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Apple picking time in the Shelsleys

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Pictured at the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Clifton Village Stores last month (from left): Laura Richards, Beverley Richards, Lilian Williams, Pat Harris with Peter Richards in the foreground. See report page16.

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Front Cover Picture

Oliver Hutton lends a helping hand to the apple-picking harvest in the Shelsleys

SHELSLEYS' SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Residents and friends of the Shelsleys are invited to a special Christmas Party being hosted by the Shelsleys' Social Club. The party takes place in the Club and Village Hall (in Shelsley Beauchamp, WR6 6RA) on Saturday, 7th December, starting at 7pm.



The evening will include a disco, food, a bar and raffle. Tickets are £7 for adults and free for under 16s, including a welcome drink and food. Christmas-themed dress is optional!

“Last year’s party was a great success and we’re hoping it will be even better this year,” said Social Club Secretary Claire Sanders. “It’s a great way to get Christmas started and to bring the local community together, young and old. Everyone is welcome!”

Raffle prize donations are invited. “We had some amazing raffle prizes donated last year, so we’re hoping this year will be just as good,” added Claire.

Tickets are available on the door, or in advance from the Club, or by phoning Fay on 01886 812486.

SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP CRIB SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Shelsley Beauchamp Crib Service will take place at All Saints’ Church on Christmas Eve (Tuesday, 24th December) at 4pm.

If you have any children who would like to be part of this special Christmas service, please get in touch with Louise Hutton on 01299 896126 as soon as possible.

There are no age limits for the children - we will happily accommodate everyone who wishes to be involved. We would like to allocate roles and organise costumes etc in advance this year - maybe even have a rehearsal!

So, don’t be shy - come and join in the fun! We look forward to hearing from you.

COFFEE MORNING AT SHELSLEY VILLAGE HALL

The next Community coffee morning at Shelsley Village Hall will take place on Saturday, 2nd November, from 10am until 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for tea, coffee and cake and a chat with neighbours. Plants, eggs, jigsaws, and much more.

PIMMS & HYMNS

Shelsley residents enjoyed a musical evening at All Saints Church for the 'Hymns and Pimms' service on 29th September. Despite the miserable weather conditions, there was a great turnout for the service, with some wonderful singing. Hymns were chosen by selected individuals who all help towards the upkeep and maintenance of the church.

A special mention must go to local organist Jason Fisher for playing the organ so beautifully. Also to the team of bell ringers who performed several pieces using the Shelsley handbells - something that had not been heard in All Saints for a long time. The music had an enchanting effect on everyone and you really could feel the relaxation in the church - just wonderful!

Thank you to Jane Frogatt for organising the service, Richard and Judith Bettinson for the Pimms, Rob and Tess Pound for the nibbles and Oliver Hutton for being the waiter!

LUTE DELIGHTS

Roxana Gundry will be playing various lutes, from medieval times to the Baroque in Shelsleys' village hall on **Friday 8th November at 8pm**. Alongside the music she will discuss the history of the lute and talk about the iconography of the various instruments, showing contemporary images and introducing some of the poetry dedicated to the lute. Tickets £8 available from Jessica.middleton@outlook.com or Johnny.Crabbe@sky.com

BROADBAND EXTENSION OFFER IN CLIFTON

Residents and businesses in the Old Road, Clifton Hill and immediate environs are being given the opportunity to apply for funding for full fibre installation as a result of the Rural Gigabit Scheme managed by Superfast Worcestershire. Chris Hurley and John Winer are leading the project and currently report that initial interest is very encouraging. They add that they hope to get close to 100% response which is what is needed to get the project over the threshold. This is certainly an opportunity not to be missed and whilst it may take up to 12 months for the project to reach fulfilment the benefit it will bring to this part of the community cannot be underestimated.

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parking On The Village Green

Clifton parish councillors have agreed to contact the West Mercia Police Safer Roads Partnership in a bid to prevent parking on the village green before deciding whether to go ahead with erecting low rope fencing around the road perimeter. The Parish Council will also send a letter to the school to be sent out to parents.

Section 106 Funding

Malvern Hills District Council has informed Clifton Parish Council that no Section 106 money will be forthcoming from the proposed Church House Farm development in the village. Chairman John Bowden said a letter from MHDC stated: 'Section 106 payments were not sought for this application as it was submitted as enabling development to generate income to cross fund works to historic buildings at two other farmsteads on the estate – Home Farm and Orleton Court Farm. The works to the dovecote and Orleton Court Farm buildings did not form part of the application but were secured through a legal agreement'.

Members of the Section 106 Support Group have offered to come and talk to local clubs, organisations and other community groups in Clifton about the process for bidding for a share of the money currently being held by Malvern Hills District Council. To contact the Support Group, go to: <http://www.temetriangle.net/106funding/> Chris Hurley added: "We are more than happy to respond to any questions but we do ask that you firstly refer to the MHDC website which has excellent Q&A and application guidance notes which may answer your query." Go to <https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/section-106-funding>.

Eddie Thompson

Members of the public and parish councillors gave a one-minute round of applause (the traditional football manner of remembering the death of a supporter) in memory of local resident Eddie Thompson at the start of last month's meeting of Clifton Parish Council.

CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL GETS A MAKEOVER

Extensive work is coming to an end on a total refurbishment of the traditional 'black and white' lime render panels of the village hall at Clifton upon Teme. As the hall is a listed building, this work needed to be painstakingly carried out by specialist contractors, Phil Preece Builders, aided by local decorator, Paul Gibson. The project, which has cost many thousands of pounds, was paid for out of funds held by the trustees of the hall.



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Draft Abbreviated Minutes of Clifton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.40pm

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), J. Dawson (Vice Chairman), A. Henry, S. Haywood, C. Haywood and R. Henry.

Also present: M. Alexander (Clerk), 14 members of the Public. Apologies: J. Collins, County Cllr K. Pollock, District Cllr C. Palethorpe and Chris Hurley (S106 Committee)

The Chairman asked those present to give a minutes applause to celebrate the life of E. Thompson (deceased). He then gave local village news / updates.

Declarations of Prejudicial & Pecuniary Interests: None.

The meeting was suspended at this point to allow members of the Public to address the Council: Matters raised at the meeting –

i) **Community Led Housing** – following discussion at the previous meeting, it was noted that there will need to be a full housing needs assessment via MHDC. This will shortly be available, and everyone is encouraged to complete it and publicise it locally.

ii) **BP Committee** – the new waste bin for the recreation field is currently on order via the Clerk.

iii) **Village Green Parking** – concerns were noted regarding the fencing and planters' option. The matter is to be discussed on this agenda. It was noted that local groups and organisations would be invited to maintain the planters and that this may assist with Scouting / Guiding badges and community competitions i.e. Britain in Bloom.

The new signs being used outside the school seem to be helping but parking and inconsiderate driving remains a problem. The school would prefer a sympathetic solution and it was agreed that another mail drop will be done to parents. The PC will also offer assistance to the school to purchase the new signage which is currently only hired.

Further to discussion, it was also agreed that the PC ask the Safer Roads Partnership to assist in parking enforcement around the green area.

It was noted that the PC have already met with WCC Highways regarding signage and other parish matters but all residents are encouraged to contact Highways to report any concerns.

It was also noted that the other green area at the end of Manor Rd is also badly damaged. A resident also raised a query regarding the 1921 bylaw which stopped vehicles and equipment being left for long periods on the village green.

iv) **Parking at the Lion** PH remains a concern and it was agreed that the PC should ask Footballers to park at the recreation field and walk up to the Lion.

v) **Lengthsman tasks requested** - the hedge is overgrown along the pathway where the school parking area is. Also, the verge along Church Rd (from pub to Old Rd) needs clearing up as badly eroded. (Highways to be requested to resurface). Pound Lane pavement (opposite the school) needs vegetation clearing as pathway narrowing. Manor Rd new 30 mph needs vegetation cleared from around it.

vi) **Request for the double yellow lines to be repainted** – noted. Clerk to request via WCC Highways.

vii) The PC was thanked for the contribution made to the St Kenelm's PCC project.

viii) **Pavilion electric heaters and water heater need repair** – Chairman to progress. Clerk to check if any record of previous repairs in files.

Approval of the Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held 5th Sept 2019: It was proposed by Cllr R. Henry, seconded by Cllr A. Henry, that the minutes be agreed and

signed as a true record. All agreed. No matters arising that were not included on the agenda.

District & County Councillors Reports: Reports will be uploaded to the PC website. 'Smartsurvey.co.uk' – Malvern Hills DC Residents survey was noted. Closing date 6th October.

Insurance policy – it was agreed that the 3-year contract should be accepted in order to reduce the premium and maintain consistent cover. Proposed Cllr A. Henry, seconded Cllr J. Dawson. All agreed.

External audit 2018/19 has been completed with no concerns raised. Clerk to publish accounts as required.

Parish Matters: Village Green – matters raised in public sessions were noted. Options and costs have been forwarded to the Clerk but are currently on hold until concerns have been considered. It was agreed to delay until the Safer Roads Partnership have been asked to assist with parking enforcement issues. The Clerk is to notify County Cllr Pollock. It was noted that pedestrians, horses and events will still require access and that the PC is trying to keep the green safe, not restrict proper access.

Play Area Project – C. Hurley has apologised to this meeting but is progressing S106 matters via the Committee and Project Groups.

BMX Track – Cllr C. Haywood has received a quote of £250.00 for repairs and proposed that this was accepted. Seconded Cllr J. Bowden. All agreed. Cllr C. Haywood is undertaking regular inspections of the play area equipment and it was noted that the wooden items also need treatment. All agreed that R. Wilks should be asked to quote for this as well.

BP Hut – it was agreed that the parking signage should be removed as it is now inappropriate.

Village Hall Noticeboard – Cllr C. Haywood has checked the condition of the notice board and will progress the other one which is being made.

Section 106 Committee update: C. Hurley will make a report to the next meeting. The meeting asked for contact details for C. Hurley to be made more widely available please but noted that they are already on the Teme Valley Triangle website.

Church House Farm S106 position was explained by the Chairman, but the meeting asked for a further explanation to be made. Chairman to contact MHDC.

Planning Matters: 19/00673/FUL – approval noted for a replacement dwelling at Cliftonswood Farm, Clifton Upon Teme, WR6 6EP

Highways Matters: Outstanding matters are being chased by the Clerk with Highways Officer.

Lengthsman matters raised in public session were noted. Clerk to progress.

Correspondence: The meeting noted the following items –

Pound Lane – email received regarding trees. Cllr C. Haywood to attend.

B4204 road closure – STW water main replacement for approx. 9 days with effect from 26th October. County Cllr Pollock is querying the need to close the road following a PC request.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:

Bowls container meeting to be arranged asap – next agenda item.

Tennis court condition / pressure washing / gate removal or repair – Cllr J. Dawson will investigate and update to the next meeting – next agenda item.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Next meeting to be held Thursday 7th November 2019 at 7.40 pm.

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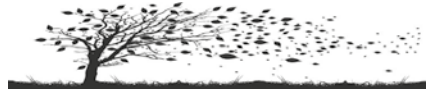


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YOUNG VOICES 2020 FOR CLIFTON SCHOOL PUPILS

Clifton's Key Stage 2 classes are starting preparations for the Young Voices concert at the Birmingham Arena to be held on Thursday, 16th January, 2020. There are many songs and dance routines to learn in time for the event!

This will be the third time Clifton pupils have joined with this initiative, which is a wonderful experience for them. Participating in this event every two years is part of the school's Arts offer at Clifton. Children and staff will spend the day in workshops preparing for the event and will perform a concert for an audience made up of family and friends in the evening. The event takes place at the Birmingham Arena, and provides a unique opportunity for children to be part of a mass choir, made up of between six and seven thousand children.

Pupils will be running some fundraising activities in school to cover the cost of travel and participation. Headteacher, Cathryn Throup said, "Singing is an important part of our culture at Clifton – for many pupils it gives them their chance to shine. Being part of a mass choir is an exhilarating experience: for the choir members and their audience!"

GIN TASTING EVENING

The Friends of Clifton Primary School are holding a Gin Tasting Experience at Clifton village hall on Friday, 22nd November, at 7pm. The evening will include an introduction to locally produced Hussingtree Gin and how it is made. This will be followed by a guided gin tasting experience. The ticket price of £10 includes a gin and tonic on arrival as well as the gin tasting. A gin cocktail bar and soft drinks will also be available. To purchase tickets, contact Carol Parkinson on 07892 708268 or through the following link www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofcliftonuponteme. All proceeds to the Friends of Clifton School PTA.

CLIFTON NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL SEEKS NEW TRUSTEES

Clifton Nursery and Pre-School is looking for new trustees. It offers an invaluable service to the local community providing care for babies up to five years old, and a wrap-around service for the local Primary School. It is a registered charity and is looking for new trustees to help contribute to the strategic management of the Nursery. If you'd like any more information, please get in touch with Robin Dean at companysecretary@cliftoneyc.co.uk

CLIFTON GUIDES EVENTS

Christmas Bingo at Great Witley village hall, Friday 22nd November, 7.30pm in aid of St Michaels Hospice and 1st Clifton-on-Teme Guides



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LOCAL SINGERS PERFORMING AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Clifton resident and tenor Keith Jaffrey and Shelsley Beauchamp soprano Michelle Whitefoot will be among 150 singers of the Worcester Festival Choral Society performing Mozart's Requiem at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday, 16 November, and Handel's Messiah on Saturday, 7th December.

The Mozart Requiem concert includes a star-studded line-up of soloists: soprano Alexandra Kidgell from The Sixteen, mezzo-soprano Jennifer Westwood who sings with The Royal Opera, opera and oratorio tenor Tom Robson and bass David Shipley – who was the bass soloist in this summer's BBC Proms Mozart Requiem concert at the Royal Albert Hall, watched by millions. The internationally acclaimed soloists for Handel's Messiah will be soprano Susanna Fairbairn, mezzo-soprano Joyce Tindsley, tenor Nick Pritchard and bass Njabulo Madlala. The Meridian Sinfonia orchestra accompanies both concerts, and Worcester Cathedral's new Director of Music, Samuel Hudson, conducts.

Keith Jaffrey told Teme Triangle: "We're extremely excited to be singing these amazing choral works. The Cathedral setting makes it even more memorable, both for the audience and us singers!"

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to all those who attended, donated and made cakes for the Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning at Clifton Stores last month. It was a great success and raised £540.50. Also included in that total was a very generous donation of £89 from the Rural Reels film night screening of *Fishermen's Friends*. (see photo on page 2)

STANFORD CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St. Mary's Church, Stanford, is planning to hold the first Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend of the 7th and 8th December.

The main focus will be the sponsorship of the Christmas trees by local businesses, churches, organisations and individuals with prizes for the best decorated tree(s). The sponsors will have the option to keep the tree for their use afterwards or if not required donate back to the Church who will then sell the trees over the festival weekend.

Trees will be supplied with a wooden base and approximately four feet in height. To sponsor, the cost will be £30. Trees will be ready to decorate from the Thursday 5th December and will need to be decorated by the evening of Friday 6th (prior to judging).

Accompanying the tree sales will be various musical events over the weekend, together with a quiz for the children to complete as they go around, and also vote for their favourite tree. This should all go towards producing a magical event throughout the festival weekend. There will be light refreshments available with all the money raised from the festival being split equally between St. Mary's Church and Midlands Air Ambulance.

We are expecting demand for the trees to be very popular, so should you wish to sponsor a tree, then please contact one of the following as soon as possible: Robin Dean (01886 853295) or Stuart & Jo Strickland (01584 881704).

NORA PARSONS CENTRE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Nora Parsons Centre in Venn Lane, Wichford, will be holding its Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 23rd November, 11am - 2pm. Raffle: Turkey, Whisky, Xmas Hamper and more! Homemade Cakes, Tombola and Bric-a-Brac

Draft Minutes of Lower Sapey Parish Meeting. 26th September 2019 at 7pm in St Bartholomew Church, Harpley.

Chairman: Ashley Jones. Parish clerk: Sue Everitt

Apologies. Steve and Liz Younge. Paul and Dot Millward.

Minutes of the last meeting read out by Ashley Jones. Proposed Sue Rigby. Agreed unanimously.

Matters arising. Bridge on footpath near Hatt House repaired. Excellent system to report on WCC website. Daffodils bulbs available for planting to cheer up the parish. The defibrillator needs new batteries which the Parish will fund.

Finance. HSBC all correct with recent review. No spending since last meeting.

Traffic problems in Hollybush Lane and also Harpley. Apparently there used to be signage warning against HGV lorries. Major problems when horse events at Wolferlow. Chair will speak with John Thacker to advise against using this run through to Clifton. Margaret Griffiths reported that there had been a collision.

Eco friendly church yard. Cyril Burton is putting water out for the hedgehogs.

Lengthsman scheme discussed. Ongoing work required.

Footpaths not clear. Member to report directly to council on their website.

Rural Broadband – Sue Everitt and Howard Rigby attended a meeting at County Hall to discuss the very limited broadband available to some properties in the parish. The Economic Development Officer for Malvern Hills District Council took detailed information as they are looking at ways to share broadband enhancement between parishes thus enabling better use of available grants.

Chris Hurley from Clifton gave an excellent presentation on section 106 monies that maybe available to Lower Sapey. It is for capital project for open space. He will support and advise Lower Sapey which is much appreciated.

Planning lead for the Parish Meeting. Ellie volunteered as she has the knowledge this will be excellent.

Cyril advised that there was a problem with the sewage works. Sue Ellson to investigate.

Thanks for attendance support and advice from Clifton councillors and Chris Hurley given by Chair

Date of next meeting. 12th December 2019 7 pm St Bartholomew

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4th November *Russia - October Revolution: Aspiration and Realities* Dr Arfon Rees
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11th November *Putin's Russia: Aspiration and Realities* Dr Arfon Rees

18th November *The politics of France and Germany in historical perspective* Dr Sotirios Zartaloudis
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25th November *The history, aims and working of the European Union: myth and reality*
Dr. Sotirios Zartaloudis

2nd December *Mother of Parliaments? How did Westminster build its reputation?* Dr
Matt Cole University of Birmingham

9th December *Mother's Ruin: how did the Mother of Parliaments lose its reputation and why have recent reforms failed to restore it?* Dr Matt Cole

Church Matters

by Rev Jen Denniston



JOURNEY TO ORDINATION... REFLECTIONS ON CURACY

I never thought I'd be married to a farmer, and I never really thought I'd be ordained. But life is full of surprises. Nick is farming after years of office work, and I am a curate in our local churches after many years teaching children and adults who find learning difficult. It's lovely to be living near Clifton full time now, and being part of the WWRT (Worcestershire West Rural Team).

I did a 3-year Diploma course at theological college part time alongside my day job. I was ordained deacon last summer, and then ordained priest in June this year (it's always a two-step process to make you a priest). It's a privilege to get alongside people at times of celebration and times of sadness, such as weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

Daniel Craig, Vincent van Gogh, Angela Merkel, Katy Perry and I have something in common. We are all vicar's kids. (That's probably where any similarity ends!) Being brought up in a busy manse in a small rural village in Aberdeenshire was a great influence on my life. And also my grandfathers were vicars, and three uncles were missionaries.... (that might sound very holy but it often wasn't!). My own sense of calling has grown over the years, and I love helping build community and nurturing people's Christian faith, with a soft spot for people who'd like to know more. Checking out what's going on in a church near you could be more interesting and fun than you'd realized!

We had family holidays on Iona when my grandfather was the parish minister on the island. It's a special place of welcome and Celtic spirituality – what they call a 'thin space' – which can make it easy to connect with God.

So I close with a Gaelic blessing, with thanks for happy memories of times past, desire for contentment in the present, and hope for the future:

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

**Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley)
November 2019**

Sunday 3rd November 4th Before Advent	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	3.00pm	Memorial Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
Tuesday 5th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Wednesday 6th	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 10th November 3rd Before Advent Remembrance Sunday	10.45am	Remembrance Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.45am	Methodist Remembrance Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Tuesday 12th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 17th November 2nd Before Advent	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME and Praise Family Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Tuesday 19th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 24th November Next Before Advent Christ The King	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
Monday 25th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Tuesday 26th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

We have good news to report that Paul Millward was brought back from Cornwall and is now making good progress in Evesham. This is a tough time for both Dot and Paul and we continue to remember them in our prayers.

By the time this goes to press we shall have enjoyed our Harvest afternoon (3pm) Service and tea on the 20th October. Cakes are being discussed and preparations made! We hope to welcome friends from our neighbouring parishes.

Our November Ladies Bible Study will be with Marion West at 2pm on Tuesday, 12th November. We begin Study and discussion on Acts as set out for us in our current study book - 'Essential 100 - your journey through the Bible in 100 readings'. We shall also decide on our December venue for a Christmas lunch and retail opportunity!

Housekeeping for St Bartholomew for November is for Jane Dallow, who has moved to Bromyard, so we shall all help out whenever necessary!

NOVEMBER SERVICES (All at 10.30am)

3rd Morning Prayer with Pat 10th Methodist Remembrance

17th Holy Communion with Becky 24th Circle Service with Becky

HOUSING FOR LATER LIFE IN CLIFTON

By now Clifton residents will have had the opportunity to complete the Housing Needs Survey distributed by Malvern Hills District Council in response to a group of villagers raising the concern that there is a lack of suitable living accommodation for those wishing to remain in the village when their property becomes a burden.

The group of villagers, who have been meeting with the Malvern Hills Community Led Housing Enabler, Kim Barton, look forward to receiving the results from the survey which will be used to help decide if there is a future in pursuing a community based project to provide such accommodation.

AIVEEN INTERIORS LAUNCH PARTY

Aiveen Interiors Studio & Interior Boutique will be hold in opening launch party at their new premises in the Mill Farm Retail Village at Stanford Bridge on Thursday 21st November between 6pm and 8pm. Drinks and canapes. Everyone welcome.

A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT AND LOVE

St Richard's Hospice is inviting local people to remember and celebrate their loved ones in the charity's annual Lights of Love campaign. Each year St Richard's adorns a Christmas tree at St Andrew's Spire, Worcester, with lights dedicated to loved ones, as well as recording their names around the tree and in books of thanksgiving. Residents are invited to make a donation to support St Richard's care, dedicate loved ones' names in the Books of Remembrance and let memories shine this Christmas. The Lights of Love services and events are free to attend and open to everyone.

Lights of Love services & events - November

Friday 22nd, 2:30pm and 6:30pm for 7pm, Worcester Cathedral, Worcester, WR1 2LA

Thursday 28th, 2:15pm, Pershore Abbey, Pershore, WR10 1DT

December

Wednesday 4th December, 7pm, Droitwich, Droitwich Spa Methodist Church , Droitwich Spa, WR9 8AN

Tuesday 10th December, 7pm, Great Malvern Priory, Malvern, WR14 2AY

Thursday 19th December, 7pm, St Richard's Hospice, WR5 2QT There will be a sign language interpreter at the Worcester Cathedral afternoon service.

Visit www.strichards.org.uk/lightsoflove for more information and to dedicate a light to a loved one or call the fundraising team on 01905 958262. If you dedicate and donate online you will have the added benefit of your message being displayed on the online Christmas tree.

SHELSLEYS GARDENING CLUB AUTUMN MEETINGS

The Shelsleys Gardening Club has a good programme organised for the autumn, meeting in Clifton village hall at 7.30pm; visitors welcome:

Wednesday 13 November: Talk on *Shrawley Woods* by Richard Pumphrey who knows the area really well.

Wednesday 11 December: Adrian James, a fine photographer, returns to give another talk, the title to be decided.

Contact Norah Tomkinson for further details: 01299 890 030

ART ON SALE AT ANNUAL EXHIBITION IN SHELSLEY

Martley Art Group, which holds its weekly classes in Shelsleys' Village Hall, is having its annual exhibition there over the weekend of 30th November – 1st December. The hall will be open Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm and all the paintings will be for sale, as will unframed work and greetings cards. The classes are taken by Melanie Williams, an inspirational teacher, happy to help anyone, whatever their experience, and whatever their preferred medium. Further information from Mel on 07805 537049.

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CLIFTON GOOD FOR STARGAZERS

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Owners Catherine Prindezis and Nick Sproson have been contacted by the *BBC Sky At Night* publication which accompanies the television programme to say that this side of Clifton is recognised within the Malvern Hills area as being a 'Dark Sky Destination', and of special interest for star gazers due to the lack of light pollution across the Teme valley. Their Cider Mill Cottage, built in the 1820s, was recently featured in the *BBC Sky At Night*.

Until the late 1960s the mill was used for crushing apples and storing grain. It has now been restored to create a holiday retreat; a mix of old and contemporary with the mill wheel taking centre stage in the open plan living area.

Pictured is a Williams family group outside Ayngstree House c1910.



THE MILL FARM RETAIL VILLAGE

A quick roundup of the businesses in the Mill Farm retail village complex:

Aiveen Interiors - Interior design

Angel Gardens - Garden Centre (Louise Mawditt) Selection of Plants, trees and gifts for the gardener. Christmas trees on sale from 1st December plus special Christmas wrapping with 'Rudy the Wrapper'.

La Bulle (Annette & Tony Gallagher) Handbags and jewellery, ladies accessories and clothing.

Lottie's Eco Boutique (Charlotte Sparey) Eco products and Lottie's Eco lingerie - a collection of lingerie and sleepwear made from bamboo & clerical vestments.

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Thursday, 5th December Late night Christmas shopping (10am-8pm) Carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 2 Shelsleys' Coffee Morning, VH 10am-12.30pm
- 2 Friends of St Kenelm's Coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon
- 2 Shelsleys' Social Club Bingo, VH 7.30pm for 8pm start
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 8 Roxana Gundry: lute demonstration, Shelsleys VH 8pm
- 12 Clifton WI AGM: *And Before I Die* VH 7.30pm
- 13 Shelsleys Gardening Club: *Shrawley Woods*, Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 14 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meet, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH 7.30pm
- 15 Film: *Fishermen's Friends* Hanley VH 7.30pm
- 16 Shelsleys' Social Club Bingo, VH 7.30pm for 8pm start
- 21 Aiveen Interiors Launch, Mill Farm Retail Village 6pm-8pm
- 22 Gin Tasting Experience, Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 22 Clifton Guides Bingo, Great Witley VH 7.30pm
- 23 Nora Parsons Centre Christmas Fayre, Wichenford 11am-2pm
- 23 Rural Reels film: *Red Joan* Clifton VH 7pm
- 30 Shelsleys' Social Club Bingo, VH 7.30pm for 8pm start
- 30 Martley Art Group annual exhibition, Shelsleys' VH 10am-4pm

December

- 1 Clifton Guides Christmas Fayre, Clifton VH 10am-12noon
- 1 Martley Art Group annual exhibition, Shelsleys' VH 10am-4pm
- 5 Mill Farm Retail Village late shopping, Stanford Bridge 4pm-8pm
- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 7 Shelsleys' Social Club Christmas Party, VH 7pm
- 7 Annual Big Sing – carols & canapes, St Kenelm's, Clifton 7pm
- 7-8 Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church, Stanford
- 11 Shelsleys Gardening Club, Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 12 Lower Sapey Parish Council meeting, St Bartholomew's church 7pm
- 17 Abberley Hall clock tower open to local residents 1pm-5pm
- 21 Shelsleys' Social Club Christmas Bingo, VH 7.30pm for 8pm start
- 24 Shelsley Beauchamp Crib Service, All Saints' Church 4pm

January

- 17 Film: *Green Book* Hanley VH 7.30pm
- 25 Rural Reels film: *Yesterday* Clifton VH 7pm



Clifton's Jenny Pound was given a 30-year award for services to Guiding at a 'Thanks and Recognition Tea' at Spring Grove House, Bewdley Safari Park. The award was from the Girlguiding Association in recognition of her 30 years' service as a volunteer in Girlguiding in Clifton and was presented by Yvonne Eaton, Girlguiding County Commissioner for Worcestershire.



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