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# Teme TRIANGLE

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*Pupils at Clifton-upon-Teme Primary School pay tribute to HM the Queen*

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**TRACTOR PLOUGHING IN CLIFTON** – Clifton's John Delahay, pictured on his 1955 Ferguson TEF tractor at last month's Tractor Ploughing Event in the village organised by Neil Sparey. John, aged 80, was awarded the prize for the oldest combined ages of tractor and owner.

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**Front Cover Picture**

**CLIFTON SCHOOL ROYAL TRIBUTE:** Ollie and Imogen, pupils at Clifton upon Teme Primary School, alongside the school's decorative tribute to HM Queen Elizabeth II. (Full story page 17).

## HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

When, on Thursday 8 September 2022, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – the longest-living, longest-reigning British monarch – died at the age of 96 at Balmoral Castle, it was the end of an extraordinary second Elizabethan era. The following 10 days of national mourning for our much-loved Queen were observed in Clifton upon Teme, the Shelsleys and Lower Sapey, as throughout the country. At our churches the sound of half-muffled church bells rang out, flags were flown at half mast, services were held and Books of Condolence opened. On the Sunday evening before Her Majesty's funeral, villagers gathered on Clifton village green, at All Saints and St Andrews in the Shelsleys, and at St Bartholomew's in Harpley, for a minute's silence quiet reflection, prayer and song to remember our late Queen. On Monday 19 September, the day of her funeral at Westminster Abbey, the designated Bank Holiday allowed people to watch the live broadcasts and pay their respects, with our local schools and shops closed, and many events cancelled. Along with so many people across our parishes, all of us at *Teme Triangle* extend our deep gratitude to Her Majesty, and our condolences to the Royal Family. May she rest in peace. Long live The King!

**See local residents' commemorations, recollections and photos of the Queen in our colour tribute on pages 16-22, as well as articles on pages 12 and 32.**

## SUPERFAST BROADBAND EXPANDS IN THE SHELSLEYS

Report from SJ Harris

Shelsley Beauchamp XX Kingswood - 35035 is the Openreach & Worcestershire County Council name for our superfast broadband project. There are only 12 residences in our group, stretching from the Brockhill Estate to Kingswood; but we went 'live' on Tuesday 6 September with our superfast broadband.



It is quite a distance from the Shelsley Beauchamp exchange to Shelsley Kings and we are at the end of the line (literally) as our neighbours (100 metres to the north) are linked to the Great Witley exchange. It has not been easy, and it has taken us more than two years to gain our superfast broadband using the governmental Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) voucher scheme, in conjunction with the Worcestershire County Council voucher top up scheme, to fund the whole project. Originally the survey and quotation from Openreach was too expensive to be covered by the funding provided by the voucher schemes. To reduce the total cost we asked if we could arrange a self-dig and so a new survey was completed, by Openreach, with the assumption that we would fund a self-dig for ourselves. The new quotation was just about covered by the voucher scheme funding and so we organised a Community Interest Company, which acted as the legal entity for the group.

We signed our contract with Openreach, for the provision of Fibre To The Property (FTTP), on 24 December 2021. This whole project has depended upon all of us working and sticking together to make everything happen. We could not afford for anyone to drop out as this would leave us with a shortfall in the funding.

Amongst just some of the challenges we had to overcome were having two new telegraph poles erected on a 90° bend in a lane with no lane closure; gaining digging permission from landowners; a neighbour generously paying for digger hire and manpower for a 1.5km self-dig across fields; ensuring every neighbour replied to the complex DCMS voucher scheme in time; getting Openreach to provide all the ducting and junction boxes when timely for our self-dig. Somehow everything was finally completed and Openreach could install our fibre cables both underground and along the telegraph poles.

Installation was completed in just over one week and we would like to thank all of the Openreach technicians for their help and support with our project.



None of this would have been possible if it were not for the exceptional help and assistance given to us by Robert Stepniewski, Senior Project Manager, Broadband & Connectivity Team, Worcestershire County Council. Rob's knowledge and experience of superfast broadband connectivity is second to none and it is fair to say that we really couldn't have done it without him. We also thank Councillor David Chambers, County Councillor for the Tenbury Division, without who's support we would not have been able to complete this project. Also, all the neighbours who were involved in the project who were so patient, helpful and understanding when things were not as straightforward as we wished. If you are invited to join a superfast broadband voucher scheme, do so. You have nothing to lose and will gain a broadband speed of up to 900MB.

*S.J.Harris (Shelsley Kings)*

## **TEME TRIANGLE WEBSITE CONTENT EDITOR WANTED**

The *Teme Triangle* production team is looking for a local volunteer to act as Content Editor for the *Teme Triangle* website ([www.temetriangle.net](http://www.temetriangle.net)). He or she should ideally have Wordpress or CMS experience as well as confident computer skills. The role is unlikely to involve more than an hour at most each week keeping the website and Facebook page up to date. Contact Jerry Johns 01886-812304 or [crown.house@polperprogress.co.uk](mailto:crown.house@polperprogress.co.uk)

## **CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL LATEST:**

### **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Local volunteers are being sought to monitor speeding through the village of Clifton as part of a Community Speed Watch initiative backed by the Parish Council. At least six volunteers will be needed to get the scheme off the ground. Anyone interested should contact Tony Clark at [anthonymclark2@outlook.com](mailto:anthonymclark2@outlook.com) or 07554 315154. Community Speed Watch is a community driven road safety initiative, coordinated by West Mercia Police but managed and run by volunteers in the community. It involves trained volunteers from the community monitoring the speeds of vehicles with approved, hand-held speed measurement devices. Where vehicle speeds are found to be inappropriate, a letter is sent to the registered keeper by the police with the aim of encouraging them to reduce their speed when driving in the future.

### **CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

Clifton Parish Council has signed up to the Civility and Respect Pledge that all councils are being encouraged to adopt. The Pledge defines civility as 'politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech and the written word'. Examples include showing respect by listening and paying attention to others, having consideration for other people's feelings, following protocols and rules, and showing appreciation and thanks and being kind. According to the National Association of Local Councils, 'now is the time to put civility and respect at the top of the agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector'.

### **CPR TRAINING**

Anyone interested in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training is invited to contact County Councillor David Chambers at County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NP Tel: 07400 590711 or e-mail: [dchambers2@worcestershires.gov.uk](mailto:dchambers2@worcestershires.gov.uk). Councillor Chambers told Clifton Parish Council that he was encouraging the promotion of defibrillators and the need



to increase their number across Worcestershire. There are currently two located in Clifton. "When a defibrillator is not immediately available to someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest, then someone practicing CPR is the next best thing," he said. A second defibrillator is now located at Yeomans Garage in Clifton (see photo).

### **NORA PARSONS DAY CENTRE SUPPORT**

In response to a letter from local MP, Harriet Baldwin, Clifton parish councillors agreed to make an annual donation to the Nora Parsons Day Centre at Wichenford.



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## OLD ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH COMMEMORATION

A commemoration service at Old St Bartholomew's Church in Lower Sapey (Harpley) in September, was well attended and serenaded by a visiting choir and musicians (see photo inside back cover). The choir, Vital Spark – a West Gallery Quire from Worcester and Malvern – has often sung in Churches Conservation Trust churches. "Their singing and music, with instruments from the period, was absolutely rich in every way and just wonderful," said organiser Pat Prosser.

Leading the commemoration, and joined by his wife Jane, was George Howe, Archdeacon Emeritus of Carlisle, who retired as Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness in 2011 and now lives in Cradley. Amongst other responsibilities, Mr Howe was also a member of the Council for Christian Unity, has acted as the Bishop of Carlisle's Chaplain and Chief of Staff, and served as the national Chair of the Church and Community Fund until 2013.

## APPLE TREE KITCHEN REVEALS AUTUMN EVENTS

The Apple Tree Kitchen, at Pitlands Farm between Martley and Clifton, has confirmed its events for the coming season. Charlotte Thomson, co-manager, said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to all our lovely customers who have continued to support us over the last year. We have lots of exciting events between now and Christmas, some of which are below."

- The return of traditional Sunday Lunches from Sunday 23 October (booking recommended)
- The return of the Monthly Supper Club (advance bookings only) – next date 22 October
- Halloween Trail around the grounds of Pitlands Farm, with chance to win a Draw prize
- October Half Term Twilight Falconry Display - 28 October
- Christmas Wreath making workshops with Brenda Crump – 2 December (more dates tbc)
- Reindeer Trail and Christmas Lights – beginning at twilight on 1 December
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## RURAL REELS IN CLIFTON

On Saturday 8 October the Rural Reels screening in Clifton Village Hall is Downton Abbey – A New Era starring Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery and Elizabeth McGovern. In this follow-up to the 2019 feature film, the Crawley family journeys to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Admission £5 (£2.50 under-16s). Contact Mandy Henry: [amandajhenry@gmail.com](mailto:amandajhenry@gmail.com) or 01886 812238.

**Future films:** Saturday 12th November: Maverick Top Gun /  
Saturday 10th December: Elvis

## SHELSLEYS VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB OCTOBER EVENTS

- 1 October** Mr & Mrs Competition – starts at 8pm
- 8 October** Bingo – starts at 7pm
- 15 October** Drag Night – starts at 8pm
- 22 October** Bingo – starts at 7pm
- 29 October** Psychic Night – starts at 6pm followed by  
Halloween Party – starts at 8pm



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## STANFORD CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL RETURNS

Stanford Area Church Committee has announced that its very successful Christmas Tree Festival will return to St Mary's Church again this year, on 3 and 4 December.

- Saturday 3 December: Opening from 1pm to 7pm
- Sunday 4 December: Opening from 11am to 4pm when there will be a Carol Concert
- Refreshments and mulled wine will be available
- Schools, businesses and individuals can sponsor and decorate a tree. These will be judged and prizes given after the Carol Concert – get in touch if you wish to sponsor a tree
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Please put the date in your diary – more details next month. Queries or comments to Robin Dean on 01886 853295.

## LOWER SAPEY NEWS

“Grief is the price we pay for love” (HM The Queen)

These words are so apt as we grieve throughout this land and in many places over the world for the sovereign we loved. Queen Elizabeth II created a very personal relationship with all of us. This was based on service and devotion for her love of this country. She helped to create The Commonwealth of Nations, to which she was especially devoted, and we hope this institution may continue in her absence. Our thoughts are with our new King Charles III and all the family. She was a remarkable lady.

Personally, I never met the Queen, but saw her on many occasions, the happiest usually being on a racecourse. How she loved her racing, her horses and dogs. On the day that she died, my husband and I took a flag to St Bartholomew's to hang at half-mast and Steve Younge came to toll the bell the required number of times. Candy Connolly was there playing the viola and it was so moving. We have a Book of Condolences in front of candles and a picture of her late Majesty, so please sign this. The period of mourning lasted until seven days after the funeral. These are such sad times, and normal weeks and months will soon enough follow, but will never be quite the same, especially to those of us who are in our 70s and 80s and remember her own accession and crowning.

However, normal events did take place prior to this. In August, The Great Plant Sale and the Big Breakfast were very well attended and raised over £200 and £680 towards the improvements for St Bartholomew's. The History evening also raised more money and we hope to have another one quite soon. Thanks go to all who helped, particularly Steve and Liz Younge, Dot Millward and their helpers at the Sale and the Breakfast, and to Jerry Johns and the speakers at the History evening.

Those of us who sing in the Harpley Pop-Up choir had a real treat last month, when were invited to sing with members of the London Bach Choir, who were staying at 'The Hope.' We sang in the Old St Bartholomew's where the acoustics are great

and so enjoyed it. The following morning, the London Bach Choir members sang the full 1662 morning prayer in St Bartholomew's. This was a weekend we shall never forget.

On Saturday 1 October we are having a Harvest Supper in St Bartholomew's at 7pm, which is being very kindly organised by Claire Edwards. This will be the first for many years. The cost will be £15 for two courses and a cheeseboard. On 29 October at 6pm, we are having a village bonfire nearby the Church, to celebrate Bob Whitefoot's 90th birthday. Finally, we are hoping to hold a Beer/Cider and Skittles evening in November and hope to find sponsors for the beer and cider! All these events bring our community together and raise much-needed funds to pay for the improvements we hope to have in St Bartholomew's. These plans are moving forward quite well so far.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

- Dot Millward would like to invite everybody to our first meeting of the Autumn, which is on 5 October at 2.30pm in Clifton Village Hall. This is an illustrated talk by well-known wildlife photographer, Nick Martin and should be fascinating
- On 19 October, Ray Sturdy is organising a 'See and Hear Quiz', also in Clifton Village Hall at 2.30pm
- On 2 November, there will be a mini-bus trip to Evesham Country Park leaving at 10.30am from the Village Hall, so book your tickets early!
- A report about the Club's coffee morning on Saturday 17 September will appear in next month's issue.

## NOTICES

Church services at St. Bartholomew's for October are as follows:

- Sunday 2 October: Harvest Festival at 10.30am
- Thursday 6 October: Morning prayers at 9.30am
- Sunday 16 October: Methodist Holy Communion at 10.30am
- Sunday 23 October: Circle service at 10.30am

\* Please check these times nearer the dates \*

The Ladies Bible Group will meet on Tuesday 11 October at 2pm. Venue uncertain as yet.

The Mobile Library will call on Friday 21 October at 10.20am and 10.40am. Please have a look at the County Library website as they organise many classes and exhibitions.

Housekeeping in St Bartholomew's for October will be in the hands of Dot Millward. Thank you, Dot. We are still looking for additional help on this rota, so any offers welcome.

Take care and look forward to the Autumn.

*Margaret Griffiths*





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## GUEST COLUMN BY HARRIETT BALDWIN, MP FOR WEST WORCESTERSHIRE

It is with great sadness that I write these words reflecting on the passing of our much-loved Queen Elizabeth II. As I said in my own tribute to her in the House of Commons, we all hoped that she would, like her mother, reach her 100th birthday and reflect on whether to send herself a congratulatory telegram.

Her life was an exemplar of public service and 15 Prime Ministers benefitted from her wisdom and experience. My thoughts are with all the Royal Family who are bearing the unbearably heavy burden of grief. These are sad times, and the whole world has come together to reflect and honour the life of our departed Monarch.

In the same week, we appointed a new Prime Minister and then lost our Queen and there cannot be a better example of our advanced democracy that we are able to smoothly pass on the reins of power to a new leader and a new Sovereign. It was a week of history as we saw how our unwritten constitution deals with both a change of Prime Minister and a change in our Head of State – peacefully, transparently and in an orderly way. I am truly grateful for this.

It is remarkably British that the Royal Parks spokesperson had to urge people to stop leaving marmalade sandwiches in tribute to Her Majesty. The wonderful Platinum Jubilee and the show-stopping interchange between her and Paddington will live long in all of our memories. We will take time over the coming weeks and months to reflect on her life and achievements and I have already read many hundreds of thousands of words written testifying to what a positive influence she had on people across all walks of life. The glorious second Elizabethan era is at an end, and we embrace a bright future in the reign of King Charles III. God save The King.

*Harriett Baldwin MP*



*Harriett signs the Book of Condolence at Malvern Priory*

## TRIBUTE FROM SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL

The Shelsleys Parish Council joins the nation in mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On behalf of the Council, I offer our deepest condolences to The Royal Family. We are thankful for her long and successful reign over our beautiful country. She has been an unwavering and reassuring figurehead throughout. We are grateful that we had the opportunity to come together as a Parish and celebrate the life and duty of the Queen during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations this June. God Save The King.

*Cllr. Laura Taylor - Chairman of The Shelsleys Parish Council*

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## CLIFTON PRIMARY PUPILS COMMEMORATE HER MAJESTY

Karen Crawford, Headteacher at Clifton Primary School, reports: "Since the sad news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's passing, we have been taking time at Clifton-upon-Teme Primary School to reflect on her incredible life and celebrate her achievements. During our assemblies, the children have been learning more about the significant events that happened during her life, her work with the Commonwealth and the ways in which she will be remembered.

"Every child has decorated a leaf for our whole-school memorial display where they have reflected on their own thoughts and feelings about the Queen."



*Pupils Indie and Oscar alongside part of the school's tribute to the Queen*



*Pupils Isabella and Aussie flank the commemorative display*

Amongst the pupil tributes, Charlotte wrote, "Your Majesty, I remember the Platinum Jubilee. We sang songs including the National Anthem and spent time with our friends and family celebrating your reign of 70 years. I will always remember you and your amazing service to our country." Jake's main memory was of the Platinum Jubilee, "I remember the Platinum Jubilee when you had afternoon tea with Paddington and he drank out of a teapot!" Dylan's message read, "Thank you for seventy amazing years and for serving all of your country until the end."

"The whole community of Clifton-upon-Teme Primary School share our deepest sympathy with the Royal Family at this sad time," confirmed Karen. (See more photos of the school's display on inside back cover.)

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## LOCAL RESIDENTS REMEMBER...

### GUIDING THE QUEEN AT THE BBC

This photo is from 2012, when I showed Her Majesty around the BBC's New Broadcasting House in London. The Duke of Edinburgh had also been due to come but was admitted to hospital the day before for tests. Nevertheless, the Queen was cheerful and very kind and gracious as I spent more than an hour introducing her to staff and taking her to see Radio One, Radio Four, the World Service and the vast new BBC Newsroom. I spent 25 years at the BBC as a journalist and senior manager, but this was undoubtedly the highlight. My colour-matching tie was pure accident! *Andy Griffee – Shelsley Kings*



### A SMALL BOY'S ROYAL WAVE

In 1949, the then-Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip visited Liverpool to open a new dock and part of Liverpool Cathedral. My uncle ran a sweet shop in Walton, a suburb of the city, and from an upstairs window we had a wonderful view of the royal cars passing. I was sure that she waved at me personally. There was great excitement and all the grown-ups enthused about the glamorous young princess at a time when Liverpool had "taken it" in the Blitz and times were still very dark. The highlight for me, however, as a six-year-old, was when the local bobby called in afterwards for a cuppa and let me try on his Police helmet! *Jack Whittenbury – Clifton*

### MACEBEARER FOR THE QUEEN'S VISIT

This picture taken on the steps of Worcester's Guildhall, is from 2012 when Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Worcester. I'm currently Clerk to Clifton Parish Council, but I was also a Macebearer for the City for over 10 years and I think attending on the Queen and Duke was my proudest moment! I'm in my uniform, standing second from the right, looking towards the Queen's lady-in-waiting. *Michelle Alexander, Clifton*



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## LOCAL RESIDENTS REMEMBER...

### MILITARY MEMORIES

This photo from November 1949 shows my husband Anthony's father, Lt-Col T.F. Winnington (second left), who was the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, seated next to HRH The Princess Elizabeth. We also have a 1951 letter sent by Princess Elizabeth to Colonel Winnington and the Battalion, presenting them with the new Colours of the Regiment and noting their extensive active service, including Dunkirk. At the Coronation in 1953, Colonel Winnington was one of the Queen's Personal Aides-de-Camp, as Field-Officer-in-Brigade Waiting – a great honour.



Anthony and I also once met the Queen at a private birthday party and were struck by her great sense of humour. Anthony replied to a question she asked about a dancing lesson and she roared with laughter. I was so surprised at how petite she was, as she was larger than life in my mind, being such a wonderful Queen. In 2008 Anthony and I spotted the Queen walking through the Royal Enclosure and took this photograph. It was so wonderful to see her enjoying one of her special horse racing days out. It really made our day and we never saw this marvellous sight again.  
*Alexandra Winnington – Shelsley Beauchamp*



### THE DAY THE QUEEN BROKE DOWN

I was a young Fleet Street reporter in 1967 walking down Whitehall, on my way to collect the New Year's Honours list from Downing Street, when a limousine pulled out across the pavement at the entrance to Horse Guards Parade and promptly stalled right in front of me. To my astonishment, I recognised the Queen sitting in the rear. She looked at me; I stared at her. At the same time, a uniformed chauffeur sitting in the front passenger seat leapt out and opened the bonnet while the driver tried in vain to start the engine. Suddenly a policeman appeared and helped the chauffeur push the royal limo back into Horse Guards Parade. It was all over in a matter of minutes. My one regret was not having a camera with me at the time to record the incident. I learned later that Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh were on their way to Sandringham for the New Year. *Jerry Johns – Clifton*

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## LOCAL RESIDENTS REMEMBER...

### A QUEEN'S AWARD

I met the Queen in July 2016 after my company, Postcode Anywhere, was awarded the Queen's Award for Innovation. It was a lovely summer evening in a large hall in Buckingham Palace.

The side doors soon opened and members of the Royal Family flowed in: The Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Anne, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie as well as the Gloucesters. About 10 minutes later the Queen entered the room, to hushed excitement. With about 200 of us in the room there was little chance of actually meeting her, but we enjoyed the Mumm champagne and chatted to members of the household.

With about 15 minutes left of the evening I realised that this was the last chance that night, and most likely of my life, to meet her. I befriended a helpful Page who guided us to the exit. Sure enough, the Queen slowly moved towards me and Maeve Mucklow (wife of my business partner), glass of water in hand and dogs milling around.

Then the moment. She turned, and looked straight at me, asking what had brought me there. My first thought was how tiny she was! Then, that her eyes looked tired. (The previous day with Theresa May and new members of the Cabinet visiting had been 'full on' according to one of the household.)

I told her about our business and thanked her the award and hospitality. She looked genuinely interested, asked

questions and exuded an extraordinary warmth and kindness of spirit. She concluded asking if the award was really helpful, and what else 'she' could do to help. It was magical, kind even and although she wouldn't have helped herself, it was a genuine offer and one that took me aback. I mentioned that I'd cancelled a call with Apple to be there, she wished me luck and left the room. I was absolutely star struck and later on spent 30 minutes talking to the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester about Waitrose and chickens!

The following day I emailed the head of retail at Apple to reschedule, apologising but also sending this snap I was kindly given by the photographer. His response? "I thought that was a euphemism when you said you were seeing 'the Queen'... OMG!!!" *Jamie Turner – Shelsley Beauchamp*



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## LOCAL RESIDENTS REMEMBER...

### A ROYAL WEDDING PHOTO

When William and Kate, now Prince and Princess of Wales, married in April 2011, I was asked to join the professional photographers gathered on the Queen Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace, to record the Royal Wedding procession for a European magazine. I was delighted to get this split-second opportunity to capture Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh so clearly – the only occasion I ever saw the Queen, and one I will long remember.

*Michael Whitefoot –  
Shelsley Beauchamp*



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### RIDING OUT WITH THE QUEEN

I have particularly fond memories of riding out with the Queen during the 1970s while I was employed as Groom to the Queen's Horses.

It began when, at the age of 19 in 1972, I wrote to the Crown Equerry to enquire if there were any jobs. At the time I was working with horses and, after an interview at Buckingham Palace and another at the Windsor Castle Mews, I was duly appointed, looking after the Queen's private horses.

Whenever the Court went to Sandringham or Balmoral, I would go with the horses by lorry. I would ride out with the Queen most days and she would chat with me. I remember one occasion when I got stung by a wasp while out riding with her, and she sent a footman with a tube of Wasp-Eze for me!

I remained in service to the Queen for over six years before leaving to get married and come to live initially in Lower Sapey. I've found the period since her death quite hard. I was privileged know her and her passion for horses. But I also remember her sense of humour. She thoroughly enjoyed being able to ride out in the hills around Balmoral and the fields around Sandringham. *Heather Edwards – Upper Sapey*

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## LOCAL RESIDENTS REMEMBER...

### CARRIAGE DRIVING CONVERSATIONS

In the early 1990s, my organisation was sponsoring a Carriage Driving Competition in Cumbria in which Prince Phillip was expected to take part, and I was asked to present prizes. A few weeks beforehand, my boss rang to say I was to receive a call from the Security Services (MI5? Wow!) as I was being security checked. An invitation was on its way to attend an informal cocktail party that was taking place in the evening. The inference was that Prince Phillip was not going to be on his own. The evening arrived and 150 people attended so, you can guess, no chance of seeing either of them! So my colleagues and I stood in the corner of the room just enjoying the special atmosphere. Then a very smart gentleman came up and asked our names, as the four of us were going to meet the Queen. We just happened to be standing by the door that she was leaving through. We were introduced to the Queen by Her Equerry (an informal event, so no heads bowed please, and just say Ma'am), shook hands and literally chatted. I asked if she often attended her husband's carriage driving events, to be told with a chuckle and THAT smile: "Not if I can help it – far too dangerous! I don't get to Cumbria very often, so this is a wonderful opportunity to stay with friends over the weekend... and of course I much prefer simply riding out." A very simple but very memorable chat.

The reason I can remember her response is that as soon as she politely said goodbye and left the room, we rushed into the garden and rehearsed exactly how the conversation went. We never wanted to forget that very special 60 seconds!  
*Chris Hurley – Clifton*



*Books of Condolence were opened locally for residents' personal messages following the Queen's death. Pictured: All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp (left) and St Kenelm's Church, Clifton (right).*



## TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE: WEST WORCESTERSHIRE WORDS

I have always been addicted to books, and a volume I couldn't resist came my way in the summer which is a modern reprint of an 1882 'Glossary of West Worcestershire Words' by Edith L Chamberlain. Many of the words were familiar, thanks to my Tenbury-descended mother-in-law, and some I know to still be in use. I thought it would be of interest to share a few nature-related words and to see if they are commonly understood today.

Some local bird names that I had come across before were mumruffin, a word for a long-tailed tit, quice for a wood pigeon and eacle for a woodpecker. However, maggots for magpie, jacky-wobstraw for a blackcap and throstle for a thrush were all new to me. Likewise I was familiar with cobby, meaning a small coppice, sally-bed for bed of willow and bannuts for walnuts, but an ellern turns out to be an elder tree, a witty-tree a mountain ash and an oller an alder.

I particularly liked the old names for insects. Humbuzz instead of cockchafer I thought very apt, but I also liked erriwig, which I'm sure you can guess, and black-bat which was a black beetle, though not to be confused with an actual bat, also known as a leatherun-bat.

Plants in the list included cuckoo's bread and cheese, as a name for wood-sorrel, bloody butchers for early purple orchids (see photo) and oxberries for Lords-and-Ladies. The juice of oxberries could apparently be used as a cure for warts. An even more unlikely remedy was the use of something called dodment to treat shingles – an ointment made from grease mixed with dust from a church bell! For animals, hardishrew was a fieldmouse and the word fitchet was given to the polecat. A want or oont was a mole who pushed up hills.



There are also some old West Worcestershire country sayings about the weather. "Much February snow a fine summer doth show", "Mist in May and heat in June will bring the harvest very soon" and "A good year of kidney beans, a good year of hops" are probably still true today.

Next TVWG meeting: Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, Thursday 13 October at 7:30pm – a talk from Rosemary Winnall on "A fascination with insects"; £2 on the door. For more information on wildlife and TVWG visit [www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk](http://www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk), call 01568 750413 or email [tvwg@outlook.com](mailto:tvwg@outlook.com)

*Stephanie Mcroft*



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**CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held Thursday 1st September 2022**  
**in the Village Hall commencing at 7.40pm**



**Present:** Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), P. Brooks.  
Also present: County Cllr D. Chambers and x5 members of the public.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs N. Campsall, R. Henry, B. Gilbert and District Cllr C. Paethorpe.

**Declarations of Interests and applications for Councillor dispensations:** None.

**Democratic Public Time:** The meeting noted that the website start time stated 7:30 instead of 7:40 pm.

**To agree the Minutes of the meeting held 14th July 2022** – Minutes were proposed by Cllr A. Henry, seconded by Cllr Bowden and agreed by all. No matters arising.

**District & County Councillor Reports:** Reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted and will be uploaded to the website. County Cllr Chambers reported verbally on the following matters – A motion to roll out CPR training across county schools (at year 7 or above) has been supported. The number of defibrillators across the county has also increased significantly and it was noted that the new one for Clifton will be fitted at Yeomans Garage next week. Cllr A. Henry agreed to look at public training options. Cllr Brooks has obtained replacement defib pads, but the defibrillator has been recalled for a short while for repair. New County Highways Liaison Officer in post. Repairs to the pavement outside the church are planned for this financial year. There is a new countywide initiative regarding bus shelters and County Cllr funding will be available if this parish decides to go ahead with one. We would need to establish if there is a need and also agree a location. If it does not go ahead this year, then we need to look at options to reallocate county funding. The concrete sign on the Green has been damaged – Cllr Chambers to report. Road sweeping – a request has been made to MHDC. Footpath outside Manor Rd – Cllr Brooks explained why a safe pathway needs to be joined up for residents to use and Cllr Chambers agreed to look at options and how best to progress this. Cllr Brooks to send details to Cllr Chambers so that the adoption process and planning permission can be checked. A site meeting also to be arranged.

**Financial & Governance Matters:** Payments and receipts – the schedule was agreed as circulated – proposed Cllr Brooks, seconded Cllr A. Henry. Clerk to arrange payments. Civility & Respect Pledge – on recommendation from Worcs CALC, Councils have been asked to consider adopting this pledge. It was proposed by Cllr A. Henry, seconded Cllr Bowden, to adopt the pledge as a Council. All agreed. Clerk to notify CALC. 51.22.03 Nora Parsons Day Centre – a letter had been received from Harriet Baldwin MP regarding future funding of the Centre. Further to discussion it was agreed to support NPDC annually with £250.00 p.a. Proposed Cllr A. Henry, seconded Cllr Brooks. All agreed. It was noted that the Council would also consider additional requests for funding for special projects. Cllr Bowden to respond to the letter received.

**Parish Matters / Updates:** Village Maintenance Plan – the hanging baskets look lovely! Planters to be renewed this winter. Community Speed Watch – WCC has provided speed data which shows a mean speed of less than 30 mph across the village. It was agreed that

there was enough support to progress the CSW scheme however and the Clerk was asked to contact the Policing team. Volunteers (min of x6) will be needed and details to be forwarded to the Clerk for Police vetting and future training. Pavilion – electrical and plumbing quotes awaited. Fire Risk Assessment has been completed, with some minor improvements to be made. Cllr Bowden is progressing outstanding tasks. The electrical certification is now in place. Clifton Rovers FC – a letter had been received regarding the future of the Club, which was noted. The Clerk was asked to contact the F.A. to see if any other teams could use the pitch this season. BP Hut – quotes are awaited for proposed works to the rear of the building. Village Fete – Cllr A. Henry reported that a fete is being planned for 3rd June 2023. Britain in Bloom – Cllr A. Henry asked if the PC would like to enter this next year and it was agreed that this would be a good idea. Recreation Field signage – Cllr Brooks to send details of signage required to the Clerk so it can be ordered.

**Section 106 Matters:** Four Acre Field (CFAF) Project –Land Registry matters are ongoing via the Solicitors. Cllr Campsall is progressing the project in the meantime.

**Planning Matters:** Applications for consideration: M/22/00980/HP – The Old Vicarage, Church Rd reorientation of existing mower store and erection of detached triple garage. NO OBJECTION submitted.

**Planning notifications:** M/22/00767/HP – 16 Saxon Close – permission granted for installation of rendering to elevations.

**Strategic Planning Matters:** Cllr Gilbert will monitor the SWDPR and notify the Council of any matters to be considered. A recent update had been circulated.

**Highways & Facilities Matters:** Lengthsman matters are all progressing well. Work on the Bowling Green is to start on 19th Sept. County Matters – footpaths map is being progressed at County level. Road closures – none received.

**Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:** None.

**Next meeting:** Thurs 6th October 2022.

Meeting closed at 8:55 pm

M.Alexander, Clerk

## **SHELSLEY PARISH COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER MEETING POSTPONED**

As national mourning meant that there was insufficient time for the Shelsleys Parish Council meeting Agenda for 12 September to be publicly displayed, the meeting was postponed until Tuesday 4 October. Minutes for that meeting will therefore appear in the November edition of *Teme Triangle*.

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# Church Matters

by Rev Anne Potter

September 8th 2022 marked the end of not only a reign, but also an era. An era that spanned 70 years from the day her father, King George V died to the day Queen Elizabeth II died. A queen full of humility and grace, who gave of herself in service to our nation. So many tributes, so many words describing her warmth, her dignity, her selflessness, her commitment, her graciousness, her resilience, her courage, her sense of humour. Not only a queen but a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother and a 'friend' to so many. A true servant queen whose life was founded in her Christian faith.

Mike and I were fortunate to finally go on our long-awaited cruise on the Norwegian Fjords (fourth attempt since 2020) and we attended the Sunday service. The Entertainment's Manager led and read the following, saying how much it meant to him. After the service I asked him if he had a faith and you've guessed it, he didn't – yet the words below meant so much to him. In my humble opinion HM Queen Elizabeth went spiritually shopping every day and filled her basket, because she believed in the final words...



## **Heaven's Grocery Store**

*As I was walking down life's highway many years ago, I came upon a sign that read 'Heaven's Grocery Store'. When I got a little closer the doors swung open wide, and when I came to myself, I was standing inside.*

*I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care." Everything a human needed was in that grocery store, and what you could not carry you could come back for more.*

*First, I got some **Patience**. **Love** was in that same row. Further down was **Understanding**, you need that everywhere you go. I got a box or two of **Wisdom**, a bag or two of **Faith** and **Charity**, of course, I would need some of that, too. I couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, it was all over the place. And then some **Strength** and **Courage** to help me run this race. Though my basket was getting full, I remembered I needed **Grace**. I didn't forget **Salvation**, for salvation was for free. I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me. Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do the Masters will.*

*As I went up the aisle I saw **Prayer** and put that in, for I knew when I stepped outside I would run into sin. **Peace** and **Joy** were plentiful, the last things on the shelf. **Song** and **Praise** were hanging near so I just helped myself.*

*Then I said to the angel "How much do I owe?" He smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go." Again I asked, "Really now, how much do I owe?" "My child," he said, "Jesus paid your bill a long, long time ago."*

Whilst Her Majesty rests in heavenly peace, our prayer is for His Majesty, King Charles III; and that he, following his mother's example, goes shopping regularly in Heaven's Grocery Store. 'God save our Gracious King, Long live The King.'

## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Rev Anne Potter says: "We have a long winter ahead which many folk are going to find tough. Foodbanks need your help and so do others – particularly in Ukraine. LINK TO HOPE sends Christmas shoeboxes out to families and elderly folk in Eastern Europe and this year are including Ukraine. If you feel you can fill a shoebox and want to know more, please go to the Link to Hope website or contact Helen Cooke on 01886 821784 or Rev Anne Potter on 01886 832355 and we can email/send you a leaflet. We will arrange to collect any shoeboxes from your parish church before 6 November. Perhaps you belong to a local organisation that would like to make this a project around sharing some love and kindness this Christmas time."

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUNGSTERS

Do you know a youngster who wishes to be Confirmed in the Church of England? The Worcestershire West Rural Team (WWRT) will be running a six-week course in Cotheridge Church on Tuesday evenings, 4.30-5.30 pm from 11 October to 22 November (break for half term). Please contact either Rev Jennifer Whittaker (01886 833897) or Rev Anne Potter (01886 832355) if you are interested in your child/ren attending or for further information.



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### OCTOBER 2022

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**10.30am** Harvest Festival, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey  
**6.30pm** Evensong, St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

**10.30am** Holy Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp  
**6.00pm** Harvest Evensong, St Kenelm, Clifton

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**10.30am** Methodist Holy Communion, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey  
**5.00pm** Harvest Festival, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

*The Fourth Sunday before Advent*

**3.00pm** Memorial Service, St Kenelm, Clifton

#### Morning Prayer

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am** at St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am**, St Kenelm, Clifton  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am**, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

*Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10.15am  
and every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday via our YouTube channel – wwrtlive1*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 1 Mr & Mrs Competition, Shelsleys Social Club (VH), 8pm
- 1 Harpley's Harvest Supper, St Bartholomew's Church, Lower Sapey, 7pm (ticket only)
- 4 Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting, Shelsleys VH, 7pm (postponed from 12 September)
- 5 Friendship Club: Talk by wildlife photographer Nick Martin, Clifton VH, 2.30pm
- 6 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm
- 8 Bingo, Shelsleys Social Club (VH), 7pm
- 8 Clifton Rural Reels: Downton Abbey – A New Era, Clifton VH, 7pm
- 9 Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb Breakfast Club, 8.30am (ticket only)
- 13 Teme Valley Wildlife Group: Talk on insects, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH, 7.30pm
- 14 Clifton WI Health & Wellbeing Evening, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 15 Drag Night, Shelsleys Social Club (VH), 8pm
- 16 Shelsleys Harvest Supper (after 5pm Service), 6.30pm (ticket only)
- 16 Jazz Night with Ian Miller (saxophone) & Dominic Spencer (piano), Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 19 Friendship Club: 'See & Hear' Quiz, Clifton VH, 2.30pm
- 22 Monthly Supper Club, Apple Tree Kitchens at Pitlands Farm (ticket only)
- 22 Bingo, Shelsleys Social Club (VH), 7pm
- 28 Twilight Falconry Display, Apple Tree Kitchens at Pitlands Farm
- 29 Psychic Night, Shelsleys Social Club (VH), 6pm
- 29 Halloween Party, Shelsleys Social Club (VH), 8pm

### November

- 2 Friendship Club: Mini-bus trip to Evesham Country Park, leaving Clifton VH 10.30am
- 3 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm
- 12 Clifton Rural Reels: Maverick Top Gun, Clifton VH, 7pm
- 19 60s & 70s Disco Fever with DJ Dave Moore, Shelsleys VH, 7.30pm (ticket only)
- TBC Beer, Cider & Skittles Evening, Lower Sapey (details tbc)

### December

- 1 (onwards) Reindeer Trail & Christmas Lights, Apple Tree Kitchens / Pitlands Farm
- 3 Stanford Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church, 1-7pm
- 4 Stanford Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church, 11am-4pm
- 10 Clifton Rural Reels: Elvis, Clifton VH, 7pm

## YOUR TEME TRIANGLE...

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Contributions for the next (November) edition by Friday 14 October please





*Above: Archdeacon Emeritus of Carlisle and Cradley resident, George Howe, led the commemoration at Old St Bartholomew's Church, Lower Sapey, in September (story on page 10).*



*Above: Corgis, crowns and castles – Some of the drawings and written tributes created by children at Clifton Primary School, reflecting on HM The Queen (story on page 17).*



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