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Henry Carpenter's Pride of Birmingham Award

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Front Cover Picture

15-year-old Henry Carpenter gets a Pride of Birmingham Award, having raised £10,000 for the Midlands Air Ambulance (see page 5)

JENNIFER'S SKY DIVE FOR ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE

Jennifer Goddard, from Clifton-upon-Teme, is planning a sky dive in August to raise money for St Richard's Hospice after spending a year working as a nurse on a Covid ward.

"I started off as a qualified nutritionist but retrained as a nurse in 2016, qualifying in 2019. I love being active and have trained in martial arts karate for around 19 years achieving black belt 3rd Dan. I have competed nationally and internationally however the thought of jumping out of a plane from 10,000ft, falling through the air at 120mph and free falling 5,000 ft before opening a parachute is a scary one... So please help me raise money!

Only one year after qualifying as a nurse I found myself working on the Covid ward in Hereford County Hospital. This brought its challenges. Working with very ill Covid patients, when families were unable to visit due to infection control reasons, meant I had to be there for them as much as possible. Holding their hand, speaking comforting words and showing compassion whilst they took their last breath felt both a privilege and an emotional burden.

Support for both families and patients is so important. To allow families time together we had to become more creative. We introduced the use of video calls on the ward so patients could see family members and talk with them if they were still able. It was great to help people recover and be discharged back to their families, but heart breaking to see other patients die so quickly without loved ones present. This made me feel helpless, even though we made sure we were there for them as much as we could.

That experience increased my passion for palliative care and at the beginning of this year I was delighted to get the post as Community Senior Staff Nurse with the Clinical Nurse Specialist team at St Richard's Hospice which cares for adults with a serious progressive illness;



improving their quality of life from diagnosis, during treatment and to their last days. They also support patients' loved ones - something I believe is so important.

It is great to be able to work with St Richard's Hospice and offer patients and their families the support and care they need, enabling them to live as full a life as possible together. As a Community Palliative Care Nurse I visit patients and their families at home, offering complex symptom management and emotional support. Despite Covid, all my normal care and services have continued for my patients, albeit in a slightly different way to normal. I love my job and find it very fulfilling.

It is only through funding that St Richard's Hospice is able to offer the care it does, which is why I've decided to do the sky dive on 21st August to help raise more funds. I'm looking forward to the jump but with trepidation....

To donate please visit my Just giving page:
The link to my just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jennifer-Goddard4>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 3 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 12 E-type 60 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb 9am-5pm
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- 13 Teme Valley Market, Talbot Hotel, Knightwick
- 26 Table Top/Car Boot Sale, Clifton BP Hut car park 10am-12noon
- 27 Sapey Horse Trials

July

- 1 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 3 Clifton Primary School PTA Summer Fayre
- 7 Nora Parsons Day Centre AGM, Wichenford 7pm
- 13 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 18 Songs of Praise, St Kenelm's 4pm

HENRY CARPENTER'S FUND-RAISING AWARD

15-year-old Henry Carpenter whose fund-raising efforts for the Midlands Air Ambulance following a freak accident last year were featured in the April issue of *Tem Triangle*, has now raised more than £10,000.

Henry suffered severe injuries while operating a tractor at his home, Yearston Court Farm, Upper Sapey, and was treated by the Air Ambulance crew before being taken to hospital. While still recovering from his injuries and relying on crutches to walk, he completed 54 miles on foot in 30 days as part of the Air30 Airbase fund-raising challenge earlier this year.

Last month he was presented with a Pride of Birmingham Young Fundraiser Award for his efforts on behalf of the Midland Air Ambulance. The award was presented to him in person by Bridgerton actress Claudia Jessie and accompanied by a special message from Jodie Whittaker. Henry will now be put forward to the judging process for the *Daily Mirror* Pride of Britain Awards which will be screened on ITV in the autumn.



“I’m still in shock,” said Henry after his presentation. “I’m not sure why I got the award. All I wanted to do was say thank you to the Air Ambulance for saving my life. It’s been an amazing experience to see what goes on behind the scenes when making a programme like that. It was also very emotional being reunited with the crew that literally saved me’

Henry is due to have his operation in July to replace his hip. He will then set his sights on further challenges to raise some more funds for this amazing organisation.

To watch Henry receiving his award, go to the following link:
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E-TYPE 60 AT SHELSLEY WALSH HILLCLIMB

This year marks the 60th birthday of the Jaguar E-type, one of the best known and instantly recognisable icons of the Swinging Sixties, and the locally-based Jaguar E-type Club are holding a birthday bash at Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb over the weekend of 12-13th June. There will be a host of E-types in attendance, including some notable VIPs such as 9600 HP (the original launch press car), the last E-type ever built and 848 CRY, the car that came to a sticky end in the original *Italian Job* film.



Fellow 60s' icon, the Mini, is also a top attraction, and there will be a very special Italian Job re-enactment featuring three Minis, some gold bullion and a thrilling chase up the hill! A further dash of 60s' glamour comes courtesy of the Awfully Pleasant Scooter Association, with a selection of customised and fully accessorised scooters.

Shelsley's historic hill will see plenty of action including demo runs, cavalcades and competitive runs, as well as an opportunity to take the passenger seat in a classic Jaguar D-type. The main field will see a gathering of some of the finest motoring specialists and experts along with fashion, vintage and lifestyle exhibitors plus a champagne bar and catering to suit every taste. Tribute band *The High Tones* will be performing a host of 60s' classics in the Courtyard on both days, while local legends *Jake and the Jesters* will be grooving in the main field.

Period dress is encouraged (but not compulsory) and there will be a prize for the best-dressed couple each day. Advance tickets are £22 per person (£25 on the gate) and accompanied under 16s go free. Tickets are available via www.etype60.com, and the E-type Club are delighted to offer a 10% discount to readers – simply use code CLUB10 at checkout.

CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL

The trustees of Clifton Village Hall have announced that the hall should be open for normal business on 21st. June and that they are taking bookings from that date.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

June is the month when two of my favourite flower scents can be enjoyed. One is a garden plant, the other a wildflower. The garden plant is Philadelphus, also known as “mock-orange”, which I have grown in my garden since first encountering it years ago in the grounds of Powys Castle. I went there on a warm sunny day and as I descended a slight slope a beautiful perfume reached me before I could see where it came from. I can’t recall whether the shrub was labelled or whether I enquired from a gardener, but it was called Philadelphus “Belle Etoile”. I planted one. The flowers are short-lived, but the scent so good that it really doesn’t matter.



A couple of years ago I decided to plant another and chose a variety called “Starbright”. The nursery catalogue assured me that it was a new type which would flower a month later than the others. Looking to extend the season of lovely perfume, I ordered one, only to see it come into flower a few days before “Belle Etoile”, a lesson not to believe everything I read in catalogues. Genuine orange blossom smells divine too, and I have been lucky to enjoy it in sunnier climes where it blooms rather incongruously whilst the oranges are still on the plant. Sadly it is too cold for to grow it here.

The other June scent is more noticeable in the evenings than in the daytime because it is designed to attract late-flying pollinators. It is the familiar honeysuckle, which flowers for much longer than the cultivated mock orange and although it is a woodland climber is often to be found in hedges. I usually pick some from my hedge to bring into the house. Often called woodbine it inspired this description from 1562. “Oh, how sweet and pleasant is Woodbine, in woods and arbours, after a tender, soft rain; and how friendly do this herb, if I may so name it, embrace the bodies, arms and branches of trees, with his long winding stalks, and tender leaves, opening or spreading forth his sweet lilies, like ladies fingers, among the thorns or bushes”.

Cultivated forms of honeysuckle are popular too, although I’m sure I’ve read somewhere that one of the most scented forms available was spotted by a plantsman growing wild in a Herefordshire hedge. I’ve ordered a dwarf form to try in a pot this year, what’s the betting it will turn out to be ten foot tall?

Other wildflowers don’t seem to smell so strongly. Bluebells en masse are lovely but the day has to be warm for the scent to lift up and be noticeable. My neighbour loves the scent of sweet violets that grow in our lane, but even on hands and knees I never seem to be able to detect it. Our native daphne, the spurge laurel that grows in Teme valley woods, is pleasant, but rather faint. The dog rose, another flower for June, has a lovely smell but you have to reach right up to appreciate it. The beauty of honeysuckle is that the scent is sweet and strong and wafts in the air at head height. It arrests your attention, you don’t need to go looking for it.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group, on Thursday June 10th, will be conducted via Zoom. The talk is called “Solitary Bees” and is by Ron Rock. Everyone is most welcome. Contact us on 01584 881397 or by email at twwg@outlook.com

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CLIFTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

At the Annual Parish Meeting last month, Clifton Parish Council Chairman John Bowden's annual report included the following:



'Despite the pandemic, there have been some notable successes during this past year, with Manor Road being partially resurfaced, new footpaths laid in the village and improvements made to the village green, with the re-installment of the old 'No Parking' sign and new planters provided. This process will continue with flower troughs and hanging baskets being installed shortly throughout the village, maintained by the Parish Council.'

S106 Funding, arising from the two new housing sites at The Meadows and The View, has been allocated for new sporting and play facilities at the Recreation Ground; work is due to commence this summer once the legal issues confirming that the Parish Council owns all the land are resolved. Thanks are due to the S106 team who have worked hard to bring this project to fruition. Work is also about to start to convert a room in the school for a Village Archive. When completed, it is hoped that the records will be available to all.

A new Footpaths & Byways board will be erected on the Village Green shortly, which will allow maps of all the surrounding footpaths to be displayed, at a scale of 1:5000. The Parish Council Clerk, Michelle Alexander, has been working on a new Parish Council website in conjunction with Bernadette Higgins; this is now up and running and we urge you to use it for information and reporting, should you not be able to attend Parish Council meetings.'

NEW CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clifton Parish Council has been given a new look in order to make it compliant with website accessibility regulations.

Parish Clerk, Michelle Alexander, said: 'In order to ensure the web pages are accessible, we have made changes in the way we publish information online. At least one in five people have an impairment or a disability. We have tried to make sure that our information is well structured and that our pages don't use complicated layouts. All our documents are in PDF format to make them more accessible. We have made changes to the site 'coding' of pages to enable them to be read more easily by screen readers, making sure that the design works for users with impaired vision and that it is flexible enough to be viewed with the text enlarged and ensuring that the contact form is accessible. We have written and published on the website an Accessibility Statement that details how our website complies with Accessibility Regulations.' [To visit the new Clifton Parish Council website](https://clifton-upon-teme-pc.org.uk/) (designed and built by Bernadette Higgins of PC Troubles) go to the following link: **<https://clifton-upon-teme-pc.org.uk/>**

Draft Minutes of the virtual Annual Meeting of Clifton Parish Council held Thursday 6th May 2021

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), J. Collins, C. Haywood and B. Gilbert. Also present: 1 member of the public.

Election of Chairman: It was proposed by Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr A. Henry, that Cllr J. Bowden remain as Chairman. All agreed. Cllr Bowden accepted the role and it was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the signature of Acceptance of Office asap.

Apologies for absence were accepted from: Councillor R. Henry. Apologies were noted from District Cllr C. Palethorpe and County Councillor K. Pollock.

Resignations received and applications for co-option: None received.

Election of Vice Chairman: It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Gilbert that Cllr A. Henry remain as Vice Chairman. All agreed. Cllr A. Henry accepted the role.

Declarations of Prejudicial & Pecuniary Interests / Councillor Dispensations: None.

Councillors noted the need to update their Registers of Interests as appropriate.

Councillor Code of Conduct: The Council noted the Councillor Code of Conduct.

Schemes of Delegation: The following schemes of delegation were approved – Urgent Business Committee – Cllrs Bowden, A. Henry, Gilbert and the Clerk.

Parish Council Committees: The following Committees were agreed – Staffing Committee – Cllrs Bowden, Colins and Haywood. Finance Committee – Cllrs Bowden, A. Henry, Colins.

Review of Financial Regulations, Risk Assessments, Insurance requirements: It was agreed that the Clerk forward all these to the Finance Committee for review. A report to be made to the next meeting.

Councillor Roles: The following roles were agreed – Chair of Staffing Committee: Cllr Bowden. Vice Chairman Cllr Haywood. Chair of Finance Committee: Cllr Bowden. Vice Chairman Cllr A. Henry. Chair of Urgent Business Committee: Cllr Bowden. Vice Chairman Cllr A. Henry. Cheque signatories: Cllrs Bowden & A. Henry (current accounts) with Cllr Gilbert to be added to new accounts when set up. Worcs CALC Rep: Cllr Gilbert.

To agree the Minutes of a virtual meeting held 1st April 2021 – The minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Haywood. All agreed. No matters arising. District & County Councillor Reports: Reports to be uploaded to the website as circulated.

Financial & Governance Matters: Payments were approved as per the schedule circulated. Schedule to be uploaded to the website. Football and Bowls Club agreements for playing field usage to continue as per normal. Church clock funding – Cllr Gilbert had circulated an email with options to consider which take in to account the PC requirements about funding church property and land. It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Colins that the PC fund £6k towards the disabled access project together with an additional £1k p.a. for cemetery maintenance as a joint responsibility with the PCC. All agreed.

Parish Matters: Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Gilbert is arranging to meet with R. Wilks re the final locations for the hanging baskets. The tree survey plan is being progressed and a walkabout planned to assess tree condition and establish future works. Minor tree works are carried out by R. Wilks. Village Archive – work has commenced as agreed on the new storage facility. PC website – the new website is now completed and is live. The Clerk will now arrange new PC email addresses with Councillors and a launch will be made via Teme Triangle and social media. Doodlebugs Nursery – a letter had been

received asking for PC help to encourage more local people to help manage this facility for the village. The PC agreed to ask locally, and it was suggested that a poster be placed on the notice board and via social media – Cllr Gilbert to liaise as required.

Section 106 Matters: Four Acre Field Project – land ownership matters are still to be resolved with MHDC and it was agreed that the Urgent Business Committee should progress this with the Clerk and that a Solicitor will need to be engaged to undertake Land Registry work required. Sensory Garden – no further update but Cllr Gilbert is progressing quotes for work. Western Power electricity cables will remain where they are unless the PC pay to have them placed underground. It was agreed that it was not appropriate to do this and have the garden in this location anyway, as the land needed to be kept vacant in case the car park ever needed to be extended.

Planning Matters: Applications for consideration: 21/00354/FUL – New Inn, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6DR – proposed external canopy to provide covered seating area for customers – no objection submitted 11/4/21. 21/00627/HP & 00628/LB – Cockshot Cottage, B4204 The Village to Ham Bridge, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6DY – erection of one and a half storey extension to be located at the north end of the existing extension. No objection. 21/00702/AGR – 1 Noak Farm, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6DX – steel framed agricultural building. No objection. Notifications: 21/00514/AGR – New Inn Farm, Old Road, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6DR – prior approval not required for proposed agricultural building for storage of hay and straw.

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

Highways & Facilities Matters: Parish Lengthsman – the Council has been notified about more damage to J. Delahay's fence behind the playing field. R. Wilks to be asked to look at this. Cllr Bowden updated that there is no gate to the footpath across the field but WCC have been chased up on this matter. A second gate may be needed behind the goals but J. Delahay's permission would be sought before progressing this due to livestock security. A written agreement would be required. The pathway outside the substation in Kenelm Rd needs to be cleared – Clerk to ask RW. The Scouts would like access to the storage container – Cllr Bowden to arrange shelving and keys etc. Cllr Bowden has spoken to the locksmith re the pavilion changing room 'escape' doors – works to be quoted to fit escape bars as required. VAS – the new one is awaiting collected by RW from the Clerk. Two older ones have been returned to Westcotec for repair quotes. Meeting with Highways Liaison Officer – Cllr Bowden to arrange asap. Lovells development signage – the Clerk was asked to contact Lovells re signage removal. Footway option linking Hope Lane to Pound Lane – Cllrs Bowden and Gilbert to progress. Road closure notices as circulated by the Clerk. Footpaths closure notices – none received.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Gilbert asked about the village hall notice board options – Cllrs A. Henry and Gilbert to progress options. Cllr A. Henry asked for further clarification re MHDC Council Tax precept increases which was explained by the Clerk. The PC are unhappy that it appears the precept was increased when in fact it was not, and the increase was due to MHDC who have been made aware of the issue.

Next meeting to be held at 7.40pm on Thursday 3rd June 2021 at the Village Hall

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OLD ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

The Annual Service in August at Old St. Bartholomew's Church is being cancelled for 2021. Whilst things have improved regarding Covid we are not out of the woods yet. By August there could well be further safety measures applied. The old church does not lend itself to social distancing, particularly since we are generally crammed in for the annual service. Moreover, no one-way system could be worked either. On balance it seems wiser and safest therefore to cancel the service for this year. Hopefully, we can welcome you back in 2022 when life will be more predictable once again. *Pat Prosser*

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Abbreviated Draft Minutes of the Shelsleys Parish Council Annual Meeting held via Zoom on March 4th 2021

Present: Dr Laura Taylor (re-elected as Chairman), Mrs Karen Metcalfe (re-elected as Vice- Chairman) Mrs Val Jones, Mrs Jean Hammond, Mr David Styles, Mrs Louise Hutton and Mr Robert Pound. The Chairman's Report will be available on the website.

In Attendance: Five members of the public and the Clerk.

Apologies: Mr David Bates, Mr J Stinton and District Councillor Paethorpe.

Minutes: The minutes of March 16th 2021 were agreed as a true record.

Public Question Time: Broadband (see below). Council's Scheme of Delegation: To remain the same. The Clerk will continue to canvass Councillors' opinion on planning applications between meetings. Unless otherwise advised the Council's default position will be to support applications.

Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Insurance: Financial Regulations are up to date. Insurance cover was now deemed appropriate with the addition of the litter bins to the asset register and the premium was approved.

Highways: There was a report from Highways Control that surface water in Old Lane has been added to an inspection schedule. The lengthsman's Annual Contract with the Parish Council is agreed on the same terms as before. The funding by WCC for the lengthsman for 2021/2022 is the same as previously at £2365.20. Salt Bins Kingswood and Pudford Lanes. There is no update.

Planning: MHDC decisions

21/00126/FUL The Cottage Fetterlocks Lane removal of condition 4 – approved.

21/00548/HP The Leys. Replacement of first floor window with a Juliette balcony – approved.

Urgent Decisions: 21/00548/HP The Leys. Replacement of first floor window with a Juliette balcony. In consultation with councillors, the clerk informed MHDC that the Parish Council supported the application.

Audit: The Exemption Certificate was agreed and the Internal Auditor's report viewed. Section 1 of the Annual Audit was agreed and completed. Section 2 of the Annual Audit was agreed and completed.

Finance: The following requests for payment were received and agreed. Insurance £338.40 CALC subscription £293.62 Monies received. Precept £2000.

Midland Automobile Club: Mr Simon Durling reported on future and current events. The MAC are holding events throughout the season. The Parish Council is sent details every month. Retro Rides will take place on August 21st and 22nd and the MAC will liaise with the Parish Council.

Broadband: Broadband. One of the projects is in jeopardy as a resident has declined to continue. The Project Manager from WCC has been asked to intervene. Three of the five projects within the parish are ready and are awaiting vouchers, however there is a backlog of applications currently with Openreach. The fifth has asked Openreach to survey a different route in order to reduce the cost.

Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda: Councillor Metcalfe thanked the Chairman for her hard work and support in the past very challenging year. The proposed bench in Shelsley Kings – residents will be consulted at all stages.

Future Meeting Dates: July 13th 2021. September 14th 2021

To view the minutes and agenda go to the WCC website and look at The Shelsleys.

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

I hope that by now, the lockdown will be almost completely over, with the opening of hotels and indoor dining and some foreign travel allowed. What I look forward to most is being able to hug my sister who has been so ill and then my nephew, her only son, who is now able to come home from USA after nearly 20 months. I am sure many people are longing for similar meetings and I hope all goes well now for us all. Anyway, here we are in late Spring and when I look out of the window in the morning, it resembles November, despite occasional glimpses of the sun. Yes, April was quite pleasant, but still cold and windy and this didn't help farm crops, or fruit orchards. The birds make valiant attempts to sing cheerfully and to build their nests, but often look confused. The cricket season has started intermittently, but unless you are able to use the mysterious Whats App, there is no local radio commentary. You can tell I am a Luddite! Things can only get better!

However, onward and upward and we have flaming June ahead of us. Something to cheer us all up is the forthcoming wedding of Jen and Nick's daughter Iona to Tom Sumner on June 5th. This will be at St. Bartholomew's, Harpley and Jen herself hopes to help officiate and this too is good news. We hope the sun will shine on Iona and Tom on their day and throughout many happy years together. We also have two plant sales in the area this month (May) and hopefully all will go well and money raised for the Friendship Club, Christian Aid and Harpley Church. There will be a report on these in next month's issue.

The saga of St Bartholomew's Church goes on and still no real progress, although Candy and her team continue to work hard, even despite the many brick walls they have come up against. At present it is just small steps in the right direction. We are determined to continue and also to carry on with our zoom services, until we can meet out of doors at the Church. The zoom services have all been well attended and with some very interesting speakers and topics.

NOTICES

The mobile Library is now back in the area - hooray - and will be at the usual places on June 18th at 10.20 and 10.40.

Church service times are not available at this early stage, but will appear in this edition. By June, we will be cutting the Churchyard grass (after 'nomowMay') and also tidying the Churchyard. The early Spring flowers were a picture this year. Now we need volunteers to help tidy up. We hope to resume the Ladies Bible Group, with the first meeting in July and will confirm the date in the next issue..

May everyone enjoy a lovely summer, but still take care. *Margaret Griffiths*

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Church Matters

by Rev Canon David Sherwin



It is good to see our communities opening up more as pandemic restrictions are slowly lifted. Life seems to be settling back to a new 'normality'. Most importantly we are becoming more able to be more at ease around each other and even hug and kiss those nearest and dearest to us. All this does not mean we can 'throw all caution to the wind', the world still struggles to cope with the pandemic and some areas suffer significantly. Let us also remember those who still feel uneasy about mixing with others and those who are lonely and do not have those around them to hug.

I was reading an article by Jeremy Paxman recently, now you wouldn't immediately put him in the tactile group, but even he commented how important we have now realised touch and human contact is. Even a handshake is important. I also know there are some who will relish the thought that they don't have to hug and kiss. Yet we need that social contact and discourse with one another, hopefully without the masks hiding our smiling faces soon.

Scripture does recognise this physical contact and in most of Paul's letters he urges the early church to 'greet one another with a holy kiss'. Done worry I am not going to stand by the door of my churches and expect a kiss. Joking apart, behind all this lies community and our need to socialise and be with each other. The Church is a community, though you may not be a churchgoer you may very well be part of another 'community', a sports team, a local interest group, rambling groups and so on. The function of these groups or communities goes beyond the meeting for the purpose they are set up for, they also enable social interaction and support which everyone needs at sometime.

Jesus knew our need of one another and the teaching he gives in the New Testament highlight that interaction, 'to love God and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves'. That means we are not isolated beings we were made for interaction, and we are made to show that love to one another in word and action. We have recently been challenged during Christian aid week to consider our actions, not just locally, but how they affect others across the world. The love Jesus challenges us with is not just for those local, nor for those we 'like'. It is a love that is for all Gods creation, and for you and me.

I look forward to greeting you in a suitable way over the next few months, don't worry, I wont 'greet you all with a holy kiss, but I do wish you Gods blessing and pray you will know good health and peace in the days ahead.

FRIENDS OF ST KENELM'S CHURCH NEWS

We hope that you are all well and enjoying the prospect of a return, in some measure, to all the things we enjoy doing! It's in that spirit of optimism that we have prepared a programme of events to support the Church through the coming months by some fundraising.

The Church has felt the effect of reduced revenue, whilst at the same time, the building has required ongoing maintenance and upgrades. During the last year we had our Quinquennial Inspection and it does show several areas that need our attention, not least the tower and the stained glass windows. Therefore, it is all the more necessary we raise monies to help with these fabric and maintenance issues and the purchase of smaller items. So, as always, we appreciate your support in the activities planned!

The events for your diary are as follows:

Table Top/Car Boot Sale in the Scout Hut Car Park. We have applied to the Parish Council for permission to hold it here. **June 26th at 10.00am until 12.00noon.** Cost of table or boot £10.00. Look out for the posters around the village for more details.

Songs of Praise with Rev David Sherwin - 18th July 4.00pm Outdoors at St Kenelm's. Songs we never thought had their origins in church praise.!

An Illustrated Talk on Hop Picking in the area. By Mr Ray Morris (Tenbury Wells) **Friday October 1st 7.00pm in St Kenelm's.** Refreshments. Ticket Entry £7.50

Although still at the planning stage, we hope to celebrate the electrification of the church clock probably with a cream tea and a short Thanksgiving Service on a date to be announced in August. All organised events will comply with government guidelines in place at the time.

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

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| 6th June, Trinity 1 | 8.15am – Shelsley Walsh Morning Prayer
10.30 am – Harpley Morning Worship online |
| 13th June, Trinity 2 | 10.30 am – Clifton Holy Communion |
| 20th June, Trinity 3 | 6.30 pm – Clifton Evensong |
| 23rd June, Trinity 4 | 10.30 am - Clifton – All age
10.30 am – Harpley Circle Service |

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CLIFTON WI ANNUAL REPORT

Initially 2020 was noticeably quiet for Clifton upon Teme WI. We cancelled meetings and, after consultation with members, decided to wait until the restrictions were lifted later in the year. We kept our book group going, in gardens when allowed and, as the weather became colder, via Zoom.

Nationally WI remained active, offering online courses from Denman College and many groups opening their meetings up online to anyone who wanted to join in.

If anyone does not know, Denman was a college near Oxford, set up to run courses for WI members. It has been struggling over the last few years, with National Federation of WIs bailing it out financially. Covid has seen it closed and the college put up for sale. However, since Denman has gone online it has become accessible to a much larger audience and the plan is now to run regional courses which will reduce travel costs and allow more people to attend.

We had a socially distanced coffee get together at Pitlands on a blustery day in August and decided that we would give Zoom a go for meetings. This has worked exceptionally well with most members easily accessing the meetings. We have had diverse speakers, often ones who we would not otherwise have heard, as the travel expenses would be too great. We have heard from The Malvern Bard about 'a life in theatre', from Archaeologist Dr Sophie Moore about excavating and dating artefacts from a site in Turkey (with trifles), a talk on translating Chinese fiction into English by Paper Republic and from Jasmine Walters from WWT about rewilding with reference to the plans to rejuvenate the playing field site. Future events planned include a demonstration of making a lavender wreath from Jen Riches from Bonterre in July, a talk from the Good Soil project in October and a mosaic workshop when we can get together safely.

We have also delivered two 'goody bags' to members containing little gifts and we shared a session making pine cone owls before Christmas – all the craft requirements contained in another bag.

We have recently dropped flyers to many houses in the village and have already had a healthy response. It will be good to meet in person again and continue the WI tradition of Tea and Cake, although Clifton is getting a bit of a reputation in Worcester as 'the gin WI'.

We are currently planning our 2022 programme and looking forward to a mix of Zoom and face to face meetings which will allow for some speakers from further away to join us without breaking the bank.

Penny Bowden

TUDOR BISHOPS OF WORCESTER TALK

Last month's meeting of Clifton WI introduced members to the bishops of Worcester during the troubled Tudor period in an interesting and factual talk by Philip Bowen who also works as an enthusiastic guide at the cathedral.



Worcester was one of the five most important cathedral due to its' position close to Wales so the bishop's role was important both spiritually and at court during the turbulent Tudor times and the Reformation. An example is the first Tudor bishop, John Alcock, bishop from 1476 to 1486 who also held the post of Lord Chancellor during some of that time and went on to be Bishop of Ely. He was also sent as Ambassador to the court of Castille in 1470, and tutor to the young King Edward V.

Robert Morton was the last English bishop of Worcester before the English Reformation, 1486 till his death in 1497 and previously was with Henry Tudor at the Battle of Bosworth.

The next four absentee bishops were all Italian one of whom, Giulio de Medici became Pope Clement VII. He refused the annulment of the marriage between Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon leading to the break from Rome and the Catholic church.

Hugh Latimer bishop from 1535 to 1539, one of the most well known in history, a leading reformist, preaching in support of an English translation of the bible. He later disagreed with Henry and was imprisoned in the Tower of London for a period. He then served as chaplain to Katherine Duchess of Suffolk but when Mary came to the throne was tried for his beliefs and teachings. In October 1555 he was burned at the stake in Oxford with Nicholas Ridley, often referred to as the Oxford Martyrs.

Members of the WI enjoyed the insight into the history of the bishops and are thinking of arranging a guided tour of the cathedral to learn more of its history. June's meeting will be the garden meeting where we visit a member's garden to enjoy refreshments and this year a chance to meet in person. July 13th Jen Riches from Bonterre will be demonstrating how to make a Lavender wreath, participants can watch or purchase a kit to make their own at the same time hopefully meeting in the Village Hall. If you are interested in joining us or want to know more, please email cliftonontemesec@wfedwi.org.uk

Ruth Wilson

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The appeal organiser for the Clifton area has had to relinquish her post and the Royal British Legion is looking to appoint a successor. The job is voluntary and not onerous; it requires the organiser to coordinate the door-to-door collectors and stationery boxes (Golf Club, Village Stores etc.), order and allocate the merchandise for these boxes and be responsible for the money collected. After Remembrance Sunday, the organiser collects and banks the cash. There is the minimum of paperwork but the task, which is 'busy' for the month around 11th. November, is very rewarding, considering the fantastic charitable work of the Poppy Appeal throughout the year.

If you would be interested in this position, please contact the Worcestershire Poppy Appeal Organizer, Mandy Clements-Hunt on 07808-261075. Full training will be given and one does not have to have been a member of the Armed Forces. Normal out of pocket expenses are, of course, paid to the organizer.

Jack Whittenbury

THE SHELSLEYS' EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

Are you, or is one of your children, planning to start a new stage in your education this autumn, and do you live within the civil parish of the Shelsleys? If so then you may be interested in this local charity. The income of the charity is used to support the education (e.g. to assist in the purchase of uniforms, books and sports equipment) of children and young people under the age of 25 who live (or whose parents/ guardians live) within the parish of the Shelsleys.

The Trustees will be meeting in August to consider making small grants to eligible pupils or students. These are those either attending primary school for the first time or those starting secondary school/college or university in autumn 2021.

Applications for grants should be made as soon as possible in writing, and before the end of the summer term. All enquiries and applications should be sent by email please to the clerk to the Trustees at this email address - judith_damerell@hotmail.com or otherwise by post addressed to Jude Damerell, Somer Barns, Camp Lane, Shelsley Beauchamp WR6 6JQ.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Clifton Friendship Club coffee morning and plant sale last month raised a total of £450. "Thank you to everyone who came to the fundraising morning and a special thank you to everyone who helped on the day" said Marie Thompson.



BIKEABILITY BRILLIANCE!

Over the last two weeks, Clifton Primary School pupils in Year 6 and Year 4 have undertaken their Level 2 and Level 1 Bikeability training.

Head teacher Karen Groves said: “The instructors in school were incredibly impressed by the way in which all of the children listened carefully and took part so sensibly, whilst really enjoying themselves and becoming safer on their bikes. We know that our children are fantastic; they are always beautifully polite and courteous but it is always wonderful to hear from those who go into many different schools, just how impressive they think our children are. A big congratulations to all of the children who have now received their certificates.”

NEW LAPTOPS FOR CLIFTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Friends of Clifton Primary School have raised £2,000 to invest in 15 new laptop computers which means that, in addition to the laptops already in school, there is now a full set of 30 laptops, ensuring that pupils can all use one independently in IT classes. These have been part-funded by the generous donation from the Friends of Clifton Primary School.

So far, the children in Eagles have used the new devices and gave the following reviews:

“They are brilliant – I love that they are touch screen!”

“It’s great that we don’t have to take it in turns and can have our own laptop to work on!”



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