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Beautiful harvest flowers on display in All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp.

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Front Cover Picture

Flood water at New Mill Bridge in Shelsley Beauchamp.

WELCOME to the December 2019 and January 2020 edition of Teme Triangle

Will it ever stop raining? It's hard to remember when it didn't rain this year – but I'm sure when we look back, we will realise it hasn't all been wet and soggy. We did actually have a fabulous summer too – albeit a long time ago now.

As the year nears its end, we take a final look back at Harvest, Remembrance and of course the Teme Valley floods.

But we also look forward to the festivities and celebrations that Christmas and the New Year brings. By the time you receive your next edition of the Teme Triangle, we shall be hoping that the Winter is nearing an end and Spring will be just around the corner.....let's see!

In the meantime may I wish you, on behalf of all the Teme Triangle team, a joyous, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to hearing all your news, ready for the February edition.

CLIFTON SCOUTS GROUP

On Tuesday 12th November, the Clifton-upon-Teme Scouts Group was delighted to hold their first session back at the Baden Powell Hut, having been meeting at the Village Hall since the Group was re-established in February. We owe a big thank you to the Village Hall Committee for their support over the last 12 months, facilitating taster sessions last November and enabling us to use the building for our weekly meetings. Also for providing storage for our equipment, allowing us to hold overnight sleepovers and to create a firepit on the grassed area over the summer. Without this support, it would not have been possible to re-establish Scouting in the village.

We now have 58 young people taking part, and at the Herefordshire and Worcestershire County Awards Evening in November we won the 'Most Grown Group Award' and were really proud of our Group Scout Leader Deb Haywood, who won Group Scout Leader of the Year.

The sections used their first sessions back at the Hut to create an artwork in thanks to the Village Hall Committee, showing some of the activities

they've been involved in over the last year. This will be presented to the Committee at their next meeting.

Since returning to the Hut, group timings have changed slightly, and we now run as follows:

Beavers – Tuesday's 5-6pm

Cubs – Thursday's 6-7.30pm

Scouts – Tuesday's 6.15-8pm

Any parents interesting in supporting as adult volunteers, or young people who would like to take part can speak to one of the leaders at these times, or contact Group Scout Leader Deb Haywood (gsl@cliftonscounts.co.uk) or Chair Helen Wain (exec@cliftonscouts.co.uk) for further information.

SHELSLEY COUPLE IN BRAVE FLOOD RESCUE

Newly-weds from Shelsley Beauchamp are recovering after a night of terror and bravery in rapidly-rising floodwaters at Old Mill Bridge on 27th October.

Trainee train driver Charlotte Marsland, who moved to the village with husband Sam just before their wedding in August, was driving home from her job in Worcester at around 10pm when disaster struck.

“When I'd driven into work earlier that day, the only evidence of the recent rain was some very shallow surface water on the road near Old Mill Bridge and Ham Bridge. Then during the day at work, a flooded train tunnel near Ledbury was reopened, and driving home the surface water near Martley had gone. So I thought the flooding was receding. I had no idea what lay around the corner.”

As she turned her blue Ford Fiesta towards home in the darkness, Charlotte inadvertently drove straight into deep flooding at Old Mill Bridge. The River Teme had broken its banks and was gushing across the bridge, road and surrounding fields, plunging the car into freezing waters.

“Being new to the area I had no idea it was a flood plain, and with no warning signs or lighting, I just didn't expect it,” said Charlotte. “It was

pitch black and the water was quickly up to the car window-sills. I'm an ex-cadet and a strong swimmer, so I tried to keep calm and remember my emergency training. I was able to open a window before the electrics went. I couldn't open the car doors. Luckily I had a mobile signal and tried to reach Sam, but he didn't answer so I called the police. They advised me to climb onto the car roof, but I didn't have the strength. Thankfully I then got hold of Sam."

Driven down to the scene by a cousin who was staying with them, Sam, a revenue protection supervisor, expected to wade over to the flooded car. "Having had many surfing holidays and some life-guard training I'm respectful of water, but I've never been afraid of it. And I knew Charlotte was in immediate danger. I had to act, so I waded in. But the flooding quickly got deeper, and the cross-current got stronger. It took my breath away. Suddenly the water was up to my shoulders and I had to swim. I went under at one point. Thankfully my cousin's headlights helped me to see a bit. A couple of rats even swam past!"

By now, crouching on the car seat with the waters still rising, Charlotte guided Sam with shouts and the light from a torch; whilst receiving continued police advice on her mobile. "I'd been on my own for 45 minutes and my legs were completely numb. It was terrifying, especially when I lost sight of Sam," she explained.

Finally reaching Charlotte, Sam helped her out onto the roof, before climbing up to join her. A police support team eventually arrived, followed later by the fire brigade, whose rescue boats finally took Charlotte to safety – with Sam swimming alongside.

"I was shaking uncontrollably with the cold, even wrapped up in a shock blanket and extra clothes from the fire brigade! They wanted me to go to hospital, but they had another emergency to attend and no ambulance could come for 90 minutes. If we went to A&E direct, we'd have a long wait. So we went home, and the medics telephoned to check on us the next day."

The couple's recovery took some time. Charlotte was unwell for several days and she has had nightmares. Sam had a lengthy chest infection. 'Fifi' the beloved Ford Fiesta has been written off. "I've become much more cautious and now drive really slowly. It's opened our eyes about

what can happen, especially so far out in the countryside,” Charlotte says. “But we still love it here.”

Despite the dramatic events, modest hero Sam would do it all again. He told Teme Triangle: “I wouldn’t advise others to go into the water like I did. But I’d have done it for anyone in trouble. I’d do exactly the same again.”

(See photos of the couple and their abandoned car in our centre page flood special.)

TEME VALLEY RAINFALL DATA

In light of the unbelievable rainfall we have had over the past month or so, I thought it would be fun / interesting to compare some annual rainfall data. As many of you will know, Brian Speyer, life-long Shelsley resident, is a keen weather recorder and has kindly provided these statistics, taken from Barrel Heald, Camp Lane.

Annual rainfall average (period: 1976 – 2018) = 736mm.

2019 (so far) = 834mm (more to come!)

Notable peaks: 2007 = 1062mm, 2012 = 1118mm and 2014 = 1006mm.

This year (834mm to date):

Jan 26.5mm

Feb 34.5mm

Mar 68.5mm

Apr 55.5mm

May 43.5mm

Jun 135.5mm

Jul 59mm

Aug 77.5mm

Sep 109.5mm

Oct 116.5mm

Nov 108mm (to date)

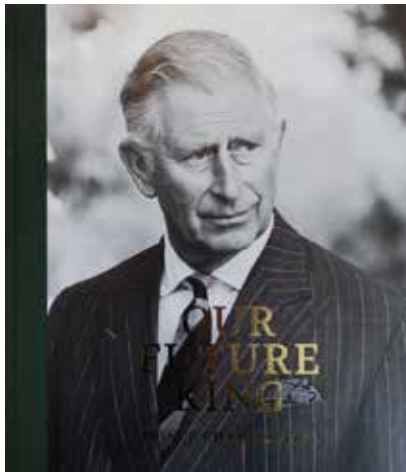
Brian says: “So 2019 looks like it will be quite a wet total. I don’t think we will be breaking records this year, but it will certainly be above the average.”

PRINCE CHARLES BOOK FOR CHARITY

Clifton resident John Parry is offering a brand new casebound copy of *Our Future King: Prince Charles at 70* for sale to the highest bidder. Published last year to celebrate the Prince's 70th birthday, all the proceeds will go to the Cinnamon Trust, the national charity for the elderly, terminally ill and their pets.

The coffee-table book details the life of Prince Charles and gives a detailed look at the many areas the Prince has contributed to society through his various charitable associations. Its 240 pages include exclusive pictures from his Royal Tours and looks at the hopes of the future King.

Originally priced at £39.99, John says he will sell to the highest bidder. To contact John Parry telephone 01886 812 453.



SHELSLEY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Many thanks to all those who attended the Shelsley Beauchamp Remembrance Service at All Saints. We were treated to beautiful music and hymns played by Hannah Grove from Worcester. The service was conducted by Rev Michael Goode, a cousin of the Moore family. Peace and reconciliation was the theme of his sermon. It was, in this uncertain time and world that we find ourselves living in, a very thought provoking and moving service. (See photos of the service on the inside back cover.)

Special Christmas Services in Shelsley are as follows:

- Advent Carol Service at St Andrews, Shelsley Walsh on Sunday 8th December at 6.30pm, with Clifton and Harpley.
- Carol Service at All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp on Sunday 22nd at 5pm.
- Crib Service at All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp on Tuesday 24th December at 4pm.

BALLOON DESIRE FULFILLED!

More years ago than I care to remember, friends in the Teme Valley, for my 50th birthday, gave me a hot air balloon flight, something I had always wanted to do. Finally, earlier this year I achieved my ambition. It only took seven attempts (!) with flights being cancelled due to unsuitable weather conditions – there is a very narrow margin of wind speed needed ie. between not enough and more normally, too much, in order to fly.



Thus I found myself with ten others, in the very capable hands of the pilot Lyndsey, taking off from Shelsley Walsh in beautiful evening sunshine. We quickly gained height and the views of all the places I love around here came into a different and pleasurable perspective. Unless the burners were going, it was so peaceful up there. The flight lasted about 40 minutes (too short!) and we landed just beyond Eardiston due to failing light. After we had put all the equipment away we enjoyed a celebratory glass of champagne as the sun went down.

The occasion lived up to my expectations, so it was definitely worth the wait and this is a great chance to thank all those who contributed to my present.

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SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP CRIB SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Shelsley Beauchamp Crib Service will take place at All Saints' 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 896 126 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.

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HEDGEHOG NEWS By Pippa Balch

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If you find an unwell hedgehog, put them in a cat box / small animal cage / firmly closed box with shredded newspaper or hay if possible. They are very good climbers and hence escapers! Only feed them moist cat/dog food. Keep in a cool place until they are strong enough to be released again.

If you think the hedgehog needs veterinary help, the Vale Wildlife Hospital between Evesham & Tewkesbury or Little Meadows near Stoke Bliss care for them. If you are unsure of what is best to do with them, I am happy to help if I can – Tel: 07734 883 017.

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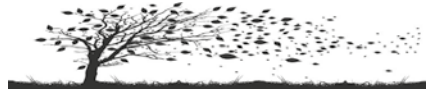


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The CCT hopes that a donation might also be made to aid the continuing work of the CCT, which preserved this ancient Church.

For further information contact Pat Prosser on 01886 853 244 or patprosser@hotmail.co.uk.

CLIFTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB TOTAL

The Clifton Friendship Club's coffee morning and table top sale last month raised £400 for the Club. "Special thanks to everyone who donated," said Marie Thompson.

TEME VALLEY EMBROIDERERS GUILD NEEDLEWORK

The Teme Valley Embroiderers Guild framed their largest project in June. The huge two metres square needlework depicts a map of the Teme Valley along with images and places of interest unique to this wonderful area. The boxed, framed needlework now hangs proudly in Burford Village Hall, Tenbury Wells. For anyone wanting to join this fabulous embroidery group, they meet at Burford Village Hall on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:30am-4:00pm. Email temevalleyeg@outlook.com for more info.



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WALKING FOOTBALL AT GREAT WITLEY

Walking football has begun on the multisport court behind Great Witley village hall. Sessions begin at 5.30pm on Thursday evenings and last for about 75 minutes, including a ten minute pre-play warm up and a ten minute post-play cool down to minimise injuries.



A donation of £3 per person per session is suggested to cover professional fee, floodlighting, purchase of kit and maintenance of the court. This is open to everybody to come along and meet our fully qualified coach/referee/first aider and a couple of volunteers from Worcester University's Senior Physical Activity and Adapted Sports program who will explain everything and organise the football for those ready to make a start and for others who want to see what it's all about before deciding if it is for them or not.

“I’m aware that 5.30 on a Thursday evening is not going to suit everyone but we can vary the time or day/evening if you tell us your preferences,” says organiser Charlie Shaw. “We chose Thursday evenings so people can get a drink and perhaps fish and chips at Charlie’s Bar afterwards if they fancy it.”

“In fact the first session saw 13 hardy men and women from Witley, Clifton, Stockton, Shrawley, Abberley, Wichenford and Dunley, turn out in rather drizzly conditions. Despite the weather though, it was brilliant fun, everyone enjoyed it and several retired to the warm bar afterwards for a drink and fish and chips. Hoping for better weather for Thursday evenings going forward.”

Initially it is intended to run for eight weeks and then hopefully extend to a permanent weekly fixture and perhaps start an extra session each week at a different time or day if there is the demand for it. Suitable clothing is described as ‘suitable for freedom of movement’ with fleece or jumper for colder evenings and suitable footwear like trainers or astroturfs (no boots or shoes that may damage the court surface please). There is a form to fill out for your contact details and for health and safety purposes and if you can complete it and bring it with you for your first session that will save a lot of time. Most health conditions are still okay for walking football, but some may need you to check with your GP first. Come along and bring your (50+) friends and be prepared for some friendly fun and gentle exercise. For more details please ring Charlie Shaw on 07866 168 051 or email cns77@btinternet.com.

TRUSTEES NEEDED - WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

We are looking for new trustees to join us at the Clifton-upon-Teme Nursery. We offer an invaluable service to the local community providing care for babies to 5 years old, and a wrap-around service for the local Primary School.

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CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parking on the Village Green

As parish councillors considered how to prevent vehicles parking on the village green in Clifton, Sid Haywood produced the original sign 'CARS NOT ALLOWED ON THIS VILLAGE GREEN' used in the 1930's, later removed and discovered in the former blacksmith's forge where it has been since 1965.



Discussions with the West Mercia Police Safer Roads Partnership prompted use of 'Operation Snap' whereby members of the public can report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences. Submission sent to West Mercia Police will be reviewed by traffic police officers.

Meanwhile, double yellow lines are to be painted on the road outside the Lion Inn and the 'no waiting' area on the junction with Pound Lane opposite is to be reinstated.

Section 106 Funding

Clifton Parish Council have agreed to an 80/20 split of the S106 fund, with £225,000 allocated to the main community project (improving the open spaces adjoining Pound Lane including the children's play area, tennis courts, bowling green and soccer pitch), with the balance of £57,000 allocated to smaller individual projects.

Parish councillors also agreed that the team developing the main project, provisionally called 'Four Acre Field – games, play and support facilities for the health and wellbeing of all generations into the future' should consist of the Parish Clerk, Michelle Alexander, Chris Haywood, Chris and Heather Hurley, John Wain, Helen Wain, Tony Dipple and Paul Wakefield.

Chris Hurley reported that playground equipment manufacturer Playdale had visited the site and offered advice. "Initially we will build a plan that

identifies ownership and responsibilities that will form the basis of future work for the Parish Council in years to come,” he said. “Then we can build an application that ensures everyone can benefit”.

ACCOMMODATION FOR LATER LIFE IN CLIFTON

Many thanks to those who completed the Community Led Housing part of the recent MHDC Housing Needs Survey. Although MHDC have not yet released much detailed feedback, there was a very encouraging response both in terms of numbers who replied and the amount of support for, and interest in, alternative living accommodation in later life.

“There has been an overwhelming response to the Clifton-on-Teme Housing Needs Survey with 87% of those who responded in support of Community Led Housing. A further 71% said that they are in support of affordable housing for local people, whilst 95% of respondents said that they would look at an alternative way of living in the future and would like to remain in Clifton.”

It seems as though the project group (possibly along with new members) will have more investigatory work to do. When they have learnt a bit more about the options, they will arrange an event to hear and share ideas with the village.

Parish Councillor Vacancy for Shelsley Beauchamp

A vacancy has arisen to represent the parish of Shelsley Beauchamp. The Parish Council will co-opt a new member at the meeting on January 14th 2020.

The Parish Council meets six times a year to discuss & decide local issues.

If you are interested and would like more information and an application form please contact Jan Speyer 01886 812 444 or email shelsleyspc@gmail.com. Closing date is January 13th 2020.

**‘THE BIG SING’
AT ST KENELM’S, SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 7PM**

It's that time of year again folks, when you can all come along, have some great refreshments and a wonderful evening of singing Carols, Christmas Songs and looking at all the wonderful Christmas Trees decorated by the groups in our village.

Once again Mike will be our Master of Ceremonies, Alan will be playing for us and John W will be reading a Christmas Poem.

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the box.

Bring your filled box to the Crib Service or any of the
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THANK YOU

CLIFTON SCOUTS GROUP





New Mill Bridge closure, showing Charlotte Marsland's car, pictured the day after her rescue, almost completely submerged by floodwater.



After the floods....Sam and Charlotte Marsland waiting for their car to be towed away.



Ham Bridge closure



Flooding outside The Elms Hotel, Abberley



View from Camp Lane of the River Teme floods



Harvest supper in Shelsley Village Hall



*The fabulous Shelsley Harvest Supper Committee, from Left to Right:
Des Robson, Ann Holloway, Joan Phillips, Margaret Lisseman, Carol Smith,
Beryl Robson, Irene Hodgetts*



EDDIE THOMPSON

Donations at Eddie Thompson's funeral at St Kenelm's Church in Clifton, raised a total of £850. This will be shared between the MS Society and the Great Witley Surgery, where it will be used to improve patient care. Marie Thompson and family thank everyone who attended the funeral, donated and sent cards.

FOLLOW THE STAR

Sunday 22nd December, 2.00-5.00pm, at St Kenelm's Church

An afternoon of Christmas Craft activities for all the family. Follow the trail to Bethlehem. Make a Christmas shoebox crib and other decorations to take home and help decorate the Church.

Pop in whenever you are free between 2.00-5.00pm and enjoy tea, cake and refreshments as well.

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 7th November 2019 At the Village Hall commencing at 7.40 pm

Present: Councillors J. Dawson (Vice Chairman), A. Henry, S. Haywood, C. Haywood, and R. Henry (arr. 7.50 pm). **Also present:** M. Alexander (Clerk), 9 members of the Public.

Apologies: Councillor J. Bowden (Chairman), Councillor J. Collins, County Cllr K. Pollock, and District Cllr C. Palethorpe.

Declarations of Prejudicial & Pecuniary Interests: Cllr C. Haywood – Scouts fire pit.

The meeting was suspended at this point to allow members of the Public to address the Council: Matters raised at the meeting – Recreation field waste bin is due to be installed shortly. Cllrs Dawson & C. Haywood to progress. There is a large overgrown hedge outside 36 Manor Rd which needs cutting back. Clerk to ask Lengthsman to action. The pothole at the junction of Kenelm Close is on the Highways programme of repair by 31/3/20. Noticeboards to be progressed by Cllrs Dawson & C. Haywood. Pavilion electrical works to be progressed by Cllrs Dawson & C. Haywood. Footpath opposite 31 The Village is starting to lift. Also, outside The Old Rectory, between the Lion PH and Crumps Farm. Clerk to report to Highways. Lovells development – the closure of Pound Lane was noted for 10 days wk/c 20th Feb for resurfacing. Clerk to see if this could also be used for overhead cabling work. Steppes Farm – road to be closed again next weekend as part of the original closure notification.

Approval of the Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held 3rd October 2019: Proposed by Cllr C. Haywood, seconded by Cllr S. Haywood, 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.

Financial & Governance Matters:

Payments were approved.

Budget & precept 2019/20 – to be added to the next agenda. Finance Committee to meet - Clerk to arrange.

Parish Matters: Village Green – Cllr Dawson outlined local opinion and the current situation. Further advice is being sought from Safer Roads Partnership by the Clerk. Operation SNAP was noted as a possible way forward. The PC also has the option to attend PACT meetings. Street furniture can only be approved via Highways. Trees at Pound Green – Cllr C. Haywood has contacted the resident and will action the works required. Scout Fire Pit – the Scouts are moving back to the BP Hut and need the fire pit to be relocated as well. The PC agreed this but asked that a risk assessment be sent to the Clerk. Cllr C. Haywood to action.

Section 106 Committee update: Cllr Dawson gave a summary update of recent actions. The S106 Committee had requested that the PC approve two resolutions

Resolution – membership of the S106 Big Project Team. It was proposed by Cllr Dawson, seconded by Cllr S. Haywood, that the following members be approved: Chris Haywood (as PC Rep), Michelle Alexander (PC Clerk), Tony Dipple, Chris Hurley, Heather Hurley, Helen Wain, Paul Wakefield and John Wain. All agreed.

Resolution – allocation of s106 monies between large / smaller projects. It was proposed by Cllr Dawson, seconded by Cllr S. Haywood, that the PC fully appreciate that any initial decision on the allocation of a split should be under regular review as time passes and the

type / quantity of s106 projects develop. At this stage however, it is resolved that the split should be approx. 80/20 with a sum of approx. £225k allocated to the main community project and the balance of approx. £57k allocated to smaller individual projects. All agreed.

Chris Hurley explained in detail the s.106 actions to date including – The village shop has offered to have the post box for comments. C Hurley has started visiting groups and is more than happy to visit as many as possible more than once to reduce risk of misunderstandings.

C Haywood and C Hurley met Playdale Equipment which has prompted new ideas/thoughts.

Assets of Community Value option to be explored. Noted that the asset of the Playing Field belongs to the PC. The PC also has the benefit of being able to reclaim vat on supplies and services. Any existing covenants should be investigated in the early stages of the project.

There is a need to evidence that we have maintenance plans in place which is why close work with PC is essential as part of their precept budgeting. Need to agree on the possible dissolution of any group and where do the assets go? Initially we will build a plan that identifies ownership, responsibilities etc. It can form the basis of future work for the PC in years to come. Then we can build an application that ensures everyone can benefit as we can show MHDC that we are fully integrated. The project is provisionally called 'Four Acre Field' – games, play and support facilities for the health and wellbeing of all generations into the future. The 'FAF' project will be fully represented by all sports currently on the site plus any we may find draws interest from when we start consultation - plus members of the S106 Group but no there is currently no need for multiple representation unless complexity suggests otherwise for particular parts of the plan.

Resolutions from the PC tightly control S106 team and FAF project group but are important to ensure S106 or FAF Project Groups are the contact points rather than approach the PC direct to avoid confusion. It is also recognised that there are detailed S106 conditions which emphasise the need for the S106 Group. MHDC would expect us to cover all details and not have follow up questions. We want to get it right first time! Website also to be updated. CH has also spoken to Sport England on possible funding.

Planning Matters: SWDP review (preferred options) consultation to 16th December noted / local events are planned by MHDC. Clifton is a category 1 village and 36 homes are allocated along Hope Lane in the preferred options document. The PC needs to formulate a draft response – Cllr Dawson to action. Neighbourhood Plan review in line with SWDP(R) – Clerk to check with the NP Group Lead if this is required. Notifications – 19/01230/LB – approval for removal of internal wall, 16 The Village, Clifton.

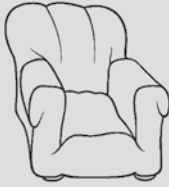
Highways Matters: The Highways traffic order for no waiting outside the Lion PH was noted. Heritage lines are to be requested by the Clerk. Parish Lengthsman – mud along the footpath from the village to Old Rd needs clearing. Clerk to action.

Correspondence: The meeting noted the following items – Road closure notice C2228 Shelsley Beauchamp to junction with C2251 – 3 days from 20/11 for water leak repairs.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Dawson to investigate whether the cctv still operates at the bowls pavilion. Cllr S. Haywood asked for the old cast iron 'no parking' sign for the village green to be discussed on the next agenda. The original Clifton Playing Field Assoc. minute book, from the late E. Thompson, was passed to the Clerk for archiving.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Next meeting on Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7.40 pm.



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LOWER SAPEY NEWS With Margaret Griffiths

Is it really nearly Christmas? I can't believe how this year has flown. I think many of us are keen to see the last of it as it has brought much sadness to many in our area, through bereavement and illness. Our love goes to all those who have suffered and we hope for a better year for them and for all of us. Thankfully, Paul Millward is still progressing slowly and we hope to see him back in the community soon.

The weather this year has not helped to cheer us up either, with many months of above average rainfall and very little sunshine. The cricket results were mixed and sadly we didn't win the Rugby World Cup.

However, it's lovely to see the colours of the trees, changing to gold at last and to see the ploughed fields and as Shelley says. 'if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?'

We have had some memorable occasions in Harpley though, a Big Birthday Party, an Antiques Fair, both in aid of our Church and also some lovely family occasions. Our group of ladies struggle on, cleaning the Church and flower arranging (without floral foam), but we are appealing for volunteers as our numbers are dwindling. The Ladies Bible Group continues to flourish and we had an excellent, if wet, summer outing on the River Severn.

As I write this, we will be holding the Remembrance Service this Sunday and hope for a sunny day. 2020 will be the 75th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War and we must never forget the sacrifices made for us.

Christmas will soon be here, together with the crowds, the rushing traffic, the endless adverts on TV, but we look forward to our Carol Service on December 22nd at 3pm with the usual mince pies and punch. We also hope to have heating back in the Church by then, no pressure PCC!

Our hard working Churchwarden, Candy, has organised a Feasibility Study of the Church and improvements needed, so we are hoping to put this all into practice in the near future.

Our Parish Meeting has also obtained daffodil bulbs for us to plant in the verges so that we can brighten the village in the Spring. We look forward to seeing a colourful display in March/April.

NOTICES Housekeeping for December is in the hands of Pat Savage, but we will all help with Christmas decorations.
Housekeeping for January is looked after by Dot Millward.

Ladies Bible Group will be having a Christmas outing in December, date and venue to be arranged. The January meeting will be on Tuesday January 14th at 2pm at Margaret Griffiths home.

The Mobile Library will be calling on Friday 20th December and January 17th at 10.20 and 10.40am.

December Services at St Bartholomew's are as follows:
December 1st Advent Carols at 10.30am.
December 8th Methodist Holy Communion at 10.30am.
December 17th Morning prayer at 9am.
December 22nd Carol service at 3pm.
Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9.30am.

January Services at St Bartholomew's are as follows:
January 5th Morning Prayer at 10.30am.
January 12th Celtic Anglican Holy Communion at 10.30.
January 21st Morning prayer at 9am.
January 26th Circle service at 10.30.

Finally, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020!

Church Matters

by David Sherwin

Do you play that perennial game at Christmas... 'Charades'. I am sure we have all played at some time, well I have a 'charade' for you..... it has 6 words, it's been a film and a song..... have you got it yet?

Oh well, I will have to tell you or else I can't really tell you anything else.

'Christmas comes but once a year' was a short cartoon film made in 1936 about an orphanage that wake up on Christmas morning to find their presents in their stockings. As they play with the presents, they all fall apart because they are second hand. The children cry and a certain professor Grampy comes along and wants to help. He is an inventor and has lots of old things lying about, so he proceeds to make them 'new' recycled presents, which do not fall apart. To everyone's delight, the presents are a big success and he even makes them a new Christmas tree from old umbrella's.

Maybe, like those children, you or your children have experienced the upset of breaking a new present on Christmas day. The Christmas story is all about a special person who enters into the world to create Christmas, to bring renewed hope into the world, to fix the broken.... but not broken presents... the broken you and I.

That story also reminds us that even in 1936 there was a need to recycle (probably more likely because of the great depression when no-one had any money). Yet in 2019 we need to recycle in order to take care of our broken world, which Jesus also came to renew.

'Christmas comes but once a year' has entered our vocabulary and maybe we are glad it is only once a year when we consider the costs involved for many. Yet with the one who came, Jesus, in our lives day by day, it is surely Christmas everyday because he has come and he is with us always, as he promised.

So maybe 'Wizzards' song 'I wish it could be Christmas every day' is more true because the one for whom we celebrate Christmas, is indeed with us always.

So, though the celebration of Christmas may come but once a year, may I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

God Bless you all, now and always, Rev Canon David Sherwin.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

December signals the close of the year and I have spent some time looking back over 2019. It began with my sixtieth birthday and has been dotted with visits to gardens and wildlife habitats in places as diverse as Dartmoor, Kent, North Wales and the Cotswolds. Sunny weather and blue skies have brightened every month, making walking and garden-visiting a joy. Mind you, searing heat, drought, high winds and torrential rain have never been far away.

In October an unexpected parcel arrived, kindly sent by a former Teme valley resident who has long since moved away. We share a love of the valley and exchange news from time to time. The parcel contained a journal from the Worcestershire Naturalists' Club dated 1959. The year of my birth, what a coincidence! There were articles on subjects as diverse as a Worcester earth tremor, a Grimley mammoth's tooth, Ombersley geology and ancient pottery excavated from the cellar of Worcester's High Street branch of Marks & Spencer. The longest article comprised a list of all the birds known from Worcestershire, with a few comments about each one. A total of 245 species made the list, of which 144 were thought to be seen every year.

Even in 1959, the fall in numbers of a variety of bird species was laid at the door of developments in agriculture, forestry and land drainage. The West Midlands Trust for Nature Conservation had been set up the previous year, its aim being to spearhead awareness of such issues. Loss of wetland, the use of weed-killers and insecticides, machine-trimming of hedges and increased road traffic were all viewed as negative influences on bird life. On the other hand, there were high hopes for the 1954 Protection of Birds Act, which it was felt would curtail the detrimental activities of gamekeepers.

In 1959 buzzard were just starting to be seen again. After a hundred years' absence from Worcestershire, 16 were spotted circling near Tenbury. Another bird of prey, the hobby, was described as "a fine little falcon", but had not bred in the county since 1936. How lucky we were to see one on a Teme Valley Wildlife Group walk at Knighton-on-Teme this July. Ravens were rare in 1959. Only two nests were known in the whole county, one at Stanford and one at Malvern. Now I regularly see them flying over my garden. A chough was thought to have been seen on the Malvern Hills in November 1959, although the report was later

discounted. In 2019 a chough was spotted there again. This time it was confirmed, and is the first county sighting since 1826. Back then one was recorded at Lindridge in the Teme valley, but sadly only after someone had shot it.

This year, at Llandudno, I saw my first chough. Acrobatic flight, jet black feathers and red feet and bill make this an elegant bird. In Kent I saw ten different types of orchid, all in flower, and all in a single day. In the Cotswolds I saw chocolate-box villages whilst walking the Warden's and Windrush Ways. Then on Dartmoor, in brilliant sunshine, I saw an unexpected and totally stunning landscape. What a birthday year 2019 has turned out to be.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday January 9th, 2020, when we welcome John Dutton whose talk is on wild boar. Do join us at 7:30pm at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall, WR15 8RR. It is just £2 on the door and everybody is most welcome.

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings or comments, visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, bird survey and archive photographs are available on our website www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk. We normally hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01584 881 397 or by email at tvwg@outlook.com.

AND FINALLY

A reminder again that Teme Triangle has a Facebook page – so you can keep abreast of all the latest news on our site: www.facebook.com/TemeTriangle.

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Keep sending your articles and photos in....we love to hear and share your news.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 1 Clifton Guides Christmas Fayre, Clifton VH, 10am – 12 noon
- 1 Martley Art Group annual exhibition, Shelsley VH, 10am – 4pm
- 5 Clifton Parish Council Meeting, Clifton Village Hall, 7.40pm
- 5 Mill Farm Stanford Christmas Shopping event, 10am – 8pm
- 7 Coffee Morning, Shelsley VH, 10am – 12.30pm
- 7 Shelsley Social Club Christmas Party, Shelsley VH, 7pm
- 7 'The Big Sing', Christmas Carols & Canapés at St. Kenelm's, 7pm
- 7/8 Stanford Church Christmas Tree Festival, 10am – 4pm
- 8 Advent Carol Service (joint Shelsley, Clifton and Harpley), St. Andrew's Shelsley Walsh, 6.30pm
- 11 Shelsley Gardening Club, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 12 Lower Sapey Parish Council meeting, St. Bartholomew's Church, 7pm
- 17 Abberley Clock Tower open afternoon, 1-5pm
- 21 Shelsley Social Club Christmas Bingo, Shelsley VH, 7.30pm
- 22 'Follow The Star', Christmas craft activities for the family, St. Kenelm's Church, 2-5pm
- 22 Shelsley Carol Service, All Saints, 5pm
- 24 Crib Service & Reverse Advent Event, Shelsley Beauchamp, 4pm

January

- 9 TVWT talk on 'Wild Boar', Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH, 7.30pm.
- 14 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsley VH
- 17 'Green Book' film showing, Hanley VH, 7.30pm
- 25 'Yesterday' film showing, Clifton VH, 7pm

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

Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday	10.30am	Advent Carols	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Advent Carols	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Advent Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Tuesday 3rd	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
Wednesday 4th	10.00am	<i>Pushchair Praise</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Sunday 8th December Advent 2	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Advent Carols Group Service	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Tuesday 10th	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Sunday 15th December Advent 3	6.30pm	Carol Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
Tuesday 17th	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
Sunday 22nd December Advent 4	3.00pm	Carol Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	5.00pm	Carol Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	<i>Crib Service</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
	5.30pm	<i>Christingle</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	11.30pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Christmas Day	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
	10.00am	<i>Family Worship</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	11.00am	<i>Christmas Half Hour</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
Sunday 29th December First Sunday of Christmas	10.30am	WWRT Eucharist	St Mary Magdalene, Broadwas

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Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley)
January 2020

Sunday 5th January Christmas 2	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Tuesday 7th	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
Sunday 12th January Epiphany 1	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Tuesday 14th	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Sunday 19th January Epiphany 2	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Celtic Anglican Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Tuesday 21st	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
Sunday 26th January Epiphany 3	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
Monday 27th	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
Tuesday 28th	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh</i>
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Scheduled Day of Collection	Actual Collection Day	Waste Type
Monday 23 December	Collections as normal	Refuse
Tuesday 24 December	Collections as normal	Refuse
Wednesday 25 December	Saturday 28 December	Refuse
Thursday 26 December	Sunday 29 December	Refuse
Friday 27 December	Collections as normal	Refuse
Monday 30 December	Collections as normal	Recycling
Tuesday 31 December	Collections as normal	Recycling
Wednesday 1 January	Saturday 4 January	Recycling
Thursday 2 January	Collections as normal	Recycling
Friday 3 January	Collections as normal	Recycling

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



We have done our best to minimise the disruption to your collections. Collections return to normal on Monday 6 January 2020.

We will collect 2 extra black sacks on refuse weeks between Monday 23 December and Friday 10 January. For garden waste and commercial waste collection changes please refer to our website www.malvernhills.gov.uk



Mrs Best Paper Co is run by award winning local designer Sarah Best. Based at Mill Farm Country Retail, Stanford Bridge, an upcoming complex of small independent shops.



The store is celebrating it's 1 year anniversary and has recently doubled in size. The store includes its own working studio where Mrs Best designs her own greeting card and art print range.



Boasting a variety of pretty and playful gifts, the store champions British design and are exclusive stockists of the following brands: Busy B stationery, James Ellis & Paper Salad greeting cards, Sass & Belle kids & home, Toby Tiger Organic children's clothes, Daisy Rainbow children's natural bath products, Agnes & Cat luxury candles & wellbeing range, East of India sentimental & unique gifts, Archivist luxury matches... to name but a few.

Mill Farm Country Retail is hosting a Christmas shopping event on Thursday 5th December, 10am- 8pm. Why not pop along and enjoy complimentary mulled wine and mince pies and help support this exciting new community of independent stores.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



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