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October 2016



So much news!

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WELCOME to your October Teme Triangle.

This month we have so much local news that we have put four front cover photos!

Harvest time is always special here, apple picking is in full swing and the hopyards are a hive of activity too. Once pickers came from the Black Country on trains into Knightwick station, and many found love and made their homes in the valley, and although some local people are employed many now comes from overseas. Applefest which celebrates the season is in Tenbury on 1st October, (details on page 17) and all three of our parishes have Harvest Services in church and shared food events (details on page 15).

First we have news of the Big Breakfast and more in Harpley, a local musician who made it to the Proms this year and a new development in the Clifton land saga. On the same subject Rev. John Sumner's last Church message strikes a chord, and, as bridge works are completed, we have good news on their general condition.

All that and all your news and comments too, as well as masses of events to enjoy this Autumn.

Don't forget to keep up with local developments and activities between editions by visiting our website www.temetriangle.net or follow us on facebook: www.facebook.com/TemeTriangle

But first, it's all been happening in Harpley. The sun shone for the Annual Service and picnic at Old St Bartholomew's, it rained for the Big Breakfast and the Gospel weekend. But nothing dampened the spirits!

HARPLEY BIG BREAKFAST

Liz, Steve Younge and the team cooked over 80 breakfasts again this year, despite atrocious weather.

It was great fun, and the tiny church was packed with happy eaters – showing just how versatile St Bartholomew's can be! The event made a profit for the church of about £370. Well done everyone!





HARPLEY BIG BREAKFAST



REMI AT THE PROMS!

Local Jazz Guitarist Remi Harris, had an amazing summer including opening the Jazz Prom on BBC TV, with Jamie Cullen and appearing at the biggest Jazz Festival in the world in Montreal in June.

Despite his national and international celebrity local fans will be pleased to know that he still appears regularly around here and continues his appearances at the Den, Stanford Bridge.



CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL LAND BID

Clifton Parish Council is considering buying nine acres of pasture land in Pound Lane at a cost of £89,000 to the parish.

Parish councillors discussed the possibility at last month's meeting, after learning that the purchase would probably involve a public works loan and an increase in the parish precept. The land concerned is one of two lots currently being offered for sale.



Councillor Russ Henry said parishioners would need to be consulted before going ahead. "If we ask everyone if they are in favour, then we have the backing of local residents. But we will need to give a rough estimate of the cost to each household."

MHDC CHAIRMAN'S WALK THROUGH TEME VALLEY

The Chairman of Malvern Hills District Council, Councillor John Raine, and his wife Susan passed through our patch on their 130 mile fund-raising walk through every ward in the Council's area in September.

"Cllr Raine aims to raise a significant amount of money for three local mental health organisation – Positive Thoughts, Link Nurseries Therapy and Jigsaw – and hopes the event will help challenge the stigma around mental health and raise awareness," said District Councillor Caroline Paethorpe who joined them as they walked around Clifton and The Shelsleys.



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Helen Griffee from Shelsley Kings has been Communications' Manager at St Richard's for 13 years (and is also a guest editor on TT), and Marina Dixon from Clifton, has been a Nurse Specialist there for 20 years. Just two of our local residents who are involved in this essential work.

If you would like to join in the celebrations and the fundraising checkout www.strichards.org.uk or visit their facebook page.



HAM BRIDGE STRENGTHENED

The ten-week work on strengthening and repairing Ham Bridge has been completed.

Ham Bridge is a listed three-span bridge with additional overflow channels at the north eastern and south western ends. The bridge was constructed in the 17th century and was remodelled during the 18th and 20th centuries. Two brick and stone piers separate three arches spanning the river; these have segmental heads and keystones and the central arch is the widest.



The original bridge was constructed by the Mortimer family of Wigmore who were large property holders in the Teme Valley. The name of the bridge is taken from Ham Castle, one of the Mortimer's other properties located nearby.

Work has also been completed on New Mill Bridge and following the collapse of Eastham Bridge in May there has been much speculation about the condition of our bridges.

Worcestershire County Councillor Ken Pollock told us:

“The collapse of the Eastham Bridge on the 24th May has shaken faith in our structures across the County, and the council officers are very keen to re-assure residents that there is no reason to believe that other bridges are not safe.

Initial investigations indicate that the Eastham collapse was caused by scouring of the river bed around the south pier. This should have been detected by the annual diving inspection during the summer, but no problems were reported. The December 15th inspection of the superstructure also indicated no cause for concern.”

“Since the collapse, work has been carried out on the New Mill and Ham bridges further down the Teme. Neither of these works is in any way related to the earlier problems. Both bridges are clear spans with no piers in the stream, so they cannot be affected by the same sort of scouring.”

“Residents may recall that the Ham bridge work was scheduled for 2015, but postponed, mainly because of conflict with traffic going to the Shelsley Walsh hill climb events.”

“Both programmes involved routine restoration on stone work and repainting of the metal railings, in neither case should this be regarded as emergency remedial action.”

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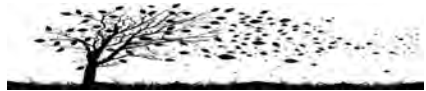


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Church Matters

with Rev.d John Sumner



Dear Everybody,

“I hope you will be very happy here”.

This is something that is said to new vicars many times over all up and down the country, and it was said to me and Alice when we arrived.

And of course people mean it. But we can also detect somewhere a faint anxiety behind the question.

And so time and again Alice and I used to be asked throughout the years, “do you really like it here?”

The answer has always been the same: we love it.

Of course, for those of us who believe that God loves us all, and personally too, we want to show that love to people in practical ways. But here in particular there has been very little difficulty in loving both the countryside and the people. It is beautiful countryside and a neighbourly population.

So we have been more than grateful to be here for eight years.

There is only one concern that I have, and it is about the new housing that will come fairly soon. One or two of the meetings in the Clifton village hall were quite difficult and after one of them I was left thinking “is this really Clifton-upon-Teme? I thought we were neighbourly here”. Things had been said at that meeting that were not sensitive to some present residents – remember we have a very varied population. And a group of residents came to see me to discuss if there was anything that could be done about it.

I am one of those who believes that we need some more housing but definitely not as many as we are getting. But we are almost sure to be getting them and this will not be the fault of the people who move in. So I do hope and trust that the traditional neighbourliness of our area will extend a welcome to these new folk and help them become part of the whole scene.

Now, for a vicar to have so few concerns after eight years in village life really has to be quite impressive. So take courage, continue to be yourselves, remember that God’s love is still around and (despite rumours) our churches will continue to be unlocked by day and open both physically and spiritually, for you.

Thank you all.

John Sumner

CHURCHY NEWS

HARVEST SERVICES

All Saints Shelsley Beauchamp Sunday October 2nd 5pm + Supper in VH

St Kenelm's Clifton Sunday 9th October 6pm + buffet

St Bartholomew Harpley Sunday 30th October 10.30 am bring a platter to share

TEAM MINISTRY QUIET DAY

The annual Team Ministry 'Quiet Day' is taking place on Friday 4th November at Holland House, Crophorne. The day will be led by the Revd Canon Nick Wright. The day will begin at 10.00 am until 4.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some spiritual refreshment prior to the busy Christmas season. Please do come and experience the delightful and uplifting setting of Holland House, you will be most welcome.

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INFORMAL WORSHIP AT CLIFTON

We are inviting as many people as possible to our next informal worship service on October 16th at St Kenelm's in Clifton.

The service will be led by Mrs. Jen Denniston and we look forward to another service which welcomes everyone. Please come at 10.15.a.m. for coffee in preparation for a 10.30 start. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nigel Roberts.

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On Saturday, 3rd December, at 6.30pm, The Big Christmas Carol Sing and Christmas Tree Extravaganza will take place at St Kenelm's Church, Clifton. Choose your favourite Carol! Sing your favourite Carol!

Look in November's Teme Triangle for full details, but put the date in your diary NOW!

LOWER SAPEY NEWS with Marion West

In her letter to all the helpers for the Harpley Big Breakfast at the beginning of September, Liz thanked everyone for their energy and enthusiasm, which had made the (rather rainy!) breakfast run smoothly making £370 for church funds.

It was fun, and very special to see our little church packed with lots of happy breakfast eaters! We all need, in our turn, to thank Liz and Steve for their tremendous enthusiasm in getting us all going!!



We said our sad goodbye to John and Alice during the breakfast fun with small presentations. My goodness we are going to miss them! We all hope that they will remember their final posting in our parishes with fondness.

We now must look forward to preparing our services and activities for harvest-time and on into the autumn period and it goes without saying that we shall all need much enthusiasm and community spirit to help us along!

HARVEST SERVICE AT HARPLEY

10.30 am Sunday 30th October +bring a platter to share

NOTICES

Church flowers are for Candy Connolly for the beginning weeks of October and we shall all join in for Harvest festival on 30th October.

Church cleaning for October is for Gay Sudbury.

Ladies Bible Study will be on Tuesday 11 October at 2pm. Venue to be announced.

The Mobile Library will call on 14th October.

LOCAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

TENBURY APPLEFEST

Each year Tenbury Wells, celebrates the Apple, which has an ancient association with our valley, with a one day event held on the Town's Burgage Recreational Area.

2016 Applefest is being held on October 1st, 2016. Over the past years the event has grown from being in the streets of Tenbury and the car park to its present home on The Burgage,

Activities include an apple display, apple identification, juicing, entertainment, trade stalls and much more. www.applefest.co.uk

CLIFTON UPON TEME WI

For a chance to see and hear all about the transformation of Birmingham's **New Street** station into Birmingham's '**Grand Central**', why don't you come and join us on **Tuesday 11th October** in Clifton Village Hall, Hope Lane at **7.30 pm?**

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Air Ambulance and Great Witley Church are usually represented. New this year- Headway Worcestershire the charity for people with acquired head injuries. Come and have a cup of tea with some home made cake.

BATTLE OF HASTINGS REMEMBERED by Jennifer Farmer

Friday October 14th will be the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings.

I wonder if any of your readers who were pupils at Clifton Primary School in the 1960s can remember the 900th anniversary on October 14th 1966. On that day, the whole school did all their lessons from morning assembly until the end of school based on the Battle of Hastings, under the headship of Ken Davies who taught the Top Juniors; Christine Yard (Lower Juniors) and me in the Infant class. No internet then, so we had to refer to our history books and other visual aids etc. to get all the information we needed to prepare our lessons. Some very good artwork was produced which was later displayed for all to see. As it was a Friday, normal lessons were resumed on the following Monday but the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. After all, the Battle of Hastings only lasted a day!

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TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

“Our last Teme Valley Wildlife Group Sunday meeting was a ramble around Astley taking in the church, the Dick brook, Glazenbridge monastery and some handsome views of the Abberley hills.

I spied a little climbing plant twirling round a crop at the side of a field edge. We thought of bindweed, because of its twirling habit, and of a dock, because it had dock-like seeds hanging in neat clusters. It bore attractive heart-shaped leaves and was twirling in a clockwise direction.”

“Back at home I identified it in my flower book as black bindweed. A bindweed for its habit of binding, actually a member of the dock family. The text noted that the seeds, high in starch, had been found stuck to Bronze Age pots leading to the assumption that our ancestors once used the seeds for food.”

I wondered what other plants our prehistoric ancestors had eaten and which can still be found as wild plants in our landscape. Bronze Age people kept livestock, hunted wild fowl, game and fish and grew ancient forms of wheat, barley, peas and beans, but they must have collected ample greens and herbs to ensure their “five-a-day”! Plenty of fruit, berries, sloes, crab apples, wild pears and hazelnuts could be eaten fresh in season. Greens could be gathered and added to stews to add flavour and interest and we know plants such as white dead nettle, goosegrass, fat hen, charlock, bistort and wild cabbage were used in this way. For salad leaves, hairy bitter-cress, sow thistle, sorrel, watercress, dandelion, wild basil, sow thistle and wild marjoram were all, and still are, available. For onion flavour, wild garlic and garlic mustard could be used, and to pep things up still further, there is definite evidence that the seeds of mustard, coriander and poppy were used as flavourings in prehistoric Britain.”

“Our ancestors would also have known which mushrooms could be safely gathered from the wild, and some of these could have been dried to last over the winter. At the coast marsh samphire and the seaweed called laver, are still used to this day.”

“Whilst thinking of food and the twirling bindweed, I’m sure that I’m not the only Teme valley resident who will feel sad in October because our beautiful clockwise twirling hops have been cut down for another year”.

“Creeping and curling, and twisting and turning, still climbing on till it reaches the top,
Never despairing, but finally bearing, a lesson of life may be learn'd from the hop.”



The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday October 13th when we welcome Alan Reid talking on the Mortimer Forest. The talk will be followed by a Sunday walk in the Mortimer Forest. The meeting is at Rochford Village Hall at 7:30pm £2 on the door. www.temevalleywildlife.com or use our Facebook page. All are welcome. 01584 881397 or email zeunie@hotmail.com

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DRAFT ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13TH 2016

Present: Mr C Roberts, Mr B Hart, Mr D Bates, Mr T Taylor, Mr J Stinton, Mr M Whitefoot and Mr W Sutherland. The Clerk.

Apologies: Mr D Styles and Mrs C Warren (accepted). Dr K Pollock and District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe,

Declaration of Interest: Councillors Bates and Stinton for Village Hall item 13

Minutes: The minutes for July 12th were approved as a true record and signed.

Public Question Time: None.

District Councillor's report: Caroline Palethorpe sent a written report, which was circulated with the agenda.

The full report will be available on the My Parish part of the WCC website (see below).

WCC reports on Highways Matters. There was no report from the Lengthsman.

New Mill Bridge. Hedge at New Mill Bridge. Councillor Stinton to find the name of the new owner and ask that the hedge be cut back.

Debris under the bridge. The Environment Agency stated that the bridge is the responsibility of WCC. Clerk to check this.

WCC reports on highways matters including road surfaces. No report.

B4203 There have been two further incidents which have been added to the list of known accidents and will be forwarded to Councillor Pollock

Planning: 16/01128/LBC and 16/1127/FUL Proposed reinstatement of Brockhill Lodge to dwelling following damage. The Parish Council fully supports the proposals.

MHDC decisions. 16/00954/HOU Upper Southwood Farm WR6 6RF Approved.

Clerk's report on urgent decisions. Planning. The Clerk in consultation with Councillors submitted the following planning details. 16/00954/HOU change of use of outbuilding for domestic use subordinate to main dwelling.

16/01096/HOU proposed double garage at Kingswood House WR6 6SB

Finance: The following request for payment was agreed HMRC PAYE £50.00

Audit: Grant Thornton returned the completed audit with one comment made.

Correspondence and Consultations: All items were either emailed to councillors or were available to view at the meeting.

The Clerk had received no responses from members to consultations.

Clifton upon Teme Draft Neighbourhood Plan. No comment.

Village Hall Management Committee: The minutes of the VHMC meeting on September 6th were made available together with a summary of the accounts for the year so far.

SHELSELEYS PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT ABBREVIATED MINUTES cont.

CALC: Councillor Training.

Training details are circulated together with all CALC correspondence as per the Update received weekly.

The Chairman urged Councillors once again to avail themselves of training meetings.

Councillors' Reports items for next agenda:

Surface condition of lane leading to Redhill. Chairman to investigate.

The road patching in Pard House Lane is of a very poor quality.

Hedges are encroaching on to the highways, landowners will be encouraged to cut them back as soon as possible.

An ash tree is shedding boughs on Fetterlocks Lane. Chairman to speak to landowner.

There have been complaints about the noise and frequency of events at the Hill Climb.

Liaison Councillor to speak to MAC before any action taken by residents.

The field opposite the church is beginning to look unsightly with old appliances.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 Date of the next meeting: November 8th at 7pm

To view the minutes and agenda online go to the WCC website and look at The Shelsleys. <http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>

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CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Due to a change in Clifton Parish Council's administrative arrangements, the Council's formal approved minutes will be published later than is practicable for Teme Triangle to publish, and so will be posted on the Parish council website only.

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We shall endeavour, however, to keep you abreast of important issues that are raised at Council meetings, in our news section. Shelsleys' Parish Council minutes will continue to be published by us in draft abbreviated form immediately after their meetings.

AND FINALLY

TEME TRIANGLE'S NEWS HAS CROSSED THE ATLANTIC!

Over the years we have been contacted by family and friends of our parishes from many places but this month we had a first! Marion West had a call from a lady in Chicago who, whilst planning a trip to the UK this winter, happened upon Temetriangle.net and thought the area and all the news and events looked so enticing that they are coming here. Needless to say Marion asked them to get in touch when they arrive!

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Next time we shall be in the run up to winter - oh well it's been a lovely Autumn.

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CALENDAR

October

- 1 Tenbury Applefest
- 2 Harvest Festival The Shelsleys 5.pm
- 3-9 Hospice Care Week
- 9 Harvest Festival Clifton 6pm
- 11 Clifton WI meeting: John Bowden Grand Central Station VH 7.30pm
- 13 Teme Valley Wildlife talk on The Mortimer Forest Rochford VH 7.30pm
- 14 Lion Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 15 Clifton Friendship Club coffee morning, Marie & Eddie Thompson 10am-12noon
- 18 Charity Christmas Card Sale, Abberley VH
- 20 Clifton WI theatre outing to South Pacific
- 22 Clifton Friendship Club Pudding Extravaganza Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 29 Rural Reels: Eddie The Eagle Clifton VH 7pm
- 30 Harvest Festival Harpley 10.30.am

November

- 4 Team Ministry Quiet Day Holland House 10 – 4pm
- 8 Clifton WI Annual Meeting VH 7.30pm
- 8 The Shelsleys Parish Council meeting 7pm. VH
- 26 Rural Reels: Carol Clifton VH 7pm

December

- 3 The Big Christmas Carol Sing & Christmas Tree Extravaganza, St Kenelm's 6.30pm
- 13 Clifton WI Christmas Cheer Alan & Alana Cooper VH

Services in the parishes of Clifton, Shelsley Beauchamp and Harpley

October - November 2016

Sunday 2nd Oct	10.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	5.00pm	Harvest Service* + supper in VH	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Monday 3rd Oct	10.30am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 9th Oct	10.30am	Methodist Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong**+ buffet	St Kenelm, Clifton
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Sunday 16th Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Come and Praise Family Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	11.00am	Quiet Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Wednesday 19th Oct	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 23rd Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 30th Oct	10.30am	WWRT Joint Service***	St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas
Sunday 6th Nov	10.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	4.00pm	Valley Praise	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Monday 7th Nov	10.30am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 13th Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Remembrance Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
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	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	11.00am	Quiet/Celtic Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Sunday 27th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St Kenelm, Clifton

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* Harvest Supper at All Saints' Shelsley Beauchamp after the Harvest Service 2nd October

** Sunday 9th October Harvest Evensong Clifton 6pm. + buffet

*** Harvest Service at Harpley Sunday 30th October – bring a platter to share afterwards



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