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*Bob Davis's retirement as St Kenelm's Treasurer is shared with Rev Jen Denniston (left) and Pat Snelling (see page 28)*

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**Front Cover Picture**

*Marion Dipple and fellow fundraisers for Christian Aid in Clifton.  
More than £2,300 was raised in total.*

## TEME VALLEY NOMINEES FOR MUDDY AWARDS

Three local businesses have been nominated for the Muddy Stiletto Awards 2021 for Gloucestershire & Worcestershire.



Michelle Morris Natural Portraits (Michelle Evington from Noverton Farm) for Best Photographer; Camomile & Cornflowers (Kathryn Hurst from Shelsley Beauchamp) for Best Florist and Enhanced Movement Studios (Emma Carpenter from Upper Sapey) for Best Pilates Studio.

Muddy Stiletto is the biggest lifestyle site for women living outside London. The Muddy Awards are all about supporting local independent businesses. This year, there are 27 categories including a brand new category 'Best New Covid Biz'. The Awards operate in two stages: first the nominations (8-22 June) and the Finals. A maximum of five finalists per category will be announced on Monday 5th July and public voting will be from 6-22nd July.

Congratulations to all three local businesses for their nominations and we hope all three get through to the finals. Keep an eye out (all three can be found on Facebook and Instagram) and let's support them by voting for them if they get through to the finals. Good luck to Michelle, Kathryn and Emma!

For more information about Muddy Stiletto and the Muddy Awards:  
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## STIRLING MOSS HONOURED AT SHELSLEY WALSH

A blue plaque was unveiled at Shelsley Walsh last month as a tribute to legendary racing driver Sir Stirling Moss. The motorsport legend died last April aged 90 and the plaque will honour his achievements as one of Britain's greatest racing drivers.

It was unveiled last month at the Shelsley Walsh hill climb venue during the weekend of the E-type 60 event. The blue plaque has been commissioned by Worcester Civic Society to commemorate the achievements of eminent people who have had an association with the city and county.



Sir Stirling had a long-standing connection to Shelsley Walsh which is famous the world over for its steep hill climb and hosts many motoring events there. The Formula One star began his long and successful career by entering speed hill climbs, particularly at Shelsley Walsh, and competed there many times. He returned there regularly until his health deteriorated. On show was Sir Stirling's old Jaguar XK 120 that he used to drive all over Europe to races in the early 1950s, and also his Jaguar C-type.

## CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

The trustees of the hall announce that the AGM will be held, at the hall, on Tuesday, 20th. July, starting at 7.30pm. Full reports on all aspects of the hall and its future will be presented. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## CLIFTON SCHOOL HEAD'S REPORT

As we come towards the end of the academic year, our school community has been reflecting on what a wonderful, if somewhat unusual, year it has been; it certainly has been a unique start to my time at Clifton!



When talking to the children, they have all said the same: it has been a strange year: staggered playtimes, not being able to play with children in different classes and dealing with another period of national lockdown.

The way in which the children engaged with remote learning, brilliantly supported by their families, was fantastic to see. I would like to say a huge thank you again to the wider community for their many donations of devices to ensure all children were able to access work online.

Despite the challenges, the children told me that they have had a lot of fun as well and shared some of their favourite moments:

Across Key Stage 2, the children have all had the opportunity to learn some new skills during their fencing and archery sessions, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. All of the children in school loved their day with 'Dan the Skipping Man' who inspired everyone to get fit through a range of daily skipping challenges. Alongside a real focus on physical health, the children have amazed us with the way they have engaged with our work on wellbeing.

The engaging topics taught across school have been a highlight for all of the children: from glider DT projects to Shakespearean drama; creating Stone Age replica jewellery to exploring the Amazon Rainforest; setting up Clifton's answer to the Florence Nightingale Museum to creating natural artwork; amazing construction and cooking all sorts of wonderful creations!

In a year like no other, I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of such a fabulous school within such a fabulous community who have really made me feel welcome. We are already looking forward to next year and building on the many successes we have enjoyed!

*Karen Groves*

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## THE LEGEND OF SAPEY BROOK

Mystery has long surrounded a series of footprints in hard rock along a section of Sapey Brook that runs through part of Clifton and Harpley parishes towards Tedstone Delamere. Many years ago, they were even linked to a legend involving St Catherine of Ledbury.

An early mention of them appeared in 1835 under the heading of Observations on certain Curious Indentations in the Old Red Sandstone of Worcestershire and Herefordshire. 'At the Hope Mill, in Sapey Brook, there is a block of stone about a yard and a half long ... on the surface of which there are two foot-prints of a full grown horse, three as of a colt, one patten-ring impression and three other marks...'



The author added: 'The tracks vary in size from each other, and appear to be the prints of various pattens and of several animals, and the horse or mare's tracks are generally larger than those of a common hackney, and appear about the size of those of a market horse, and the patten-ring impressions are perfectly circular, like those worn by country people, and made by blacksmiths, and not oval like those of the modern fashion.' Such impressions are known as petrosomatoglyphs and have often been associated with religious symbolism linked to saints, which probably explains how the legend of St Catherine of Ledbury, a 13th century noblewoman, arose.

According to the legend, St Catherine was living at Burton [Burton Court], in Lower Sapey, when 'a girl, having a pair of pattens on, stole the pious lady's mare and colt, and, to avoid detection, led them down the channel of Sapey Brook, and so on through the channels of certain other brooks towards Ledbury. The saint, being informed of her loss, prayed that, wherever the animals and the thief trod, the marks of their feet might be left; accordingly, not only did the ground exhibit these marks, but even the hard rock in the channel of the brook; whereby the thief and her booty were traced, and seized at Ledbury.'



## LOCAL AUTHOR'S LATEST CRIME MYSTERY

Teme Valley author, Andy Griffiee, is celebrating the publication of *Oxford Blues*, the third book in his ongoing crime mystery series. Andy, who began writing after a 25-year career with the BBC, has had a book published each year for the past three years. The Johnson and Wilde crime mystery series is set on the UK's canals and rivers and his hero, a journalist called Jack Johnson, lives on board a narrowboat.

His debut novel, *Canal Pushers*, was based in the Midlands and featured the Stratford Canal and the Worcester and Birmingham Canal. 'The book begins and ends in Worcester and many local people have told me how much they enjoyed reading about places that they could recognise,' says Andy. His second book, *River Rats*, moved onto the River Avon in Bath and was launched during last year's Covid lockdown. Now, in his latest book, Jack and his partner Nina Wilde, have moved on to Oxford where they moor up on the River Isis. A pair of magnet fishermen discover the body of young female student at a weir and Jack and Nina are quickly drawn into a plot that features corrupt academics, organised criminal gangs, a blackmail operation and various rival love interests.

'My first book was about hatred and my second about greed,' says Andy, 'and I suppose the third is dominated by love and lust. I am interested in the various motives for murder and how they play out.' Once again, the book is inspired by real crime stories - in this case the County Lines activity in Oxford which has involved the exploitation of children by big city gangs for drug dealing and prostitution. Andy managed to do his research in Oxford before the lockdown happened. 'I suppose I'm used to long solitary stretches of writing in my study at home,' he says. 'Only this time, my wife Helen and daughter Ella were both working from home too so it was nice to have some company at lunchtime for a change.'

Andy's publishers, Orphans Publishing of Leominster, marked the launch of *Oxford Blues* with a party at Hereford Rowing Club. And now he is busy finishing the first draft of the fourth book in the series which he hopes will be published next year.

*Canal Pushers*, *River Rats* and *Oxford Blues* are all available to order directly from [orphanspublishing.co.uk](http://orphanspublishing.co.uk) or from local bookshops and online retailers and there is more information about Andy at [andygriffiee.co.uk](http://andygriffiee.co.uk).

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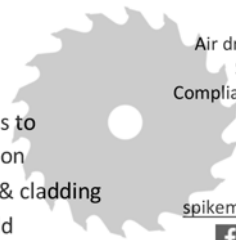
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**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton  
Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd  
June 2021 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**



**Present:** Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), J. Collins and B. Gilbert. Also present: County Cllr David Chambers and four members of the public. Apologies for absence: Michelle Alexander (Clerk).

**To agree the Minutes of a virtual meeting held 6th May 2021** – The minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Collins. All agreed. No matters arising.

**District & County Councillor Reports:** Reports will be uploaded to the website. The meeting noted the update given about Covid cases in the area.

**Financial & Governance Matters:** Payments were approved as per the schedule circulated. Proposed Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Collins. All agreed. Schedule to be uploaded to the website. Accounting & Governance Annual Return 2020-21 – deferred to a future meeting when the Clerk is present. VAS repairs quote. It was proposed by Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Bowden that the VAS repairs go ahead as quoted – VAS 1 = £756.75 / VAS 2 = £290.50 plus vat. Vote carried 3 for / 2 against. Clerk to notify Westcotec. Cllr Bowden also noted requests for speed bumps or laybys by residents. New Councillor emails have been circulated by the Clerk and uploaded to the website.

**Parish Matters / Updates:** Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Gilbert reminded the meeting what had been agreed regarding hanging baskets. R. Wilks hoping to erect them next week. Still awaiting quotes for outstanding matters and delivery of gravel around the conker tree. Hopes to finalise the programme next week. Two new containers, troughs by village entrances. Tree Survey – the meeting noted that a formal survey will cost approx. £500.00 plus vat. Cllr Bowden proposed that the survey go ahead as quoted, seconded Cllr Gilbert. All agreed. Cllr Gilbert to progress. Village Archive – Internal refurbishment now complete. Quote received for desk and shelving was approved. Cllr Gilbert to progress.

**Section 106 Matters:** Four Acre Field Project – land ownership matters are still to be resolved with MHDC and the Clerk has now contacted a Solicitor to progress this for the Council. All works currently on hold. The Clerk has been liaising with residents regarding any queries.

**Planning Matters:** Applications for consideration: 21/00861/AGR – Highfield House, Hope Lane, Clifton WR6 6HE – prior notification for purpose-built grain store – No Objection submitted 17/5/21

Notifications: 21/00702/AGR – 1 Noak Farm, Clifton WR6 6DX – prior approval is not required for a steel framed agricultural building.

**Strategic Planning Matters:** Cllr Gilbert will monitor and notify the Council of any matters which require attention. The meeting noted the current consultation for SWDPR re Traveller and Travelling Show People sites, but there are none within the parish.

**Highways & Facilities Matters:** Lengthsman tasks – tree has been planted on the corner of Kenelm Close. Trees on the green have been trimmed. New footpath notice board installed – original one damaged by a road sweeper (school have details). Footpath obstructed outside the sub-station has been cleared. R Wilks to add to the maintenance programme. New tubs ordered for the Green. Gravel should be in place next week. Shelves added to the container. Cllr Bowden suggested working with the Scouts initially and then look at space for Footballers. Footpath between Hope Lane and Pound Lane – agreed not to progress this currently. No current road closures. Cllr Bowden still not receiving footpath closure notices.

**Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:** Cllr Gilbert mentioned the village hall refurbishment – a quote is awaited for work. Quote to be obtained for a new noticeboard. Cllr Bowden had received a request for funding from the Friendship Club for £500.00 towards musical entertainment for their 51st anniversary member event. It was agreed advice should be sought from the Clerk and more information required before a decision can be made – next agenda. Cllr Bowden to speak to J. Delahay re new field gates – R. Wilks to fit them when agreed.

**Next meeting to be held on Thursday 1st July 2021 at the Village Hall.**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **July**

- 1 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 7 Friendship Club meeting, Clifton VH 2.15pm
- 7 Nora Parsons Day Centre AGM, Wichenford 7pm
- 8 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Lindridge VH 7.30pm
- 11 Teme Valley Market, Knightwick 10.30am-1.30pm
- 13 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 17 Table Top and Car Boot Sale, Shelsleys Social Club
- 18 Songs of Praise, St Kenelm's 4pm
- 20 Clifton VH AGM 7.30pm
- 21 Friendship Club meeting, Clifton VH 2.15pm

### **August**

- 4 Friendship Club meeting, Clifton VH 2.15pm
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Pitlands, 12 noon

### **September**

- 1 Friendship Club meeting, Clifton VH 2.30pm
- 11 Clifton WI Coffee Morning VH
- 14 Clifton WI Meeting: *Paul Spelman, Conquest Theatre Bromyard*
- 15 Friendship Club 50th Anniversary meeting, Clifton VH 1.30pm

## TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE



I am indebted to David Graham of Knighton-on-Teme for the photograph accompanying this month's article. Thanks are also due for the idea for this article and permission to use his image to promote the Teme Valley Wildlife Group. Although rarely seen, there are plenty of polecats about in the Teme Valley because Wales and its adjoining counties are the most likely places in Britain to spot them. Elusive and wary they keep out of sight but often live quite close to humans, particularly to farms.

Sometimes they can be mistaken for other animals, particularly the wild ferret and the similar-sized but non-native mink. The polecat's characteristic feature is a mask of dark fur on an otherwise pale face which gives a Dick Turpin-esque quality to its physiognomy. Ferrets are domesticated polecats, bred from way back in time for use as rabbit-catchers, and when these animals escape captivity and start to breed in the wild they gradually revert to native polecat colouring. Whilst half-way there, the paler furred "polecat-ferrets" lack the spectacle-like mask. Meanwhile, mink have dark chocolate-brown fur but lack any facial markings.

I have seen polecats on a number of occasions over the years but sadly none of them have looked well. I was once drawn to the odd behaviour of my trio of sheep who stopped to look at something then ran away, then returned for another look, then ran off again. On investigation the cause of their agitation was a not very well-looking polecat which was



out and about in broad daylight and looking distinctly under the weather. It retreated into woodland not to be seen again. My other sightings have been of dead polecats, all come to grief on the A443 between Lindridge Church and Newnham Bridge. Happily, I know that other people spot them alive and well, often on wildlife cameras set up in their gardens.

Polecats have traditionally been unpopular with poultry-keepers and game-keepers and in the past were the objects of persecution. Bounties were once placed on their heads, along with other “vermin”, and old churchwardens’ accounts sometimes record the sums paid out for killing them. Until 1850 they were widespread across Britain but by 1915 had become confined to their present range. They feed on rabbits, rodents, perching birds, frogs, carrion and large insects. Once the hob and Jill have got together the female finds a suitable hollow to give birth and the young are called kittens, the same names as their domesticated counterparts.

I think that they are very attractive looking animals although like all mustelids they are capable of emitting strong aromas, a fact that apparently protected them from being trapped for their fur. Keep a look-out and you too may be lucky enough to see one or take a photograph.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is scheduled for 7:30pm on Thursday July 8th at Lindridge Parish Hall which has facilities to stream a presentation for those preferring to access the talk at home. We welcome back Peter Garner, whose talk is called “The Natural Wonders of Herefordshire”. For details of how to join us remotely, please consult our website or Facebook page. Everyone is most welcome. There will be no entry charge for those attending in person, but as future restrictions remain unclear, please check before setting out that the meeting is indeed taking place.

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area or to give us your sightings or comments, please visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, bird survey and archive photographs are available on our website [www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk](http://www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk) We normally hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01568 750413 or by email at [twwg@outlook.com](mailto:twwg@outlook.com)

*Stephanie Mocroft*

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## LOWER SAPEY NEWS

I wonder how many of us thought we would still be living in some restrictions now? Maybe these will be eased later in June, but I think we are being prepared for a short extension of the rules. We shall see!

This is a double edition and now we have 'flaming' June and soon autumn will be upon us. The seasons seem to be running a month late this year and perhaps by the time September is here we will be having wonderful weather to enjoy our delayed holidays in the Falklands or Iceland. Maybe, we will even be allowed to travel to Europe by then, although personally, I wouldn't risk it at my age. Many of us have had a bad year and I hope the future holds better times for all of us.

Sadly, because of restrictions, the annual service in Old St. Bartholomew's has been cancelled again and we shall miss this happy occasion. Candy is still working hard to sort out problems with St Bartholomew's at Harpley and our apologies to everyone for the church still being closed for safety reasons. We do still hope to hold services outside when possible and are still Zooming when necessary. We have had some really interesting and stimulating Zoom services and thanks to all who organise these.

We had a most successful plant sale in May in the church car park and the weather was fine for exactly the time this was open. The rains returned just as we were finishing and taking the tent down, so we are very grateful for that. We raised £701 which is being divided between Harpley church and Christian Aid and everyone who came seemed to have a happy time. It was great to see people after the lockdown. Again, thanks to all concerned for their hard work.

The Clifton Friendship Club also had a successful plant sale earlier and raised over £400. Well done everyone. We look forward to their meetings starting again; in June we met in Dot's wonderful garden, which is second only to Kew!

Our small choir hopes to reform and hold an Evensong with singing in late July. Personally, this is one of the things I have missed most during the past year. We also intend to start the Ladies Bible Group meetings in September, the first date provisionally being September 14th - venue to be arranged. These are led by Pat Savage and although we have lost quite a few members, we have gained some new ones. Maybe everything is slowly beginning to get back to normal, or rather, the new normal. I hope everyone has a lovely summer and maybe some time away and that you all stay safe and well.

*Margaret Griffiths*

## NOTICES

The mobile library is thankfully back on its rounds and will be calling locally on Friday, 16th July; 20th August and September 17th. The times are 10.20am and 10.40am.

Church service times are available elsewhere in the magazine. Volunteers are still needed to help with the churchyard tidy-ups, which are well underway now.

The Ladies Bible Group hope to meet again on Tuesday September 14th. Our annual Big Breakfast will be held early in September. Watch this space!

## HARPLEY CHURCH ROOF AND CEILING REPAIR.

In the meantime, we held a wedding with a gathering of 24 young and 6 old. It was magical, the weather and the ceiling were kind. Without doubt it will be remembered - The beauty of the bride and groom, the church, the vicars and the witnesses are beyond description.

Going forward, the repair of the roof over the alcove will be undertaken by Francis Barnett of Eastham. His building skills surpass so many, informed by his childhood at Whitbourne. This will lead to the replacement of the church ceiling which currently has two ceilings, an earlier repair being made without removing the original ceiling. This double ceiling that is now collecting debris and damp will be removed and replaced either with like-for-like OR with a lowered ceiling. The final decision which is still to be made. Although the application requesting permission to lower the ceiling was made several months ago it is a matter of deep conjecture as the historical authorities ponder on the value of retaining the original Victorian roof height with all its draughty, heat-collecting consequences. Their knowledge of our community is zero. The Church authorities have approved our lowered ceiling but will they win out? Watch out for the next instalment....



Our August Bank holiday service will be held at 3pm on Sunday Aug 29th in the Church Carpark. Our Zoom service on July 27th at 10.30 will look at "Cop26" from an activist's point of view. Book your place with an email to [cconnolly111@gmail.com](mailto:cconnolly111@gmail.com).  
*Candy Connolly*

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# Church Matters

by Rev Canon David Sherwin



## Clifton Rectory

You will have noticed that Clifton Rectory has been up for sale and I am aware that some in the community have been asking why. It is a sad reflection on the fact that the diocese of Worcester (along with most dioceses in the land) are having to make cutbacks in the amount of clergy they employ because the finances are not there to support them. I have said it before and I will say it again, the ministry of a Parish Priest is supported by local donations, there is no central support from the Church of England or government each parish makes a donation towards the cost of a clergy person and at present the amount of funding coming in means there is need to make reductions in the amount of stipendiary clergy available.



The lack of funds coming in to the church during the pandemic has also been an issue but we do hope as the churches open up the local parishes can start to thrive again. I thank everyone who endeavours to help with the church income and ministry to enable us to do the work we do.

The Parish does not own the Rectory and it is the diocese who have the right to sell when they need to do so. This does not mean you do not have a Vicar/ Rector, at the moment that is me (Rev Canon David Sherwin), and we are blessed with other staff in the area who are a tremendous asset to the ministry of the Church. We have our local Priest, the Rev Jen Denniston, Readers Pat Snelling and Jill Smith and other licenced lay workers who will aid us in our ministry along with our Team Vicar Rev Anne Potter and associate priest Jennifer Whittaker.

I wish you to know we are there for you whether we live in the parish or not. Together we can keep the churches ministry of the Gospel of Christ active and living. God bless.

*David*



Dear All

I arrived in this area in 2001 having spent 16 years in south Yorkshire where I had been ordained. Being a Midlands lad, it seemed appropriate to return to the Midlands where many of our family lived, becoming the Priest in charge of Martley, Wichenford and the Lower Teme Valley whilst Clifford Owen was still Rector of this area. After he moved on, Gwen arrived and then John Sumner. In the meantime, in 2009, I was made Team Rector of the newly created 'Worcestershire West Rural Team', which included Clifton, the Shelsleys, and Lower Sapey, as well as my original parishes and we also joined with the parishes of the Team Vicar of Leigh, Alfrick and Suckley. Upon John's retirement I had to take a more day to day responsibility for the area that I had left to John whilst he was in post.

Since he moved on it has been a pleasure to get to know you all and work in the variety of parishes which make up our team. At the services at the end of May I shared the following news which I would like to share with you now:

This year I will be celebrating and giving thanks for being involved with the parishes of this area for 20 years and for being in full time Christian service for 35 years. I have much to thank God for and thank God for your part in that journey of faith that I have been on. That journey will be taking a different direction next year as I celebrate my 66th Birthday. It is my intention to retire from full ministry in January and move to our house in Wales. In the meantime I will work to enable things to continue with ease during the vacancy and I am sure that Anne and the team will be there for you all.

I will give further details when timings have been worked out more carefully and hopefully we can have time together to say our farewells without the restrictions we have been under during the months of the pandemic.

Thank you for your prayers for Jane myself and our family over the last 12 months. Once again I thank God for you all and thank you for your love and support for my family and me over these last 20 years.

God bless, David and Jane x

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At the recent Sunday Service held at St Kenelm's church, the congregation were not only able to welcome back Rev Jen Denniston and Lay Reader Pat Snelling, both well on the way to recovering from recent illnesses, but were also able to mark the retirement of Bob Davis as Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council of St Kenelm's. Bob, himself, has recently had a bout of illness and decided that it was time to retire as Treasurer. He was presented with a gift by Jen and Pat, on behalf of everyone at St Kenelm's, in recognition of his long years of service in the post of Treasurer. During his time in the post, he has worked tirelessly for the church, guiding it through many repairs and securing funding for major refurbishments. His wisdom will not be lost, however, because Bob will remain on the PCC where his advice will be much appreciated.

Mike Snelling along with Church Wardens Alana Cooper and Barbara Seeley are taking up the reins of Treasurer for the time being.

*Barbara Seeley*

### LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST

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<b>11th July</b>	10.30am	Clifton	Matins
	3.00pm	Harpley	Evensong
	6.30pm	Shelsley Walsh	Evensong
<b>18th July</b>	4.00pm	Clifton	Songs of Praise (Patronal)
	10.30am	Harpley	Circle Service
<b>25th July</b>	10.30am	Harpley	Morning Worship
<b>1st August</b>	10.30am	Shelsley Beauchamp	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Clifton	Holy Communion
<b>8th August</b>	10.30am	Shelsley Walsh	Morning Prayer (MAC)
	8.15am	Clifton	Evensong
<b>15th August</b>	6.30pm	Clifton	Evensong
	10.30am	Harpley	Circle Service
<b>22nd August</b>	10.30am	Martley	WWRTTeam
<b>29th August</b>	10.30am		Service for all

## **CLIFTON WI**

Future events include the July meeting when Jen Riches from Bonterre will be demonstrating how to make a Lavender wreath, followed by a guided tour of Worcester Cathedral in August. In the autumn we are looking forward to a range of speakers on different topics including the Conquest Theatre in Bromyard and The Good Soil Trust. On September 11th the WI will be holding their first coffee morning for a over a year with a range of stalls and a raffle.



Clifton WI members met online via Zoom for the first of two meetings for June. After a brief update on future plans they took part in a quiz to identify bars of chocolate and when they were first introduced. A lively discussion followed around favourite bars. Some of the most popular bars have been on sale for many years such as Turkish Delight 1914, Milky Way 1924, Crunchie 1929, Mars Bar 1932 and Kit-Kat 1935.

It has been a pleasure to welcome four new members so far this year. If you are interested in joining us or want to know more, please email [cliftonontemesec@wfedwi.org.uk](mailto:cliftonontemesec@wfedwi.org.uk)

*Ruth Wilson*

## **NORA PARSONS DAY CENTRE AGM**

The AGM of the Nora Parsons Day Centre will held on Wednesday, 7th July at 7 pm.

The Centre is open, albeit quietly to enable it to comply with Covid safe regulations and for only one day a week, but as soon as numbers increase, which they are doing week by week, it will be looking to open for a second day. The long term members are delighted to be back and are looking forward to a bright future for the Centre which has been updated inside the building and is now looking to improving the exterior paths and flower beds that had to be put on hold in Autumn 2019.

The Centre will also welcome Harriett Baldwin MP as its Patron. She is local to Wichenford and has been a supporter of Nora Parsons Centre for many years. Visitors are welcome on opening days. AgeUK are operating a Dementia Meeting Place there every Friday.

## **LOCAL DEMENTIA MEETING CENTRES OPEN**

Age UK Worcester and Malvern Hills have launched Dementia Meeting Centres; with taster sessions running every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Centres will run throughout the week:

- Mondays at Bank House, Worcester
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays at St. Matthias' Church, Malvern Link
- Thursdays at Dines Green Community Den, Worcester
- Fridays at the Nora Parsons Centre, Wichenford.

All the centres will be open weekly, 10am - 3pm. There will be a charge of £25 for the day, payable a month in advance; carers go free which will include refreshments. Members will need to bring their own packed lunch. Living with dementia brings many challenges including loneliness and isolation. The new Dementia Meeting Centres will help people with suspected and/or confirmed diagnosis, helping their carers to stay connected and continue to do the things that they enjoy.

Kirsty Hughes, Dementia Meeting Centre Manager for Age UK in the Worcester and Malvern Hills area says: "There are over 12,400 people living with dementia across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. We understand the importance of companionship, enjoyment and maintaining links to the outside world, which is why we have partnered with Worcester University to provide this support".

The Meeting Centres will have trained staff and skilled volunteers present to assist members with activities, provide a listening ear and information and advice to carers. Activities will be tailored to the hobbies and interests of the members; from music, exercise, arts and crafts to days out. Family or carers will be very welcome to join in and Information & Advice staff will be on hand to give them specialist advice or to sign post them to other local and specialist support organisations such as the County's Dementia Wellbeing Service. For more information, please contact Kirsty Hughes, Dementia Meeting Centre Manager at Age UK Worcester & Malvern Hills, 01684 560666, [kirsty@ageukwmh.org](mailto:kirsty@ageukwmh.org)



*Some of the many engaging topics taught across pupils at Clifton Primary School that are highlighted in headteacher Karen Groves' report on page 5.:*

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