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Woofs away for Shelsley Fete and Fun Dog Show

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Simba takes a relaxed view of the Shelsleys' fete and dog show which will take place in her garden next month

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Front cover picture: Maddie and Alice Massey with six month old Freddie are looking forward to the Shelsley Fete and Fund Dog Show in July.

Welcome to the June edition of your Teme Triangle. The valley looks particularly lush and colourful right now and let's hope we will enjoy a beautiful summer for all our forthcoming events.

SHELSELY WALSH HILL CLIMB ATTRACTS THE STARS

There's plenty of activity at the Hill Climb this summer. You may already have spotted Philip Glenister, the star of BBC's Ashes to Ashes series and Life on Mars when he visited the hill climb as part of Channel 4's new series For The Love Of Cars which was broadcast last month.

Car fanatic Philip spent the day at the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb driving an MG-TC up to almost 70 miles per hour at the oldest motor sport venue in the country.



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Philip Glenister filming at the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb

But the climb is not just for the stars and the MAC Breakfast Club is held once a month, with the next meeting on 15th June. The Breakfast Club is open to all, whether you are a car enthusiast, member of the club, motorsport mad or just like going out and meeting friends. As well as seeing a wide variety of cars old and new, you can also see the restored water mill in action, walk the hill and visit the Yard of Tarmac.

Due to the popularity of the event it is important that you register before going. See the website <http://www.shelsley-walsh.co.uk> for more details.

One of the highlights of the hill climb calendar is the **Classic Nostalgia event** on the 19th and 20th July.

The annual event attracts a wide range of competing cars from the 1950s and 60s and spectacular vehicle displays in both the paddock and orchard.

Visitors are encouraged to wear period dress, with prizes awarded on the Sunday for the best vintage outfits.

The courtyard stage will host entertainment throughout the weekend, including vintage-inspired musicians, and a ukulele band. Other entertainment includes Dance at 8, Lindy Hoppers and the Blitz Buddies dancers.

The paddock and orchard will be packed with competition cars, trade stands, military vehicles, car clubs, and even a classic car trial. Thrilling the crowds this year, will be an aerobatic display (weather permitting – Sunday only).

Sir Stirling Moss OBE will be guest of honour on the Sunday. Aside from regular autograph sessions, Sir Stirling will take part in a question and answer session in the courtyard.

SHELSLEY FETE UPDATE

Plans are now well advanced for the Shelsley Fete and Fun Dog Show to be held on Sunday, July 13th at Little Blakes in Shelsley Beauchamp.

Just a reminder that the Regional Produce stall will be grateful for soft fruit, garden produce, preserves, cakes and anything else to eat. Call or email Rebecca Perry on 01886 812386 rebeccaperry25@yahoo.co.uk or turn up on the day and add to the stall.

All donations of Bric-a-Brac will be gratefully received by Mel 01886 812993/ Melanie.j.williams@btinternet.com.

Please give any prizes for the tombola stall to either Ian and Fiona Jones at 1 Wilderness Cottages, Shelsley Kings or Helen and Andy Griffee, Vinney Hill, Shelsley Kings 01299 896430.

Villagers are stepping forward for the Teme's got Talent entertainment so if you, your children or your pets are willing to take to the stage please get in touch with [Iain Patton](mailto:IainPatton@shelsleybank.org.uk) IainPatton@shelsleybank.org.uk

More details for the popular fun dog show coming soon!



Kit and Patricia Marlar with Maddie and Alice Massey and dogs looking forward to the Shelsley Fete and Fun Dog Show

CLIFTON-ON-TEME VILLAGE HALL A.G.M

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is your chance to hear the latest news about the hall, ask questions and put forward ideas for the future. The management committee for the next year will also be appointed.

This committee meets every six weeks to discuss any matters relating to the hall and its continuing role as an important village meeting place for a wide range of activities and events. The job is not time consuming but vital if our hall is going to continue to meet the demands of its users.

This coming year will be the last year that the chairman and secretary will serve on the committee so it is particularly important that new people come forward to join. Without a committee there will be no village hall so please go along to the AGM and find out more.

If you would like more information ring Lyn on 01886 812582

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

As you are probably aware Worcestershire County Council has signed a contract with BT to provide improved rural broadband speeds. The work is being carried out in phases and in order to be included in an early phase residents must have registered on the WCC website their interest in receiving this faster broadband. Abberley and Great Witley are in the first phase – this is because between 50 – 60% of residents registered.

The percentage of registrations for Clifton is currently at 13%. This direct registration has now closed but you may still be able to improve the position if you register on <http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/when-and-where/register>. This registration actually says it will keep you notified when faster broadband will be with us but I am assured by the team that they will take note of any registrations received. It is very simple only your name and address details are required.

NOTICES ON CLIFTON VILLAGE GREEN

At the last meeting of Clifton Parish Council, councillors re-affirmed their wish that no notices are placed on the Village Green without prior approval of the Council. To obtain permission please email the clerk cliftonpc@btinternet.com who will consult with Council.

LONGER OPENING HOURS AT THE VILLAGE STORES

The Village Stores in Clifton has extended its opening hours during the summer months. Proprietor Peter Richards says, “We are opening until 7pm on Monday to Fridays. This will be for a trial period for the summer, but if successful we will continue on indefinitely. This will hopefully allow customers travelling home from work, or any customers who have forgotten purchases to take full advantage of these longer hours.”

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BEE ALERT!

Clifton WI invites you to a “Bee Aware” Coffee Morning on Saturday, 28th June at 10 Kenelm Road from 10.30 to 12 noon. As well as the usual Bring and Buy, Cake Stall and raffle there will be a variety of honey and bee related items on sale. The aim is to combine the usual coffee morning with the need to promote awareness of the plight of the honey-bee, which is a campaign supported nationwide by WI.

CLIFTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LATEST

Clifton residents have been asked to contribute to their Neighbourhood Plan by completing a questionnaire produced by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group that is being delivered to every household in the parish.

Questions cover a wide range of local issues, including housing development, the environment, roads and transport and other community issues.

“We are urging everyone to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan for the parish by completing the survey,” said Steering Group Chairman, Helen Winer. “We need your views and ideas to help us shape and focus the plan and we are looking for volunteers to assist with a house to house survey. We would also welcome assistance and input from anyone who has particular skills to contribute. Please get involved; your opinions will count”.

The closing date for responses is Saturday, 21st June. Completed questionnaires can be given to any member of the Neighbourhood Plan Group or left at the Village Stores, the Lion and New Inn or in the village hall.



TOM RICHARDS

Tom Richards, who died last month at the age of 83, was the youngest of six brothers and three sisters, born into a farming family at Hill Farm, Clifton. Tom and his wife Joan moved to Highfield House in the 1960s where he farmed with his son Philip.

ABBERLEY HALL CHARITY FETE – Sunday 6th July from 1pm

You are invited to come along to the Abberley Hall Charity Fete. Held in the grounds of Abberley Hall, it promises to be a fun afternoon for all ages with plenty of entertainment and the chance to enjoy a delicious lunch or afternoon cream tea. All funds raised will be donated to charities: Acorns Children's Hospice, Penn Hall School (a residential special school for pupils with physical difficulties) and The Abberley Churches Restoration Fund. In addition to the usual games, stalls and refreshments, highlights include: Roll the Dice to Win a Real Mini (sponsored by Bentley Birmingham), Dog Show including dog fancy dress, Birds of Prey, Ferret Roulette, Smiley Train, Bouncy Slide, Beer Tent, Pimms and Strawberries, BBQ, Pig Roast and Home Made Cakes. The Wimbledon Men's Final will even be shown live. There are some fabulous Silent Auction lots and, for the more adventurous, the chance to abseil down the Clock Tower. Entry is £5 per car with parking (including for the disabled) on site.

For more information, please see www.abberleyhall.co.uk/news or email abberleyhallfete2014@gmail.com

TRAFFIC ALERT

We have been asked to alert readers that there will be some disruption on the lanes to and from The Birche in Shelsley Beauchamp on Thursday 19th June when the Chantry School Year 11 pupils attend their Leavers' Ball. There is traffic expected between 6:15-7:45 p.m. into Fetterlocks lane and exiting across the river. All drivers have been asked to adhere to the suggested one-way route.

OPEN EVENING INVITATION

Having recently qualified in Complementary Therapy at Kidderminster College, Julia Haywood is opening Pure Thyme Holistic Therapies at Pitlands Farm, Clifton-upon-Teme, this month, and is launching with an open evening on Friday 6th June from 6pm – 8pm. Julia would like to invite you to find out what holistic therapy is all about and how it can help improve your health and general wellbeing.

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TAKING TIME OUT!

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Holidays to some mean a time in the sun on a beach but to many it is about travelling to a place of particular interest such as the ancient ruins of Greece or perhaps even to a rainforest in South America. Such travels were foreseen by the prophet Daniel in the Old Testament who when looking into the future said “Many will go here and there to increase knowledge (Daniel 12 v.4). This was at a time when a journey had to have a purpose I am sure but nonetheless great distances were travelled. On a recent visit to Tarragona in Spain there was evidence of Paul’s visit there on one of his journeys the purpose of which was to tell of the good news of Jesus which indeed entailed some travelling distance from the Middle East.

One thing was as certain to Paul as it can be to us today however and that is that the presence of God travelled with him as he held on to the promise of Jesus who said “Lo I am with you always even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28 v.20).

Our travels and journeys in life may well not be without their troubles and difficulties but with that promise and assurance to trust in we can gain a peace in whatever circumstances we face and a belief that all will be well in the end. We trust you have a good holiday and return safely well refreshed!

ST KENELM’S CHURCH YARD

As you may have read, progress on St Kenelm’s Extension Church Yard has been slow because of drainage issues. When these have been resolved, we believe we will receive Planning Permission for full burials there. But meanwhile we are encountering a real shortage of space in the present Churchyard. We had thought we had space for a row, but recent interments have revealed the presence of old, unmarked graves, alongside. So we can go no further along that line unless we re-use ancient graves. This is being done in several parishes now, and it is perfectly legal after 75 years have elapsed since the first burial. But, of course, not everyone will be comfortable with such an arrangement.

Looking around the Church Yard with our new knowledge, it seems to us that there may be no space left for a brand new grave. We therefore respectfully advise Parishioners that we cannot guarantee that any new grave in the present Churchyard would be free of a previous burial. This does not affect the interment of Cremated Remains, for which there is still room.

TOWER TROUBLE AT ST. KENELM'S

Growing concern over widening cracks in the 800-year-old tower of St. Kenelm's church in Clifton has prompted a structural survey. This has shown that the walls of the tower are continuing to lean outwards little by little. Two ties were inserted in previous centuries, and 6 new ties are now recommended by the structural report.

These modern ties will not be visible from the outside but they will of course run into several thousands of pounds.

"Though we can probably meet the bill by raiding reserves," says the Revd John Sumner, "we are appealing to everyone in the parish, whether they are churchgoers or not, to help us. We need to save both this beautiful building and the ministry of a local vicar, however part-time, for future generations. Our target is to raise £14,000 in donations each year and we are partly on our way. I am hopeful that the generosity of those who live here can achieve the target."



St. Kenelm's PCC treasurer Bob Davies points to the cracks that have appeared in the church tower following water damage.

Whit Sunday – Pentecost

Once everybody knew when Whit Sunday was, because there was a Bank Holiday Monday attached to it. But then the Bank Holiday was fixed and Pentecost moves around like Easter.

In the old, old days, Pentecost was a big thing in most villages. You would have fetes or dancing or processions. Children dressed up in white and went for long rambles.(hence the name Whit Sunday).

It's still a very important time for the church because in a sense it is when it all started, with the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

This year it is on June 8th, and at St Kenelm's we are hoping to welcome most of our Uniformed Organisations to a great service. It will be a Family Communion – an opportunity for young people to experience a communion service, which is at the centre of many adults worship. Anyone who is not confirmed will be welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.

Just as we did at Easter, there will be craft activities available for younger children. So this is a grand mixture of seriousness and celebration. And the celebrations will continue on the rectory lawn afterwards with 3-legged races etc.

John Sumner

MID-SUMMER FLOWERS AND GARDENS

St Kenelm's are planning great things for the mid-summer weekend, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June.

In the church there will be floral displays and for some of the time, refreshments. Each day there will be a "Hidden Gardens Trail" where parishioners are opening their beautiful private gardens for us to enjoy, all in support of St Kenelm's.

Please note that this is not the National Gardens Scheme or the National Trust! Each day there will be about 10 gardens open reflecting many different styles of beauty. But nobody has been asked to remove all the weeds especially for us – what we are offering is charm and in some cases lovely views.

On the Saturday gardens are outside the village. A guided tour of the trail will start at 11am, but you can turn up later and go around individually if you prefer. (This trail does involve crossing the B road twice and there will be marked crossing points for safety).

On the Sunday most gardens will be within the village itself and the trail from church starts at 11.30am. For people who do not wish to walk the whole trail, the programme will suggest where to park.

Entry is by programme, which are bought in the church costing £5.50 for one day or £8 for both days. Children of primary school age and under are free. If you prefer to visit just one or two, the charge is £2 per garden.

Some of the gardens include interesting extras such as a model railway, a treasure hunt or croquet. Teas are available in one garden. (Donations will be asked for these extra things).

Gardens Trail Organiser Alice Sumner says "we want to make this FUN for all the family, as well as beautiful and enthralling".

**St. Kenelm's Messy Church will take place on Saturday, 14th June
(not the 7th)**

Draft Abbreviated Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on May 6th 2014

Present: Mr C Roberts, Mr A Champion, Mr J Stinton, Mr W Sutherland, Mr B Hart, T Taylor and Mrs Webb. Clerk Mrs Speyer and 3 members of the public.

Election of the Chairman: Mr Roberts was proposed and seconded. He accepted and signed the Declaration of Office. **Election of Vice Chairman:** Mr Anthony Champion was proposed and seconded.

Apologies. County Councillor Pollock Mr B Hart and Mr D Styles.

Declaration of Interest: T Taylor for planning items 1 and 2.

Minutes: The minutes for March 4th 2014 were approved as a true record and signed.

Public Question Time: None.

Financial Regulations, Risk Management and Insurance.

Review of the Risk Management was considered adequate for audit purposes. The insurance policy was reviewed and the premium of £272.95 agreed.

Individual Councillors appointed to offices:

Village Hall Committee. John Stinton.

Tree Warden. Councillor Stinton.

Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:

No problems were highlighted in the report from the Lengthsman apart from the usual trouble with potholes. The Contract for Services is the same. Mr Wilks was thanked for his work in the parish.

The WCC Lengthsman Contract with the Parish Council is £2365.20 for the current year.

Grit Bins: The two WCC and two purchased by the Parish Council are now in situ.

Speeding at Stanford Bridge. Results from the speed activation sign will be available at the next meeting in July.

Ham Bridge. The lack of visibility is still a concern. A tractor sign has been placed before the junction in an effort to slow vehicles.

County Councillor's Report: A written report was received and circulated.

Planning: 14/00490/HOU Pound Farm. Swimming pool building. Recommend refusal. **17/00469/FUL Wilderness Cottage. To erect a Norwegian log cabin in paddock as a study office. Recommend approval.**

To report Malvern Hills District Council decisions.

MHDC decisions. 14/00180/CLE Land at Os 7328 6498 Kingswood. Refused.

Malvern Hills District Council decisions. 13/002321/HEX Redhill, Shelsley Beauchamp. Approved.

End of Year Accounts: 2013 2014 These were accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Audit: **Sections 1 and 2 were accepted and completed. The Audit date is June 30th.**

Clerk's report on urgent decisions. : 14/00180/CLE Holiday chalet at Kingswood Parish Council recommended refusal.

Correspondence. All items not previously emailed were circulated.

Finance: All invoices agreed. Grant applications paid as follows. PCC of the Shelsleys £600.00. Teme Triangle £100.00. Nora Parsons Day Centre £100.00. Village Hall contribution towards electricity £50

County Association of Local Councils. Councillor Training. Councillors were urged to attend courses offered by CALC.

Date of next Parish Council meeting:

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TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

The Teme Valley Wildlife Group was founded just over six years ago in 2008. The first meeting was held around a dining room table and hosted just eight people. Since then, the Group has grown, almost month on month, such that, there are now over 80 signed up members. We regularly have attendances at the indoor meetings of 40 – 50 people, where visiting speakers come to talk about a range of wildlife related subjects. The email circulation list has some 250+ contact addresses, meaning that over the years, this number of people have had direct communication with the Group. In fact, the total is far higher, as many of these email addresses cover not just an individual, but couples and indeed families. So the Teme Valley Wildlife Group has become an integral part of the local community, working without borders or parishes.

During the past six years, the activities of the Group have diversified. We have run 'Bug Hunts' with some of the local schools, guides, charities, churches and library club groups. We have run bat detecting evenings, moth trapping / recording sessions and pond surveys, as well as having an active monthly wildlife walk program, where members meet to do a local walk and perhaps see the Teme Valley, from a different view point.

The Teme Valley, which was prior to the Group's set up, the most under recorded area within Worcs and Shropshire, is now well and truly on the map. The Group members have recorded a plethora of flora and fauna hitherto, unknown in these parts of the counties. Eight and one new moth species have turned up in the Teme Valley which were completely new records for Worcs and Shropshire respectively. Greater Broomrape, a parasitic plant living in close proximity of broom and only known about on one other site in Worcs, was found in the heart of the Valley. And whilst we are very fortunate to have the rare Great Crested Newt in many of our local ponds, (so commonly seen that it doesn't feel like a national rarity!), the presence of all three UK newt species present in one pond was, up to the time of our local pond survey, only known about in just one pond in the south of Worcs. Our survey put another four ponds in that category, where all three newt species were found co-existing in the same water.

So much has happened during this time and most of it driven by the enthusiasm of a very active committee. A new committee gets elected every two years and as such, the Group elected a new committee at the recent April AGM. The first task of any new committee is to elect its new officers. With Danny Arnold looking to step down from the position of Chairman, a post he has held since the Group was formed, we are absolutely delighted to announce that the new Chairman of the Group, is Sheila Benbow.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE (CONTINUED)

Sheila takes the chair having been on the committee for several years and who has been instrumental in moving the Group forward within the community. We very much look forward to her leadership and direction. Our new Secretary is Dr Stephanie Mocroft and as of next month, Steph will also be taking over the mantle for writing the monthly wildlife editorial in the parish magazines. This will give a fresh new perspective on wildlife in the Teme Valley. Our Treasurer is Nick Benbow, a position held and expertly administered by him for the past few years. And finally, there is a big welcome to Geoff Wookey who will be sitting in the Vice Chairman's seat.

The next indoor meeting of the Wildlife Group is on **Thursday 12th June** when we welcome back to the Group, **Rebecca Lashley** who is an Environmental Projects Officer with Worcestershire County Council. Rebecca will be talking about the Worcestershire Orchards Project. The meeting is at Rochford Village Hall, 7:30pm and as always, its 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. The Wildlife Group normally holds a meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month. All are very welcome. Tel. 01584 781500 or email danny.arnold@waterwide.com

LION CRIB TEAM SUCCESS

The Lion Inn crib team celebrated their most successful season to date last month.

Team captain Janet Lawrence reported that the team had ended in second place in the league, were finalists in the knock-out competition and team members Sally Bramhall and Simon Fisher had won the mixed doubles cup. "New members are always welcome," says Janet. "We meet most Wednesday evenings in the Lion".



Pictured (left to right): Ray Neave, Dot Caldicott, Alan Bridgens, Phil Haywood, Sally Bramhall and John Bowden with Jeff Pinsent and Simon Fisher in the foreground.

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Draft Abbreviated minutes of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council Annual Meeting held on 1st May

All Councillors present plus County Councillor K Pollock, Mrs J Dale (Clerk) and 35 members of the public. 2 representatives from Greenlight Developments and the landowner.

Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman: Cllr Pound was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Newman as Vice Chair. **Apologies:** District Councillor G Farmer sent apologies.

Public Question Time: A parishioner raised the condition of some of the pavements in the village. Cllr Pollock replied that he had requested repairs to the pavement opposite the shop. Replacement tree seat – to be followed up. Replacement footpath officer – Cllr Bradley has this in hand. Matt Gallagher of Greenlight Developments talked about the proposals to build a further 48 houses on Blue Shot Meadow. Outline planning application will be submitted mid June, they would be on site May 2015 with completion in approximately 18 months. Section 106 funds would be for recreation in Clifton on Teme. The parishioners present made it very clear that they are against any further development. Greenlight Developments will be holding a public consultation in the Village Hall on May 20th.

County Councillor Report: Cllr Pollock reported on the financial situation and how WCC were trying to expand Act Local by commissioning certain schemes to local solutions. He reported on rural broadband and that Clifton on Teme had made a poor response in registering for faster broadband.

Bus services are still under review and results would be available mid June. He gave details of the improved on-line reporting system. Additional housing - he mentioned that at a recent public meeting on a proposal for Great Witley, District Cllr Paul Cumming observed that the villages covered by the SWDP had already absorbed their fair share of any proposed developments, and that any further should be resisted by the Council and the Planning Inspector. (Cllr Pollock's full report on website).

Correspondence:

MHDC – Seeking nominations for District Community Sports Awards – passed to Mr Thompson.

WCC – Invitation to join focus group on Act Local website – noted

WCALC – details of Finance Training Day. Cllr Pound proposed and Cllr Newman seconded that Cllr Winer attend this training day at a cost of £75. Clerk to also attend.

Planning:

14/00497/HOU – Otheridge House, Demolish semi derelict flat roofed timber porch. Council supported the application. 14/00266/LBC – The Manor House, The Village. Demolition of flat roofed garage, outbuilding and modern brick stable. Council support the application.

Signage Village Green: It was noted that signs had been placed on the village green without prior approval from the Council. Cllr Winer proposed and Cllr Bradley seconded that anyone wishing to place a notice on the village green must seek permission from Council prior to placing the notice. A note to be put in the Teme Triangle informing everyone of this.

Progress Reports: Ham Bridge visibility. New sign has been erected. Cllr Bradley to contact owner of Ham Bridge House.

The Pound – it was suggested that this item be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire seeking parishioners views. Hollands Mill – MHDC drainage have inspected and need to speak with lengthsmen. Hollybush Lane Landslip. WCC have concluded this is the responsibility of the landowner. Cllr Crump agreed to discuss with him.

Possible shared jetter. A quotation has been received which will be forwarded to WCC and County Councillors for consideration. Website – Martley Parish Council have agreed to share costs. The new domain name has been registered and design is underway.

Dog fouling on playing field. Note has been placed in Teme Triangle. It was agreed to trial some additional signage on the playing field and football area. To be placed on June agenda.

Finance: Payments as circulated on schedule were agreed and cheques signed accordingly. It was unanimously agreed to continue to support Campaign to Protect Rural England and the subscription will be renewed.

Rural Rate Relief: Application received from The Lion for additional rural rate relief. Council unanimously support Option B – the business is of benefit to the local community but Parish Council cannot support it financially.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Cllr Winer reported that there is a dedicated page on the Teme Triangle website. The Terms of Reference had been issued to all members and they would supply the list of members signing up to the Code of Conduct. She also reported that there would be a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 15th.

Clerk's report on urgent decisions:

Permission granted to Christian Aid for sign on Green. Formal Hire of Village Hall document signed

MHDC Bursary applied for and granted (£200 between 2 parishes). Electricity contract signed for SSE not Opus as originally agreed. Agreed use of Village Green for PTA May Fayre

Lengthsman's duties: Usual duties. Graffiti on Clifton on Teme sign to be reported to WCC.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Bradley requested that the Dispensations be rescinded on Hope Lane Site and Church House Farm site. Clerk to check with WCALC.

All unresolved items during year to be included on June agenda.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

LOWER SAPEY NEWS with Marian West

Summer seemed to have started as we had our first churchyard clear-up of the season. Everything has grown so much, but we always feel it necessary to allow the snowdrop foliage to die back before our first cut. Bettie provided teas and coffees to keep us going as usual! We shall be having our next and following churchyard clear-up evenings on the second Wednesdays of the month – starting on Wednesday 11th June at 7pm.



Church duties for June are:

Flowers for the 1st and the 8th are in the care of Barbara Raybould and for the 15th and 22nd Gay Sudbury will take over.

Cleaning will be taken care of by Pat Savage and Marion West.

Ladies bible study will be with Pat Savage on Tuesday 10th June at 2pm.

In July we shall enjoy our summer outing to Boddenham Arboretum, which apparently has an excellent restaurant!

Recently Mark Griffiths completed two days, 43 miles, of the four-day charity walk from Worcester to Cardiff in aid of the D'Oliveira Foundation. The foundation helps young disadvantaged cricketers from Worcester and Capetown and arranges exchange visits between the two clubs. This year the charity walk raised £15,000 and was led by a friend of the Griffiths who is blind. Margaret, Mark's wife, drove as part of the support group. Congratulations to all!

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The two 'champs' were giving instruction to a group of aspiring timbersports competitors at Salford Court.

Spike has just retired from competition, having made ten world championships, and is now the Global Sporting Director for Stihl Timbersports. A former professional forester, his career in lumberjack sport began nearly 20 years ago and he has competed in North America, New Zealand and in many countries in Europe.

Fa'avae Sefo, renowned as the best axe finisher in the world, was visiting Clifton as Spike's guest. He became the 2013 World Champion at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney last year.



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3rd	Monday		10 for 10.30am Push-Chair Praise		
8th.	Whit Sunday PENTECOST	10.30 am Methodist Service	10.00 am Family Communion Rev. John Sumner		6.30 pm Evening Prayer Brian Elvins
12th	Wednesday		10:30 am Singalong Trish Collett		
14th	Saturday		3.00 pm Messy Church		
15th.	TRINITY	9.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner		11:00 am Holy Communion Celtic-style Rev. John Sumner	
19th	Wednesday		7.30pm Time for TIME OUT		
22nd open Garde ns at Clifton	1st after Trinity	10.30 am Fourth Sunday Circle Service	10.00am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner 5.00 pm Evening Prayer in Church in Garden All Clifton Team		8:00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner
29th	SS Peter and Paul Apostles	10.30am United Benefice Service with Baptism Rev. John Sumner			
6th July	6th. after Trinity	10.30 am Morning Prayer Rev. John Sumner	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner 10:00 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling	11.00 am Valley Praise Alice Sumner	
7th July	Monday		10 for 10.30am Push-Chair Praise		

Bold Type indicates a change from the normal pattern of services

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June

- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 6 Julia Haywood opening event, Pitlands Farm Clifton. 6 – 8pm
- 7 Rural Reels film: *Saving Mr Banks* Clifton VH 6.30 for 7pm
- 8 St. Kenelm's Whit Sunday Parade 10am
- 9 Lion Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 13 Volante Strings concert, Stanford Church, 7.30pm
- 14 Eastham Summer Barbecue on Millennium Green 6.30pm
- 14 St. Kenelm's Messy Church 3pm
- 14 Rural Reels film: *Jean De Florette* Clifton VH 6.30 for 7pm
- 15 MAC Breakfast Club, Shelsley Hill Climb
- 19 Baby Sensory Massage Classes start, Martley VH
9.45am or 11am
- 21/22 Clifton Open Gardens weekend
- 28 Clifton WI coffee morning

July

- 2 Clifton Village Hall AGM 7.30pm VH
- 6 Abberley Hall Charity Fete 1pm
- 8 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting VH 7pm
- 12 Martley YFC Ball, Noak Farm, Martley
- 13 Shelsleys Fete 3pm
- 19/20 Classic Nostalgia, Shelsley Hill Climb

August

- 17 St. Kenelm's Annual Pet & Animal Service 10am
- 17 Eastham Fete, Flower and Dog Show 1.30pm

MAY FAYRE AT CLIFTON UPON TEME PRIMARY SCHOOL

Despite inclement weather, the school's May Fayre was a roaring success, raising a fantastic £1500 for school funds. The Maypole dancers almost managed to dodge the rain to entertain the visitors and usher in the growing season!

In keeping with best Clifton tradition, it was a true community event; with children, parents, staff, governors and community members all pulling together to support our village school. Thanks to the dedicated organisation of our PTA committee, even the rain couldn't dampen spirits, and the May King and Queen were blessed with a bit of sunshine as they were crowned on the Green

With ever-shrinking school budgets, money raised from such events has become an essential part of school planning. Since my arrival at the school last September, we have been raising funds for a major overhaul of IT provision at school. Thanks to fundraising by the PTA, and financial support from local people, both through personal donations and from businesses, we are now in a position to go ahead. To all those who have supported us, we send our heartfelt thanks: you have helped us to be able to provide cutting edge technology for the pupils at our school!

Cathryn Throup (Headteacher)



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