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Fun at Clifton Early Years Centre's Easter Egg trail

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*An impressive motorcycle rally rode through Clifton on 1st April
(photo: Ros Wain)*

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Front Cover Picture

*Angela Veale and her daughters Rosie (centre) and Jasmine
enjoying Clifton Early Years Centre's Easter Egg trail.*

EASTER EGG TRAIL RAISES A CRACKING £850

More than 120 egg-cited youngsters took part in Clifton's Early Years Centre's third annual Easter Egg Trail around the village on 25 March, in an event that raised £850 towards enhancing the centre's outside play areas and learning opportunities. Children had to crack a hieroglyphic code and collect tokens



*Izzy Capewell (L)
and Bella Bennett*

which were then exchanged for a big chocolate Easter Egg. A face-painting team also ensured the village was filled with little rabbits, tigers, puppies and even a bat.



Freddie (L) and Henry Spring

Trustee Serena Spring said: "We made a fantastic £850. A huge thank you to all our volunteers, to the individuals and local businesses that donated towards our raffle (Webbs of Wychbold, The White Pheasant, The Den, The Parlour, Tenbury Swimming Pool) and to Tenbury's Tesco and Spa for donating over half of our prizes. Your support was hugely appreciated!"

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Treasurer Andrew Brazier confirmed: "I haven't had cause to say much about Teme Triangle's finances for the last few years. The finances have been stable and we only have one real cost, printing, which is not immune from inflation. The bulk of our income comes from our advertisers, to whom we are very grateful. I cannot remember the last time we did not have a waiting list, which helps bring stability to the finances when advertisers 'move on'. However, last year was tougher and we now need to ask some of our community organisations who have supported us in the past, to contribute again - namely, the parish and church councils who we have been able to manage without for some years now. I must also acknowledge the many of you who send us money without prompting. It is impossible to thank everyone individually, but you know who you are and we are very grateful for your ongoing support. An especially large recent donation was particularly generous. Each copy costs the equivalent of 80p, so if you would like to give us your financial support please contact any member of the team (see page 2) or call me for details."

CLIFTON'S NEW INN REOPENS



(Left to right) Matthew, Sarah and Lee Morley with chef Paul James

Clifton's New Inn has reopened after undergoing a major refurbishment, with the fourth generation of the Morley family behind the bar.

Siblings Lee, Matthew and Sarah Morley offer a warm welcome to the ancient inn located halfway up Clifton hill. And chef Paul James will be providing classic pub food with a twist.

The family first took over the New Inn in 1964 when Cyril and Jessie Morley moved in. Their son Lawson and wife Janet carried on between 1970 and 2003.

TENBURY TRANSPORT TRUST NEEDS YOU!

The Tenbury Transport Trust charity is looking for more volunteer drivers in the Teme Triangle area, to help residents without access to adequate transport to reach essential medical appointments, shopping needs and interviews. Speaking at the Clifton Annual Parish meeting, manager Wendy Schuster explained: "TTT is in urgent need of more volunteer drivers in this area with their own car, to help our registered clients make essential journeys using a reliable, affordable door-to-door service. Mileage is reimbursed and it's an interesting, rewarding role." TTT volunteers also run two, bookable minibus services around the region. Contact Wendy on 01584 810491 or email admin@tttrust.org.uk.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON LOCAL POLICING

Parish and town councils across West Mercia are being asked for their views on the visibility of local policing, relationships with officers and local crime priorities as part of a new project from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Links to the survey are being circulated by Associations of Local Councils.

A TASTE OF THAILAND COMES TO WICHENFORD

Local folk can now enjoy a 'true taste of Thailand' at Chim Doo, a new Thai restaurant located in the countryside between Martley and Wichenford.

Sara and Mark Andrews opened the restaurant at Bury End Farm in January. Head chef Sara and dairy farmer Mark were married in 2011. Sara, who trained in some of Thailand's finest hotels, initially set up a mobile Thai takeaway caravan at the farm nearly six years ago and has been supplying locals with authentic delicacies ever since.

As business grew, Sara was joined by Aoy to help with the cooking, and now he joins her full time in the new restaurant kitchen. Aoy's wife Joy works in front of house and they live above the restaurant with their son Brian.



*(Left to right) Aoy, Joy, Sara, Mark
(further photo on page 31)*

As well as the restaurant, a takeaway menu and delivery service are also available. For more information visit www.chim-doo.co.uk

CHANCE TO PLAY CROQUET AND BOWLS

New players are being invited to enjoy croquet and bowls at nearby Broadwas Croquet Club. It's located in lovely surroundings, with five lawns. Play ranges from relaxed and sociable, to competitive league teams. Federation bowls – similar to Crown Green – are also played on Monday evenings.

A spokesperson said: "Starting in April you can roll up any Tuesday afternoon from about 1.30pm and try out this wonderful sport. It's free to try; just to come in flat, soft soled shoes. All tuition and equipment is provided. You will have a warm, friendly welcome, unlimited tea and coffee and even cakes. New friends, new sport, fresh air, gentle exercise, beautiful location, any age. What could be better?"

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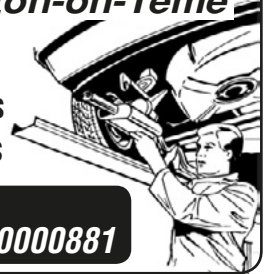
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This year's Bluebell Cross Country Fun Ride will take place on Sunday 13 May from Wichenford, in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance, St Richards Hospice and local charities. The 11-mile pleasure horse ride through bluebell woods and fields includes optional shortcuts, no roadworks and lots of optional jumps.

First entries are at 10.00am and last entries 1pm, starting from the field next to Wichenford Church (opposite Wichenford Dovecote and Court). Riders must have insurance and valid horse passports and take part at their own risk. Hard hats and adequate protection are obligatory. Dogs must be kept on lead. Teas and refreshments are also available.

Riders: Adults £16, children (under 12) £12. Walkers are also encouraged, entry £5. Other dates during May are also available, by appointment. Contact: gblwichenford@aol.com or call 07767 788 273 / 01886 888678.

COME AND THANK 'RAY THE POST'

Popular local postman 'Ray the Post' is to be thanked with a special tea and presentation at Stanford with Orleton Village Hall, Stanford Bridge, as he moves rounds after 18 years of service.

A spokesperson said: "For 18 years our community has benefitted from Ray Rawlings' cheery delivery of our letters and parcels. On many days he was the only 'Ray of Sunshine' we saw! He is just the sort of Postie a village dreams of, so we'd like locals to join us for tea and cake as we say 'Thank you Ray'." The event takes place on Sunday 13th May at 3.30pm



'DEATH CAFÉ' IS CHANCE TO TALK AND LEARN

A trained end-of-life teacher is holding innovative café sessions in Tenbury designed to open up the often avoided subject of death.

Cathie Green's 'Death Café' aims to encourage people to connect with, rather than be afraid of, death. The concept began in a London coffee shop in 2013, and has since spread across the world. Rather than a platform for grief or debate, participants have a chance to discuss a factual question or personal experience brought by a guest, over a drink and a cake.

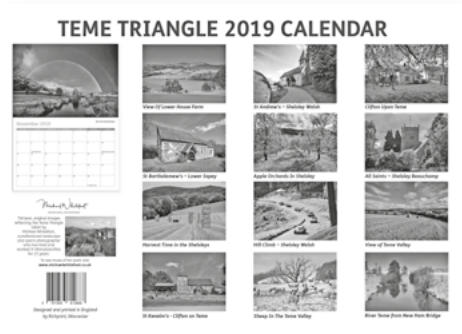
Cathie explained: "The Western world is so divorced from death and dying. Often we avoid thinking and talking about it. Yet long ago it was a community event on many levels."

The Death Café will be open at the SENSE Therapy Advice Education & Health Centre at Temeside House, Tenbury, on Saturday 9-16 June and 23 June, from 11am-2pm. Call Cathie Green on 07974 390197 or turn up on the day.

SHELSLEY PHOTOGRAPHER LAUNCHES 'TEME TRIANGLE' CALENDAR

Local professional photographer Michael Whitefoot has responded to demand by producing a 2019 wall calendar featuring scenes from around the 'Teme Triangle' of Clifton-upon-Teme, the Shelsleys and Lower Sapey.

There is an A4 size (£6) and A3 (£8). Both are full colour and spiral hanging. A colour overview of the calendar can be seen on the Teme Triangle Facebook page. Michael said: "This calendar won't be available in shops, so anyone interested should give me a call."



Michael also produces other calendars and postcards on themes including Worcester, Malvern and Herefordshire, which are stocked by shops and garden centres. Orders for the 'Teme Triangle' calendar can be taken up to 30 June, for delivery end July. Call Michael on 01886 812779 or email michael@whitefootpr.co.uk.

BUMPER ARRAY OF CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS IN CLIFTON

Last year's Christian Aid week activities in Clifton raised £2,525.89, the highest amount of any parish in Worcestershire. "That was an amazing achievement," said organiser Marion Dipple. "Christian Aid continues to work alongside some of the poorest communities on earth, improving the lives of those most in need. Everybody is very welcome to join us for our events this year; support for this work is much appreciated."

Coffee Morning, Saturday 12th May, 10am-12noon at The Old House, Clifton (the Dipple's). Plants, cakes, bring & buy, raffle, Traidcraft, tea, coffee.

Film: The Great Escape, Saturday 12th May, 6.30pm at Clifton Village Hall. Includes supper of cottage pie (meat, vegetarian, gluten free) and veg. Ice creams, licensed bar, raffle. £7.50 adults, £5 children, £20 family ticket, cottage pie must be ordered in advance by 8 May 18, preferably by e-mail mjdipple@btinternet.com or telephone 01886 812539.

Annual house-to-house Christian Aid collection, Christian Aid week, 13 - 19 May. Please give whatever you can. If you donate using a Christian Aid envelope, please fill in the gift aid section if you are a tax payer so Christian Aid can claim the additional gift aid sum of 25% of your gift.

Royal Wedding celebrations:

Big Brekkie, Saturday 19 May, 9am-12noon Clifton Village Hall. Details on page 13

Afternoon Tea, Saturday 19 May, 3-5pm Clifton Village Hall. Details on page 13

Wine, Cheese and Quiz Night, Saturday, 2nd June, 7pm at Clifton Village Hall. Quizmasters Alan and Alana Cooper. £6 per head including a glass of wine, cheese and biscuits. Max team 6 people, raffle. No need to pre-book.



PIG ROAST FAMILY FUN DAY WILL SUPPORT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Church community is holding a big family fun and fund-raising Pig Roast event for Shelsley Beauchamp's All Saints Church. The day takes place on Sunday 1st July from 1pm-6pm at Lower House Farm in Shelsley Beauchamp (WR6 6RE) by kind permission of Cassian and Jane Roberts. As well as the pig roast (or hot dogs for under 10s) there will be music, a bar, tombola, face painting and a strawberry bar.

Tickets: Adults £10 and under 10s £5 from David Moore on 01886 812482 / 07980 271703.



DEMENTIA AWARENESS TALK

An expert talk on dementia has been arranged by the Diocese to help increase awareness of the problems that both sufferers and carers face. Janet Smith of the Alzheimer's Society will give the hour-long talk at Martley Village Hall on Monday 21 May at 4.30pm.

"This is an excellent opportunity to help our understanding of the disease of dementia which sadly is affecting so many in our population," explained Revd. Jennifer Whittaker, Minister in the Worcester West Rural Team. "Anyone who wishes to increase their understanding of dementia is welcome."

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Here's what's planned to celebrate the day around the Teme Triangle locality:



photo (Kensington Palace / Alex Lubomirski)

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's engagement

CLIFTON

Christian Aid Royal Wedding Big Brekkie (full English meat/vegetarian), Saturday 19 May, 9am-12noon at Clifton Village Hall. £5 adults; £3 children (age 12); £15 family of 4 (age 12). No need to pre-book.

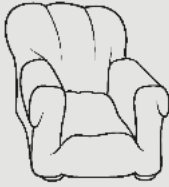
Christian Aid Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea, Saturday 19th May, 3-5pm at Clifton Village Hall. Tea, cakes and scones. No set price but donations accepted. No need to pre-book.

THE SHELSLEYS

Tea Party to watch the Royal Wedding and FA Cup Final, Saturday 19 May at Shelsleys' Village Hall, from 11.00am. A chance to watch one or both of the day's big events on large screen, surrounded by family and friends. Bar will be open, bring your own food (well-equipped kitchen facilities available for use). Book in advance, £5 per table of 4. All monies raised to go towards the hall. Tickets from Dave Bates 01886 812551 or batesdave07@gmail.com

LOWER SAPEY

Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea Party, Saturday 19 May, from 2pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Harpley. Entry free to all, but donations towards the Church are welcome. Tea, cake, scones, flans - and extra food items welcome. Please dress up if you wish to add to the occasion. Organised by Liz Younge and the Ladies of the Bible Group and open to all.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks to the Parish Councillors concerned with the Neighbourhood Development Plan, for publishing details from it and 'Related Actions Identified for the Parish Council' in the April edition of Teme Triangle. We can see that there is a lot going on and the work involved is much appreciated. Up to date information on so many current local matters is very important for the community especially when so many changes and so much development is happening in Clifton. With this in mind perhaps the Parish Councillors could re-visit the question of current draft minutes of their meetings being published. This is in accordance with the Communities, Parish and Local Council's guidelines (CPALC Team Category, Council Meetings, April 2017). Minutes which are two months out of date are not acceptable and the web-site, even for those who can access it, is not always reliable. We are all on the same side – we just need communication.

Beth Whittenbury

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Parish Council held on 8th March 2018

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

Planning

- Members noted receipt of SWDP notification from MHDC re adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement
- Members noted receipt of an invitation to South Worcestershire Development Plan Review, briefing for Parish and Town Councils - Tuesday 20 March, Council Chamber, County Hall
- Members noted receipt of notification from MHDC re Hanley Castle Neighbourhood Plan, Regulation 16 Consultation
- Standard insert future planning applications re site delivery vehicles that: within the confines of the 30mph zone site deliveries should be restricted so that they only occur between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Highways and Byways

PRoW: Public Path Order pre-order consultation: proposed diversion of Footpath CT-608, formerly Footpath 17. WB had declared an interest in this item and left the meeting while the item was considered. Members unanimously (BY/HW) resolved to support WCC's recommended diversion which was formalising the established usage of the path.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following the success of the NDP being "made" by MHDC in Nov 2017 the Parish Council has begun work achieving the related actions noted in Appendix 8 of the NDP (the numbers in brackets relate to the points as listed 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-notices advertising events on the green, use of green, pavilion and car park 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 PC 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, TT website. The Village Hall committee have agreed to consider whether one of their outside boards could be utilised (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 PC 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. PC needs to set a suggested 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 PC to explore the process and stages of how to list the non-designated heritage assets identified in the NDP. (2)
- In consultation with MHDC PC to explore the process for listing Assets of Community Value. (6)
- PC 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)

The Parish Council re-affirmed its commitment to keeping residents informed about NDP matters; the update above to be published on the parish noticeboard, website and Teme Triangle.

Appendix A

Informal file note: Meeting with representatives of Clifton Bowls Club -
Thursday 8th March 2018

Summary/overview of discussion areas:

- CPC reiterated its unwavering support for Clifton Bowls Club and thanked the representatives for attending the PC meeting
- CPC confirmed it was 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 matters which concerned Clifton Bowls Club in relation to membership and maintenance
- Clifton Bowls Club acknowledged that they had not been making the agreed contributions towards the cost of water used to irrigate the bowling green – they asserted their intention to provide readings and pay for future water usage (a separate water meter had been installed a number of years ago to enable usage to be recorded)
- The Bowls Club representatives were pleased to note that CPC had never intended to charge for back water usage and only wished to be reimbursed in future for the actual cubic metres of water used by the Bowling Club at the Water+ invoiced rate (standing charges etc would continue to be borne by CPC).
- Various forms of water conservation measures re irrigation of the bowling green were discussed and the Bowls Club stated their intent to actively address the issue

- Funding to enable water conservation measures were a concern and CPC offered to help identify third party funding opportunities
- Bowls Club stated that they would explore ongoing fund raising opportunities
- Increased membership: the PC informed the Bowls Club that the District Councillor Palethorpe had offered to liaise with contacts at Martley Sport with the aim of increasing participation in the bowling facilities in Clifton. Bowls Club to revert to the Clerk to the PC in relation to this suggestion
- CPC Chairman had established links to Clifton Bowling Club via Google maps and would convey the web reference to the Club so that they could add more information - a web presence being a very useful tool to raise the profile of the club with the aim of attracting new members.

Action points:

Bowls Club: Record and inform CPC of bowling green water meter readings. Reimburse CPC for the cost of water used (based on the cubic metre charge levied by Water+). Identification of water conservation measures. Explore fund raising activities/opportunities. Explore options to increase membership.

Parish Council: assist in identifying funding opportunities.

Excerpts from District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe's Report to Clifton Parish Council 5 April 2018

Waste collection changes gather pace: More than 27,000 black wheeled bins have been delivered to households across the district as preparations continue for the introduction of Alternate Weekly Collections. Any household with a green wheeled recycling bin that was expecting a black bin and has yet to receive one, should contact the **waste changes hotline on 01684 862490 as soon as possible.**

Residents remaining on a sack only collection for both waste and recycling will have a roll of black sacks and cherry recycling sacks delivered to them in May and June as usual. Officers have also been working with landlords and housing associations where waste and recycling is collected from one central point to manage the change. Landlords who own flats/apartments and have yet to be contacted by us should get in touch immediately. Under Alternate Weekly Collections rubbish will be collected one week and recycling the next on a rotating basis. Residents can signing up to our electronic newsletter at www.malvern hills.gov.uk/emailalerts.

Adoption of the South Worcestershire Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): Following public consultation during 2017, the three South Worcestershire Councils (Malvern Hills District, Worcester City and Wychavon District) have now adopted the South Worcestershire Design Guide SPD, with effect from 6 March 2018, at their relevant committee meetings. Copies of the SPD and the Statements of Consultation are at http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page_id=13426 Please e-mail queries to contact@swdevelopmentplan.org.

Worcestershire's new 5G Testbed: Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) confirmed that the county has been successful in its bid for Government funding to test and explore 5G connectivity, to revolutionise the way future business will operate. From its launch in May, The Worcestershire 5G Consortium will begin the 5G Testbed trial. The consortium of partners includes Worcestershire County Council, 5GIC at University of Surrey, AWTG, Huawei, O2, BT, and Malvern Hills Science Park. The 5G Testbed will provide a platform for local and national businesses to develop next-generation technology

focused on improving the UK's industrial productivity. Malvern company, QinetiQ, will use the Test Bed to advance cyber security application.

Worcestershire LEP and the 5G Testbed consortium is already working to increase the pool of local expertise, and is welcoming interest from enterprises looking to increase industrial productivity. To fuel interest, the consortium has commissioned new courses at The University of Worcester and Heart of Worcestershire College. Entrepreneurs will also have the opportunity to test 5G capabilities in a new commercial technology accelerator at Malvern Hills Science Park. Visit www.wlep.co.uk for details.

Councillor School visits: Three schools within the District hosted District and one County Councillor recently. These visits are taking place to encourage young people to get interested in democracy, voting and politics and also as part of our five year plan commitment to give young people a voice. The sessions included political speed dating, questions and topics ranging from what councillors hope to achieve on Brexit, climate change and single use plastic. It was also an opportunity for young people to complete the "Bigger Picture" survey aiming to listen to the views of our younger generation. Results available in May.

SUMMARY REPORT OF CLIFTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 19 APRIL 2018

Around 30 residents attending Clifton's Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall on 19 April heard a round-up of police, council and village organisation annual reports, before a lively discussion on Parish Council and grant funding queries.

The meeting opened with a call for volunteer drivers from the Tenbury Transport Trust, followed by reports sent by West Mercia Police and Malvern Hills District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe. Worcestershire County Councillor Ken Pollock outlined progress on various funding, care and infrastructure matters, both locally and in Worcester. He reassured residents that as Clifton has already expanded it is unlikely to see further major development in the coming years, despite the County's ambitious new home-building targets for 2041.

In a subsequent open session, a resident called upon the PC to consider at its next meeting proactive ways of overcoming what was cited as a 'perceived lack of communication' with residents.

Residents also requested PC clarification on what grant funding might be available to the village from the S106 payment that builder Lovell Homes must contribute in due course to Malvern Hills District Council (MHDC) as part of its Clifton development obligations. There was significant attendee support for the idea of establishing a sub-committee to plan a 'wish-list' of worthwhile local projects, ready for when an application can be made. PC clerk Jeanette Hill cautioned that the value of any potential S106 funding will not be known for two years, making it difficult to pre-plan to the requisite value and detail. She added that the necessary local consultations and application process to MHDC are complex and potentially costly, with results not guaranteed. In addition, S106 grants cannot be used for 'maintenance and repair' projects. PC Chair Maggie Newman confirmed that the subject of potential S106 grants will be added to the PC's next meeting agenda, for discussion on how to proceed.

The date for next year's Annual Parish Meeting is Thursday 16 May 2019.

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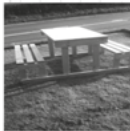
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THE SHELSLEYS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 8 MAY

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The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will then take place immediately after the above meeting and parishioners are also invited to attend. As always there is an opportunity for the public to ask questions of the Parish Council at Public Question Time.

Agenda for the meetings will be available at <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>. For more details contact the Clerk Jan Speyer 01886 812444.

LOWER SAPEY NEWS

What wonderful photographs in the April edition, taken by Sophie and Virginie. Friends and family round the country have been amazed by them, especially those in the London region, who thought they were suffering terribly with 2cm of snow. Surely we have seen the last of this weather now, so that the birds can sing and start to build their nests, the farmers can get on with Spring sowing, we can all get into our soggy gardens and of course, cricket may eventually start in New Road, Worcester - once the floods have gone down! I think most of us need a good few weeks of sunshine to build up our vitamin D stocks as well. As for the cuckoo, I think he has decided to give us a miss this year. Now life goes on as normal in our area and we can look forward to the Spring and our forthcoming events.

Our Church, St Bartholomew's, desperately needs new heating, a small kitchen, a toilet and running water and we hope to start fund-raising in May. On Saturday 19 May at 2pm, to celebrate the wedding of Meghan and Prince Harry, we are holding a traditional tea party at St Bartholomew's, with all the usual goodies (full details on page 13).

On 17 June we are having an Art, Poetry and music festival at St Bartholomew's. hoping to exhibit all types of artistic work from painting to poetry, from photography to pottery, all done by local residents. There will also be a short recital and refreshments will be provided. Donations gratefully accepted for our Church funds and if anyone wishes to exhibit, or help out, please contact Candy Connolly our Church warden, Dot Millward, Jane Dallow or Margaret Griffiths. I am sure we have many people with many talents in our community.

Notices:

Services at St Bartholomew's:

6 May, 11am: Rogation service starting at New House Farm

13 May, 10.30am: Methodist Service

Tuesday 15 May, 9am: Morning Prayer

20 May, 10.30am: Pentecost Celebration service

27 May, 10.30am: Circle service

Housekeeping (flowers and cleaning) for the Church in May is in the capable hands of Angie Dallow

The Ladies Bible Group will meet on Tuesday 8th May 2pm at Marion West's

The mobile library will call on 18th May at 10.20 and 10.40am

And don't forget our Tea Party on May 19th starting at 2pm. All welcome.

Margaret Griffiths

Church Matters

by Nigel Roberts



Remember, it came to pass

Many a story has begun with those familiar words, “and it came to pass....” usually announcing some important happening from the past. This year we are going to remember an event which came to pass one hundred years ago which marked the ending of the first world war in history, World War I. To those taking part it must have seemed like a horror with no end. Then twenty years ago we remember marking the end of the many years of troubles in Ireland to a large extent with the signing of the Northern Ireland Peace Treaty. These events, like almost every other, do in fact “come to pass” and things do revert back to type, to some normality eventually. On that basis therefore we can expect that the recent knife crime epidemic in London for example will end in time, as have other episodes and that is not to minimise the dreadful pain these episodes cause. The fact that events are recorded in history books is testament to the fact that all things come to an end...eventually!

The Bible has much to say about this, not only that prayer hastens a better outcome but also that if we trust in feelings and emotions we won't see a way forward. The Bible teaches us to use faith, taking our eyes off the very circumstances which trap us and looking to the promise of hope and trusting in an outcome, in the things we can't even as yet see.

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”
Hebrews 11v.1

If troubles are besetting you at this time remember that they will come to pass and the best tool given to us is prayer to hasten a resolution. Have faith!

ST KENELM'S ROGATION SERVICE

Our Rogation Service this year will be on 6 May at 11.00am. We are delighted to be returning to New House Farm, at the kind invitation of Ann Jones and her daughter Sheila.

The Service is taken in one of the barns at the farm, we will usually be sitting on bales, but there will be some chairs for those who would prefer them.

Revd Canon David Sherwin will be taking the service this year and it will follow the traditional form for a Rogation, with a walk around the fields to bless them for the year.

Afterwards there will be refreshments and time for a chat. Please come along and join us for this very important Service for a rural parish. If you need any further details please contact either Revd. Canon David Sherwin 01886 888664 / davidwin56@aol.com or Churchwardens Barbara Seeley 01886 812763 or Alana Cooper 01886 812520.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

with Stephanie Mocroft

This month I am talking about pollinating insects. At a recent Worcestershire Pollinator Conference to which we contributed, the basic message was simple: mow less and grow more flowering plants.

When thinking about pollinators the first thing that springs to mind is the humble honey bee. Bees need to collect both nectar and pollen to make honey. The National Botanic Garden in Wales has been running a study to work out which plants honey bees liked to visit. In spring the botanic garden has 900 species of plant in flower. They found that despite this array of choice the bees made straight for native hedgerow plants! Willows, blackthorn, holly and hawthorn were their favourites. Oak, dandelions and bluebells were also popular, but of the spring garden plants, the bees only visited hellebores, cotoneaster and a few flowering bulbs.

Pollinators are primarily insects. 4,000 of the over 40,000 British invertebrate species act as pollinators. These include bees, butterflies, hoverflies, beetles, moths, flies and wasps. Mammals, marsupials, even reptiles all get involved. Birds also frequently act as pollen-carrying agents. Plants are not fussed so long as their pollen is transferred to another flower of the same species. Eighty per cent of British wild plants are pollinated by insects. They may, or may not, give away some nectar as a reward.



Why are there concerns about pollinators? It is because recent research has found a sharp decline in the total numbers of all types of insects over the last few decades. We cannot do without pollinating insects because the production of fruit and vegetables relies on them. It is estimated that one in every three mouthfuls of food eaten in the UK is dependent on insect-pollination. Major foodstuffs like cereals and rice are not at risk because they are wind-pollinated, but life would be grim without our greens and even chocolate!

Teme Valley Wildlife Group's next meeting is on Thursday 10 May at 7.30pm when Tom Woodhall from Ashwood Nursery will talk on creating a wildlife meadow at this award-winning nursery. Venue tbc, contact TVWG for details. Entry £2 on the door, all welcome.

For information on wildlife seen in the area, or to share sightings, visit the TVWG Facebook page. Events, bird survey and archive photos are at www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Contact 01584 881397 or email zeunie@hotmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2018

Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley)			
May 2018			
<i>Tuesday 1st</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
<i>Wednesday 2nd</i>	10.00am	<i>Pushchair Praise</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Sunday 6th May Rogation Sunday	11.00am	Rogation Sunday Service	New House Farm
<i>Tuesday 8th</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<i>Thursday 10th</i>	7.30pm	<i>Ascension Day Service</i>	<i>St Peter, Martley</i>
Sunday 13th May Easter 7	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>
<i>Wednesday 16th</i>	7.30pm	<i>Time for Time Out</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Sunday 20th May Pentecost	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Pentecost Celebration Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Thy Kingdom Come Celebration Service	Worcester Cathedral
<i>Tuesday 22nd</i>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh</i>
Sunday 27th May Trinity	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Quiet Reflection	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 3 Clifton Parish Council meeting: Clifton VH, 7.40pm
5-6 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh:
'Speed into spring' competition
7 Early May bank holiday
8 Shelsleys' Annual Parish meeting (followed by Annual Parish Council meeting):
Shelsleys' VH, 7pm
8 Ladies Bible Group: Marion West's, 2pm
8 Clifton WI: Resolution meeting, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
10 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, venue tbc (see website), 7.30-9.30pm
12 Christian Aid coffee morning and bring & buy:
The Old House, Clifton, 10am-12noon
12 Christian Aid film & supper: The Great Escape, Clifton VH, 6.30pm
12-13 Shelsley Walsh Mill open day: 11am-4pm
13 Wichenford bluebell cross-country ride (other dates by appt): Wichenford, 10am
13 'Ray the Post' thank you tea: Stanford with Orleton VH, 3.30pm
13-19 Christian Aid Week collections
16 Clifton Friendship Club meeting: Clifton VH 2.30pm
16 Shelsleys' Gardening Club meeting:
Gardens of the South West, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
19 The marriage of His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales with Ms Meghan
Markle, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 12:00 noon
19 Royal Wedding Christian Aid Big Brekkie: Clifton VH, 9am-12noon
19 Royal Wedding Christian Aid Afternoon Tea: Clifton VH 3-5pm
19 Royal Wedding Big Screen Tea Party & Cup Final:
Shelsley VH, from 11am onwards
19 Royal Wedding Tea Party - Lower Sapey: St Bartholemew's Church, 2pm
21 Alzheimer's Society / Diocese dementia awareness talk: Martley VH, 4.30pm
23 Nora Parsons Day Centre AGM 2018: Venn Lane, Wichenford, 7pm
26 Clifton Friendship Club coffee morning: Marie & Eddie Thompson, 10am
28 Spring bank holiday

June

- 2 Christian Aid Wine, Cheese & Quiz Night: Clifton VH, 7pm
2-3 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh:
British Hill Climb championship round
7 Clifton Parish Council meeting: Clifton VH, 7.40pm
12 Clifton WI: Visit to Ridge End Dairy Farm, Wichenford,
meet Clifton VH car park 7pm
14 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Rochford VH, 7.30-9.30pm
16 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh: 'Open test day'
17 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh:
'Midsummer Madness' club championships
17 Art, poetry and music festival: St Bartholemew's Church, Lower Sapey
30 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh:
'Reg Phillips' club championships

July

- 1 Pig roast family fun day for All Saints Church:
Lower House Farm, Shelsley Beauchamp, 1-6pm
10 Clifton WI: Worcester Wildlife Trust talk, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
10 Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting: Shelsleys' VH, 7pm
12 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Rochford VH, 7.30-9.30pm
28-29 Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh:
'Classic Nostalgia' big summer party



Harpley parishoners enjoyed a scenic bluebell walk on 15 April (but sadly few bluebells out yet) led by Pat Savage (front row, 4th from left). The picture is taken outside Pat's house after an enormous tea of home-baked scones and cakes. The walk followed Evensong at St Bartholemew's, led by Rachel, Pat's daughter.



(Left to right) Mark and Sara Andrews with their team Joy and Aoy, inside the new Chim Doo Thai restaurant at Bury End Farm between Martley and Wichenford (full story page 5) (photo: Andrew Brazier)

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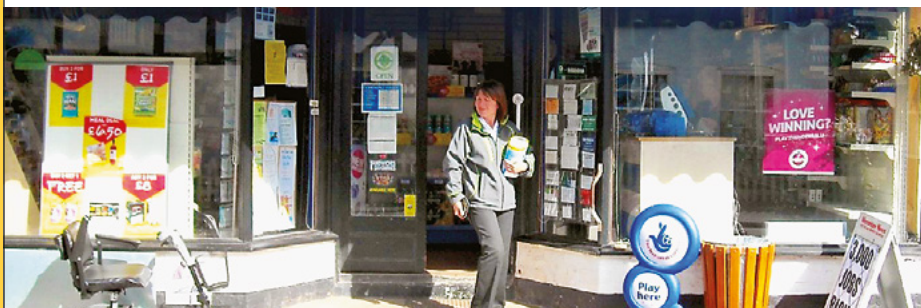


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