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*Clifton on Teme Hunt*

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*Clifton's Candy Connolly, pictured at 13,000 feet while free-falling at 120mph over Oxfordshire as part of a team of 18 volunteers who raised over £30,000 for the Worcester Breast Haven Unit. "It was an absolutely incredible experience" said Candy, who celebrated her 60th birthday recently.*

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### **Front Cover Picture**

*Members of the Clifton on Teme Hunt, which celebrated its centenary last year, at their opening meet in the village last month.*

## GRETA SPAREY'S RIDE FOR CHARITY

Greta Sparey of Mill Farm, Stanford, has raised more than £3,500 for the Changing Lives Through Horses programme after taking part in a British Horse Society Charity Race at Newbury last month.

Greta, who suffered serious injuries as a result of being kicked by a horse in 2017, had first to pass a gruelling fitness test, raise at least £2,500 and find a racehorse before even being considered eligible to take part in the race. She was able to achieve all three goals thanks to Mark and Clare Loughnane of DML Racing at Rock who provided Broughton's Flare as her ride.

"The actual race was a bit of a blur as it all happened so fast," said Greta who managed to finish in third place. Afterwards she was presented with a bottle of champagne by HRH Princess Anne (*right*). "I was so lucky to have the support of my amazing family, friends and loyal supporters".



## OLD ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH XMAS MEMORY TREE



The Churches Conservation Trust have provided a Xmas Memory Tree to be placed in Old St. Bartholomew's Church, Hope Lane, Lower Sapey from 1st December 2021 until 12th Night, 5th January 2022. For reasons of joy, sickness or sorrow, there are card baubles to write the name of a loved one on to hang on the tree.

The CCT hopes that a donation might also be made ~ thus aiding the continuing work of the CCT which preserved this ancient church.' Further information: Pat Prosser: 01886 853244; patprosser@hotmail.co.uk.

## **CHRISTMAS AT PITLANDS FARM**

The Apple Tree Kitchen at Pitlands Farm has had a super summer – thanks to all our lovely customers! We are now planning lots of exciting new ventures to take us through the autumn and winter.

- Traditional three course Sunday lunches – booking essential – offering a choice of two roast meats, or vegetarian option, home made Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, plus lots of delicious vegetables
- The Woodhouse decorated and available for private parties to enjoy set Christmas menu throughout December – see website for details.
- Reindeer Trail throughout December – spot the missing reindeer!
- ‘Step into Christmas’ on Saturday 4th December between 4pm – 8pm with a Craft Fair, music, hot pork rolls / vegetarian alternative, mince pies, mulled wine, Santa’s grotto, Christmas trees and Christmas shop with gift ideas and decorations for sale all set off to the backdrop of the thousands of twinkling lights lighting up the farm.
- Christmas themed full afternoon teas available to book throughout December
- Christmas hampers full of delicious local produce and home baked treats available to order from the beginning of December for collection during the week leading up to Christmas.
- Christmas Floral Table decoration making with Brenda Crump (20th Dec)
- The Potting Shed decorated for Christmas from the beginning of December available for smaller parties to book for lunch or afternoon tea.
- Pilates and Yoga classes.
- The Woodhouse is now fully operational as part of the Café doubling the inside seating availability, with its own roaring log fire.
- Pizza night on Fridays 5pm – 8pm which has proved to be so popular will continue with eat in or takeaway available.
- The monthly supper clubs are also very popular with the Christmas themed event taking place on Saturday 11th December – booking essential.

The Apple Tree Kitchen continues to focus on good quality ingredients and value for money using local, home grown and seasonal produce wherever possible. All meals are freshly prepared and there is a weekly changing ‘Specials’ board. Moving into the colder weather the log fires and availability of more hot food with more indoor seating make it a great destination for a deliciously warming breakfast, lunch or coffee and cake.

The Apple Tree Kitchen is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9.30am – 5pm. In addition to this it will be open the whole week leading up to Christmas (10am - 4pm) closing at 1pm after breakfast on Christmas Eve. For bookings or further information about any of the above please email [info@theappletreekitchen.co.uk](mailto:info@theappletreekitchen.co.uk) or phone 01886 812431 (Thursday – Sunday)

## **CHRISTMAS AT MILL FARM RETAIL VILLAGE**

The Mill Farm Retail Village complex at Stanford Bridge will be holding an extended pre-Christmas Open Day on Thursday, 9th December from 10am until 8pm for late night shoppers, serving mince pies and mulled wine. Angel Gardens will have reindeer in the Father Christmas Grotto from 4pm – 8pm.

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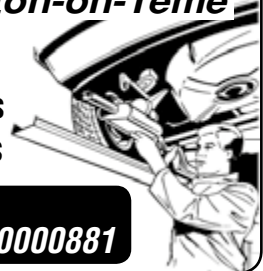
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## CLIFTON REMEMBERS THE FALLEN



A special Remembrance Day service on the village green in Clifton last month, led by Rev Canon David Sherwin, was attended by pupils from Clifton Primary School.

Afterwards, a wreath provided by the Royal British Legion was laid by Jack Whittenbury on the grave of Corporal Roy Cecil Taylor of the Gloucestershire Regiment who died on 15 October 1944 at the age of 24.

Roy Taylor's war grave in St Kenelm's churchyard (*right*) is now maintained by the Royal British Legion. His nephew, Joe Taylor lives in Clifton.





## SAS TALK FOR SHELSLEY CHURCH

A talk on the history and modern role of the SAS by local resident Mark Skipp raised more than £1,600 in aid of All Saints Church in Shelsley Beauchamp last month.

Mark (pictured right with his wife Belinda), has over 20 years of military experience, much of it with the SAS. He was awarded the George Medal for distinguished service in Afghanistan in 2002. A packed audience in Shelsley village hall heard him outline the selection process, training and operational conditions of the Special Air Service founded in 1941.



## SHELSLEY VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Country & Western night with live music courtesy of Tony Hughes & Em Jay, Saturday 11th December, 8pm onwards. £5 pp, under 18s £2.50pp, under 10s free Christmas Bingo & Raffle Saturday 18th December 7pm

*Competitors taking part in the Halloween fancy dress party at Shelsley Village Hall. Pictured are Lou Ford, Maggie Lisseman, David Powell, Adam Parfitt, Soraya Parfitt, Frank Walden, Lisa Walden, Sophie Bailey, Liz Bond, Sarah Potter, Alanie Parfitt, Grace Robinson, Heather Henshaw, Ellie Bond and Molly Bond.*



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## Notes of a meeting of Clifton Parish Council held on Thursday 4th November 2021



**Present:** Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman).

Also present: County Councillor D. Chambers and six members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor R. Henry, J. Collins, B. Gilbert and District Cllr C. Palethorpe. The Clerk informed the meeting that it was not quorate and as such no decisions could be made.

Declarations of Interests and applications for Councillor dispensations: None.

**Democratic Public Time:** The meeting discussed the recent work undertaken to the Horse Chestnut tree and noted that the school children will be planting conkers from the tree to try and grow saplings for the future. The PC will be laying a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday this year and it was noted that it will be laid on the war grave in the churchyard on 11th November.

The Clerk was asked to contact Lovells and ask for their sales signage to be removed around the area.

To agree the Minutes of a virtual meeting of 14th October 2021 – The minutes were not able to be agreed as the meeting was not quorate. Deferred to the next agenda.

**District & County Councillor Reports:** Reports were read to the meeting and will be uploaded to the website. County Cllr Chambers reported on a recent WCC Highways walkabout including an update about recent requests for works to be carried out. The Clerk was asked to contact WCC Highways about the possibility of having a 20mph zone through the village. Also to report the broken slabs in the new dropped kerbs. The meeting noted recent concerns regarding road closures which Councillor Chambers has taken up with Highways. The meeting also noted the need to look to the future regarding electric vehicle charging options.

**Financial & Governance Matters:** Essential payments were made as per the schedule circulated but will be approved retrospectively at the next meeting. The new defibrillator is to be purchased as agreed via the Clerk. Cllr A. Henry has found a local Trainer. The meeting noted that a further defibrillator may be required at the village hall in the future. The Clerk was asked to look into costs for repainting the BT kiosk. The pavilion boiler is not working, and Cllr Bowden agreed to look into costs for repair.

**Parish Matters / Updates:** Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Bowden gave an update about works completed and those still planned. The old village pump and tree seat have been repainted. Tree works are ongoing and hanging baskets have been removed for replanting in the spring. Cllr Bowden to look at the overgrown hedges in Manor Rd. Archives refurbishment: Skellerns are still to produce the door and Cllr Bowden is to chase this up. J. Johns is liaising with Cllr Bowden re items required for the archives store.

**Section 106 Matters:** Four Acre Field (CFAF) Project – the Clerk updated the meeting regarding the Land Registry application to be made. The surveyor drawing has been completed -thanks to Grimshaws for their help with this. A project review meeting is to be arranged shortly. Work has started on the bowling green renovation.

Planning Matters: There were no applications for consideration.

**Strategic Planning Matters:** Cllr Gilbert will monitor and notify the Council of any matters which require attention.

**Highways & Facilities Matters:** Lengthsman tasks – leaves to be swept up through the village.

85.21.02 Road closure notices – none, although the meeting noted that these are still not being received consistently from Highways. County Cllr Chambers will take up this matter if the Clerk writes formally.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr A. Henry is to decorate a Xmas tree for the PC for the Xmas Coffee Morning. Carols on the Green are being arranged for 17th Dec at 7pm.

Correspondence received: Worcs CALC AGM to be held Tues 16th Nov at 6.30pm – Clerk to attend.

**Next meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd December at 7.40pm at the Village Hall.**

*M. Alexander Clerk*

## **CLIFTON'S HORSE CHESTNUT TREE**

The Parish Council is responsible for several parcels of land within the village and the trees that grow upon them and is mandated to keep them safe and well managed. We have recently arranged for a tree surgeon to carry out an inspection of all our trees and to recommend a schedule of remedial and monitoring work as required.



Perhaps the most iconic tree is the Horse Chestnut tree that stands at the junction with Hope Lane and we have recently reduced the canopy to allow for better vision of that junction and the road signs and removed the old wire netting beneath the tree which had been identified as a trip hazard and replaced it with gravel which will allow for more rain to penetrate to its roots.

It still requires some more work to reduce the canopy by about 15% to reduce the weight load and to eliminate branches rubbing against each other. The tree is described as being in moderate condition and this work will improve both its health and longevity.

*John Bowden, Chair, Clifton upon Teme Parish Council*

## CLIFTON AUTHOR'S FIRST BOOK

Clifton resident Ann Goddard has had her first book published. The book entitled *Little Lucy Small and Shy* is a children's picture book both written and illustrated by Ann. Suitable to be read to children from three years of age, or for readers aged five to eight years.

Little Lucy is shy and hides herself away. Through an adventure in the woodland, and with the help of her friends the birds, Lucy learns that she can be brave and adventurous. She gains confidence in being herself. Quotes from scripture affirm that God knows each of us, and He is with us always. The simple story set in the woodland helps inspire self-confidence and fosters an awareness of UK wildlife. The characters and illustrations in the story are from UK wildlife and the book includes a small section of 'Nature Notes' for parents to read and share with their children. Three illustrated plates with scripture throw God's perspective on the story and affirm God's love for us.

Ann is passionate about wildlife and the environment. She has a degree in Zoology and started her working life in the natural history section of a museum, later training as a teacher of Lower School Science and 'A' Level Biology. After having her own children, she worked for many years at an Environmental Centre teaching sections of the National Curriculum in the outdoors, mainly to primary-aged children where she became involved in the tradition of oral storytelling. At home, Ann enjoys walking in the countryside with her dog, being in her garden, reading, and stories!



*Little Lucy Small and Shy* is published by Crossbridge Books and is available from The Book Depository, Waterstones Online and Amazon.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

This year's Poppy Appeal raised a wonderful £1,139 in Clifton. The organizers wish to thank all those who kindly donated to the charity. These much-needed funds will be put to good use helping former service personnel and their families. Need has been accelerated, particularly in these difficult Covid times.

*Jack Whittenbury*



## **ULTRAFAST BROADBAND COMES TO CLIFTON HILL**

An initiative by Clifton residents John Winer and Chris Hurley started two years ago to bring superfast broadband to households on Clifton Hill and the Old Road has resulted in residents and businesses in the area now being invited to sign up to the scheme

September 2019 John Winer and Chris Hurley attended a County Hall event where they asked if it would be possible to create a project centred around the Old Road which could qualify for 'fibre to the property' (fttp) under the government sponsored Rural Gigabit Scheme. With the support of County Hall, the government sponsored Rural Gigabit Scheme's geography was widened to include other properties on Clifton Hill as far as Noak Farm and Ayngstree.

Much discussion took place with Openreach throughout 2020, which benefitted from the invaluable support of Rob Stepniewski, Senior Project Manager at County Hall. It led to an agreement that a scheme would be possible for the wider group. A Community Interest Company was then created, with the involvement of John, Chris, Catherine Prendezis at Ayngstree and Ricky Martire on the Old Road, so that the project team could sign a contract with Openreach in order to give just under fifty properties the opportunity to have ultrafast broadband.

Lots of paperwork involving the Department of Culture Media and Sport (which actually was very straightforward) led to agreement that between November 2020 and November 2021 Openreach would install the necessary equipment for every property in the project to have the best broadband available, whether business or residential. Such broadband speeds could be as high as one gigabit per second!

Work started in September, requiring road closures on Clifton Hill to enable Openreach to carry out fairly tricky installations which led to some villagers suffering inconvenience.

As *Temetriangle* goes to press, residents who are part of the scheme are now being given the opportunity to sign up to ultrafast broadband via a number of alternative providers to enjoy the speeds that so many other communities benefit from. Businesses within the scheme, including Pitlands Farm, Appletree Kitchen and Clifton Engineering will also be major beneficiaries of the much faster broadband.

Thanks should go particularly to John Winer who has led the project and ensured compliance with the many challenging arrangements required by the government offices and Openreach.

*Chris Hurley*

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## LOWER SAPEY NEWS

Christmas is nearly here and 2021 has flown by, even though for much of it we were confined at home in lockdown. I hope everyone has had their 'jabs', if appropriate, and that we will all get safely through the long dark winter. I haven't seen any long range forecast for the winter yet, so maybe this means that there is nothing out of the ordinary to come. However, with COP 26 still under way warning us of dire times ahead, there will surely be floods, storms, droughts, hurricanes somewhere along the way! Many pledges have been made at the conference and we can only hope that the countries will stick to them. Sadly, the main offenders, China, Russia, India and Brazil did not send their leaders. In our very small way, Mark and I feel quite proud of the 25-30 trees we have planted and the small wildlife pond we have created since moving here. If we win a fortune, we can then invest in an electric car and a heat exchange system for the future!

I have been cleaning out the greenhouse recently, getting ready to plant seeds for next year. We are hoping to have another plant sale in Harpley in late Spring and maybe you could think ahead and help us with lots of beautiful plants to sell. It will also be Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and we will celebrate that. There may also be another Hobbies/Art exhibition along the way. There is a lot to look forward to in 2022. Who knows, we may at last have a wonderful summer, or maybe our cricket team will flourish again, but more importantly, St Bartholomew's Church will be re-furbished, renewed and at last allow us to worship properly there again.

As regards the latter point, we had a very interesting and useful meeting with two members of the Diocese recently hope to have swift results now. So far, it has all been frustratingly slow as there are so many hoops to jump through merely to obtain permission for a nail to be hammered in, or a bush to be pruned. We are so grateful to Candy, our Churchwarden, for never giving up hope and working so hard for the church and community. At last, work is going on with roof repairs to the alcove and we hope to have netting in place by Christmas in the Church, although the ceiling looks safer now that proper ventilation and heating is in place. We are also trying to tidy up the churchyard and remove dead and unsightly bushes.

Recently a gravestone has fallen over and the members of the Diocese agreed that two more graves were a public danger. These graves belong to George Jones, who died in August 1890; William Love, who died in 1926 and James Overton who was buried in 1892. If there are any relatives in the area who would like to speak to us about this, please contact me, or Candy. I must stress that it is only the stones that may be moved and the graves of course, remain intact.

We do hope to be able to have the Church open for a carol service on December 19th, so watch this space. In the meantime, we have been invited to share some services with Shelsley and thank them for this. Sadly, by the time you read this, David Sherwin and his wife will have left the area and we will miss them so much, as we did Becky Elliot. We hope they will all enjoy their new lives and not forget us.

I much enjoyed Jane Dallow's poem which was in last month's edition. Well done, Jane, and please keep writing. I would also like to say 'thank you' to the Friendship Group for keeping us happy and entertained through the latter part of the year. Marie Thompson has now retired after many years service and Dot Millward will be taking over in her place.

The Lower Sapey/Harpley Ladies Bible Group has also resumed and we will probably have a meal together, but perhaps after the Christmas rush. It has been another grim year for many of us, although there have been some happier occasions; marriages, births and various celebrations. Let us hope we can all stay well in 2022 and that we have seen the beginning of the end of Covid 19.

#### NOTICES

Sunday December 5th. Service at Shelsley plus our choir.

Communion at 10.30am Sunday December 12th. Service for Shelsley Hill Climb at 2.30pm, also with our choir.

Sunday December 19th Carol service at St Bartholomew's Church at 6pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's at 9.30am

Please check these dates and times with lists in this edition.

January services probable dates are January 2nd, morning prayer at 10.30 and January 23rd Circle service with Jen Denniston. These may be at the church or by Zoom. Please check nearer the date.

Mobile Library will call on Friday December 17th and Friday January 21st at 10.20 and 10.40am

Ladies Bible Group will meet at Marion's home on Tuesday December 14th at 2pm.

Date of the January meeting and venue to be arranged. It should be on Tuesday January 11th 2022.

A very happy Christmas and a wonderful, healthy 2022 to everyone.

*Margaret Griffiths*

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# Church Matters

by Rev Jen Denniston

Advent is coming near. We'll see wreaths decorating front doors and hear carols on the radio and in the shops - signs that Christmas is coming.



There are eco-wreathmaking workshops taking place locally. They're partly spurred on by COP26 and the climate crisis, and partly to remind us to be sustainable, environmentally friendly eco-churches - using locally sourced flowers and greenery in church and churchyard arrangements. Neil Sparey has designed and made reusable steel bases for wreath-making, incorporating candle holders.

In eco-friendly Advent wreaths, one ingredient is holly. The familiar traditional carol, The Holly and the Ivy, tells us the reason for the Christmas season.

Firstly, holly blossom reminds us of the baby Jesus, and the hope and promise of new life that he offers.

Then the dark prickly leaves, 'as sharp as any thorn', bring to mind the crown of thorns pressed onto Jesus' head on the Cross. Holly prickles remind us that our lives are sometimes tricky, painful and challenging. Our path may be tough and thorny, but God knows our difficulties and is always with us, whatever the situation.



And bright red holly berries are like drops of blood. The lyrics of the carol remind us that Jesus, on the first Good Friday, shed his blood and died to forgive our sins.

So, put very simply... the reason for the Season is... Jesus.

As you reflect on the year past and go forward into the New Year... however bright or thorny the past year has been, and whatever the journey ahead may bring, may God's love surround you and support you, the light of Christ guide you, and the Spirit of Jesus give you and those you love; these three things this Christmas and into 2022... Hope, Peace and Joy.

Happy Christmas and blessings for 2022!



## **WEST WORCESTERSHIRE RURAL TEAM UPDATE**

Following the retirement of Canon Rev David Sherwin, whom we wish all the very best, the Diocese of Worcester will embark on a process, under the guidance of Archdeacon Robert Jones. This will entail looking at the clergy/parish structure of the (WWRT) benefice and the potential to pay ministry share with a view to appointing another stipendiary priest.

Since the retirement of Rev John Sumner, the House for Duty priest based in Clifton some five years ago, the benefice has had two (paid) clergy, each with their own responsibilities within the WWRT.

The process to replace David will take some months, by the time Churchwardens and PCCs have been consulted; the relevant diocesan officers along with the Bishop have decided the best way forward; the post is advertised; interviews carried out leading, God willing, to an appointment.

Within the WWRT we are blessed to have four clergy and two readers, alongside seven authorised lay ministers, who give of their time voluntarily. Without them, and the hard work of so many laity, our parish churches would not be sustainable and to whom I shall be turning to support the mission and ministry across the benefice over the coming months until, all being well, David's successor is licensed.

As we enter the season of advent, the beginning of our Christian calendar and that time of preparation for Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who came as the light in the darkness, let us pray, together, for the parishes within the WWRT benefice, and especially Harpley, Clifton and Shelsley.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas filled with the love of Christ and a peaceful New Year.

*Rev Anne Potter, Team Vicar*



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# CHURCH SERVICES IN CLIFTON, THE SHELSLEYS AND LOWER SAPEY (HARPLEY)

## DECEMBER 2021

Sunday 5th December *The 2nd Sunday of Advent*

10.30am Holy Communion & Advent Carols with Harpley Pop-Up Choir, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp 10.30am Advent Matins, St Kenelm, Clifton

Sunday 12th December *The 3rd Sunday of Advent*

2.30pm Car-ols with Harpley Pop-Up Choir, Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb

Sunday 19th December *The 4th Sunday of Advent*

3.00pm Carol Service, St Kenelm, Clifton

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle Service, St Kenelm, Clifton

4.00pm Crib Service, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

7.30pm 'Midnight' Holy Communion, St Kenelm, Clifton

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion, St Bartholomew's, Lower Sapey

10.00am Christmas Half Hour, St Kenelm, Clifton 11.00am Christmas Half Hour, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Sunday 26th December *The First Sunday of Christmas*

10.30am WWRT Communion Service, St Thomas, Crown East

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## JANUARY 2022

Sunday 2nd January *The 2nd Sunday of Christmas*

10.30am Morning Worship, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey

10.30am Holy Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Sunday 9th January *Epiphany*

10.30am Matins, St Kenelm, Clifton

Sunday 16th January *Epiphany 2*

3.30pm ATiC, St Kenelm, Clifton

(New All Age Service for Clifton - every 3rd Sunday)

Sunday 23rd January *Epiphany 3*

10.30am Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey 6.30pm Evensong, St Kenelm, Clifton

Sunday 30th January *Epiphany 4 Candlemas*

10.30am WWRT Joint Service - venue tbc

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The November AGM was well attended. Members took part in a quiz based on questions asked when applying for British Citizenship. Questions covered historical and cultural knowledge. Sadly, the required 75% pass rate needed to qualify as British was difficult to achieve despite working in groups!

In October Beth Parmenter talked about the work of The Good Soil Trust an independent Christian charity, based in Worcester, who work with adults whose lives have been challenged through addiction, homelessness, poor mental health or crime.

*Ruth Wilson*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### December

- 2 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 4 Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church, Stanford 10am-4pm
- 4 'Step into Christmas' at Pitlands Farm, Clifton 4 – 8pm
- 4 Bingo, Shelsleys VH 7pm
- 5 Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church, Stanford 11am-4pm
- 5 Clifton Guides Christmas Fayre, Clifton VH 10am-1pm
- 9 Mill Farm Retail Village open day, Stanford Bridge, 10am -8pm
- 11 Christmas Supper Club at the Apple Tree Kitchen, Pitlands Farm
- 11 Country & Western Night, Shelsleys Social Club, VH 8pm
- 11 Friends of St Kenelm's Coffee and Carols morning, 10.30am
- 12 Teme Valley Market, Talbot Hotel, Knightwick
- 12 Car-ol Service, Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb 2.30pm
- 14 Clifton WI meeting, Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 17 Carols on the Green, Clifton 7pm
- 18 Christmas Bingo & Party, Shelsleys VH 7pm

#### January

- 6 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 11 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm

## Abbreviated Draft Minutes of the Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on November 16th 2021

**Present:** Mrs Karen Metcalfe (Chair), Mrs Jean Hammond, Mrs Louise Hutton, Mr David Bates, Mrs Val Jones and Mr Robert Pound. In Attendance: three members of the public and the Clerk.

**Apologies:** Dr Laura Taylor, Mr David Styles and Mr John Stinton. County Councillor David Chambers and District Councillor Palethorpe. Declarations of Interest: None.

**Minutes:** The minutes of September 14th 2021 were agreed as a true record.

**Midland Automobile Club:** Two members of the MAC outlined the proposals for events next year. They confirmed that neither Supercar Fest or Retro Rides will be returning. Of the 30 days allocated 16 (eight weekends) will be for competition events, nine days for private hire, two members' days and three for the driving school. May 22nd will be The Saint Andrew's Challenge. There will be a donation from the proceeds to the church and local businesses will be able to have a stand at the event at no charge. A request to Worcester County Council to close the footpath on competition and event days will be made for forty days in 2022 although only thirty of them will be used. This is to allow flexibility in case of changes in event dates. The residents' liaison group meetings will take place between Parish Council Meetings. The MAC is currently considering installing a children's play area in the spectator's car park. Noggin and Natter will be held in the courtyard on the first Thursday of each month, the next is on December 4th and although predominantly for MAC members and competitors it is also open to local residents.

**Village Hall:** The possibility of placing large recycling containers at the Village Hall was discussed. Local views will be sought before proceeding. The purchase of a defibrillator at the Village Hall will be investigated.

**Play Area and Equipment:** A play area on land adjoining the Village Hall was discussed. It was agreed that more public consultation is required to assess the possible usage.

Great Witley Parish Council will be asked for advice. A playground could be considered as part of the 2022 Jubilee celebration.

**Highways:** The Lengthsman's worksheets were inspected and agreed. Information on the Lengthsman's duties and the codes on the worksheets will be distributed to members. Proposed lane side bench in Shelsley Kings is still awaiting a reply from the Liaison Engineer.

WCC will be contacted to assess the possibility of positioning two grit bins each in both Pudford Lane and Camp Lane.

**Dates of 2022 meetings:** January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, November 8 2022.

**Planning:** 21/02047/HP and 21/02048/LB The Old Post Office Shelsley Walsh. Permanent access, access gates and entrance driveway. Councillors recommended approval.

**Finance:** All requests for payment were agreed.

**Broadband:** WCC to be contacted for an update on voucher progress. Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda. A working party for the Jubilee celebrations will be convened. Playground, tree planting and mugs for the parish children will be considered. Report at the January meeting.

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*Halloween Light Party held in St Kenelm's Church*



*Members of the Clifton Crafters with their knitted poppy wreath*



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