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Christmas Preparations at the Lion

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*Bert Bradley who has retired as Clifton's Parish Tree Warden.
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Front Cover Picture

Debbie & Steve Bruce preparing for Christmas at the Lion in Clifton

BUILDING TO START IN POUND LANE, CLIFTON

Building work is due to start on the new Blue Shot Meadow development of 48 houses in Pound Lane, Clifton, in January. Contractors have already moved on to an adjacent site in preparation.



Lovell Homes, the developer, have announced that the first houses will be ready for occupation by next summer.

As part of the planning permission agreement with Malvern Hills District Council, they will be contributing nearly £500,000 to the local community infrastructure: £32,340 towards public transport, £220,800 towards recreation facilities, £43,000 towards transport strategy and £176,365 towards education.

LION WINS AA 4 STAR AWARDS

The Lion Inn in Clifton has been given an AA 4-star Silver Award in recognition of the superior level of quality, high standard of hospitality, service and cleanliness. In addition, the Lion has been given a separate Breakfast award and a Dinner award in recognition of their very special high quality with emphasis on freshly prepared local ingredients.

Chef Steve Bruce said, "We are delighted to have received these three awards so soon after taking over the management of the Lion."



JOHN THACKER'S 90TH

John Thacker's 90th birthday celebrations last month raised a total of £650 for St Michael's Hospice. More than 90 guests attending the event contributed.

CLIFTON UPON TEME IN 1668

In 1668 King Charles II had been on the throne for eight years and England was settling down after the turbulent times following his father's execution. Worcestershire had been important both at the beginning of the Civil War and at the end, and had endured much violence and uncertainty.

The relatively stable times in which the folk of Clifton upon Teme then found themselves gave them the confidence to order bells for their parish church, St. Kenelm's. Those bells, the very same ones, are still up in the bell tower and are regularly rung out to call villagers to prayer, mark an event of national or religious importance or celebrate their weddings.

Next year marks the bells' 350th birthday. Five of the bells have hung in the belfry since 1668 – the sixth treble bell was presented in 1914 by Sir Francis Winnington. The peal was last rehung in 1999 after undergoing restoration work (right).



To maintain the link with those villagers from the time of King Charles, the bell tower needs new ringers. Bellringers do not need to be super-fit, neither do they have to be churchgoers. People of all faiths or none are invited to help maintain the tradition for generations to come. The band meets for practice on Tuesdays at 7.30pm and all are welcome. Recruits are taught a pastime which is good for one's health and the community. Come along and try bellringing!

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers announced they are going to mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War next year by recruiting 1,400 new bell ringers - the number of bell ringers who perished in that war.

CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE

The Churches Conservation Trust has supplied Old St. Bartholomew's Church with a Christmas Memory Tree for people to write messages for loved ones, past or present, to hang upon the tree over the Christmas period. The tree will be in place by 3rd December.

DOMESTIC RECYCLING AND WASTE

YOUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CHANGES

December 2017

ATTENTION!
There are the changes to collections over the Christmas and New Year period. Please note in some cases the new collection date falls before your usual collection day. Please check the table carefully.

Monday 18 December	Collections as normal
Tuesday 19 December	Collections as normal
Wednesday 20 December	Collections as normal
Thursday 21 December	Collections as normal
Friday 22 December	Collections as normal
Monday 25 December	Saturday 23 December
Tuesday 26 December	Wednesday 27 December
Wednesday 27 December	Thursday 28 December
Thursday 28 December	Friday 29 December
Friday 29 December	Saturday 30 December
Monday 1 January	Tuesday 2 January
Tuesday 2 January	Wednesday 3 January
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 4 January
Thursday 4 January	Friday 5 January
Friday 5 January	Saturday 6 January

January 2018

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!



We have done our best to minimise the disruption to your domestic recycling and waste collections. Collections return to normal on Monday 8 January 2018.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB'S CHARITY INSTEAD OF CHRISTMAS CARDS

Clifton Friendship Club members have once again chosen to donate to a charity instead of exchanging Christmas cards. This year, they will be giving to the Clifton Early Learning Centre.

“We would like to wish all members, friends and families a very happy Christmas with good health and happiness for the New Year,” says Marie Thompson.

CLIFTON TREE WARDEN RESIGNS

Bert Bradley, Clifton’s Tree Warden, is stepping down from the role that he has had for more than 40 years. Announcing his decision to resign at last month’s meeting of the Parish Council, Bert said he hoped that someone with a strong interest in trees would take on “this important but not very arduous voluntary task”.

“My interest in trees started at an early age,” said Bert. “Since becoming Tree Warden for Clifton, I have met many people who are completely soaked in tree knowledge, including the caretaker of the Queen’s trees in Windsor Great Park. I have also learned about coppicing and pruning of trees, hedge-laying and how to identify trees and their diseases.”

Parish Tree Wardens are responsible for tree conservation, knowing where planning rules apply and observing local tree conditions.

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CLIFTON BIG CAROL SING

The Big Carol Sing takes place in St Kenelm's church in Clifton on Saturday 9th December starting at 6.30pm.

Last year St Kenelm's put together its first Big Carol Sing together with our Christmas Tree Festival. The idea was to give the parish a chance to sing together all those wonderful carols, which we all remember, but we would be in the warm and have a joyful start to our Christmas celebrations.

Ten groups from the Parish decorated small Christmas trees and brought them to church on the morning of the Big Carol Sing, during a Coffee Morning, so that they could be placed around the church. It was a resounding success and so this year we are going for a repeat performance. We have five more groups taking part and so the church will be a truly magical sight. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the singing and celebrations. Mulled wine will be served. Look out for the banner outside church.

PENSAX THRIFT SHOP

Thrift Shop will close its doors for the winter break at 11am on Wednesday 6 December. We would be very grateful if customers could collect any of their remaining items by this date as we are unable to store anything over the winter.

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We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you when we re-open for our 2018 season on Wednesday 7 March at 9am.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday December 7th when we will be having a short quiz and some festive food. The meeting is at 7:30pm in Rochford Village Hall and as always it is just £2 on the door and everybody is welcome.

OFSTED PLAUDIT FOR CLIFTON SCHOOL

Clifton Primary School has just had another good OFSTED inspection. Following a visit last month, the Inspector concluded that the school, last inspected in December 2012, 'continues to be a good school'.

Amongst many other positive attributes, the Inspector commented that '*The Headteacher, staff and Governors have created an environment in which every child feels valued*'. Also that '*The children come first and are central to the school's work... an inclusive community where innovation is welcomed and every small step to success is celebrated*.' Of the pupils, the Inspector noted, '*Pupils behave well and have positive attitudes towards learning... they work hard and support one another when working collaboratively. Their manners are impeccable, showing courtesy at all times and moving sensibly around the school*.' Good quality teaching was found to be a strong aspect of provision at Clifton, and findings from the Inspection reflect that '*..all teachers are very committed to ensuring every child receives the highest quality of teaching*', and '*effective feedback...enables pupils to address weaknesses in their work and make strong progress*'.

Headteacher, Cathryn Throup, said "I know that every member of staff and every governor is unstinting in their commitment to providing the very best quality education for the pupils who attend our school. While we will ensure that our school continues to offer high quality teaching, I hope that the additional funding received from a boost in pupil numbers from the planned housing developments within the village will help to secure the future viability of this school, which has served this community since 1844."

GRANDFATHER'S CYCLE RIDE TOTAL FOR CLIFTON SCHOOL

Clifton schoolboy Dexta Merrick's grandfather, Nigel Hedgcock, has raised a total of £1,750 for the village school following his epic cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats in the summer.

Charlotte Merrick, mother of seven-year-old Dexta (right), thanked everyone who supported her father: "We hope to use the money to make improvements to the play area at the school."



CLIFTON COMMUNITY MATTERS

Clifton Community Matters (CCM) would like to thank everyone who has responded to their survey and contributed views about how opportunities for recreation in the community can be developed.

John and Ros Wain said “Special thanks go to the people who said they would help to run activities but please could you let us know who you are! If you live outside the immediate confines of the village you may not have been reached by our deliveries, in which case apologies.” You can contribute online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CliftonCommunityMatters or ring 01886812958 to request a paper copy.

The survey is intended to spread awareness of the variety of activities which already go on in the community and tap your thoughts on how they might be extended to offer opportunities to others, thereby maintaining the vibrancy of life in Clifton. If there is something you would like to participate in, or even help organise, so much the better.

To those who prefer to live privately or who are not able to spend much time in the village CCM hope you will still be able to support initiatives which improve the health (in its widest sense) of the village. Ideally they would like everyone’s input so that there is a comprehensive picture of villagers’ views. Please respond by Saturday December 9th



Clifton Community Matters group members (from left) John Wain, Dawn Hollingsworth, Jamie Elliot, Jennie Maslin, Will Hollingsworth, Ros Wain. Also in the group, not pictured, are Jane Nicol, Clive and Rachel Austin.

(Photo by Sophia Hollingsworth)

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Christmas Film night at Clifton Village Hall 7pm on Saturday 16th December: *It's A Wonderful Life* (but not for everybody).



Have a break from the madness of Christmas preparations and join us for a classic Christmas film, mulled wine and mince pies in aid of Maggs Day Centre and Foodbank, two brilliant local charities who help and support people in Worcester in crisis. Tickets - donate whatever you can afford to be split between the charities.

Additional donations: we will gladly receive food and clothing donations (Maggs are asking for men's and women's trousers, jeans, trainers, shoes, underwear, T shirts, shirts, jumpers, coats, waterproofs. Foodbank are urgently asking for: long life fruit juice, coffee, jam, mash potato, washing up liquid, small washing powder, sponge pudding, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving foam, razors, tin openers, strong shopping bags, Christmas items - Christmas puddings, tinned ham, Christmas cake, pickles, crackers, festive treats, shower gel, shampoo, microwave pasta, peanut butter). Any queries call Marion Dipple 01886 812539.



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Church Matters

by Rev Canon David Sherwin



Christmas 2017 God with us

Advertising has been a part of life for a long time and will continue to be so but I was struck by the latest Christmas adverts that some stores have been using to promote the season. The most controversial I have seen elicited an apology from the sponsor, the bakers, Greggs, who had the wise men kneeling before a manger which was a sausage roll, bad taste indeed on many levels, yet at least there was some reference to the Biblical Christmas story. The John Lewis advert also created a buzz with its 'Moz the monster' who hides under a little boy's bed, at first frightening him then becoming his friend. I was left wondering what it was they were trying to promote.

The Church of England has its own advertising campaigns and as you would expect its Christmas campaign is focusing on the phrase from Matthew's Gospel, which the angel says to Joseph,

Matt 1:23; You will call his name Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

The overriding message of most adverts for Christmas are that you need plenty of supplies to feed the family and friends with whom you will be enjoying Christmas. However, that is not quite true for everyone is it? For we may have loved ones who are away from home or working over the Christmas holidays. For others we will be thinking of loved ones who we remember with love who now reside in eternity. All these people are in our hearts though not 'with us'.

The truth of the biblical Christmas story should bring us 'comfort and joy' as the carol says,

O tidings of comfort and joy

These gifts of joy and comfort come to us in the one who was proclaimed as 'God with us', Jesus. Whether we are surrounded by family or with a few friends or are alone this Christmas we can all know the one who was laid in the manger, Jesus is with us, he is not under the bed and scary but is a friend and saviour for us all.

God Bless you all with the peace of the Christ Child and may you know Christ with you through all you face in the coming year.

LOWER SAPEY NEWS

Here we are again looking forward to that most joyous time of year - Christmas. We are well ahead with planning our carol service and this year we look forward to welcoming Revd. David Sherwin for the first time as our leader. CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER at 3PM. It will be our traditional 'nine lessons and carols' service to be followed of course by punch and mince pies and lots of invigorating conversation!

During our harvest service Des Robson told us about the successful 'reverse advent' organised by Shelsley Beauchamp last year. We were enthused and decided to follow the example at St Bartholomew's and to take our offerings to Shelsley on Christmas Eve as invited. Let us remember then to get decorating a box and drop an item of tinned or bottled food or some toiletries in. We will have a large box in church if you would prefer to contribute that way. We shall also have our usual Christmas card collection boxes in church for 'posting' our cards for friends to collect. HAPPY CHRISTMAS - that's the first time I've said that this year!

Our Ladies Bible Study group will be enjoying our Christmas shopping and lunch outing again in December - venue to be decided. In January we shall meet as usual on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Venue also to be arranged. We haven't yet had dates for our Mobile Library visit in December and January - word of mouth will suffice.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS for the church will be in the charge of Dot who has asked us all to think greenery with berries where possible, to lie flat in the windows to be joined by large candles (which are in hand). We will as usual all meet to decorate and possibly sing a bit on Saturday morning the 16th December. See you there! Please remember to bring along some mince pies on Sunday for the carol service.

CHURCH CLEANING for December will be in the care of Suzanne Richards followed in January by Dot Millward. FLOWERS in January are for Margaret Griffiths followed by Suzanne Richards.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

3rd Morning Prayer first Sunday in Advent 10.30

10th Methodist Holy Communion 10.30

17th CAROL SERVICE AT 3PM

Monday 25th Christmas Day Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 31st December 10.30 New Year's Eve Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalene at Broadwas

NORA PARSONS CENTRE

The Nora Parsons Day Centre celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a well-attended tea party in October. All the helpers had been hard at work baking cakes and savouries in readiness for the occasion; tables laid, decorations in place, balloons blown up, sandwiches made and the sun came out just in time for the arrival of our guests.



Chairman, Reverend Canon David Sherwin welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of how the centre was set up. A presentation was made to Margaret Johnson, for her 40 years of volunteering. Margaret remembers fundraising with Nora Parsons to help set up the Centre 40 years ago, and at 91 is still at the centre every week, arranging the drivers' rota, serving lunches and calling the bingo. Quite an achievement and I'm sure Nora would be very proud of her!

We had a splendid array of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cream scones and a vast selection of cakes. Indeed we were able to send everyone home with a 'doggy bag' of goodies.

We look forward, with the continued help of volunteers to run the Centre, to providing a place for the elderly folk in our communities, to socialise with others, for many more years to come.

SHELSLEY PHOTOGRAPHER'S 2018 CALENDARS

Shelsley Beauchamp-based photographer Michael Whitefoot has produced three 2018 wall calendars featuring photos of popular local landscapes and landmarks. His 'Worcester', 'Worcestershire' and 'Worcester Cathedral' calendars include images such as the Malvern Hills, Pershore Abbey, Worcester Cathedral and of course the Teme Valley near Shelsley Beauchamp. Previously a local businessman, Michael has focused on photography for the past seven years and has won several competitions for his landscape and sports-based work. His 2018 calendars (including card envelope) usually retail at £7, but readers of *Teme Triangle* can get a 28% discount. Call Michael on 01886 812779 to order at £5, quoting Teme Triangle. Stockist enquiries are also welcome

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES FOR ST KENELMS, CLIFTON

As you may well be aware since the retirement of Rev John Sumner over a year ago now the services at Clifton, the Shelsleys and Lower Sapey have been covered by the staff of the Worcestershire West Rural Team.

Whilst some services are covered by Lay Readers and others, services of Holy Communion need an ordained Priest to celebrate. With less priests now available to help cover these services there is a need to adjust service times at St Kenelm's to enable the celebrants to travel between services.

This means that from January to save confusion about service times also, the services at St Kenelm's will now begin at 10.30am on the first second and third Sundays of the month, with the fourth still being held at 6.30pm.

This decision was made with the agreement of the Parochial Church Council and clergy team.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter we look forward to seeing you at a service in the near future. God bless

Rev Canon David Sherwin, Team Rector and the PCC.

SHELSLEYS GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Shelsleys Gardening Club is on Wednesday, 13 December, in Clifton village hall. The speaker is Adrian James who has been to the group several times before. The subject of his talk is yet to be announced but as ever his lecture will be accompanied by splendid photographs of plants and places. Contact Norah Tomkinson 01299 890 030 for further details.

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Edited Minutes of Clifton Parish Council Meeting: 5th October 2017

Present: M Newman (Chairman); W Bradley; N Parkinson; B Yarnold; H Winer.

Apologies: R Henry; A. Bradley (Tree Warden); County Councillor K Pollock

In Attendance: District Councillor C Palethorpe; R Wilks (RA-Lengthsman); J Hill (Clerk)

Malvern Hills District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe reminded the Council and residents that she still had a small amount of monies left from the ward budget scheme and encouraged applications for funding. Her report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting; there were no queries in relation to that report.

Planning: Details of Decision Notices: Application No: 17/01190/FUL Proposal: Erection of two holiday log cabins and change of use of land for location of two mobile log pods. Location: Salford Court Farm, Clifton upon Teme, Worcester, WR6 6EW. Applicant: J E Yeomans and Son. MHDC approved the application on 28th September 2017.

Application No: 17/00481/LB Proposal: Replacement of existing single glazed timber windows with (18) double glazed timber windows. Location: Hope Mill, Hollybush Lane, Clifton upon Teme, Worcester, WR6 6HE. Applicant: Miss Lesley Blackman. MHDC approved the application on 18th September 2017.

Following public consultation earlier in the year, the South Worcestershire Councils (Malvern Hills District, Worcester City and Wychavon District) had adopted the South Worcestershire Planning for Health Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) at their relevant committee meetings with effect from the 21 September 2017

Proposed extension to 30mph speed limit, Traffic Regulation Order, Pound Lane.

Highways and Byways

Lengthsman: RA reported there no problems with the roadways in the Parish; he still held stocks of salt/grit so no requirement to order more; difficulty improving pavement between Church and Post Box on the village boundary as very little pathway (Clerk to contact CCllr Pollock and request assistance with funding and for him to request that Highways widen the pathway by reducing the size of the verge)

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Cllr Winer and Cllr Newman attended the count as Parish Council representatives.

HW informed Members that a referendum vote in favour of adoption would entail the Clifton upon Teme Neighbourhood Plan becoming part of MHDC statutory planning documentation.

Defibrillator

Members resolved (MN/WB) to fund the cost of a cabinet in the sum of £35.00.

Play Area

- a) Members resolved (MN/BY) that three soil mounds along the bike zig-zag be removed: the spoil to be used to in-fill dips in other areas of the field
- b) Members noted with thanks feedback from Clifton Community Matters consultation with parish children re future provision of equipment.

Village Green

- a) MN reported that Rural Reels had been given on-going permission to place a sign on the green to advertise future screenings one week before the event.
- b) BY to consult local tree surgeons re an informal opinion re the chestnut tree on the green.

Next meeting: Thursday, 7th December at 7.40pm in the village hall.

Edited Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting: November 7th

Present: Present: Mr Cassian Roberts (Chairman), Mr J Stinton, Mr William Sutherland, Mr D Styles, Mr B Hart, K Metcalfe and Mr D Bates. In Attendance: Clerk (Mrs J Speyer) and 1 member of the public.

Affordable Housing: The Council had been approached by a resident seeking local affordable housing within the parish. Information received from Housing Development Officer Emma Jordan states that there is no local authority housing within the parish. Seven bungalows and six houses are owned by Fortis Housing. There are two households on the waiting list for properties. Members discussed the previous Housing Needs Survey undertaken in 2009 and the possibility of a new survey to ascertain current need was discussed. The cost of this would be £605.30. A decision on whether to proceed will be made at the next meeting but Councillors were of the opinion that undertaking a new a survey would be unlikely.

Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman: WCC reports on highways matters. The highways damage on Camp Lane has been inspected. The new WCC Lengthsman Manager has sent details of new a payment procedure which asks for invoices to be sent to WCC monthly. The Parish Council meets bi-monthly so this will not be possible. The Clerk will write to WCC to explain the situation. Winter Newsletter. It was agreed to purchase two tonnes of rock salt. Notification of Pard House Lane closure received. This will be from 4th December 2017 for approximately five days. The Lengthsman's worksheets for September and October were approved. The Lengthsman reported no immediate problems. He will clear the weeds of the Stanford Bridge footbridge and any work required after the bridge works at New Mill have been completed.

Budget: The preliminary figures prepared by the Clerk to determine the level of the precept for 2018/19 were accepted. The indication is for the Precept to remain the same at £4,000

Village Hall Management Committee: The Chairman had been contacted as there was some discussion about grass cutting. This is not a Parish Council matter and the VHMC must resolve it. A note was left in the Village Hall from Churches Together in the Teme Valley thanking both the Parish Council for allowing tables to be set for an event on the 8th November and the VHMC for its excellent facilities and cleanliness.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 9th 2018 at 7pm in the village hall.

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

**Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley)
December 2017**

Sunday 3rd December Advent 1	10.00am	Advent Carols	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Advent Carols	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Advent Carols	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Tuesday 5th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Wednesday 6th	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 10th December Advent 2	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Tuesday 12th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 17th December Advent 3	3.00pm	Carol Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Carol Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
Tuesday 19th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve	2.30pm	Crib Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	5.30pm	Christingle	St Kenelm, Clifton
	6.30pm	Holy Communion with Carols	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	11.30pm	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
Monday 25th December Christmas Day	10.00am	Family Worship	St Kenelm, Clifton
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	11.00am	Christmas Half Hour	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Sunday 31st December	10.30am	WWRT Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

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Services for December 2017/January 2018

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January 2018			
Tuesday 2nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Wednesday 3rd	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 7th January Baptism of Christ Epiphany	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Quiet Reflection	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Tuesday 9th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 14th January Epiphany 2	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Holy Communion Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Tuesday 16th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Wednesday 17th	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 21st January Epiphany 3	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Sunday 28th January Epiphany 4	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
Monday 22nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Tuesday 23rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 2 Shelsleys Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10am – 12noon
- 3 Girl Guiding Christmas Fayre, Clifton VH 10am-1pm
- 7 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Rochford VH 7.30pm
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting VH 7.40pm
- 9 St Kenelm's Big Carol Sing, 6.30pm
- 12 Clifton WI Christmas Party VH 7.30pm
- 13 Gardening Club: Adrian James, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 16 *It's A Wonderful Life* screening, Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 20 Clifton Friendship Club Christmas lunch, VH 12noon

January

- 9 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 17 Clifton Friendship Club:
Remembering the Swinging 60s VH
- 27 Rural Reels film: *Dunkirk* Clifton VH 7pm

February

- 3 Clifton & Harpley Litter Pick: meet at Lion Inn 2pm
- 24 Rural Reels film: (tba) Clifton VH 7pm

SHELSLEYS TABLE-TOP SALES & COFFEE MORNINGS

The Shelsleys' Christmas Fair last month was a huge success, raising £591.79 for the Village Hall. Many thanks to all the stallholders and also everybody who contributed and participated to make it such a success. The raffle was kindly drawn by John Stinton, Chairman of the Village Hall. Raffle prize winners have been posted on the notice boards outside the hall.

Tabletop sales starting in the New Year (once a month, not January). Anyone wishing to book a table should contact Carol Smith on 01886 812180. Tabletop sales take place on the first Saturday of every month: 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October, 1st December 2018 (10th Nov Christmas Fair). Anybody interested in a Pilates class please ring Carol.



Clifton's telephone box received a much-needed coat of new paint recently, thanks to the dedicated BT team of painters (above)



Shelsley photographer Michael Whitefoot, right, with his 2018 calendars (see offer for Teme Triangle readers on page 18)

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