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# Teme TRIANGLE

Clifton upon Teme • The Shelsleys • Lower Sapey



*Whatever the weather, Jan gets through!*

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**Front Cover Picture**

*'Jan the Milk' (Janet Young) delivering milk and newspapers at the height of the blizzard conditions last month*

## JAN THE MILK BATTLING THROUGH THE BLIZZARDS



*Teme Triangle* readers singled out Jan 'The Milk' Young for special praise during the snow and freezing temperatures that brought most of the Teme valley to a standstill in March.

Most of Jan's regular customers were amazed and delighted to get their milk and newspapers delivered to their door every day of the severe weather except one when blizzard conditions effectively closed most roads in the area. Jan and her milk round partner Phil Gray managed their daily 60 mile round trip on every other day, including Sunday.

"We've only missed two days in 30 years," says Jan proudly. She maintains her round seven days a week to over 800 houses in the Broadheath, Clifton and Shelsleys area as well as many schools, always keeping an eye on the elderly and the vulnerable in all weather.

Growing concern about plastic pollution has brought an unexpected bonus to Jan in the form of several new customers who prefer to buy their milk in glass bottles instead of plastic containers.

Local residents have also expressed gratitude to local farmers and others who worked tirelessly to clear local roads and lanes blocked with snowdrifts.

## **NEW HIGH SHERIFF FROM THE SHELSELEYS**

Shelsleys' Parish Council Chairman Cassian Roberts has been appointed High Sheriff of Worcestershire for 2018/19. The announcement by the Privy Council last month means that Cassian is the second High Sheriff from the Shelsleys since Sir Anthony Winnington's appointment three years ago.

Cassian Blaise Luke Lechmere Roberts and his wife Jane (néé Ward) live in Shelsley Beauchamp. They have four teenage children and established JC Tours Ltd, a travel company that has been taking and sending people on holidays and tours throughout the world for the past 17 years.



The couple have lived in Worcestershire since being married in 2000. Both are actively involved in local and Worcestershire life. Cassian is a member of several Worcestershire clubs and societies and can be found most Saturdays rowing on the Severn with the Worcester Rowing Club. Cassian was born in 1962, the sixth of ten children. Educated at Ampleforth College and Henley Business Management College (Graduating with an MBA 2002), he was commissioned into the Irish Guards in 1982, serving in West Germany BAOR, Northern Ireland, London, Afghanistan with HALO trust in 1989, Berlin 1990, Oman, Egypt, Kosovo and Sierra Leone. He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel on the Counter Terrorism Training Team in 1996 (Egypt) before retiring in 2000.

## **20TH CENTURY BUILDINGS OF INTEREST SOUGHT**

Do you know of any interesting or valued 20th century heritage buildings in your local area?

Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service's new project, which is being funded by Historic England, aims to identify, review and record 20th century non-domestic buildings and public places, many of which are highly valued by local communities but are increasingly at risk of redundancy and demolition.

They are interested in any non-domestic buildings or public places, dating from 1901 – 2000, including village and community halls, sports pitches, schools, factories, shops, parks, military/defence buildings and churches. Are there any buildings in your local area that were constructed to commemorate WWI or WWII, in celebration of the Queen's Coronation or as part of the Festival of Britain? If so we would love to hear from you! If you have any interesting information or photographs that you would like to share please contact Emily Hathaway on [ehathaway@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:ehathaway@worcestershire.gov.uk)

## **HARPLEY-CLIFTON LITTER PICK**

The Harpley - Clifton Litter pick was an informal activity undertaken by individuals in the community from Clifton and Harpley at their own risk. Special thanks to the volunteers: Marion West, Margaret Griffiths, Pat Savage, Sue Everitt and Richard Newman. They covered the whole stretch of road from Hope Lane in Clifton, along Hollybush Lane and the High Lane through Harpley hamlet. "The lanes were not as bad as previous years so covered a greater distance than before," said organiser Candy Connolly. "We collected ten bags full and for nearly a month the lane was pristine; one or two cans and coffee cups have appeared on the verges since but it was lovely while it lasted."

## **CLIFTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB COFFEE MORNING**

Marie and Eddie Thompson are hosting a coffee morning for the Clifton Friendship Club on Saturday, 26th May, at 26 The Village, Clifton, from 10am until 12noon. All are welcome and there will be a Bring-and-Buy and a raffle.

## **TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE**

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday April 12th 2018. We welcome back Eric Davies, another favourite speaker, whose talk is on the wildlife of the Ceredigion coast-path. The meeting is at 7:30pm but not at our usual venue. Because of recent high attendances and insufficient parking in Rochford we are going to hold April's meeting at the village hall of Stoke Bliss and Kyre, post-code WR15 8RR. This is a try-out. The hall is situated south-east of Tenbury Wells on the B4214 road to Bromyard. As always it is just £2 on the door where everybody is most welcome.

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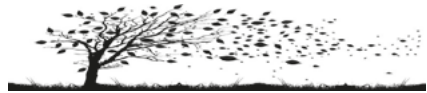


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## **Clifton upon Teme Parish Council meeting March 8th 2018**

### **Agenda Item: Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Following the success of the NDP being 'made' by MHDC in Nov 2017 the Parish Council has started looking at the Related Actions noted in Appendix 8 of the Neighbourhood Plan. (The numbers in brackets relate to the points in the NDP).

\*Ongoing monitoring of trees and hedgerows-by the tree warden and lengthsman. (1)

\*Ongoing support-council tax relief rate for the shop and pubs. (3)

\*Ongoing support-notice advertising events on the green, use of green, pavilion and carpark for local events.(4)

\*We need to look at the notice boards around the village and see if they could be used in anyway. The Parish Council board is due to be replaced with a new one and can only have PC information on it. The footpath board on the green by the school could be looked at to see if we could incorporate a notice/link to where a range of information for tourists can be found ie another board, shop, pubs, Teme Triangle website. I have contacted Mandy Henry and she will ask the Village Hall committee next week if one of their outside boards could be considered. (5)

\*This board is in place and links to point 5 above. The board needs updating and could include information on how to contact Worcester Biological Records Centre to update them on sightings of local flora and fauna. This allows WBRC to update their local data. (10/11)

\* This is ongoing work with litter clearance, MHDC rubbish collection at the pavilion, the dog fouling publicity campaign already undertaken, the new MHDC Public Space Protection Order and the Green Dog Walkers Scheme. These last two could be available/linked on the footpath board. There was a suggestion by the NDP steering group for a leaflet to be produced for new residents with local information and highlighting the above issues. (9)

\*The Parish Council is currently working with local clubs/organisations to support and improve facilities. The first stage has started by consulting, agreeing and renewing the hire arrangements with the clubs. We have met with the Guides/Brownies/Rainbows in Feb, the Bowls club in March and the Football club in April. This will be followed by asking the clubs/organisations to outline their future needs and plans and for them to provide the approximate costings for these ideas. We need to set a suggest a timeline for this. All of these can then be considered in relation to funding available (S106 plus any other sources)

and the benefit of each plan to the whole community. Advice on funding streams available will need to be sought to maximise our options. (8)

\*In consultation with MHDC we need to explore the process and stages of listing the non-designated heritage assets identified in the NDP. (2)

\*In consultation with MHDC we need to explore the process for listing Assets of Community Value. (6)

\*We need to discuss suggestions for traffic issues and then contact highways to discuss these points. There is some sense in waiting for the completion of the development on Pound Lane as this will produce further traffic volumes which will need to be considered. (7)

## **Appendix 8 - Related Actions Identified for the Parish Council**

**The NDP Policies are supported by the following action for the Parish Council:**

1. The Parish Council supports the planting and management of native trees and hedgerows in appropriate sites within the village.
2. The Parish Council will work with Malvern Hills District Council to identify non-designated heritage assets in the Parish.
3. The Parish Council recognises the importance of visitors to the Parish in terms of supporting local businesses such as the shop, the pubs, leisure pursuits and accommodation.
4. The Parish Council will support local initiatives, activities and events to encourage tourism.
5. The Parish Council will seek to provide a tourist information board to promote the Parish as a tourist location.
6. The Parish Council will consider nominating certain buildings eg public houses as Assets of Community Value. The driving principle of the Assets of Community Value legislation is to provide a Community Right to Bid should such assets come onto the open market thereby offering communities an opportunity to seek to acquire and operate a local asset for the benefit of the local and wider community.
7. The Parish Council will support infrastructure improvements in the Parish, particularly those which address local traffic issues including existing traffic calming, HGV restrictions and commuter traffic. In particular, the following measures will be considered:
  - Removal of the centre-line through the village – This simple measure visually narrows the road, slowing down traffic;
  - Cohortisation of on-street car parking – Marked out on-street car parking areas can visually narrow the road, creating de-facto chicanes which act to slow down traffic.

8. The Parish Council will seek to work with all Parish clubs and organisations and the wider community to promote cross working to improve provision of facilities and access to services locally.
9. The Parish Council will set standards for the care and maintenance of the village green spaces, sports field and play area with regard to 1) The reduction of litter 2) Limiting the incidence of dog fouling.
10. The Parish Council will seek to provide an information board for the local area with a map showing footpaths and bridleways and information on the local wildlife and flora.
11. The Parish Council will seek to work with local and statutory bodies to promote and safeguard our local biodiversity.

## **Abbreviated Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on March 13th 2018**

**Present:** Present: Mr Cassian Roberts (Chairman), Mr J Stinton, Mrs K Metcalfe and Mr D Bates. In Attendance: Mrs Caroline Palethorpe Dr K Pollock and the Clerk (Mrs J Speyer)

**Apologies:** Mr W Sutherland and Mrs C Warren.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of January 9th 2018 were signed as a true record.

**Public Question Time:** Planning. With the removal of an orchard in Shelsley Beauchamp, the possibility of affordable housing was discussed.

**Co-option of a new Councillor:** Laura Taylor was co-opted onto the Council and signed the Acceptance of Office. She was welcomed by the councillors.

**County Councillor's report:** Received by email and circulated prior to the meeting, Dr Pollock expanded on the contents and answered questions. With reference to the funding the PC requested that two more grit bins be purchased. The drainage problems on the lane leading to Redhill were brought to Dr Pollock's attention.

**District Councillor's report.** A report received by email was circulated prior to the meeting. Mrs Palethorpe answered questions in particular with respect to rubbish collection (see below) and road sweeping.

**Changes in Refuse Collection:** Mrs Palethorpe reminded the councillors of the proposed changes which have already been issued to households. Most of the properties in the parish will remain on the black and red bag system which will require animal proof storage not provided by MHDC. An explanation was requested as to how savings will be made. The MHDC dedicated advice hotline does not start until April 2nd

**Affordable Housing:** Following the issue raised at public question time and the letter received, the possibility of new affordable building on a no longer viable orchard was discussed. The history of affordable housing in the parish

was reported as the previous housing needs survey identified four sites, none of which were approved by MHDC. At that time (2009) little need for affordable housing was identified.

District Councillor Palethorpe reminded the councillors that need is not the same as demand and that the government requires more housing to be built.

**Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:** The Lengthsman's worksheets for January and February were inspected and approved. The Lengthsman was thanked for his prompt response in the recent bad weather. The trees by the disused quarry are again causing problems. The Tree Warden will visit the owner to discuss. Pard House Lane will be closed from 14th March for much needed carriageway repairs. There is much water damage on the lane. A further enquiry on road sweeping will be made by the clerk.

**Progress Reports:** Broadband. There have been complaints about the service where Superfast Broad Band has been connected. Discussion deferred until the meeting in May.

**Village Hall Management Committee:** The VHMC has recently lost two members and hope to appoint replacements. The roof insulation needs upgrading, grants may be available.

**Finance:** Lengthman's invoices for January and February £312.00  
Worcestershire CALC £10.00 HMRC £56.00

**Grants and Donations:** Nora Parsons grant agreed £200. Longside Radio deferred until the next meeting. Grants are paid in May.

**Village Hall Management Committee:** The VHMC has recently lost two members and hope to appoint replacements. The insulation of the roof needs upgrading, grants may be available.

**Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda:** Broadband. Longside Radio grant. Potholes in Pudford Lane. Road surface between New Mill Bridge and Homme Castle

**Date of the next meeting:** May 8th 2018

To view the minutes and agenda online go to the WCC website. and look at The Shelsleys.

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*Jane Dallow with snow drifts at the top of Harpley Lane, Upper Sapey,  
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*(Photos: Sophie Dallow)*





*Callum Gascoigne (10) with father Steve and sister Grace (7)  
pictured in Pound Lane, Clifton.*

*(Photo: Virginie Gascoigne)*



*John and Ros Wain in Pound Lane, Clifton.*



*Clifton Village Stores open for business in all weather.  
Local farmers worked round the clock to keep the lanes open (below)  
(Photo: Michael Shrubbs)*





*View from New Mill Bridge, Shelsley Beauchamp*

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*Sheep near Homme Castle Farm, Shelsley Beauchamp*





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# Church Matters

by Rev Canon David Sherwin



Easter having come so early has perhaps caught a lot of us out – seeing in the shops in March all those Easter eggs, chocolate chicks and rabbits everywhere in preparation for Easter kept it in the forefront of our minds.

These creatures and of course the egg which we have used to celebrate Easter for so long remind us that it is the season of new life, not only in the fact that the spring has hopefully come by now (snow permitting) and the buds and shoots and even blossom are breaking forth. The lambs are springing in the fields and we perhaps are nurturing our gardens to produce the flowers and the crops that we long for each year.

For us as Christians of course the new life stems from the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Dead and buried, laid in a tomb but bursting forth on Easter Day he gave us the promise of new life even eternal life.

That life is given to us as hope not just for the future but for now.

I have pondered over the last month or two how precious life is to us. Perhaps as we hold a new born baby in our arms or on a farm see the birth of lambs, calves and colts it reminds us that life is given by our creator and is wonderful in all its diversity. We have probably, over the winter period, witnessed on our TV screens the wonders of the 'Blue Planet' and how damaged it is. May we reconsider ourselves over the coming year the preciousness of the creation and the life that God has given to us and act upon those things that come to our minds.

What God gives to us is a life to enjoy to the full as Jesus said. May we see him at work within our lives in both the small and the big things that we face. The risen Jesus has promised to be with us always, both in this life and as we walk through the valley of the shadow and into eternity with the hope of resurrection in our hearts.

May the precious life that God has given you be one that you do enjoy and may you know his presence and peace with you day by day.

Alleluia Christ is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!  
God bless you all.



## **LOWER SAPEY NEWS**

What an eventful start to March when the Beast from the East caused complete havoc, a two day snow blizzard with strong winds causing ten foot snow drifts, weather we haven't experienced for many years.

Eventually surfacing on Saturday morning and going for a walk with the family, sun coming out making the snow sparkle, meeting people out for a breath of fresh air with their children and excited dogs, all feeling a bit stir crazy just like us. Stopping to have a chat, talking about the weather which we all love to do anyway, the Dunkirk spirit alive and well, it was a walk on the wild side that turned into a very social occasion.

There were good Samaritans everywhere. Glyn Dallow cleared the Harpley Lane and our drive, thank you Glyn! Mr and Mrs Whitehurst from the Old School House gave a distressed lady who was stranded in her car a bed for the night, what a great thing to do.

By the time you read this Easter will be here and hopefully the snow will be long forgotten! We can now look forward to blossom on the trees, lambs in the fields, chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday and summer is just around the corner, what could be better?

Sadly Mrs Joan Richards of Lower Sapey passed away on 24th February, a lovely lady, our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

### **Notices:**

Church flowers and cleaning – Suzanne Richards

### **Church Services:**

1st April Holy Communion with Jan Webb 10:30

8th April Methodist Service with Jen and Becky 10:30

### **Coming soon:**

15th April Spring walk from the church to Pat Savage's home tea, walk back to the church for Evensong.

18th May celebration tea for the royal wedding in St Bartholomew's garden.

16th – 17th June Art, Poetry and Music Festival and exhibition.

## **Excerpts from the Minutes of Clifton Parish Council held on 1st February 2018.**

The complete version of the Approved Minutes can be found on the Parish Council website: <http://clifton-upon-teme-pc.org/> .

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 4th January 2018 were approved (WB/MN) subject to amendment of minute 482 (date of next meeting) to read "1st February 2018" not '4th January' and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Report of Worcestershire County Councillor (WCC) Ken Pollock: CCllr Pollock had apologised for his absence from the meeting and sent a report by email. Members noted that WCC had re-inspected the pavement between the church and the post box and did not consider that siding would resolve the problem. Major resurfacing of the highway in the area is required; this work has been added to WCC schedule.

To receive the report of Malvern Hills District Councillor (MHDC) Caroline Palethorpe – For Information. DCllr Palethorpe had apologised for her absence from the meeting and her email report had been circulated to Members.

**Planning:** Application No: 17/00189/HP. Proposal: Proposed Rear First Floor Extension and Detached Garage. Location: 15 The Village, Clifton upon Teme. Applicant: Mr Mike Skellern MHDC approved the application on 12th January 2018

Application No: 17/01815/HP. Proposal: Single storey rear extension and new doors and windows Location: Gatley, Old Road, Clifton upon Teme. Applicant: Mr Timothy Clark. MHDC refused the application on 15th January 2018

**Insurance re Litter Pick:** Members noted advice from the Parish Council's Insurance Broker re risk assessment requirements and public liability insurance. Malvern Hills District Council were undertaking a risk assessment of the proposed litter picking route for possible inclusion in MHDC spring litter pick programme. Members therefore resolved (MN/BY) that subject to the outcome of the MHDC risk assessment being that the route does meet MHDC safety standards (route, training, administrative requirements, equipment etc); receipt of a copy of the MHDC risk assessment report (MHDC had agreed to copy this to the PC); adaptation of the MHDC report for use by Clifton Parish Council (MHDC had granted consent to the use); compliance by the litter pick team with the MHDC report and PC insurance company requirements; subject to all of the above points being met the PC would instruct their insurance broker (via the Clerk) to arrange appropriate public liability insurance on an agreed calendar date.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Members noted the report from the Chair of the NDP Steering Group. Members noted that as stated in accordance with their terms of reference the steering group had unanimously resolved to dissolve itself on 11th January 2018. Members noted that the PC website would publish two items the 'Made' Plan and MHDC notification re adoption (all other documents to be unpublished on the site but remain in the file structure). Members noted that Historic England had chosen to identify the Clifton upon Teme plan as an "exemplar" plan and WCC Biodiversity had endorsed the plan – to be used to support future grant applications. Members resolved (MN/BY) that a new steering group be formed in 2028 (2 years prior to the existing plan's end date of 2030) (file note stating same to be carried forward in the front of all current and future CPC minute books). Members resolved (WB/BY) that all documents/maps/photos be copied, as high resolution master copies, to a secure digital storage medium and that 3 hard copies of the "Made" Plan and MHDC notification re adoption be printed. Members agreed to consider recommendations that CPC produce a general "welcome" leaflet about Clifton (the NDP, general information and other matters) to deliver to new houses/residents as part of the Parish Action Plan.

**Pavilion and Playing Field:** Members resolved (HW/NP) to approve a request from Clifton EYC for permission to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the playing field/pavilion on the afternoon of 25th March 2018 subject to: the Clerk ascertaining with football team that they would have completed their match; receipt of relevant public liability insurance from EYC (Clerk).

**Village Green:** Members noted that Worcestershire County Council had consulted with their legal department and had confirmed that WCC were not owners of any part of the village green and that no 'highways rights' applied to any part of the green. WCC had confirmed that the existing signposts were Parish Council property. Members noted that the Clerk was in the process of ascertaining what, if any, rights of oversight or privileges WCC might be claiming in relation to the sign posts which have borne WCC finger posts for many years. WCC had suggested that the existing wooden posts be replaced by metal heritage posts and recommended bidding for funding support from CCIr Pollock through his divisional fund. Members resolved (MN/BY) that the request be made to CCIr Pollock (Clerk).

**Correspondence:** Members noted receipt of email from a resident re litter bins and dog waste. Members noted receipt of an email from Clifton Community Matters enclosing results from the CCM Village Survey. Members verbally conveyed their thanks to CCM representatives for the information which the PC would consider in relation to future decisions. Members acknowledged receipt of an email letter from Clifton upon Teme Tennis Club. Representatives of the Tennis Club had addressed Council during Democratic Period when the letter was acknowledged and discussed.

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, Members resolved (MN/WB) that the public and press be excluded pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The reason being: matters linked to hire agreements re the BP Hut.

**Informal file note: Meeting with representatives of Clifton upon Teme Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - Thursday 1st February 2018: Summary/overview of discussion areas:**

Clifton Parish Council reiterated unwavering support for a continuation of guiding and scouting activities on the Pound Lane site. In the short term this would be in the BP Hut but in the longer term might be in a replacement dedicated or shared use building. CPC were delighted that the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides (R/B/G) were happy to share the facilities at the BP Hut with Scouts so that there would again be a scouting opportunity for parish youngsters (discussion of terms of shared usage preferred by (R/B/G) and draft Management Committee Constitution presented by (R/B/G) – this to be finalised by R/B/G in conjunction with the Scouts and submitted to CPC for consideration)

Noted that the lease had been with the Scouts who had allowed it to lapse (ownership of the BP Hut thereafter under a general principle of law had reverted to CPC) and that an informal usage of facilities at the BP Hut by the R/B/G has existed thereafter. CPC is now looking at all user agreements re facilities at the Pound Lane site with the intention of issuing new standardised User Hire Agreements (renewable annually). Initial discussion of points related to future areas of responsibility (usage, maintenance etc) and requirements of annual hire agreements.

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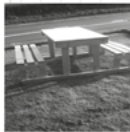
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**Agreed:** The Scouts be permitted to hold a programme of introductory/trial sessions for a nominal fee of £10 (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to inform Scouts to contact Clerk to PC).

That two separate hire agreements be initiated – one with the combined Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and the other with the Scouting group(s).

A future meeting between Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and representatives of the Scouts to finalise arrangements prior to the issuing of the new hire agreements.

View to finalise User Hire Agreement terms in April (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides expressed a wish that any agreement be dated from month of August).

**Action points:**

Urgent - Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to obtain and forward copy of Insurance Policy, schedule and most recent invoice to Clerk to CPC as a matter of urgency – risks attendant on uninsured facility (CPC insurer requires information on the existing documentation)

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides – revert to PC with a final draft of Management Committee Constitution and update re agreement with the Scouts

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides – to organise content insurance

Clerk to PC – to contact insurance once documentation at (1) above and to progress obtaining that documentation.

## **GREEN DOG WALKERS SCHEME**

A reminder that Malvern Hills District Council have launched their new Green Dog Walker scheme, encouraging local residents to become Green Dog Walkers in the hope that it 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
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Volunteers who sign up will receive a Green Dog Walker (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.

## **District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe's Report to Clifton Parish Council 8th March 2018**

**Rollout of new waste service gathers pace:** New black wheeled bins have begun to be delivered across Malvern Hills District ahead of the launch of alternate weekly waste collections. Over the next few weeks more than 27,000 black 180 or 240 litre wheeled bins will be delivered to qualifying households starting with the Great Malvern area. Bins will be left at the boundary of properties by crews from Jett, a delivery firm working on behalf of Malvern Hills District Council to help with the rollout.

Households will also receive a covering letter with collection calendar on the back and an information booklet containing important information on how the service works as well as guidance on recycling and waste reduction. Those households not eligible for a wheeled bin – due to their location or other reason – will be sent the information in the post. Any household that was expecting a black wheeled bin and has not received one by 19 March 2018 should call the waste changes hotline on 01684 862490. Residents are being asked not to use the new bins until the service starts on Monday, 2 April 2018. Although this is Easter Bank Holiday Monday collections will take place as normal on that day. Black bins/sacks will be collected during the first week of the new service, followed by green bins/cherry sacks and then rotating again. Residents with bins will need to ensure all rubbish is inside as any waste left at the side of the bin will not be collected. Residents can sign up for our waste and recycling electronic newsletter containing updates, hints and tips by visiting [www.malvernhillsgov.uk/emailalerts](http://www.malvernhillsgov.uk/emailalerts)

**New planning guidelines:** Consultations have been launched on three new draft supplementary planning documents (SPDs) that set out proposed policies on renewable energy, water management and the financial contributions developers make to local infrastructure when they start building. Once formally adopted, the three SPDs will support the South Worcestershire Development Plan. The consultations run for six weeks and residents and other interested parties can have their say on the proposals by going to [www.swdevelopmentplan.org](http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org). Printed copies of the consultation documents and forms are available at libraries and council contact centres.

### **CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT**

The Clifton Parish Council precept for the 2018/2019 council tax year is £30,000, an increase of 36% over last year (£22,500).

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I read with interest the article in the March *Tem Triangle* entitled 'Question Time'. I have not discussed the article specifically with the writer but I choose to think of it not as a vindictive piece nor as a clever way to 'have a go' at anyone but simply as an expression of concern. In fact, I see it as the tip of an iceberg of concern among many people in the village. The concern, in a word, is communication. Politics, even at its most basic level, is all about communication. Oh yes, there are many attributes that help to make an effective politician but being a good communicator stands above all else.

It's probably time I 'came out'. I admit that I go to Clifton Parish Council meetings - there, I've said it! But before I'm dismissed as some sort of anoraked nerd I should point out that I attend because it is the only way to be aware of what the P.C. is doing at any given time. The information that the P.C. allows us are the minutes of meetings and, unfortunately, they don't help much because by the time we get them the P.C. has already had another meeting, having the effect of keeping us always behind events and allowing no connect between one meeting and the next. Neither are there clear and convenient ways for parishioners to discuss issues with members of the Council. This is, I believe, a major reason why so many people in Clifton find it hard to engage with the P.C. and its work. If we are not encouraged to feel involved, we won't feel involved - and that is the 'we' who are the people the P.C. is there to represent. In fact, it is arguable that, if the P.C. deliberately set out to keep us at arm's length they couldn't do a much better job. I do not, however, accept that this is their intention. There is, in any case, reason to be optimistic. Encouragingly, not to say surprisingly, a considerable amount of PC business has been reported this month. I, for one, am very happy about that and would like more, please.

Let me be very clear (where have I heard that before?). The members of the P.C. are all volunteers. They give up time and energy and receive no payment for doing so. Much of what they do goes unheralded and they always hear about it (as now) when they are perceived to get something wrong. They have my respect and thanks and I believe that they do what they do in what they consider to be the best interests of the village. It also has to be said that we, the Villagers, may have brought some of the problem on ourselves. If all of us approached the members with that self same respect and gratitude they may just be more inclined to listen and respond. It can't be a surprise if people who are being attacked feel that they are being attacked.

However, back to the article. Through this medium I venture to suggest to the members of the PC that they take it seriously and address it not merely as a series of legitimate questions but as what just may constitute a message from people who feel disengaged from their own representatives.

*John Wain*



# Services for April 2018

Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley)			
April 2018			
<b>Sunday 1st April</b> <b>EASTER DAY</b>	10.30am	Easter Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Easter Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Easter Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<b>No Pushchair Praise - Easter Holidays</b>		
<b>Sunday 8th April</b> <b>Easter 2</b>	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
<b>Tuesday 10th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Sunday 15th April</b> <b>Easter 3</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Service with Baptism	St Kenelm, Clifton
	3.00pm	Evensong <i>(followed by walk and refreshments)</i>	St Bartholomew, Harpley
<b>Monday 16th</b>	7.00pm	<i>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	7.00pm	<i>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Time for Time Out</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd April</b> <b>Easter 4</b>	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Quiet Reflection	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Monday 23rd</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	6.30pm	<i>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</i>	<i>Shelsley Beauchamp Village Hall</i>
<b>Tuesday 24th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh</i>
<b>Sunday 29th April</b> <b>Easter 5</b>	10.30am	Group Holy Communion Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

- 4 Clifton Friendship Club: Martin Bennett:  
*Emergency/First Aid.* VH
- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 6 Martley Young Farmers Easter Bingo, Great Witley VH 7pm
- 11 Shelsleys' Gardening Club meeting:  
Brian Draper *The River Wye* Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 12 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting,  
Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH 7.30pm
- 18 Clifton Friendship Club, Megan Farmer:  
*Bed Bugs and Bedpans/35 years working in the NHS* VH 2.30pm
- 19 Annual Parish Meeting, Clifton VH 7pm
- 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
- 6 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh
- 8 Shelsleys' Annual Parish Meeting VH 7pm
- 12 Rural Reels film: *The Great Escape* Clifton VH 7pm
- 13 Bluebell Cross-country Ride, Wichenford 10am
- 16 Clifton Friendship Club meeting VH 2.30pm
- 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
- 23 Nora Parsons Day Centre, Wichenford AGM 7pm
- 26 Clifton Friendship Club coffee morning,  
Marie & Eddie Thompson 10am

### June

- 2 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh
- 3 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting VH 7.40pm
- 12 Clifton WI visit to Ridge End Dairy Farm, Wichenford
- 16 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh
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- 30 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh

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