

# Teme TRIANGLE

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May 2016



*Clifton Easter Egg Trail*

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**Our front cover picture shows:**

Wilf Farrer and Isabella Kennedy with 'Lollipop' Lucy Goodman, at the Clifton Easter egg trail on Easter Monda

## **WELCOME to the May edition of Teme Triangle.**

As I write this month's magazine, the weather has been glorious for the past few days and Spring is certainly on its way. Daffodils are blooming and everywhere you look there are bonnie lambs bouncing around – I love this time of year.

There are some great events coming up over the next few months in the Teme Valley, including the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and many other local sporting, musical and fundraising activities.

Following on from last months' article regarding All Saints Church, we are pleased to have a promising update for you and also all our usual Church articles.

I doubt there is anyone in the valley who has not heard of the fire at Brockill Court this month, which destroyed The Lodge. We have a detailed account and pictures from Des and Beryl Robson.

It should also be noted that this month is the 15th year anniversary of the Teme Triangle. As I am sure you will agree, this has been a hugely popular and successful method of communicating and sharing news between our communities. Many thanks to all those on the Committee for volunteering their time and effort. Here's to the next 15 years!

## **CLIFTON EARLY YEARS CENTRE APPEAL**

The trustees of the Early Years Centre in Clifton-upon-Teme are appealing again to members of the local community to join their group of trustees and help with the strategic management of the nursery.

The Early Years Centre is an invaluable asset to the local community, providing early care and development for the under 5's and helping parents balance busy work and family lives.

To continue to thrive we need help from the community. We particularly need you if you have experience in HR, management, finance or childcare. We are also appealing directly for a Treasurer.

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The Clifton Early Years Centre would like to thank everyone for making the Easter Egg Trail on Easter Monday such a success (see the front cover picture). Over 40 children joined the trail from around the local community. They followed a map and solved clues to collect tokens from around the village – taking them to the playground, the school, the village green, the Church and finally The Lion pub. And once at the pub they matched up tokens and chose a chocolate egg! "Everyone had a brilliant day and thank goodness the rain stayed away," said Trustee Serena Spring. "The day raised over £100 that will go towards invaluable resources at the Clifton Early Years Centre."

## **FIRE AT BROCKHILL COURT DESTROYS LODGE**

(See the photos on the inside back cover)

On Wednesday 30th March, 2016, the Lodge at Brockhill Court in Shelsley Beauchamp was gutted by fire. The Court is home to Sir Anthony and Lady Winnington and the fire struck on the very last day of his tenure as High Sheriff of the County.

The Lodge was home to Des and Beryl Robson, well known members of the local community. The pair were away and despite the best endeavours of six Fire Appliances, the majority of their home was destroyed, although the main house suffered only minor damage.

**Beryl told us:** “No one was injured or hurt; only possessions were lost. We were at a funeral at church with all mobiles turned off; it was 9ish in the evening before we were aware of the fire. After we had cleared up at church, a group of us had gone for a meal to a friend’s house”.

“Some sentimental items have been recovered from the debris and crockery and kitchen items but no furniture, bedding or beds. Sadness is the loss of my beautiful quilts. “

“We are in a friend’s bungalow until the 22nd April, and hope to rent a property in Shelsley for 12 months after that. If it is possible, Anthony wants to rebuild and us move back, but no decisions can be made until all investigations are completed. The forensic investigation is confirming that the fire was started by a faulty electrical appliance, the fridge / freezer”.

“We are humbled by the amount of support and love that has surrounded us since the blaze. It has been amazing. We are both fine, a little shell-shocked, naturally, but now it is upward and onward as there is a tremendous amount to do.”



## MARTLEY VEGETABLE ALLOTMENTS

15 allotments have been created with car parking off Kingswood Lane in Martley. Some have already been let to local people. The whole allotment area has been fenced round with rabbit netting and each plot is approximately 200 square metres and is available at an annual rent of £200 with a discount of £50 for the 1st year. People have the right to erect a wooden garden shed if desired and water is available from a water butt.

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The family have reserved one allotment to be let at half price to anybody aged 21 years or under.

## ANNUAL VILLAGE TIDYUP - THE SHELSLEYS

The Shelsleys' Annual Village Tidy Up will take place this year on Saturday May 14th. Anyone with secateurs / broom / spade / fork and especially enthusiasm will be welcomed with open arms at All Saints' Church between 9am and 12 noon. If you feel like making a day of it then please address our growing litter problem in the village so that we can all be proud of our beautiful environment. If every one of our 140 or so households picked up one piece of litter regularly, just imagine the difference it would make? Thank you.

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7th May Coffee Morning at The Old Vicarage, Clifton Upon Teme (The Austin's), 10-12 noon, there will be tea, coffee, bring and buy, raffle, plants, cakes and Traidcraft.

9th May Quiz at The Lion, Clifton-Upon-Teme, 8pm.

11th June Big Breakfast at the Village Hall, 09.30 - 11.30am, in conjunction with the Queen's birthday celebration day. Proceeds to be shared between Christian Aid and The Village Hall.

### **CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Meeting of Clifton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5th May at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Pound Lane. This will be followed by the usual monthly meeting of the Parish Council at 7.45pm (NB change of venue).

The Annual Parish Meeting for Clifton will be held on 12th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## **RURAL REELS PROGRAMME IN CLIFTON**

The Rural Reels film programme for the season comes to an end with a screening of 'The Lady in the Van' on Saturday 23rd April. Start times and prices remain the same: doors open 6.30pm and the film starts at 7pm. £5 adults, £2.50 children.

For further details contact Mandy Henry on:

**e-mail: [amandajhenry1970@gmail.com](mailto:amandajhenry1970@gmail.com)**  
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## **LOTTERY FUNDED CLASSES**

Abberley Primary School are holding the following Lottery funded events:

- Introduction to Forest School – April 15th to May 20th, 1:15pm – 2:45pm, £12 for 6 sessions.
- Sensory Activities – April 18th to May 23rd, 1:15pm – 2:15pm, £12 for 6 sessions.
- Lunch Box Ideas – May 7th, 7:15pm, £5. Email [peterandalison@mac.com](mailto:peterandalison@mac.com) to reserve your place.

## **ROCK POUND THE BOUNDS**

in aid of life saving service, Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

On Sunday 1st May 2016, 'Rock Pound the Bounds' will see runners, families and walkers of all abilities come together on a range of different tracks across Worcestershire, including a marathon (26 mile), 18 mile, half marathon (13 mile), nine or six mile routes, and a three mile treasure trail for young families.

Those interested in the popular Worcestershire walks, which start from Rock Village Hall near Kidderminster, are for the first time being asked to sign up online before the event, saving time in the registration hall on the day.

As well as attending some of the most traumatic and life threatening incidents across the region, Midlands Air Ambulance Charity also airlifts patients from remote parts of the countryside where land ambulances just can't reach. As a proportion of the air ambulance missions undertaken by the service include walkers, Rock Pound the Bounds is an excellent way for the public to demonstrate their support of the vital service.

For further information please visit: [www.poundthebounds.com](http://www.poundthebounds.com).

### **SHELSLEYS' VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 7.30 pm, May 17th 2016, VILLAGE HALL**

All positions on the Management Committee will be vacant to any eligible parishioner wanting to serve on the Management Committee for the next 12 months. Those interested will need to be resident in Shelsley Beauchamp or a neighbouring parish. You will need to be nominated and seconded by a resident of the parish or a neighbouring parish.

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## CLIFTON-UPON-TEME ROYAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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**Saturday 11th June 2016**

- 09.30am - 11.30am** Start the day with a Big Breakfast in the Village Hall in partnership with Christian Aid. £5 per person, £2.50 children.
- 11.30am - 1.30pm** Work off your breakfast with a scenic walk around the village (weather permitting).
- 3.00pm - 5.00pm** Gather at the Village Hall for a Birthday Tea Party (outside if the sun is shining). Bring a plate of food/ drinks to share. The WI will be providing cup cakes. Live background music to accompany the party.
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## **ROBIN ARTHUR AWARD**

Robin Arthur, 54-year-old son of Clifton residents Alan and Pat Arthur, is a member of the Sheffield based theatre company 'Forced Entertainment', which has become the first ever UK based recipients of one of theatre's most prestigious awards, the International Ibsen Award.

The biennial award, which rewards those who bring "new artistic dimensions to drama or theatre", has previously only been given to individuals.

The Sheffield group's artistic director, Tim Etchells, said they were "honoured" to get such recognition.

Named after Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen, the prize is funded by the Norwegian government.



*Pictured above: Robin Arthur.*

A spokesman for the award said the group - made up of Robin Arthur, Tim Etchells, Richard Lowdon, Claire Marshall, Cathy Naden and Terry O'Connor - had been chosen as "a recognition

"Forced Entertainment have created their own performative space within the history of theatre - here, theatrical conventions are played out, and they are torn apart," he said.

"This influential theatre group is a group that recognises the theatre as a central voice within society, and which sincerely and with dedication, uses theatre as an arena for public debate; an open, reflexive and poetic space with ethical and social value."

Etchells said the company, who were also awarded prize money of 300,000 euros, were "very happy" to be named as winners alongside such a "formidable" list.

Forced Entertainment was founded in 1984 with the aim of "exploring and exploding the conventions of genre, narrative and theatre itself", a company spokeswoman said.

The group produce everything from small two-person pieces to large-scale productions, and have put on shows and events across the world.

Arts Council England's executive director for arts and culture, Simon Mellor, said the award was "a fitting tribute to Forced Entertainment's 30-year history of producing startlingly original work".

"[It is] a recognition of their far-reaching and profound influence on the contemporary theatre and performance scene," he said.

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# Church Matters

with Nigel Roberts

## A Favourite Choice!

I wonder if you are going away this year and have started to think about a holiday destination. Will it be that favourite place you have visited before or perhaps somewhere new you have just read about or seen on T.V? To revisit the familiar places may be a safe option but again to visit new places can be exciting and interesting. There is, however, something reassuring about things that don't change, buildings that remain the same, even people that are still there year on year. That is true about the promises found in the bible too.

The fact that the 23rd Psalm has been so many people's favourite down the years is perhaps because it is so reassuring to readers. David, the psalmist, is fully aware of the promise he inherits from Abraham, that he will be blessed all his days with good things, as will his descendants. Facts he feels certain of when he says:

"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

It would be easy to think that this promise of a blessing from the Old Testament was just for the Jews, but if we take the trouble to look at Galatians Chapter 3, verse 29 in the New Testament, we will see that it is for the Gentiles, the non-Jews...us in fact, too!

It is no wonder therefore that we can feel very blessed by good things such as an enjoyable holiday.

Hope you have a good time away too!

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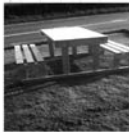
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## **LOWER SAPEY NEWS with Margaret Griffiths**

They say 'ne're cast a clout 'til May is out' and how right this is this year. At the time of writing this, there is still no sign of Spring, no cuckoo, no blossom on the fruit trees and even worse (for me) no cricket at New Road, Worcester. I only hope that this miserable Spring means we are going to have a fantastic, sunny summer. I am not quite sure if the saying applies to the month of May, or the May blossom, but either way, winter duvets are still firmly in place. I hope that at least our Rogation Day service will be blessed by lovely weather.

The weather seems to be affecting our health badly as well with several of our local residents unwell and in hospital and we wish them all well. There is nothing like the sunshine to make us all feel better and to look forward more positively. We had a rain dance by a government Minister about 30 years ago, so what about the environment Minister doing a sunshine dance! The rain dance did work as I recall.

Our Church did indeed look lovely for the Easter Day service and thanks go to the ladies who decorated it so beautifully as usual. Easter was very early this year and surely it is time we had a set date for the Easter weekend. I am sure this is possible. Any thoughts?

### **NOTICES**

Flowers will be looked after by Jean Yates for the first two weeks and by Jane Dallow for the last two weeks.

Church cleaning will be in the capable hands of Angie Dallow.

The Mobile Library calls on Friday May 20th, 10.20 and 10.40am.

Our Ladies Bible Group for May will be on Tuesday May 10th at the home of Bettie Nicholls - please join us.

## **ALL CHANGE AT ALL SAINTS, SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP?**

*John Sumner*

Well, yes and no. The Annual Church Meeting had a goodly number of interested people, and a thoughtful and warm-hearted discussion.

Readers will know that a crisis has been looming because of worthy and responsible people retiring or moving away. The annual meeting was unable to find any volunteers to be representatives on the Deanery Synod, and more critically, anyone to be a Churchwarden for the next year.

So the meeting discussed possible closure of the church – making it redundant – and the implications of such a course. At least one parishioner has written seriously suggesting that. But in the annual meeting there was absolutely no support for this course of action.

What did gain large support was the idea of terming All Saints as a ‘Festival Church’ so that it may be open and available for high days and Holy days and other special occasions.

The idea of ‘Festival Churches’ is something that has only recently arisen on the national scene – in fact, an official report was published only last October. The Church of England recognises that the difficulties facing All Saints are difficulties that thousands of rural churches face. Our story is in fact a national story. So the report proposes alterations to the law, which will allow churches to be used for as little as 6 Sundays a year (though in fact 10 or so is a more likely figure for All Saints).

The report then goes on to discuss how such Festival Churches can be financed. There are examples such as the Maintenance Trust at Shelsley Walsh, and the meeting felt that such a thing would be good for All Saints – perhaps the St Andrews Maintenance Trustees might be approached to consider taking on All Saints too? The law would be changed to allow such Trusts to be responsible for a church building without being technically responsible to a PCC.

The report also suggested that Diocesan or Area Maintenance Trusts might be possible, and as the National Committee was in fact chaired by our very own Bishop John, we hope the Diocese of Worcester might look at this idea sympathetically!

Another idea carefully discussed was whether to ask for The Shelsleys parish to be joined up with another parish or parishes. This works well in the Lower Teme Valley where the former parishes of Broadwas, Knightwick and Cotheridge are joined together in one parish with one PCC, one Treasurer, but each church has its own Churchwarden(s).

It had been thought possible that there would be insufficient volunteers to form a PCC for the next year, but in fact there will be a very small PCC of 3 Lay and 1 Clergy members. This enables legal decisions to be taken. And of course it enables us to continue developing the work of All Saints again – working it up from this low point. There have been several constructive ideas discussed about how to use the building more flexibly and we can, because of the forthcoming legal provisions and the continued faithful enthusiasm of several people, look forward with hope.

A number of people have said that they would be prepared to share some tasks and the next step is to gather together this goodwill and see how to organise it.

If you are interested in contributing to this taskforce or would like to find out more about the options available, or better still if you might consider taking on the role of Church Warden, please contact John Sumner at [cliftonrectory@wwrt.org.uk](mailto:cliftonrectory@wwrt.org.uk).

## **THE SHELSLEYS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 10TH 2016**

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Tuesday May 10th at 7pm in the Shelsleys Village Hall. This is an opportunity for parishioners to raise questions and discuss anything to do with the Village and everyone is welcome. Although hosted by the Parish Council, this is NOT a Parish Council meeting.

The annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place immediately after the above meeting and parishioners are also invited to attend. As always there is an opportunity for the public to ask questions of the Parish Council. Agenda for the meetings will be available on the website at <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>

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## **CLIFTON CHURCH EVENTS....**

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- Time Out', at St. Kenelm's, 3rd Wednesday in the month. Just half an hour at 7:30 pm, for a completely quiet time, preceded and ending with quiet music and a reading. Come and light a candle maybe to help "lighten a darkness", or just wind down after your day in the wide World out there.
- Prayer Requests. On the altar in the Woodmanton chapel is a note book for prayer requests, which we pray about during 'Time Out'. The Church is open during daylight hours if you wish to come and write in this note book. All are welcome.

## **CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Due to a change in Clifton Parish Council's administrative arrangements, the Council's formal Minutes will, from now on, be published later than is practicable for Teme Triangle and so will be posted on the Parish Council website rather than in printed form. We shall however endeavour to keep you abreast of important issues that are raised, in our news section. For minutes go to:

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Mayflowers and mayflies, may-blobs and maybugs: there's a tongue-twister to start my nature musings for May!

First, we'll look at mayflies. They are classified in the order Ephemeroptera, literally day-wing, which refers to the fact that these insects only spend a single day on the wing. As adults, they do not feed, but emerge into the air for the sole purpose of mating and releasing eggs back into their stream or river home. Prior to that, they will have lived as aquatic larvae for weeks or months on the stream floor, grazing algae from stones. Some types pass the winter as eggs before emerging as nymphs, thus it may take them up to a year to reach adulthood.

Anglers are very knowledgeable about mayflies, calling their mass emergences "hatches" and the floating shed skins "shuck". The emergences are timed according to the weather and anglers know that trout and other river fish will be waiting to pounce on the rising insects. The practice of fly-fishing, with hooks decorated with artificial flies to mimic the real thing, is an extremely ancient one, dating to the second century AD, and tying flies is an art in itself.

In contrast to the elegant mayfly, the maybug is a dumpy blundering insect that looks as if it will never get off the ground at all. Officially called cockchafers, these creatures also go by the name of leather-jackets when they are in their larval stage, living in the soil under lawns. Their bullet-shaped bodies, decorated with huge feathery antennae, used to be known as doodlebugs, they certainly live up to that name when they bang against the evening-lighted windows in May.

During the second world war, this name was given to V1 flying bombs, the characteristic that both shared, was the abrupt cessation of sound. In the bomb's case, just before it exploded, in the cockchafer's case, after clattering through a window and coming to an abrupt halt.

We have an outside light that attracts these creatures - they fly up to it, clatter about and drop to the ground, often on their backs with legs flailing. Our cat is most mystified by this and bats the unfortunate creatures with a paw. However, this usually helps them to get the right way up and then off they can fly.

Well that hasn't left much time for mayflowers and may-blobs, but never mind, they're one and the same thing, that ancient survivor of the glacial melts, the marsh-marigold. I'm not sure why they're called may-blobs because I saw my first one in the middle of March whilst looking for wild daffodils.

Finally, I thought I should end with another limerick, but the only one I can think of has nothing to do with May or bugs or marsh marigolds, but here it is anyway, "she sells sea-shells on the sea-shore". I think I can see a marine topic coming up for June!

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday 12th May, when we welcome Steve Davies, who will be talking on the work of the British Trust for Ornithology. The meeting is at Rochford Village Hall at 7:30pm and as always it is just £2 on the door.

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).

**AND FINALLY**



A reminder that Teme Triangle has a new Facebook page – so you can keep abreast of all the latest news on our site [www.facebook.com/TemeTriangle](http://www.facebook.com/TemeTriangle).

Also, our printed magazine will continue to be available in all local shops and community spaces so you can choose how and when to keep up to date.

I would also like to say a big thank you for all your articles – it really is great that so many of you send us your news and photos to share with others – keep it coming in! Copy for the next (June) edition by Friday 6th May please.

## CALENDAR

### May

- 01 Rock Pound The Bounds walk
- 06 Concert Volante Strings St. Mary's Stanford Church 7.30.pm
- 07 Coffee morning (Christian Aid), Old Vicarage, Clifton, 10am – 12 noon
- 08 Bluebell Ride Wichenford
- 09 The Lion Quiz evening, Clifton, 8pm
- 10 Shelsleys' Annual Parish Meeting+ Parish Council Meeting 7pm VH
- 17 Shelsleys' Village Hall AGM 7.30.pm VH
- 21 Coffee morning, plant and bric-a-brac sale, 26 The Village, Clifton 10.30am

### June

- 4/5 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
- 11 Big breakfast, Clifton VH 9.30am – 11.30am.
- 11 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Shelsleys' VH 6pm.
- 18 Shelsley Walsh Open Hillclimb for FOAG
- 22 Open Garden and cream tea, Noak Lodge, Clifton 2pm

### July

- 2/3 - Clifton Open Gardens and Mini Flower Festival

## Church Services for MAY 2016

Date	Month/Day	Lower Sapey (Harpley)	Clifton	Shelsley Beauchamp	Shelsley Walsh
1 <sup>st</sup>	May ROGATION	<b>10.30 am</b> Please go to New House Farm	<b>8.00 am - No Service</b> <b>10.30</b> Rogation Family Service at New House Farm - Des Robson	<b>10.30 am</b> Please go to New House Farm	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Ascension Day	<b>7.30pm</b> Deanery Communion Service Venue TBC			
8 <sup>th</sup>	May Sunday after Ascension	<b>10.30 am</b> Methodist Communion Service <i>Revd Helen Caine</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> Holy Communion <i>Rev John Sumner</i> <b>3-5pm</b> Messy Church	<b>11.00 am</b> Celtic-style Service <i>Beryl Robson</i>	<b>6.30 pm</b> Evening Prayer <i>Pat Snelling</i>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Monday		<b>10.30 am</b> Pushchair Praise		
15 <sup>th</sup>	May WHIT SUNDAY (Pentecost)	<b>10.30 am</b> Holy Communion <i>Rev. John Sumner</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> Holy Communion <i>Rev. John Sumner</i> <b>10.30 am</b> C.O.M.E	<b>11.00 am</b> Celtic-style Service Beryl Robson	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>7.30 pm</b> Time for TIME OUT			
22 <sup>nd</sup>	May Trinity Sunday	<b>10.30 am</b> Circle Service <i>Jen Denniston</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> Holy Communion <i>Rev. John Sumner</i> <b>6.30</b> Evensong		<b>8.00 am</b> Holy Communion <i>Rev. John Sumner</i>
29 <sup>th</sup>	May Trinity 1	<b>10.30 am</b> United Benefice Service St Kenelm's Clifton - <i>Rev. John Sumner</i>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	June Trinity 2	<b>10.30 am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>8.00 am</b> Holy Communion <b>10.00 am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>11.00 am</b> Valley Praise And Baptism <i>Canon David Sherwin</i>	<b>08.15 am</b> <i>Service for MAC</i> <i>Pat Snelling</i>
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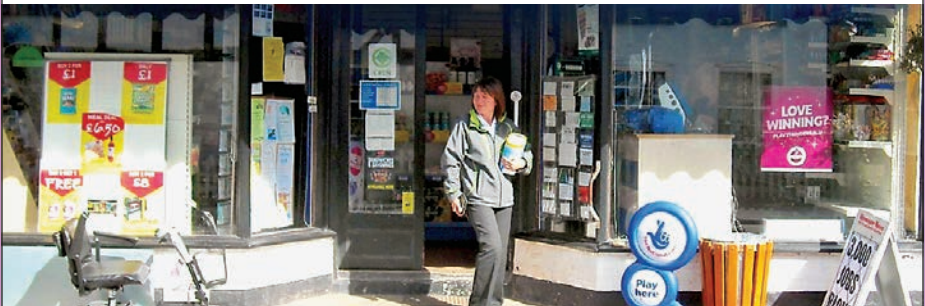
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