

# Teme TRIANGLE

*Clifton upon Teme • The Shelsleys • Lower Sapey*

February 2016



*Foot tapping in the Teme Valley*

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Our County Councillor Ken Pollock has been appointed to a top job this month, as the new cabinet member for economy, skills and infrastructure on Worcestershire County Council.

Ken, who represents Tenbury, will oversee huge projects across Worcestershire which is said to be the third fastest growing county in the country.

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**Our front cover picture shows:**

Jazz guitarist Remi Harris and his wife Dani at home.

**WELCOME** to the February edition of Teme Triangle.

It's a short month but, for our farming community it's one of the most challenging. I am told that the old Anglo-Saxon name for February is solmonath, which translates as mud-month!

Still it's a leap year so perhaps an opportunity for some?

In our magazine this month we include your news, events, comments and a special feature on the vital role of volunteers in our community. Also that Neighbourhood Plan in Clifton is nearing completion.

But first, catch up on what's been happening since Christmas.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

At the end of last year a new District Councillor was elected to our ward after the death of Gill Farmer. She is Caroline Palethorpe who lives at Oldwood Common near Tenbury. She is a local girl, being born into a farming family in Rochford and is already well known in the area. Caroline is particularly involved in education as both a school governor and mentor and describes herself as being 'passionate about young people'.



Worcestershire is a binary authority and that means that the County Council (Worcestershire) and the District Council (Malvern Hills) share responsibilities between them. County councils cover the entire county and provide around 80 per cent of the services, whilst each district council within that county covers a smaller area and provides more local services.

You can get in touch with Caroline at: [caroline.palethorpe@malvern hills.dc.net](mailto:caroline.palethorpe@malvern hills.dc.net)  
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Our County Councillor is Ken Pollock (see inside front cover) who will be standing for re-election next year. [KPollock2@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:KPollock2@worcestershire.gov.uk)

## **FAREWELLS**

**Denise Stinton**, wife of John lived in Shelsley Walsh but had been ill for some time and passed away in December.

**Jane Porter**, formerly of Upper Southwood Farm and later The Old Stables in Shelsley Beauchamp, also died in December at the age of 96.

Jane was a lively member of the community for almost 50 years, and, as well as being a faithful member of the church community, she helped to found the local Riding for the Disabled group with whom she volunteered well into her '80s.

## **CLIFTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN READY FOR CONSULTATION**

A final draft of the Clifton upon Teme Neighbourhood Plan will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council (4th February) before being published for public consultation.

The Plan is the culmination of nearly three years' work by the steering group currently being advised by consultants, Kirkwells. A series of presentations to local residents and groups will take place to enable everyone within the parish to comment on the draft before it is submitted to Malvern Hills District Council.

"We would like to encourage everyone to look at the plan and have a say in the future needs of our village and parish," said Helen Winer, Chair of the Clifton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

## **FOOTAPPING IN THE TEME VALLEY**

Our front cover picture this month features local Jazz guitarist Remi Harris and his wife Dani. Remi has been tipped as one of the UK's top 'up and coming' jazz guitarists, as is described by Jamie Cullum as 'incredible'.

Whilst he plays all over the country Remi is very loyal to his local following and this month he and Dani are beginning a new series of local musical events entitled Teme Valley Sessions, featuring a range of kindred spirits.

First up is jazz saxophonist Alan Barnes who will feature, in the first session at Clows Top Victory Hall (DY14 9HG) on Tuesday 23rd February 7pm for 8pm start. Bar and refreshments.

Tickets £12 available from Dani [yardbirdarts@gmail.com](mailto:yardbirdarts@gmail.com)  
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We will keep you posted on all the Teme Valley Sessions through the year.



## **NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS – YOU COULD HELP OUR COMMUNITY?**

Last year, at about this time we featured Sir Anthony Winnington, who lives in Shelsley Beauchamp, becoming High Sheriff of Worcestershire and, as he approaches the end of his term of office, he shared his thoughts with us on the year.



“I have attended over 70 official events already and have been truly humbled by the number of dedicated people who give their time and talent to helping in the community” he told us. The office of High Sheriff, which is over 1,000 years’ old, was once a very powerful one, but not now. However, a lot of people like to keep up old traditions and, with my wife Alexandra, I have been delighted to turn up and give people a pat on the back for their contributions to our communities and find out more about what they do”. “Many of our local services are short-staffed and under pressure and more cuts are on the way”

“Volunteers are the glue that keeps our communities together, whether they are helping the elderly, the lonely or the young carers in our midst”, he said. The YSS Worcestershire Young Carers’ project left a real impression on me, as did the Boxing Academy, ‘Bluestone Boxing in Tenbury, and there are many more worthy groups”.

“Volunteering, even for just a few hours a week, can really make a difference” he said.

There are loads of opportunities in the immediate TT area if you would like to offer a little help...they are all desperate for support. The Nora Parsons Day Centre, Riding for the Disabled, our local churches, clubs and networks, all feature from time to time in your magazine, so if you have a little time get in touch.

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Nora Parsons Day Centre: rosemaryholloway@mypostoffice.co.uk

### **CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL HEARTSTART COURSE**

Trustees are offering a chance to learn how to save lives with a Heartstart course in the village hall at 7.30pm on Monday, 22nd. February. The course will be led by Martin Bennett, from the Community Responder Scheme. It will cover summoning help and dealing with strokes, heart attacks, burns, bleeding, unconsciousness and CPR.

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## **PIT YOUR WITS FOR LOCAL GOOD CAUSES**

**THE LION QUIZ IN CLIFTON QUIZ ON MONDAY 8TH FEB 8PM** start for Georgie Gibbs (see below) and another on 15th March for the Nora Parsons Day Centre.( see below). Up to 6 people per team and £3 per person. There will also be a raffle.

Georgie Gibbs, is 3 years old and attends Clifton Early Years' Centre and St Kenelm's church. Georgie's parents are raising funds for her to receive an operation in America.



Georgie cannot stand, balance or walk unaided. Georgie gets herself around indoors by crawling or using her tripod sticks or walking frame, and recently tried a few brave independent steps on her tip-toes. However, she constantly falls over resulting in some nasty injuries. We want to change that and It is hoped that the operation will help Georgie take her own safe and controlled, unaided steps.

### **NORA PARSONS DAY CENTRE QUIZ AT THE LION ON 15TH MARCH**

In 1977 a retired nurse, Nora Parsons, instigated the formation of a Day Centre to serve the people of the 21 villages in which she nursed. With friends and volunteers and with Canon Bartlett, Vicar of Wichenford as the first Chairman, the Centre was opened in the same year using Wichenford Memorial Hall on a Monday and a Thursday.

In 1984 the Centre moved to the current building, which became vacant when the village primary school closed. For nearly 40 years the Nora Parsons Day Centre has provided a place of sanctuary, activity, conviviality and hospitality to those who might otherwise not have been able to leave their homes.

Not only is the Centre unique, being entirely managed and run by volunteers, it is also totally independent, relying for its income on donations and fund raising to cover its running costs and approved grants for repairs and capital projects.

The Centre is open Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 3.00pm., £9.50 per session and a hot, two-course meal is served, along with refreshments during the day.

Places are available to anyone in the catchment area, who might benefit from some company. This includes: Abberley, Astley and Dunley, Broadwas, Clifton on Teme, Cotheridge, Doddenham, Great Witley, Grimley, Hallow, Holt, Kenswick and Wichenford, Knightwick, Little Witley, Lower Broadheath, Martley, Rushwick, The Shelsleys and Shrawley.

More information from Rosemary Holloway  
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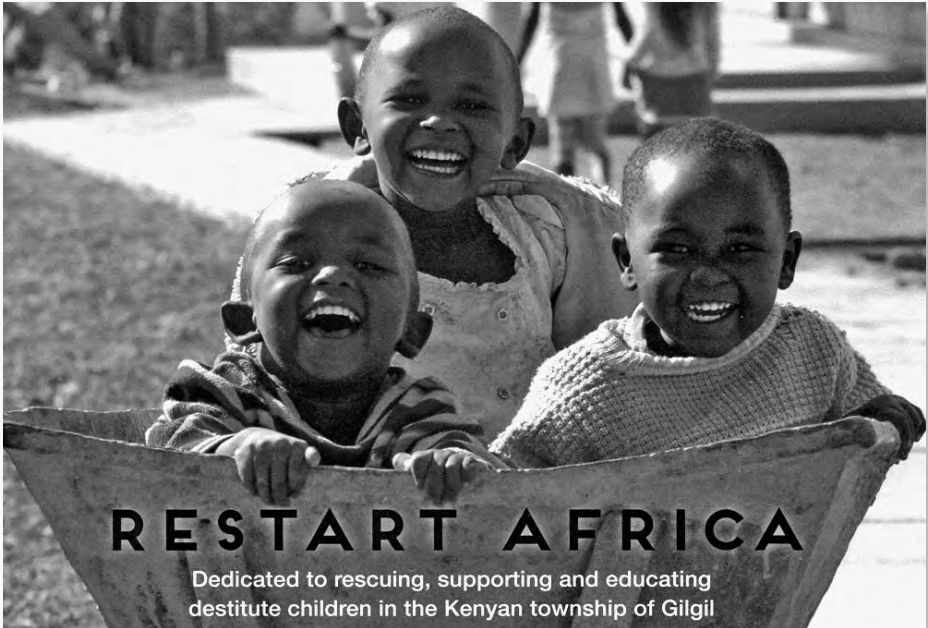


## QUIZ EVENING FOR RESTART AFRICA

A quiz evening that combines fun with fund-raising is being held on Saturday, 5th March at Abberley Hall School in aid of Restart Africa, the charity that provides shelter for street children in Kenya.

Teams of 4-6 people are invited from 7pm. For details and/or to register a team, contact Sue Johns, [s.johns@polperpress.co.uk](mailto:s.johns@polperpress.co.uk) or **01886 812304**. £5 per head.

Restart Africa is based in Gilgil, Kenya, run by Mary Coulson who founded the Trust in 2008. It now looks after over 100 children, aged from just a few months old, in a new orphanage providing food, shelter, welfare and education. Most of the children have suffered severe, often sexual, abuse and deprivation, all have significant emotional issues. The charity is also trying to tackle the causes of child abuse by supporting a number of local initiatives to help employ and hence empower the community.



## ALL SAINTS' QUIZ RESULTS

Supporters of All Saints' Church produced a devilishly difficult quiz in October, and the answers are on our website. Winners are:

**1. Rachael Hurlle   2. Bridget Francis   3. David Birt   4. Jan Speyer**

**All scored over 35 points out of 50.**

Grateful thanks for all your support and congratulations to the winners. £655 was raised for the church.

I am in awe!!

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# Church Matters

with Beth Whittenbury



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments”  
Jesus gave us this summary of the law showing how wise and foresighted He was to do so. If we look back at the 10 Commandments given to Moses, most people and even Christians might struggle to keep to the letter of those laws these days.

Apologies, but I have given in to the temptation of taking a cynical look at a contemporary version of these Laws as they might be viewed in present day society.

1. **Worship no other God but me.**  
(Unless a footballer or reality TV personality.)
2. **Do not make yourselves images of anything in heaven and earth to worship.** (Has anyone else ever wondered how the church has got away with all those statues of saints over the centuries?)
3. **Do not take the name of the Lord in vain.**  
(\*\*\*\*\* !)
4. **Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.**  
(New Sunday trading laws excepted, and of course, sport!)
5. **Respect your mother and your father**  
(Includes your mother and father, your mother and mother or your father and father)
6. **Do not kill**  
(Surely Dignitas provides choice and doesn't count. However, when we have voluntary Euthanasia here the pressure may be on poor old Aunty to agree it's time to go now she is in that expensive nursing home)
7. **Do not commit adultery**  
(Applies to all married couples – straight, gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and trans-gender)
8. **Do not steal**  
(Obviously does not apply to evading tax or travelling without a ticket)
9. **Do not accuse anyone falsely**  
(Unless you are a newspaper and can print a retraction on page 42 at the bottom)
10. **Do not covet your neighbour's house, wife or possessions**  
(Isn't that what consumerism is based on?)

Cynical and tongue in cheek as this may be, we have to own that the sins of yesterday have been downgraded to become the tolerated accepted behaviour of today. It's always been hard enough to turn the other cheek but now we must turn a blind eye too, on those ten laws upon which we have relied for 2,000 years. We are promised forgiveness for our sins but I think we are meant to try not to fall into them to start with. To set a moral compass for today is not easy with so many voices and so much self-righteous liberal moralising. We need the calm guiding words of Jesus as much now as at any time. Thank God for Him and them.

### **REV. JOHN SUMNER – LEADING UP TO RETIREMENT**

The Reverend John Sumner officially works two days per week plus three out of four Sundays (but anybody who has ever done a part-time job knows what that means!).

Alice and John will be retiring at the end of September this year. This will be quite a wrench for them and they and their team are working this year to try and make handovers as smooth as possible.



From now on John will usually be available on Mondays and Thursdays.

There will be variations to this pattern, however, and these will be advertised.

John will also have some appointments on other days, so if you have an appointment with John in your diary, please don't worry – it will still stand.

For any requests for weddings please continue to contact John as he will make the arrangements for the future.

### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Once upon a time, when all ministers of all denominations were men, the Christian women of the world set up an annual prayer service just for themselves. Today, when we have women priests and ministers and even bishops, this annual service continues to be held worldwide on the first Friday in March.

Each year the service is designed by women from a different country, and this year it is CUBA. And our local Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Kenelm's, Clifton at 10.30am on Friday 4th March.

Judging by all the previous years' services and the booklet we have already received, it is a thing not to be missed (assuming you have been born into the appropriate half of the population!) and in these days of equal opportunities, men will not be refused admission.

### **MESSY CHURCH**

After discussions with parents, Messy Church at St Kenelms is now moving to Sunday afternoons (3 - 5pm). Sunday afternoon proved a good time for the January Party, so we hope this move will really help families.

**THE COME ALONG** service at St. Kenelm's in Clifton ( Children+Older People+Middle Aged=Everyone) is every month on the third Sunday and begins at 10.30 with coffee beforehand. It lasts for just 45 minutes and welcomes 'the family' of the village.

### **LOWER SAPEY NEWS BY JANE DALLOW**

Firstly, belated congratulations to Les Tilman of Pritchard's Close, who was 100 years old in November. He has now moved into a home but is, we understand very well. Well done Les !

What a wet and blustery Christmas it turned out to be last year? It's hard to believe it was only last month. Peace and goodwill were abundant in Lower Sapey, our Carol Service was very well attended, familiar carols lifting the rafters, enhanced by the Choir who entertained us with 'The angel Gabriel' carol which was beautiful.

Windows decked with boughs of holly and ivy, candlelight casting shadows, what a lovely way to start Christmas. After the service, it was announced it was Marion West's birthday so the congregation and choir sang 'Happy birthday' to her. How old were you Marion?

New Year blew in wet and mild, out with the old, in with the new, resolutions to be made, resolutions to be broken, new beginnings and all that.

Winter makes us feel depressed as the dark days of January gather momentum, but before you know it snowdrops are peeping up, new born lambs appear in the fields, days get longer and spring is just around the corner. A lightening of the spirit will happen spontaneously and new year resolutions long forgotten - we are only human after all. So may I say 'A Happy New Year' to all of you from all of us in Lower Sapey.

Notices:

Flowers and cleaning in February will be undertaken by Marion West.

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#### **TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE**

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday 11th February, when we welcome Paul Handy whose talk is on native honey in native hives. The meeting is at Rochford Village Hall at 7:30pm and as always it is just £2 on the door where everybody is most welcome.

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

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**Present:** Councillors Mr C Roberts (Chairman), Mr T Taylor, Mr W Sutherland, MR D Styles, Mrs C Warren, Mr D Bates County Councillor Dr Pollock and the clerk.

**Apologies:** Mr J Stinton and District Councillor Mrs Palethorpe.

**Declaration of Interest:** None.

**Minutes:** The minutes for November 10th were approved as a true record and signed. **Public Question Time:** None. **Highways and Lengthsman:** There was no Lengthsman's Report or time sheet. There have been two accidents on the B4203, one of which was a car fire.

Muddy Road conditions. The Clerk confirmed with WCC that they were responsible for clearing mud from the lanes. The build up of mud is from leaves, rain washing mud onto roads and wide heavy vehicles knocking mud into the lanes. WCC suggest that any problem be reported to them online as warning signs may need to be erected and the police informed.

Speed limit on C2026 at Shelsley Walsh. In a reply to Dr Pollock from a WCC Senior Traffic Engineer, it was stated that after inspection of this lane it did not meet any of the criteria required to impose a 40mph speed limit. The matter was, however referred to the Police with a request that they keep an eye on this stretch of road with a view to gain their view on the PC request for a speed limit.

Gully cleaning. After the request for information on when the gullies were last cleaned, it appears that they were cleaned shortly after the request was made.

**County Councillor's report:** Dr Pollock had circulated his report prior to the meeting and answered questions.

**Planning:** 15/01695/FUL New Bungalow Camp Lane. Councillors voted in favour.

MHDC decisions.

15/01363/CCD and 15/01366/CCO Southwood Farm, application for approval of details reserved by conditions. Approval.

15/011634/HOU & 15/01635/LBC Upper Southwood Cottage. Single story rear extension. Approval

**Clerk's report on urgent decisions.**

The Clerk in consultation with Councillors submitted the following planning details. Planning. 15/01616/CLE Holiday Chalet at Kingswood. Recommended refusal.

15/01634/FUL and LBC. Southwood Cottage. Recommended approval.

**Flood Risk Management:** The details of this consultation were circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to highlight concerns about building on flood plains.

**Progress Reports:** Defibrillator. The matter is with the VHMC. Teme Triangle website offers excellent information. Grit bins, the clerk to request the Lengthsman ensure grit bins are supplied with salt.

**Finance:** The following requests for payment were received and agreed. Clerk's salary and expenses. Lengthsman expenses, to be paid on approval of worksheets.

I response to its request a further grant of £200 will be paid to the Nora Parsons Day Centre.

It was resolved to participate in the NALC Sector Led Body Audit Procurement.

**Village Hall Management Committee:** There was no report. An MHDC questionnaire on village halls will be completed by Councillor Bates.

**Budget and Precept:** The budget was accepted and based on these figures it was resolved to set the precept at £4500 for the year 2016 to 2017.

**Broadband:** From information received via CALC it appears that some residents of Shelsley Kings can now place orders for superfast broadband from the Great Witley cabinet.

Shelsley Beauchamp is not offered this facility. It was noted on the information received that the nearest cabinet is Upton on Severn which is clearly incorrect. Dr Pollock took note of this and the clerk will inform WCC.

**Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.** The Chairman expressed his condolences on behalf of the Parish Council for Councillor Stinton on his recent sad loss.

The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in June. VHMC to organise a village event.

**Date of next Parish Council meeting: March 8th 2016 at 7pm.**

The meeting concluded at 8.15

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

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### **ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON UPON TEME PARISH COUNCIL ON 3RD DECEMBER 2015**

**Present:** M. Newman (Chair), H.Winer, W.Bradley, N.Parkinson, R. Henry. B.Yarold, M.Salisbury, J.Hill (Clerk). Cllr K. Pollock.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council:** Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 5th November 2015 were approved.

Report of Worcestershire County Councillor (WCC) Ken Pollock: Cllr Pollock reported that he had spoken to the Senior Highways Liaison Officer and visited Pound Lane but could not justify endorsing repair of the tarmac/pathway. Cllr Pollock requested that the Parish Council monitor the condition of the pathway and let him know if its condition worsened. He had asked Highways to undertake maintenance of the undergrowth along Pound Lane. He said he was awaiting confirmation from Highways re speed monitoring in relation to a possible 40mph 'buffer zone' be instituted to the north of the village on the B4204 (request arose from a residents concern about accidents). Cllr Pollock updated Members with regard to the financial constraints faced by WCC. Members noted that WCC had budgeted £1.4m for completion of footway repairs around the County (approx. 30% of all the footways in the County need attention e.g. trip hazards/potholes).

**Report of Malvern Hills District Councillor (MHDC):** The District Council seat was vacant. Members noted with thanks District Councillor Barbara Williams' (Martley) kind offer to assist with any District Council matters in the interregnum.

**Planning:** No Planning matters had been received.

#### **Highways and Byways:**

a) Lengthsman: Report on outcome of a meeting between the Lengthsman (RA) and WCC Highways Liaison Officer (HLO) re drainage and related issues: i. Kenelm Road/Kenelm Close/ Manor Road junction: HLO to arrange repair. ii. Willow tree at the corner of Kenelm Close and Kenelm Road: HLO to investigate ownership of tree and to arrange for inspection of tree roots; RA jetted nearby drain. iii. Hedge between the footway and main highway which divides the end of Kenelm Close from Manor Road: HLO to investigate ownership of hedge. iv. Felling of Silver Birch trees: MS to enquire. v. Pound Lane: HLO to consult with Cllr Pollock re funding for pavement/footway repairs (see Minute 130 for outcome). vi. Old Road by the BT box: HLO to contact BT to resolve issues from water flooding onto the highway from BT box (ice forms on roadway in cold weather). BT to be requested to pipe water from the manhole into the nearby ditch. vii. Salford Court Farm: HLO still attempting to make contact with the owner in relation to the tree and BT pole. The Parish Council gratefully accepted the Tree Warden's offer to re contact land owner. viii. Woodmanton: HLO to contact South Worcestershire Land Drainage and ask them to require the land owner to maintain the gully which flows down Clifton Hill. ix. Lawsons: HLO to investigate the location of the boundary line

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(wall/hedge/grass verge or a location in between). x. MHDC – requested a road sweeper to clear the heavy leaf fall which was impeding drainage throughout the village.

b) Footpaths: i. Members resolved (BY/NP) to support the proposed diversion of public footpaths CT-587, CT-632 and bridleway CT-635, Church Farm, Clifton upon Teme. ii. New Footpaths Issues: no new issues.

c) Members noted confirmation from WCC Highways that Ham Bridge would not be closed during the maintenance scheduled to be carried out during 2016. d) New Highways and Byways Issues: no new issues.

#### **Finance:**

Payments to be made in respect of outstanding invoices and requests for payment totalling £4,522.54 were approved (HW/RH); Members noted changes to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme – protection has been extended to Parish and Town Councils - the upper limit for protected deposits is £75,000; Members unanimously resolved to participate in the NALC Sector Led Body, Audit Procurement Scheme, for external audit; Members considered the draft Parish Precept and Council Tax 2016-2017 report prepared by the Clerk. Amendments were agreed; see Final Version to be submitted to the January 2016 meeting.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:**

a) HW informed Members that the 1st draft of the Neighbourhood Plan had been received from Kirkwells and would be considered at the Steering Group meeting on 8th January 2016. The NPSG will need to finalise local details and return to Kirkwells for final amendments. The NP would then be submitted to the Parish Council prior to public consultation. The NPSG anticipated completion of the NP circa July 2016. b) Members unanimously resolved to authorise the payment of two cheques, gross total £3,648.00, in settlement of Kirkwells invoices.

#### **Pavilion and Playing Field:**

a) Two lights require replacement bulbs (DMc./Bowls Club); b) Severn Trent – hedge: Clerk to progress; c) Ditches around playing field require maintenance/cleaning. Manhole over at the bottom of the field by tennis court to have vegetation and mud removed (R. Wilks); d) Members unanimously resolved to commission R. Wilks to purchase a metal letter box (guide price £35/40); e) Members unanimously resolved to accept R. Wilks quotation (£300.00) for tree work.

#### **Play Area:**

a) Members unanimously resolved to accept R. Wilks quotation (£960.00) for the refurbishment of The Fort. Village Green: a) Members unanimously resolved to accept R. Wilks quotation for the provision of three wooden flower tubs (approx. cost £40 each). Members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Wilks for his offer to plant the tubs free of charge. One of the tubs to be dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs Gill Farmer.

#### **Defibrillator:**

Mr J Fletcher, owner of The Lion Inn, attended the meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the probability of siting a defibrillator (to be purchased by the Parish Council) on the outside wall of the Inn. Mr Fletcher undertook to contact his insurance company and MHDC in relation to queries associated with the possible location of a defibrillator at the identified site. Clerk to re contact Parish Council insurance company. Further discussion deferred awaiting the outcome of consultations with bodies mentioned above. The Parish Council expressed their gratitude to Mr Fletcher for offering to site a possible defibrillator and to provide a free of charge power supply. .

#### **Correspondence:**

a) Members requested that the Clerk write to Mrs C Connolly expressing the Parish Council's gratitude and appreciation for her public spirited action in organising litter picks in the village; b) Members noted that the next Worcestershire Parish Conference was scheduled for Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall,

Worcester; c) Members noted correspondence from a resident in relation to dog fouling: Clerk to re contact MHDC Street Scene – request an additional sign by the substation/willow tree Kenelm Road; enquire re dog paint spray; enquire if MHDC could visit the village 3:00 to 4:30 and distribute free dog poo bags d) Members noted a letter from the Nora Parsons Day Centre expressing gratitude for the donation of £200.

# CALENDAR

## February

- 4 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 8 Lion Quiz evening (in aid of Georgie Gibbs) 8pm
- 11 Teme Valley Wildlife talk on native honey 7.30pm Rochford VH.
- 20 Singing for all 2.30 – 4.30pm The Hope, Lower Sapey
- 20 Muck delivery Young Farmers
- 21 Table top sale Shelsleys' VH 12 – 4pm
- 22 Heartstart course Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 23 Teme Valley Sessions (Jazz) at Victory Hall, Clows Top 7 for 8pm
- 26 Martley Houg Farmers Bingo Night Great Witley VH 7.30pm
- 27 Rural Reels: Spectre Clifton VH, 6.30pm

## March

- 3 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 4 Women's World Day of Prayer St Kenelm's 10.30am
- 5 Quiz Evening, Abberley Hall, 7pm (in aid of Restart Africa)
- 8 Shelsleys' Parish Council Meeting 7pm
- 15 Lion Quiz evening in aid of Nora Parsons Day Centre 8pm
- 26 Rural Reels: Suffragette Clifton VH 6.30pm

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Dear Editor

On Sunday, 3rd January, my sister Louise was helped by couple in a Range Rover at about 12.30pm on the B4204 at Upper Sapey. Her car had broken down on a bend where the heavy rain and run off from the fields had flooded the road. It would be good if anyone reads this, or knows of the couple, so we can get it touch and thank them properly!

John Bowden, Clifton-upon-Teme (01886 812784)

### Dear Editor

I would like to thank neighbours and friends and buyers at the Table Sale in Clifton Village Hall for buying 100 packs of Christmas cards, raising £260 for the Cinnamon Trust, the national charity for elderly terminally ill with pets.

John Parry, Clifton-upon-Teme

### Dear Editor

I was very interested to read and entirely agree with Dr.Rosewarne's publication in the Teme Triangle.

Some years ago when the subject of over prescribing was discussed I wrote to the Daily Telegraph. To my surprise the letter was published the next day. I was even more surprised not to have a single letter of disagreement.

In that letter I said that despite or because of our 'over prescribing' in the early sixties many diseases which had plagued my grandfather in the early part of the last century were now rarities. Examples were rheumatic fever, scarlet fever, mastoiditis, osteomyelitis, puerperal fever, erysipelas and other, often fatal, conditions seldom seen today. Sore throats, colds and other conditions which did not respond to antibiotics anyway, remain. Dr. Rosewarne gave good advice on how to deal with these at home.

Now retired for over twenty years, it is interesting to look back for over a century of my family connection with general practice to see how medicine has changed. Diphtheria, Tetanus, Mumps, Measles and Polio have largely been eradicated thanks to immunisation. There remain other conditions to be addressed. Malaria, Ebola and others, largely tropical conditions remain. We are very proud to see the work of my nephew who many of you have seen in the media on the subject of Ebola in Sierra Leone has been rewarded with an O.B.E. while still in his twenties. This is medicine today. Just round the corner is genetic engineering which will see conditions like Huntingdon's chorea, polycystic disease and the Lynch syndrome consigned to the history books. Paul Johnson.

## **CRIMEWATCH UPDATE**

If you are currently not on the local crimewatch information exchange, and would like to be, please contact your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator William Sutherland on sutherlandsfshelsley@yahoo.co.uk

From our Clifton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:

Vehicle Crime: Manor Rd, Clifton upon Teme. Between 10am 14 January and 10am 15 January, a secure parked vehicle has been broken into. It has not yet been established if anything has been stolen. [West Mercia Police Incident Number: 0194S 150116].

If you have any information about this incident, please call the police on 101.

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### **ANYONE FOR MUCK?**

Saturday 20th Feb Martley YFC will once again be delivering bags of muck. If anyone is interested either look out for us on the day or ring the club chairman Dan Johnson 01886821933.

## **AND FINALLY**

The Farm Shop at Mill Farm is now up and running again under new management following a refurbishment in November. Jo Bate, who also runs the Den café bar, is stocking fresh fruit and vegetables as well as Swift's bread and a very wide range of 'basics', and welcomes your suggestions as well, of course as your support.

**Don't forget to checkout our website for news updates and more detailed local information**

**[www.temetriangle.net](http://www.temetriangle.net)**

## Services for FEBRUARY 2016

day	Day	Lower Sapey (Harpley)	Clifton	Shelsley Beauchamp	Shelsley Walsh
7th Feb ruary		10.30 am Morning Prayer Jen Denniston	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev John Sumner  10:00 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling  3-5 pm Messy Church	No Service	6.30 pm Candlemas Rev John Sumner
10th	Ash Wednesday		7:30 pm Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner		
14th.	Lent 1	10.30 am Methodist Service	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon David Sherwin		No Service
17th	Wednesday		7.30pm Time for TIME OUT		
21st.	2nd Sunday in Lent	10.30 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner  10.00 for 10.30 C.O.M.E.	11:00 am Celtic-style Service Pat Snelling	
28th	3rd in Lent	10.30 am Songs of Praise Pat Snelling	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner  6.30 pm Evening Prayer Barbara Seeley		8:00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner
4th	Friday		10.30 am Womens' World Day of Prayer		
5th	Saturday		Messy Church		
6th	March 4th in Lent Mothering Sunday	10.30 am Morning Prayer Jen Denniston	8.00 am Holy Communion  11:00 am Please join The Shelsleys for Mothering Service	11.00 am Mothering Sunday Service	
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*Jane Porter on the London Eye on her 90th birthday*



*Jo Bate and Will Griffie in the newly refurbished Mill Farm Shop*

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