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*Clifton Open Gardens Weekend*

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*Local children taking part in a performance of St. George and the Dragon at St. Kenelm's church, Clifton.*

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### **Front Cover Picture**

***Sally Harris pictured in her garden overlooking the Teme Valley, getting ready for the Clifton Open Gardens weekend in July.***

## **CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES MINUTES**

Clifton parish councillors are to reconsider their decision not to allow publication of draft minutes of their meetings in *Teme Triangle* after protests from local residents at the annual parish meeting last month.

When former parish council chairman, Bert Bradley, asked why they were no longer being published in draft form as before, he was told by parish clerk, Jeanette Hill, that the council was acting under rules set out in the Transparency Code for parish councils.

“I can’t understand what has happened to change the situation whereby they no longer appear in *Teme Triangle*,” said Mr Bradley. “We did a better job of keeping parishioners informed of what’s going on in the past.”

According to local resident Bob Davis, “most people want to read it in *Teme Triangle*. It’s the bible for many people in the village. It’s their only way of knowing what’s going on.”

Parish Council chairman, Maggie Newman, said the matter would be discussed again at the next meeting of the council.

### **FOOTPATH VANDALISM**

Clifton Parish Council has reported another outbreak of footpath vandalism in the parish to the police after signs reminding dog owners of their responsibilities, put up by the council, were sprayed with black paint or torn down.

Most of the signs were displayed on footpaths on land farmed by Ian Sparey who said some dog owners had been allowing their dogs to run loose off the path. “We want people to stay on the footpaths and either keep dogs on a lead or under control,” he added.

### **TREE CONSULTATION**

Residents in the vicinity of the willow tree on the corner of Kenelm Road and Kenelm Close in Clifton are being consulted about a proposal to remove the tree because of complaints from nearby properties that its roots are blocking drains.

## **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

A vacancy for a parish councillor on Clifton Parish Council has arisen following the recent resignation of Michelle Salisbury. Applicants are invited to contact the clerk.

## **PARKING**

Clifton Parish Council is to discourage commercial vehicles from parking overnight or long term on the car park by the sports pavilion.

## **BROADBAND**

County Councillor Ken Pollock told the annual parish meeting that at least 220 out of 319 properties in Clifton parish would be able to receive 'superfast' broadband when it is finally connected before the autumn of 2017.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LATEST**

More than 100 people responded to the draft Clifton upon Teme Neighbourhood Development Plan when the Informal Consultation took place in March, and there were 547 hits on the informal consultation section on the Parish Council website.

All the responses and comments received have been viewed by the Steering Group and consultants, Kirkwells, and the Plan has been amended to take note of these.

“There was overwhelming support for the Plan and some very helpful and relevant points made and we would like to thank you all for taking the time to read the document and responding,” said Helen Winer, chair of the Steering Group. “We had a very good response with lots of ideas and suggestions from the Primary School and we thank them for getting involved in the future of their community. All the responses have been tabulated and will be available on the Parish Council website when we start the next stage of consultation.”

The next phase is to submit a final draft of the Plan to the Parish Council in June ready for Formal Consultation that will take place for six weeks this summer. This will involve consulting with a wide range of statutory and local bodies, adjoining parishes and all residents, landowners and businesses in the parish. Following this, the feedback will be used to

amend the Plan ready to be submitted to Malvern Hills District Council. Following this, the Neighbourhood Development Plan is examined by an independent examiner to assess whether it meets the basic conditions and if any further requirements are needed.

Finally the Plan will go to local referendum and if 50% +1 vote in favour then Malvern Hills District Council will 'make' (adopt) it. The Plan will then be used to help determine planning decisions in the parish alongside the South Worcestershire Development Plan and National Planning Policy. The Neighbourhood Plan runs until 2030 and will be reviewed every two years by the Parish Council.

### **CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL AGM**

The hall has had a very busy year and continues to be the venue of choice for most organizations, families and health or instructional classes in our area. The hall was used 330 times last year and helped many charities to further their aims.

The committee of trustees, which is made up of elected members and some nominated by local organizations will be holding the Village Hall AGM in the hall on Wednesday, 22nd June, at 7.30pm.

This is an open meeting and all inhabitants of the village are welcome to attend, help in the decision making of what happens to your hall and, if appropriate, offer some help as trustees.

The trustees are looking for someone to assist the treasurer this year and some experience in banking, Internet accounting and general familiarity with small organizational accounts would be a great asset. For further details, ring Jack Whittenbury on 01886-812464

### **QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN CLIFTON**

#### **Saturday, 11th June**

Big Breakfast in conjunction with Christian Aid 9.30am -11.30am

Parish Boundary Walk from 11.30am

Birthday tea party 2pm-5pm

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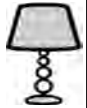
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## **SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **Draft Abbreviated Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on May 10th 2016.**

Present: Mr W Sutherland (Chair) Mr J. Stinton, Mr D. Styles, Mrs C. Warren, Mr D. Bates, Mr Michael Whitefoot and Mr B. Hart. Clerk Mrs J. Speyer and County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock.

Election of the Chairman: C. Roberts was proposed and seconded.

Election of Vice Chairman: W Sutherland.

Apologies. C. Roberts, T. Taylor and District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe

Declaration of Interest: None.

Minutes: The minutes for March 8th 2016 were approved as a true record and signed.

Public Question Time: None.

Financial Regulations, Risk Management and Insurance:

Review of the Risk Management was considered adequate for audit purposes. The insurance policy was reviewed and the premium agreed. Individual Councillors appointed to offices:

Village Hall Management Committee: Mrs C. Warren; Tree Warden: Councillor Stinton. Hill Climb liaison: David Bates. Footpaths: Karen Metcalfe.

Matters arising from The Annual Parish Meeting: None.

Village Hall: The accounts and insurance details will be brought to the next meeting.

Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman: Too many chippings left after top dressing Fetterlocks Lane. WCC will be contacted to remove the surplus. The Contract for Services in the same terms was agreed for Mr Wilkes. The WCC Lengthsman Contract with the Parish Council is £2365.00 for the current year 2016 2017.

Pard House Lane road surface is still causing problems. B4203 road surface. The Clerk to contact WCC on both matters.

County and District Councillor Reports: written reports will be available on the website.

Planning: There are no outstanding plans. MHDC planning events, previously circulated will be attended by councillors.

End of Year Accounts: 2016 2017 These were accepted, approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

Audit: Sections 1 and 2 were accepted and completed. The Audit date is July 1st

Clerk's report on urgent decisions: None



Correspondence: All items not previously emailed were circulated.

Finance: All of the following payments were agreed.

Insurance, Lengthsman's invoice, CALC subscription, Clerk's salary and expenses. Monies received Precept £2250 .WCC payment for Lengthsman £1160.00. Clerk's PAYE and remuneration to be paid quarterly HMRC cheques approved. Financial regulations noted.

Grants and Donations: It was agreed to give a contribution for electricity to the village hall.

Councillor Reports and Future Agenda: Pard House Lane road condition, B4203 list of accidents.

County Association of Local Councils Councillor Training: Councillors were urged to attend courses offered by CALC.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: **July 12th 2016**

[Full minutes are available on the WCC website My Parish or as a link from the Teme Triangle website]

## **COMMUNITY SPIRIT ALIVE AND WELL IN THE SHELSLEYS**

The weekend of 14th May was one of great community spirit in the Shelsleys.

There was a wonderful turn out for the Annual Churchyard tidy-up at All Saints, thanks once again to Patricia Marlar, and after a sunny and extremely convivial morning the entire site is now neat and tidy once again. And perhaps, one or two of the discussions around the yew tree might develop into a plan for the future of our church?

The very same weekend, Des and Beryl Robson whose home at Brockhill Lodge was burnt to the ground (as reported in last month's edition), moved into the late Jane Porter's house, which is to be their temporary home. Beryl said: "We have been overwhelmed with kindness and we feel quite at home here already".

## **CLOSE HARMONY AND SUMMER FIZZ**

A fund-raising Concert of old favourite secular and sacred songs in aid of the Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven and local churches is being held at Shelsley Beauchamp church on Saturday, 16th July at 7pm. The programme includes performances by visiting vocal groups, The High Heels and Close Shaves. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained from Candy Connolly: cconnolly111@gmail.com or Jane Roberts: Jane.Roberts@jcyjournays.com

## CLIFTON ASH CROWNS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Ash from the hedgerows of Clifton formed part of the floral arch designed by Shane Connolly that was one of the main features celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday at the Chelsea Flower Show last month. The arch spanned the iconic Bull Ring gate entrance on the bank of the river Thames. The Bull Ring arch was made using all British blooms and was installed with the help of design students from several UK colleges.



As the Royal florist responsible for directing the horticultural elements at the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and who holds a Royal Warrant of Appointment to HRH the Prince of Wales and HM The Queen, Shane is no stranger to Royal floral design. "I'm honoured and delighted to have been asked to design this archway for HM The Queen's Birthday and really want it to showcase the beauty and range of British grown plants and flowers and the skills of the British flower and plant growers," he said.

## HIDDEN GARDENS REVEALED AROUND CLIFTON



Gardens large and small will be opening in and around Clifton during the first weekend in **July (2nd/3rd)**. This year's Open Gardens aims to repeat the success of the last one held in 2014 when more than 20 local residents opened their gardens to visitors.

The programme will include a children's quiz, floral Arrangements, refreshments in the church, parking and a BBQ at the Rectory on Saturday evening. It's a two-day treat, repeated by popular demand, so please keep the weekend free. Tickets can be purchased from 10am on the Saturday at St. Kenelm's church.

In Aid of St Kenelm's Church Appeal - watch out for flyers

## **SUMMER FUN FOR 2-5 YEAR OLDS AT CLIFTON EYC**

Throughout August, Clifton-upon-Teme Early Years Centre is offering exciting themed Summer Clubs for 2-5 year olds. All weeks will include a wide variety of sport, art, drama, cooking and music and some very special guest visitors.

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Clifton-upon-Teme EYC is Ofsted registered and offers all year around childcare for children aged 3 months to 5 years. Please contact us if you would like more information or a visit to the nursery: 01886 812380.

## **CLIFTON SCHOOL FUN DOG SHOW**

Clifton-upon-Teme Primary School will be holding its summer fayre and fun dog show on Saturday 18th June (1-4pm). The dog show will be sponsored by Fish4Dogs who will provide goodie bags. The overall show winner will receive additional prizes and will take over from Clifton's beautiful Cyrus, the husky-german shepherd cross, who won last year.

The rest of the fayre will have something for everyone including bungee trampolines, a football shoot out, netball shooting, tombolas, many other games and competitions, and face-painting. There will also be refreshments, including cream teas, a BBQ and ice creams. We will also have the talented Chantry Rock School performing for us. Clifton village residents will receive a free tea or coffee with their invitation, which they will receive in June. So keep your fingers crossed that the sun shines, and we look forward to seeing you there!

## **POUND LANE, CLIFTON, CLOSURE**

Part of Pound Lane in Clifton will be closed for up to five days from Monday 20th June while Severn Trent Water is working there. A diversion between Clifton, via Martley and Ankerdine Hill to the A44 will operate. Vehicles requiring access to and from properties along the affected stretch of road will be allowed.

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# Church Matters

by Rev. John Sumner



Dear All,

I have heard quite a number of 'heaven and hell' jokes. Here is my favourite:

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Down below he saw loads of people sitting at a long, long refectory-type table, which was groaning with luscious food and fruit and drink. And yet all the people were miserable and starving.

So he said to the demon guide "I don't get this. What's their problem?" "Ah", said the demon, "we just have a simple rule down here. They have to eat with 5ft long chopsticks!"

So he went up to heaven and he saw there a similar table filled with equally luscious food, fruit and drink. But here, everybody was well fed, happy and laughing and having a wonderful time.

"Well" he said to the angel guide. "I'm glad to see you don't have any stupid rules about chopsticks up here".

"Oh, you are wrong," said the angel, "we have exactly the same rules up here as down there."

"I don't understand", replied the visitor. "How come these people are happy and they are miserable?"

"Well", said the angel, "the people up here have discovered that the chopsticks are just right for feeding the people on the other side of the table!"

Long may neighbourliness continue. Best wishes.



## **LOWER SAPEY NEWS**

THE 'Harpley Hopefuls' enjoyed the Christian Aid Quiz at the Lion in May and were delighted to come away with a win! We understand that Christian Aid made close to £300 on the night – well done to everyone! Birthdays seem to be rather important this month – our own Liz Younge is having a bit of a special one on the 11th June, on which date of course Clifton is running a splendid full day of various celebrations for The Queen's 90th birthday.

At last everything is growing apace, the birds are singing and the trees and shrubs are breaking out in baby green leaf and lots of glorious blossom. Of course that means the grass is getting going and we shall be back into our routine summer churchyard clear-up on the second Wednesday evening of the month to try to keep things in check!

## **NOTICES**

Ladies Bible Study meeting will continue on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm and on 14th June we shall be with Marion West. Everyone is very welcome.

FLOWERS for the beginning of June are for Barbara Raybould and for the last two weeks Gay Sudbury will take over.

CLEANING will be taken care of by Pat Savage and Marion West.

Enjoy the gardening!

## **ROGATION SERVICE**

Des Robson led a wonderful Rogation service at New Farm, Clifton, on 1st May and the children gave out newly growing potted seeds capably prepared by his wife Beryl (in bio-degradable pots) to inspire the growth of our communal concern for one another. Des blessed the lambs and the newly planted seed outside amidst the magnificent view of the Malverns and the Teme valley. This very lovely annual occasion, complete with coffee and a hot-dogs, is now joined by all the parishes of Clifton, Harpley and the Shelsleys, aptly captured by the image of the Sequoia Dawn Redwood tree 300ft tall, 25ft in diameter, supported by roots that intertwine to create strength against all the winds that fate can hurl. We are working on our roots in anticipation of the moving on of the Sumners in September who have done so much for all our churches and communities over the last 10 years. We all want a place to be buried, married and christened. Thanks are due to all the organisers of this lovely Rogation service.

## **PILGRIMS' WAY FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Clifton's Mark Stevens (right) pauses for a brief rest near Pamplona during his 500 mile hike along one of the world's oldest pilgrimage routes, from southern France to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain.

Before setting out last month, Mark announced that he had already raised nearly £5,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. He began training for his trek in December 2012. Mark's progress can be followed via his blog, <https://markscaminoblog.wordpress.com> and anyone wishing to donate can do so through his justgiving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/markscamino>



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## TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

Wildlife stories are not the mainstay of the national news but they sometimes hit the press or feature on news bulletins. Often they are of a negative character, describing harm to wildlife, whether due to deliberate harm, accidental damage or habitat destruction. We are inured to images of sea-birds covered in oil from tanker spills, to the sight of elephants killed by poachers and to pictures of pods of whales beached on our shores. We regularly read of the loss of wildlife habitat due to development, deforestation or intensive agriculture. These are highlighted by reports on falling animal population numbers. Calls to assist creatures such as farmland birds, bees, butterflies, hedgehogs, red squirrels and dormice are frequent.

But good news stories do occur. Newspapers have always preferred doom and gloom to hope and glory, but they do notice when good things happen. A rare orchid thought to be lost from Britain was found alive and well in Wales after being chosen as the flag-ship plant for a project to profile plant extinction. It is called the ghost orchid, and clearly enjoyed living up to its name. Another good news story is that of improving river water quality. Largely a side-effect of a decline in British manufacturing, it has led to the return of otters to many rivers, including our own Teme. Otters also lives on the Severn and have even been spotted on the river in the heart of the city of Worcester. Red kites, thanks to feeding programmes and re-introductions, are now commonly seen. Only last week I watched one showing off its aerial acrobatic skills over the A443 between Newnham Bridge and Lindridge.





Cowslips, once feared to be in terminal decline, are back and common once more, thanks to better grassland and road verge management. Recently a pine marten was photographed in Shropshire's Clun Forest. This is a rare mammal thought to have retreated to the wilds of Wales and Scotland, but not long afterwards another sighting, this time in the south of England, proved that they are still about, if elusive.

A near relative of the pine marten, the weasel, also made front page news recently. This has to be one of my favourite wildlife press stories for some time, and it inspired some clever headlines. A weasel, for reasons known only to itself, and sadly with fatal consequences, decided to chew through the electric cables of the CERN Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland. This facility, home to scientists studying sub-atomic particles and the origins of the universe, had their experiments unexpectedly curtailed. "Pop goes the Hadron Collider as weasel chews through wiring" announced *The Times*. "One small bite for a weasel, one giant hitch for Collider" read the *Telegraph's* front page. Sometimes, just sometimes, animals get the better of man, or in this case got the better of the cream of Europe's physicists. I find it most enjoyable when weasels strike back!

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday 9th June, when we welcome Alan Barrell who will be talking on the topic of deer. 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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Oral historian Julia Letts has created a talk which features some of these extraordinary stories which will be presented by a team of volunteers. The talk is approximately 35 minutes long but can be adapted to suit the needs of groups and organisations wishing to book a speaker.

Mark Jackson, Chief Executive of St Richard's said, "We want as many people as possible to hear our oral history collection so we've created the talk and also a mobile audio point which will tour the county. We now have a unique set of recordings which will ensure that the extraordinary stories of our history are saved and shared in the future."

The St Richard's Project was led by a professional oral history specialist with the help of a team of volunteers. The voices are now available to hear on [www.strichardsvoices.org.uk](http://www.strichardsvoices.org.uk) The full interviews with transcriptions and summaries will be available at the Worcestershire Record Office in The Hive.

Anyone wishing to book the oral history talk is asked to contact Katie Willington, Fundraising Administration Manager at St Richard's Hospice on 01905 763963 or email [appeals@strichards.org.uk](mailto:appeals@strichards.org.uk)

## **CHANTRY SCHOOL PROM**

The Chantry School will be holding its prom at 'The Birche' on the 23rd June, starting at 7.30pm until 11pm. Parents will be notified with regards to the unofficial one way system that is put in place, to allow as little disruption as possible to the local Shelsley residents.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

- 2 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 4/5 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
- 9 Teme Valley Wildlife meeting, Rochford VH 7.30pm
- 11 Queen's 90th Birthday Big Breakfast, Clifton VH 9.30am
- 11 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Shelsleys' VH 6pm
- 14 Clifton WI meeting
- 18 Clifton School Summer Fayre and Fun Dog Show 1pm-4pm
- 18 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
- 22 Open Garden and cream tea, Noak Lodge, Clifton 2pm
- 22 Clifton Village Hall AGM, VH 7.30pm
- 25 Teme Valley Geological Society garden picnic, Scar Cottage, Martley 5.30pm

### July

- 2/3 Clifton Open Gardens Weekend 11am-5pm
- 2/3 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
- 12 Clifton WI meeting
- 12 Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 16 Concert, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp 7pm
- 17/17 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb classic nostalgia
- 21 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm

### August

- 20/21 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb

### September

- 17 Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match, Thornbury

# Services for June

Day	Month	Lower Sapey (Harpley)	Clifton	Shelsley Beauchamp	Shelsley Walsh
5th	<b>June</b> 2016 Trinity 2	10.30 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling	8:00 am Holy Communion Rev Adrian Graesser 10.00 am Morning Prayer Rev John Sumner	11.00 am <b>Valley Praise And Baptism</b> Canon David Sherwin	8:15 am MAC service Pat Snelling
6th	Monday		10 for 10.30am Push-Chair Praise		
12th	3rd after Trinity	10.30 am Methodist Service Mr Jack Rolls BA	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev. Jan Fox		6.30 pm Evening Prayer Pat Snelling
15th	Wednesday		7.30pm Time for Time-Out		
19th	4th after Trinity	10.30 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner 10.30 am C.O.M.E	11:00 am Beryl Robson	
26th	5th after Trinity	10.30 am Songs of Praise Jen Denniston	10.00am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner  6.30 pm Evening Prayer Barbara Seeley + Pat Snelling		8:00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner
3rd	<b>July</b> St Thomas  Open Gardens w/e	10.30 am Morning Prayer Rev. John Sumner	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev John Sumner  10:00 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling <b>in Church Garden</b>		
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