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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: Darkest Night Service, Light Up Clifton, WI Coffee Morning, Snowman Beetle Drive and even a Wine Sale! 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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Who's Who in Clifton p1

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Dear Friends

Have you been following the 3rd of David Attenborough's Planet Earth series? Do you marvel at the wonders we have around us? Recently our church has received a Silver Eco Award for how it is recycling and using ecologically responsible resources for events; saving energy with heating and lighting; caring for our graveyards by keeping the biodiversity enriched for plants and other wildlife while at the same time reducing the use of plastic. None of this is always popular, but then God's decision to send his only son to be our saviour wasn't welcomed either.

God wants us to look at the world afresh and find ways that we can support each other. The greatest gift that God gave at Christmas through the birth of Jesus Christ is love. I wonder if we can look with fresh eyes and see God's love in the things he has created.

Psalm 19:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Verses from Psalm 136

"God spread out the earth upon the waters ...made the great lights...the sun to govern the day,... the moon and stars to govern the night...Give thanks to God in heaven."

Matthew 6:26

"Look at the birds flying around, they do not sow seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; your Father in heaven takes care of them."

I wonder this Christmas, can we find God on earth this season and will we continue to seek him in the New Year?

The first man in space, Yuri Gagarin, commented that he did not see God on his travels. A priest on hearing this observation reflected and said; 'If you haven't seen God earth, you will never see him in Heaven!'



As we turn our gaze towards the heavens this Christmas, may we see the world through God's eyes as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Every Blessing Revd Caren**

All Saints' Church, Clifton From the Registers



Churchyard Burial

1st November Spencer Brown

Funeral in church, followed by burial at Campton & Shefford Cemetery

3rd November Angenita Alveranga

Funeral in church, followed by North Herts Crematorium

7th November Eileen Panayi

15th November Betsy Gray

Funeral at North Herts Crematorium

20th November Dawn Priestly

Burial of Ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

16th November Gillian Flint

All Saints' Church Clifton Services



Sundays:

11.00 am Parish Communion 1st, 3rd
 Family Service, 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

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

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

All Saints Church, Clifton

Christmas Morning Service
(without Holy Communion)

9.30 am

Other services see the card & page 19



Benefice Service

Sunday 31st December

10.00 am

St Mary's Church, Haynes



Messy Church—January 28th

Church Hall, 10:30 am

- ✓ Craft activities for all the family
- ✓ Stories and songs
- ✓ Hot lunch
- ✓ No fixed cost- donations welcome
- ✓ No need to book



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Clifton Poppy Appeal 2023



I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in volunteering with this year's Poppy Appeal and to everyone who supported it.

We had a very successful stall outside our local Tesco store over 2 weekends. A massive Thank you also goes to All Saints School, The Golden Lion, The Admiral, Baxter's, Tesco, Clifton cuisine and Clifton Garage for selling poppies.

I hope most people saw the post box outside Tesco, which had been beautifully decorated by Katherine Scheepers, thank you so much for doing this.

We had a surprise visitor, Alistair Strathern MP, on Saturday afternoon, photographed here with poppy volunteers Suzanne, Jean, Val and Don.

**Thank you all again for your support
Denise Panton**



CLIFTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

FESTIVE SEASON

Where did 2023 go? Its been a very busy year for the Good Neighbour Scheme and that's probably contributed to the time passing very quickly. We've continued to recruit extra volunteers but we could always do with more especially drivers! Requests for our help have increased over the year and we've usually been able to meet them but occasionally we've had to disappoint hence the need for more drivers.

The Tea & Chat sessions seem to get livelier than ever! Much of that is due to the varied nature of the programme and the fact that folk are enjoying the programme and making new friends. If you know anyone who needs company or cheering up get them to come to one of the sessions. Its more than likely that they will want to come again.

At this time of the year our usual reminder to make sure Christmas presents are kept out of view as they can prove tempting to some. And please do make sure that any electrical decorations are still safe before using them and remember to switch them off before leaving home or going to bed.

Throughout the year our volunteers have done a sterling job and we'd like to express our very grateful thanks to all of them.

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From all of us here at the CGNS:

**A very happy Christmas and New Year
to you, your family and friends**



CGNS Tea & Chat on Wednesdays

Church Hall, Stanford Lane, 2.00 - 4.00



- ★ 13th December
(This is last one in 2023!)
- ★ 10th January 2024
- ★ 24th January
- ★ 14th February



2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month

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All Saints' Church Clifton Let there be Light



Our church is floodlit at night as part of our efforts to keep our building safe and secure. To help us to meet escalating costs we are offering people the opportunity to celebrate a special occasion or commemorate a loved one's anniversary by sponsoring the floodlighting.

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To mark your special occasion in this way please and help us keep our church safe contact: benefice.admin@clifton-beds.co.uk

Church Floodlighting Sponsors: December/January

Month	Sponsor	Dedication
December & January	Not published	In memory of John and all the happy birthdays we've spent together

Clifton Good Neighbour Scheme

Thank you to all our volunteers



The CGNS Committee are really pleased to say a big, big 'Thank you' to all the volunteers for the time, support and help you've given us and the residents of Clifton throughout the year.

Together we should take much pleasure in noting that over the last 9 months, the whole volunteer team has helped over 420 villagers with various transport requests and befriending and enjoyed the company of a further 25 ish attendees each session at tea and chat, making it around 700 cuppa's we've served in the those months!! So, our congratulations all round and sincerest thanks.

Just to mention, here, we fully understand that circumstances change for all of us, and if you are unable to volunteer with CGNS any longer, we truly understand if you need to withdraw. We hope very much not, of course, but it would help us very much if you'd be kind enough to let me know, as this considerably helps us when messaging around etc for the phone holders particularly, and keeps my records straight!!!

We always have need of more volunteers to help us meet the needs in our community, if you think you would be able to spare some time and would like to find out more just call:

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In the meantime, we hope our volunteers and 'customers' are well, and will have a very Happy Christmas and equally happy and good New Year.

Judith Hagger, Chair, CGNS Committee





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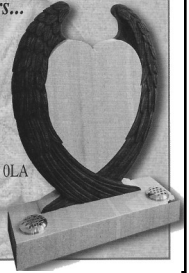
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I am delighted to announce that we have agreed to become a collection point for the food banks run by the Preen Community Interest company in Biggleswade and the Need Project, Baptist Church in Shefford. If you would like to donate to either of these two charities, then please click on the links to their websites to see the list of items that they will accept and then bring anything you want to donate to reception. Also, The Rotary Club appeal was a great success again this year with 48 shoe boxes delivered today and a further 50 expected to be completed by next Friday. We continue to support this great cause so children, less fortunate than us, can open these on Christmas Day. This is a fantastic appeal and one that we have supported every year for several years now.



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Finally, we are pleased to say that the joint Remembrance Day, with pupils RBA and Shefford Lower and over 3000 pupils, has now become an annual event following a very successful online service during lockdown in 2020. Poems were read by pupils from RBA and Shefford Lower School, as well as a duologue from Journeys End performed by GCSE Drama students from Whitbread.

Nick Martin, Principal



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Light Up Clifton 2023



First: an apology...

A complaint was made to yours truly, admittedly somewhat tongue in cheek, that in last month's update, we didn't remind you where Light Up Clifton was being held. (As if you didn't know!). So - Sorry Kevin!

Light Up Clifton 2023 will start at 4.00pm on Saturday 2nd December in Grange Street, slap bang wallop next to the duck pond. Opposite The Admiral. It will finish at around 7.00pm. The countdown to the annual tree lighting will start at 5.00pm with pupils from All Saints Academy entertaining you shortly afterwards.

Two late news items:

- ✓ Firstly, **CUPS**, (Clifton Ukelele PlayerS) will be performing for us all on the night. This is something to really look forward to, so thanks in advance to them.
- ✓ Secondly, **lollipops!** We know you are all worried about the availability of lollipops at Light Up Clifton, so please sit down and take a deep breath because ... there **will** be lollipops! (sighs of relief all round!).



In other news:

Everything is on track for another bumper evening of pre-Christmas Cliftonian cheer. Lots of free games for the children, (with lollipop prizes), and, of course, Santa will be there to see if you've been naughty or nice. (Kevin might be in for a shock!).

If that wasn't enough there will be stalls, food wagons and an abundance of atmospheric Admiral affability - with live music and food of course!

We may even have a fire engine and a police car, complete with flashing lights! (naturally subject to operational constraints).

Now, prepare to gird your loins in happy anticipation of enjoying and experiencing a little bit of Clifton as it is but once a year!

We look forward to seeing you. Merry Christmas!
(Happy now Kevin?)



Christingle

Sunday 3rd December

@ 4.00

All Saints Church



Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope whilst also raising money for the Children's Society's excellent work.

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Snowman

'Beetle Drive'

Monday December 4th

2 pm - 4 pm

All Saints' Church, Clifton

£5 per person

including light refreshments.

Tickets on the door

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The Darkest Night Service

Wednesday 20th December

at 4.00 pm

All Saints Church, Clifton

This service is on the shortest day and is for all those who have been bereaved this year or are in need of comfort for any loss or worry.



There will be lovely traditional carols, prayers for healing and restorative readings to comfort the soul.

Come and light a candle to remember a loved one and write a message on a star for them to be kept in our prayers.

Do come along to the service which will be followed by refreshments and chat.



All Saints' Church, Clifton
Christmas Services 2023

Sunday 3rd December
Christingle, 4.00 pm

Sunday 17th December,
Carol Service, 6.30 pm
(9 Lessons)



Wednesday 20th December
Darkest Night Service, 4.00 pm
(for those who are sad this Christmas, see p15)



Christmas Eve 24th December
Crib Service, 4.00 pm

Christmas Eve 24th December
Midnight in Bethlehem, 9.30 pm (HC)

Christmas Day 25th December
Christmas Morning Service, 9.30 am
(not Holy Communion)



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Sunday 3rd December

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*a Merry Christmas &
a Happy & Healthy New Year*



woodlands

pre-school

Woodlands Preschool is a charity run provision providing early years education for children between the ages of 2.5- 4 years old. We are nestled on the field of Clifton All Saints Academy and benefit from the lovely surroundings of the trees and wildlife. If you are looking for a place for your child and would like some more information about availability, please visit our website and complete a registration form:

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It's our favourite time of year at Woodlands and we are well and truly in the swing of Christmas. The children have been taking part in a variety of sparkly Christmas crafts, baking and of course singing practice for our Christmas performance on Friday 15th December. We are delighted to be holding our performance in the hall of Clifton All Saints Academy for the first time this year, followed by refreshments and our annual Christmas raffle.

Our Fundraising Team have been busy this half term. We held a cake sale in November which raised a fantastic £150 thanks to the wonderful generosity of our parents. This money will find new resources for the children of Woodlands.

On the 15th of November we held our first ever Sponsored Welly Walk. The children got dressed for the weather in wellies and splash suits and made their way around lots of fun obstacles on the school field. We all had a fantastic morning and raised much more needed money for resources. Thank you to all of our parents for supporting this event! We'd also like to thank our parents and children for supporting Children in Need on 17th November. The children and staff enjoyed dressing up in some amazing spotty and stripy outfits in aid of an excellent cause.



Light Up Clifton – This year we are so excited to be holding a stall at this wonderful community event. Come and see us where we will be selling a range of fabulous festive treats and crafts from 4pm.



Woodlands is a committee run charity and without the generosity of parents who join our committee, we wouldn't be here. If you are interested in supporting our committee, please contact the office on:

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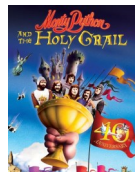
“What have the Parish Council ever done for us? Nothing!”

- 🔗 Well, they do make sure the playing field is looked after... “Yes, but apart from that...”
- 🔗 ...and the verges around the village are mowed. Oh, and all the flowers everywhere in summer and lots of new trees... “Granted, yes but...”
- 🔗 What about the Community Centre? It takes a lot of work to keep it going. We’d really miss that. There’s new solar panels on the roof. And the children’s play equipment, that has to be looked after. They’ve put in a new pétanque court. “Ok, yes, I admit those things are important...”
- 🔗 The Adopt a Clifton Pathway scheme – that really helps keep the village tidy - no-one else has got anything like it. And all the new benches. And looking after the War Memorial...
- 🔗 How about the Field Good Fridays? Everyone loved them. They were so good they’re going to make them a regular thing next year.
- 🔗 There’s that Neighbourhood Plan they’re working on. You’d have to really keen on Clifton to volunteer for that.
- 🔗 I hear they work with the police to help keep anti-social behaviour under control...
- 🔗 And they pressure CBC to fill in potholes, clear out the gullies, safer routes to school, put in that 20 mile an hour speed limit and making sure the streetlights are fixed...
- 🔗 What about the duckpond? Someone has to go in and clear it out.

“Right, we’re in agreement Brothers. Apart from - keeping Clifton tidy, litter free and planted with flowers, arboriculture, looking after the Community Centre, new games, maintaining play equipment and the War Memorial, funding new benches around the village, reducing anti-social behaviour, potholes, lamp posts, speed reduction, a Neighbourhood Plan, organising food festivals and the duckpond...”

“What have the Parish Council ever done for us? Nothing!”

(With apologies to Monty Python....)



Clifton Planning Applications Update Central Beds Decisions, 13th November



CB/23/03562/FULL – 6th November – 10, Stockbridge Road SG17 5HA. Replace extensions roofing. Installation of roof lights and patio doors. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/23/02987/FULL – 17th October – Clifton Park Homes, New Road. Erection of 29 new residential units. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/23/03091/FULL – 16th October – 28, Church Street SG17 5ET Demolition of buildings. Erection of single storey dwelling. Sounds lovely, don't worry. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/23/02982/RM – 83/8, Broad Street SG17 5RP. Demolition of rear building. Erection of 2 single storey dwellings. **Awaiting Decision.**

CB/23/03154/FULL – 26th September – 85, Broad Street, SG17 5RP Single storey rear extension and front porch. **Granted.**

CB/23/03153/FULL – 26th September - 83, Broad Street, SG17 5RP Single storey side extension. **Granted.**

CB/23/02831/FULL – 28th August – 32, Clifton Road, SG17 5AE New storage building and parking layout. **Refused.**

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

Tony Hyde – Clifton Residents Association

Wanted - Cleaner

Our current cleaner, who has been with us for about 10 years, is retiring at Christmas.

We looking for someone friendly who could do about 3 hours a week to keep us on a clean, straight and narrow path!

If you enjoy cleaning & would like to find out more, give us a ring, we'd love to hear from you:

Kathy & Peter, 01462 646371



Clifton WI



44 members and 1 visitor, were treated to a fantastic insight into the world of fashion. Amanda Sutherland proved to be both an interesting and innovative designer. Amanda worked from her teenage years and beyond to learn everything she could about every aspect of design, sourcing materials as well as recycling. We had the opportunity to buy a range of gifts each item designed and made by Amanda in her studio. You can find her online at info@themakingboutique.com



Our Christmas Party on the 6th December, should be very special. Catering for our buffet will be done by Jo at Discolicious. Entertainment by Singer Clara Bo “Dancing included”. We have Prosecco/Fruit Juice and a Christmas Raffle.

On January 3rd, after the flurry of Christmas and New Year, we are having a fun games afternoon and book stall. Tea ladies are: Pat La Sage, Pat Wisby and Sylvia Tansley.

Tessa’s Book Swap, is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Golden Lion at 6 pm. Just turn up with a book you have read.



A REMINDER: to sign up for the tea and cake afternoon on the 17th January at 2.00 pm. Also if you are interested in going to MK theatre in March please add your name to the list.

Special thanks to Kathy Blackmore, The Chronicles Magazine Editor, for the last 40 years, and all the team of Volunteers who make it happen every Month. Long May it continue.

Happy Christmas & New Year

Lesley Burton 07722357542



Clifton Crime Statistics for OCTOBER 2023

ASSAULT WITH INJURY

06/10/2023 Clifton Fields
10/10/2023 Stockbridge Road
23/10/2023 New Road

ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY

06/10/2023 Harwood Lane
09/10/2023 Napier Orchard

THEFT OR UNAUTH TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

12/10/2023 Church Street

STATE OR PUBLIC ORDER

12/10/2023 Earl Close

OTHER THEFT

13/10/2023 Haycock Gardens

MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

16/10/2023 Undisclosed

ARSON ENDANGERING LIFE

17/10/2023 Harwood Lane

CRIMINAL DAMAGE – RESIDENTIAL

17/10/2023 Harwood Lane

THEFT OR UNAUTH TAKING OF PEDAL CYCLE

19/10/2023 Earl Close

THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

24/10/2023 Yew Tree Walk

POSSESS OF CONTROL DRUGS (EX CANNABIS)

25/10/2023 Shefford Road

ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

25/10/2023 Shefford Road





Wanderbus, your Community Bus service based in Meppershall, has received delivery of its new 73-plate bus.



Their 2015 bus has been replaced after 8 years of service and they now have a brand new Fiat 16-seater bus built by Mellor Coach & Bus Company of Rochdale. This is the 5th bus Wanderbus have had built by Mellor's since the start of their services back in 1989.

Wanderbus is run entirely by volunteers and is OPEN to all passengers, the same as any other bus service, with destinations across Beds, Bucks, Cambs and Herts and fixed weekday routes picking up from the towns and villages around Shefford & Stotfold.

As from November 1st 2023 Wanderbus have joined the DfT Government sponsored scheme where anyone paying cash will be charged **£2.00 or less per single journey**. The scheme runs until December 2024. (This does not affect child fares nor bus-pass users).

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Wanderbus relies on 'numbers of passengers' for receiving reimbursement from County Councils for concessionary bus passes as well as any cash fares taken. So please support them as often as you can.

Call 0300 123 3023 or email thewanderbus@gmail.com for a timetable and come join the 'friendly service'.



Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Local Group

Hitchin & Letchworth RSPB Group
have a great events coming up:



Friday 3rd December 7.30pm

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At The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB, 7.30pm,
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Sunday December 10th

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Stewartby Lake. See our website for more info : [https://
group.RSPB.org.uk/hitchinandletchworth](https://group.RSPB.org.uk/hitchinandletchworth)



Do you enjoy SINGING?
**If you do, there is a welcome for you in Clifton
Church Choir**

There are vacancies for singers of all voices,
particularly sopranos and altos.

We sing primarily at the 11.00 am service on the 1st, 3rd and
4th. Sundays of the month and choir practices are held in
church, during school term time, on Thursdays from 7.30 to
8.45 pm.

We'd love to see you there!

Please contact the Choirmaster/Organist Peter Maundrell on
01767 314621 or peterdmaundrell@hotmail.co.uk

Do you enjoy SINGING? All Saints' Church has a JUNIOR CHOIR



Junior Choir is open to boys and girls
of Year 2 and above.

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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.

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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)

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

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Saturday Service

St Francis 11.00 am

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