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Shelsley Walsh season revs up

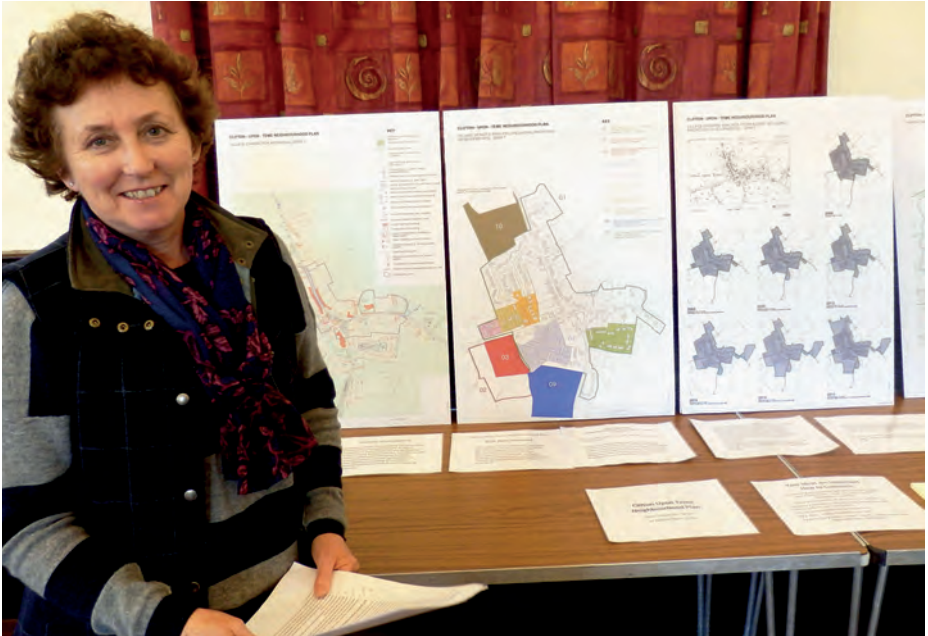
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WELCOME to the March edition of Teme Triangle.

We have a great deal to pack in this month so no time to waste. As well as Easter, a packed season of events at Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb kicks off, the Red Marley Motorcycle event takes place on Easter Sunday and Monday at Great Witley and judging by the number of local events we have, the summer season is revving up.

But first, the latest on housing development in Clifton and the publication of the village's Neighbourhood Plan. Jerry Johns sends an update.

CLIFTON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - LATEST

Blue Shot Meadow:

Outline planning permission for 48 houses at Blue Shot Meadow in Pound Lane, Clifton, was granted in November 2014. The current owner, Lovell Homes, has now made a Reserved Matters planning application to Malvern Hills District Council, which effectively provides more detailed information about the original proposal. This current application has been out for consultation and dependent on the responses received it may be determined by planning officers or it may need to go before the planning committee for decision. If it is decided to take the matter to the planning committee, it will probably be on the April agenda.

Hope Lane:

Planning permission for 30 houses in Hope Lane, Clifton – originally granted to Miller Homes – has now been acquired by developer Galliford Try who held a brief consultation event in the village hall last month.

CLIFTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PUBLISHED

The Neighbourhood Plan for Clifton has been published and presented in draft form for approval by the Parish Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to set out a framework for Clifton to help ensure the distinctive character of the Parish is maintained and enhanced for residents to enjoy at least until 2030.

A month long consultation period is underway during which parish residents are invited to comment before the Plan is published later this year. A leaflet explaining the process and where copies of the plan will be available for viewing is being distributed to every household.

Key Objectives set out in the Neighbourhood Plan:

1. To maintain and enhance the built, historic and natural environment for present and future generations;
2. To support the retention and development of local businesses and services that contribute to the quality of life for residents and visitors of all ages, including support for suitable diversification and use of new technology. This includes support for improved broadband and mobile phone services and appropriate discreet renewable energy technologies.

3. To support some small-scale (schemes of 1-5 units) affordable/market housing and business developments, over and above those already approved, that meet local needs and are in keeping with the scale, demands and population profile of a small rural parish. Given the level of (already planned) increase we think it unwise to support further medium/large scale (over 5 units) development.

4. To encourage opportunities for parishioners across all the generations to find enjoyment and fulfilment through a range of educational, sporting and leisure activities;

5. To ensure that the Parish is a welcoming setting for visitors by improving facilities such as footpaths, bridleways, parking, village information board within the context of a safe and secure rural environment, which are accessible via a range of means of transport including walking, cycling and by bus.

6. To foster partnership working between Parish organisations and institutions for the mutual benefit of all.

Copies available

Copies of the draft Plan will be available for viewing at the Village Hall, Lion Inn, New Inn, Village Stores and the Pavilion. The Team has been chaired by Helen Winer.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND IN OUR COMMUNITY

Yes it's coming, well maybe it's coming, well for some it's coming...will it be fast, will it be superfast, will it be in our lifetime???

Those who are frustrated by the speed (no pun intended) at which Superfast Broadband is being rolled out here have a little encouragement this month, with an announcement that some villages are to get Superfast Worcestershire fibre broadband soon via BT Openreach. That is only likely to help those readers in Great Witley and the GW postcodes in the Shelsleys, it will not help Clifton for the time being.

BT Openreach, is an opt-in service; upgrades do not happen automatically. Anyone opting for an upgrade has a choice of fibre broadband providers, of which more than 140 are currently operating in the UK. However no detail is included in the publicity about potential speeds.

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MARTLEY MESH

For those connected to the Martley Mesh co-operative provider we are told that Fibre optic is connected and will be hooked up to local subscribers by the end of the month offering speeds of 10,25 or 35 MB per second.

So if you had a box set for Christmas and have yet to see more than a spooling symbol, don't give up yet, there is progress!

SHELSLEY WALSH HILLCLIMB MAIN SEASON OPENS

Whilst some events have continued through the winter this month sees the beginning of a busy season for Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb.

Shelsley Walsh is the oldest motor sport venue in continuous use in the world. First used in 1905, it is older than Indianapolis, Le Mans or Monza. The Hillclimb is leased to the Midlands' Automobile Club by the Winnington Estate. Today as well as the MAC events, the venue hosts a variety of other activities and there is a link to the full calendar from our website www.temetriangle.net

Main MAC events this spring:

April 24 – MAC /classic

April 30/1- Speed into Spring

May 21 Curborough Championship

June 4/5 Best of British Meeting

And on event weekends the restored Shelsley Watermill is open to visitors – not to be missed!

More information about the Red Marley Motorcycle weekend on <http://www.redmarleyhillclimb.com>



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THE SHELSLEYS' GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 9th March we welcome back Rosemary Winnall who is knowledgeable about all aspects of country life and an authority on the wildlife of the Wyre Forest.

This time her talk is about 'Cycling the Canal paths of the area', and she will surely have seen wildlife and plants along the canal banks that we would miss. In addition she has fantastic photographs.

Visitors always welcome. More information from Norah Tomkinson norah.tomkinson@btopenworld.com

In April the club has a return visit from Wade Muggleton. (13 April).

CLIFTON UPON TEME W I

W I has a new programme which is on the Teme Triangle website. (use the link for Clubs and Organisations and then Women's Institute).

As always this year they have a variety of speakers including, Thai Cookery, Paper cutting and a Himalayan Adventure. There are also visits, competitions and more. All welcome on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in Clifton Village Hall.

More information from: President Penny Bowden on 01886 812784.

First event of the season is a Table Sale on Saturday 12th March.

To book a table (£5 and you keep all takings) please contact Penny 812784 – More information will be on the website.

Later in the year, Saturday 17th September, will be the W.I. Bake Off, this was a success last year and this year will be even bigger.

CLIFTON GUIDES' COFFEE MORNING

Guides runs on a Monday night from Clifton on Teme BP hut, at present we have 19 girls ranging from 10 to 14 years, we are always busy, cooking, camping, sports, adventures, but have to fundraise to do this.

GUIDE'S ANNUAL PRIZE BINGO EVENING

Friday 22nd April at Great Witley village hall, doors open at 7.30pm, eyes down for 8pm, we will also be hoping for donations of prizes for this as we split all proceeds between St Michael's Hospice in Hereford and Guides.

FRIENDS OF CHANTRY SCHOOL TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday March 12th 2-4pm. For sellers tables cost £5 to arrive at 1pm, contact Lynn on email: tresidder.oz@gmail.com to reserve a table. Buyers to arrive at 2pm. Refreshments available. Second hand uniforms for Chantry school will be on sale

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As well as being a café by day the Den now has an exciting programme of evening events starting with music and supper evenings and a Hobsons' Brewery evening.

And during the day they have slightly earlier opening times now:

Tues – Fri 8.30am – 4.00pm and Sat 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Thurs 3 March	Remi Harris– 7.30 – 10.pm
Thurs 24 March	Hobsons Brewery 7.30- 9pm.
Fri 1 April	Madi Stimpson Trio 7.30-10.pm



More information and the full list of events visit: www.thedencafebar.com or www.facebook.com/thedenatstanford
Or feel free to call: 01886 853 800

EASTER EGG TRAIL FOR CLIFTON EARLY YEARS' CENTRE

Easter Monday, 28th March

Please join our Easter Egg trail around Clifton-upon-Teme village. Starting in the playground, just off Pound Lane WR6 6DE at 10.30am until 12.30pm, ending at The Lion. Car parking at the playground. Fundraising in aid of the Early Years Centre, £2.50 per hunter. All ages welcome!



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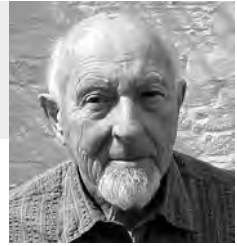
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We enjoy our Tuesday's bus journey to Tenbury Wells. We are taken through beautiful country lanes and watch as the scenery changes with the seasons.

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As we pass through the villages, others join us for the journey and enjoyable conversation and the occasional exchange of home-made items takes place.

This is an example of how human relationships should be conducted, a lesson for the rest of mankind. Unfortunately, it seems in mankind's nature to be aggressive and we pray that one day, with God's help, change will come about.

Easter is a good time to think about these things.

We can truly recommend the Tenbury bus ride. It is relaxing and really therapeutic.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Please note that we have changed the venue for our Mothering Sunday Service! In last Teme Triangle we announced it would be at Shelsley Beauchamp, but after consultation we have moved it back to Clifton. And it's at 10.30 am. Do Come!

MESSY CHURCH

Sunday afternoon seems to be quite popular for Messy Church. This month we have a special one on Palm Sunday (20th) 3-5pm. So just this time there won't be one on the first weekend of the month.

LOWER SAPEY NEWS with Marion West

Your Teme Triangle! Do remember, if you do not receive a delivery of your TT you will find copies in church (St Bartholomew's) at the beginning of the month, and the church is always open. Teme Triangle is also available of course in many other venues around the parishes!



At last, after such a dreary wet winter we are again smothered in snowdrops and, just arriving as I write, daffodils! Lovely spring is nearly here! Our Methodist minister last (2nd) Sunday told us that he had taken his family to visit a renowned Snowdrop Walk. He further commented that he thought the display at St Bartholomew's Church was a better deal! They are beautiful.

We are sad to hear that Mr Tilman, who so recently celebrated his 100th birthday has died. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Notices for this month: there will be no flowers in church until 26th March when we shall be making St Bartholomew's blossom again ready for Easter Sunday on 27th. Pat Savage will be seeing to the cleaning. We are still short of volunteers for flower arranging and cleaning throughout the year, so if anyone feels able to offer help we shall all be very grateful!

Bible Study will be with Marion on 8th March at 2pm.

QUIZ NEWS:

More than £300 was raised at last month's quiz evening at the Lion Inn in Clifton, the proceeds of which were donated to the appeal for three-year-old Georgie Gibbs, daughter of Carl and Clare Gibbs, who needs special medical treatment for her cerebral palsy.

This month's Lion Quiz event takes place on **Monday, 14th March** at 8pm in aid of the Nora Parsons Day Centre at Wichenford.

... And a reminder about the quiz evening that aims to combine fun with fund-raising 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 to come along and take part from 7pm. Details and/or to register a team, contact Sue Johns s.johns@polperpress.co.uk or **01886 812304**. £5 per team member.

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COFFEE MORNING AT NORA PARSONS DAY CENTRE,

Venn Lane, Wichenford

Friday 18th March 11.00 am.

Easter raffle will also be drawn.



There are currently 20 members attending the Nora Parsons Day Centre, four of whom are from Clifton, with members also coming from Abberley and Great Witley. Betty Brown from Abberley, is the oldest member at 98 years old.

EXCERPTS OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF CLIFTON UPON TEME PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2016

Democratic Period/Question Time: 2 members of the public were present.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:43.

1 Attendance

Present: M Newman (Chairman); W Bradley; R Henry; N Parkinson; H Winer, B Yarnold; M Salisbury (Apol. arrival 19:45)

Apologies: County Councillor K Pollock

In Attendance: District Councillor C Palethorpe; A Bradley (Tree Warden); R Wilks (Lengthsman); J Hill (Clerk).

2 Declarations of Interest

a. Declaration of Interests: there were none.

b. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda: there were none.

c. Declaration of Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda: there were none.

3 There were no written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 3rd December 2015 were approved by majority decision (MN/WB)) and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5 Progress Reports/Updates on Matters Previously Considered, relating to outstanding items not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda:

Further to Minute 133(iv) December 2015: MS reported that a contractor working for WCC had felled the Silver Birch trees. The Clerk informed Members that WCC stated they had received complaints that the trees were dangerous and had taken action on safety grounds.

6 To receive the report of Worcestershire County Councillor (WCC) Ken Pollock - For Information

CCLr Pollock had apologised for his absence from the meeting.

7 To receive the report of Malvern Hills District Councillor (MHDC) Caroline Palethorpe – For Information

The Chairman congratulated DCllr Palethorpe on her election and welcomed her to the Parish Council meeting. DCllr Palethorpe thanked the Chair for her warm welcome and stated her intention to be a proactive representative of the Parish's interests at District Council level; she encouraged Members to notify her of any matters where assistance was required.

8 Planning

a) To consider planning applications referred by Malvern Hills District Council for comment:

Application No: 15/01471/REM Proposal: Approval of reserved matters, appearance, layout and scale following outline permission 14/00936/OUT for - residential development for 48 dwellings of which 40% to be affordable dwellings, with associated new access and car parking and on-site biodiversity and SuDs area Location: Land west of Pound Lane opposite Pound Meadow, Clifton upon Teme, Applicant: Mr R Walbancke Members raised objections and concerns with regard to this application and Resolved (RH/BY) to object to the proposal. See letter to MHDC on file Application No: 15/01456/FUL

Proposal: Agricultural building Location: Homme Castle Farm, Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire, WR6 6RR Applicant: Mr I Kirby Members (HW/WB) Resolved to support this application. See letter to MHDC on file.

Application No: 15/01697/HOU

Proposal: Retention of sustainable biomass domestic heating system comprising boiler house and hopper silo. (Retrospective) Location: Ham Bridge House, Clifton upon Teme, Worcestershire, WR6 6DU Applicant: Mr A Kazim Members raised objections and concerns with regard to this application and Resolved (BY/NP) to object to the proposal. See letter to MHDC on file. Application No: 15/01768/HOU

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and construction of two storey rear extension Location: Church Cottages, Church Road, Clifton upon Teme, Worcestershire, WR6 6DJ

Applicant: Mrs A Griffiths

Members (MN/HW) Resolved to support this application. See letter to MHDC on file.

b) To consider under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of this agenda and the Meeting: none received. 2016 - 2

c) Details of Decision Notices:

Application No: 15/01054/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and replacement with a one bedroom dwelling.

Location: The Manor House, the Village, Clifton upon Teme. WR6 6EN

Applicant: Dr Clive Studd

Members noted that MHDC had approved the application on 11th November 2015.

Application No: 15/01055/LBC

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and replacement with a one bedroom apartment dwelling.
Location: The Manor House, the Village, Clifton upon Teme. WR6 6EN

Applicant: Dr Clive Studd

Members noted that MHDC had approved the application on 11th November 2015.

d) To consider reports of other "Planning" related Matters received by the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting: none received.

9 Highways and Byways

To receive reports of highways (roads & pavements) & byways (bridleways and footpaths) matters from Members, Parish Paths Warden, Parish Tree Warden and the Clerk, and to decide on appropriate action by the Council relative thereto:

a) Lengthsman: RW reported that he was endeavouring to keep the gullies clear because of the heavy rain. He reported that they had jetted around the Parish once and would repeat the task within the next week.

b) Footpaths: no new issues.

c) New Highways and Byways Issues: no new issues.

10 Finance

a) Bank Reconciliation; Members noted the submitted report.

b) Receipts: Members noted that no income had been received since the December 2015 meeting.

c) Payments to be made in respect of outstanding invoices and requests for payment totalling £799.14 were approved (WB/MN).

d) Members Resolved (MN/HW) to accept a contract from MHDC for provision of a Commercial Waste Collection Service at the Sports Pavilion and duly authorised MN and NP to sign the Contract, direct debit mandate and the Duty of Care Form. The 3 documents were duly signed by MN and NP.

e) Members noted receipt of a letter from Scottish Widows in relation to tax deduction changes.

f) Members unanimously (MN/RH) resolved to notify MHDC that Clifton upon Teme's budget requirement for 2016-2017 would be £15,000.00. Equivalent to a Band D levy of £49.57 which equated to an additional £1.19 (2.46% increase) in the Band D levy per dwelling for the 2016-2017 financial year

11 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

HW reported that the NPSG was in the process of adding detail to those areas of the neighbourhood plan which required local knowledge. This information would then be returned to Kirkwells for them to incorporate into the remainder of the documentation. The NPSG intended to submit an initial draft for the consideration of the Parish Council at the 4th February meeting.

12 Pavilion and Playing Field

a) R. Wilks confirmed that as per his quotation he had obtained and would affix the metal letter box.

13 Play Area

a) No new issues.

14 Village Green

a) R. Wilks informed Members that as per his authorised quotation he had purchased 3 wooden flower tubs for planting and installation on the Village Green.

15 Defibrillator

Further discussion deferred until the February meeting.

16 Correspondence for consideration and information

a) No new correspondence was received between publication of the agenda and the commencement of the meeting.

b) Members noted receipt of a letter from The Chantry School in relation to a formal consultation on proposed changes to

Planned Admission Numbers. RH expressed his dissatisfaction with the lack of detail in the letter.

c) Members Resolved (WB/RH) to actively encourage residents to respond to WCC's Broadband Infrastructure – Public

Consultation Survey relating to improved investment. The Clerk informed Members that the Parish Council website was

hosting information and encouragement for completion of the survey and that notices had been placed in the village shop and on the village noticeboard. MN had obtained a quotation of £25.00 for printing the notice in the form of a leaflet and it was agreed that MN would place the order and that the PC would reimburse her for the cost. Members agreed to distribute a leaflet to each property in the village.

17 Items for inclusion on a future agenda: Dog fouling.

18 Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 19:30 hours at Clifton upon Teme Village Hall.

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DOG OWNERS/DOG WALKERS' RESPONSIBILITIES - DOG FOULING

The Clifton Parish Council is receiving complaints on a regular basis with regard to dog poo being left by some anti-social parishioners - one poor mother had it all up the back of her car seat after her child had unknowingly trodden in a pile left by the school – imagine how distressed you would feel if it was on your young child and in your car! At school start one morning children were greeted by a *freshly* steaming pile right in the middle of the school entrance which they had to step over. Someone goes to the trouble of covering the poo with leaves in the school layby.

Notices on the village playing field make it quite clear that it is private land and is only to be used as a children's play area and for general sports i.e. it is NOT for exercising dogs. Dogs are ONLY allowed on the footpath on a short lead and any mess is to be cleared up, yet this is blatantly ignored by some.

The road verges and footpaths on private land surrounding the village are also plagued by piles of dog poo that their owners have failed to pick up and take away with them. Private lawns do not escape either – some dog owners are taking their dogs out (running free else holding them on a lead whilst they poo on someone else's lawn) so they do not have mess in their own gardens yet they are prepared for others to suffer it.

We have a wonderful village and our community doesn't have to behave like those people in many other places where they simply don't care about how it affects their neighbours and friends. Leaving dog poo creates a health hazard for humans and animals. **All dog owners/walkers are required by law to pick up, take away and dispose of their pet poo responsibly.**

The Parish Council has a responsibility to ensure that the law is upheld and rather than naming and shaming would prefer to invite the co-operation of those concerned in putting a stop to this problem as of NOW by ensuring that they do not leave home to take their dog 'for a walk' (aka taking it for a poo) without having plenty of dog poo bags with them and disposing of it responsibly. Anyone can report details of offenders to malvern hills.gov.uk or to the Parish Council.

It is our intention to actively monitor the situation ongoing and it would be a credit to everyone if Clifton upon Teme can buck the trend of this truly anti-social and disgusting behaviour. As more people come to the village, as a community, should we not take care to set an example of considerate and respectful behaviour?

Thank you in anticipation

Walkers' (with and without dogs) responsibilities – footpaths

Whilst private landowners have responsibilities to allow the public to walk footpaths, walkers (with and without dogs) have legal responsibilities too, though as neighbouring residents surely we should be considerate and respectful in any case?

- Footpaths are for the purpose of walking from point A to point B with no deviation.
- Walkers do not have the right to step off the footpath to roam or play throw and fetch – it can be deemed an act of trespass even if you are on the footpath whilst your dog roams.
- Dogs should be on command 'at heel' on a footpath or be on a short lead 'at heel' if they cannot be controlled on command.
- A dog must be on a short lead in the vicinity of livestock.
- A farmer is allowed to kill your dog if it is worrying their livestock.
- Cutting fence wire or leaving gates open are acts of vandalism.
- Anyone can report a dog and owner to the police - a dog is considered to be out of control if it injures someone or makes someone think that it might injure them.
- Dog walkers are required to clean up after their dog, take it away and dispose of it responsibly.

Thank you in anticipation

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The playground, with thanks to a parent's working party and contributions from local businesses, had a makeover and now has rainbow coloured fencing. The donation of tablet computers by Tesco has enabled staff to simply and effectively update children's learning journals as well as being an excellent resource for educating children with current affairs. At the beginning of this term the focus was on the terrible flooding and 'people who help us' with a focus on our emergency services.

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TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

In March our small garden pond is the venue for an annual reunion of toads. Usually around the 18th of the month, noisy nocturnal revellers can be heard splashing and croaking and competing to choose their partners for the annual spawning. Toads actually spend most of their lives out of water, but they are obliged to return to ensure the continuation of the species and to spend their early tadpole lives here.



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If they do reach maturity, toads can live for decades. Adults are plump warty-skinned brown-grey creatures up to 4 inches in size. The warts on the skin produce a white sticky poison, which deters animals from trying to take a toad meal. The poison does not kill the predator but makes them froth at the mouth and vomit, an effect which the predator remembers and stops it from trying again.

Toads are good friends to gardens because they eat lots of garden pests. Snails, beetles, bugs, ants, woodlice, moths and flies make up their diet. Predators of adult toads include grass snakes, hedgehogs, buzzards and crows. Confronted by a predator, particularly a snake, toads puff themselves up and stand on tiptoe to make themselves look much bigger than they are.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday 10th March, when we welcome Wade Muggleton whose talk is on apples and orchards of the Teme valley. 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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Don't forget to checkout our website www.temetriangle.net where we now have an enlarged stop press news section for news that comes in during the month.

The printed magazine is available in all local community hubs and shops as well as from Phil Gray Dairyman. We have special arrangements in place for those who find it difficult to get out. So there really is no excuse for not keeping up to date with your community.

Happy Easter!

CALENDAR

March

- 3 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 3 Remi Harris The Den café 7.30pm (supper evening)
- 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
- 9 Shelsleys' Gardening Club VH 7.30pm. Cycling the canal paths.
- 10 Teme Valley Wildlife Group Rochford VH 7.30pm
- 14 Lion Quiz evening in aid of Nora Parsons Day Centre 8pm
- 18 Coffee Morning Nora Parsons Day Centre Wichenford 11am
- 24 Hobsons Brewery at The Den café 7.30pm
- 26 Rural Reels: Suffragette Clifton VH 6.30pm
- 27/28 Red Marley Motorcycle event Great Witley
- 28 Easter egg Trail Clifton Early Years' Centre 10.30am
- 29 Remi Harris Project with Ben Holder Victory Hall Clows Top
7 for 8pm

April

- 1 Madi Stimpson Trio at The Den café 7.30-10pm
- 5 Broadwas Croquet Club Open day 10.30 – 4pm
- 12 Clifton WI Table Sale
- 12 Chantry School Table top sale 2 – 4pm
- 13 Shelsleys' Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Wade Muggleton
- 22 Clifton Guides' Prize Bingo Great Witley VH 7.30pm
- 24 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb MAC Classic
- 30/31 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb Speed into Spring

Services for MARCH 2016

date	Day	Lower Sapey (Harpley)	Clifton	Shelsley Beauchamp	Shelsley Walsh
4th	Friday	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer			
6th	4th in Lent Mothering Sunday	10.30 am Morning Prayer Jen Denniston	8.00 am Holy Communion Canon David Sherwin 10.30 am Mothering Sunday Service Pat Snelling + Team	Please join Service at Clifton	
7th	Monday		10.15 for 10.30 am Push-Chair Praise		
13th.	5th. in Lent Passion Sunday	10.30 am Methodist Service	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev Robin Walter		6.30 pm Evening Prayer Pat Snelling
20th.	PALM SUNDAY	11am United Open Air Service with at Laylocks Garden Centre Donkey A44 3-5 pm at St Kenelm's Messy Church			
Services in Holy Week :					
21st. Mar.	Monday		7.30 pm Compline Alice Sumner		
22nd Mar.	Tuesday		7.30 pm Compline Pat Snelling		
23rd	Wednesday		7.30 pm Compline Barbara Seeley		
24th	Maundy Thursday		7.30 pm Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner		
25th	Good Friday	12 noon to 1 pm Jen Denniston	1pm to 2 pm Rev John Sumner	2 pm to 3 pm Pat Snelling	
27th March	Easter Day	9.00 am Easter Communion Rev. John Sumner	10.00 am Family Communion (with children's activities) Rev. John Sumner	11.00 am Easter Morning Service followed by Holy Communion Pat Snelling and Rev. John Sumner	No Service
3rd April	Easter 1 (2nd in Easter)	10.30 am Morning Prayer Jen Denniston	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev Adrian Graesser 10.00am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling	No Service	

**Clifton upon Teme Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan
2016 – 2030
Informal Public Consultation
March 2016**



The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to set out a framework for Clifton upon Teme to help ensure that the distinctive character of the Parish is maintained and enhanced for all residents to enjoy.

Neighbourhood planning aims to empower local communities to use the planning system to promote appropriate and sustainable development in their area. The plan can be used to choose where new homes, shops and businesses should be built and have a say on what new buildings should look like. Once adopted, the Neighbourhood Development Plan will become part of the local statutory development plan and will form the basis for determining planning applications in the area.

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to identify the distinctive built and natural characteristics of the parish.



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