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*Lawn mower racing in Finland*

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*Woodbury Hill, the Shelsleys and the Teme Valley  
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**Front Cover Picture**

*Left to right: Bruce Eddy, Jack Butler (on the mower),  
Neil Sparey, James Hedges and Zach Thompson.*

## LOCAL LAWN MOWERS RACE IN FINLAND

Two local lawn-mower racing teams competed in what is described as the 'toughest lawn-mower race on earth' in Finland last month, completing a 12-hour race on ice in sub-zero temperatures.

The Clifton team of Neil Sparey, Zach Thompson (27), Jack Butler (22), James Hedges (30) and Bruce Eddy, finished 18th out of a field of 42 competitors. The other team from Worcestershire, including John Griffiths, Paul Clarke and Toby Grace, came in 30th place.

The international race, held on a frozen lake in Lavia, 150 miles from Helsinki, organised by Lawn Mower Racing Finland (LMRF) included competitors from Germany, Switzerland, Estonia, Luxembourg, Finland as well as the teams from the Teme Valley.

Zac Thompson: "We had lots of problems with the studs on our tyres and kept getting punctures, so in the end we resorted to using ordinary mower tyres for about nine hours of the race," said Zach Thompson. "But it was not a bad result for our first time there".



*James Hedges  
on the mower\_*

The 4,000 miles round trip took them up through northern Sweden near the Arctic Circle where the temperature was as low as -26°C.



*Bruce Eddy, Neil Sparey, James Hedges, Zach Thompson and Jack Butler*

## LANDOWNER'S PLEA TO INCONSIDERATE DOG OWNERS

A Clifton landowner has condemned 'inconsiderate' dog-owners who have allowed their dogs to run loose on his land and also leave their mess behind.



Parish councillor Neil Parkinson, whose field in Hope Lane has been granted planning permission for new housing development, has complained that dog-owners have been letting their dogs off the lead while using the footpath to cross his land.

“It’s disgusting and inconsiderate,” says Mr Parkinson. “I’ve watched people letting their dogs loose to do their business on my field and then not even clear it up after them. I’ve even asked some of them to put their dog on a lead while crossing my land and they’ve just ignored me.”

Part of the field has been closed off for nearly three years with plastic newt fencing to prevent great crested newts from a nearby colony from entering the area that is due for development. But some of the fencing has been trampled down in places, adding to Mr Parkinson’s complaint about the way walkers and dog-owners have been behaving while using his field.



“The newt fencing cost £50,000 to put up and has been badly damaged,” he said. “Dog owners should stick to the footpath, keep their dogs on a lead and not let them run loose.”

## **NEWTS DELAY CLIFTON SEWAGE PIPE INSTALLATION**

Severn Trent contractors laying a pipeline connecting the new housing development in Clifton to the sewage works on the outskirts of the village have been forced to stop work because of the presence of great crested newts.



A spokesman for NMC Nomenca, contractors carrying out the work, said: “The job started in November and was anticipated to be completed in January but we came across a problem concerning great crested newts so we have been liaising with Natural England, taking their advice on when we can complete the rest of the works which will be on March 19th for approximately three or four days.”

## **CLIFTON EASTER EGG TRAIL**

Come and join the Easter Egg Trail in Clifton on Sunday, 25th March, around the village. Starting at 2pm in the playground off Pound Lane (WR6 6DE) and finishing at the Lion Inn by 4pm. £4 per hunter. All ages welcome! Fundraising event in aid of the Early Years Centre includes chocolate, face-painting, a raffle and a cake sale.

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## FUNDING BIDS INVITED FROM GOOD CAUSES

Worcestershire County Councillor Ken Pollock told Clifton Parish Council last month that he has some funds in his Divisional Fund and would be pleased to allocate it to local good causes. “If anyone knows of deserving enterprises that could benefit from a small sum, up to around £1,000, I would be pleased to talk to them about whether I could help,” said Cllr Pollock. “Please pass this message to others in the community who may be unaware of the fund.”

The Divisional Fund has helped fund defibrillators across the country, normally offering half the total cost, so that others have to raise some of the money. Similarly, sports clubs that need new kit or festivals that need a hand to get established – like the Mistletoe Festival in Tenbury – have benefitted in the past.

Contact Cllr Ken Pollock: [ambrose.assoc@btinternet.com](mailto:ambrose.assoc@btinternet.com)

## CLIFTON’S 100 NEXTDOOR NEIGHBOURS

The Clifton ‘Nextdoor’ neighbourhood network group, started last summer by Matt Maslin and his mother Jennie (*right*), now has 100 neighbours signed up.

The ‘Nextdoor’ website is the private social network for neighbours and their community and many Clifton residents have found it useful for locating lost pets, exchanging information about local road conditions in bad weather or warning of local crime incidents. It is free to join; just go to [https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood\\_feed](https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_feed)

Jennie and Matt move to Clifton a year ago and have both been very encouraged by the response from their neighbours.



## QUESTION TIME

WHY, when Clifton is expecting 48 new households to join the village shortly, are sporting, social and recreational assets being run down, closed or threatened with closure?

WHY, when a local offer was made to repair the children's climbing frame and have it inspected for safety by RoSPA was it refused and the climbing frame demolished completely?

WHAT plans does the Parish Council have for any money allocated to Clifton from the development?

WHY are the Council Tax payers of Clifton not allowed to have information on plans for the use of any money from the developers by the Parish Council?

WHY are Clifton's residents and Council Tax payers not allowed to contact their Parish representatives, ask questions or speak freely at Council meetings?

HOW can they represent us if we can't let them know how we feel?  
DO they know better than us?

WHY must all such questions be routed through the 'conduit' of the Parish Clerk when the councillors are actually local residents?

WHAT will we say when people ask if we have a tennis club? We used to and it may not be the only club to go soon!

WHY are the Bowling Club and the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows under threat of losing their premises now as well? Community assets are often irreplaceable.

PLEASE will someone give us some answers!

*Beth Whittenbury*

## **SHELSLEY'S NEWS**

### **CLEAN & SING**

Come along to All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp, on Saturday, 10th March, between 10am and 2pm.

Help us bring a sparkle to the church in time for Easter Service. Our ladies do an excellent job week to week but it is time to Spring Clean. Sing along to your favourite Hymns as we clean. Tea, Coffee & Cake.

### **VILLAGE HALL MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS**

The monthly Coffee Mornings have been a great success, thanks to the hard work of Terry and Carol Smith, plus people who have assisted Carol on the tea, coffee and stalls.

The numbers have grown steadily and it is with sadness we learn, for health reasons, they are moving back to Shropshire, once their house is sold. We wish them well but will miss their energy and thank them for all the improvements they have made to the Village Hall.

To prevent losing this valuable community gathering, we need to organise people who would work alongside Carol and Terry, until they leave. If it was organised on a rota basis, for example someone to make the tea and coffee, someone to prepare the baps in the kitchen. There is a dishwasher for the empty cups and plates. If you can help, please email Carol & Terry on [carolsmith321@outlook.com](mailto:carolsmith321@outlook.com)

People be-moan the lack of community in the valley and opportunities to meet together — **IF WE DO NOT TAKE THIS PROJECT ON BOARD IT WILL BE LOST.** If the tombola and table top sales are to continue, perhaps one of the people involved could take on the organising?

### **REVERSE ADVENT BOXES**

Apologies for the delay in sending a Thank You for your kindness in bringing your Reverse Advent Boxes to All Saints on Christmas Eve. We received 33 boxes from Stoke Bliss, Stanford, Harpley, Great Witley, the Shelsleys and Clifton. It was amazing to see the varied contents, and the decorated boxes made a lovely display in the church. The boxes were taken to the Worcester Food Bank on the 28th December and were received with great enthusiasm. The Food Bank received a total of 16 tons of food from this project as many churches joined in the project. We

hope to do this again next year and collect even more items for the food bank, a necessary service in these difficult economic times.

WHY NOT SET UP A MONTHLY COLLECTION IN YOUR AREA?

*Beryl Robson*

## **THE SHELSLEYS' GARDENING CLUB**

As many of you will know, the Shelsleys' Gardening Club was started some years ago in Shelsley Beauchamp and members continued to meet in the Village Hall there until last year. During this time we always had members from Clifton and surrounding villages.

We now meet in Clifton and we should remind all the readers of *Temer Triangle* that the Club is really, if not in name, the Shelsleys and Clifton Gardening Club. Furthermore, it is rather more than a gardening club. As you will see from the programme below, our lectures are often more on the Countryside and rural interests than on gardening itself.

We welcome new members from Clifton, the Shelsleys and other villages. Our meetings, held in Clifton Village Hall, start at 7.30p.m. on

the second Wednesday in the month. We start with refreshments to set the mood for the evening.

We have a particularly good programme for the next three months. Indeed, the group had a most successful evening to start the year when Joe Hawkins gave a wonderful talk on his work at Hagley Hall where he has been working to restore the eighteenth century landscaped park. Brilliant.

Wednesday 14 March: Wade Muggleton returns to give a talk on the Apples and Orchards of Worcestershire.

Wednesday 11 April: An old friend, Brian Draper comes to Clifton to talk about the river Wye.

Wednesday 16 May: Adrian James gives an illustrated talk on the Gardens of the South-west, Devon, Somerset and Dorset. Wonderful photography.

Do come and join us on one of these evenings. *Norah Tomkinson*

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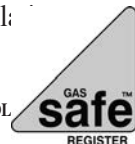
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# Church Matters

by Pat Snelling



## God Never Sleeps

A mother and her four year old daughter were preparing for bed one night, it was a very dark and wild night. The child was afraid of the dark, and the mother on this occasion felt fearful also.

When the light was out, the child caught a glimpse of the moon outside the window. "Mother," she asked, "is the moon God's light?"

"Yes," answered the mother.

The next question was "Will God put out his light and go to sleep?"

The mother replied, "No, my child, God never goes to sleep."

Then out of the simplicity of a child's faith, she said these words, which gave reassurance to the fearful mother. "Well, as long as God's light is on, He's awake, and we might as well go to sleep"

We should always be comforted, just as that little child was, by the knowledge that God is always, always watching over us, day or night. Not only is he watching over us he has created this wonderful world for us to live in. We are now beginning to see winter change into spring, new life is all around us. How can we travel down the hill in springtime and not wonder at God's creation as it spreads before us in the valley and hillsides, evidence enough that God never sleeps.

Sometimes a simple faith like that child has speaks the strongest. This is something we can take with us into this season of Lent, a time when in our own quiet way we can think and ask ourselves questions about our faith, or we can join a local Lent group to listen to talks and discussions exploring various areas of faith.

Then it is Easter, Jesus is risen, a time of great rejoicing.

No, God never sleeps.

It is better to walk with God in the dark than go alone in the light.

**W**e are now in that period of the Christian year known as Lent, a time of reflection, repentance and renewal, before we recall the events around the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Many people, whether they go to church or not, traditionally choose to give up something such as chocolates or crisps or alcohol or even social media for Lent. For some it is a good way of losing weight, for others it is a time of detox and for others it is all about proving they are self-disciplined. For Christians it is more about shedding whatever is standing between them and God.

Some Christians in the busyness of today's world, rather than giving something up, prefer to carry out an extra daily ritual that requires a spiritual self such as reading a passage from the bible, following a Lenten course or deepening their prayer life.

The forty days of Lent are based on the time Jesus spent in the wilderness following his baptism, when he struggled with the temptation to turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger; to jump off the pinnacle of the temple and not coming to any harm hence proving his deity; or allowing evil to become the order of the day.

As we move from Christmas to Easter, from the Cradle to the Grave, in this time of Lent how about taking the opportunity to hear the story of God's son through the eyes of his earthly father.

Perhaps I'll see you there...

*Rev Anne Potter,*

Team Vicar, Worcester West Rural Team

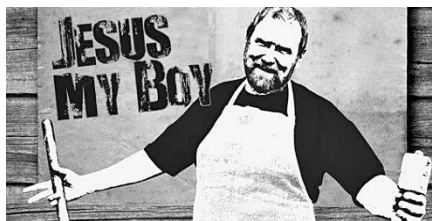
## **WORCESTER WEST RURAL TEAM QUIET DAY**

The Worcester West Rural Team's annual Quiet Day is taking place on Thursday 15th March at Holland House, Cropthorne. The day which begins at 10am and finishes at 4pm will be led by Revd Canon Ruth Wintle.

Holland House is set in wonderful countryside with gardens running down to the banks of the River Avon, a perfect setting to enjoy the spiritual refreshment that the Quiet Day offers. The cost of the day is £25.00 which includes coffee and biscuits on arrival, lunch and afternoon tea and cake. For further details please contact Pat Snelling, 01886 812443 or [patricia.snelling@btinternet.com](mailto:patricia.snelling@btinternet.com)

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St Peters Church, Martley, Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm  
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Part of Pard House Lane, Shelsley Beauchamp (C2228) will be closed for approximately six days from its junction with B4203 Stanford Bridge to its junction with C2229 Shelsley Beauchamp from Wednesday, 14th March, in order to allow carriageway work to be undertaken by Worcestershire County Council. Access will be permitted to land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access.

Alternative route: C2228 Shelsley Beauchamp, C2026 Shelsley Walsh, C2026 Stanford Bridge, C2026 Stanford Bridge and vice versa.

## LOWER SAPEY NEWS

Spring at last! I have just watched a hungry buzzard gobbling up a mouse or vole in my field - usually he is to be seen tormenting the crows as they try to build their nests or tend their young. Very noisy!

As we reported last month, Barbara Raybould has left the village. We all wish her lots of happiness in her new home. The centre of the village (eight houses) will notice that their Teme Triangle no longer drops through their front doors as Barbara delivered them. The magazine will be available as usual in church, be aware that the church door is very heavy but never locked.

Our Ladies Bible Study was initiated close to 40 years ago by two Baptists from Worcester - Percy Chisnell and Margaret Cottrel always with the strong support of Ancrum Evans (who started and ran the men's group for a number of years). Margaret ran the ladies' group for a long time as well as the thriving family services. Valerie Edwards and Dot Millward were two of the original members who are still involved. Nowadays we hold our meetings around the parish by invitation of members who offer hospitality at their homes. The March meeting will be with Suzanna Everitt at 2pm on Tuesday 13th March. We would love to welcome new members, so do come along if you would like to.

We recently had a St Bartholomew's Church housekeeping meeting to organise the cleaning and the regular flowers for the altar and the memorial. We came to the conclusion that it would work better if we each took a month to be responsible for both cleaning and flowers. Once we have checked that this will suit everyone we will pass round a list as well as posting it on the notice board in the porch. Hopefully this will be helpful as our village numbers of helpers have declined over the years!

## NOTICES

Service for March: 4th Morning Prayer with Ruth, 11th Mothering Sunday with the Methodists, 18th third Sunday Songs of Praise with Dot. 25th Palm Sunday at Laylocks at 11am. Easter Day is 1st April with Jan Webb. All our services are as usual at 10.30am except for the away service at Laylocks which is at 11am.

Coming Soon: 15th April Spring Walk to Pat Savage's home for tea after which we shall all walk back to church for Evensong.

19th May Celebration Tea for The Royal Wedding in St Bartholomew's garden. Also that weekend we celebrate the birth of the Christian church. Lots of cake! 16/17 June Art, Poetry and Music festival and exhibition. This will be a showroom for all artists young and old from our parish so please consider what you or your children can submit to be shown. Note the dates and watch this space.

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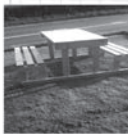
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## **District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe's Report to Clifton Parish Council - 1st February 2018**

Waste changes update: Good progress is being made with the introduction from 2 April 2018 of changes to our waste and recycling collection services. Properties throughout the district have been assessed for their suitability for individual black bins, communal bins or remaining on sacks and we are pleased to say that a large number of properties currently using recycling sacks have been identified as suitable for bins as part of the new service. Each home has received a letter setting out more details about the changes and in particular whether their property is identified as suitable for an individual black bin, communal bin or remaining on sacks. If anyone has any additional enquiries please visit [www.malvern hills.gov.uk/refuse-and-recycling](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/refuse-and-recycling), select Deliver/Replace Bin or Sacks and fill in the form. Alternatively you can call the waste changes hotline on 01684 862490.

Apprenticeships to fill skills gaps: Companies in the Malvern Hills District are increasingly turning to apprenticeships to help fill key skills shortages and ensure they can continue to grow. Latest figures from Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership show 610 people started an apprenticeship in the district in 2016/17 – up almost 11 per cent when compared with the previous 12 months. The district is the only place in Worcestershire where the uptake of apprenticeships is showing a double digit increase. Among those turning to apprentices is Malvern Electro Plating and Key IQ, a business and technology consultancy that also manages the Wyche Innovation Centre. Both companies received support through MHDC apprenticeship grant. The money can be claimed in addition to national grants. For more information speak to our Economic Development Team [ecodev@malvern hills.gov.uk](mailto:ecodev@malvern hills.gov.uk) or visit [www.worcsapprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.worcsapprenticeships.org.uk).

Enterprising Worcestershire – New Year, new start: If you know of any would-be entrepreneurs out there then this news may be of interest to them. The start of a new year is a time during which most of us take the opportunity to reflect upon the year gone by and look forward to what we would like to achieve in the coming year. Job satisfaction is one of the key areas to consider, so if you know of anyone thinking of starting their own business or becoming self-employed, Enterprising Worcestershire can help. Enterprising Worcestershire, which is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, offers free support and advice; whether someone has an idea or a fully-formed plan, their team of delivery partners and experienced advisors can support people and help make a dream a reality. From setting up a business to running it, their informative workshops and 1-2-1 support cover a wide range of topics. For eligible businesses, there is also a match-funded grant of up to £1,500 available. For further information contact Worcestershire Business Central on 01905 677888 or visit [www.business-central.co.uk/eworcestershire](http://www.business-central.co.uk/eworcestershire)

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Broadband update: Two new schemes designed to help even more of Worcestershire's households and businesses to get high-speed fibre broadband have been launched. The first is a co-funding initiative, where the costs of deploying the expensive infrastructure is shared between the County Council, Openreach and local residents wanting to upgrade.

<http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/complementary-schemes#local>  
Meanwhile, local firms wanting to improve their broadband speeds can apply for one of the County Council's new business broadband vouchers to help them with the cost of upgrading. <http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/complementary-schemes#erdf>

These two new schemes are part of the drive to reach the final four per cent of county households and businesses not yet covered by any public or private sector roll-out programme.

Green Dog Walkers scheme: This week sees the launch of our new Green Dog Walker scheme, where local residents will be encouraged to become a Green Dog Walker. We hope the scheme will help change attitudes about dog fouling across the district. The scheme also supports the Public Space Protection Order. All Green Dog Walkers will take a pledge to always:

- Clean up after their dog
- Carry extra dog waste bags
- Be happy to be approached to lend a dog waste bag to those without
- Be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs

Volunteers who sign up will receive a GDW badge, free poo bags, a dog bandana and a volunteer pack. GDW is a national scheme that has previously won the UK Kennel Club Dog Recognition Award and featured at Crufts. GDW was also a finalist for the CIWM Innovation in Waste Management Award.

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Malvern Hills District Children's rubber stamp design competition launched: A new design competition, led by MHDC and The Malvern Hills Trust, will invite children aged between 5 and 14 years to design Malvern Hills themed rubber stamps. The competition has been launched in preparation for a Letterboxing event, taking place later in the year, where the winning stamps will be used as part of a quest for children and families to find on and around the Malvern Hills. Please encourage children to enter. I have sent the details to Clifton upon Teme Primary School. Visit [www.malvern hills.gov.uk/competition](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/competition) or email [getactive@malvern hills.gov.uk](mailto:getactive@malvern hills.gov.uk) for more information

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Members are responsible for settling their accounts direct with the supplier – Alan has no part in any financial transactions and does not receive any salary, commission, gratuity or 'kick-backs'. “I run this as a community based project for the benefit of members who live mainly in the Martley/Clifton/Wichenford/Shrawley area. When I took over the running of the group we had a healthy amount in the 'kitty' and the expenses have been kept very low. At present there is no joining fee or annual subscription. If you would like to join then just let me have the usual details: full name, address incl. post-code, landline tel.no and mobile no., and e-mail address if you're on line”.

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March 2018			
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	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Sunday 11th March</b> <b>Lent 4</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Holy Communion Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Sunday 18th March</b> <b>Lent 5</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Service with Baptism	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Songs of Praise	St Bartholomew, Harpley
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Sunday 25th March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service	Laylocks Nurseries
<b>Monday 26th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	7.30pm	Compline	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
	7.30pm	Compline	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	7.30pm	Compline	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Thursday 29th</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.00pm	Passover/Seder Meal	Wichenford Village Memorial Hall
<b>Friday 30th April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	12-1pm	Devotions	St Bartholomew, Harpley
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March

- 1 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 2 Clifton Litter Pick: meet at Lion Inn 2.30pm
- 7 Clifton Friendship Club: Penny Bowden Holidays VH 2.30pm
- 8 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Rochford VH 7.30pm
- 13 Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting VH 7pm
- 13 Clifton WI meeting VH 7.30pm
- 14 Shelsleys' Gardening Club meeting:  
*Orchards of Worcestershire* Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 15 Worcester West Rural Team Quiet Day,  
Holland House, Cropthorne 10am
- 22 Worcester Repertory Company:  
*Jesus My Boy*, St Mary's Church, Stanford 7.30pm
- 24 Rural Reels film: Clifton VH 7pm

### April

- 4 Clifton Friendship Club: Martin Bennett:  
*Emergency/First Aid*. VH 2.30pm
- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 11 Shelsleys' Gardening Club meeting:  
Brian Draper *The River Wye* Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 18 Clifton Friendship Club, Megan Farmer:  
*Bed Bugs and Bedpans/35 years working in the NHS* VH 2.30pm
- 22 Rural Reels film: *Paddington 2* Clifton VH 7pm

### May

- 3 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 5 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh
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- 16 Shelsleys' Gardening Club meeting:  
*Gardens of the South West* Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 19 Royal Wedding Big Breakfast, Clifton VH  
followed by Afternoon Tea
- 16 Clifton Friendship Club coffeee morning,  
Marie & Eddie Thompson 10am

## MARK'S MOUNTAIN MARCH

Clifton's Mark Stevens is off again on yet another fund-raising hike for charity. This time, he and eight colleagues from work are hiking up Snowdon via the Llanberis route to the summit on Thursday, March 1st.

The team of nine, all members of the Incentive FM Leadership team, are raising money for Scotty's Little Soldiers, a charity dedicated to supporting children and young people who have lost a parent whilst serving in the British Armed Forces.

Mark completed a 500 mile trek along the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain in 2016, raising nearly £5,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.



"I'm planning to go back with the same two companions to complete a similar route in June this year, but following a different route," says Mark.

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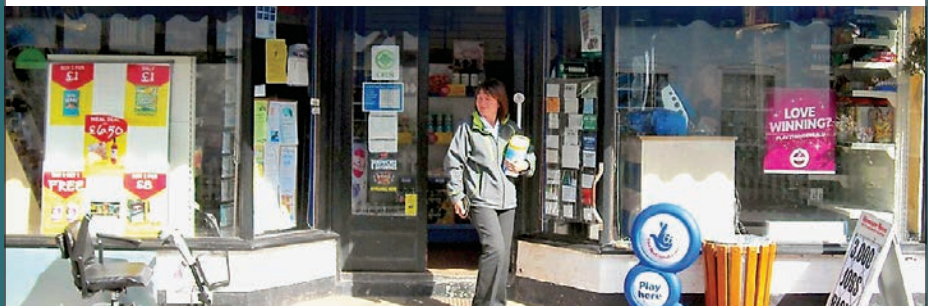


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