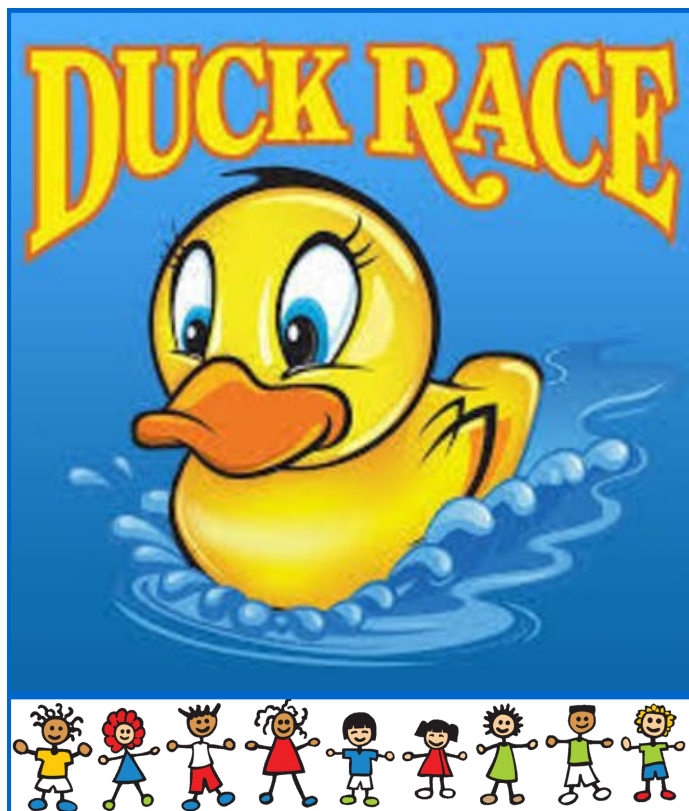


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July 2023

The **Clifton Chronicles** is published 11 times a year and distributed to each of the 1650 houses in Clifton. The Chronicles is produced and distributed entirely by a friendly team of over 60 volunteers.

There are lots of events coming up: teas in the Church Hall, a Food Truck Event, The Scarecrows and the Farm Run. Do participate and enjoy being part of our lovely community.

All contributions and information from clubs, societies and general community interest items are welcome, the editor reserves the right to make decisions on content. Please e-mail contributions to: chronicles@clifton-beds.co.uk

As always the Chronicles is available on line: www.clifton-beds.co.uk

Kathy Blackmore, Editor

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Dear Friends

Do you like chocolate?

It's music to my ears that this 7th July is yet another World Chocolate Day. I've been observing this day since 2009 when it was introduced to remember the introduction of chocolate to Europe in 1550.



As the summer holidays approach you may take a visit to Kew Gardens in London and see the Chocolate tree! The Cacao tree (*Theobroma cacao*), also known as cocoa or cocoa tree.

Chocolate can taste heavenly and one of my favourite brands is called Divine.

The chocolate tree the *Theobroma cacao* means "food of the gods." Just as chocolate can leave a good taste in your mouth so can the words of God from the Bible be sweet to taste.

Just like chocolate, honey is of course another natural sweetener. God's words or laws bring a sweetness to the life we live. Just as our tongues crave sweet desserts, our lives should crave the sweetness of God's words, where our values of love, respect for each other can grow.

St Peter writes in his first letter chapter 2, verses 1 to 3:

'Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like new-born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.'

Have a sweet and restful summer,

Every blessing Revd Caren



All Saints Church, Clifton *From the Registers*



Burial of Ashes

22nd May
24th June

Barbara Lawrence
John Good

Christening

11th June

Chester Bennett

Benefice Service, 30th July **Southill Church, 10.00 am**

(No service in Clifton)



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

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Although the format of the sessions has changed the concept remains the same. A chance to renew acquaintances, meet new friends but above all to enjoy yourselves. If you feel like dropping in to see what we do you'd be very welcome.

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Previously we said a fond farewell to Year 13, before they started their formal exams. It was a well natured event with several Hawaiian shirts and golfer outfits on show. For many of them, this is the end of five years at Samuel Whitbread Academy and they have been a truly amazing year group. As well as several sporting highlights, they have also taken part in numerous pantomimes, shows and musical extravaganzas. They will certainly be missed and we wish them all the best on the next stage of their journeys.



We also said goodbye to Year 11 after their English Literature exam. This was another fantastic day and their send off included an inter-tutor group tug of war on the field in the sunshine, a visit from the ice cream man and an online assembly that celebrated their achievements. Listening to music on the field, they shared memories and signed each other's shirts, some of which had incredible designs! It was a wonderful atmosphere and an absolute pleasure to spend the day with such a sociable and friendly year group.



In glorious sunshine, the bronze DofE expedition took place at Town Farm Campsite, Ivinghoe, Bedfordshire and the Silver expedition at Hope Valley in the Peak District. I would like to thank all the staff who give up their weekends to spend time helping our children achieve such a great award.

Nick Martin, Principal



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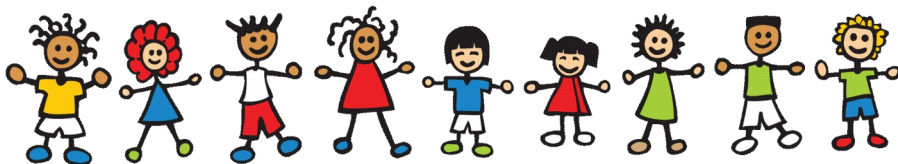
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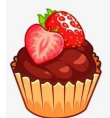
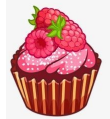
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Clifton Residents' Association

Clifton Scarecrow Festival

16th & 17th September 2023



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Scarecrow Name (s): _____

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Clifton WI



Our meeting on the 7th June was a great success. We were thoroughly entertained, by local singer, Clara Bo. We joined in with some of the songs, the more adventurous got up to boogie to the livelier tunes. An uplifting afternoon for all.



Some of our ladies are attending the Ascot Ladies day, with afternoon tea. This is an Annual event held at Mount Pleasant Golf Club. An opportunity to put on your glad rags!!

Our July 5th Meeting is an afternoon cream tea party in Gill's garden. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us. The tea starts at 2 pm - 4 pm. August is our Annual barbecue at Clifton Cricket Club. Subject to the weather of course.

We are a thriving WI and welcome visitors to our meetings held in the Community Hall. The next opportunity for a visit being the first Wednesday in September 2-4 pm.

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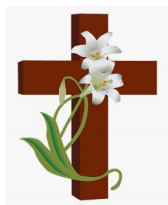
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- 6 Russell A Brown
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- 8 Shaun A Somerville

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Terry Brown, who was unable to ring, wishes to be associated with this peal.



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Clifton All Saints' Church Choir



All Saints' Church Choir leads the music in worship at most services in Clifton Church and some at Southill Church, and often participates in weddings and funerals, and sings choir items in special services such as A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas, and during the administration of Holy Communion during Eucharistic services.

New members in the Senior Choir and Junior Choir are always welcome. At present, with the recent retirement of Jennifer and Roger Warburton, Senior Choir consists of two sopranos, one alto, one tenor (the current organist), and one bass.

Senior Choir rehearsals are held in church on Thursdays during school term from 8.00 till 9.15 pm. We sing at the 11 am services at Clifton on 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month, and at the 9.30 am service at Southill on the 2nd. Sunday, and at the 6.30 pm Evensong service at Clifton on 3rd Sunday.

Junior Choir rehearsals are held in church on Tuesdays during school term from 4.00 till 4.30 pm. Junior Choristers are encouraged to sing at the 11.00 am services at Clifton on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Boys and girls in Year 2 or above are eligible to join Junior Choir.

If you are interested in joining the Junior or Senior Choir, please contact the organist, Peter, on petermaundrell@hotmail.co.uk, or telephone 01767 314621.

"Music in worship is not an optional extra, it expresses the height and depth of human experience and exposes the beauty of God in ways that words never can."

(Rev. Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans.)

If you love music and enjoy singing, please consider joining us. We'd love to have you with us.

Peter Maundrell

Clifton Walking Group



The Clifton Walking Group is a friendly bunch of local people who like to walk in the local area and chat along the way. We go out most days for about an hour, and once a month do a longer route of about 6 to 8 miles. We also arrange social events over the year which has been rather limited of late, but as restrictions are lifted we will organise more of these.

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Suzanne on:
ionssuzanne@gmail.com or 07933 709006

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The Club is situated within the grounds of the Shefford Town Memorial Association, which is just off Hitchin Road. The entrance is opposite the Woolpack Public House.

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 8th July
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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



Clifton Planning Applications Update - Central Beds Decisions at 10th June 2023



CB/23/01707/FULL – 23rd May – Clistone, Stanford Lane, SG17 5EU. Removal of garage and construction of single storey side extension. **Consultation Period.**

CB/23/ 01267/FULL – 16th May – 15, Herberts Meadow, SG17 5FU. Conversion of car port into garden/office room. **Consultation Period.**

CB/23/01470/FULL – 4th May – 16, Haycock Gardens, SG17 5QN. Erection of single side extension. **Consultation Period.**

CB/23/ 01467/FULL – 4th May – 41, Broad Street, SG17 5RL. Proposed single storey side and rear extensions. **Consultation Period.**

CB/23/01344/FULL – 26th April – 39, Shefford Road, SG17 5RO. New bungalow at rear of land. **Consultation period.**

CB/23/01371/FULL – 25th April – 27, New Road, SG17 5JH. Amended plans for new dwelling. **Consultation period.**

CB/23/00797/FULL – 30th March – 174, Clifton Road, SG17 5AH. Demolition of garage and erection of single storey dwelling and outbuilding. **Awaiting decision.**

CB/23/01021/FULL – 27th March – 32, Clifton Road, SG17 5AE. Two storey side extension, single storey front extension and loft extension. **Awaiting decision.**

CB/23/00962/FULL – 22nd March – The Willows, Stanford Lane, SG17 5EU. Single storey rear extension, front porch and conversion of garage to create larger first floor. **Awaiting decision.**

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

Tony Hyde – Clifton Residents Association



Crime Statistics for May 2023

SEXUAL

02/05/2023 Undisclosed

ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY

04/05/2023 Shefford Road
19/05/2023 Harwood Lane

MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

04/05/2023 Undisclosed
16/05/2023 Undisclosed

OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE

04/05/2023 Ashlington Court

STATE OR PUBLIC ORDER

11/05/2023 Earl Close
20/05/2023 Earl Close

POSSESSION OF CONTROL DRUGS (EX CANNABIS)

19/05/2023 Harwood Lane

OTHER THEFT

23/05/2023 Shefford Road
25/05/2023 Shefford Road



Shefford Craft and Produce Show

Saturday 9th September 2023



The Show Committee would like you to put the date of the next Show in your diary. The 41st Annual Show will be held as usual in the Methodist Schoolroom, Amphill Road on Saturday 9th September. The schedules are now available and can be collected from the Library, the Post Office, Rosebuds Cafe, the Newsagents and other locations. There is something for everyone in the various classes, whether you are a gardener, crafter or photographer.

In the morning we hope lots of competitors will bring their entries into the Hall for judging. In the afternoon, from 2.00 pm, we hope that visitors will come to see how clever our local residents, both young and not so young, are at growing and making.

Refreshments of tea and homemade cake will be served whilst you wait for the Prizegiving at 4.00 pm. The Annual Quiz sheets will also be available for £1 as this creates interest and helps to support the Show.

We hope to make this year's Show bigger and better. So please have a go!

The Committee of Shefford Craft and Produce Show

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clifton Community Centre

We are fortunate in Clifton to have a modern, spacious, well-equipped community centre with floodlit parking for 60 cars. For information on the facilities available, and to see just how easy and inexpensive it is to use this hall see:

[www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls for hire/Community Centre](http://www.clifton-beds.co.uk/halls%20for%20hire/Community%20Centre)

To check availability and make a booking, please contact:

parish-council@clifton-beds.co.uk

Kerri Kilby 07547 129038 or

Kevin Warren on 07546 239784

Booking forms and conditions of hire can be downloaded from the website.



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 3rd 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

Contact: cliftonpbchurch@gmail.com

ABOUT OUR FRIENDS



St Francis of Assisi, Roman Catholic Church, Shefford

Father	Canon Bennie Noonan	813436
Deacon	Rev Peter Hyde	711702
Parish Secretary	Rose Boulton	811547

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

9.30 am Worship for all, plus Junior Church, crèche facilities & refreshments afterwards.

Other activities see the notice-board & www.sheffordmethodist.org.uk

Salvation Army, Stotfold

Church Leaders: Captains Adrian & Gemma Allen

Contact: 01462-731072

Sunday Services: 10.30 am

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