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Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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# Who's Who in Clifton p1

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Dear Friends,

None of us could have failed to notice how much the natural world around us has been suffering due to the lack of water this summer, with perhaps the increased prospect of flooding as we approach the colder months. I planted some potatoes in our garden, but this year the resulting potatoes have been small and somewhat shrivelled! Some farmers are experiencing further problems because they have been unable to recruit enough workers to harvest the crops.



Although he was a carpenter by trade, Jesus understood that many of those who gathered to listen to him had lives that were closely bound up with the land.



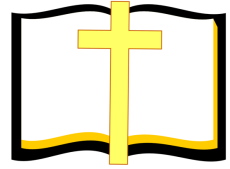
In chapter 9 of the Gospel of Matthew Jesus said to those who followed him: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Jesus was not necessarily talking about having a farming recruitment drive! He often used stories about farming (sowing seeds, tending vineyards etc) to talk about God's concern for his people and how we might respond to gather the message of his love and share this in our communities.

As the holiday period ends, schools return, and all our work, cares and concerns of life continue, we are reminded again about the changing seasons at this traditional time of harvest and what is known in the church as 'Creationtide'. This is an especially good time to look at how we can each celebrate and care a little more for the precious natural resources we all need, but also to care for nature 'for nature's sake' alone. You are welcome to join in this celebrating at one of our Harvest Festival services on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Peter Topley  
Reader (Licensed Lay Minister)

# Harvest

# *All Saints Church From the Registers*



## **Interment of Ashes**

2<sup>nd</sup> August Daniel Duff

## **Burial**

2<sup>nd</sup> August Christine Duff

## **Funeral and Burial**

5<sup>th</sup> August Dorothy Warren

## **All Saints' Church Clifton Services**

### **Sundays:**

11.00 am Parish Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Family Communion, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Morning Prayer, 4<sup>th</sup>



10.30 am Messy Church 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Church Hall)

6.30 pm Evensong, 3rd Sunday

10.00 am Benefice Service 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Clifton, Haynes or Southill  
(see website for details)

### **Mondays:**

Toddler Church, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 2.00 pm

### **Wednesdays:**

10.00 am Holy Communion

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

# CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

## HEATWAVE

Trying to write something informative, inspirational and maybe witty in the extremely high temperatures we are experiencing at present is not easy. Maybe it has been a bit too hot and by the time you read this temperatures, hopefully, will be at a more acceptable level. But hot weather and high temperatures bring increased risks for the more vulnerable members of our community. If you have an elderly relative, neighbour or friend please look out for them and check whether they need any help.

Clearly during the recent hot spell it has been necessary to leave doors and windows open to let in as much fresh air as possible. However if you are spending time out in the garden try to remember to keep your front door locked and if possible any low opening windows at ground floor level. In other words make it difficult for those who might wish to take advantage of the situation and spoil your enjoyment.

If you need our help just call.....

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..... and one of our co-ordinators will do their best to help

## Tea & Chat Wednesdays

Church Hall 2.00—4.00

- \* 14th September
- \* 28th September
- \* 12th October & AGM



On 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month

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# All Saints Church Harvest Festival 25th September @ 11.00 am

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# Crime Statistics for JULY 2022

## **BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY**

01/07/2022 Stanford Lane

## **ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY**

02/07/2022 Broad Street  
17/07/2022 Broad Street  
17/07/2022 Broad Street  
17/07/2022 Broad Street  
17/07/2022 Stockbridge Road



## **STALKING**

03/07/2022 Undisclosed

## **CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE**

17/07/2022 Broad Street  
18/07/2022 Church Street

## **INTERFERING WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE**

17/07/2022 Langford Road

## **OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

17/07/2022 Broad Street

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If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Suzanne on:  
[ionsuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:ionsuzanne@gmail.com) or 07933 709006

## Toddler Church

New Day from September

**MONDAYS 2pm-3pm**

**12th and 26th September**



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## Messy Church,

No Messy Church in August next date:

**25th September**

**Church Hall, 10:30 am**



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## FRIENDS SOCIAL EVENING

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### Ten Pin Bowling, Hollywood Bowl Stevenage



Dear Friends

We have arranged an evening of Ten Pin Bowling on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 starting at 7.30pm**. We are going to The Hollywood Bowl at Stevenage Leisure Park, where we can get two games of bowling, a drink and nachos in the lane during the games and a main meal served after the games at an all-in price of £23 for members, and £25 for guests, special dietary requirements can be catered for. We will take a group photograph as proof that we had a great night out together and the winner will be presented with a King Pin Trophy. You will need to wear trainers or something similar for the bowling.

Now you may be saying that Ten-Pin Bowling is a bit too active, or for youth. Not a bit of it. It is something everybody can take part in, and every assistance will be given to ensure that you have fun whilst trying to get those stubborn pins to fall over. Winning aside, the intent is to provide a social scene where Friends and their guests can enjoy a convivial evening. We have not been lax on that score in the past, nor do we intend to be in the future. So even if you have never tried the game, or are rubbish like me, do come, have a go, have a laugh, be social, and support the Friends once more.

We have not arranged transport to and from Stevenage as such, but we intend to arrange car sharing so that those without wheels can get to and from, and so that the minimum number of people need to drive. So when booking, please say if you need transport, or if you can take other people there and back.

**Booking is essential and is to me at the e-mail address shown below, though telephone bookings can be made.** Pay by bank transfer to Friends of Clifton Parish Church sort code: 40-52-40 acc: 00022775 or cash on the night.

This should be another great night out for our village. The first event planned for 2022, and there should be other articles in the Chronicles showing what we have in mind later on.

This is the first event for two years, so help us start our new programme in fine form by rolling a few balls and having a great evening out in the company of friends.

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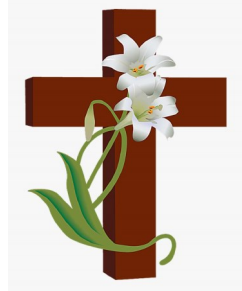
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- 5 Frank W Rivett (Conductor)
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- 7 Clive J Dunbavin
- 8 Ian Ferguson



Rung in memory of Jill Harris née Mayes (a former Clifton ringer) on 67th anniversary of her first quarter, postponed from 2020. The band included her daughter (2), son (6) and son in law (8). Peter R Harris would like to be associated with this quarter peal.

## **Churchyard Working Parties**

This year we are trying a new approach! We are going to have regular Working Parties on the morning of the second Saturday of each month between March and October. Next one:



### **Saturday 10th September**

### **9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

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





# BEDS & HERTS Historic Churches Trust

## ***Bike `n Hike – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022***

This is great opportunity to see inside many of our local Churches and raise money to help the Historic Churches Trust. You can travel between the Churches how you wish Bike or Walk is the advertised way but visitors drive and ride too.



The Trust has supported our church here in Clifton on numerous occasions one being restoring our lovely Ascension window.

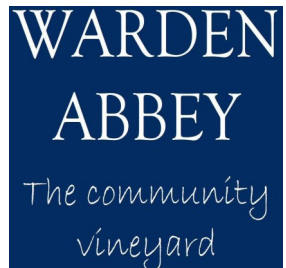
More information can be found in the Church porch, online at <https://bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike/> or from Linda Dawes 816074.

All Saints Church Clifton will be open all day on the 10<sup>th</sup> September and you are welcome to pop in refreshments available throughout the morning.

## **Open Day & Wine Sale Warden Abbey Vineyard Sunday 11th September 11- 4pm**

Wine tasting, local food and other stalls, Petting Farm, BBQ and refreshments. For more information and directions see:  
[www.wardenvineyard.org.uk](http://www.wardenvineyard.org.uk)

Entry: Adults £4 in advance online, £5 on day.  
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# Farm Run

Clifton Bury Farm

Saturday 15 October

Entry forms on-line & from Baxters

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Off-road (tracks/grass)

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£10 adult / £5 junior / £25 family ticket

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Profits: Clifton All Saints' Church & All Saints' PTA



## GOLDEN LION GOLF SOCIETY

Our July competition was played at **Bedford & County Golf Club** for our flagship **OPEN Trophy**. For the first time in the society's history the event had to be delayed by a week because of the extreme heat, the temperatures approached 40° C, so for health and safety reasons we decided to postpone. The weather at the rescheduled competition was warm and sunny, very pleasant playing conditions. The course was in very good condition, considering the lack of rain over the last few weeks. Our winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> with 36 pts            Harvey Price  
2<sup>nd</sup> with 32 pts OCB    Ian Martin  
3<sup>rd</sup> with 32 pts OCB    Alan Mason

Nearest the Pin – Gordon Ward  
Longest Drive – Kevin Gray

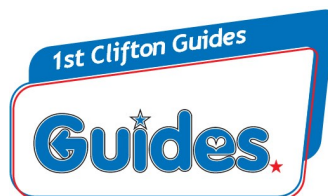


Our next competition will be played at Whitehill GC on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 2022.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact:

**Harvey Price** on **01462 812781** or **John Wall** on **01462 814097**

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## Clifton WI



### August Meeting

48 members and guests attended our annual barbecue. It was held at Clifton Cricket Club, who also provided us with a bar. Many thanks to them for making us welcome. We were blessed with a warm evening, delicious food, prepared by the Committee together with tasty sausages and chicken, supplied by our local Butcher. The evening ended with a raffle and a quiz and a big thank you to all who helped it's success.

### Next Meeting, 7th September, 2—4 pm

We will be back at the Community Centre for a talk by Canine Partners. They train dogs to provide assistance to help people with a disability to be independent. Visitors always welcome. You may even decide to join! Age is no barrier, hope to see you there.

### October Meeting

This will be a craft afternoon, we will making posies and headbands for our 100th Birthday Party in November.

Lesley Burton, 01462 231657

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Or call Amanda on 07779 810505

# Clifton Planning Applications Update

## Central Beds Decisions to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**CB/22/03291/DOC** – 12<sup>th</sup> August – Clifton House SG17 5EJ. Removal of rear wall and part removal of roof/ceiling. **Application Registered.**

**CB/22/03127/FULL** – 2<sup>nd</sup> August - 57, Brickle Place SG175HL. 2 storey rear extension. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/22/03136/FULL** – 2<sup>nd</sup> August – 43, Church Street SG17 5ET. Installation new windows and doors. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/22/02939/GPDE** – 21<sup>st</sup> July – 2, Lime Tree Road SG17 5EP. Single storey side extension. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/22/ 02703/FULL** – 6<sup>th</sup> July – 89, Clifton Road SG17 5AG. Single storey rear extension plus loft and garage extensions. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/22/02264/FULL** – 5<sup>th</sup> July – Clifton Park Homes SG17 5JJ. 16 new units to be built plus community hub and shop. **Consultation period.**

**CB/22/02411/FULL** – 14<sup>th</sup> June – 24, Whiston Crescent SG17 5RB. 2-storey side extension with front dormer. **Granted.**

**CB/22/01488/FULL** – 18<sup>th</sup> May – land north of Stockbridge Road. Erection of 16 dwellings with access from Stockbridge Road. **Consultation Period.**

**CB/22/01322/FULL** - 12<sup>th</sup> April – 27, New Road SG17 5JH. New single dwelling. **Granted.**

**CB/22/01463/FULL** - 7<sup>th</sup> April – Land rear of 109, Broad Street SG17 5RP. Erection of 1 no. 3 bed house and erection of 2 nos. 2 bed bungalows. **Refused.**

**CB/22/00595/FULL** – 18 February 2022 – 89, Clifton Road SG17 5AG. Single storey rear extension & loft conversion. **Decided.**

**CB/21/03664/FULL** – 9 August 2021 – 3a & 3b Earle Close. Retention of 2 nos attached dwellings previously as home offices. **Appeal.**

**CB/21/03048/FULL** – 30 June 2021 – Land between Glenmore and The Dairy, New Road SG17 5JL. **Granted.**

Tony Hyde – Clifton Residents' Association



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# CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

## VACANCY Caretaker / Handyperson

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- Opening, closing and preparing the Community Centre for regular bookings and one off events. Liaising on-site with Clients booking facilities, as and when necessary.
- To undertake general cleaning duties including dusting, sweeping, mopping and shower & toilet cleaning.
- Day to day job requests for maintenance works, park and playground equipment inspections and ensure community areas are kept clean, safe and in good order.
- To undertake general maintenance of Parish Council assets across the village, ie bus shelters, village pond, benches etc.

You may have experience of the following: Caretaker, Handyperson, Repairs, Health & Safety, DIY, COSHH and RoSPA.

Full UK driving licence is required for this position.

Hours: 32 hours per week – including flexible working hours during weekends and evenings.

Salary: £10.50 per hour.

Holiday entitlement: 20 days pa pro rata.

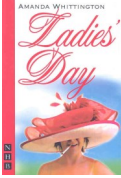
Location: Based at Clifton Community Centre.

For further details or to request an application pack, please contact:

Mrs Kerri Kilby, Clifton Parish Council,  
33 Grange Road, Barton-le-Clay, BEDFORD, MK45 4RE

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

Closing date for applications: Friday 16th September 2022 5pm.



# HATS Drama Group

HATS Drama Group presents the award-winning comedy:

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Meppershall Village Hall,  
Walnut Tree Way, Meppershall, SG17 5AB

**Fridays: 30 September & 7 October**

**Saturdays: 1 & 8 October**

7.30 pm (bar opens 7.00 pm)



Tickets £12 each from:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/hats-drama](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hats-drama) (tel. 0333 666 3366)

Follow HATS on Facebook @HATSDramaMeppershall

## Synopsis:

Life is a hard slog for four fish-filleting women, but their fortunes change when they head to Ascot Ladies Day at the York races. Factory hairnets make way for fascinators as the friends hit the races for an unforgettable day out.

Champagne and secrets are spilled, as tempers fray and friendships are tested. Yet their accumulator bet keeps on winning. If luck and nerves hold the jackpot beckons!

## Poppy Appeal 2022

We will be selling poppies again this year outside Tesco express store on Shefford road. We will be there on the 2 weekends leading up to Remembrance Sunday, so please come along and purchase your poppy from us.



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If anyone could spare an hour to help with selling the poppies please can you contact me on 01462 632754.

Thank you, Denise Panton

BedsRCC launches:

# You Can Do IT! Project



In today's society, technology has transformed our lives, and many of us could no longer imagine living without it. Although those digitally-skilled take these changes in their stride, it is clear that those who are used to more physical forms of life such as paper forms, face-to-face meetings, and physical photographs can struggle to adapt.

At Bedsrcc we recognised the need to provide a service to people who need help using digital technology. In February this year, we launched our **You Can Do IT!** project. **You Can Do IT!** is a digital inclusion project which improves people's lives by getting them online and accessing services and systems that will improve their health and wellbeing. During the sessions, participants are shown how to use their smartphones, tablets, or laptops to carry out tasks such as joining an online activity group, shopping, making video calls to friends and family, and more.

## **Bill Simmons, Digital Lead says:**

*"Aside from learning how to book a GP appointment online or re-order medication using an app, the smaller things often feel the most heart-warming and rewarding. From helping a grandmother to see her grandchildren abroad via a video call, or from scanning utility bills with a tablet so they can be read aloud, or discovering music online, these things can help improve someone's sense of health and wellbeing too."*

***You Can Do IT's** groups often turn frowns into smiles or even laughter, I think everyone in any position in our groups benefits from being part of it."*

Not only does the **YCDIT!** project benefit those who attend the sessions as participants, they also help give purpose to the Digital Health Champions, who without, the sessions couldn't happen.

## **Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Digital Health Champion says:**

*"After taking early retirement I was looking for something that would enable me to use my professional skills in a way that could help the wider community."*

*Getting involved with the project has been immensely beneficial as it has given me a much needed sense of purpose, brought me into a very positive environment and given me the opportunity to meet a wide range of very friendly people."*

We now have four groups running in Biggleswade, Putnoe, Dunstable and Houghton Regis. Over the next two years, new groups will be added across Bedfordshire.

Visit [www.ywb.org.uk/IT](http://www.ywb.org.uk/IT) to find out more.

**Do you need help with your smartphone, tablet, or computer? Join a local You Can Do IT! Group and receive practical help with smartphones, tablets and computers from our lovely volunteers.**

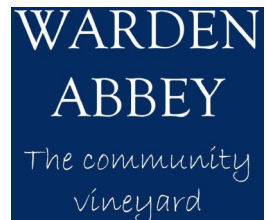
**Or, could you become a volunteer Digital Health Champion to teach people digital skills to support their health and wellbeing?**



## Warden Abbey Vineyard Open Day & Wine Sale Sunday 11th Sep 11- 4pm

Our big day of the year, and main fund-raiser! Come and find out the story of the medieval vineyard and abbey, why and how the monks made wine, and how volunteers now care for the vines all year round. Taste and buy our wines, take a tour and browse the local food and craft stalls. There will be a petting farm, BBQ, ice cream and other refreshments. The vineyard is run as a community and education project by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.

See [www.wardenvineyard.org.uk](http://www.wardenvineyard.org.uk) for tickets and directions, Advance booking for entry and tours is recommended. Entry: Adults £4 online, £5 on day. Children under 16 free. Guided tours £5, self-guided tours free.





# Shefford Craft & Produce Show

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Opens for viewing 2.00 pm**

**Shefford Methodist Hall**

The schedules are now available for the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Craft and Produce Show. They can be collected from the Post Office, Crafty Cafe, the Library, the Newsagents and other places around Shefford.

There is something to inspire everyone who enjoys gardening, cooking, handicrafts and photography. You can enter a truss of tomatoes, 5 runner beans, or a selection of salad vegetables. If you like cooking why not make some strawberry tarts or a Marmalade cake? You can make some poppies for the Yarn Bomb that is planned for the Shefford Remembrance Service in November or create a Remembrance flower arrangement. If you make cards you could enter one in the handicraft section. The Show has a celebratory theme as it is the 40<sup>th</sup> Show so there are several that feature red – a jar of red jam, a photograph of something red. As usual there are classes for children youth groups. There is lots to choose from.

Please give us your support as we would like the Show this year to be a special celebration. Our Fun Quiz Competition is now available for £1. To obtain a sheet please phone 01462 812575 or 815433.

The Show opens for viewing at 2pm when delicious refreshments will also be served and there will be a super raffle.

*The Committee of Shefford Craft and Produce Show*

# CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Clifton Community Centre

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

### Mondays (term time)

Mums & Tots 10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. at the Church

Explorers 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (for Reception to Year 4) at Church

### Wednesdays (term time)

Coffeepot 12.00 noon - 1.30 pm at the Church

### Fridays (term time)

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Website: [www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk](http://www.cliftonpbchurch.org.uk)

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St Francis                      9.00 am    5.15 pm

### **Saturday Service**

St Francis                      11.00 am

## **Shefford Methodist Church**

**Minister:**                      Revd Lorna Valentine    813284

**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**

**Church Leaders:**                      Captains Adrian & Gemma Allen

**Contact:**                                      01462-731072

**Sunday Services:**                      10.30 am

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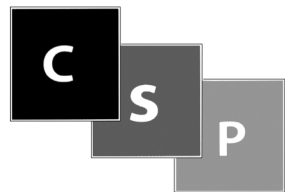
Computer hardware, software and peripherals supplied to businesses and home users

Repairs and upgrades

IT strategy

Broadband internet solutions

Part-time IT management and support contracts



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