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Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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Who's Who in Clifton p1

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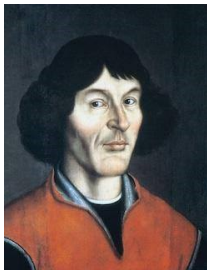
Dear Friends,

Valentine's Day looms! Did you know that the word Valentine is from the Latin word meaning strength? Maybe as we approach Valentine's Day, we can draw on the ultimate strength that the Christian faith offers of hope and love.



I always admire those people with inner strength who can stand up for the truth. What courage they must have to be so assured of their convictions and even change people's views on life.

My hobby as a child was astronomy and one of my favourite scientists in this field was Nicolaus Copernicus from Poland, he was born on the 19th February 550 years ago. He was the first European scientist to suggest that the earth and all the other known planets revolve around the sun. Of course, this theory took another hundred years or more to be accepted as fact! I wonder what makes people stick their neck out and take risks that can even end up in their dying for something that is true. Copernicus didn't die for this revelation, but he took a risk and put his reputation on the line.



Let us pray that we can stay strong and dig deep for inner strength even when the day ahead seems bleak.'faith, hope and love' and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians chapter 13.

With every blessing, Revd Caren



All Saints Church Clifton

Snowman Beetle Drive

Thank you to all who supported the Snowman Beetle Drive which raised **£185** for **Tibbs Dementia Foundation Bedford.**



All Saints Church, Clifton

From the Registers



Funeral followed by burial in the churchyard

24th November Pamela Mackay

29th November Patricia Lowings

Funeral followed by the Crematorium

8th December Stephen Warren

Christenings

11th December Olivia and Harry

All Saints' Church Clifton Services



Sundays:

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

10.30 am Messy Church 4th Sunday (Church Hall)

6.30 pm Evensong, 3rd Sunday

10.00 am Benefice Service 5th Sunday at Clifton, Haynes or Southill
(see **opposite** for details)

Mondays:

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

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

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

CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A little late but all the very best to you for 2023 from all of us here at the Clifton Good Neighbour Scheme (CGNS).

Sadly just before Christmas it was brought to our attention that there had been several cases of strangers targeting people by phone or in person to access their personal details for fraudulent purposes. Fraudsters will call a victim pretending to be from a bank or building society, convincing them to give out their details over the phone. They arrange for a courier to pick up the card claiming it's to be used for evidence or that it will be destroyed. The card is then collected and used by the fraudsters to withdraw money. No doubt you will have heard it many times before but a police officer or bank will never:

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- * 8th February
- * 22nd February
- * 8th March
- * 22nd March

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Clifton WI

Our January Meeting, after the usual New Year Greeting, began with the Campaign Resolutions for this New Year. The results are then forwarded to County to be co-ordinated with the District and sent to Headquarters in London.



The vote was followed by a Fun Game of Musical and ordinary Bingo presented by Tessa, our local Exercise Queen. Everyone agreed it was a fun afternoon. Our usual tea, biscuits and raffle followed.

At our 1st February meeting Central Beds will be sharing with us all the Dos and Don'ts of Recycling and what their aims are, for us and the Planet, followed by tea and Raffle. Our tea ladies for February are, Janet Barnes, Elaine Bayliss and Janice Middleton.



Unless stated otherwise, all Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at The community Hall, 2 pm—4 pm. If you would like to join us as a visitor, age is no barrier and you will receive a warm welcome. Hope to see you there.

Lesley, 01462 231657



Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you all managed to see family and friends over the winter break and participated in festivities. The Christmas break couldn't have come at a better time with many students and staff succumbing to colds, flu and covid in the final week of last term, as well as the disruption caused by the sudden drop in temperature and two inches of snow. I'm pleased to say that everyone seems to have returned to school this term feeling recharged and ready for the term ahead.

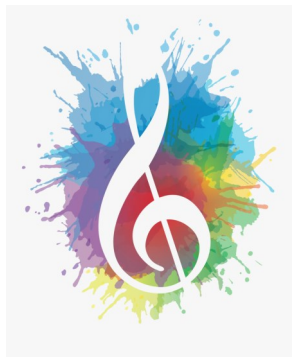
This term there are a wide range of different trips and activities being offered, including the Ski trip over the Easter break, a sociology trip to Harrow, The Society Conference and a trip to watch Matthew Bourne's ballet 'Sleeping Beauty'.

In sport, we've already had some great results with the U16 boys' football team through to the next stages of the ESFA cup and an impressive win by the U18 Netball team against MK college. The 1st and 2nd XV Rugby Teams also had two great friendlies against NSB last friday, to make sure they keep everything ticking over, whilst waiting for the upcoming semi-final of the National Vase Championship in March.

Students in Yr11 received their mock grades this week and their reports, which will provide them with a valuable opportunity to plan their revision timetables based on the gaps in their knowledge or understanding, will follow shortly. The exam season has already started for some of our students who will be taking their BTEC exams this month. Mocks for MFL speaking and Drama exams are also taking place.

Finally, this week saw the first ever Shefford and Stotfold Student Voice conference, held at Best House. Forty eight pupils, aged between 9 to 18, attended from 12 different schools across the cluster, and engaged in an event facilitated by our sixthform students. The focus of the conference was for students to create resources for schools to support children keeping themselves safe online, whether this be Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok or gaming. The conference was an enormous success and I have no doubt that it will become an annual event on the school calendar.

Nick Martin, Principal



Afternoon Concert

Saturday 18th March

3 00 pm

All Saints' Church

Peter Maundrell - Piano

To include music by Schubert, Beethoven,
Chopin and Debussy ("Clair de Lune")

There will be interval refreshments and a retiring collection shared equally between St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, and All Saints' Church.

Admission is by programme, available beforehand from:
Peter Maundrell, 01767 314621 / peterdmaundrell@hotmail.co.uk,
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Choral Evensong

Sunday 19th March - 6 30 pm

All Saints' Church



A service led by Kathy Blackmore and All Saints' Church Choir, who are accompanied by:

James Bryant, Organ

Adrian Cosker, Flute

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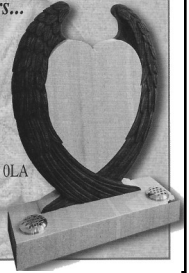
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Clifton Residents Association



Happy New Year!

It may seem a long time ago now but Clifton Residents' Association would like to thank everyone involved in the December Light Up Clifton event. It was a great evening with stalls, games, music, food and fun for all the family.



Our special thanks go to Don Brace who provided the wonderful Christmas tree which graced the village over the festive period. Huge thanks to TJ Plumbing for their generous sponsorship of Santa's grotto and to Father Christmas and his helper, who took time out of their busy schedule to join in the fun. Thanks also go to The Admiral for their hospitality; to the singers and musicians from All Saints Academy and Samuel Whitbread Academy; the helpers who manned the games (and handed out lollipops!) and everyone who helped to make the evening a great success.

Plans are already underway for December 2nd 2023...

If you would like to find out more about Clifton Residents' Association and how to get involved, please contact the Secretary, Bob Smith, or email dianatalbot27@gmail.com

Diana Talbot, Chairperson CRA



New timetable - 5th March 2023!

We will try to include some information on the changes in the March edition. Meanwhile, contact details for the Wanderbus are:

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- 8 Frank W Rivett



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Auf-wiedersehen
thankyou ^{envoi}
godspeed
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CLIFTON

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

5TH - 7TH MAY 2023

Friday 5th May 2023

Lighting of The Clifton Beacon

on the green opposite the duck pond (Grange Street) from 7.30pm

Saturday 6th May 2023 2pm to 6pm

Clifton's Coronation Celebrations

Fun for all the family at Clifton Community Centre and Playing Field,
Free activities for under 18s with a Clifton Coronation Wristband

Sunday 7th May 2023

Service and Events in All Saints Church

Normal Sunday service at 11am, Living Decorations competition,
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Clifton Coronation Celebrations

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Fitness for YOUR life



At this time of year we are all bombarded with ways we can 'revolutionise our fitness regimes' and 'get that 2023 fit-bod you have been craving' with 'new radical techniques'.

As a Fitness Professional with over 25 years' experience it often seems to me that we are being told to try something 'new' that is just something 'old' wrapped up in more tech and more cost. We are given unrealistic targets, which set us up to fail.

So here are my top tips to keep you well, healthy and happy for 2023:

1. **Find an exercise type that you enjoy and that you can stick at.** This could be walking for 20 minutes every day or doing a YouTube free Pilates class.
2. **Timetable your exercise into your diary so that you DO stick at it.** I find exercising first thing in the morning helps me avoid putting it off. Attending a scheduled class is another great way to commit.
3. **Some days we aren't in the mood. Take the day off and try again tomorrow.**
4. **Eat well, watch your portion size and don't eat after 9pm.** Think about colourful ingredients and avoid high fat 'junk' foods. It needs to taste nice and you should enjoy eating it. Food is a pleasure.
5. **A little bit of what you fancy does you good.**
6. **Get your 6-8 hours sleep a night.** For many people lack of sleep is a major issue and affects you in ways you are probably not even aware of.
7. **Find a relaxing mindful activity and practice doing it.** For me I like to have a puzzle on the go, especially in the winter. Maybe you could try reading a book, crafting, cooking.
8. **Be kind to yourself and look after that amazing body of yours...and it will look after you!**

For more info have a look at the NHS (Live-well) website and help yourself to all my recorded classes on YouTube (just search 'Get Fit With Tessa'). I run 10 classes each week in Clifton. Please contact me via email if you'd like more info.

getfitwithtessa@gmail.com—www.getfitwithtessa.com

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity Celebrates Its 70th Anniversary Year

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (Beds RCC) is the leading community development agency working across Bedfordshire, with a proven track record built over 70 years. 2023 is the 70th Anniversary Year of Beds RCC, and it is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the charity's achievements during this time.



Beds RCC have a wide range of projects and services that benefit local communities across Bedfordshire. The work is carried out in four main areas: Supporting Communities, Rural Development, Community and Wellbeing, and Community Transport. The charity also owns three non-profit businesses: The Barn – Cardington, Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre and Tea Room, and Warden Abbey Community Vineyard.

Over the past 70 years, both past and current staff and volunteers at Beds RCC have been an integral part of improving the lives of those living in Bedfordshire.

Beds RCC was originally set up in 1953 as part of the Rural Community Councils set up across the United Kingdom. During the first three years, they became associated with many social aspects of rural life – such as playgrounds and playing fields; clubs and services for the elderly; village halls and Parish Councils - which promoted improvements to their local communities. Many of this work still continues today, alongside new projects and services which have evolved over the years.

2023 will be a busy year for the Charity as they celebrate their anniversary. Plans for the year include a ball, staff celebration, 70th Anniversary AGM, and more commemorative events. Keep an eye out on Beds RCC's Social Media for more information on these.

If you'd like to find out more about Beds RCC, please contact us:

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Clifton Planning Applications Update

Central Beds Decisions to 12th January 2023



CB/22/04288/FULL – 6th December – 30, Clifton Road, SG17 5AE. Remove conservatory and replace with single storey rear and first floor side extensions.

Consultation Period.

CB/22/04677/LDCP – 6th December - 26, Stockbridge Road, SG17 5HA. Conversion of loft space with dormer window and three skylights.

Application Registered.

CB/22/04592/FULL – 29th November – 14, Alexander Close, SG17 5RB, Demolition of garage/carport. Extension to driveway. Part two storey and part single storey extensions. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/22/04562/FULL – 25th November – Land between 12 & 13, Earl Close, SG17 5SY. Erection of detached dwelling. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/22/04533/FULL - 24th November – 53, Pedley lane, SG17 5QT. Two storey front extension. **Decided.**

CB/22/04534/FULL – 24th November – 3a, Earl Close, SG17 5SY. Retention of 1 dwelling despite loss of appeal. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/22/04277/FULL – 3rd November – 4, Clifton House Gardens, SG17 5FR. Erection of single storey side extension. **Decided.**

CB/22/03881/FULL – 24th October – Riverside, Stanford Lane SG17. Erection of garage/workshop building. **Decided.**

CB/22/03753/FULL – 14th October – Community Hall, SG17 5HY. Installation of solar panels to roof areas. **Decided.**

CB/22/03917/FULL – 6th October – 4, Clifton House Gardens SG17 5FR. Erection of oak framed garage. **Decided.**

CB/22/03825/FULL – 29th September – Railway Steamer SG17 5AH. Demolition of existing building. Erection of single retail unit with front parking. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/22/0662/FULL – 21st September – 2, Pedley lane SG17 5EH. Existing single garage enlarge to double. **Decided.**

CB/22/03127/FULL – 2nd August - 57, Brickle Place SG17 5HL. 2 storey rear extension. **Decided.**

CB/22/01488/FULL – 18th May – land north of Stockbridge Road. Erection of 16 dwellings with access from Stockbridge Road. **Awaiting Decision.**

Tony Hyde – Clifton Residents Association

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Children from Yr 5 should be able to learn (we will need parents' permission) and we also teach adults.

Interested? Why not come to one of our practices on a Friday night from 7.30pm and see what it's all about. If Friday isn't convenient, **then please contact the tower captain** Russell Brown at 01462 631057 for more information



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During the pandemic we joined with Robert Bloomfield and Shefford Lower School to hold a joint online remembrance service. The event was incredibly moving and brought together over 3000 students and staff, to hear readings, poems and closing with the last post played by one of our Sixth Form students on the trumpet. The feedback and comments from last year's event were so positive and heart-warming, that we held the service online once again this year, streamed live to classrooms across Shefford/Clifton. Remembrance day is a special time for all schools, but for our three schools it is even more important, as we have many military families from the two local bases.

Over the course of the week before Remembrance Sunday our students crafted individual poppies during tutor time. The poppies were collated and arranged by each tutor group to create a remembrance poppy wreath that were displayed during our Remembrance Service and later around the academy.

Our SWA arts and crafts staff crocheted individual poppies for each staff member to be worn over the course of the week. Staff donated to The Poppy Appeal and discussed with students its symbolism, which we feel embodies many of our school values.

Our Year 9 students were tasked with writing a poem for Remembrance Day during their Engaging Minds lesson. Our staff had the tough decision to select the top three poems. They were super impressed with the quality, volume and effort from the year group. A huge well done to William J.K who won the overall competition, and runners up Lilly M and Barnabas K (poems on following pages).

This year serves to commemorate 40 years since The Falklands War. Year 11 student Charlie has written the following short piece:

What was The Falklands War?

The Falklands War was a conflict between Britain and Argentina when, on April 2nd 1982, Argentina illegally invaded and annexed the British overseas territory of the Falkland Islands. Despite negotiations through the UN, Argentina refused to withdraw from the islands. In response the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, sent a task force of 127 ships and 4,000 troops to recapture the islands. Ultimately, Britain succeeded; however, this short conflict was bloody conflict: in 2 months and 12 days, 256 British soldiers were killed and 5 ships were sunk.

Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Jones VC was the commanding officer of 2nd Battalion (2 PARA) of the Parachute Regiment from 1960 to 1982. He led his battalion through The Falklands from the first landings at San Carlos Bay until his death at The Battle of Goose Green.

On the 28th May 1982 after the capture of Darwin Ridge, his Battalion was ordered to capture the settlement of Goose Green. Unknown to him there were 1,200 Argentine soldiers entrenched around the settlement outnumbering his 690 strong battalion. During the assault, Jones' unit was pinned down by heavy fire from nearby Argentine trenches. Noticing that his battalion was suffering and casualties were mounting he disregarded his own safety and led a charge encouraging his men to move forward whilst firing his submachine gun. He was killed during this act but the Argentinian position surrendered shortly afterwards. For his actions, he was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest award for bravery. The next day, Goose Green was liberated. H Jones was the highest ranking officer to be killed in action during the conflict, but this act, without a doubt, helped in the liberation of Goose Green. He showed great leadership, courage and commitment to his troops, sacrificing his life attempting to save the lives of his men.

Nick Martin, Principal

The Great War, Lily Sample 9M

Why 'great' and not 'horrific'?
Why 18 – so specific.
Hundreds of men, dying every day,
Hundreds of men, not turning away.

An example – Jack Cornwell,
Fighting to the death – he did well.
Yet only 16 like so many others,
Trying so hard to be like their brothers.

Chlorine gas – incinerating.
Death was prominent – no hesitating.
Struggling, lying there,
No one was anywhere.

Nightmares turned to life,
Dreaming of their wife.
Hoping to go home but knowing it's not possible,
Hoping and hoping but death is unstoppable.



Remembrance Sunday, Barnabas Keir 9K

We were men, from towns, farms, hills
Trained together behind oak shields
Left home in search of glory
Died in clothes stitched and soggy

We couldn't rest within those fields
Torn, tattered and unreal
As planes, horses and men fell
Due to those horrid shells

No, we couldn't rest within those grounds
Where no bells rang at nine or twelve
And no one placed flowers on our stone
As we belonged in Britain, not Belgium

But finally, our bodies were found
Bloody and buried in the ground
And we could release the grasp on our hoes
As out of the fields, something grows
A Flower, so red and nice
The opposite of what was our lives

Now we rest in the clouds
High above the battlegrounds
And every year the poppies grow
Each petal, a soul lost in the war

Each petal a drop of blood





The Great War, Lily Sample 9M

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Clifton Poppy Appeal

Clifton raised a massive **£2276.03**

for the 2022 Poppy Appeal.



Thank you all so much for your support. **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

If anyone would like to join our volunteers for the 2023 Appeal please contact me. We normally have a stall outside Tesco Express on the two weekends leading up to Remembrance Sunday and volunteers spend an hour or two manning this stall during this time. If this sounds like something you can help with please call me on 01462 632754.

Many thanks, Denise Panton



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