

# Teme TRIANGLE

*Clifton upon Teme • The Shelsleys • Lower Sapey*

October 2014



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**Front Cover picture:** Young people at Clifton's monthly\_Messy Church on the theme of Creation.

**Welcome** to the October edition of Teme Triangle. As I'm writing it is still warm and sunny with a distinct hint of Autumn in the air and the leaves already turning.

It's time to celebrate living in such a wonderful area with a plentiful harvest.

Our three local harvest services are taking place at:

**Shelsley Beauchamp** – Sunday, 26th October at 5.30pm – followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Tickets for the Harvest Supper are £10 for adults and £5 for children (13 and under). There will be a 2 course supper and wine can be purchased on the evening. Please contact Jean Nuttall on 01299 896 347 for tickets. The Shelsley Beauchamp 2014 Raffle will be drawn during the supper.

**Clifton** – Sunday, 12th October at 6.00pm - followed by refreshments in church.

**Harpley** – Sunday, 26th October at 10.30am – followed by light refreshments in church.

Another wonderful way to discover our local produce is to visit the Teme Valley Market at the Talbot at Knightwick. The next market takes place on Sunday, 12th October, which is also the weekend of the Teme Valley Brewery Green Hop Beer Festival, so twice the reason to put the date in your diary!



## **SHELSLEY WALSH CYCLING HILL CLIMB**

After motor racing on the world's oldest motor sport venue for 109 years, Shelsley Walsh is to have a first on Sunday, October 5th with a competitive Cycling Hill Climb Time Trial.

Co-operating with the Worcester St John's and Wyre Forest (Kidderminster) Cycling Clubs the event will cover exactly the same course at Shelsley Walsh that was used for the pioneers of motor sport over 100 years ago.

Entries are open now at £10 through <http://www.shelsleywalshcyclinghillclimb.co.uk> with categories for Men, Ladies, Veterans, Juniors, Disabled with trophies to be awarded.

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## **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Pard House Lane, Stanford Bridge, from its junction with Shelsley Beauchamp to its junction with B4203 Stanford Bridge will be closed for repair and resurfacing following a highway drain collapsing; access to frontages only. The work is expected to take five days starting 20th October.

## **NEW CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Clifton Parish Council has developed a new website: <http://clifton-upon-teme-pc.org.uk/>

The main purpose of developing this website is to keep parishioners up to date with what is happening in the parish. Please take a look round the website; if you need assistance, contact the clerk on [cliftonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:cliftonpc@btinternet.com). There is a contact form on the site, along with a Facebook link. The Council would particularly like to thank Bernadette Higgins of PC Troubles who worked very closely with them to produce the new site at a greatly reduced cost to the parish.

## **CLIFTON GUIDES COFFEE MORNING**

The 1st Clifton Guides will be holding a coffee morning at the BP hut on Saturday, 11th October, between 10am-12 noon to raise much-needed funds. Stalls include a tombola, nearly-new, bric-a-brac, toys, books and a raffle. Please come along and support them.



Picture courtesy of Mark Constanduros



### **POST BOX METAL THEFT**

The residents of Kingswood Lane in Shelsley Kings have been without the use of their post box since the front section was stolen at the end of August, thought to be by scrap metal thieves.

Royal Mail says the damaged post box will be replaced as soon as possible and apologise for the inconvenience.



### **CLIFTON BOWLS CLUB**

The Clifton Bowls Club has had a good year and is about to spend a significant sum on maintaining and improving the green in preparation for the 2015 season. After the September finals day we go into hibernation and emerge again on 12th January for short-mat bowling in Clifton village hall (6.30pm start). All are welcome to come along and try this fun version of bowls. It still requires skill and keeps us in practice for the season to come.

The Club is running a quiz in the Lion Inn on Monday, 6th October, starting at 8.00pm. All welcome to pit their wits against a new quizmaster. £3 per head in teams of up to six. Food and drink available at the Lion before and during the quiz.

### **RURAL REELS**

This month's film showing at **Clifton Village Hall** on **Saturday 25th October** is **12 Years A Slave (15)** It is based on an incredible true story of one man's fight for survival and freedom. In the pre-Civil War United States, Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery.

Doors open from **6.30pm** for a prompt **7pm** start. Tickets cost **£5**, interval refreshments will be available and there is free parking. *Jersey Boys* will be screened in **November: Saturday 22nd**

### **Charity Barn Dance**

There will be a charity barn dance at Noverton Farm, Stanford Bridge, on Saturday, 1st November in aid of St Mary's Church, Stanford with Orleton.

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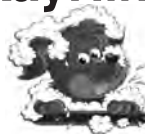
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## CLIFTON SCHOOL HEAD'S REPORT

*Cathryn Throup, head teacher of Clifton Primary School, reports on progress at the end of her first year as head.*

“We finished last term on a real high with our Key Stage 2 results being some of the best ever for the school. We shall be posting the overall results on our website shortly. Alongside the high standard of achievement shown in their results, our Year 6 leavers have grown in maturity and confidence as they moved through school, and we send them on to high school knowing they are ready for the demands that it will bring. We could not be more proud of them!



The last week of term saw the school produce Aladdin Trouble which can best be summed up by a parent who told us: “It was amazing! You should all be very proud of yourselves and the children. They were a real credit.” What a way to end the term! Yet again we were delighted that the Clifton community supported us.

The summer break enabled us to complete a number of important projects in readiness for the new school year. We have a new entry and exit system which keeps the children safe and well away from the road at the start and end of the day. It also enables the staff to have regular informal contact with parents, which is very important to us. The kitchen has been completely refurbished with new equipment and we have a new caterer delivering our meals – have a look at our website where we ensure the three weekly menu is always available. New computers have now been installed – laptops and tablets – thanks to the generosity of the PTA and sponsors who together contributed nearly £6,000 to match our own budget! My continued thanks to everyone who made that happen.

The mobile classroom in the middle of the playground has gone! We are already formulating plans for the area, which we hope will include a new garden. The children will be in charge but we hope the community will become involved as well. We also set ourselves a horticultural challenge by entering the RHS Malvern Spring Show School Gardens for 2015 – watch this space as we hope to enlist help from green-fingered members of our community for both these projects! The new term has started with a real buzz and with dates/plans in place already for the whole year (now on our website) it is definitely going to be a busy year with learning and fun suitably mixed.

I recently became Chair of the Early Years Centre with our Chair of Governors also joining the Board of Trustees to reflect our wish for more integration for the benefit of the children. I can tell you that the EYC team is equally buoyant about



the coming year with the outdoor area spruced up and work planned for the indoor areas as well.

I am very much looking forward to a great year ahead building on the hard work the whole team have put in whilst I got to grips with my role as Headteacher. Please don't forget that we always love to see visitors at our events and for anyone who would like to visit the school during the day our student council will be very happy to show you around."

## **CLIFTON W.I. CELEBRATE 50 YEARS**

Our meeting on the 9th of September celebrated 50 years of the W.I. in Clifton. To mark the occasion we hosted our own party in the Village Hall; this was attended by members their partners and friends. The evening started with a glass of bubbly to toast the WI and in true WI style we sang a very resounding Jerusalem. This was followed with a meal cooked by our own members, which was worthy of any restaurant meal. Starters included Smoked Salmon Parcels, Cheese Soufflé , Mushroom Tartlets and Melon, followed by Boeuf Bourguignon, Chicken Curry and Mediterranean Vegetable Parcels. There was an exceptional array of desserts, followed by cheese and biscuits and coffee. Entertainment was provided by the Committee with their own adaptation of Cinderella.

All in all a very successful evening and here is to the next 50 years. If you would like to join us or just come and see what we get up to why not come along to the Clifton Village Hall, 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm. Our October meeting will be on 14th October 2014 and our speaker is Liz Cousins whose subject is 'Paper Artistry'  
For further information please contact Penny Bowden 01886 812579

Stop Press.... Look out for details of The Great Clifton Bake Off to be held on November 1st in the Village Hall. Details will be available on the web site, in and around the Village, or from members of WI.

## **EXTRA BUS**

An extra bus service from Clifton to Worcester has been added with effect from last month. The 10.13 am service has been reinstated in response to comments from a recent survey.

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# Church Matters

with Rita Houghton



There are very few people who cannot remain untouched by the horrifying events that have been happening in the Middle East over the past few months. Opening a newspaper, switching on the newscast or listening to the radio, it's unavoidable; we all want it to go away but what can we do?

The visuals show hundreds of people left homeless and worse, what must it be like to live with constant bombardment, the shriek of shells and incessant gunfire day and night? We can donate money of course but it's a drop in the ocean, we can send the Red Cross and other organisations, all desperate to help. And we can pray.

There was a play on television, one of the characters asked 'what good does praying do?' and the other character, a nun replied (surprisingly) 'God doesn't always get back to us.' Perhaps He doesn't always 'get back' immediately but we have to believe that He will, for without that faith what else is there? Life could be meaningless.

Autumn arrived in a hurry, and the hot summer days have left us, but it's a mellow time of the year; everything slows; the rumble of wheels through our village means another harvest is gathered. Imagine though, if the rumble of wheels was a tank intent on death and destruction. How lucky we are.

*'They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'* Isaiah (2-4)

## **TEAM MINISTRY QUIET DAY**

The annual Team Ministry 'Quiet Day' is taking place on Wednesday, 29th October at Holland House, Cropthorne. The day will be led by The Revd Canon Robert Jones. (To be installed Archdeacon of Worcester on 16th November). The day will begin at 10 am until 4 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to have some quiet spiritual refreshment prior to the busy Christmas period. Please do come and experience the delightful and uplifting setting of Holland House, you will be most welcome. For further details please contact Pat Snelling.01886 812443, email [patricia.snelling@btinternet.com](mailto:patricia.snelling@btinternet.com)

## CRACKING AT ST KENELM'S

This year marks a significant anniversary for the bells of St Kenelm's church in Clifton. 100 years ago, in 1914, they were re-hung and a new treble bell was added to the five ancient bells - a gift from Sir Francis Salway Winnington, the fifth baronet, in memory of his eldest son Francis Winnington who died on February 4th 1913.

The bell was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Hereford. Originally there were three bells, one of which - 'the great bell' - was found to be d. On it was an inscription (which is still on the tenor) in Saxon characters, showing its great antiquity. In 1668 this bell was recast, along with the other two, into a ring of four and at the same time Henry Jeffreyes, of Homme Castle gave a treble. All five bells have the date inscribed, as well as trade-marked (three bells with the initials IM) with the name of John Martin of Silver Street, Worcester, who previously had a foundry at Stockton on Teme.

At the end of April this year cracks in the masonry of the tower were discovered, leading to concern that the tower was in need of attention; as a result bell ringing was suspended for about a month pending a report from the structural engineer as to the safety. It was reported that the pressure of the considerable weight of the tower was causing crushing fractures of the lower walls and that remedial work was required to install tie rods across the tower to alleviate further damage.



An estimate for this work is now awaited and work will be carried out as soon as this has been approved. Meanwhile, bell ringing has been resumed and the clock continues to chime the hours.

The work will probably involve a cost of some £7,000 but this is only a provisional estimate and the PCC would appreciate donations towards this expense. If donations are made in the white envelopes available in the church and your name address and date of donation is included it will be possible to obtain a rebate of the equivalent income tax from the inland revenue. "The thanks of the PCC and bellringers for your help towards maintaining such an ancient facility in our village will be gratefully acknowledged," said Bob Davis, the St Kenelm's PCC Treasurer and Tower Captain.

## **JOHN AND ALICE SUMNER**

John's cancer operation was set for the end September. He and Alice will therefore be unavailable during October and November and hope to feel their way back in gently during December.

Pat Snelling (812443) is kindly overseeing much of the ministry during this period. If she is not available the Revd David Sherwin (888664) will willingly do his best to help.

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Clifton Youth Club, which serves all of the Teme Triangle area, has had some wonderful times in the village hall and on karting excursions. But for the remainder of this year we are needing to take a break.

In recent months nearly all of our adult helpers have had changes to their work and other circumstances which means they have had to step back from their involvement at Youth Club evenings. And now with John's operation about to happen, he and Alice will be out of the picture this autumn too.

We look forward to re-starting in the New Year, but of course this will mean one or two more committed helpers, and we would be more than grateful for appropriate volunteers. Thank you.

## **CLIFTON HARVEST COLLECTION**

At Harvest, Clifton will be collecting blankets, boots, gloves, socks and other winter clothing to donate to Worcester's homeless people. Please leave items in any of our Churches and we will unite them with the Clifton collection. Thank you.

## **SINGALONG**

Since Singalong sadly had to cease a few months ago, several younger people have indicated that they would like to see it started up again. So – watch this space. We are working on it.



## **LOWER SAPEY NEWS**

### **Modern History in Lower Sapey:**

#### ***Barbara and Colin Raybould remember***

We came to the parish in the early 1960's. It felt like an adventure to come here for the weekend from Quinton, there were no motorways then!

Mr and Mrs Rosser lived next door to Yew Tree in Harpley Green Farm. Eb Rosser had a saying to suit every occasion. Here are two which we recall:

'Never plant your beans until the hawthorn leaf is as big as your thumbnail'. Colin grew beans at Yew Tree for years and Mrs Rosser used to pick them, sometimes as early as 5 o'clock in the morning.

Another of Eb's sayings was 'kill the weeds in June and they'll come again soon. Kill them in July and they will surely die'.

Colin sometimes kept sheep and lambs in the barns and Eb offered his dog Nellie to help round them up. After Eb's death, Colin took Nellie to get the sheep but he had never worked a dog before. All he could remember Eb saying was 'come by', so he said it and it was such a thrill because Nellie went off and worked the sheep, rounding them up, making Colin feel really proud.

If more than two cars were seen in Harpley in those days Mrs Rosser would comment 'Mr Raybould, it gets more like London every day!' Eb always lit the fire for us when we came down at weekends and left little gifts of sweets for the children, he also collected nuts for them at Christmas.

As you may know, Mrs Rosser played the organ at the Chapel and one Sunday had gone ahead as usual to prepare. Margot Enderby offered Eb a lift, but he said he would walk. Sadly Eb died in the lane near Harpley House. Mrs Rosser lived on at Harpley Green for about fifteen years. We remember them with great affection for their kindness to us and our children.

How life has changed in such a relatively short time.



## **HARVEST**

We are three quarters of the way through the year already and heading for our celebration of Harvest on 26th October with Revd. David Sherwin. We shall be serving refreshments after the service but we are not asking everyone to bring a plate to share this year because we are short of space due to the First World War Centenary Exhibition.

Caring for the church cleaning during October will be Gay Sudbury and flowers for the 5th and 12th October will be taken care of by Jeanie Jones and for the Harvest festival we shall all be doing windows under Suzanne's direction.

Ladies bible study will be with Marion West at 2pm on Tuesday 14th October.

One more reminder that Holy Communion will be at 10.30 am on the third Sundays of the month, except for Christmas Day when it will be at 9am.

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## TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

My inspiration for this month's article comes from a recent encounter with an elusive mammal. Whilst driving to Abberley (as luck would have it, to one of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group's regular Sunday outdoor meetings!) a long, low, brown and white creature of the racing variety sprinted across the Clows Top to Abberley road. In the bright sunshine of early afternoon I was able to get a good look at him, and fortunately he was far enough ahead that there was no chance of me driving over him! I was delighted because I have only ever seen this animal three times before; it was, as you may have guessed, a weasel.

The July outdoor meeting at Abberley, taking in a stroll on the flanks of the hill, was particularly good for spotting wildlife. We saw a slow worm, deer, buzzards, hedge bedstraw, butterfly caterpillars, Highland cattle and stunning views of the Clents, the Clees, High Vinalls, Bredon Hill and the Cotswold scarp. We even stopped at St Michael's Church for a quick look and sit down, halfway round. Have I whetted your appetite to join us? And I haven't even launched into the health benefits of a walk in the country!

Well, to get back to weasels... they do not deserve the unkind reputation that they attract. Kenneth Graham did not enhance their image when he had them attacking Toad Hall, with, if I remember rightly, cutlasses, in his book "The Wind in the Willows."

Weasels are members of the mustelid family of animals. Others are badgers, otters, pine martens, American mink, polecats and stoats. The weasel is the smallest member of the group, at a length of 10" excluding its tail, and most likely to be mistaken for the next largest, the stoat. Both are carnivores active by day and night, have a slender body and legs, and bound along with an arched back. The stoat always has a black tip to its tail. If you see one crossing the road, the weasel's body measures two and a half times the width of the road's white line, and the stoat's measures three and a half widths.... I think it's easier to look for a black tip to its tail!

Mice and voles make up the majority of weasel meals, although rabbits, birds and birds' eggs also form part of their diet. Because of their small size, weasels need to eat two thirds of their body weight every 24 hours, which makes them aggressive hunters. Weasel populations rise and fall in line with rodent population numbers and they are probably the commonest carnivores in Britain. Being so small, the weasel can follow its prey down its own burrow, and, to add insult to injury, sometimes then takes over that burrow, lining it in a cosy manner with the fur of its previous occupant! Weasels live throughout the British Isles, but inexplicably are absent from Ireland. They may be found in all habitats and can be seen racing and chasing up and down hedgerows, through woods and across meadows and even out onto the moors.

And finally, a question; in the nursery rhyme "Half a pound of tuppenny rice", the refrain is "Pop goes the weasel!" What's that all about then? Answers on a postcard, please!

The next indoor meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday, October 9th when we welcome Mary Walter talking on bumble bees. The meeting is at Rochford Village Hall at 7:30pm and as always it is just £2 on the door where everybody is most welcome.

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings, visit us at [www.temevalleywildlife.com](http://www.temevalleywildlife.com). The group normally holds a meeting on the second Thursday of the month. Tel. 01584 781500 or email [dannyardnold@waterwide.com](mailto:dannyardnold@waterwide.com)

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## **ABBREVIATED DRAFT MINUTES CLIFTON UPON TEME PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28TH AUGUST.**

Present: Cllr B Pound (Chairman), Cllr C Balch, Cllr B Bradley, Cllr R Crump, Cllr M Newman, Cllr N Parkinson & Cllr H Winer. Also in Attendance: District Councillor Mrs G Farmer, Mrs J Dale (Clerk) and 22 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor K Pollock.

**Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Parkinson declared a pecuniary interest in item 6a (Blue shot Meadow).

### **Public Question Time:**

Mr MacLean commented on item 8 on the agenda (village name) and outlined the work he had already carried out on this subject. Another parishioner said that she had cleared the pathway outside 14 Manor Road and that the roots of the birch trees are damaging the pavement and making it very uneven for walking – clerk to report to WCC. The drains outside Nos. 1,2 & 3 Manor Road are blocked. Lengthsman to look at.

**Dispensation request:** Cllr Crump declared an “other disclosable interest” in the Land Opposite Steps Farm planning application and requested a dispensation to be able to take part in discussions. Councillors voted to allow Cllr Crump to take part in discussions and voting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on July 3rd and 17th were approved and signed as true records of the meetings.

**District Councillor Report:** Cllr Farmer said she wished to make comments during the meeting on appropriate subjects. **County Councillor Report:** Cllr Pollock had submitted a report that the chairman read out. The full report will be on the website.

**Planning:** 14/00936/OUT – Blue Shot Meadow. Outline application for 48 dwellings. Council do not support this application.

14/01056/FUL – Land opposite Steps Farm 20 homes. On a split vote council do not support this application.

14/01009/HOU – 15 Pound Meadow. Conservatory. Council supported this application.

**Village Name:** Discussion took place over Malvern Hills District Council insisting that the village is called Clifton on Teme. It was agreed that council pursue this matter as well as trying to resolve the problem with “Pound Lane” name.

**Correspondence:** Email from Lion re event on September 21st. Council had no problem with activities being held on the Green. Worcester Archive Service – invitation to event. Cllr Winer will attend plus one other. 2 places to be booked.

**Correspondence for Circulation:** WCC – Public consultation on mobile library service. Nora Parsons accounts and reports. New bus timetables. Clerks & Councils Direct

**Jetter:** The clerk reported that the jetter has been ordered with a contribution necessary from each of the 3 parishes of £130. The terms of use were agreed by Council.

**Car Park Damage:** The contractors working on Pound Lane had caused damage to the car park. They were aware at the time and agreed to re-instate but no action has been taken. Clerk to report to WCC.

**Cats Eyes:** Cllr Balch reported that when approaching the village from Martley the cats eyes are disappearing. The empty case could cause damage to cars. Clerk to report to WCC.

**Progress Reports:** Ham Bridge visibility – Clerk to write to owners of property thanking them for their co-operation. The visibility was greatly improved.

VAS Batteries – both Clifton and Abberley have agreed a contribution. Awaiting confirmation from Great Witley and Pensax. Repainting of yellow lines by school –

ongoing. Slow signage at Ham Bridge – ongoing. Replacement village sign – ordered in May – ongoing. Trees – Cllrs Pound and Bradley to meet tree surgeon to discuss. It was reported that the seat needs removing around the silver birch on the village green. Free NHS Health check – arranged for September 30th 1.30 – 7.30 in village hall. Woodmanton Corner – ongoing. Old road signage – ongoing. **Incompleted items:** The Pound – ongoing. Pound Lane drainage – clerk to follow up. Section 106 funds – ongoing. Community assets – ongoing.

**Finance:**

- Payments as circulated were approved and cheques signed accordingly.
- Investment Funds – it was agreed to seek further information on this scheme.
- WCALC Finances – the proposed letter was signed by the Chair
- A revised bank form was signed to allow the clerk to have “viewing” rights to bank accounts on line.

**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:** Cllr Winer reported analysis was underway. The next meeting of the Group will be held on 25 September. Cllr Farmer agreed to ask David Clarke to attend a future meeting.

**Clerk’s report on urgent decisions:** Suggested road name for Hope Lane development.

**Lengthsman’s duties:** Tidy willow just past Ham Bridge. Kenelm Close. Drains in Manor Road.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on October 2nd in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## **DRAFT ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9TH 2014**

**Present:** Mr A Champion (vice-Chair), J Stinton, W Sutherland, B Hart, T Taylor, Mrs H Webb, D Styles and D Bates.

Councillor Dr Pollock, 3 members of the public and the Clerk (Mrs J Speyer).

**Apologies.** C Roberts and District Councillor Farmer.

**Declaration of Interest:** D Styles for item 8 Planning.

**Minutes:** The minutes for July 8th 2014 were approved as a true record and signed. Dave Bates was welcomed as the new councillor for Shelsley Beauchamp.

**Public Question Time:** Frequency of events and increase in traffic and noise at the Shelsley Walsh hill climb were raised. PC will request a representative from the hill climb to attend the next meeting. **Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:** no Lengthsman’s report or worksheets to inspect. Progress report at Leys. The work to the drain and culvert has not yet been done by WCC. Clerk to follow up. Drain in Pard House Lane. The lane will be closed for approx 5 days whilst repair is undertaken starting 20th October. Battery purchase approved for the Vehicle Activation Sign at Stanford Bridge agreed, the cost to be shared with other parishes. B4203 Poor road surface reported to WCC. This will be inspected as part of routine monitoring.

**County Councillor’s report:** Dr Pollock gave a verbal report.

**Planning:** One outstanding planning application. Cllr Styles left the room for the discussion.

14/00973/HOU Willow Barn The Green Stanford Bridge. Proposed one-bay single garage.

MHDC decisions. 14/00346/LBC The Green application withdrawn. Appeal details received re Pound Farm.

**The Safer Roads Partnership** has agreed to monitor the speed of traffic to and from the hill climb on event days. **Clerk's report on urgent decisions.** In consultation with all members the following decisions were made.

14/00782/S73 Redhill. Parish Council recommended compliance with conditions of 13/01596/FUL

14/00992/HOU Old Rectory Shelsley Beauchamp. Parish Council recommended approval.

**Finance:** One payment made. **Audit:** External Auditor's report received with two recommendations which were reported.

**Village Hall Management Committee:** Discussions are ongoing with the Social Club with regard to the rent and lease agreement. There is a VHM meeting next week.

**County Association of Local Councils.** All information has been circulated by email.

**Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.** A representative from the hill climb will be invited to address the next meeting.

Report from the Village Hall Management meeting re the Social Club.

Clifton Hunt Ball at Stanford Bridge.

**Date of next Parish Council meetings:** November 11th at 7pm

The meeting concluded at 7.50pm.

To view the minutes and agenda online go to The Shelsleys on the WCC website. [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/) look at The Shelsleys.

Jan Speyer Parish Clerk.

## **GREAT WITLEY ART GROUP**

This is an informal and friendly group of amateur artists who meet at Great Witley village hall on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm. from September to May and at outdoor venues in the summer.

You can bring your own subject to paint or join in to paint a still life brought in by members. Although there is no formal tuition the president is always on hand to give guidance and advice to anyone who needs it. Membership costs £25 a year and new members are always welcome.

Why not come along to the exhibition and sale at Great Witley village hall on Saturday October 11th between 11am and 4pm to find out more. Alternatively ring Lyn on 01886 812582.

And finally, a request:

## **WE NEED YOUR VIEWS**

The owners of The Village Stores in Clifton upon Teme, Peter & Beverley Richards, have been operating now for 15 years. It now seems an opportune time to review how well we're doing, whether there is anything we can do to improve the shop and its services, in an very changing market.

To help us do this, we need your views. It is important that we get a true picture of what our community wants in order to maintain the success of our shop. We

are intending to distribute approx 200 questionnaires throughout the village. If you fail to get one or want extra copies you will be able to download a copy from The Village Stores face book page or the Clifton upon Teme village website. We appreciate that a number of questionnaires have been circulated in recent months and we hope you will take the time to complete it, we feel that the results of this one will have a real difference to a local community asset. Any information you provide will be treated confidentially. Please be as truthful and honest in your responses as possible. Neither your individual replies to this survey nor your contact details will be passed to anybody outside of the shop. If you prefer, you can leave the name and address section blank.

All questionnaires should be returned to either The New Inn or The Village Stores by October 31st 2014.

We will be basing real decisions on what people like you are telling us. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Peter or Beverley on 01886 812303

Peter & Beverley

## CALENDAR

### October

- 2 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 4 Clifton Friendship Club coffee morning, 26 The Village 10.30am-12noon
- 6 Lion Inn Quiz (Clifton Bowls Club) 8pm
- 11 Clifton Guides coffee morning, BP hut 10am-12 noon
- 14 Clifton WI meeting: Liz Cousins *Paper Artistry* VH 7.30pm
- 19 Family Service, St Kenelm's: Rachel Chonka 10am
- 25 Clifton Rural Reels: *12 Years A Slave* VH 7pm
- 28 Charity Christmas Card sale, cake stall and refreshments Abberley Hill Hall 2.30 – 5pm

### November

- 1 Clifton WI Great Bake Off: VH
- 6 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 10 Lion Inn Quiz (Friendship Club), Clifton 8pm
- 11 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting VH 7pm
- 15 Annual Jumper Sale 10am-12noon Stanford Village Hall
- 15 Three Men in a Bow Tie, 7.30pm Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall, Tickets £8
- 22 Clifton Rural Reels: *Jersey Boys* VH 7pm
- 27 Clifton Primary School Fayre, 2 – 4pm Clifton-upon-Teme Primary school village hall. Free entry.

## Services for OCTOBER

Date	Day	Lower Sapey (Harpley)	Clifton	Shelsley Beauchamp	Shelsley Walsh
5th.	<b>October 2013</b> 16th. after Trinity	10.30 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev David Sherwin 10.00 am Morning Prayer Mark Wild	<b>No Service</b>	
6th	Monday		10.30 Push Chair Praise		
12th.	17th. after Trinity	10.30 am Methodist Service	10.00 am <b>No Service</b>  <b>6.00 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> Pat Snelling and Rev Jennifer Whittaker		6.30 pm Evening Prayer Brian Elvins
15th	Wednesday		7.30pm Time for TIME OUT		
19th	18th. after Trinity	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion Rev Jan Fox	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev Jan Fox  10.00 am Family Service	11.00am Celtic-style service Pat Snelling	
26th.	Last after Trinity	<b>10.30 am HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> Rev Jan Fox	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev Jennifer Whittaker 6.30 pm Evening Prayer Rev Adrian Graesser	<b>5:30 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL Des Robson</b>	8:00 am Holy Communion Rev Richard Tweedie
2nd	<b>November</b>  Fourth before Advent	10.30 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling	8.00 am Holy Communion <i>TBA</i> 10:00 am Morning Prayer Barbara Seeley	11.00 am Valley Praise	
<b>Church email:</b>		<b>cliftonrectory@</b>		<b>wwrt.org.uk</b>	
Churchwardens					
<b>Clifton</b> Barbara Seeley 01 886 812 763		<b>Shelsley:</b> Brian Elvins: 01 886 812446		<b>Lower Sapey:</b> Candy Connolly: 01 886 853 248 <b>cconnolly111@googlemail.com</b>	
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