

July & August 2019

# Teme TRIANGLE

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*Hilda Webb's Farewell Tea Party*

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*Shelsley resident and trials bike enthusiast Oliver Hutton meets the multiple indoor and outdoor World Trials Champion Dougie Lampkin MBE at the Shelsley Hillclimb.*

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**Our front cover photo shows:**

*Hilda Webb (third from left) flanked by (L to R) her step-brother Ed, brother-in-law John, step-sister Katie, sister Marion and friend and neighbour Marcellus, who gave a speech in Hilda's honour.*

## **WELCOME to the July and August 2019 edition of Teme Triangle.**

As I write this, we are keeping our fingers crossed that the persistent (although much needed) rainfall of late has now passed us by and that summer is well and truly on its way. Certainly the fields and gardens are now going crazy and growing at a rate of knots.

As we get ready to sign off from the Teme Triangle for the summer months until September, there are still plenty of local social events going on and news to report on. As always, we thank you for all your articles and photos and do encourage you to keep sending them in.

Wishing you all a fantastic, peaceful summer – get outside and make the most of everything we have around us – and then let us know all about it in September!

## **LONG-TIME SHELSLEY RESIDENT HILDA MOVES TO YORKSHIRE**

A popular Shelsley Beauchamp parishioner is moving to Yorkshire after playing a key role in the village for over 50 years.

Teacher and musician Hilda Webb will be making the market town of Otley her new home this summer, nearer to her elder son, two nieces and a sister. To see her off, more than 40 friends and relatives attended a tea party in her honour at Shelsleys' Village Hall, complete with Pimm's, sandwiches and home-made cakes.

In recognition of Hilda's service to local churches, she was presented with a canvas print donated by Rev. David Sherwin and members of the Shelsley P.C.C. A collection from friends will contribute to a gift for her new home – which Hilda plans to put towards a battery-powered lawnmower. Other gifts from friends included a local history scroll and a notebook.

Hilda first came to Shelsley Beauchamp as a young girl when her parents Richard and Audrey Haigh bought Harborough Bank. After then achieving a degree in physics at Bristol University and living in Staffordshire for a time, she and her former husband Vernon returned to the parish in 1979 to become the first residents of the 1883-built Old School.

Professionally Hilda initially trained and worked as a social worker, and after having her children, began a second career as a maths teacher. She then took a postgraduate diploma in dyslexia and literacy, teaching children at Tewkesbury, Winterfold and other schools. Fittingly she has also tutored children in maths and literacy from her Old School home, and plans to continue tutoring in Yorkshire.

A talented musician and singer, Hilda has also played a big part in local musical life. As well as singing in the church choir as a girl, she was the organist for the Shelsley churches for several years. She also sang with Worcester Festival Choral Society and in many Three Choirs Festivals, before joining the Birmingham Bach Choir.



*Hilda Webb with her farewell gifts at the Village Hall tea party.*

Hilda recalls: “I’ve enjoyed the space here, the quietness and friendships. In my new place I’ll still have countryside on the doorstep, plus family nearby – you can’t have it much better!”

“It was lovely to have such a fine party with the people I’ve known best for many years. You couldn’t have had a better one at Buckingham Palace!” she adds. “I’d like to thank all my friends who prepared and donated items, including Jean Nuttall, Joan Phillips, Irene Hodgetts, Ann Holloway, Bridget Francis & Beryl Robson. My thanks too for all the gifts to the collection in the money box towards my new mower. I’ll keep in touch!”

## **CLIFTON GUIDES**

Clifton Guides are now back in their BP hut and looking forward to an exciting programme of events, visits and activities this year.

They recently took part in a dementia training exercise with local Martley based organiser Pat Owen who showed them how to help anyone suffering with dementia and how it effects people’s memories, but to remember the person is still there and to show respect and love to them.

Future plans include yoga sessions, a visit to Shelsley Walsh watermill, trampolining, a visit to Worcester fire station, Pump It Up at Chaddesley Corbett, the Aztec Adventure and Aqua Park at Upton Warren, Horners Mill near Whitbourne and a PGL camp in September.



Organiser Angie Griffiths said, “We now have 21 girls in Guides now, aged from ten years to when they leave at 13 or 14. I would like to say thank you to our local residents for supporting us with everything we do.”



The guides would also like to say a huge thanks to Ashley and his wife Glad, Brian and Frank for their hard work and fundraising for Clifton Girl Guides and John Fletcher for his kind donation too.

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Over the last 10 months we have watched our neighbour's son and girlfriend (Olly & Anna) lovingly build their dream Racing Car from scratch. We have watched each skeleton part arrive to become part of the whole. It has certainly been a labour of love and we have been impressed by their sheer persistence and the firm belief they could do it.

Young people constantly get a bad press for being unable to meet the challenges of life yet here we saw the evidence to the contrary. Hard work, co-operation, searching and finding solutions to difficult technical problems, all this whilst managing the disappointments, anxieties and difficulties each stage presented. Even the working environment was mostly open to the elements with only a tarpaulin to protect against the worst of the winter weather.

Right up to the last few days before the 2019 Shelsley Walsh Race Meetings, the car refused to start and required more work and dedication. Thankfully, on the day, the car performed beautifully, bringing personal success to both Olly and Anna, which was a recognition of their hard work and deserved success. It would be remiss of us not to mention the support given by Olly's Dad, Andy, as he, seeing the effort made by the couple, was happy to help out.

*Des and Beryl Robson, Brockhill Lodge.*

The stages of building the dream race car,  
from this to the start line at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb



## CLIFTON CHURCH LANDS CHARITY

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28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>The Russian Empire 1815 to 1914</b>		<b>Pauline Annis</b> Open Univ. Retired
4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Russia - October Revolution: Aspiration and Realities</b>		<b>Dr Arfon Rees</b> U of Birmingham
11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Putin’s Russia: Aspiration and Realities</b>		<b>Dr Arfon Rees</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>The politics of France and Germany in historical perspective</b>		<b>Dr Sotirios Zartaloudis</b> U of Birmingham
25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>The history, aims and working of the European Union: myth and reality</b>		<b>Dr. Sotirios Zartaloudis</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Mother of Parliaments? How did Westminster build its reputation?</b>		<b>Dr Matt Cole</b> U of Birmingham
9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Mother’s Ruin: how did the Mother of Parliaments lose its reputation and why have recent reforms failed to restore it?</b>		<b>Dr Matt Cole</b> U of Birmingham
16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Term Party: Discussion Evening</b>		

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This will be at 3pm at the front of church, weather permitting.

Otherwise we will be in church.

The flowers are being provided by the groups who decorate the Christmas Trees for the Big Sing at Christmas, so they will be many and varied.

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### **Lower Sapey Parish Meeting. 6th June 2019. 7 pm. St Bartholomew Church Harpley Chairman: Ashley Jones. Parish clerk: Sue Everitt**

1. Apologies. Sue Ellson, Dot and Paul Millard, Nick and Jen Denniston, Liz Younge.
2. Minutes from the last meeting read. An accurate record proposed by Steve Younge agreed.
3. Matters arising - the sign at Hope Lane a success, with reduction in lost delivery men.
4. a. Annual Governances Statement 2019 read out by Ashley Jones.  
b. Annual Accounts discussed and approved. One copy on the board and also on the website.
5. Lengthsman - No action. Ashley Jones to persist in parish review. Discussed footpaths - brand new bridge below Valerie Edwards. Footbridge from the Hatt House to the church deteriorating. Pat Savage will notify footpath man.



6. Police report – See below.
7. Wi-fi. Howard Rigby reported no progress. Lots of excuses from service suppliers. Harpley continues to be very disadvantaged. Air band has been contacted - not available. Hereford council contacted - no action available.
8. Correspondence. Natural networks: Steve Younge met with assessor at the church yard today to assess how to improve biodiversity. Ashley Jones wants to plant daffodils to brighten the parish. Pat Savage will assist in choice and they will be distributed at the next meeting for planting.  
Neighbourhood Plan discussed. No enthusiasm for this work at the moment. Continue to monitor need.
9. AOB. Tea party on Saturday 15th June at the church at 2 pm. Feasibility study for loo and kitchen at the church.

Date of next meeting Thursday 26th September 2019. Meeting closed at 20.00 hours.

### **Police Report**

Crime is still happening with shed break ins, thefts of quad bikes, horse boxes etc. Lower Sapey is no different, but in terms of volumes of crime committed it is considerably less than many other Parishes, but of course we must not become complacent.

#### **WHAT HAS HAPPENED:**

Police have carried out a number of covert operations in the 'wee' hours, in an attempt to disrupt /stop Rural Crime. Ongoing S N T have carried out a number of Property Marking Events. Utilised NHW Reassurance patrols.

#### **WHAT CAN BE DONE:**

West Mercia Website has lots of really useful information regarding security online. Overtly mark equipment in sheds, padlock with an audible padlock alarm, and have sensors inside the sheds; which alert the owner to any unwanted presence. Mark items of value in homes with Smart Water- available online. List belongings on Immobilise.com. Use / set up WHATS APP groups- group chats are instant, (add SNT MOBILES). Call 101 to report incidents. Call or text Safer Neighbourhood team on mobiles (if we are not on duty, please listen to the message).

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## **CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL**

DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 6th June 2019  
At the Village Hall commencing at 7.40 pm

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), J. Dawson (Vice Chairman), A. Henry, S. Haywood, J. Colins and C. Haywood. Cllr R. Henry arrived at 8.10 pm.

Also present: District Cllr C. Palethorpe, M. Alexander (Relief Clerk), 13 members of the Public.

Apologies: County Cllr K. Pollock.

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present and gave local village news updates. All those present agreed that additional agendas would be provided for meetings but not additional copies of the minutes, in order to save paper usage.

Declarations of Prejudicial & Pecuniary Interests: Cllrs C. Haywood & J. Collins – matters regarding the Baden Powell Hut.

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held 16th May 2019: It was proposed by Cllr A. Henry, seconded Cllr Dawson, that the minutes be agreed and signed as a true record. All agreed. (Cllr S. Haywood abstained).

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

The Chairman of the Scout Group requested a meeting between the PC, Scouts and Guides regarding the future use of the Baden Powell Hut. It was noted that the Chairman of the Scouts should be included in any future correspondence. It was also noted that there is an 80's Disco to be held on 29th June at the village hall.

The PC was asked to address Worcs CC re the 30mph speed limit in Pound Lane. Can it be moved away from the new housing development as it is currently too close for safe speed reduction by the junction. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask WCC, MHDC & County Cllr.

The speed limit from the Tenbury direction may also be too close since development and may need to be relocated. Clerk to include as above.

Signage near to the school at Pound Lane may also be insufficient now and needs review. Clerk to include as above.

It was agreed that in response to the above points raised, the Clerk should ask Highways to conduct a village walkabout with Cllrs Bowden & Dawson.

District & County Councillors Reports: Reports will be uploaded to the PC website.

County Matters highlighted – Minerals Local Plan / Transport Strategy Review. The Chairman read out information regarding the County Cllr Divisional Fund available.

District Matters highlighted – Property Marking events / New Safeguarding website. It was also noted that District Cllr Palethorpe is to continue as MHDC Young Persons Champion.

## **Financial & Governance Matters:**

It was agreed that the (Relief) Clerk will invoice the PC at the end of the temporary contract. The Relief Clerk explained the annual audit process to the PC.

Audit - It was proposed by Cllr J. Bowden, seconded by Cllr A. Henry, that T. Dipple be appointed as Internal Auditor and that the Clerk should draw up an agreement asap. All agreed. It was also agreed that the Clerk should contact the previous Internal Auditor and thank them.

Finance Committee - It was agreed that the Finance Committee should meet in the near future – Clerk to arrange.

Insurance - Cllr Bowden has clarified the position regarding Public Liability Insurance (PLI) for 'one off' events. The PC is covered under PLI but a risk assessment should be done for each event. Any risks that cannot be mitigated against or are considered high risks must be reported to the Insurers.

S.106 Committee – housing development has generated some s.106 funding and it is agreed that a new sub-committee is required. It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Dawson that the following members be appointed – C & H Hurley / J. Johns, T. Dipple, H. Wane & J. Collins. Cllr Collins also agreed to be PC Rep for MHDC liaison.

Councillor training – Cllr Bowden has attended CALC induction training. All encouraged to attend future dates.

Clerk recruitment – The Staffing Committee will meet shortly to start the recruitment process. Clerk to send all relevant information to the Chairman.

## **Parish Matters:**

Baden Powell Hut – The Chairman explained the current position regarding the ground rent lease and monies outstanding of £7.00. Discussion then took place regarding how the previous Council had managed matters. Further to discussion, it was agreed unanimously to receive a cheque for £7.00 and to meet with the Scouts & Guides Leaders to agree future plans and how best to move forward. (Cllrs C. Haywood & Collins abstained from this decision). It was noted that the BP Hut was originally donated by two residents and that one remained in the village. Cllr Bowden agreed to speak with them regarding future plans for the Hut.

Noticeboards – It was agreed that all current boards need inspecting / updating. Cllrs Dawson & C. Haywood agreed to pursue costs and options. Clerk also to send contacts for suppliers. Cllr A. Henry agreed to continue to place notices on the boards as required.

Sports Pavilion – the Council heard that everything is 'up and running' but that some minor repairs are still outstanding, including the water heater. Cllr Dawson will follow up on matters.

Litter Bins – some matters outstanding including a new bin needed outside the Sports Pavilion. The industrial size bin still hasn't been collected and bins on the children's play area need to be emptied regularly. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to MHDC re the new bin and the industrial bin. Also, to speak with the Lengthsman re the play area bins.

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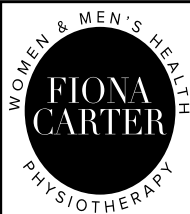
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## **Planning Matters:**

19/00698/AGR – Mr & Mrs J Delahay, Field Cottage, Church Rd, Clifton WR6 6DJ – application for a lean-to equipment store for agricultural purposes. It was agreed to recommend approval.

19/00689/HP – Drs J & K West – Warwick Ridge, Old Road, Clifton WR6 6DR – erection of two-storey extension and removal of existing garage. It was agreed to recommend approval.

Application Withdrawn: 19/00282/HP – B. Gilbert, The Old Surgery, Hope Lane, Clifton WR6 6DN – proposed conservatory to rear and glazed porch to front. Noted.

## **Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:**

Cllr S. Haywood – requested that parish drains be cleared. Clerk to liaise with Highways.

Cllr Collins – requested keys to the barrier gate by the BP Hut.

Cllr C. Haywood – reported damage to a park swing and fencing by Pound Meadow – Cllrs Bowden & Dawson to visit the site.

Cllr Bowden – queried the signage on the BP Hut and whether it is required. Also, if a review is required for the old equipment container. Following discussion, it was agreed to place these matters on the next agenda. Cllr Bowden to look at the ground lease and options re the container.

Cllr Bowden – concern has been raised regarding parking outside the Pub opposite Pound Lane as it is causing driving difficulties. The Safer Neighbourhood Team could be approached to assist? Parking issues around the school were also discussed and it was agreed that a future meeting with Governors may be useful.

It was agreed to place the tennis court on the next agenda.

Next meeting to be held Thursday 4th July 2019 at 7.40 pm.

## **LOWER SAPEY NEWS**

*With Margaret Griffiths*

It seems odd that this time last year we were looking out on brown lawns, watering plants and eating outdoors. Now we have a monsoon season, with overflowing ponds and water butts and disaster.... many days of the World Cup Cricket tournament cancelled and now, New Road Worcester flooded. No doubt this is global warming and it's affect on the troublesome jet stream, but it is sometimes difficult to grasp. Everything does look so beautifully green, especially the weeds, but then they always seem to flourish.

We have had a busy time in Harpley recently. Following the very successful Antiques Road Show, which Dick had organised, we had an enjoyable village party on 15th June in St Bartholomew's Church. There were masses of home-made cakes and sandwiches and our choir sang a selection of old songs and also premiered the poem by Jane Dallow, which had been set to music by her son-in-law Ben. This is quite beautiful and we thought we did a reasonable job, urged on by Candy. We only wish Dick had been there to hear it.



On the previous Tuesday, our Ladies Bible Group took a trip down the river from Upton on Severn and, despite the awful weather, thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, had tea and cakes and even had a dance or two and a lot more singing. We were joined by a few guests from Clifton, Martley and Rushwick. I don't know what they thought of us!

On June 22nd Jen Denniston is having her priesting in Worcester Cathedral, followed by a small party at Suckley Church. We all wish Jen well and that she enjoys this amazing experience. Please don't leave us though Jen!

Other notable events for the future are the annual service in St Bartholomew's Old Church, which is on August 25th, with hopefully, a picnic to follow and of course, our annual and very popular Big Breakfast, which is at St Bartholomew's Church on Saturday September 7th, organised as usual by Liz and Steve Younge. Thanks to them and also to Pat Prosser, who looks after the Old Church service. By then, let's hope our summer will have brightened up and we will have some sunshine to look back on during the Autumn and Winter.

We also have another wedding taking place in our Church, that of Tom, Pat Savage's grandson and his fiancée Emma. We hope they have a lovely day and a very happy life together. It is great that they have chosen this Church to be married in, as their brother Ben and his wife Tabitha did a few years ago.

On August 14th, a date for flower arrangers, as Shane Connolly is giving a 'no-foam' flower arranging demonstration in Martley Church (2-4pm).

## **NOTICES**

Housekeeping in St Bartholomew's for July is in the hands of Doreen McClean.

Housekeeping for August is shared by Sue Ellsom and Suzanna Everitt.

Thanks to all.

The Mobile Library will be calling on Friday 19th July  
and 16th August at 10.20 and 10.40a.m.

## **SERVICES FOR JULY**

July 7th 10.30am Morning Prayer

July 14th 10.30am Methodist service

July 16th 9am Morning prayers

July 21st 10.30am Holy Communion

July 28th 10.30am Circle service

Ladies Bible Group will be on July 9th at the home of Suzanna Everitt at 2pm.

There will not be a meeting in August. September will be on  
September 10th - venue to be arranged.

For services for August, please consult the list at the back of this magazine.

**Enjoy the rest of the summer!**

### **Shelsley Social Club**

Pool Knockout competition and barbecue taking place  
on Sunday 28th July at 3pm

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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

### **Parish Council Resignations**

It is regrettable that four members of Clifton Parish Council have felt the need to resign. Unfortunately, whoever drafted their resignation statement has entirely mis-read the situation. No personal criticism has been voiced for any of the Parish Councillors, just frustration at the lack of communication. They are to be thanked for their time and voluntary service to the community. Also, any complaint made has come not from the 'minority of parishioners' as mentioned, but actually represents a number of the silent majority of Clifton Council Tax payers who have had no other way of voicing their concerns. The refusal to allow any dialogue to take place at meetings, when perfectly legitimate questions have been asked, has led to frustration and ill-feeling which could have perfectly well been settled without rancour. When people are neighbours, they shouldn't need a 'conduit'! The belligerent tone, introduced three years ago and allowed to continue, has become all too familiar at Parish Council meetings. This tone was reflected in the resignation statement, taking Clifton to task for its hostile and 'unscrupulous antics', 'unwarranted criticism' and 'unsubstantiated complaint' against the Parish Clerk. It is hard to see how these 'antics' can be dismissed as 'unwarranted criticism' when at council meetings, the secrecy, the running of proceedings, the atmosphere of confrontation and the rudeness with which some parishioners have been treated, has not only been allowed, but condoned. The Parish Council deals with important local business but it is not responsible for state secrets, and should deal with very little that needs to be hidden from the public view. Parishioners have been perplexed as to why this state of affairs has been allowed to go on for so long. If the support given to a non-resident employee had been shown to the people of Clifton, whom the Parish Council is here to represent, a great deal of anxiety, ill-feeling and money might have been saved.

*Beth Whittenbury*

*(on behalf of five Clifton organisations: WI, Bowls Club, Friendship Club, Thursday Morning Coffee Group & St. Kenelm's).*

# Church Matters

by Billy Graham

Concert violinist Fritz Kreisler earned a fortune with his concerts and musical compositions, but he was a generous man and gave a lot of money away. So when he discovered an exquisite violin for sale on one of his trips, he disappointingly was not able to buy it. Later, having saved enough money to meet the asking price he returned to the seller hoping now to be able to purchase the beautiful instrument. But to his great dismay, it had been sold to a collector. Kreisler made his way to the new owner's home and offered to buy the violin. The collector told him it had become a prized possession in his collection and was not for sale.

Keenly disappointed, Kreisler was about to leave when he had a thought. 'Could I play the instrument once before it is consigned to the silence of your collection?' he asked. Permission was granted, and the great virtuoso filled the room with such moving music that the collector's emotions were deeply stirred. 'I have no right to keep that to myself' he exclaimed. 'It's yours, Mr Kreisler, take it into the world and let people hear it.'

There is a local connection to this story, for Elgar wrote his violin concerto for Kreisler, who performed its premier in London in 1910 with Elgar conducting. Perhaps he played it on that very violin.

As it was with that violin, so it is with our faith. It too should be shared and not locked away in silence. Sharing the gospel message is the work of every believer, and we have been doing just that, when in the first week of June prayer walks took place in all our villages. Prayers were said in the pubs, the new housing developments, schools, garages and shops as part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Thy Kingdom Come' message. It was an uplifting experience for all who took part, and we trust and hope, also for all those we met on the way, with whom we were able to share the gospel.

Our faith grows by expression. If we want to keep our faith, we must share it.

## TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

The Woodland Trust is a national charity dedicated to conserving existing trees and planting new woods. The Trust encourages everyone to get out and about communing with nature and has released a list of ten lesser-known woodland inhabitants for people to look out for when they visit their local wood. Two species on the list are relatively familiar here in the Teme valley, but the remainder are just plain weird and wonderful.



Of the two familiar creatures, the hawfinch and the yellow-necked mouse are those known locally. The former caused a stir hereabouts last winter, by turning up in good numbers to feed in the Teme valley. Quite a few of them were spotted by keen-eyed members of the public. The hawfinch is Britain's largest finch and has a big strong bill designed to crack nuts and seeds. Around here cherry stones are abundant and the powerful bill of the hawfinch is up to the job of cracking them open. Damson stones and haws (from which they derive their name) are no problem either.

Yellow-necked mice are relatives of the wood mouse who have a yellow ring of fur round the underside of their necks. Only seen as separate from wood mice since 1834, they distinguish themselves by being in possession of a sharp, and freely-offered, nip.

The other creatures on the list veer into the esoteric, although some have eye-catching names. To start with are two spiders, the wasp spider and the catchily-named Mr Whippy spider. The wasp spider, not surprisingly looks like a wasp, but has eight legs, and the Mr Whippy spider is tiny and yellow and lays eggs on leaf-undersides that look like soft ice-cream. Next on the list is the log-jam hoverfly, which appears in spring after its larvae have developed over winter, in wet logs that have got stuck in streams.

Another unsung creature to look out for is the lemon slug, a bright yellow ancient-woodland dweller that ventures out in late summer to munch on mushrooms. But perhaps not the next item on the list, the curry milkcap, a small reddish-brown mushroom that smells of curry powder. Next is a lichen called tree lungwort. This was named long ago, when it was thought to possess curative powers over lung disorders. Surprisingly, recent research has shown that it does have medicinal effects, but against prions, the proteins that cause BSE and CJD diseases.

Next, there's a slime mould, a weird and wonderful being that, despite comprising a group of individual single-celled organisms, can act in concert to navigate a maze – allegedly! And finally, the campion anther smut fungus, a mould preying on red campion flowers, turning all the flowers it lands on into male flowers (even if they were female flowers to start with). Weird or what!

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday July 11th 2019 when we welcome Laura Wood to talk about the Suckley Brook crayfish project. 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](http://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 [twwg@outlook.com](mailto:twwg@outlook.com).

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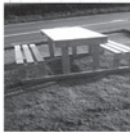
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

- 4 Clifton Parish Council Meeting, Clifton Village Hall, 7.40pm
- 6 Shelsley Village Hall coffee morning, 10am – 12.30pm
- 6 Shelsley Social Club bingo night
- 7 Garden coffee morning and cake sale, 6 Kenlem Road Clifton, 10am – 12pm
- 9 Lower Sapey Ladies Bible Group meeting at Suzanna Everitt's house
- 13 Shelsley Village Hall pig roast, 7pm - midnight
- 20 St. Kenelm's Patronal Celebration, coffee morning and flower event, 10.30 – 12pm
- 20 Shelsley Social Club bingo night
- 21 St. Kenelm's Patronal Celebration, Songs of Praise and cream tea, 3pm
- 24 Clifton Village Hall AGM, in the Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28 Shelsley Social Club Pool knockout competition and BBQ
- 28 Shelsley Hillclimb Summer Spree

### August

- 3 Tenbury Show
- 3 Shelsley Social Club bingo night
- 10 Shelsley Hillclimb Championship Challenge
- 14 'No-foam' flower arranging demonstration by Shane Connolly, Martley Church, 2-4pm
- 17 Shelsley Social Club bingo night
- 25 St. Bartholomew's Church Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving, 3pm



<b>Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley) July 2019</b>			
<b>Tuesday 2nd</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	10.00am	<i>Pushchair Praise</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Sunday 7th July Trinity 3</b>	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Sunday 14th July Trinity 4 Rural Mission Sunday</b>	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	10.30am	<i>Methodist Service</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
	6.30pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh</i>
<b>Tuesday 16th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
<b>Wednesday 17th</b>	7.30pm	<i>Time for Time Out</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Sunday 21st July Trinity 5</b>	8.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
	3.00pm	<i>Patronal Songs of Praise Service (followed by Cream Teas)</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Monday 22nd</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh</i>
<b>Sunday 28th July Trinity 6</b>	10.30am	<i>Circle Service</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
	6.30pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
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<b>Sunday 4th August Proper 13</b>	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp</i>
<b>Wednesday 7th</b>	10.00am	<i>No Pushchair Praise</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Sunday 11th August Trinity 8</b>	8.15am	<i>Midland Automobile Club Service</i>	<i>St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh</i>
	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
	10.30am	<i>Methodist Service</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Sunday 18th August Trinity 9</b>	10.30am	<i>COME Pet Service</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Tuesday 20th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Bartholomew, Harpley</i>
<b>Wednesday 21st</b>	7.30pm	<i>Time for Time Out</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Sunday 25th August Trinity 10</b>	3.00pm	<i>Annual Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Old St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey</i>
<b>Monday 26th</b>	9.00am	<i>No Morning Prayer - Bank Holiday</i>	<i>St Kenelm, Clifton</i>
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh</i>
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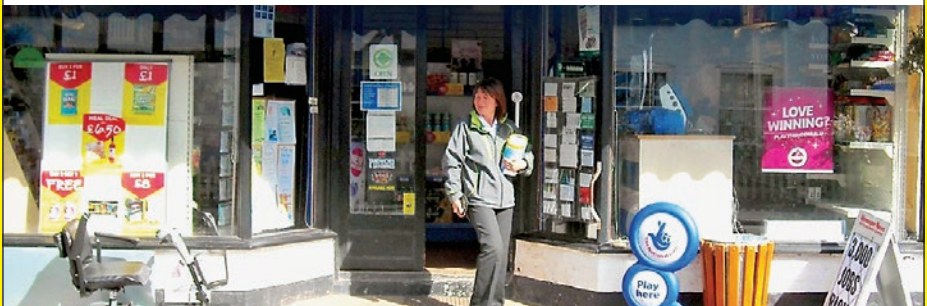
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