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Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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Dear Friends

The sun is shining, the flowers are beginning to bloom. There is always hope as new life begins to emerge from the cold winter months.



As we approach the Easter season, I am wondering, through my Lent reflections, is your Parish Church somewhere you are made welcome and can discover more about Jesus?

All Saints might be perceived as a traditional Parish Church and traditional might sound stuffy. Do all our services meet your needs?

If you are new to our village, do come along and know you are welcome here at All Saints. The church is open every day for you to sit and pray in or be a place where you can find some peace. It is not just a pretty church for somewhere to get married, be christened or have funeral for a loved one.

Remember your Parish Church is so much more! At its heart it is not just a building but a welcoming community who have Good News to share with you: about Jesus' birth, his ministry of healing and forgiveness, his ultimate sacrifice for us and resurrection when God raised him to life again on that first Easter Day; how Jesus sent his Holy Spirit, enabling the sharing of the Good News with others.

As I pray for you, why not come and join us at Easter. This is a time of new beginnings, new starts, come and see what we offer, or tell us what we need to know to help you know more about Jesus.

With every blessing, Revd Caren



# *All Saints Church, Clifton*

## *From the Registers*



### **Burial of Ashes**

19th January Kevin Kilby

### **Funeral followed by the Crematorium**

31st January Peter Howe

### **Christening**

15th January Clara Elizabeth Etienne

## **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 **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

## HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

It is human nature to find a fresh cause for optimism and Springtime especially with the emergence of snowdrops, winter aconites, daffodils and other flowering bulbs is a good time for this.

Hopefully the coming year will see even greater strides to minimize the impact of the various Covid and 'flu strains that have been doing the rounds for the past 2/3 years. Maybe there is hope that the war in Ukraine will end and the people there can return to their homes and start living normally again. Wouldn't that be wonderful. And for those poor folk living in Southern Turkey and Northern Syrian whose lives and homes have been devastated by the recent earthquake there must be hope that the international community will come to their aid and help them in whatever way to overcome their plight.

On a much smaller scale those of us associated with Clifton Good Neighbour Scheme are optimistic that we can continue to serve the community and respond to demands on our time and resources as best we can.

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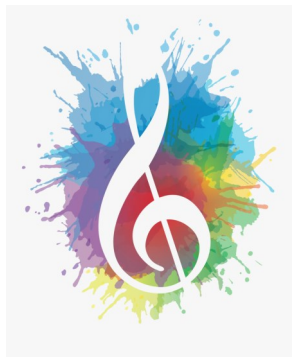
Year 11 students have received their reports which include a wealth of information on how they can improve over the coming months in preparation for their next set of mocks in March. This is an incredibly important time of year for these students who should hopefully already have a detailed revision timetable for the next few weeks as their revision continues.

This year Professor Hubbard and I are leading a project, along with Kimberley College, funded by the Connelly Foundation. The project, which includes working with nearly all Sixth Forms in our county, is focusing on raising the aspirations of over 5000 students currently studying in Year 12 and Year 13. We are working in partnership with Oxford, Cambridge, Cranfield, Bedford, MK:U and The University of Hertfordshire. We are also working with employers such as National Rail. Several meetings with the heads of Sixth Form have taken place, but last week it was the turn of the students. A group of SWA students from The Society led a conference for over 80 students from 14 schools. Activities were all planned and delivered by our students and included taking the delegates through the process of setting up their own Society in their schools. Prof Hubbard was incredibly proud of all the students and the event was a huge success.

We have started the year with some early silverware: the U15 girls basketball team were crowned county champions! The U16 boys' football teams are still in the nationals with wins last week. Last Friday evening, the U14, 15, 17 and 1st XV rugby teams played St Joseph's of Ipswich at the Bedford Athletic ground. It was a fantastic night of rugby. This should be excellent preparation for the upcoming matches in the national vase in March. Thank you to all supporters who braved the cold conditions and supported our boys.

Finally, last week we heard the sad news that Sir Samuel Whitbread had passed away peacefully. He was a keen supporter of the academy and the land the school is built upon was donated by the family over 50 years ago. As Principal of SWA, I had the pleasure of meeting him on a number of occasions, when he came to the school to present the 'Sir Samuel Whitbread House Cup' at our annual awards evenings. He was always genuinely interested in the students' achievements and keen to hear about their future plans and aspirations. We send our heartfelt condolences to the family at this difficult time.

Nick Martin, Principal



## **Afternoon Concert**

**Saturday 18th March**

**3 00 pm**

**All Saints' Church**

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**All Saints' Church**



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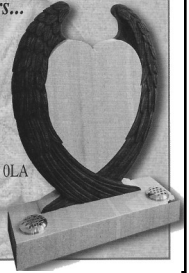
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Whilst the Coronation itself will be broadcast to a worldwide audience; it is the community events which will be foremost in people's collective memories when the day is remembered. It follows therefore that these local celebrations could be considered at least as important as the grand, national events.

The plans for Clifton's Coronation Event that weekend are progressing nicely and are, as ever, buoyed by offers of help from residents and businesses in Clifton. It is gratifying to discover that our village has so many people who are prepared to contribute their time, generosity and skills for absolutely no reward other than knowing they have given because there is a need. We owe them our thanks.

Please take a moment to admire our specially designed cypher which will adorn all the Clifton Coronation posters and publicity. It was designed by Lucia, a student at Samuel Whitbread Academy who, as she has demonstrated, is incredibly talented.



Unless you are watching the Coronation either in person or on the television at home with friends and family, you will see no pomp in Clifton that weekend. No Red Arrows, no fireworks and no horse drawn carriages. (Although if you have a balcony to wave from it might come in handy!).

What you will see is joy and laughter and colour and music and, well, people of all ages coming together and having a good time. No soldiers marching with bearskins, but children squealing with excitement. Horses from the Household Division will not clatter along Church Street, but grandparents will chat in the Community Centre. The crowds along The Mall may be bigger, but our crowds queuing for rides or a burger will be better!

**Your presence at Clifton's Coronation Event is humbly requested.**

**RSVP not required.**

**We look forward to seeing you there. Have fun!**



# Clifton Coronation Celebrations

## Schedule and Event Information



### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Lighting of The Clifton Beacon

Taking place on the green opposite the duck pond on Grange Street, from 7:30pm. The Beacon will be lit at around 9:15pm. Food and drink will be available to purchase from The Admiral and The Golden Lion public houses.

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Clifton's Coronation Celebrations.

The "main event" of the weekend, on the playing field and in Clifton Community Centre from 2pm to 6pm, with lots of fun for all the family; including FREE rides and activities, to all children up to 18 years of age, who are wearing their Clifton Coronation Celebrations Wristband. Wristbands will be issued to children up to 18 years of age who are residents of Clifton or have close family connections within the village; they will be distributed via schools and pre-schools or be available to collect leading up to and on the day of the event. More details on where to collect wristbands from will be released via Facebook, use the QR code above to follow our page. Free rides, activities, and games, including:

- Chair-o-planes
- Teacups ride
- Trampolines
- Climbing wall
- Bouncy castle
- Assault course
- Traditional fairground games
- "Have-a-go" activities from local clubs
- Messy Church
- Photo booth
- Inflatable helter-skelter
- ...and much more!

Other activities, including:

- Raffle
- Demonstrations from local clubs and organisations
- Musical entertainment
- Craft exhibition
- Classic vehicle display
- Variety of stalls
- Home baking competition

Refreshments will be available in the Community Centre and there will be a variety of food and drink available throughout the day including a BBQ, Hey Spud topped chips, Tapped Bar and an ice cream van.

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Service and Events in Church.

The 11am Sunday Service will be one of Thanksgiving where we will be joined by Samuel Whitbread Community College Choir. Following the service, stay with us at All Saints Church on Church Street to look at the entries for the Living Coronation Decorations contest, there will be musical entertainment and refreshments throughout the day. At 2pm a second service will be held featuring a Coronation Re-enactment by children from All Saints Academy. Following this service there will be children's activities in and around the church. The Raffle will be drawn at 5pm to close the weekend's festivities.

If you would like any further information, please use the above QR code to follow our Facebook page or e-mail: [CliftonCoronation@gmail.com](mailto:CliftonCoronation@gmail.com)

*(Please note all events are subject to change)*



CLIFTON

# CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Would like you to create a

## Living Decoration

Construct a living decoration in honour of the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III to be displayed in All Saints Church

Please e-mail [CliftonCoronation@gmail.com](mailto:CliftonCoronation@gmail.com) to register your entry in one of these categories

- Categories:**
- Under 18 years
  - 18 years and over
  - Group or Organisation



**Prizes For:** Judges' and Peoples' Choice in each category





CLIFTON

## CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Would like to exhibit your  
**Coronation  
Creations**

We know there are many crafty and creative groups and individuals in and around the village and we would love to showcase your skills in a Coronation themed exhibition

Whether it's cross-stich or crochet, painting or sculpture, colouring in or collage, or anything inbetween; it will be our honour to display your Coronation Creations!

Please e-mail [CliftonCoronation@gmail.com](mailto:CliftonCoronation@gmail.com)  
to reserve your exhibition space





C L I F T O N

## CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Would like you to make

# A HOME BAKE FIT FOR A KING

Just pick from the categories below and bring your entry to the Community Centre between 1:15 and 1:30pm on Saturday 6th May.



### Categories:



- Tray Bake
- Biscuit or Cookie
- Sandwich Sponge Cake
- Cupcake
- Fruit Cake
- Loaf
- Baker's Choice



Please make sure your name and contact number are on the underside of your serving dish.

Entries will be sold as refreshments following judging.





CLIFTON

# CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

needs



For events 5th-7th May 2023

We are seeking volunteers and marshalls for anything from an hour up to a full day, for a variety of roles across the weekend.

**We need you to make the events a success!**

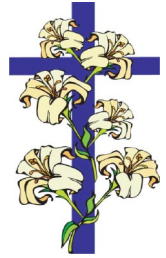
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# Stuart Paul Pavey

8 April 1971 – 20 December 2022

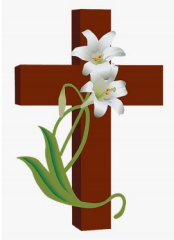
My beloved younger son, Stuart, passed away suddenly just before Christmas from a heart attack, aged just 51. We are all absolutely devastated of course but have been hugely comforted by the outpouring of love that we have received. The phone calls, the letters and cards, the beautiful flowers and the generous donations to the British Heart Foundation have truly helped us all during this difficult time.



We truly are very grateful, Thank You  
Jane, Sam, Ben, Johnnie, Beth, Lola and Amber

## Thanksgiving Service, March 11th, 4pm

for the lives of **Stan & Sheila Ashton**



On Saturday 11th March at 4pm there will be a Thanksgiving Service at All Saints to remember Stan and Sheila Ashton, two special people who were part of our community for many years. Stan was a former Tower Captain and his wife Sheila was well known for her paintings., some of which will be displayed at the service.

All are welcome to come to share memories, look at paintings and enjoy tea and cake.

## Prayer Box

(Let us pray for you)

The Church now has a prayer box on the entrance to the church. If you would like us to pray for you or anything, then please put a prayer request into the box, and we will pray your prayers each week at our Wednesday service at 10am.





**Theme for March**  
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## Clifton Planning Applications Update Central Beds Decisions to 13<sup>th</sup> February



**CB/23/00277/FULL** – 55, Stockbridge Road, SG17 5HH.  
2 storey side extension with roof lights. Front canopy.  
**Consultation Period.**

**CB/23/00019/FULL** 8, Whiston Crescent, SG17 5HJ. New front porch and internal works. **Consultation Period.**

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

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

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

**CB/22/04562/FULL** – 25<sup>th</sup> November – Land between 12 & 13, Earl Close, SG17 5SY. Erection of detached dwelling. **Decided – Rejected.**

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

**CB/22/04534/FULL** – 24<sup>th</sup> November – 3a, Earl Close, SG17 5SY.  
Retention of 1 dwelling despite loss of appeal. **Decided – Rejected.**

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

**CB/22/01488/FULL** – 18<sup>th</sup> May – land north of Stockbridge Road.  
Erection of 19 dwellings with access from Stockbridge Road.  
**Decided – Rejected.**

## Situation Vacant

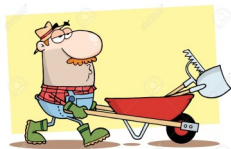


Clifton Residents' Association is looking for a new Secretary. The present incumbent has been in post since 2014 and is now in their mid 80s.

The Secretary is supported by an excellent team and the present Secretary will provide guidance as required.

Bob Smith, [williamsmith@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:williamsmith@tiscali.co.uk)

# Churchyard Working Parties



This year we are repeating our 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 11th March

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

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



## Self-help Art Group

Are there any amateur artists out there who would be interested in forming a self-help group? Any kind of creative art would be welcome, painting, drawing, printing, collage or whatever medium takes your fancy.



We could get together to exchange ideas and inspiration. There is already an established crafts group which meets every Monday morning in Clifton Church so it would be great to add other different kinds of art. If you are interested in this idea, please contact me either by telephone 812336 or email. [elisabethisobel@gmail.com](mailto:elisabethisobel@gmail.com)

 WANDERBUS

## 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:

**Bookings & Info Tel :0300-123-3023**

**e-mail: [thewanderbus@gmail.com](mailto:thewanderbus@gmail.com)**

**[www.wanderbus.org.uk](http://www.wanderbus.org.uk)**

## Clifton WI



At our February meeting, we welcomed 7 visitors and 42 members, we were also happy to welcome a Representative of Central Beds. She came to talk us through the rights and wrongs of RECYCLING. We all learned something I think, especially myself. A Bottle Bank site is under discussion. Watch this space!!

Our next meeting on the 1st of March will start with our AGM followed by Beetle Drive, Tea, Biscuits and Raffle. Our tea ladies will be Chris Byers, Angela Ellison and Pat Le Sage.

Lesley 01462 231657

## WI Coffee Morning

10th March, 10.00-12.00

The Church Hall,  
Stanford Road, Clifton



Entrance £2 to include coffee and biscuits. On Sale Cakes, Cards, paperbacks, with a Tombola and Raffle.

Hope to see you there, all welcome.

# Lions Jumble Sale

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Doors open 1.30 pm

Entrance £1 per adult

Community Centre,  
Whiston Crescent, Clifton



# CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Anti-Social Behaviour

Most residents will be aware of and deplore the anti-social behaviour taking place around the shelter on the playing field. Recently this has included using and dealing in illegal drugs, playing loud music at inappropriate times, using foul language, riding motorcycles on the playing field, throwing stones at residents using the Community Centre, vandalising property and lighting fires serious enough to require the attendance of the Fire Service. Such activity is intolerable.



Your Parish Council is very aware that when a minority engage in this type of behaviour it blights other people's lives and makes our community a less pleasant place in which to live. In order to combat anti-social behaviour, meetings have been held with the Police and the relevant personnel at CBC. Furthermore, a high-definition CCTV system has been installed which overlooks most of the playing field including, naturally, the shelter. More recently the Parish Council have escalated their approach and are now co-ordinating with the Police at a higher level and this has had an immediate and positive effect. However, there are limits on what any Parish Council can do and what resources the police can deploy.

The prevalence of crime often induces a feeling of helplessness in us all as individuals, but in fact there are things that we can all do to help.

- If you see anti-social behaviour taking place anywhere in the village, contact the police using the 101 telephone service or their website. The police have recommended using their webchat option as being the quickest and most efficient. (Simply type "Bedfordshire Police" into your search engine and click on "contact us" where you will find the webchat).

Police patrols are based, in part, upon the number and frequency of reported incidents, so every report you make helps!

- Please do not post a "furniture free to be collected from outside your property" type message on social media. All too often this quickly finds its way to the shelter and is set alight.
- Most importantly, if you have adolescent children make sure you



know where they are and what they are doing in the evening. We all know how difficult this can be, we were young once! However, it is believed most trouble is caused by a few ringleaders and it is all too easy for young people to be influenced by peer pressure and drawn into trouble.

- If you are a dog walker, horse rider or simply a concerned citizen and want to join the Dog Watch, Horse Watch or Neighbourhood Watch schemes please contact the Parish Clerk or a Parish Councillor. These schemes provide a route whereby suspicious activity can be directly reported, in strict confidence, to the Police.
- Finally, you will see below a recruitment drive for Special Police Officers and PCSOs in this area.

**Clifton is a great village. Let's keep it that way.**

**Thank you.**

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[Bedfordshire - Neighbourhood Special Constable - Tri-force \(tal.net\)](https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/Neighbourhood-Special-Constable-Tri-force-tal.net)



Bedfordshire Police would also like residents to complete a short survey to assist them in understanding what local communities consider to be the issues they would want us to deal with. Please scan the QR code to:

**Have Your Say**

# Crime Statistics for JANUARY 2023

## ATTEMPTED BURGLARY – BUS AND COMMUNITY

02/01/2023 Stanford Lane

## ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY

03/01/2023 Clifton Park, New Road

18/01/2023 Napier Orchard

18/01/2023 Napier Orchard

## PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS

03/01/2023 New Road



## ARSON NOT ENDANGERING LIFE

04/01/2023 Stanford Lane

07/01/2023 Stanford Lane

## BURGLARY – BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY

04/01/2023 Stanford Lane

## MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

06/01/2023 Undisclosed

25/01/2023 Undisclosed

## ATTEMPTED BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL

12/01/2023 Brickle Place

## SEXUAL

19/01/2023 Undisclosed

## STALKING

19/01/2023 Undisclosed

## BURGLARY – RESIDENTIAL

29/01/2023 Fairground Way



# Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

## Useful information on our website

OPCC Newsletters: <https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/newsletters/>

Independent Custody Visiting Scheme info: <https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/independent-custody-visiting/>

Stop and Search/Use of Force Community Scrutiny Panel info: <https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/stop-and-search/>

PCC's Youth Conference: <https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/pccs-youth-conference-2023/>

Year 9 students from across Bedfordshire are invited to attend the: **Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth Conference 2023** which take place across the following dates and venues:

Tuesday 28th February 2023

**Central Bedfordshire** – The Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road, Flitwick, Beds, MK45 1AH  
9:15am – 3:15pm

Wednesday 1st March 2023

**Luton Borough** – Venue, 360 20 Gipsy Ln, Luton LU1 3JH  
9:15am – 3:15pm

Thursday 2nd March 2023

**Bedford Borough** – King's House, 245 Amphill Rd, Bedford MK42 9AZ  
9:15am – 3:15pm

Bridgebury House, Bedfordshire Police Headquarters, Woburn Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK43 9AX

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# CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Providence Baptist Church – Clifton

### Sunday Services

\*10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. A warm welcome is assured to all. Communion is held during the 6.00 p.m. service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month.

\*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)

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

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

Contact: [cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com)

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### **Sunday Services**

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**

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

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**Sunday Services:**                      10.30 am

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