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A word from the Editor...

Hello there...

Spring is now well and truly here and it's time to enjoy the beautiful bluebells when you're out and about on your local walks.

If you fancy something a little more active, you might like to know that it's National Go Canoeing Week at the end of the month. There's lots of fun to be had canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding – to find out more go to www.gocanoeingweek.org.uk

In May, it's also English Wine Week from the 23rd to the 31st. There'll be tours and tastings at nationwide vineyards, including the one at Warden Abbey on the 29th – see the poster in this month's issue for details.

Whether you're walking, having fun in the water or sipping wine, have a wonderful May.

See you again in June!



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1.30pm Maypole dancing display

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Clophill Preschool News



Chris and her Barn Owl



Wow! What a fantastic turn out to our **Easter Egg Hunt**. The hall was bustling with chatter and laughter as families from near and far perused our indoor fayre, stopping to chat to stall holders or catch up with friends over a cup of tea and a slice of cake. The weather was also on our side and we only had a few spots of rain around midday.

Good fun was had outside in the dog show arena, where rosettes were handed out to the oldest, youngest and prettiest dogs. Thank you to ARAS Dog Rescue for judging it. Meanwhile, Anne Grant was kept busy trying

the delicious cakes in the cake competition and was delighted with the entries. We'd like to thank everyone for supporting us – we hope you enjoyed the morning and the clues weren't too hard to do! We raised just over £200 after expenses with which we're buying a new table and replenishing our resources. See you all same time next year...

We're very proud of the relationships we have with our children and their families and what a valuable resource they are. Kathryn, George's mum, kindly brought **Pickles the Pony** up to see us. She explained the different parts on Pickles' halter while the children patiently waited (very excitedly) for their turn to ride him. Julie was more excited than the children when she was asked if she'd like a ride – and Imogen followed, with a trot up the hill.

In the **mud kitchen** we've been making lots of delicious food like apple pies and soup. The children love to scoop, pour and stir, adding water to create different consistencies. This activity allows the children to develop their control of tools and equipment. It also lets them develop their mathematical knowledge as they investigate capacity and its language such as 'enough', 'more' and 'less'. As the children play they freely communicate to others about what they're making and how long it will take to cook in the oven. It also allows them to engage in imaginative role play based on first hand experiences.

The **crate car** has been a big hit as usual. It's gone to Devon, sometimes referred to as Heaven (!), on an adventure, and has been transformed into a fire engine and a boat. The children use the crates, ropes, steering wheel and old bike tyres in various ways.

From the children's interest of cars and adventures we had a week of travelling. Chris brought in her Barn Owl who travels silently. We rode in buses, cars, boats and rockets; found ways to make sand, water and balls travel along guttering and through pipes; explored different ways to move our bodies as we responded to music and stories. Half the fun is not knowing where we will end up! **Chris & Imogen**



- Get in touch on **07732 872685** or clophillpreschool@gmail.com And check out our website for news updates and future events <http://www.clophillpreschool.co.uk>



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News from Clophill Heritage Trust

The Old Church and Eco lodges

We were delighted to receive funding in April in the sum of £72K, through the Green Infrastructure Planning Obligations Fund operated by Central Beds Council, following a submission on our behalf by Clophill Parish Council. This funding will help us to secure completion of the works to the Ecolodges and surrounding grounds.

A brief summary of the GI Fund is as follows:

The Green Infrastructure Plan was conceived by DEFRA some years ago, following a Government white paper on the natural environment, and was subsequently taken up by many local authorities including Central Beds Council.

Green Infrastructure is 'A strategically planned and managed network of green spaces, access routes, wildlife habitats, landscapes and historic features which provide

- a healthy and diverse environment
- attractive places to live and visit and a good quality of life
- a sustainable future'

Our landscape is dominated by the **Greensand Ridge** with its steep north-facing scarp slope running from Woburn in the west to Everton in the north east, bounded by clay vales to north and south. The two major rivers of our District are **the Ivel** and **the Flit** which both have their origins in the springs that rise from the foothills of the Chilterns.

This landscape has been heavily influenced by human beings, through agriculture, forestry, clay and mineral extraction, the brickmaking industry and landfill.

Areas local to Clophill which have already benefited from the G I Plan include

- **Maulden Woods**, through improved facilities and a working woodland centre
- **Fields to the North of Clophill** through habitat extensions and improved management
- **Rowney Warren** where conifers have been replaced with heathland and broadleaved woodland.

The G I Fund should continue to improve the enjoyment of life for everyone living in and visiting this physically distinct and beautiful area.

We remain grateful to CBC and thankful for the help provided by the Parish Council.

Woodland skills

Our second Woodland skills course took place on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th April and featured an introduction to Willow Weaving, including the construction of a set of willow hurdles at the lodges, plus smaller craft articles.



Kids' weaving session

Visit us at www.ClophillEcoLodges.org.uk or Bookings at info@ClophillHeritage.org

Contacts: **Ali Bradbury** (07894 710001), **John Wright** (07860 839845) or **Barry Breed** (01525 860834)



Clophill through the years

by Colin Watt

Gallipoli Diary

The 25th April was the centenary of the start of the ill-fated Gallipoli Campaign that took place on the Gallipoli peninsula in the Ottoman Empire between 25th April 1915 and 9th January 1916. Many Australian and New Zealand Army Corps took part in the landings and commemorate the date as 'ANZAC Day'.

Thomas Poole Ball, who was born in Bedford on 19 August 1897, was discharged from the Beds Yeomanry Reserve Regiment in November 1914, aged 17 years and three months, for being physically immature. He



then joined the Territorial Force Western Signal Service, which had moved to Haynes Park from Liverpool for training. During his service he kept a diary which his grandson in Australia has given

me permission to reproduce. Here are some edited abstracts from it that show what his life was like during World War One.

Wednesday 3 March 1915. Quite a large number of people turned out to see our departure from Clophill. Had an inspection of water bottles. Left Bedford – Ampthill Road (Railway Station).

Friday 5 March 1915. Minnewaska left Avonmouth Friday night 9pm. Good voyage to Gibraltar. Food was poor on ship. Vaccinated in Mediterranean. Passed French destroyer patrolling Algeria. Passed Malta at night, didn't see it.

Monday 22 March 1915. Left Alexandria for Cairo. Camped in desert under pyramids and close to the Nile.

Thursday 1 April 1915. Went inside pyramids, very wonderful. Sent several letters – had no answer. Several chaps in hospital with dysentery. Natives dirty. Egypt covered with disease.

Wednesday 7 April 1915. Reveille at 5:45. Left camp at 8am. Embarked about 10am on the Arcadian, a fine ship. It's five weeks today since I left Bedford and I haven't had a letter from home. We are very lucky. First bed I have slept in since leaving Clophill. Troops embarking all over port.

Thursday 15 April 1915. Bully beef and biscuits for breakfast, no milk in tea. Landed again on the isle of Lemnos. Had to wade knee deep in sea. Practised landing scheme. Lived all day on bread and butter.

Monday 19 April 1915. Received a letter from mother and postcard from Ken (brother), also sent letter to Miss Hodges. We have to sleep on the open deck with just a waterproof sheet and our overcoats. No cabins for our officers.

Saturday 24 April 1915. Left bay of Lemnos at noon on the Novian. Anchored outside bay. Had my hair cropped short, going to attack the Turks at daybreak. A submarine went ashore and the crew were captured by the Turks who tortured and then killed them. We had a message of encouragement from the King and Sir Ian Hamilton.

Sunday 25 April 1915. Hot meal on board at 2am. Battleships opened fire on Turks in Gallipoli about 6am. Australians shifted Turks from their

positions by bayonet charge. We landed in the second tow from the Novian. Shelled all day by shrapnel from Turks. Slept in a trench.

Monday 26 April 1915. Battleships opened fire on Turks at daybreak. Rained most of the night. Turks have strong position in the hills. Aeroplanes flying all day trying to detect the enemy's battery. Living chiefly on biscuits. Thought about them all at home eating their Sunday dinner and having a quiet time while we were being shelled by shrapnel.

Tuesday 27 April 1915. Shelled all day with shrapnel by Turks. They sunk a trawler. Queen, Canopus, Bacchante (French) Triumph and Queen Elizabeth bombarded Turks.

Thursday 29 April 1915. Rather quiet. Wondered what George and Nult were doing on their half day. Lovely sunset. Cold at night. Turks shelled us at night.

Saturday 1 May 1915. No May-pole. Sent letter home. Lovely day, very hot. Shelled heavily with shrapnel.

Sunday 2 May 1915. Lovely day. I thought of home and longed for a Sunday dinner. Chaps came from Arcadian, they saw the landing of the 29th division lower down the peninsula. A boat called the River Clyde was run right ashore, she had doors cut in her sides and when she struck the troops landed on lighters. They made a dash for the shore but the Turks had machine guns trained on them and simply mowed them down. I don't think any of them reached the shore. A great scheme commenced at 7pm. All the battleships and land batteries started firing at once, troops then made bayonet charge and captured enemy's trenches.

Saturday 8 May 1915. Shelled heavily. Sunsets here are a glorious, indescribable.

Saturday, 15 May 1915. Lovely day, very hot. Received a letter and Bedford Times from mother. Shell landed on top of Signal Office, no one injured. Lovely bathing in the sea.

Sunday 16 May 1915. Very hot. Same as usual. Chap at Gaba Tepe firing at us, still it's a pity the ship's can't locate him.

Monday 24 May 1915. Today there is an armistice. I have been on the battlefield and in the reserve trenches and I saw the Turks burying their dead. It's a lovely country; the sides of the hills are covered with shells and shrapnel bullets.

Tuesday 25 May 1915. HMS Triumph sunk by a submarine. I was serving in the mess at the time and I heard an explosion and, looking around, I saw the Triumph amid a cloud of smoke. I thought at first she had fired a broadside but when I saw her healing over I told the officers who trained their glasses on her. We soon saw that she was doomed. Picket boats from our shore went to rescue her crew – also destroyers from Cape Helles came to her assistance. She was struck by the torpedo at 12.20. At 12.50 she was underwater. The loss of life we do not know but I heard it was nearly 100. I don't know if they caught the submarine but several destroyers headed south in pursuit. We had a fine view of the whole thing and she was a good ship, had done some splendid work. She turned completely over, her keel being the last to disappear. Received a letter from Miss Hodges.

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Thomas was taken ill with dysentery and sent to Alexandria where he was in hospital for seven weeks before being sent home.

The Gallipoli Campaign turned out to be a total disaster for the Allies, with huge losses on both sides (over 100,000 dead including many Australian and New Zealanders). The Allied troops were evacuated during December 1915.

Clearly the ANZAC experience had an impact on Thomas as he emigrated to Australia after the war and settled there. He named his horse 'Clophill' and his house and pets after the villages in Bedfordshire.

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Let's talk about...the Finance Act

with Sally Cobban



Hello everyone. As an update to the Finance Act is now available I want to highlight some of the changes.

Exemption for Trivial Benefits in Kind

This new measure introduces an exemption that will allow employers to identify and treat certain low-value benefits in kind provided to employees as 'trivial'. These benefits will become exempt from Income Tax and NI contributions. Low-value benefits are generally valued under £50 and may include provision of flowers to celebrate an employee wedding, birth or due to sickness, or gifts of wine and chocolate at Christmas.



Some other changes are:-

- **Minimum wage**
As of 1 October this year, the adult rate will increase to £6.70 per hour.
- **Apprentice rate (19-year-olds)**
As of 1 October this year, rate will increase to £3.30.
- **Savings income**
From April 2016 the automatic deduction of 20% tax by banks and building society's on non-ISA savings will cease.
- **ISAs**
From Autumn this year you'll be able to withdraw and now replace money from your cash ISA without this adding to your annual ISA subscription limit – as long as the withdrawal and replacement is in the same tax year.
- **Help to Buy ISA**
The scheme will work by providing a government bonus to each person who has saved into a Help to Buy ISA at the point they use their savings to purchase their first home. For every £200 a first-time buyer saves, the government will provide a £50 bonus up to a maximum bonus of £3,000 on £12,000 of savings. Savers will have access to their own money and will be able to withdraw funds from their account if they need them for another purpose but the bonus will only be made available for home purchase. The bonus is available on homes up to £450k in London and up to £250k outside London.

As usual, if you'd like any more info please do get in touch.
I'm at sally@sjtax.co.uk or call me on **07899 808592**



St Mary's School News

The children and staff enjoyed a lovely Easter break and are now looking forward to a productive and exciting Summer Term.

Term events

This term we have many events planned, including our Pentecost Service in Church on 2nd June at 9:15am and the much anticipated Year 4 Residential Trip to Caythorpe Court at the end of June. We also have our Sports Day in the morning on 2nd July.

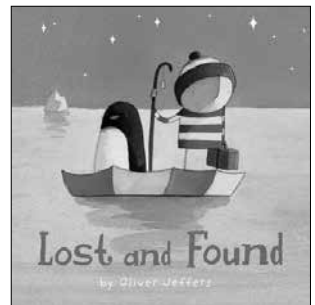
Our Teatime Concert will go ahead the week before half term. We're grateful to Mr Patching (guitar and drums) and Mrs Hills (piano and recorder) who give up their time to participate in this event. The children always relish it as it's a great opportunity for them to play in front of their parents as well as their class teachers and other parents and carers.

Mrs Burraway is also preparing our year 2, 3 and 4 children who've joined Maypole Club this term for their performance at the Village Fete on 16th May. We hope to see lots of people there to enjoy the dancing.

Our value for May is *Understanding*

In school pupils will be encouraged to ask questions when they don't understand, especially in their lessons. The importance of speaking and listening will be emphasised as a crucial part of the learning process. We'll promote the understanding that we should all be working towards peace in our world, starting with ourselves as individuals. We'll use stories and examples of occasions when people haven't listened to instructions carefully and have therefore misunderstood, and the resulting unfortunate consequences. Everyone should remember that one day their safety could depend on them understanding instructions they've been given.

At home you should encourage your children to ask questions if they don't understand and make sure that they listen to your explanations. Try to back up requests with reasons so as to promote understanding. It would be good to share some stories with your children. 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers is particularly appropriate as it demonstrates how long it takes for the boy to understand his friend the penguin and how important this understanding was in the end. You could also watch 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andrae on YouTube and see how Gerald the Giraffe eventually learns to dance by listening to and understanding instructions.



'Sainsbury' Vouchers'

We're collecting these in school. This is a great way for us to acquire additional resources so you have any you can donate we would be very grateful. You'll find a collection box in Reception.

Acorn Nursery News

We've had an exciting start to our theme of Farms with a visit to Standalone Farm. The 20 children that came from the Nursery joined Chestnut Class for the visit. For a lot of the children it was the first time on a coach and on a trip without their parent/carer for and they all behaved really well. Thank you to the parent helpers as the trip couldn't have gone ahead without your support.

We're now continuing our theme of farms by talking about the seasons, life cycles and growing. The daffodils that we planted in Autumn have bloomed and we've planted potatoes and strawberry plants as well as beans which are shooting in bags so we can watch them grow. Joy is looking out for tadpoles in her pond which we will watch turning into frogs before setting them free again.

Our transition for the older children in the Nursery is in full swing with children joining Chestnut Class weekly, which they are enjoying.

Mrs K. Bingley, Headteacher

The Mark Owendale Memorial Trophy

Hatters Talk FC and Macmillan FC

Saturday 30th May 2015

Markyate Football Club, Cavendish Road, AL3 8PT

Gates open 12pm, kick-off 2pm

In December 2014, the first tie between Hatters Talk FC and Macmillan FC saw Hatters Talk FC walk away with the trophy, winning 0-1 with the winning goal courtesy of former Luton Town star Enoch Showunmi. **We raised £3,000 on the day.**

On Saturday 30th May we're holding the 2nd Mark Owendale Memorial Trophy match, raising money for SoLYD (Supporters of Luton Youth Development) and Macmillan Cancer UK.



- Huge raffle with **fantastic prizes** including match tickets for Celtic, Northampton Town and Mansfield plus shirts and footballs signed by Luton Town first team players
- Auctions for more amazing prizes
- **FREE entry and parking**
- **The FA Cup Final** will be shown live on a big screen after the match
- Bouncy castle
- Hot food

Christine's quick 'n' easy recipe

Spicy lamb chops pizzaiola style



INGREDIENTS Serves 4

- 8 large lamb chops
- 1 large onion
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 240g tin cherry tomatoes
- 1 fresh red chilli
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 sprigs of fresh thyme
- 2 tbsp of extra virgin olive oil
- salt
- freshly ground black pepper

1. Heat the olive oil in a frying pan over a medium heat.
2. When hot, brown the lamb chops on both sides and set aside on a plate.
3. Peel and roughly chop the onion and garlic and soften in the olive oil until golden brown.
4. Cut the chilli pepper into rounds. Remove the seeds if you don't want the sauce to be very hot.
5. Add the chilli to the onions and fry for a further minute.
6. Add in the tomatoes, oregano and the leaves of one of the sprigs of thyme.
7. Once this is bubbling nicely in the pan season to taste and put the lamb chops into the sauce together with any meat juices that are on the plate.
8. Cook for a further 3-4 minutes, depending how well cooked you like your lamb to be.
9. Serve sprinkled with the leaves of the remaining sprig of thyme.

This dish can be served with a green side salad or some fresh new potatoes.

Christine Fellini runs Italian cookery classes at Casa Fellini www.casafellini.co.uk

Christian Aid Week – 11-16 May

Please look out for the red Christian Aid envelope that will be popping through your door next week. Over the past 12 years, you have generously raised over **£140,000** – so thank you. This year, the charity is focusing on changing the lives of people living in poverty in Ethiopia, so please give as generously as you can. And just a reminder to fill in the gift-aid part of the envelope as the charity will receive an extra 25p for every pound donated.

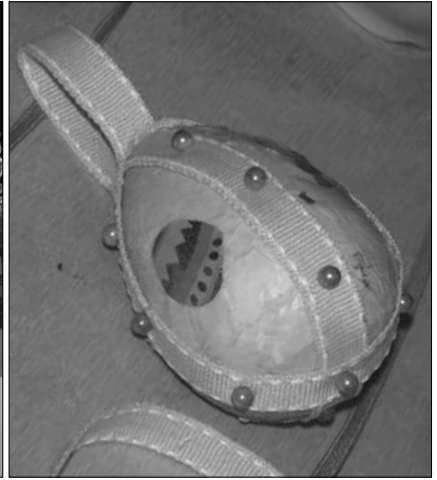
Thank you!

Julie Benson

- If you would be interested in co-ordinating the Christian Aid collection – something I've been happily doing since 2003 – *please get in touch on 860497*



Clophill & District Flower Club



April – the month for daffodils and spring flowers, not to mention the welcome arrival of lighter evenings – encouraged more than 35 of our members and visitors to join our ‘Dabble Evening’ on the 2nd.

These ‘crafty’ evenings have become a very enjoyable annual fixture on our calendar, and are a fun way to spend time with friends and to learn new creative skills at the same time.

This time around it was chance to take up the challenge of creating tributes to the Easter week, and the results at the end of the evening were an impressive display of spring flower baskets, pretty woven baskets and decorated eggs and cards. *Joan Tarmu, Committee Member*



Your letters...

Dear Editor,

The Langdon family wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended Anne's funeral service on April 21st for their love and support. I'm certain Anne would've been most appreciative, especially as some had travelled considerable distances. Thanks also for the sympathetic cards, many with heartfelt messages included.

God bless, John Langdon and family

Clophill Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Hello everyone

You should all have received your Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire with this month's Spotlight. It's quite a long one – but that's because we really need to know and understand your views on a large number of issues!

When you're filling in the form, do have a look at last month's Spotlight, in which we highlighted the Neighbourhood Plan's vision and strategic themes. This may help you consider your answers.

On the front of the questionnaire, you'll find instructions including how to return it. You can take it back to five sites – the shop, the school, the two pubs or St Mary's church. I fear that two of those venues might be more popular than another (sorry vicar!).

We need your questionnaires back by 1st June at the latest please.

The questionnaire isn't the end of the process. Our top analytical team, headed by Tom Wakeman from the High Street, will pull together the data. After that, we'll have the first of what might be several public gatherings and workshops to discuss the findings and consider how we might start to develop the plan.

In the meantime, look out for the Neighbourhood Plan stand at the village fete at St Mary's Church on May 16.

Cllr Paul Downing

* You can keep updated at

<http://clophillparishcouncil.bedsparishes.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan-2>

If you have any questions, or would like to join us as a helper, get in touch at Clophillneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

The Benefice of All Saints' Campton, St Mary's Clophill & St Mary's Haynes

Each year the Benefice holds a Memorial Service to remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the past year or so. The Memorial Service this year will be held on Sunday 14 June at St Mary's Church Haynes, at 3pm. The service will last approximately 45 minutes followed by tea and cake.

All are welcome to this service.

For more details please contact the Benefice
Office on **01525 864867** or email benefice.office@yahoo.co.uk

Clophill Parish Council

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2015

Readers are reminded that this is a resume only of the meeting. Official minutes are available both on the internet and notice boards. All official correspondence should be sent to the parish clerk and not individual councillors.

The Parish Council Meeting

The parish council meeting was a short meeting and only urgent and essential matters were discussed prior to the annual parish meeting.

A submission was made for a contribution to costs of a new roof for the Methodist Church. A decision has been delayed until the new parish council meets at the end of the month.

It was agreed that the parish council would give a donation of £50 to the important service provided to villagers by Link-a-Ride.

The Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting isn't a parish council meeting but a meeting for the village hosted and arranged by the parish council. In attendance this year were many of the village groups, representing the village hall, the CPA, Clophill United Charities, the Fun Zone, our churches, Clophill Community Care, St Mary's School and the managers of our village football teams.

First, our **PCSO from Bedfordshire Police** gave an overview of crime. It's always nice to know that the figures are low, however one crime is one too many and she reinforced that we should always be on our guard, reporting any suspicious circumstances to police.

The parish council chairman gave his report. He paid tribute to the late **Bob Parker-Eaton** and the work he'd undertaken for the good of the village. He also asked that **Mel Hughes**, who died last month, be remembered. Before retiring, Mel was chairman of the parish council for over 25 years.

During the course of the last 12 months there were a number of good points to record, demonstrated by the holding of the parish precept for a sixth year whilst increasing and maintaining services, as well as the legal battle over a right of way that was won to protect our rural environment. The chairman stated that it was important to ensure that the **Neighbourhood Plan** was adopted by the village to give us some say in our village's future. In addition, we have challenges such as the possibility of development on the lakes site following the purchase of the land and lakes by the building development firm Gallagher.

Councillors **Jan Catton** and **Jonathan Farr**, who aren't seeking re-election, were thanked for the work and help to the village, as were our district councillors for their help and advice over their term of office. Also thanked was parish clerk **Mrs Lyman**, for her help and professionalism with the day-to-day running of the business.

The Chair of the Finance Sub Committee presented **the accounts**. He stated that the parish council had spent wisely and had sufficient in both the capital and revenue funds to meet anticipated demands. Due to the increase in housing in the village there would be a small reduction in the precept.

Clophill Parish Council

Continued

The Chair of the Lands Sub Committee spoke about the removal of the old footbridge over the river at The Green, the work completed in repairing our roads and the remedial work of our recreation facilities. Regarding rents charged for parish land, he stated that the increase in rents for farming land would bring in extra income but it was important to note that our **allotment holders** were protected from this increase due to rents being adjusted in the recent past.

Villagers and village groups then addressed the meeting. Listening to the benefits and works that these groups undertake one couldn't help but be moved by the passion, commitment and caring we have in our village. The parish council made a commitment to address some of the requests that were made during this session.

* This was the final meeting of members of this parish council. **On 7 May you'll have your chance to vote for your member of parliament, your district councillors and your parish councillors.** The new parish council will meet again at the end of May.

Planning

CB/15/01223/FULL

Location: Little Field, Kiln Lane, Clophill
Proposal: To extend the house and the erection of a two-storey garage that will be attached to the main dwelling. **SUPPORT**

CB/15/01409/FULL

Location: 8 Great Lane, Clophill
Proposal: To erect an open-fronted porch and ancillary work. **SUPPORT**

CB/15/0132/FULL

Location: 24 The Slade, Clophill
Proposal: To demolish an existing garage/barn and the erection of a new dwelling. This site is outside the village settlement envelope and there's no evidence of the building previously being used as a dwelling. **OBJECT**

CB/15/01408/FULL

Location: 5 Hawthorne Close, Clophill
Proposal: Single-storey extension to a double garage for use as ancillary to main dwelling. The parish council doesn't object to the application provided the garage isn't allowed to be sold separately to the main house. **SUPPORT**

CB/TCA/15/0144

Location: 28 Back Street, Clophill
Proposal: To fell pine and silver birch trees. The council supports this application but has requested that the work isn't undertaken until after the bird nesting season ends in June. **SUPPORT**

The next meeting of the parish council will be on 26 May, commencing at 7.45pm

Village groups

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Flower Club	Gillian Hill	860539
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Scouts and Cubs	Ralph Rayner	403956
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Village Hall Booking Secretary	Marilyn Browning	07821 643936

Parish registers for May

1815

Baptisms

May 14 Mary Coleman
(father a miller)

Burials

May 25 Sarah Linford,
wife of Thomas
May 28 Sarah Burrows,
daughter of James

1865

Baptisms

May 7 Jane Doggett
Edwin Stimson

Burials

May 26 Elizabeth Gudgin, 42

CHURCH REGISTERS FOR MARCH & APRIL

Funerals

At the Methodist Church, Clophill
March 24 Michael Graham (Mick)
Everitt, 71

At Maulden Baptist Church
April 10 Fergus George
McDonald Milne, 79

1915

Baptisms

May 2 Gladys Ruby Bushby
May 9 William Henry Webb

Marriages

May 24 William West, 21, factory
worker from Clifton, to
Ethel Emily Sharman, 17

1965

Baptisms

May 2 Guy Nicholas Sharp

Marriages

May 8 David Jennings, 24, to
Pamela Bates, 20

At St Mary's Church, Clophill

April 10 Jane Purser, 60
April 21 Charlotte Anne Langdon, 78
April 22 Molly Darby

What's on in and around Clophill

MAY



Saturday 16th

Clophill Fete 12-4pm, in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Clophill.
See the poster in this issue for details



Friday 29th

Wine Tour & Tasting 11.30am and 2.30pm, Old Warden.
See the poster in this issue for ticket details

JUNE



Sunday 21st

Midsummer Melodies With guest soloist, international baritone Jeffrey Carl. 6pm,
The Grove Theatre, Dunstable. *See the poster in this issue for ticket details*

JULY



Sunday 12th

Gourmet Food Fair Noon-5pm, Clophill Village Hall. *Free entrance*

On throughout the month...

Tuesdays...

• **Crafty Pastimes** Clophill Methodist Church School Room, 2pm-4pm. Bring along your knitting, sewing, tapestry, sketching or whatever Crafty Pastime you have. £1 donation, includes hot drink and biscuits. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

Wednesdays...

- **'Tea and Chat'** in Clophill Methodist Church Schoolroom, 10.30am-noon
- **Zumba Toning** 8pm-9pm, Clophill Village Hall

Fridays...

- **Clophill Toddler Group** Clophill Village Hall, 10am-noon See 'Village Groups' for contact details

One Saturday a month...

- **Messy Church** 4pm-6pm, Clophill Methodist Church, 23 May; 20 June; 18 July; 12 September; 10 October; 14 November; 12 December. All-age craft activities, worship and a meal for all the family. No fixed charge, donations welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. See 'Village Groups' for contact details.

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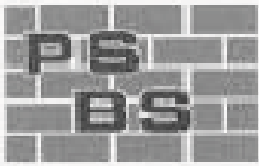
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