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Cathryn Throup retires as headteacher

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Lois Pearson's painting of the old pumping station near Clifton that has been accepted by the Royal Academy for its London exhibition.

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Front Cover Picture

Cathryn Throup, pictured with husband Dave (left) and Nick Wain at her retirement party at Pitlands

CLIFTON TEENAGER'S ART CHOSEN BY ROYAL ACADEMY

Clifton art student Lois Pearson has had one of her paintings accepted by the Royal Academy for both its London exhibition in October and the on-line RA exhibition.

Eighteen-year-old Lois applied to the Royal Academy's Young Artists Summer Show a few months ago while studying Fine Art at Hereford Sixth form Collage. The painting she submitted was of the old pumping station in Hollybush Lane near Clifton (*see opposite*) and was one of only 400 selected from a total of 17,700 submitted.

"The project I was working on at the time was landscape architecture, therefore I thought the small brick building local to where we live was perfect," said Lois. "It was secluded and captured some beautiful colours and movement. I was very excited to find out that I was not only accepted for the online exhibition but also the on-site exhibition."

She was also chosen as a young artist to be interviewed for the Royal Academy Magazine. "That was a real honour. Over the past weeks I have had an interview and a photoshoot for the magazine which will be published this month while I will be starting the Art Foundation course at Hereford Collage of Arts."

HARPLEY CHURCH

Harpley Church and the local community are thankful for the Lower Sapey Centenary Fund for its donations towards the cost of both the coping stone repair and the heating system replacement.

"We see this as an important step forward in making the church more user friendly and more comfortable for worship and functions that take place within the building," says Candy Connolly. "We have been very concerned that the lack of heating would severely restrict any plans for worship or events during the autumn and winter, so now, thanks to the Centenary Fund this is no longer an issue."

Ancrum Evans began the fund in 1976 and once noted that 'a successful church is a warm church'. The Centenary Fund is a lifeline for the church to survive through these difficult times. Anyone who feels able to make a donation should contact Margaret Smith on masmith1@btconnect.com.

COMMUNITY SENSORY AND WILDLIFE GARDEN

The Community Sensory and Wildlife Garden will be a major feature of the Four Acre Field Project (*see opposite page*).

In May we had a survey of the whole playing field site carried out by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust to assess existing biodiversity and to recommend enhancements to encourage even more wildlife.

It is amazing to discover how many wildlife species are already inhabiting the playing field and that by making some minor adjustments, such as changes to the grass-cutting regime, sowing wildflower mixes in areas with low footfall and installing bird and bat boxes together with insect hotels, we can vastly increase the attraction of the field to a wide variety of wildlife.

The sensory garden itself will be a major provider of wildlife habitat. In designing the sensory aspects of scent, colour, touch, movement and sound attractive to us humans, we will be using plants which will also be attractive to pollinators and plants whose leaves and stems will provide hunting grounds for invertebrates and small mammals. Also, we will be encouraging birds, hedgehogs, frogs and insects to linger in the garden by installing bird boxes, bug hotels, a stumpery and a hibernacula to provide places where they can shelter. We aim to provide a green corridor for wildlife by linking the garden to existing nearby hedges in the field through sensitive planting and new hedging where appropriate. We are also looking at ways in which we can collect and safely store water to use in the garden. Even though we plan to use as many drought tolerant plants as we can, there will always be those which need a little extra, and water will be needed to help all plants become established after planting.

If you would like to see our preliminary design for the garden, please visit the *Tem Triangle* website – (Section 106 Funding) or have a look on the back of the Parish Council notice board or in the pavilion window.

Now that we have given you a flavour of our plans, we would be delighted to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Please email cuts106play@gmail.com or fill in a postcard at the Village Stores.

Heather Hurley

FOUR ACRE FIELD PROJECT UPDATE

In the July edition of *Teme Triangle*, the Four Acre Field Project team provided images of how the new facilities on the field are likely to look. Since then the team has had some very helpful feedback from villagers via messages to cuts106play@gmail.com which has helped them enormously in tweaking the field layout.

The next stage involves sharing their plans in detail via a consultation process which will form part of the Parish Council application to Malvern Hills District Council. Normally such a meeting would be held in the village hall but the Covid restrictions place a huge burden on indoor areas and it would simply not be possible or even fair to the village hall trustees to try and organise something as significant as a village meeting. An outdoor event had also been considered but the current uncertainties in respect of Covid-19 regulations make that an unwise option.

The team is now working on an alternative consultation method whereby a gallery of images will be created – not just those that have been in the Teme Triangle or on the website and notice board – with specific details of the various play items, sports facilities and perimeter path arrangements. They hope to display all these images around the tennis courts (suitably weather proofed!) for perhaps a week. The team will follow up with a survey process involving both an online facility and an “offline option” via postcards and a post box perhaps next to the pavilion.

This will take some organising by the project team and they will do their best to ensure that flyers are delivered to everyone in the village during the next few weeks setting out the specific arrangements.

More information will available early in September via the website, PC notice board and Nextdoor plus, we hope, a leaflet drop to every house.

CLIFTON SCOUTS

The Clifton Scouts will be holding their Annual General Meeting via Zoom at 7.30pm on Monday, 21st September. Anyone wishing to attend should email their details to exec@cliftonontemescouts.org by 14th September, and the Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

The Scouts need leaders across all sections: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts; hut committee members; an executive member to do marketing and another to manage risk assessments. Contact Deborah Haywood on 07591816821 or gsl@cliftonontemescouts.org

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Draft Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Clifton Parish Council held Thursday 2nd July 2020

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), R. Henry, C. Haywood, J. Dawson, J. Collins & S. Haywood. Also present: County Cllr K. Pollock, M. Alexander (Clerk) and five members of the public.

Apologies: Ward Cllr C. Palethorpe.

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Clifton Hill Helpers were thanked by the meeting for all their support locally during the CV-19 pandemic. David Moore was thanked for supplying turkeys for the recent roast dinners.

Declarations of Prejudicial & Pecuniary Interests: None.

Democratic Public Time: Matters raised by Residents to be considered at the meeting: J. Delahay raised concern regarding the gully which needs to be reinstated following the Meadows development along Pound Lane. County Cllr Pollock agreed to follow this up with the Developer and Highways. Surface water floods the field and causes ice to form across the lane in winter if the water doesn't drain away via the gully.

Minutes of a virtual meeting held 4th June 2020 were agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr J. Collins, seconded Cllr S. Haywood. All agreed. No matters arising.

District & County Councillor Reports: Reports to be uploaded to the website. Other updates as circulated to Councillors. County Cllr Pollock updated the meeting regarding local issues including flooding work at Tenbury, Covid-19 impact, cycling & walking options being explored as part of LTP4 Policy, Highways works. The Clerk will chase up outstanding works with Highways – white gates, VAS, yellow lines opposite The Lion PH. It was noted that Highways have worked extremely hard in recent months and are now catching up with their programme. The Clerk read out a report from District Cllr Palethorpe and the Young People's Survey was noted for local publicity.

Financial & Governance Matters: Payments agreed as per the schedule – Michelle Alexander - Clerk salary £456.47, Michelle Alexander – Clerk salary 456.47 (August payment agreed in advance), Michelle Alexander - Clerks expenses - phone / mileage £48.90, Michelle Alexander – reimbursement for x4 half barrel planters £191.00, Michelle Alexander – Home Office fee Q1 £60.00, HMRC PAYE Q1 £342.40. An extra ordinary meeting will be held on 23rd July to consider the approval of the Annual Accounts & Governance Statement 2019-20 for external audit.

Parish Matters: Play Area – a meeting will be held this Saturday to assess risks prior to re-opening (Clerk & Chairman). The purchase of x4 half barrel planters for the village green was retrospectively approved. New waste bins – 1 was considered for outside The Meadows and also 1 at the end of Hill Farm drive. (The bin location at Hill Farm, is awaiting confirmation from MHDC re

collections.) Cllr R. Henry raised concern that the one at The Meadows may not be used and after discussion it was agreed not to purchase a new bin for this location although dog fouling has increased significantly in this area. Cllr Collins agreed to be a 'dog fouling' warden and the Clerk will send details of local schemes. The Clerk will also check with MHDC re enforcement options. Correspondence from R. Neave was noted; the Clerk will respond in due course.

Section 106 Committee update: C. Hurley's report had been circulated by email. Information regarding the CFAF project has been included in the Triangle and is on the notice board. The site has been walked and drainage chambers (C) have now been identified with routes located. Wayleave will most probably be in place for C1,2 & 3. There should be no impact on the depth required for the project. Thanks to Bernard Pound for all his help.

Planning Applications considered – 20/00815/AGR Cliftonswood Farm, B4204 The Village to Herefordshire, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6EP – agricultural track. No objection, although there are a couple of footpaths which cross the new track and need to be preserved.

Highways Matters: The Clerk will liaise with the Lengthsman about outstanding tasks.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr C. Haywood raised concern about cars parking on the green at the end of Manor Rd. It was agreed that the land ownership should be checked by the Clerk before action could be taken. It was noted that the existing green container on the pavilion car park was being retained for future use for the CFAF project. Cllr Bowden updated that a footpaths noticeboard was being priced up and a proposal would follow. Cllr S. Haywood updated re recent clearance work at Blue Shot Strip.

DRAFT Minutes of an extraordinary virtual meeting of Clifton Parish Council held Thursday 23rd July 2020

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), R. Henry & J. Collins. Also present: M. Alexander (Clerk) and five members of the public. Apologies: Councillors C. Haywood & S. Haywood.

Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2019-20: The governance statement had been previously circulated to Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr R. Henry, that the statement be approved and signed by the Chairman. All agreed. The statement was duly signed for submission by the Clerk to external audit.

Approval of the Annual Accounting Statement 2019-20: The accounting statement had been previously circulated to Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr R. Henry, seconded Cllr Collins, that the statement be approved and signed by the Chairman. All agreed. The statement was duly signed for submission by the Clerk to external audit.

Next ordinary meeting to be held Thursday 3rd September 2020 – arrangements to be confirmed.

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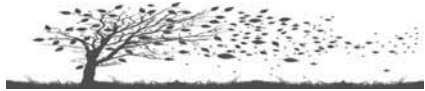


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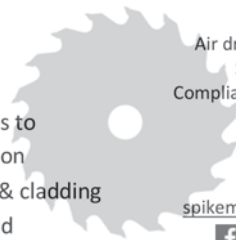
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NEW CLIFTON SCHOOL HEAD

Karen Groves (*right*) has been appointed as the new head teacher for Clifton Primary School. She has previously been a teacher and senior leader in three different schools across Worcestershire for 15 years, most recently as part of the leadership team at Lyppard Grange in Worcester where she lives with her husband. Outside of school she enjoys all things to do with music and theatre as well as taking relaxing walks with her dog. Although she officially takes charge on 1st September she has been working with Cathryn Throup, the staff and the governors to plan for the new school year.



“From the very first moment I visited Clifton, I was struck by the wonderfully nurturing environment with such incredibly engaged, confident and delightful children,” she said. “Quite honestly, I fell in love with the school immediately. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the staff team who, under Mrs Throup’s leadership, are working tirelessly to guide the school through this difficult period. I will be continuing to work alongside the staff team and the governing body while preparing for the new school year.”

“I cannot wait to be able to welcome the children back to the school they know and love and get to know each of them fully. The partnership between school and home is incredibly important to me; I am also very much looking forward to meeting you all and continuing to build on the many successes of the school together.”

LOCAL BUSINESS START-UPS

Physio In The Sticks

Amanda Stephenson from Pound Lane, Clifton has started a physiotherapy business: Physio In The Sticks. "I usually work for Malvern Hills Physiotherapy but I am currently on furlough. I was also due to work part time with Team GB Judo but this was postponed due to lockdown. Following requests for help from friends and neighbours (Harvey Richards arrived at the bottom of my garden in his tractor for a consultation!) who could not get a physiotherapy appointment I decided to set up Physio In The Sticks. 90% of musculoskeletal injuries can be treated successfully online or by telephone and many people are now able to use Zoom. The service is available seven days a week until 9pm. I also have many years experience working with older adults and people living with neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease, MS, dementia and stroke and I will also provide local home visits." Visit the website: www.physiointhesticks.co.uk or telephone 07398 495819 or 01886 821750 to book an appointment. Email: info@physiointhesticks.co.uk

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

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With St Bartholomew as our village centre, we are arranging small events where we can. On the last Sunday in August we are planning a garden service at the church, after which everyone will bring their own picnic lunch. Candy will bring her quartet to entertain us all.

If this is successful we hope to go ahead with our (scaled down) Big Breakfast Bap on 12th September starting at 10am, which Liz and Steve Younge are organising. Liz assures everyone that they will of course have safety for all in mind and all the correct precautions will be taken. This is a cash only occasion (no card facilities) tickets £5. As Liz commented it will be good to see everyone in their own social bubbles and from a suitable distance!

Harpley church has some ceiling problems so won't be having services inside the church until a safety solution is reached. We are praying for some kind weather in the next couple of months! However, church will be open on Sunday mornings from 10am until 12 noon for individual prayer and reflection.

We look forward to Harvest celebrations in October as usual to give our potato farmers a chance to celebrate 'when all are safely gathered in. In the meantime, stay safe everyone.

Marion West

SHUT THAT GATE!

A farm gate left open by a thoughtless person last month resulted in a valuable herd of young calves escaping from a field at Church House Farm in Clifton. As a result, the Crump family spent almost a whole day rounding them up from the Shelsley Walsh hill climb area. "It completely ruined our day," said Bob Crump afterwards.



Church Matters

by Rev Canon David Sherwin



I wonder how you have been keeping in touch with people over the last few months? Telephone? Mobile phone? A visual internet communication such as Facetime or the latest interactive chat site, Zoom?

Whichever, and you may of course use something completely different we have all realised how important it is to be in touch, how important our relationships with both family and friends are. As lockdown eases, we have of course been able to move closer to one another again physically, but of course with that two metre gap. You may have seen a loved one and just forgot yourself and given them a big hug, understandable but we have to be careful I know. Though those gaps are there we know that the gap between us is only (hopefully) temporary. When there is a vaccine or there is a cure for this awful virus then we can resume normal relations and hugs.

This has parallels for me with my faith and my journey towards my following Jesus. As a teenager I was going to church, I knew about God, but there was a distance between me and my Creator. A gap! We were distanced by things that came between me and him. The virus, what the bible calls sin, was causing the lack of a full relationship. That was until I found the vaccine, the cure, which was and is Jesus.

Once I realised how much I was loved and I reached out to him in prayer the relationship was restored, I had a spiritual 'Hug' from God and he has never let me go since and that's a long time now, and he never will leave me or forsake me. Even though there have been hard times, even though I sometimes let him down, God is by my side. Even when I don't feel his presence God is there and through this lockdown I know God has held us close and loves us. That relationship is for us all and maybe you would like to find out how and why a bestselling author and artist like Charlie Mackesy, once an atheist, sees his relationship with God now, and join us for the Churches Together virtual video evenings as you can see in the poster.

But even if you cannot join us for those evenings may you find that Hug from God that he wants to give us all and see there gap between you disappear and know his Spiritual hug day by.

May I take this opportunity to bring you a hug too, even though its only in words. God bless you all

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Charlie is the author of the best-selling book *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse*. In these engaging and amusing talks, full of humour and humility, he shares a part of his own personal journey from atheism to faith in Christ in his own charming, self-deprecating manner. The series starts with an introductory evening on Wednesday, 9 September. The talks then follow on a weekly basis on Wednesday, September 16, 23, 30 and October 7.

The evenings are taking place over the internet using Zoom, starting at 7pm and finishing at 9pm. If you'd like to be involved please register with Becky Elliott on revrebeccaelliott@btinternet.com And if you feel uncomfortable using Zoom, then contact us because we're happy to try and put in place an alternative. We hope you can join us. Don't forget to invite a friend along.

The Churches Together team

GARDEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Some years ago, Clifton Parochial Church Council purchased a section of land adjacent to the church and behind the Rectory. The intention was for it ultimately to be used as an extension to the church yard. However, it was recently decided that, instead, a garden for the use of everyone would be a better idea. This would mean that all villagers, young and old and indeed visitors have a place to sit and enjoy our beautiful village and countryside.

"Nothing is easy, or cheap, but at least we are underway," said churchwarden Alana Cooper. "We have had consultations with the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust in order to be as nature friendly as possible. The land has been strimmed and will be regularly maintained in preparation for construction. Funding is nearly in place."

The wildlife friendly garden is designed for disabled and pushchair access. Initially this would be via the gate to the side of the church on Sue Roscoe's property until our new disabled access is in place. The plan is to have traditional old varieties of fruit trees, many wildflowers and well scented plants adding a sensory aspect.

If any villagers have ideas for the garden, your input would be gratefully received. These could be left in the porch of the church for the churchwardens. This garden is for the enjoyment of EVERYONE!

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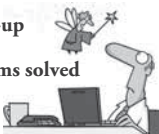


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Abbreviated Draft Minutes of the virtual Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on July 7th 2020

Present: Dr Laura Taylor (Chairman) Mr William Sutherland, Mr David Styles, Mrs Val Jones, Mrs Jean Hammond & Mrs Louise Hutton.

In Attendance: Dr Pollock and the clerk.

Apologies: Councillors Bates, Stinton & Metcalfe & DC Palethorpe. No Minutes: The minutes of May 19th 2020 were agreed as a true record.

County Councillor and District Councillor's reports: Dr Pollock's report was circulated before the meeting. He reported on the response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the current levels of infection. He also gave an update on the revival of shopping in Tenbury Wells and the road maintenance which WCC has undertaken on quieter roads including the filling of 6,000 potholes. The full reports are available on the website details below.

Planning: The outstanding planning applications were discussed.

20/00852/HP 4 The Bungalows Pard House Lane, councillors had seen the online plans and the application for an extension was supported.

19/00610/FUL Notification of Planning Appeal. Barn (OS 7522 6333) at Fetterlocks Farmhouse (agricultural building to dwelling). No comment there was nothing to add to the comments submitted on the original planning application. Abberley Neighbourhood Plan, details to be circulated. Comments by August 24th.

Finance: The following payments were agreed. Clerk's salary and expenses £559.48 HMRC invoice £143.80

MAC: Mr Simon Durling representing the Midland Automobile Club (MAC) reported on the coming events at the Hill Climb. There will be a Members only day on 18th July, events on the 25th/26th July, 8th/9th August, 15th/16th August 29th/30th August, 12th/13th September, 19th/20th September and a Members only meeting 25th September. Due to the current restrictions with regard to social distancing no spectators will currently be allowed to attend any of the above events.

Progress Reports: Broadband: Self-Dig project. WCC has been informed of all the landowners involved who will be contacted by Openreach. A survey will be undertaken by Openreach to establish costs. If the cost is acceptable vouchers will be applied for to cover the self-dig projects. The Parish Council wishes to thank Sara Harris, Anthony Champion and Tony Taylor for their help as well as members of the Parish Council and the clerk for their input in identifying the relevant properties and landowners.

Waste Bin: Due to Covid-19 the Glasdon bin agreed on could not be ordered but will be delivered shortly. Councillor Stinton has agreed to install it in the lay by opposite the Stirt Farm.

Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda: Councillors are finding Zoom meetings difficult due to the poor broadband speeds and restricted time

allowed. Not all councillors are able to access Zoom. It is hoped to be able to resume meetings in the Village Hall in future. The Chairman thanked councillors for their patience.

Next Meeting Date: September 15th, format to be decided.

To view the minutes and agenda online go to the WCC website. and look at The Shelsleys. <http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>
Jan Speyer Clerk 01886 812444

SCENIC CLIFTON AND FLORAL NOTECARDS



Over the past couple of years the Scenic Clifton notecards and other items which Ros Wain has made from her photos, along with the village calendar, have raised money which has so far supported photographic exhibitions, the Band on the Green and bought display boards for the village hall. More is available to support other projects such as expenses arising from the S106 and the potential Accommodation for Later Life in Clifton (ALLIC) projects.

This year's designs, of which a sample are shown here, are £1 each or £5 for 6 (complete with envelopes). They are blank inside and can include the birthday motif or not as you prefer. You can contact Ros via Nextdoor private message, at jcandrwin@yahoo.co.uk. or on 812958 if you would like to see the whole range."

To read the full minutes of meetings of Clifton Parish Council, go to the following link: <https://clifton-upon-teme-pc.org.uk/index.php/parish-council/agendas-and-minutes/minutes>

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TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

In May I wrote about the wildflower charity Plantlife's 'No mow May' campaign, which was aimed at providing extra nectar for pollinating insects. I was therefore very pleased to see the following headline in my daily newspaper in June, 'Orchids blossom like never before as shaggy lawns enjoy record sun'. Two photographs accompanied the article, one was of a jolly scarecrow holding a 'No mow May' placard and the other showed a brightly coloured orchid. The orchid depicted was unfortunately a tropical moth-orchid, a variety highly unlikely to have pitched up on anybody's lawn, but the thought was clearly there.

Trevor Dines of Plantlife was quoted in the article and he explained that the combination of a mild winter and a warm and sunny spring had brought a bumper crop of bee orchids to people's lawns. Bee orchids are happiest in their stronghold habitats in warm Mediterranean countries, but 626 hours of bright sunshine in the spring of 2020, a record three-month total for the UK, helped them on their way here in Britain. The scarecrow, dubbed by Plantlife the 'scare-mow', was an idea thought up by the charity to encourage children to enjoy creating something that might deter their parents from getting the mower out of the shed – a bit of fun that clearly worked.

I had a go with no-mowing this year too, but for quite a different reason. I was motivated by a garden visit last year to the Sussex home of early twentieth century gardening journalist William Robinson. He wrote a very influential gardening book called *The Wild Garden* in which he advocated growing bulbs through grass. Inspired by his ideas, I set to last autumn to plant a selection of cultivated bulbs including crocus, fritillary, star of Bethlehem, Tenby daffodil, Poet's narcissus and camassia into circular patches of my grass. Unable to mow until the bulb foliage had died down, I had my own no-mow experiment and found buttercups, daisies, lady's smock, common catsear and common mouse-ear flowering in the grass between my non-native flowers.

I had not grown the Tenby daffodil before and found it very good. It differs from the usual wild daffodil, which is a two-tone flower, by having the crown and trumpet both of the same bright golden yellow. It traditionally grew wild in the Tenby area and in surrounding parts of Pembrokeshire, though no-one knew where it had come from, nor why it grew nowhere else. It became popular in the Victorian era as a garden plant and thousands of bulbs were dug up to satisfy demand from gardeners. By the 1940s only a few fields in the area had abundant flowers remaining.

In the 1970s there was fortunately a revival of interest in the plant, after a chance enquiry at the local tourist office from a visitor keen to buy Tenby daffodils to take home. Spotting a marketing opportunity, Tenby decided to plant up its public spaces with its own unique daffodil, both for a beautiful spring

display, and to capitalise on a local botanical treasure. Its survival was then ensured.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on hold whilst we await the re-opening of our venue. Our meetings are usually held at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall, WR15 8RR, at 7:30pm. 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 01568 750413 or by email at tvwg@outlook.com



Stephanie Mocroft

NORA PARSONS DAY CENTRE AGM

The Nora Parsons Day Centre will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the centre in Venns Lane, Wichenford, on Tuesday, 13 October, at 10.30am.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB COFFEE MORNING

The Clifton Friendship Club will be holding a coffee morning at Marie Thompson's house, 26 The Village, Clifton, on Saturday, 31 October from 10am until 12.

The Thursday morning Coffee Club in Clifton that now meets at Pitlands Farm, has donated £170 to the local Scouts.

Local Church Services for September 2020

Sunday, September 6th

10.30am St Kenelm's, Clifton – Holy Communion

Sunday, September 13th

10.30am Zoom Service

Sunday, September 20th

10.30am All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp – CW Holy Communion

6.30pm St Kenelm's, Clifton – Evensong

Sunday, September 27th

10.30am St Martholomew's, Harpley – CW Holy Communion

Minutes of Lower Sapey Parish Meeting held Thursday 13th August 2020 at St Bartholomew's Church, Harpley.

Present: Ashley Jones (Chairman), County Councillor Ken Pollock, M. Alexander (Clerk), R. Wilks (Parish Lengthsman) and 10 members of the public.

Apologies: S. Younge (V/Chairman), District Councillor C. Palethorpe and three members of the public.

Minutes of a meeting held 5th March 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed J. Jones, seconded H. Rigby. All agreed.

Appointment of Parish Clerk: The Chairman welcomed M. Alexander to the meeting as the new Parish Clerk. S. Everitt was thanked by all those present for her work as the previous Parish Clerk.

Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes: It was noted that the June 2020 Parish Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2019-2020: The statement was read out to the meeting by the Clerk. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by A. Everitt, that the statement be approved. All agreed.

Approval of the Statement of Accounts and Exemption Certificate 2019-2020: The accounts and exemption certificate figures were read out to the meeting by the Clerk. It was proposed by Margaret Griffiths, seconded by S. Rigby, that both be approved. All agreed.

County & District Councillor Reports: County Cllr K. Pollock had sent a report to the Clerk which will be circulated and uploaded to the website. Matters discussed included: Hollybush Lane closure for bridge repairs by Worcs CC from 24th Aug for 15 days. Flooding in the Teme Valley. Economic recovery during Covid-19 pandemic. 5G Worcs CC broadband connectivity project – it was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter to Cllr Pollock outlining current actions to date, concerns raised and a request for assistance. H. Rigby to send the Clerk information about actions to date. Development in Hope Lane / s.106 funding – it was agreed that the Clerk should send Cllr Pollock information regarding local concerns so that he can look into the matter.

Parish Lengthsman Scheme: The Clerk confirmed that Worcs CC has had R. Wilks confirmed as the Parish Lengthsman for Lower Sapey. The Clerk is to confirm the budget available, thought to be £1700.00 p.a.

Planning Matters: No applications had been received.

Parish Matters: The following matters were discussed – St Bartholomew's Church has new heaters in place but the ceiling needs repair as it is falling in places, which will be expensive to repair. Options are being explored to make temporary repairs and a risk assessment is being drafted re public usage. The building is currently closed to the public. Sewage concerns – MHDC Regulatory Services are now dealing with the matter having been contacted by the Clerk. It is not thought to be Rooftops properties. Hollybush Lane – the road closure notice was noted (see note 6). Harpley Big Breakfast will be held on 12th September at 10am at St Bartholomew's – contact C. Connolly for details. Speeding concerns at the junction of the Stourport Rd – the Clerk will check options with Highways to slow traffic down.

Date of the next meeting: The next meeting will be held on 10th December at 7.00 pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Michelle Alexander
Clerk



Peter and Ann McBryde of Clifton celebrate their Diamond Wedding (60 years) anniversary



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