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*Charles Eden with his stained glass landscape of the Teme Valley.
(see report page 14)*

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Front Cover Picture

'Julie Currie (front left) and friends at the Shelsley coffee morning fund-raiser for St Richard's Hospice (see report page 18).

SCOUTS BANNED FROM CLIFTON BP HUT

Scouts have been banned from using the Baden Powell hut in Clifton by the Parish Council for non-payment of rent.



Guide Leader, Angie Griffiths, said she has been sent a letter by solicitors acting for the Parish Council informing her that ‘following the non-payment of rent, our client has treated the lease to be at an end,’ adding ‘your payment for the backdated rent is rejected’. A similar letter was received by the Scouts, telling them that they could not meet at the BP hut.

Meanwhile, following a well-attended meeting in the village hall last month, a new Scout group – the 1st Clifton-upon-Teme Group – has been formed and a series of twice weekly two-hour sessions have been booked in the hall for Scouts, Beavers and Cubs activities.

Announcing the new Scout group in Clifton, the Hereford and Worcester County Commissioner for Scouts, Robert Sidley, said: “I’m delighted that the Scouts have reformed in Clifton. If we get enough Scouts we hope to be running separate sessions for them as well in future.” He added: “I’m very disappointed at the response from the Parish Council regarding the Baden Powell hut in the village. It’s not what was discussed earlier in the year. I can’t comment further at this stage because the matter has been handed over to the Scout Trust Corporation and may involve legal proceedings.”

Clifton Scout Leader Deborah Haywood said “We have had such a positive response from the children of Clifton to the new Scout Group being formed and we have massive hopes for the future of scouting here. But we are currently lacking in leadership and need help. Are there any willing adults out there who would like to become leaders? If so. please contact me (01886 812113 or deborahhaywood@hotmail.co.uk) if you feel this is something you would like to get involved with.

A statement issued by the Chairman of the Parish Council said: “The Parish Council is the freehold owner of the land and facilities at Clifton Playing Field and has an obligation to the electorate of Clifton upon Teme to ensure that it protects the interests of the wider community in relation to assets vested in the council. Clifton Baden Powell Hut Management Committee informed the Parish Council that they had initiated legal involvement therefore the Parish Council was obliged to seek legal advice on its own behalf and to follow that advice. The Parish Council is not able to comment any further on this matter at the present time. As of 21st November 2018 the Parish Council’s solicitor is still awaiting a substantive response from the Clifton Baden Powell Hut Management Committee.”

ALL CHANGE AT THE LION (2)

Last month's report of a change of management at the Lion Inn in Clifton has been overtaken by subsequent events. The new management team moving in is John Brandon (*right*) and his wife Jean who take over from Steve and Debbie Bruce.

John worked in a variety of notable hotels and restaurants. He first worked in Geneva at the Nogay Hilton before moving on to Genotier in Annecy, France and Sienna in Tuscany. Back in the UK again, he was soon drawn to the very best in London, joining L'Orangere in St James Street. The Conran group soon followed, including Bibendum and Quaglino's before becoming Head Chef

at the Waterloo Place Hotel in Edinburgh. More recently, John has been Head Chef at The Elms Hotel at Abberley where he won a coveted AA Two Rosette Award for its food.



John Fletcher, owner of the Lion, said: "I am delighted that John and Jean have become the new management team at the Lion. They have even agreed to open for dining on Christmas Day."

The Bruce family, who took over the Lion in August 2017, have moved back to Bishop's Castle where they were previously at the Castle Hotel.

CLIFTON GUIDES CHRISTMAS FAYRE & BINGO

Local businesses will once again be holding a Christmas Fayre table top sale at Clifton village hall on Sunday, 2nd December, from 10am until 1pm in aid of the Clifton Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. The sale will include gifts, decorations, cakes, preserves and other tasty treats. Entry is £2 which includes a drink & homemade cake. For more information, contact Angie Griffiths on: angiegriffiths@aol.com or 07957 462519

LOVELL HOMES APPLY FOR S106 REDUCTION

Lovell Homes, developers of The Meadows in Pound Lane, Clifton, have applied to Malvern Hills District Council planners to have their obligation under section 106 modified.

A spokesperson for Lovel Homes said: "Lovell do not wish to comment on this as the amend to the S106 was such a small amend of the total occupation numbers. The planned amount of houses are staying the same."

BAND ON THE GREEN AT CLIFTON

The Tenbury Town Band will once again be playing a mix of traditional and modern Christmas carols on the village green at Christmas thanks to the Friends of Clifton upon Teme Primary School.

Last year more than 100 local residents and visitors joined in the singing and enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine provided by the Lion Inn.

Organisers John and Ros Wain said: "This event proved so popular and successful last time and was enjoyed by so many people that we thought it would be a shame not to repeat it. We're very grateful to the school PTA for their kind assistance."

RURAL REELS IN CLIFTON

The pre-Christmas film in Clifton village hall at 7pm on Saturday, 8th December, is the fantastic *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*. Come and get into the Christmas spirit. ABBA fancy dress optional but encouraged! We will also be collecting warm clothing for Maggs Day Centre and food items for Worcester Foodbank. Adults £5.00, under 16s £2.50.

Coming soon:

January 26th *Monsieur Hulot's Holiday* with French buffet

February 23rd *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

March 23rd *Bohemian Rhapsody*.



THE SHELSLEYS GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Shelsleys' Gardening Club takes place on Wednesday, 12th December, at 7.30pm in Clifton village hall.

The speaker this month is Adrian James who will talk on *Lesser Known Gardens of Cornwall*. Adrian has been a frequent speaker at our group; he is a well-known plant photographer and talks with knowledge and enthusiasm of the gardens that he visits. His photos are brilliant.

The club now meets regularly in Clifton village hall where it is happy to welcome guests or new members. The evening starts with refreshments which means that exact punctuality is not a problem. Contact Norah Tomkinson on 01299 890030 for further details.

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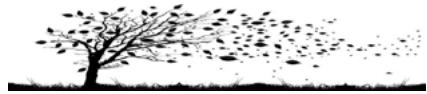


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REVERSE ADVENT BOXES

During Advent, many homes have an Advent Calendar, each day a window is opened and reveals a treat inside. This year try something different!

We are asking everyone to engage in our REVERSE ADVENT EVENT (Advent begins 2nd December, 2018). Take a cardboard box, wrap it in pretty paper, or let the children decorate it. Each day of Advent place an item of non-perishable food (tins of tomatoes, mixed vegetables, salmon, tuna etc., packets of rice, pasta, soups, sauces etc.) or a treat into the box.



On December 23rd between 12noon and 3.30pm bring your REVERSE ADVENT BOX to All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp. WR6 6RA You can enjoy a glass of Mulled Wine and mince pie, bring the children to see the Nativity Stable outside the church. Followed by CAROL & CRIB SERVICE in the church at 4pm. The boxes will be taken to the Worcester Food Bank for distribution to families in need. This will be a lovely start for 2019 for families in Worcester who are struggling to feed their families.

Thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their continuing support of all Community events Harvest, Shelsley Talks and Coffee Mornings. Your consideration and support is greatly appreciated. Shelsley PCC, Churches Together Group and Beryl Robson (coffee Mornings).

Beryl Robson

SHELSLEYS' VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

The Shelsleys' Village Hall Coffee Morning on Saturday, 1st December, has a distinctly seasonal flavour, with a competition to guess the weight of a Christmas cake and an invitation to 'Make a Santa'.

"Everyone is welcome to join us," says Beryl Robson. "There will be coffee and cake and mince pies as well as a chance to chat with your neighbours."

SHELSLEY VILLAGE HALL TALKS

Harvest Festival is over, the clocks have been turned back making our evenings darker. What better way to spend some time, sharing food and company with your neighbours listening to our inspirational speaker Brigadier Ian Dobbie OBE. Having weathered his own personal battlefield, we invite you to join us to hear his story on Tuesday 4th December, starting 7pm.

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TEME VALLEY IN STAINED GLASS

A Worcestershire stained glass artist has created a landscape of the Teme Valley, looking north from Ham Bridge (*see photo inside front cover*).

Retired teacher Charles Eden created the work following several visits to the Shelsleys while walking along the Teme from mouth to source with fellow members of the Long Distance Walkers Association.

He has also composed a poem to the Teme River, one verse of which reads:

*A Shelsley with a sandstone church,
The other built of travertine,
Clifton above, Stanford athwart
The river on its wandering line*

CLIFTON AND NORTH LEDBURY HUNTS COMBINE

The Clifton-on-Teme and North Ledbury Hunts have agreed to operate together for a trial period until the end of the season in April 2019.

“Hounds will be hunted in both countries by our Master/ Huntsman Robert Heard. Field Mastering will be carried out by the Master/s of the hunt within whose country the days hunting is taking place. Robert and the Joint Masters will do their best to visit all farmers as soon as possible,” said Malcolm Ainge, Chairman of the Clifton Hunt. “We hope this new arrangement will prove to be beneficial to all concerned and that we can work with farmers, landowners and subscribers to develop the combined hunts into something of which we can all be proud”.



TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday, December 13th 2018. We will be having a quiz and social evening with festive food and a free raffle. Do join us at 7:30pm at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall, WR15 8RR. It is just £2 on the door and everybody is most welcome.

FARMERS PLOUGHING A LONELY FURROW?

Have you ever been to a ploughing match? It's a joyous time. As soon as 'all is safely gathered in' the tractors and ploughs are greased up ready for action at events such as the Stoke Bliss & District annual ploughing match and other agricultural societies locally that run these wonderful occasions.

Ploughmen come from near and far, bringing tractors and ploughs on trailers or in horseboxes. Sadly there didn't seem to be many young competitors at one event we went to, and we didn't see one woman ploughing. It's a totally non PC event, gloriously old fashioned, but charming for all that. The ploughing was of international standard. It is a hugely skilled job, done properly. About 100 plots were ploughed, but the ones getting the most attention were the horse teams. I am told a good team of matched horses with a skilled ploughman could do one acre in a long day. The huge black pair with the shiniest brasses were tucking into a packet of ginger nuts as they rested at half time. The ploughman looked as if he needed them more than the horses! It was such a beautiful hot day with clear blue skies, so the poor man was exhausted from his very tough physical work by the time his plot was finished.

In contrast, the tractor ploughing competitors were capable of doing 50 acres in a day with massive machinery. They have computers, sound systems and air conditioning, together with sprung seats in their spacious, comfortable cabs. My husband spoke to one man who said his tractor cost £110,000 and his plough £20,000. This brilliant efficiency has taken its toll. Progress means that farming is now a lonely occupation. Even on small farms such as ours there used to be six workmen in 1970. Now our 150 acres in Knightwick is considered a smallholding, not enough to properly sustain one family. That is partly why the average age of a farmer is still 69, and he works alone; very few young folks are able to afford, or willing to take on family farms.

Our vicar spoke well, and correctly, of the present bad farming situation at the harvest service. Farm Crisis Network, the Addington fund, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the other support networks do a good job to hopefully help those in greatest need. Farmers tend to be proud and independent, finding it hard to talk about loneliness and financial problems. I know we have the reputation of being moaners, but check out the suicide figures. That is why it is so heartening to witness the camaraderie within all those real country people at a ploughing match. Competitors and spectators praising and teasing each other, comparing work, and renewing friendships. A strong social gathering does so much to offset loneliness in any walk of life. Thank goodness I saw no evidence of farmers ploughing a lonely furrow at the ploughing match I attended this year!

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BBC One Show's Matt Baker accompanies Kieran as he sets a new record for the fastest rickshaw up Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb..
(Photo: John Charters)



*Matt Baker accompanies Kayla as she crosses Ham Bridge on her way from Malvern to Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb during the BBC One Show's Rickshaw Challenge for Children in Need.
(Photo: John Charters)*





Local residents and pupils from Clifton Primary School at the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb for the BBC One Show's Rickshaw Challenge for Children in Need.



Helen Hackman and Beverley Richards (right) with Pudsey



REMEMBRANCE DAY IN THE PARISHES



Remembrance Day, 11th November, was marked by services in All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp; St Kenelm's Church, Clifton and a Methodist service in St Bartholomew's Church, Harpley. In Clifton, a parade of local Scouts, Guides and Brownies through the village was led by Pat Snelling who officiated at the service at St Kenelm's.



Clifton Rovers marked Armistice Day by wearing poppies on their kit. Vice Chairman Eddie Thompson provided the poppies and shared a two minutes silence before the game.

"The spirit at the club remains the main focus with everyone pitching in and enjoying their Sunday sport," said Mark Dayson.



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What sort of Christmas lights are you having this year? Do you just put them on the tree? Do you hang them around the house or do you decorate your garden and house exterior as brightly as you can?

Today lights are very accessible to us at a reasonable cost and so we can make quite a spectacle with them for the seasons of Christmas. Of course this season is one in which many faiths celebrate the light in the darkness, for instance Diwali has its own celebration of light for Hindus and Sikhs, the Yule Log which would burn bringing light for the Norse religions and many other religions have their seasons celebrating light coming into the darkness. This is also of course taken up in a secular way with the autumn season of lights, such as Blackpool and other places such as one I saw only recently – the Festival of Lights at Longleat, let alone our firework displays.

Light is so important to us. Without it we cannot see our way. We know only too well that light has a diversity of colour - when we split it we have the rainbow. For us as Christians, Christmas celebrates the coming of the Light of the World. As John would say in his prologue to his gospel, which is often read on Christmas Day, 'in Him (Jesus) was life and the life was the light of all. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it... The true light which gives light to everyone has come into the world (in Jesus)'

As we approach Christmas and beyond maybe we will find our life encroached by some times of darkness – things that worry us, concern us, problems, difficulties, ill health – all can feel quite dark. The tiniest of lights in a darkened place means that the darkness is broken. Jesus, that light breaks into any dark place and brings light into our lives, just as he did when he was born in Bethlehem, guiding those wise men themselves through the darkness with that shining star.

May he shine in your lives and may you find that light in any darkness you face and may you realise that just as a rainbow, which is light, reminds us from the Bible of God's promises that his promise is true for all of us that his light will shine in the darkness and that darkness will never overcome it.

So, as you look at the lights enjoy. I enjoy seeing them too and it is a fantastic reminder of the one who has come into the world to bring light to us all. Jesus Emmanuel , God with us.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and may his light shine for you now and throughout the coming year.

God bless and keep you.

LOWER SAPEY NEWS

As our diaries fill with Christmas dates, we shall remember that this is surely a happy time for celebrations with family and friends. I hope that we will once again take part in the Shelsley Beauchamp Reverse Advent Initiative. We will have a large decorated Advent Box in St Bartholomew's from Advent Sunday (2nd December) and hopefully we shall get lots of donations of foodstuffs and little gifts suitable for all the family. What a lovely way to remember those families less fortunate than ourselves. We are invited to take our boxes to Shelsley on 24th December from 12noon - 3pm. Any individual Harpley boxes can be left at St Bartholomew's before 24th December and we will see that they are delivered. Don't be left out!

Our Bible Study Group will be having a Christmas Shopping experience and lunch in Ledbury on Tuesday 11th December. Our New Year meeting will be at Marion West's home on 8th January.

Dot Millward is organising our Carol Service on 23rd December at 3pm and it will be a delight to welcome Pat Snelling to conduct the service. We shall of course enjoy drinks and mince pies afterwards!

The Lower Sapey and Bromyard 'Keep Fitters' will be having a Christmas lunch at the Fox and Badger in Bromyard on Thursday 6th December.

Notices for December and January:

2nd December Advent Sunday carols at 10.30 with Jen.

9th Methodist Service at 10.30

No Service on 16th

23rd the Carol service with Pat at 3pm

25th Christmas Day Holy Communion at 11am with Becky

27th January Circle Service at 10.30 with Jill

St Bartholomew's housekeeping and flowers will be taken care of by Pat Savage in December, and by Dot Millward in January.

Marion West

SHELSLEYS' LADIES COFFEE MORNING FUND-RAISER

A coffee morning held by a Shelsley Beauchamp resident in November has raised more than £300 for St Richard's Hospice's Build 2020 appeal. Around 30 local ladies enjoyed coffee and home-made cakes at the fund-raiser, which was organised by Julie Currie – who also made most of the cakes on offer. As well as attendee donations, visiting women's fashion brand, Cabi, contributed its proceeds from on-the-day sales. "I'd like to thank everyone for their generosity," said Julie. "St Richard's Hospice does remarkable work supporting patients and families across Worcestershire. The monies raised will go towards its much-needed expansion programme."

DEDICATE A LIGHT IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Hundreds of twinkling lights will be lit in memory of loved ones at a range of moving hospice services this winter. In the weeks leading to Christmas, there will be six St Richard's Hospice Lights of Love services or events – offering the community a place to remember and celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

The first two services will be held at Worcester Cathedral on Thursday, 15th November, at 2.30pm and 7pm. The evening service will be followed by a procession to St Andrew's Spire where a Christmas tree will be illuminated, full of dedicated lights of love.

A special Carols in the Car Park event – featuring a brass band and festive sing-along – will be held on Thursday, 20th December at St Richard's Hospice in Wildwood Drive, Worcester.

Rachel Jones, Fundraising Manager at St Richard's, said: "These moving, community services are deeply comforting for the people who attend. Many people attending have had family or friends cared for by the hospice. "We find each service unites people in their shared experience of missing a loved one, while providing support and solace through lighting a candle and taking time to reflect.

"Last year, nearly 3,000 names were dedicated and £46,591 was raised to help support our specialist care to people living with life-limiting illnesses, their families and bereaved people across Worcestershire. We are so grateful for the continued support of the community."

Anyone is welcome to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one and attend a Lights of Love service if they wish – not simply those who have a connection to St Richard's. The dedicated names will be displayed around St Andrew's Spire and in books of remembrance at Worcester Cathedral, Pershore Abbey, Sacred Heart Church in Droitwich and Great Malvern Priory.

All dedicated names will also be added to an online book of remembrance on a weekly basis. To view the book visit www.strichards.org.uk/lightsoflove. If you would like to make a dedication please go online to www.strichards.org.uk/lightsoflove or call the Fundraising Team on 01905 763963.

Lights of Love events:

Tuesday, 4th December The Great Malvern Priory, WR14 2AY, 7pm

Thursday 20th December Carols in the car park with brass band and festive sing along at St Richard's Hospice, Wildwood Drive, WR5 2QT, 7pm.

CLIFTON WI EVENTS

December 11 Clifton WI: 'How good are your taste buds?' VH 7.30pm

January 8 Clifton WI: New Year Quiz/Charades VH 7.30pm

February 12 Clifton WI: 'Foraging' with Simon Birbeck VH 7.30pm

FLORAL FOAM BAN IN LOCAL CHURCHES URGED

A ban on the use of floral foam (oasis) in local churches has been urged by Clifton's Shane Connolly, whose floral designs have won him two Royal Warrants.



Speaking at a lunch in aid of the Sheriff of Worcestershire's Fund, he explained that all floral foam is plastic. "Its cellular foam structure means it easily crumbles into tiny fragments, adding to the global problem of microplastics. It is not biodegradable and a real concern is that water in which floral foam has soaked is poured down the sink or drain, adding to the enormous problem of micro-plastics in the water system and marine environment," he said.

Shane, who was appointed Artistic Director for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2011, added that chicken wire should be used instead of floral foam in local churches. "Both the existing floral foam and the new 'enhanced biodegradable foam' are in fact both non-biodegradable plastics," he added.

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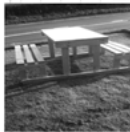
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Abbreviated Draft Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on November 13th 2018

Present: Councillors Taylor, Sutherland, Styles, Hart, Bates, Stinton, Metcalfe and Webber.

In Attendance: Two members of the public and the Clerk (Mrs J Speyer)

Apologies: Mrs C Warren, Dr Ken Pollock and Mrs Caroline Palethorpe

Declaration of Interest: Councillors Stinton and Bates for Village Hall item.

Minutes: The minutes of September 11th 2018 were signed as a true record.

Public Question Time: There were none.

County Councillor and District Councillor's report. Received by email and circulated prior to the meeting and available on the WCC website.

Illegal Dumping of Waste: There has been an increase in the parish, it is the responsibility of MHDC to remove this from public areas but not private land. MHDC has offered advice which will be taken up. The purchase of a bin for dog waste, Clerk to provide details January meeting.

Highways and Lengthsman: Lengthsman's work sheets for September and October inspected and agreed. 30 mph wheelie bin stickers, MHDC has no objection to these being placed on the bins. The number required to be ascertained. The cost of salt for the four green grit bins owned by the PC was £504. The Lengthsman to estimate the quantity of salt to be purchased.

Planning. 18/01270/FUL Lilac Cottage Camp Lane after discussion approval was recommended.

MHDC decision. 18/01403/AGR Kingswood House steel frame storage building. Refused.

Clerk's report on urgent decisions. In consultation with councillors. Planning 18/01403/AGR Kingswood House. No comment and 18/01321/FUL The Old Rectory. No objection.

Finance: Lengthsman's invoice, Clerk's salary and expenses, Information Commissioner and Pigsty Studio totalled £1598.36. Precept of £2000 received. Village Hall Management Committee: Two Parish Councillors are VHMC members, no further representation from the Parish Council is deemed necessary and all future communication between the VHMC and the Parish Council will be in writing.

Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda. Broadband cables are being laid in parts of the village, clarification required. A Facebook page was suggested. The Chairman will investigate.

Date of the next meeting: January 8th 2019

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

Jan Speyer Clerk 01886 812444

District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe's report to Clifton Parish Council in November.

Silent Soldiers across Malvern Hills: Silhouettes of soldiers can be spotted in various locations across the Malvern Hills district to mark the final year of the World War One centenary. Malvern Hills District Council has placed 'Silent Soldier' figures at Priory Park, Belle Vue Terrace, the Pepperpot in Upton, Tenbury, and Kempsey. The near life-size silhouettes of 'Tommy', the original silent soldier, are part of the Royal British Legion's campaign to say thank you to the WW1 generation who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed the nation.



Local Democracy Day success: We held our third Local Democracy Day event in October, and for the first time it was held in the Council House. More than 30 children were involved from high schools across the district. In the morning, pupils in the younger age group were asked to present a prepared petition on an issue of concern to them and persuade our mock Overview and Scrutiny Committee (made up of Councillors Chambers, Chris O'Donnell and Morgan) about why it was important and why action needed to be taken. The older group took on the role of members of our planning committee and had to determine a controversial application to build several large chicken sheds, under pressure from a very unruly objector in the form of our Communications Manager Ian Dipple and determined applicant Councillor Rouse. In the afternoon, pupils got the chance to grill a number of officials and councillors from not just here but Worcestershire County Council, West Mercia Police, Worcestershire Health and Care Trust and Worcestershire Youth Cabinet. The winners on the day were Chantry High School in the older age group and Dyson Perrins in the younger age group. There was also an award for Outstanding Individual Contribution for a young person from Tenbury High Ormiston Academy. We were very impressed by the ideas put forward by the young people, the persuasiveness of their arguments and their passion for the area. As the Youth Champion for the District, I was particularly impressed by the young people's local and national knowledge and enthusiasm to engage with decision makers.

Public Health Newsletter: Please follow the link

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/download/1047/public_health_newsletters to the September edition of the Public Health newsletter which includes a great roundup of some of our health and wellbeing initiatives and events, including our Health and Wellbeing Awards, our Sports Awards and Letterboxing.

Services for December 2018

Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley)			
December 2018			
Sunday 2nd December Advent Sunday	10.30am	Advent Carols	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Advent Carols	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Advent Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
<i>Tuesday 4th</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
<i>Wednesday 5th</i>	10.00am	<i>Pushchair Praise</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Sunday 9th December Advent 2	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
<i>Tuesday 11th</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Sunday 16th December Advent 3	6.30pm	Carol Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
<i>Tuesday 18th</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
Sunday 23rd December Advent 4	3.00pm	Carol Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	5.00pm	Carol Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00pm	<i>Crib Service (12-3pm Collection of Reverse Advent Boxes)</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
	5.30pm	<i>Christingle</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	6.30pm	<i>Christmas Holy Communion</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
	11.30pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00am	<i>Family Worship</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
	11.00am	<i>Christmas Half Hour</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
Sunday 30th December First Sunday of Christmas	10.30am	WWRT Eucharist	St Thomas, Rushwick
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January 2019			
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	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
<i>Tuesday 8th</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Sunday 13th January Epiphany 2	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
<i>Tuesday 15th</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
Sunday 20th January Epiphany 3	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
<i>Tuesday 22nd</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh</i>
Sunday 27th January Epiphany 4	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
<i>Monday 28th</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
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CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE

A Christmas Memory Tree will be in OLD St. Bartholomew's Church, Hope Lane, Lower Sapey from 1st December. There are card baubles to place the name of a loved one on, to hang on the tree. For reasons of joy or sorrow they will all give thanks for a life lived or being lived.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 1 Shelsleys' Village Hall Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon.
- 1 Annual Big Sing - a celebration of carols and canapes, St Kenelm's church, Clifton 7pm
- 2 Clifton Guides Christmas Fayre, Clifton VH 10am-1pm
- 3 Clifton Early Years Centre AGM, Clifton VH 7pm
- 4 Brigadier Ian Dobbie:
The Battlefields of Life talk and supper, Shelsley VH 7pm
- 6 Mill Farm Retails Village open day, 10am - 8pm
- 8 Rural Reels film:
Mamma Mia! Her We Go Again Clifton VH 7pm
- 11 Clifton WI: *How Good are your Taste Buds?* VH 7.30pm
- 12 Shelsleys' Gardening Club, Adrian James *Lesser Known Gardens of Cornwall* Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 13 Teme Valley Wildlife Group talk, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH 7.30pm
- 18 Swing Jazz at Clows Top VH 7.30pm
- 21 Band on the Green (Community Carols), Clifton 7pm-9pm

January

- 8 Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 8 Clifton WI: New Year Quiz/Charades VH 7.30pm
- 26 Rural Reels film:
Monsieur Hulot's Holiday with French buffet. Clifton VH 7pm

February

- 12 Clifton WI: *Foraging* with Simon Birbeck VH 7.30pm
- 23 Rural Reels film:
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
Clifton VH 7pm

March

- 23 Rural Reels film: *Bohemian Rhapsody* Clifton VH 7pm

PITLANDS FARM HOSTS TIMBERSPORTS TEAMS

The Mann family at Pitlands Farm, Clifton, hosted teams competing in the World Timbersports Championships in Britain from Australia, New Zealand and USA plus a film crew whilst they trained for the big event.

“We are used to multiple bookings, but this really was a first for us,” said Diane Mann (*pictured, right, with the teams*).

“There were some big boys amongst them and they took some filling for breakfast (four eggs with a full English), plus lunch and evening meal. They must have enjoyed their stay, as we even got a mention during the commentary at the Arena.”



The Manns spent a very interesting few days watching the best in the world show off their timbersports skills - Australia won gold, USA silver. Not all time was spent training; they did manage to relax in the hot tubs and be massaged by visiting therapist, Julia at Pure Thyme (a first for her as well - whole teams to treat!). They even found time to visit some local sights during their stay, being very impressed by Witley Court and Church.



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