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Front Cover Picture

(Left to right) Jane Roberts, Hilary Higton, H-J Colston-Inge, Bishop John Inge, Rev. Beck Elliott, Rev. Jen Denniston at Clifton village hall.

CLIFTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



At a well-attended meeting of Clifton's new Parish Council last month, John Bowden was elected Chairman, with James Dawson as Vice-Chairman, aided by Clerk Michelle Alexander. Other members of the Council are Russ Henry, Mandy Henry, Chris Haywood, Sid Haywood and Julie Collins.

At the following Annual Parish Meeting, John Bowden said the Parish Council aimed to be "open, available and will increase the public time at meetings to 30 minutes, with three minutes allocated to anyone who wishes to speak." He urged residents to attend the monthly meetings of the Council. "We really need you support and input," he added. "The minutes will be much more detailed and will be available in draft form about a week after each meeting."

[Draft minutes are on pages 14-15]

CLIFTON SCHOOL TEACHER'S MARATHON

Clifton Primary School teacher Susie Quill's marathon training regime paid off and the school pupils and staff are very proud of her fantastic achievement when she completed the London Marathon in just under four hours, narrowly inside the target she had set herself! She has raised £5370 for her chosen charity, SOFT UK.

Afterwards she said: "Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all the donations, support and kind wishes from parents, staff, governors and children. I really have been overwhelmed by it all"



ADOPTION STORY SEQUEL

In the March *Teme Triangle* I wrote an article ahead of my trip to Hong Kong. It appears to have generated interest amongst readers and more than one person has urged me to write a follow up piece.

You may recall that I was planning to visit the orphanage - Po Leung Kuk (PLK) where I spent the first two years of my life before being adopted by an English couple in the 1960s. I made that visit, along with friends Stuart and Jill Smith, also Teme Valley residents, who had themselves adopted a child from PLK some 20 years later. We spent the morning with a lovely social worker, Stella. She seemed so interested in us and I think we were quite a tonic for her as we were sharing 'good news' stories; adoption placements of course do not always work out.



She showed us around the area where babies and children are now cared for and we had chance to go in the original building where I would have been looked after which is now a museum. She also arranged for three photos to be developed and gave me these plus a progress report of me at five months and some weight charts. One photo of me as a tiny baby is very special to me as I had not seen these before; it was also interesting to read about me as a five month old! In addition Stella provided us with the addresses of the Adoption Unit in Hong Kong's Social Services as well as the location of International Social Services and suggested we went there if I wanted to find out more about my background. This we did and again encountered equally helpful and interested staff – each were willing to help me trace my roots.

Since returning from Hong Kong I have been sent more information about my very humble beginnings. It would be a bit difficult to write the detail in this article but for those who I have read it to, it has not surprisingly generated strong emotions, mostly in recognition of how vulnerable my birth mother was, it is not easy reading.

People have asked me how I feel about all this. For those who know me, you will know I have a strong personal Christian faith. The journey I am now on with my root tracing has unexpectedly become a spiritual one too. It has generated many questions for me but also re-enforced the strong sense I have of God's protection and love for me, which I believe He has for each of us, whatever our backgrounds. I returned from Hong Kong with an inner joy and peace and sense of security in God which may seem counter intuitive. But this is giving me the resolve to find out more about what happened to my birth mother and reach out to her - if of course she is still alive. I have been given leads as to where I should go next but I realise it may not be an easy journey either practically or emotionally. It also motivates me to continue to support others who are vulnerable. I have been so blessed in my life despite not the best introduction into the world. I am extremely grateful to many people who have helped me tap into my potential and most of all am grateful to God for holding me in his hands and not letting go of me.

Maybe I will have to do another update when I have more to share on this fascinating journey I am on...

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Clifton Scouts are holding a 1980s Disco and Summer Ball on Saturday, 29th June, in the village hall from 7pm. Tickets £8 can be purchased from the Lion Inn, the village hall on Tuesday evenings or direct from Deb Haywood on 07540 606425. The event includes a barbeque and bar. All proceeds will be donated to the Clifton-on-Teme Scouts.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE GROUP

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday June 13th 2019 when James Woodend will talk on the wildlife of Namibia at 7:30pm at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall, WR15 8RR. It is just £2 on the door and everybody is most welcome.

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SHELSLEYS JUNE EVENTS

The Shelsleys' village hall Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday, 1st June between 10am and 12noon. Everyone welcome for coffee, cake and chat with neighbours.

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CLIFTON HISTORY ON DISPLAY

Clifton past and present was on display at last month's photographic exhibition which featured work by current amateur photographers as well as an impressive display of local images dating back to the late 19th century. Organiser Ros Wain thanked everyone who had helped stage the event. "We raised almost £150 towards future community projects in the village," she said.

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Clifton Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting held Thursday 16th May 2019

PRESENT: Councillors J. Bowden, R. Henry, A. Henry, J. Dawson and C. Haywood. Also present: County Cllr K. Pollock, M. Alexander (Relief Clerk), 20 members of the Public.

Councillor R. Henry opened the meeting in the absence of the outgoing Chairman.

Election of Chairman: It was proposed by Cllr A. Henry, seconded Cllr R. Henry, that Cllr J. Bowden be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council. All agreed. Cllr Bowden duly signed his Declaration of Office.

Appointment of Relief Clerk: It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr C. Haywood, that M. Alexander be appointed as Relief Clerk with immediate effect. All agreed.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr S. Haywood was absent due to a holiday commitment. Approved.

To receive Resignations of Office or Applications for Co-option:

No resignations received. It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr A. Henry, that J. Collins be co-opted. All agreed. Cllr Collins signed her Declaration of Office and joined the meeting. The Clerk will notify MHDC accordingly.

Election of Vice Chairman: It was proposed by Cllr A. Henry, seconded Cllr R. Henry, that Cllr J. Dawson be appointed as Vice-Chairman. All agreed.

Declarations of Interests and consideration of requests for Councillor Dispensations in line with s33 of the Localism Act 2011:

Councillors were reminded of the need to complete Registers of Interests in accordance with election regulations. There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared. There were no applications for Councillor Dispensations.

PUBLIC TIME: There were no matters raised.

To Note Standing Orders and consider any revisions required: Noted. No revisions required.

To note the Councillor Code of Conduct: Duly noted by the Council.

Schemes of Delegation: It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr C. Haywood, to appoint Members and delegated authority to the following:

Staffing Committee: Cllrs R. Henry, C. Haywood, J. Dawson. All agreed

Urgent Business Committee: Cllrs J. Bowden, J. Dawson, A. Henry & the Clerk. All agreed.

Finance Committee: Cllrs J. Bowden, A. Henry, J. Collins & the Clerk. All agreed.

To Review the Council's Financial Regulations, Risk Assessments and Insurance Requirements: It was unanimously agreed to delegate the reviews to the Finance Committee and for any recommendations to be brought to a future meeting. The Clerk will circulate all documents to the Committee for review.

To appoint Individuals or Groups of Councillors to the following Parish Council roles:

It was agreed that a Finance Working Group is not required. It was further agreed that there should be no Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Staffing or Urgent Business Committees.

It was unanimously agreed that there should be x3 cheque signatories: Cllrs J. Bowden, J. Dawson & A. Henry. Cllr A. Henry to progress the changes to the bank mandate with Cllr J. Bowden.

Worcestershire CALC Area Meeting Representatives: It was agreed that Cllrs J. Dawson and C. Haywood be appointed to this role. Clerk to notify CALC.

Approval of the Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held 30th April 2019: It was noted that no current Councillors were present at the meeting and were therefore unable to approve the content. It was also noted that the Minutes had been approved by the previous Council at the end of the said meeting.

Publication of Council Minutes: It was unanimously agreed that all draft minutes should be published within 7-10 days of a meeting, unless there is a valid reason not to do so which is approved by Members.

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

PRESENT: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), J. Dawson (Vice-Chairman), R. Henry, A. Henry, C. Haywood and J. Collins.

Also present: County Cllr K. Pollock, M. Alexander (Relief Clerk), PCSO V. Snape and 20 members of the Public. Apologies: Cllr S. Haywood, District Cllr C. Palethorpe.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 3rd May 2018: The Minutes were duly noted but were unable to be agreed and signed as no current Member of the Council was present at the meeting.

To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council by the Chairman: The previous Chairman having declined an invitation to make a report to this meeting, Cllr J. Bowden addressed the meeting and welcomed everyone to the new Council. Cllr Bowden explained how the Council wished to work with the local community going forward and thanked residents for the support shown to date.

Reports from other Organisations: Reports were made to the meeting as follows:

- PCSO V. Snape, West Mercia Constabulary
- P. Bowden, Clifton upon Teme W. I.
- B. Seeley, Church Warden at St Kenelms
- R. Holloway, Nora Parsons Day Centre
- R. Wilson, Clifton Craft Group
- H. Wain, Clifton Scout Group
- A. Griffith, Clifton Guide Group
- A. Henry, Village Hall Committee
- B. Davis, Clifton Bell Ringers

District Councillor Report: The meeting noted apologies from District Cllr Palethorpe.

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County Councillor Report: The meeting was addressed by County Cllr K. Pollock. The new Council was welcomed, and members of the public were thanked for attending and for their support. Matters discussed included Worcs CC Directorate Team changes, Budget management to include Children's Services and Adult Social Care, Southern Link Road, New Norton Parkway and other capital projects across the County. There followed a question and answer session for both Councillors and Public present, including highway repairs and maintenance including wildflower management, County Libraries consultation and Planning matters although it was noted that this is a District Council function. The Clerk was asked to obtain and circulate the Highways specification for wildflower management.

Resolutions for which written notice has been given: None.

Remarks from Parishioners: The Council was asked to try and clarify the financial situation regarding the outgoing Clerk, as agreed by the previous Council. It was noted that the situation remains unclear currently and that it may take some time to respond to this request. The Clerk was asked to arrange for new Councillor details to be updated on the Parish Council website. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Draft Abbreviated Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on May 14th 2019 following The Annual Parish Meeting.

Present: Dr L Taylor (Chairman), J Stinton, D Styles D Bates and Mrs K Metcalfe

Election of the Chairman: Dr Laura Taylor was elected as Chairman.

Apologies W Sutherland (vacation) K Webber (vacation) and C Palethorpe.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on March 12th 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

Co-option of two Councillors for Shelsley Kings: The clerk will post notices on boards, and place an advertisement in the Teme Triangle and on the website. Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Insurance. Insurance cover was deemed appropriate and the premium approved.

Individual Councillors appointed to offices: MAC liaison D Bates, Tree Warden J Stinton, Footpaths K Metcalfe. Lengthsman: The lengthsman's Annual Contract with the Parish Council, will be renewed on terms agreed at the last meeting.

The Lengthsman Rob Wilkes will be thanked for his work throughout the parish. Worksheets supplied for March and April were inspected and agreed for payment.

Parish Council Communications: Dedicated Councillor email addresses, the Chairman to help organise these. Facebook page will be arranged for the Parish Council.

Highways & Footpaths Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb footpath closures for meeting dates have been approved by WCC and notification sent to the Parish Council.

Road closure details for installation of new water main, signs have been placed by works site near Harborough Bank.

County and District Councillor Reports: written reports will be available on the website.

Planning: MHDC decision: 18/01839/LB and 18/01840/HP Church House proposed summerhouse approved.

MHDC training programme July 4th Clerk to attend.

19/00326/FUL Shepherd hut application withdrawn

End of Year Accounts: 2018 2019 These were accepted, approved and signed.

Audit: Section 1 was completed followed by section 2.

Clerk's report on urgent decisions. In consultation with Councillors 19/00326/FUL shepherd's huts at Camp Farm, the Parish Council objected to the application.

Progress Reports:

A waste bin for the lay bye at the junction with Camp Lane was chosen.

Broadband. An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was considered the best way of assessing the local requirement for superfast broadband. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Correspondence. All items not previously emailed were circulated.

Finance: The following payments were approved:

Insurance £330.00

Clerk's salary and expenses £588.56

Lengthsman invoice for March and April £204.00

CALC subscription £279.79

CALC invoice for Clerk training £10.00.

Clerk's PAYE, remuneration and HMRC payments are to be paid quarterly.

Bank balance at 13th May £10670.96

Mrs Warren will be removed as a bank signatory.

Monies received - Precept £2000

For the next agenda: Election of Vice Chairman.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: July 9th 2019

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Church Matters

by Pippa Balch



The Dead Sea region lying 1,412 feet below sea level is one of the World's driest areas. In Old Testament times it is thought to have been less arid, archaeological excavations have found ashen remains of prosperous cities such as Sodom and Gomorrah. Reliable water supplies would have attracted nomadic people to settle.

North is Ein Gedi, commanding spectacular views over the Dead Sea to modern day Jordan. The springs and streams have flowed continuously, providing life-giving water for animals and myriad plants long before David was being pursued by Saul up the precipitously steep and rocky stream bed, (1 Samuel Ch 24). Today there is a modern 'oasis', Kibbutz Ein Gedi, founded in 1956, with a magnificent botanical garden, offering a welcome to travellers to this peaceful place, still reliant on the natural water supply.

In 2 Chronicles Ch 20 there are accounts of date palm groves and in Joshua Ch 15, v 62 it is prophesied that this location will be a fishing village, "after the... waters have been made sweet".

Travelling on towards Jericho, the oldest, continuously occupied town on Earth, in this seemingly barren landscape, the urge to find a picnic lunch spot creeps up. In the distance, above date palms, a golden dome comes into view, another 'oasis', the Monastery of St Gerassimos. Enormous snap-dragons, marigolds and rose bushes, vegetables, hens and goats mix together; wild birds sing happily refreshed by water from the River Jordan similar to our own River Teme. There is a sense of tranquillity and timelessness. A cheery Palestinian runs a cafe providing freshly squeezed orange juice & dates. This 'oasis' is one of the earliest Monasteries founded in AD 456 by Gerassimos, a monk from Lycia, Turkey. He and his monks lived a prayerful life, living on dates and bread,

Tradition says Gerassimos found a lion near the River Jordan, roaring in pain from a thorn in his paw. He removed it; the lion befriended him and lived at the monastery. One day merchants stole the monks' donkey, sometime later the same thieves passed by; the lion recognised the donkey and rescued it.

From time to time we all need an 'oasis' for personal refreshment. Maybe just time in the garden, a dog-walk or a kindly listening ear, for others, the peace found in the tranquillity of a 21st century monastery. As God said, the seventh day is to rest our minds and bodies and to refuel ourselves.

CHINA TALK BY BISHOP'S WIFE



China specialist H-J Colston-Inge, wife of the Bishop of Worcester, the Right Reverend Dr John Inge, entertained a packed village hall supper event in Clifton last month with a talk on her work as Chairman and CEO of the Chopsticks Club, the UK's largest independent China-UK professional network.

The event was the first of a new series of inspirational talks hosted by Churches Together in the Teme Valley in May and June, on the theme of 'O God ... that's life!' Each one comprises a guest speaker and supper (bring your own wine), and will be held at Clifton Village Hall from 7.00pm. The next speaker is the Rt. Reverend Graham Usher, Bishop of Dudley, on Wednesday 5th June.

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

May was a sad month in Harpley (Lower Sapey) as we had to say goodbye to Dick Stephens who died on Good Friday. Dick took a great interest in village life and became choirmaster of our 'Pop up Choir'. We sang for him at the funeral the 23rd psalm as arranged for The Vicar of Dibley. He was serious about his music and drilled us hard to get our timing right! A sad goodbye from all of us. We all wish Vanessa and the children well during this tragic time.

It was Dick's idea to have an Antiques Roadshow valuation day on 18th May in aid of Christian Aid and the St Bartholomew renovations. Each valuation was charged at £2.50 and refreshments were served! What a great idea that was!

We are hoping for a warm and summery June in which to enjoy our Ladies Bible Study summer outing to Upton upon Severn, where we are looking forward to a musical boat trip with a picnic tea. This will be on Tuesday 11th June at 2pm.

Then of course our Summer Garden Party is on Saturday 15th June in the St Bartholomew Garden. No entry charges. Get dressed up (?) and come along for tea and cakes, singing, dancing and a great cake sale so you have something to take home for supper. See you there. All donations will be for the St Bartholomew renovations especially a much needed toilet.

Housekeeping will be in the care of Gay Sudbury - thanks Gay.

Marion West

VOLANTE STRINGS CONCERT AT STANFORD CHURCH

The Volante Strings will be performing a programme of light classical music at St. Mary's Church, Stanford-On-Teme on Friday 12th July at 7.30pm. The concert will include works by Handel, Sibelius, Janacek and popular pieces such as *Londonderry Air*, *To A Wild Rose*, *Calling All Workers*, *Walking The Dog* as well as a charming suite by composer Paul Lewis. Tickets £12.50 per person, to include interval refreshments, students under 18 free if accompanied.

Please prebook from: Megan 01299 896771 or Brian 03330 064489
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OLD ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH ANNUAL SERVICE

The annual service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Old St. Bartholomew's Church at the end of Hope Lane, Lower Sapey (WR6 6HE) will take place on Bank Holiday Sunday, 25th August, at 3pm followed by a picnic.

This year, the Archdeacon of Worcester, The Venerable Robert Jones, will take the service. A jolly man with an ever-present smile, he is well qualified to join the long line of special people who have taken the annual service down the years. He speaks both German and French with church contacts in both countries.

“In the present climate, where bringing people together is paramount, it is good he will lead our worship in this ancient church, which welcomes all to its door - no matter their race or creed,” said organiser Pat Prosser. “As usual, do please bring a picnic chair to sit on during the service (some chairs will be available for those without one) and your picnic for after the Service.”

Toilet facilities are available. Disabled parking is available. Contact Pat Prosser on 01886 853 244 / patprosser@hotmail.co.uk

SHELSLEYS' MOBILE COLLECTION BOX

Giving to good causes in the Shelsleys will now be even easier thanks to a 'mobile collection box' made by a parishioner. The box, which was hand-crafted and donated by local businessman Barry Hodgetts, is planned to be available at future parish events and gatherings. Any monies received will go towards local church and community projects.



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

Sunday 2nd June Easter 7	8.30am	Midland Automobile Club Service	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Tuesday 4th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	12.00pm	Prayer Walk starting at Church	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Wednesday 5th	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Thursday 6th	11.00am	Prayer Walk starting at Church	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 9th June Pentecost	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	7.30pm	Pentecost Celebration Service	Worcester University Arena
Tuesday 11th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 16th June Trinity Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Tuesday 18th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Wednesday 19th	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 23rd June Trinity 1	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
Monday 24th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Tuesday 25th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Sunday 30th June Trinity 2	10.30am	Celebration of Petertide Team Service	St Peter, Martley

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 1/2 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
- 1 Shelsleys' VH Coffee Morning 10am - 12 noon
- 1 Shelsleys' Social Club Bingo VH 7.30pm
- 4 Shelsley Beauchamp church Prayer Walk 12 noon
- 5 Bishop of Dudley talk and supper, Clifton VH 7pm
- 6 Clifton Parish Council meeting VH 7.30pm
- 8 Desert Island Discs with Shane Connolly, Clifton VH 7pm
- 8/9 Wichenford Gardens Open Days 11am - 6pm
- 11 Clifton WI garden meeting, Milestone Cottage 7.30pm
- 15 Table-top Sale in aid of St Kenelm's church, Clifton, VH 10am - 1pm
- 15 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
- 15 Summer Garden Party, St Bartholomew's Garden, Harpley
- 15 Shelsleys' Social Club Bingo VH 7.30pm
- 22 The Carnival Band, Shelsleys' VH 7pm
- 29 Clifton Scouts BBQ and 80s Disco, VH 7pm

July

- 4 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 6 Shelsleys' VH coffee morning 10am-12.30pm
- 9 Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting VH 7pm
- 9 Clifton WI *The Rise and fall of Witley Court* VH 7.30pm
- 12 Volante Strings concert, Stanford Church, 7.30pm

August

- 13 Clifton WI summer afternoon outing, 2.30pm
- 25 Old St Bartholomew's Church annual service & picnic, 3pm

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DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Clifton’s Shane Connolly will be picking his favourite pieces of music on Saturday, 8th June, at 7pm in Clifton village hall in a Desert Island Discs Evening. Floral artists Shane will be talking about his life and work as holder of a Royal Warrant of Appointment to HM The Queen and HRH The Prince of Wales, and as Artistic Director for the wedding of HRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

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Lottie Sparey (centre) with one of her clerical blouses and Rev. Jen Denniston (left) and Rev. Becky Elliott. See report opposite.

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