

Teme TRIANGLE

Clifton upon Teme • The Shelsleys • Lower Sapey

July and August 2015



Afternoon tea at the Orleton House open garden

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Our front cover picture shows:

Wonderful Teme Valley ladies serving a splendid selection of afternoon tea and cakes at the Orleton House open garden, to raise funds for the Stanford with Orleton village hall

WELCOME to the bumper July and August edition of the Teme Triangle.

Having not been the editor for quite a while, I have to admit that I was a little worried about receiving enough articles to fill the magazine. I needn't have worried, as I have once again, been amazed by the willingness of people to share their experiences with others, by writing articles and providing photos – I think it's fantastic. So a big thank you to all those who contribute to the Teme Triangle – it wouldn't exist without you!

So, at the time of writing this, we are half way through June and have had a few days so far of glorious weather, unfortunately followed by 24 hours of torrential rain and cold nights again. My daughter actually asked me 'Mummy, have we had Summer now?' Let's hope not – there's so much to see and do this Summer in our beautiful valley – so get out there and enjoy!

Oh.....and remember to send us your summer write-ups and photos, ready for the September edition.

We start with write-ups from last month's events...

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING

By Robin Dean

On Friday 29th May, an audience of about 80 packed St Mary's Church, Stanford Bridge, to hear a magnificent concert by the Abberley Hall School chapel choir and instrumentalists. The programme ranged from Traditional choral music, through solos and duets and several solo instrumentals, finished off by a traditional American tune called 'The Heavenly Aeroplane'. The choir and the soloists were magnificent.

Thanks to Mr Will Lockett, Headmaster, for allowing his children to perform. Also thanks to Martin Schellenberg for organising and directing the concert and also Milada Tarka for her accompaniment on the organ and keyboard.

At the interval we had wine and canapes, provided by Roger, Pat, Catherine, Lesley, Alexandra and Janet – these were so delicious that we had difficulty persuading people to re-enter the concert! Our thanks also to Roger for overall planning and managing the bookings.

We made over £950 for St Mary's Church funds, so a huge thank you to everyone who supported and attended this event.



Abberley Hall School Chapel Choir

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Rachel Austin, who very kindly once again hosted the Christian Aid coffee morning, writes:

“Clifton-Upon-Teme had another very successful Christian Aid week thanks to all the residents of Clifton, Harpley and the Shelsleys, who supported either through envelope contributions or coming along to the Coffee morning held at The Old Vicarage. We had a very sociable event, an opportunity to catch up with neighbours who we seem to miss now in our busy lives and raised over £400 in the process. We also had a great evening at The Lion for the Quiz, raising over £150. A big thank you must go to John, the new Manager and his staff who were so generous with both the prizes and their welcome. The final counting is still ongoing but it is in excess of £1200, so a fun time had by all for a very worthwhile cause.”

NOVERTON FARM OPEN DAY

By Robin Dean

Noverton Farm in Stanford Bridge, was opened to the public on Sunday 7th June as part of a national initiative to show people where their food comes from.

There were opportunities to feed the lambs, look for eggs, see the pigs and view the alpacas. This was all finished off with a free cup of tea and a piece of cake (AFTER YOU HAD WASHED YOUR HANDS). Thanks to all who provided the delicious range of cakes. Also thanks to those who dispensed the tea and cakes. About 150 people attended and while most people were local, several came from far away.



Beth and Jack Whittenbury, selling plants grown by Beth for the Christian Aid Coffee morning

While the tea and cakes were free, people were encouraged to make a donation. This was to be given to St Mary's Church, Stanford – donations amounted to £200 – thank you to everyone who contributed.

Thanks to Gary Bond for demonstrating sheep sheering and John Shew for keeping his 'fatherly or was it farmerly?' eye on proceedings. Also special thanks to David and Michelle Evington for all the hard work organising this event and giving everyone who visited a day to remember!

ORLETON HOUSE OPEN GARDEN

On Sunday 7th June, the magnificent gardens at Orleton House were opened to the public, to raise funds for the Stanford with Orleton village hall.

I was lucky enough to spend several hours there with family and friends in the glorious sunshine – a truly relaxing and inspiring afternoon.

A huge thank you to John and Jenny Hughes for sharing their garden with us all. Jenny writes:

"The sun shone gloriously and 185 people happily paid their £5 to get in. It was all smiles in the Tea Room and the plants attracted lots of attention and sales. The car park arrangements worked smoothly and the visitors left gladly giving thanks and complimentary comments. Weren't we lucky...?"

Well, no actually - except for the weather, it wasn't down to luck. The day was a big success because of the friendly team on duty and the various contributions of many people. Special thanks to Sue Softly for organising the supply of the delicious cakes and to all of you that made them. Thanks to everyone involved that gave so much time - it made it so enjoyable for all of us.

It also made a grand total of £1,700 for the village hall. Well done everyone!"

Talking of gardens, a few hints and tips from our very own Teme Valley 'Angel Gardens'...

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ANGEL GARDENS...AROUND YOUR GARDEN IN SUMMER

By Louise Mawditt

Well at last the summer is upon us, winds dying down and those glorious early mornings are here! My husband and I have a gardening company, Angel Gardens, based in Pensax. Between us we mow, prune, dig, weed, strim, design, build and plant gardens. I have an RHS qualification in Horticulture, Pershore certificate in Gardening, Cotswold Gardening School plant planning and design course and I have completed a Rose pruning course with David Austin.

Recently I entered Abberley Hall School into the Malvern Spring festival School garden challenge, which we won the 'Certificate of Excellence in Use of Recyclable Material in a Garden' and 'Highly Commended' for our garden. I also got to have a fabulous chat with Joe Swift (just have to name drop).

So, to the garden! Well July and August are usually warm but wet months, which pest and diseases love, so much so that they multiply at a great rate! This makes the job difficult to keep on top of. A good idea is to grow a variety of plants in your garden to promote beneficial insects and other wildlife, which in turn should create a healthy balance between pest and predator. Cultural methods (good gardening) can be a lot more productive than you realise, even though it might be a slower way of reducing pests. For instance, I find actually removing or squashing aphids from buds or flowers, along with a watering can to wash them away, a much better method than spraying them, which can actually affect bees collecting pollen and other wanted insects.

You need to be pruning all those early flowering shrubs now like Philadelphus, Weigela or Spiraea. Deadhead your roses to prolong flowering and don't just break off the heads, cut down to a bud leaf lower down to encourage new shoots. Always pick an outward facing leaf to prevent growing into the centre. This is to help create a goblet shape, which allows light and air to pass freely through the plant so to prevent disease. After you have done this you can also give it a good feed to boost the growth using a specific Rose fertiliser.

You should also be watering your pots regularly, making sure when you go away that someone is there to do them for you. Don't rely on the rain to do the job for you! The plants create a canopy over the soil, so even though the plants look lovely and wet, the soil and roots are not getting access to the water. Put pots that are on flat surfaces (like patios), on feet to allow drainage, as you don't want to drown those beautiful plants.

If anyone is after any gardening tips, or has any questions about their garden, please email me at louise.mawditt@btinternet and I will do my best to answer your queries. Happy gardening!

A few local notices...

SHELSLEYS' VILLAGE HALL

The recently elected Village Hall Committee, on behalf of the parishioners of the Shelsleys, would like to express their thanks to the outgoing committee for all their efforts over the period they were in office.

PENSAX THRIFT SHOP

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CLIFTON-UPON-TEME VILLAGE HALL

All villagers are invited to the village hall AGM, to be held in the Rowberry Room on 8th July, starting at 7.30pm. This last year has seen many exciting changes to the hall and this is an opportunity to hear about plans for the future and for a chance to tell the trustees how we might improve facilities. Do come along - it's your hall!

SHELSLEY HILLCLIMB NOTICE

By The Midland Automobile Club

It is a great shame that we have to make the following communication as a result of Sunday's Breakfast Club. A very, very small minority of people chose to ignore The Midland Automobile Club's repeated requests to respect the locals and drive accordingly down the lanes. What is really appalling is the chap in the rusty VW Polo who chose to do a burnout at the main entrance leaving black lines out into the road. A number of people have since approached us about this matter and expressed concerns at the drivers attitude. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated and as a result this chap will not be allowed to come to any future Breakfast Club events. By stopping this kind of behaviour it will help to preserve the event for the enjoyment of everyone else.

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CLIFTON CHURCH PLEA....

Our lovely old Church computer, which saw many years' service at London University before they threw it out, has been with us all the years that Liz has been Administrator.

But recently it has been showing real signs of old age and today almost crumbled and collapsed, meaning that Liz had to go home early! (Apparently her children will be pleased!)

Is there any nice, kind person out there replacing their computer? Has anybody got an old one they could pass on to us? Please??!

Please contact John Sumner if you can help.

THE NEW 'SCUBS!' – BUT FOR ONE TERM ONLY!

By Rachel Austin

SCUBS, an amalgamation of **Scouts** and **CUBS**, have an exciting term ahead of them.

Due to lack of numbers and with no Beavers moving up to Cubs, we decided to join our 2 groups for a final summer fling! Unfortunately we have had no offers to take over the groups after this summer, so the Clifton-Upon-Teme Scout Group, encompassing Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will finish in Clifton for the time being. We still hope that it will be resurrected in the not too distant future, so please, it is not too late to offer.

One of the events we recently took part in and came away with a medal, was a Bell Boating regatta held at Fladbury. We had a beautiful day and all the boys, girls and parents took part. Thank you to all the extra children who came along and also to the parents for taking part...we have some very competitive ones!!

We are having a trip to Pitlands Farm, Go Ape at the Wyre Forest, orienteering at Brockhampton and then ending the year with a group camp to Blackwell Court in Bromsgrove.



*The Clifton SCUBS
(Scouts and Beavers)
being placed at the Bell
Boating regatta
in Fladbury*

Cycling for charity...

LONDON CYCLE CHALLENGE FOR ST. RICHARD'S HOSPICE

By Helen Griffee

Our very own Teme Triangle editor and super fundraiser, Helen Griffee, is competing in a cycle challenge this summer in aid of St. Richard's Hospice. Helen writes:



"I'm cycling 100 miles in a day on the Pru Ride London event on 2nd August. Well that's my aim! I've never cycled that far and the preparation will involve me spending the next 12 weeks leading up to the event almost living on my bike. The official training schedule is intense! I would love your support (and plenty of cake) to keep me motivated in the weeks ahead! I'm fundraising for the amazing, caring St. Richard's Hospice and will be very grateful for any donation you can make. Every penny makes a difference so that St. Richard's - a charity - can offer excellent specialist care and compassion with dignity to patients and families.

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And now to the many, varied summer events taking place locally...

AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE HIGH SHERIFF

The High Sheriff of Worcestershire, Sir Anthony Winnington, and Lady Winnington will host an afternoon tea party at Brockhill Court, Shelsley Beauchamp, WR6 6RH on Saturday 29th August from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in aid of St Mary's Church, Stanford with Orleton.

The Bellini Strings will provide musical entertainment. Sir Anthony will be in his official High Sheriff court dress and there will be a prize of £50 for the couple best dressed in the style of English garden party judged by Lady Winnington and Mr Roger Hunstone.

Early booking is essential as there are limited places. We expect this event to be sold out well before the date below. Tickets: adults £10 (includes a glass of Prosecco), children £5. Tickets available from Alexandra Winnington on 07891 346783 or by email to alexandra.winnington@gmail.com, before 25th August.

CLIFTON HORSE AND PONY SHOW

The Clifton Horse and Pony show, along with a dog show, will once again be going ahead this year on Saturday 5th September 2015 at a new event ground in Pound Lane. Horse and pony classes start at 09:00 and dog classes at 11:00. Please make a note in your calendar and come and support the event, which will raise funds for the Church and Air Ambulance. Show schedules are on the Teme Triangle website, or for more information email:

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28th September	Peter the Great of Russia cf. Louis XIV	George Lukowski Ex. University of Birmingham
5th October	Catherine II the Great: the Semiramis of the North	George Lukowski
12th October	The Rights of Man; Rights of Woman	Pauline Annis Open University
19th October	The Baldwins of Stourport	Pauline Annis
26th October	Captain Cook: The Exploration of the Pacific & the Nat. Maritime Museum	Nigel Rigby National Maritime Museum
2nd November	Before & After Darwin	Darren Aldridge University of Worcester
9th November	Mastering the World - Napoleon I	Dan Whittingham University of Birmingham
16th November	Mastering the World - Napoleon II	Dan Whittingham University of Birmingham
23rd November	Thomas Jefferson & The New American Nation	Robert Lewis Ex. University of Birmingham
30th November	The Life, Times and legacy of Edward Jenner	Robert Spencer Ex. Sheffield University
7th December	End of Term party: Discussion Evening	

Abbreviated draft Minutes of the meeting of Clifton-upon-Teme Parish Council held on 4th June 2015.

Present: Cllr M Newman (Chairman), Cllr W Bradley, Cllr N Parkinson

Also in Attendance: Janet Dale (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Election of Vice Chairman:

At the May meeting Cllr H Winer, seconded by Cllr M Newman, proposed that Cllr R Henry be asked if he were willing to assume the role of vice chairman. Members unanimously agreed to the proposal. The formal election of a vice-chairman was deferred until the July 2015 meeting.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr H Winer (holiday).

Public Question Time:

Mr McLean mentioned that we are now in a position to obtain a postal address for the playing field. Council agreed to purchase a letterbox for the pavilion and that the Lengthsman would install. 3 keys would be required for the box.

Old road drainage – Outreach had carried out no work. Clerk to follow up.

Concern was expressed about the speed farm vehicles appear to be driving through the village.

Community concern speed notices – no speed checks appear to have taken place. Clerk to follow up.

Discussion took place about time of meetings and it was agreed that meetings would commence at 7.30pm in the main hall for the summer months.

Standing Orders: Standing orders previously circulated to all councillors were adopted unanimously.

Code of Conduct: The code of conduct previously circulated to all councillors was noted by all present.

Financial Regulations: The Financial Regulations previously circulated to all councillors were adopted unanimously.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Correspondence:

WCALC – June Training – noted.

WCC – Road closure Ham Bridge – Significant refurbishment works planned for 21st July to 2nd September 2015.

WCC – Footpath closure CT-566 extended for 12 months.

Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities – noted.

Three requests for notices on the village green were agreed: Horse & Dog Show, Tea Dance and Summer Fayre.

Email from John Bowden re footpath problems – noted and ongoing.

Planning:

15/00636/HOU – 18 The Village, Oak framed double garage with home office in loft – council support the application.

15/00351/HOU – 2 Kenelm Close – APPLICATION APPROVED.

Finance:

a. The internal auditors report was read out and noted.

b. The Annual Governance Statement was read and completed by Council and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

c. Computer replacement – the Chairman to try to ascertain the required specification – carry forward to July meeting.

d. The renewal of the CPRE membership was discussed and it was agreed unanimously to continue with the membership.

e. The payments as previously circulated were approved.

f. The revised bank mandate was signed accordingly by the new signatories.

Progress Reports:

Lelandii trees planted by Ham Bridge House – ongoing.

Slow signage at Ham Bridge (ref 6466490) ongoing.

Pound Lane drainage – ongoing.

Damaged cats eyes (ref 6378705) – ongoing.

Severn Trent Hydrant sign on village green – Fire Brigade to carry out work.

Co-option of Councillors:

Two applications had been received from parishioners wishing to be co-opted to Council.

Application from Mrs Michelle Salisbury. Cllr Parkinson proposed that she be co-opted, seconded by Cllr Newman. Carried unanimously.

Application from Mr Barry Yarnold. Cllr Newman proposed that he be co-opted, seconded by Cllr Bradley. Carried unanimously.

Neighbourhood Plan Update: Cllr Winer had reported that the group had received some helpful comments from MHDC, which will be incorporated into the draft. The group is approaching 3 consultants re funding advice and application with a view to having their support and input in writing the plan in full. They will present the options to the PC for their input and agreement when they have the information. NP Group meet again in June.

Lengthsman's duties: Gulleys need cleaning. Mowing – strimming. Trees – Ham bridge.

VAS sign – clerk to contact Lower Broadheath PC re prices on their new signs.

Tidy hedge between Kenelm Close and Manor Road to discourage dumping.

Councillors Reports and items for future agenda:

Cllr Newman reported that grass cuttings were being dumped in Manor Road. This is classed as fly tipping. After discussion it was agreed to contact MHDC about a possible flyer informing residents of how to dispose of garden waste.

Cllr Newman reported that Brookside Fire had been in contact re their annual check.

Cllr Parkinson reported that parking outside the school and by the conker tree is still a problem. Registration numbers have been taken and these should be phoned to 101 and the police will then take action.

Date of next meeting: To agree the date of the next meeting as 2nd July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July 2015

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Tenbury Countryside Show

Saturday 1st August 2015

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Moonlight Steeplechase

Sunday 30th August 2015

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Proverbs ch17 v17.

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As adults we remember our mother's love and those happy times. We reminisce and in our minds eye go back to renewed awareness of the beauty of the place. The nesting birds, terns, eider ducks, oyster catchers and many, many gulls. The soft singing sands.... We loved it all.

Long ago Saint Justin (100 – 165 AD) gave an eloquent defence of Christianity. He defended the Christian Faith from false charges. In his "Logos Christology," Justin tried to articulate the relation between the First and the Second Godhead of the Trinity, the Father and the Son, borrowing the language of Logos from the Gospel of John .

He put forth a sophisticated logic to explain the relationship between the Father and the Son in the biblical Christianity. However, it has flaws in its analogue, as the Word comes from the Father.

Justin explained the dramatic transformation Christ brings to believers, 'Before we became Christians, we used to value above all else, money and possessions. Now we bring together all we have, and share it with those who are in need. Formerly, we hated and killed one another. Now we all live in peace. We pray for our enemies and seek to win over those who hate us unjustly'.

The same Christ-centred change is evident in Christians today. Before we can reach out in love to our friends and neighbours, we must demonstrate God's love through us. It's the best way to show the world the difference love makes. ***'Put on love, which is the bond of perfection'***, Colossians ch3 v14.

For more information about our local churches follow the link from www.temetriangle.net.

LOWER SAPEY NEWS

By Margaret Griffiths

Sadly, Marion is still not recovered and is staying with her daughter. She is missing us all and hopes to be home soon.

At the time of writing this, we still haven't had much summer and here we are, soon to be at Midsummer Day. Hopefully, the weather will improve in time for the school holidays. The cricket season is well under way though, even though some games have been washed out, but our local county is doing quite well in the top division.

I have always read the nature report in TT and last month's was about butterflies. I must say that as yet, I have only seen a few small whites and is this because of the weather, or the chemical sprays on fields and orchards? There are however, lots of very busy bees, which is good news.

We are very much looking forward to a musical afternoon this month in St Bartholomew's Church, organised by Candy Connolly in memory of her mother. What a lovely idea. Then, on Sunday August 30th there will be the annual service in the Old Church, which is always an enjoyable afternoon with a picnic after the service, which will start at 3pm.

We also have a provisional date for the 'Big Breakfast' at St Bartholomew's, Harpley and this is in the morning of September 5th. This has now become a popular annual event and is organised by the energetic Liz and Steve Younge and their friends. Please look out for final confirmation of this event, as the date may change.

Congratulations to our local poet, Jane Dallow, who has poems published in the book recently brought out by the Bromyard Poetry Society. Well done Jane.

NOTICES

Flowers for the first two weeks of July are being looked after by Dot Millward and for the second half of the month by Pat Savage.

Flowers for August are taken care of by Doreen MacLean for the first two weeks and by Candy Connolly for the later two weeks.

Cleaning duties are with Bettie Nicholls and Doreen MacLean for July and Barbara Raybould for August.

The Mobile Library will visit us on 17th July and 21st August at 10.20 and 10.40. The Ladies Bible Group Summer outing will be on Thursday July 16th, to the Hampton Court Castle Gardens, touring the house and gardens.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the flower and cleaning rotas, due to sickness and people leaving the area. Please contact our Church Warden Candy Connolly, if you can help.

BETTER TOGETHER

By Judie Welsh

This week I had a letter from Marion West, our erstwhile Lower Sapey correspondent, who has been seriously ill for some months now and is

recovering in Guildford with her daughter. Marion was one of the original team that set up Teme Triangle more than 14 years ago, when the future connectivity of our villages was seriously under threat. She has stoically and

tirelessly written about life in tiny Lower Sapey, ever since, as well as being a loyal and very sensible member of our steering group.

Back then, some were wary of joining up with villages as disparate as Clifton, the Shelsleys and Lower Sapey, but our parishes linked and so did we.

Over the years, we have shared not only our clergy, but through TT, our news too. We have attended each other's events and offered support in a myriad of ways, and we have made new friends.

Our linked churches now number many more, and the recent United West Worcestershire Rural Team service, held at All Saints, included parishioners from Martley, Wichenford, Broadwas and Cotheridge. Our churches, our economy and our support networks are more sustainable, maybe even better together.

So, all of us at TT send our very best wishes to Marion and I am sure her many friends across the parishes do too.

WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND

Local artist Melanie Williams will be opening her studio in Pard House Lane, Shelsley Beauchamp as part of the Worcestershire Open Studio weekend, Saturday 29th August - Monday 31st August. 11am - 5.30pm.

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Melanie Williams in her studio in Shelsley Beauchamp



The TT team L-R Andrew Brazier, Marion West, Judie Welsh, Helen Griffiee, Jerry Johns, Anna Brazier. Louise Hutton has since joined the team as a guest editor



ST. RICHARD'S HOSPICE WORCESTERSHIRE WAY WALK

By Helen Griffee

More than 80 walkers strode out on a challenge to walk the whole of the Worcestershire way in a day to support hospice care across the county (on Friday 19th June).

The teams and individual walkers, along with some runners, took on the challenging 31 mile dawn 'til dusk trek in aid of St Richard's Hospice. This year's challenge marked the 10th anniversary of this popular walking event and fortunately the sun shone for the day.

The walkers began at 6am in Bewdley and trekked across wonderful Worcestershire countryside before reaching the first refreshment stop at Abberley Hall school. There, the Abberley Clockwatchers WI had laid on a nourishing array of cakes for the hungry walkers. Next stop was lunch courtesy of The Talbot at Knightwick, before a tough finish on the slopes of the Malvern Hills.

The first speedy walkers reached the finish at 2.30pm. Alison Parkes, Senior Fundraiser at St Richard's Hospice, said; "It was a great event with team spirit and camaraderie amongst the walkers taking part. It's a tough challenge but we have many walkers come back year after year to put themselves to the test and raise funds to help our patient care. We are hopeful that this year walkers will have raised in the region of £18,000 towards our care which is a fantastic amount." She added; "Many people took on this challenge in memory of someone special, as a way of saying thank you for the hospice care they received. But often at the end of the walk they realise that they have achieved something fantastic for themselves too."

The money raised by walkers will help St Richard's Hospice continue to care for patients at the end of their lives, and support their families. St Richard's Hospice provides free, specialist, palliative care for patients living with life-threatening illnesses and supports their families. Each year the hospice team supports over 2,600 patients and family members in Worcestershire with compassion, kindness, dignity and respect. The hospice works to help people make the best of their lives despite the effects of their illness. The care provided is tailored to the individual needs of each patient and cares for the whole person; physically, emotionally and spiritually. St Richard's is an independent charity and is grateful for all donations to help it to continue its work.

The event is kindly sponsored by Carisson Properties Ltd. Worcestershire County council's countryside access team kindly provided support vehicle assistance.

ABBERLEY CLOCKWATCHERS W.I.

By Louise Hutton

As Helen mentioned in the last article, the ladies from the Abberley Clockwatchers W.I. had laid on a fantastic selection of refreshments for the Worcestershire Way walkers, which was hugely appreciated by all.

Clockwatchers President Andrea Crossland writes:

“Thank you so much to all of you who were able to help out at the Pavilion on Friday.

It was wonderful to have your smiling faces greet us after the first leg of the journey! We now know first hand, how important the Clockwatchers refreshments are to the walkers. Knowing you would all be there with hot tea and flapjacks was a massive boost when we left Bewdley at 6am and so much appreciated after the horribly steep hills behind Abberley.

We completed our descent from the top of the Malverns at 6pm – knees in pain and walking very inelegantly....but thrilled to have made it to the finish. Husbands and cold Prosecco were a welcome sight!

Some of you have kindly asked for our just giving page. The link is [https://www.justgiving.com/Andrea-Crossland.](https://www.justgiving.com/Andrea-Crossland)”

As if this was not enough, the Clockwatchers also then hosted a yoga morning 3 days later, also in aid of St. Richard’s Hospice. The hour and a half yoga session ended in traditional W.I. style, with tea and cake – thanks again to all those who contributed to the wonderful refreshments. Many thanks indeed to the hugely talented and popular yoga teacher Sarah Williams, who had very kindly agreed to donate all funds raised at this event to the charity.

The 2 events combined are hoping to raise in excess of £1,500 for St. Richard’s Hospice – a great result ladies – well done!



The Abberley Clockwatchers WI team – left to right, Emma Reed-Daunter, Sue Martyn-Smith, Andrea Crossland and Sophie Underwood

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

Many of us look after gardens and, knowing the delight of watching wildlife from our windows, try to garden in a nature-friendly way. Plenty of advice is available from wildlife organisations such as the RSPB, Wildlife Trusts, British Dragonfly Society and many others.

There is information on everything from making and siting bird-boxes, to designing and digging a dragonfly pond. A huge array of bird feeders, hedgehog hides, bee shelters and bat boxes is to be found in garden centres, and the choice of food-stuffs is simply overwhelming. This just goes to show how many people enjoy giving wild creatures a helping hand.

We have a pond in our garden that contains toads, newts, dragonflies, great diving beetles, flag iris, kingcups and purple loosestrife. Built over twenty years ago by the previous house-holder, it has been a fantastic source of wildlife interest, despite not being very big.

Highlights over the years have included a kingfisher inspecting our fish, a grass snake swimming with its head held high and a visiting water shrew. This latter was splashing about so much that I thought it was a large mouse that had fallen in the water and was trying to save itself from drowning!

Adjacent to the pond, a large stand of bamboo has begun to spread. It has sent up some spikes through the liner of another, smaller, shallower pond that we had added a few years ago. Removing the impenetrable bamboo seemed the only way to keep the water in both ponds. But what a dilemma for wildlife this proved to be! When tidying up the pond in the past, it has been necessary to retreat to avoid disturbing hibernating hedgehogs. On this occasion, the creature inadvertently disturbed was a dormouse sleeping inside a nest which it had carefully constructed from the thin leaves of the bamboo.

What to do? Maintain the bamboo and allow it to destroy a watery habitat or destroy the bamboo and relocate the dormouse? In the past we have found dormouse nests in our honeysuckle and at the base of a large ornamental *Gunnera manicata* plant. I relocated the nest, complete with its slumbering occupant, into a large *Montana clematis* billowing along the hedge. I hope I did right, but sometimes, when gardening for wildlife, it is difficult to know what to do for the best. I hope that it didn't have too much of a surprise, going to bed in bamboo and waking up in clematis.

For all our best-intentioned actions, there is always something that needs a compromise. Turning the compost heap for example, is a good thing for compost, but a bad thing for sleeping slow worms. Nettle patches are good for butterflies and log piles good for invertebrates. The thing about these measures is that they are not the best for the gardener's eye. Having a scruffy pond seems to be good for everything! But that's the thing about wildlife gardening, it gives you an excuse to be untidy!

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday July 13th 2015, when we welcome Roger Umpelby who will be giving a talk intriguingly titled "Life in the Undergrowth". 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. The group normally holds a meeting on the second Thursday of the month. All are very welcome. Tel. 01584 781500 or email danny.arnold@waterwide.com.

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- 4 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb, Reg Phillips Trophy Meeting
- 5 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb, Vintage and Post Vintage Thoroughbred Meeting
- 4-5 Bromyard Gala, Burgess Farm, HR7 4JY
- 12 Severn Valley Railway cycle challenge for Acorns Children's Hospice
- 18-19 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb, 1950's and 1960's Classic Nostalgia Meeting

AUGUST

- 1 Tenbury Countryside Show, 09:00 - 18:00
- 6 Burwarton Show
- 8 Little Hereford Village Fete, 14:00 - 16:30 at Easton Court
- 9 Ludlow Hunt Horse & Dog Show at Hillocks Farm, from 09:00
- 15-16 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb Championship Challenge
- 19 Worcester Racecourse vintage themed Ladies evening
- 30 C-o-T Hunt Moonlight Steeplechase, Woodmanton Manor, WR6 6DS, 17:00

Services for JULY and AUGUST

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