg work!

There is of course support and help available from our Poppy support network and we have all the records from the past years to refer back to. The "happy band of collectors" that has helped in past years will be on stand by to assist again this year.

This volunteer position would suit a newly retired person or a stay at home parent, or someone who has time to spare with good organisational skills. You do not need to be ex-services or a member of the Royal British Legion but just someone who feels able to give their time to a very worthwhile cause.

There is great job satisfaction, you will be part of a well respected organisation and you will be directly helping those that serve their country. "AND IT IS JOLLY HARD WORK" FOR 2 WEEKS OF THE YEAR.



If you feel you are able to help please contact:-  
Joanne Cockcroft  
Community Fundraiser Bedfordshire  
Tel 01462 819348  
Mobile 07917553302  
Email [jcockcroft@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:jcockcroft@britishlegion.org.uk)

# Forward Planner

October	
2	Church Open, 2-5 pm
	Teas in the Church Hall, 2.30-5
5	WI, Church Hall,
6	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, David & Goliath
11	Drama Quiz Night, Church Hall, 8.00
14	PTA Quiz Night
15	Race Night, Church Hall, 7.30
	Lions concert, Holmemead School, Big'wade, 7.30pm
15&16	Biggleswade Art Exhibition, Northhill Hall, 10am-4.00pm
18	MU, Social Knitting
19	Diamond Jubilee, Open Meeting, Church Hall, 8.00
20	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Noah & the Ark
25	Let's Talk Together" community meeting, St Mary's Church Hall, Church Road, Stotfold, 7-9pm
29	Saturday Club, 2-4, Church
November	
2	Elvis Tribute Evening, Clifton Cuisine, 6.30 -11.00pm
3	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Jonah & the Whale
6	Church Open, 2-5 pm
	Teas in the Church Hall, 2.30-5
12	MU Coffee Morning, 10-12 noon, Church Hall
	Toy Sale, Community Centre, 10.30-12.30 (Woodlands)
15	November Mixtures
17	Under 5's, Church, 2-3 pm, Southill Christmas Tree Festival
26	Christmas Fayre, School, 2-4 pm, PTA and Church

## Sidespersons and Readers October 2011

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Reader</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	11.00	Mr & Mrs D Killick	1 Corinthians 1. 17-end Mr J Peacock
	6.30	Mr K Gray	1 John 2.1-17 Mrs A Sullivan
9 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00	Mrs P Heath	
	11.00	Mrs J Wyer and Mrs S Clarke	Philippians 4.1-9 Mrs D Brown
	6.30	Mrs M Cakebread	1 John 3.1-15 Mrs M Cakebread
16 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00	Mrs M Pledger and Mrs J Dann	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Mrs S Collins
	6.30	Mr K Pledger	1 John 3.16-4.6 Mrs P Whittington
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	8.00	Mr J Peacock	
	11.00	Mr P Blackmore and Mrs J Cooper	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Mr A Good
	6.30	Mrs K Blackmore	2 Timothy 2.1-7 Mr P Blackmore
30 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00	Mr M Richardson	
	11.00	Mr & Mrs Kendall and Family	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Miss A Smith
	6.30	Mrs Sue Welsford	Luke 6.17-31 Mrs J Pavey
6 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00	Mrs F Dawson and Mr T Sullivan	1 Thessalonians 4.13-end Mr D Killick
	6.30	Mrs N Gifford	John 15.9-17 Mrs F Kendall

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

# ***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