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Residents appeal over bike ride closures

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Our front cover picture shows:
Charles and Pat Barratt whose daughter is getting married in Shelsley Beauchamp on September 23rd.

WELCOME to the May edition of Teme Triangle.

It's sixteen years since our first TT... in the midst of Foot and Mouth...it seems a lifetime ago! Our team of volunteers still works hard to keep you up to date on local events, thank you to everyone who contributes.

We have so much news this month I hardly know where to start. We begin with the Velo bike ride planned for September 24th, which is concerning lots of you, as it could be a challenge in more ways than one!

COUNCIL ACTION OVER BIKE RIDE GIVES HOPE TO RESIDENTS

Local residents and businesses that fear disruption on Sunday September 24th whilst a Birmingham bike ride takes place on our roads, are more hopeful this week, as Worcestershire County Council took robust action.

The event, called Velo Birmingham, is being organised by a marketing company, CSM, on behalf of Birmingham City Council. It has already signed up 15,000 cyclists at £75 per person, to ride from Birmingham city centre to Bromyard and back in a loop.

Significant parts of Worcestershire and Herefordshire are included, and organisers have promised the roads will be closed to all other traffic for six hours on the day.

This would seriously inconvenience farmers with stock to feed, or potatoes to harvest, pubs, clubs and other businesses who would be forced to close and individuals who need to use the roads.

After local protests, Worcestershire County Council has written to the organisers telling them no such agreement is in place and asking that they make satisfactory arrangements for local traffic in good time, if they wish a closure to take place.

In letters sent out over Easter Weekend The Council said:

“Worcestershire County Council has not yet agreed to make a temporary road closure to facilitate this event”.

“Our agreement to this depends upon the event organiser satisfying our requirements to mitigate the impacts that could ensue from such extensive road closures. Our discussions thus far were on the basis that CSM would provide full consultation plans which identify landowners, occupiers and businesses that have been consulted, the outcome of those consultations and the proposals to address the issues raised”...

“We have imposed a short deadline for the receipt of this information and we understand that Herefordshire Council are writing in a similar fashion”

Charles and Pat Barratt of Shelsley Beauchamp found out about the event by chance. Their daughter Katherine is getting married at All Saints’ Church on Saturday 23rd., and on Sunday 24th they are hosting a family lunch at their home for guests from London and Norfolk, many of whom may not be able to get from and to their accommodation.



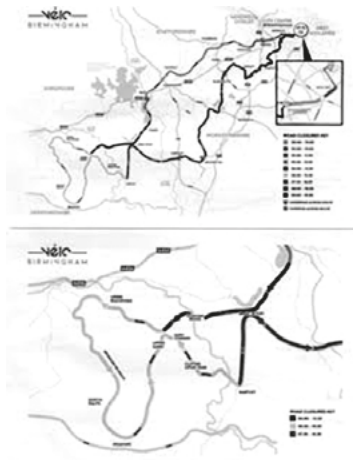
They told us: “ It’s not that we are against bike rides but it seems to have been very poorly organised with no communication or consultation at all. Our Parish Council was not consulted, and no one in our village knew of this plan, which will leave us effectively trapped for six hours!”

The route published by Velo on their website covers Bewdley, Great Witley, Stanford, Upper Sapey, Rochford, Sutton, Kyre, Stoke Bliss through Bromyard and back to Upper Sapey and through Clifton to Martley.

Cllr. Ken Pollock told us: ‘We are in favour of cycling and recreation in general but it cannot be at the expense of normal life being suspended for thousands of ordinary residents who get nothing out of it. The Worcester half marathon and a stage of the Tour of Britain both manage to operate without disruption of this sort.’

‘The Velo website also refers to a 2018 event on the same route but this, according to WCC, has definitely not been sanctioned.’

For more information or to see the route visit www.velobirmingham.com



MOBILE PHONE MAST FOR CLIFTON

Clifton residents are not only about to get superfast broadband; they may also soon be able to get a good mobile phone signal as well!

Clarke Telecom has written to the village school to say that there are plans to locate a mobile phone mast in the Pencroft yard at the top of the Old Road. This will provide new 4G coverage for Telefonica (O2) customers and improved 2G/3G services. Plans have been submitted to Malvern Hills District Council.

CLIFTON STEPS FARM DEVELOPMENT LATEST

The land opposite Steps Farm belonging to The Winnington Estate, is now on the market for offers in excess of £1.25 million. The land has been granted planning permission for 20 houses



“Taking the Steps Farm site from inception to this stage whereby we can offer the site with full detailed planning permission for 20 dwellings has been a long five years,” said Sir Anthony. “I hope the layout of the site and the design of the individual houses are regarded as sympathetic to the area.”

EASTHAM BRIDGE REOPENS ...WITH A PLEA FOR COURTESY

Eastham bridge, which collapsed almost a year ago, is scheduled to re-open by the beginning of May bringing to an end the misery caused to farmers, traders and commuters as well as pedestrians and riders across the Teme Valley. Although some work will be ongoing it is hoped that all those who need to cross the River Teme at that point will be able to do so safely.

The work, costing in the region of £1m. has been paid for by Worcestershire County Council. Cllr Ken Pollock told us:

“We have been able to rebuild the bridge under ‘permitted development’ which means we have not had to wait for a lengthy planning process to be undertaken. As a result the bridge could be no wider than the original but we felt it important to get the work done quickly.”

Cllr Pollock added: “As before, courtesy will be required in crossing. All travellers have a legal Right of Way to cross, but motorists have a more restricted Right of Way in law than other travellers, as both the drivers and vehicles have to be licensed. It’s important to note that this is the Queen’s Highway for everyone, and oncoming traffic should give way to whoever is on the bridge, and let them cross first.”

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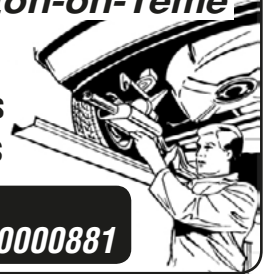
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CRIME CONTINUES TO BE A LOCAL ISSUE

Phil Richards in Clifton has been the latest victim of crime in our villages. Between 30th and 31st March a JCB 53070 Telescopic Handler with Bale Squeeze on the front was stolen from the rickyard of Highfields Farm, Hope Lane, Clifton upon Teme. Its vehicle registration: YY52 NKT. Anyone with information please call Phil Richards: 853681 or 101

Meanwhile the theft of a saddle from tack room took place between Thursday 30th March and 31st in Old Road, Clifton: Police Incident No: 0646S 310317 Crime No: 22CC/27001Y/17.

The location is a farm outbuilding/horse tack shed set in a rural location and not overlooked.

You can sign up to the Police CMS messaging service by visiting the website www.westmercia.police.uk/cms

CLIFTON AUTO REPAIRS

A new service for motorists in the Teme Valley area has opened in Clifton, thanks to the enterprise of Jack Butler who has set up a car and truck servicing business in Pencroft yard at the top of the Old Road.

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COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

May 4th is the County Council Elections and we are in Tenbury Ward.

There are five candidates nominated for election:

Conservative	Ken POLLOCK
Labour	Johnathan Pryce MORGAN
Liberal Democrats	Elaine Margaret DRAGE
Green Party	Stephen Frederick MAIN
UKIP	Malcolm Hugh DELINGPOLE

THE SHELSLEYS' ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 9TH 2017

The **Annual Parish Meeting** takes place on Tuesday May 9th at 7pm in the Shelsleys Village Hall. This is an opportunity for parishioners to raise questions and discuss anything to do with the village.

Everyone is welcome.

Please note 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 at Public Question Time

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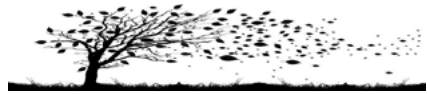


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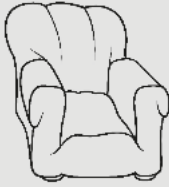
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EASTER EGG RAFFLE AT THE VILLAGE STORES

"We again held our Easter Egg Raffle at The Village Stores and we managed to raise £100 for the Bell Tower Appeal at St Kenelm's Church. Thank you to all our customers who took part, and pictured is owner Beverley Richards presenting one of the lucky winners with her egg."

GUIDES' BINGO SUCCESS

"£472 was made at our bingo, which we will share 50/50 with St Michael's Hospice as well as £282 from our coffee morning."

"We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their support on both occasions with donations or support on the days. This year our girls insurance is £30 per person so our bill is just under £900 so this money will really help towards this. If anyone has any special activities, contacts or expertise of some kind we are always very grateful for new ideas." angiegriffiths@aol.com
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CLIFTON UPON TEME WI

Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

"We will be discussing the two Resolutions to be put forward at the NFWI Annual Meeting to be held in Liverpool in June. This year they concern a call on the Government and Industry to develop solutions to the problems of Micro-plastic Fibres in our oceans and secondly, a pledge to work alongside Health and Social Care Providers and the Local Community to raise awareness of the Causes and impacts of Loneliness. As a pressure group with 224,624 members nationwide, the WI has an influential voice and with the number of members, many of them with careers and young families, growing by 36,000 a year, it is as relevant today as ever. Come along and discover that there is more to WI than jam and corn dollies, nice as they are!"

Refreshments, chat and interesting extras to name but a few!

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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Last year we had a wonderful turnout for the annual tidyup of the churchyard in Shelsley Beauchamp and hopefully this year will be the same.

There are already two weddings booked in our church so it is really important to give the grounds some love and attention.

Saturday May 13th is the date, 10am – 12., please bring your own tools. Coffee provided.

If you have any queries please contact Church Warden Jane Froggatt on jane.froggatt@yahoo.com

And if you can’t come on that day maybe you would like to contribute to our village environment with a little litter picking as you walk.

Church Matters

with with Team Vicar, Revd Anne Potter



How do you talk to God? Do you find somewhere quiet and private and whisper, or do you climb a mountain and shout into the clouds?

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At the end of May, between Ascension Day, when we remember Jesus leaving his disciples to ascend to heaven, and Pentecost day, when the first Christian apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, Christians all over the world are embarking on a 24-7 global wave of prayer from Thursday 25th May to 4th June.

People are invited to pray as individuals, with their families or in churches. All the churches across the Worcester West Rural Team are partaking with some, like St Kenelm's, planning prayer stations whilst others have specified times of prayer. If you want to find out more about your local churches involvement please contact Pat Snelling on 01886 812443

The Diocese of Worcester is gathering together over the weekend of 3/4th June when they hope parishes will 'pilgrimage' to the Cathedral for a service at 7 pm on Saturday 3rd June. There will also be an event in Dudley at 2.30 pm on Sunday 4th June.

If you wish to find out more about this global, inter-denominational wave of prayer, initiated by Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu, there is further information on the "thykingdomcome.global" website or our own diocesan website.

Confirmation

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This year Christian Aid continues to work alongside some of the poorest communities on earth and is currently actively fundraising to support the campaign to save millions of lives (approximately 16 million) in East Africa due to famine, years of devastating conflict, and the worst drought in 50 years. Please give whatever you can for this life saving work to continue. If you make a donation in a Christian Aid envelope, please remember to fill in the gift aid form on the envelope if you are a tax payer so Christian Aid can claim the additional gift aid sum of 25% of your gift.

Everybody is very welcome to join us for our events this year:

Pub Quiz - 22nd May 8pm The Lion -

Quizmaster Tom Barnes, £3 per head, max team 6 people, raffle.

Coffee Morning - 27th May 10-12 noon The Old Vicarage (the Austin's)

Plants, Cakes, Bring and Buy, Raffle, Traidcraft, tea, coffee.

'Clifton Does the Italian Job' at the Village Hall 10th June 17 at 7pm

Italian evening including entertainment, supper: lasagne (meat, vegetarian, gluten free available), garlic bread and salad. Ice creams available. Licenced bar. Raffle. Cost £7.50 adults, £5 children, £20 for a family ticket, lasagne MUST be ordered in advance by 27th May by e-mail mjdipple@btinternet.com or telephone 01886 812 539.

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS with Jane Dallow

What a marvellous spring we have had this year, starting with the wonderful show of snowdrops in the Churchyard at St. Bartholomew's, followed by the golden daffodil, in full bloom from early March and still giving us golden showers in mid-April. Why is it the lines from Wordsworth's poem 'Daffodils' pop into my mind?

'And then my heart with pleasure fills
and dances with the daffodils'.

This is a time to embrace family and loved ones who are no longer with us to share these special moments..

Last year I wrote about Zoe Dallow and her gap year travels and it's always nice to know what happened next, so here is an update.

Zoe obtained her degree in occupational therapy and now works in Oxford, but still is involved with the charity she went out with to teach for three months in Gorkha.



Gorkha Development scheme (GDS) is a small British charity that supports a community in Nepal. Since volunteering two years ago, Zoe has continued to be involved with this charity and is now a Trustee of GDS and hopes to visit Gorkha again in 2018.

Zoe's role with the charity has been to find volunteers to spend time in Gorkha. One occupational therapy student is visiting there this August and will be using her skills in the prison www.nepal.co.uk.

NOTICES

Flowers for May - Jane Dallow

Cleaning - Angie Dallow

Bible study for May is at Bettie Nicholls house on May 9th

Mobile Library calls on May 19th at 10.20 and 10.40

Services at St. Bartholomew's in May

7th May 10.30 Morning Prayer with Mark

14th May 10.30 Methodist Service

28th May 10.30 Circle Service with Mark

Please note that every second Sunday is a Methodist Service.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 2nd March 2017 for inclusion in Teme Triangle

Excerpts from the Minutes provided by Clifton upon Teme Parish Council.

The complete version of the Approved Minutes can be found on the Parish Council website: <http://clifton-upon-teme-pc.org.uk/>. If you would prefer the PC to email a copy of the unabridged Minutes to you each month please let one of the Parish Councillors or Clerk have your details and email address.

Democratic Period/Question Time: infringements on private land; Great Crested Newts and Blueshot Meadow.

Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 2nd February 2017 were approved (HW/BY) and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Planning Applications

Application No: 17/00314/FUL

Proposal: Alterations and extensions to 'Chaff House' to convert from two to one rentable unit.

Location: Pitlands Farm, Clifton upon Teme. WR6 6DX

Members supported the application.

Planning Decision Notices

Application No: 16/01180/LBC

Proposal: Alterations to Grade II listed water mill including new and altered internal walls, new doorways, door canopy, new windows, new flues and new roof lights

Location: Hope Mill, Clifton upon Teme. WR6 6HE

Members noted that MHDC approved the application on 9th February 2017

Highways and Byways

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

Lengthsman: Hope Lane grips

New Highways and Byways issues: NP to contact owner of Woodmanton; MN reporting gravel creeping out at Noke Corner on Clifton hill; Clerk to report Bridleway sign at bottom of hill.

Request assistance from CCllr Pollock to repair pavement in Kenelm Road; road surfaces Kenelm Road (due to Willow tree damage) and Saxon Close

Members to monitor parking situation in the village.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group (NPSG)

Members noted a report from Cllr H Winer, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. MHDC had confirmed that the Referendum had closed on 10th February: 8 responses, most from statutory consultees. MHDC now seeking to identify an external examiner.

Pavilion and Playing Field

Members resolved (NP/MN) to accept NP's offer to source a wooden planter

Request for use of the field by a junior football group: Resolved (HW/MN) to delegate resolution of the matter to the Clerk in consultation with MN and BY. Clerk to consult Clifton Rovers.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th May 2017 at 20:00 hours at Clifton upon Teme Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 19:40 hours at Clifton upon Teme Village Hall.

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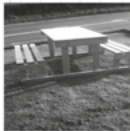
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Organiser Mandy Henry thanked everyone who attended the last event, which raised £160. Any queries/comments to Mandy 01886 812238.

SHELSLEY WALSH HILLCLIMB

There are now too many events at the Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb to list here, but please note that there are Breakfast Club events on Sunday mornings throughout the summer and tea events on Wednesdays, in addition to MAC, corporate and driving school events.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The letter to the Editor last month regarding the pavilion car park highlights more than one problem. Surely the “Private Land” referred to as “owned” by the Parish Council is owned by them as Trustees on behalf of the residents and tax payers of Clifton. In this case, we are all owners of our village car park and can use it and give sensible permission for others to do so. Instead of putting up unfriendly notices, the “owners” and Trustees of the Parish Council would be better occupied with maintaining the “Private Land” for the use of their Parishioners.

The tennis courts are unplayable having weeds growing through the surfaces and, at the time of writing, with the sun shining and the children on holiday from school, the climbing frame is still cordoned off having been awaiting repair for months. This area of our village should be welcoming and hospitable and encouraging people to use it. At the moment, it is neither.

Beth Whittenbury

AND FINALLY

ROGATION SUNDAY

Rogation Sunday Service on May 21st, held to bless the farmland, the people who produce our food and crops, will be held at St Kenelm's Church, Clifton upon Teme at 10 30.a.m. If fine we will be outside for our Family and All Welcome Service, followed by the usual hot dogs, coffee etc.

Keep up to date with all our local news inbetween publication dates on our website www.temetriangle.net or follow us on facebook.

And keep your eyes open for that JCB 530-70 of Phil Richards...



A screenshot of a Facebook post. At the top right is an 'Add Friend' button. The post is by James Richards, dated 31 March at 11:18. The text of the post reads: 'STOLEN!! - last seen at the late hours of last night. JCB 530-70 farm special. Taken with a bale squeezer. If anyone knows or has seen anything around the Clifton upon Teme area please please let us know. Registration is YY52 NKT. Get it shared please as this is a nightmare.' Below the text are five black and white photographs showing a JCB 530-70 loader in various settings: one with a bale squeezer attachment, one with a bucket full of material, one with a bale squeezer, one with a bale squeezer, and one with a bale squeezer. At the bottom of the post are 'Like', 'Comment', and 'Share' buttons, and a notification that 49 people reacted.

CALENDAR

May

- 4 Local elections
- 6 Shelsleys' VH coffee morning, VH 10am-1pm
- 7 Bluebell Cross Country Fun Ride, Wichenford 10am
- 9 Clifton WI: Resolutions & Quiz VH 7.30pm
- 9 Shelsleys Annual Parish meeting, VH 7pm
- 11 Clifton Annual Parish Meeting 7.40pm
- 13 All Saints' Shelsley Beauchamp churchyard tidyup 10-1pm
- 17 Shelsleys' Faith Talk + supper VH 7 – 9pm
- 20 Clifton Friendship Club coffee morning, 26 Village 10am-12noon
- 20 Rural Reels: Le Chateau de Ma Mere + French buffet, Clifton VH 6.30pm
- 22 Christian Aid Quiz The Lion Clifton 8pm.
- 27 Coffee morning, Martley VH, 10.30am-12noon
- 27 Christian Aid coffee morning 10-12 noon The Old Vicarage Clifton
- 31 Shelsleys' Faith Talk +supper VH 7-9pm

June

- 3 Shelsleys' VH Coffee Morning 10-1pm.
- 10 Clifton 'Italian Job' supper for Christian Aid VH 7pm
- 13 Clifton WI Moores Meadows Gardens Past and Present with Ros Bissell, VH 7.30pm
- 14 Shelsleys' Faith Talk +supper VH 7-9pm
- 27 Confirmation Open session Martley Old School 6.30pm

CHURCH SERVICES

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

May 2017

Sunday 7th May	Easter 4	10.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
		10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Monday 8th May		10.30am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 14th May	Easter 5	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
		10.30am	Methodist Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
		6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Wed 17th May		7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 21st May Rogation Sunday		10.30am	Come and Praise Rogation Group Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
Easter 6				
Thurs 25th May		7.30pm	Ascension Day Service	St Peter, Martley
Sunday 28th May		Easter 7	8.00am	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
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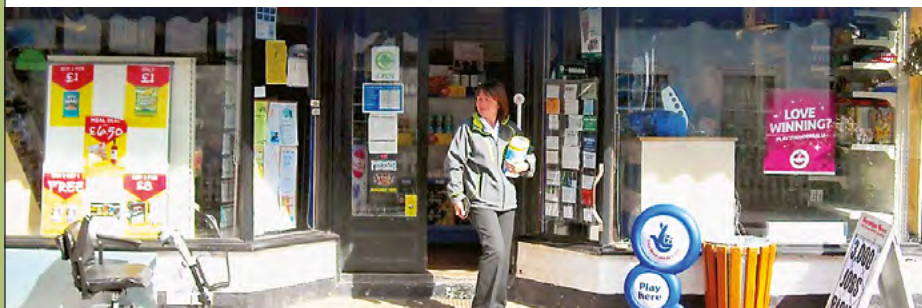


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