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Front cover picture: Charlotte Conway (left) and Alice Watkins, winners of the NHS competition (see page 4 and 5). *Photo: Simon Hadley*

VIEW FROM THE FARM

The first of an occasional column from local farmers:

To introduce myself, I am Allan Jeffries and together with my wife Fiona, we farm in Pudford Lane, so you could say we live on the border between Martley and Shelsley Beauchamp. David Moore would probably say we speak more with a Martley accent, not sure if by this he means we swear more!



We farm on a small scale by today's standards, I'm certainly not impressed with the growth of what I call factory farming in the livestock sector. Pigs and poultry have been farmed intensively indoors for years and now the dairy industry is going the same way. We keep around 230 ewes and I do a bit of fencing, but my core business is sending Fi out to work! We keep Suffolk X Welsh Mule, or Welsh Mule sheep, I like a bit of Welsh breeding in the ewes because I think they do make good mothers at lambing time. We use Charollais rams and start lambing about the first or second week of March. Often after a mild January and February, winter decides to appear just at the start of lambing which is not pleasant at two or three o'clock in the morning, especially if you have a few problem lambings. At times like that I often think "what am I doing this for?" but all that is forgotten when you first turn a nice bunch of ewes and their lambs out to grass on a fine early spring day.



At this time of year, we are weaning the lambs from their mothers which means there is quite a bit of bleating for a couple of days, although I think some of the ewes are quite pleased to have their lambs taken away so they can have a rest from two large lambs bunting at them for milk. Following weaning, all the ewes are sorted and any old ewes who have lost their teeth or ones that have had problems such as mastitis or severe foot problems are culled and new younger ewes are bought to replace them. It is this time of year that one or two farmer's wives or partners get a bit nervous in case they are exchanged for a younger model!

The weather has been very mixed throughout July, what I term as a 'daggeldy' time, so by the time you read this I hope all the harvest and hay-making has been done and is safely in the barn.

CLIFTON PUPILS WIN NATIONAL NHS COMPETITION

Two ten-year-old Clifton schoolgirls have been celebrating after being named national winners in a prestigious annual contest which promotes the NHS. Alice Watkins and Charlotte Conway, pupils at Clifton Primary School, scooped first prize in the Step into the NHS primary school competition for 2023.

The girls beat more than 700 entries to win the contest, which highlights the wealth of career opportunities available within the health service. Their project was a clever and entertaining animation featuring Lego figures. The stop-motion video tells the story of Eliza the paramedic and how she interacts with other NHS staff including porters, chefs and more. It also clearly carries the message that anyone can work for the NHS, regardless of their gender or background.



To celebrate, the girls and their schoolfriends, some of whom received Highly Commended certificates, were joined by Josh Cotterill of West Midlands Ambulance Service (pictured with the girls) who was able to show them round the vehicle and explain the busy role of a paramedic for real. They also won Amazon gift vouchers.

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Charlotte said: "Our inspiration came from the lessons that we did in school all about the NHS. We loved learning all about the different jobs and when we researched the paramedic job role, we were fascinated to find out what their typical day was like. We also spoke to people in school and one member of staff had a friend who was a paramedic so we were able to ask some extra questions that helped us with our competition entry."

Alice added: "We loved the NHS project as it opened our eyes to how important the NHS is to all of our lives and just how many people they help every day. It made us realise that any skill can be useful for a career in the NHS. We felt that using animation would help people to understand the work of a paramedic much better and maybe inspire people to become paramedics or work for the NHS in the future. We are very proud that we have been chosen to be national winners and we hope that people enjoy watching our video."

Step into the NHS is an exciting resource and school careers competition that raises awareness of the more than 350 career opportunities in the NHS, while supporting the career aspirations of young people in education.

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Dr Navina Evans, Chief Workforce, Training and Education Officer at NHS England, said: "I think Alice and Charlotte's video is just brilliant, and the voiceovers are fantastic! It's fun as well as engaging, and it really demonstrates that there's a job in the NHS to suit everyone. Huge congratulations to the girls, and a big thank you to everyone who took part."

Claire Hughes, class teacher, said: "Here at Clifton, we want all of our children to have experiences that inspire and shape futures and this is the third time we've been involved in the Step into the NHS competition. We feel it is important for our children to explore a range of careers, challenge stereotypes and understand that whatever their skills and talents, there is a career for you. The children thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the project and we are all so proud of our national winners!"

Their winning entry can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajtWc0Zo3N0>

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

There have been some improvements to the unused area at the side of St Bartholomew's churchyard, with rustic seating and a fire pit behind the new hedging. This area has already been used by Clifton Brownies and they hope to come again. We were also lucky enough recently to have a fine Sunday and held our monthly Circle service round the fire pit, although we didn't light it. I think we all enjoyed this and especially having musical accompaniment in the open. The Midsummer Festival was also a success, especially with children. If the weather is suitable, we hope to arrange more events and possibly, services in the open while we can. Thanks go to all who have helped with the churchyard and the creation of this space. Meanwhile, plans for the toilet/kitchen improvements grind slowly on and sometimes, it seems as if the diocese is putting everything they can in our way. However, fund raising continues and on Saturday September 9, we will be holding The Big Breakfast.

This year, we are returning to the original format and providing the Full English breakfast, freshly cooked on site, which will hopefully be in the churchyard. If wet, it will be held in St Bartholomew's. The cost will be £7.50 for adults and it will be between 10am and 11.30am. There will also be a Tombola and Book sale during the breakfast. Profits will go to St Bartholomew's Church. Other future events planned are a quiz night, musical evenings and of course, the Harvest Supper which is to be on October 7 in St Bartholomew's. Last year's was a great success and we hope to have the same amazing caterers.

Services at St Bartholomew's

Sunday September 3 Evensong at 6pm

Tuesday September 5 Early morning prayers at 9am

Sunday September 17 Methodist Communion at 10.30am

Sunday September 24 Circle service at 10.30am

* Please check all these times nearer the date.

NB The Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 1 October at 10.30am

We had a good gathering on August 2 when the retiring Archdeacon Robert Jones took us through some chants and hymns. This was well attended and well sung and light refreshments were served afterwards. We wish him good luck on his retirement.

Housekeeping for September will be in the hands of Margaret Griffiths.

The Mobile Library will call on Friday September 15 at 10.20 and 10.40am.

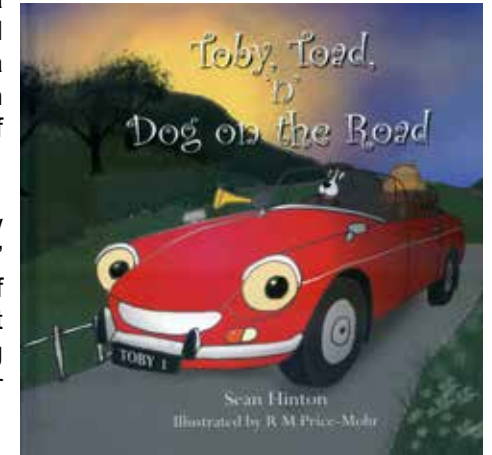
The Ladies Bible Group will definitely re-start on Tuesday October 10, 2pm, in the home of Jill Smith. We are ordering new texts for study and can decide between us then which we would like to use.

LOCAL AUTHOR'S FIRST CHILDREN'S BOOK

Local Harpley electrician Sean Hinton has had his first illustrated children's book published and will be launching it in Harpley church on Saturday, 16 September, at 4pm.

Toby, Toad 'n' Dog on the Road is an illustrated rhyming story about a classic car and a dog who are rescued by a bunch of toads, repaying one good deed. Toby, a red car, a dog, and a toad take a drive through the English countryside where there is plenty of wildlife, cake, and hidden toads.

"It was a real surprise that somehow I've ended up as a children's author," says Sean. "By chance a couple of stories I wrote for my children whilst at sea ten years ago ended up getting published. It's something other children might like."



Sean's book, illustrated by Ruth Price-Mohr, is available in paperback or hardback from Crossbridge Books, www.crossbridgeeducational.com

TRUSTEE VACANCY - CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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Each trustee adopts a role but we all chip in and help each other when necessary. We do ask that when we are running events specifically organised by the committee that trustees help if at all possible. That could mean helping to put the chairs and film equipment out for film nights, or helping in the kitchen/bar. We also get together once a year to weed the car park. We would love to find someone who is a bit of a whiz with technology, and who would be prepared to update our website and social media activities (or even someone who could explain how to do it in simple terms).

If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact Mandy Henry: Tel: 01886 812238 Email: amandajhenry1970@gmail.com

SHELSLEY SERVES UP ITS FIRST TENNIS TOURNAMENT

It was game, set and match for sporty Shelsley residents Alice Timmis and David Styles when they won the Shelsleys' first ever Mixed Doubles Tennis Competition in June.

The tournament, which involved more than 20 keen local tennis players, was organised by Peter Hughes from Shelsley Kings, together with Holly Perks and Karen Metcalfe. Peter explained: "Earlier this year, some budding Shelsley sportspeople were thinking of ways of creating some extra camaraderie in the community, and the idea for a tennis competition was born."

Players entered as mixed double partnerships – many of whom had never played tennis together before. All of the practice sessions and matches were held on six, locally owned tennis courts. After a series of hotly contended heats, accomplished players Alice Timmis and David Styles were crowned tournament champions. The runners up were Anna Brazier and Paul Wakefield (*pictured below*) while Karen Metcalfe and James Perks came third.



Paying tribute to everyone involved, Peter said: "Enormous thanks go to the whole committee, who gave their heart, soul and time to make this enjoyable event happen. We also thank the many tennis players who competed, and those residents who generously made their tennis courts available."

A NEW RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY COMES TO CLIFTON

Pickleball looks a bit like scaled down tennis. It is played on a badminton size court with raquets like large table tennis bats and balls like oversized golf airflows. As the court is smaller and the balls slower than tennis it is suitable for all ages and abilities. There are now two groups playing regularly at Clifton Village Hall, one on Thursday at 2.15pm and one on Monday evening at 7.15pm. New players are welcome. Why not come along, give it a go and see if it is for you. If you want more information contact John and Ros Wain on 07368395501 or: jcandrwin@yahoo.co.uk.

BUGS AND BEASTIES SERVICE

Lyn Merrick (kneeling) led the Bugs and Beasties service in July at All Saints church in Shelsley Beauchamp. All sorts of interesting flowers and beasties were found in the churchyard and everyone enjoyed making clay models of them. Pictured (from left): Jill Smith, Jack Yates, Emma Beardsmore, Irene Hodgetts, Lisa Adams, Barry Hodgetts, Joan Phillips and Candy Connolly.





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Hundreds of pupils from 15 Rivers CofE Academy Trust schools across the region put their Design Technology skills to the test at a special Box Car Rally at the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb in July.



Great Witley CE Primary School's winning 'Ghostbusters' Rally team

The talented 10 and 11 year olds had spent many weeks preparing for the event, only the second of its kind, as part of the DT National Curriculum. In total 22 teams and 700 Year 6 children took part, from schools in Worcester, Great Witley, Droitwich, Stourport, Kidderminster, Dudley and Tipton. Taking pole position at the end of the day was the team from Great Witley CofE Primary School, with a Ghostbusters-themed entry.

Co-organiser Emily Calvert, Head at North Worcester Primary Academy, told *Teme Triangle*: "We devised the Rally to bring together all our pupils' DT learning from the past six years. Each class agreed a theme for their entry and set up four sub-groups: a Mechanics team to devise the box car's moving parts; a Structures team to design the bodywork; a Textiles team to create the driver's boilersuit and themed outfits for a parade; and a Food Technology team to prepare refreshments."

Young drivers then put the cars through their paces over a short stretch of track at the base of the Hill Climb, before stopping accurately in a marked box.

Emily confirmed: "Working together towards this Rally built a real partnership between children from many different backgrounds – a whole team ethos. From health & safety to food hygiene and event organisation, it brought learning to life by solving real world problems. The children loved it. Thanks to all involved. It was a fantastic achievement!"



Some of Great Witley Primary's winning team



Harpley Circle service in late July in the woodland retreat area of the churchyard.

SHELSLEY BIG HELP OUT

You may recall that part of the King Charles' Coronation celebrations included a 'Big Help Out' day. The idea behind this was to encourage people to volunteer and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas. Due to time constraints during the Coronation weekend, The Shelsleys Parish Council did not organise anything specific for this event at the time. It was however discussed and agreed at the last PC meeting that you, the parishioners, should be asked if there is anything in particular (if indeed at all) that you would like to do for this?

Possible suggestions include tidying up of the churchyard and / or the village hall grounds. Or perhaps clearing overgrown footpaths? Half a day or so would be allocated for everyone to join together to participate in whatever the agreed task is, and of course in true Shelsley style, along with plenty of refreshments!

Please contact PC Secretary Jan Speyer (shelsleyspc@gmail.com) if you have any thoughts regarding this. Many thanks in advance.

Louise Hutton (on behalf of the Parish Council).

ARTS SOCIETY TEME VALLEY NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

All societies which are recruiting want younger members. The young are the future. However the Arts Society Teme Valley takes a pragmatic view. While arts are life enhancing for people of all ages, younger people have commitments on a Wednesday afternoon. They have jobs or children to be collected. By contrast the retired are free to devote a Wednesday afternoon once a month to attending a lecture on an Arts subject. Arts Society lectures are on the third Wednesday of the month in autumn, winter and spring. They start at 2.15 pm in Ludlow Assembly Rooms. For more information see www.theartsocietytemevalley.org.uk or phone 07801178846. It is common knowledge that some arts societies, previously known as NADFAS, have waiting lists for membership and no room for visitors. ASTV is privileged to hold lectures in the Assembly Rooms in central Ludlow which have plenty of space for members and visitors.

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FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE BAND @ SHELSLEY VILLAGE HALL

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Draft Minutes of the Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting, July 11

Present: Val Jones (Chairwoman), Louise Hutton (Vice-Chair), Laura Taylor, John Stinton, Dave Bates, Jean Hammond, Carole Warren and David Belfield. District Councillor Pam Cumming and the clerk. Apologies: Karen Metcalfe (accepted). Paul Cumming District Councillor and David Chambers County Councillor.

Minutes: The Minutes of May 16th 2023 were accepted and agreed as a true record. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman Dr Laura Taylor on behalf of all the members.

District and County Councillor Reports: County Councillor Chambers sent a written report. District Councillor Pam Cumming read out a report and answered questions.

Midland Automobile Club: It was agreed that the Parish Council had nothing to report to the MAC as all the recent events had run with no problem whatsoever.

Big Help Out: The nationwide initiative following the coronation was discussed and it was suggested that volunteers, especially those who maybe have not volunteered before, could be involved in a community event. Discussion on what this might be will be canvassed and reported in September.

Progress Reports: Superfast Broadband: The clerk has been informed that the Camp Lane/Birch Berrow/Manor Lane project installation is to start in July and finish in September.

Defibrillator: Access to the equipment is by calling the emergency services. Mobile phones should be able to connect to this even if there is no regular network available.

Speeding signage. Various wording for temporary roadside warning signs was discussed. Clerk to contact WCC via the County Councillor for assistance.

Police Charter. The clerk to enquire on how contact information may be made available to the public.

Highways: The Lengthsman's worksheet for June was inspected and accepted. Pard House Lane road surface and water issues. Work will commence July 31st. Cllr Stinton gave some historical background and he and Cllr Belfield offered to meet with the workforce to explain this.

Speeding. The clerk had made contact with CSO Theresa Howells Tenbury Police with regard to speeding both through the villages and from visitors to and from the hill climb. Currently awaiting an update to the suggestion that the police put an article in the Teme Triangle or leaflet drivers on event days. It was thought signage rather than leaflets would be more effective, clerk to enquire.

Overgrown hedges are reducing the width of narrow lanes. Clerk to request information from WCC on whose responsibility maintaining hedges is and if and how frequently highways cut them. It is understood nothing can be done until September, because of nesting birds, unless a danger is caused.

Parish Map: It was agreed to donate the small map to the PCC for display in All Saints' Church.

Urgent Decisions: Planning application M/23/00572/HP The Manor Barn Shelsley Beauchamp. Application was supported by Councillors and the clerk reported this to MHDC support.

The clerk explained the scheme of delegation whereby the clerk submitted comments made by Councillors to MHDC when planning applications were received between meetings.

Correspondence & Consultations: All relevant mail was either circulated by email to members or was available and discussed at the meeting.

Finance: Defibrillator Training donation £50.00. Teme Triangle donation £250.00 Worcester Foodbank £60.00. Bunting invoices. £156.25 & £79.90 = £236.15 Clerk expenses. £38.86. VHMC invoice for Village Hall hire. £204.00 Lengthsman. £144. Monies received £50.00 donation towards the map. HMRC and the clerk's salary is now paid by standing order. The Audit Exemption certificate has been acknowledged by PFK Littlejohn the External Auditor

Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda. Bleed Out Kit. It was agreed that one should be purchased and placed in the defibrillator box if this is feasible. The clerk will make enquiries for the Chairmen Board at the village hall to be updated.

Next meeting: September 5 at 7pm 2023 at the Village Hall. To view the full minutes and agenda online go to the WCC website. and look at The Shelsleys.

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CLIFTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Local Shelsleys author Andy Griffiee will be giving a talk to Clifton Friendship Club members on Wednesday, 4 October, followed by a return visit from wildlife photographer Nick Martin.



Members have recently enjoyed visits to the beautiful gardens at Highways and Harpley House where they also celebrated a significant birthday of committee member Rose Holloway with fizz and a lovely afternoon tea, thanks to Jen and Nick Denniston. August saw us visiting the gardens of Mary and Brian Knibbs and Jenny Painter. Members also visited the Clifton History Room. We were due to have tea in Angie Griffiths' garden but because of the weather Angie entertained us in the Scout hut which was beautifully decorated with bunting where we had cake and a glass of Pimms thanks to Angie and Mags.

Visitors and new members always welcome. Email dotmillward@btinternet.com for more information.



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

September 2023

Sunday 3rd September

10.30am Holy Communion, St Kenelm's, Clifton
6.00pm Evening Prayer, St Bartholomew, Harpley

Saturday 9th September

9.00am Big Breakfast, St Bartholomew, Harpley
2.00pm Cream Teas and Craft Sale, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Sunday 10th September

10.30am Meet at the Beach, New Mill Bridge,
Shelsley Beauchamp
3.00pm Pet Service, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Sunday 17th September

10.30am Holy Communion, St Bartholomew, Harpley
6.30pm Evensong, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Sunday 24th September

10.30am Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Harpley

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All Welcome

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Minutes of Clifton Parish Council meeting Thursday 7 July 2023

Present: Councillors J. Bowden, B. Gilbert, P. Brooks, R. Neave, L. Merrick.

Also present: 8 members of the public and District Cllrs Paul & Pam Cumming.

Apologies for absence: County Cllr D. Chambers.

To agree the Minutes of the meetings held 1st & 29th June 2023 – Minutes for 1st June were proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Gilbert. Minutes for 29th June were proposed Cllr Brooks, seconded Cllr Gilbert. All agreed.

Democratic Public Time: Members of the public raised the following issues – The junction at Ham Bridge (from Shelsley Walsh) needs the vegetation cutting back. Also the metal fence is completely obscured by trees. Clerk to report to Highways. The stones under the Conker tree have drifted everywhere. Can it be tidied up and then held back using mono blocks? Cllr Bowden to look at options with the Tree Surgeon and R. Wilks. The footpath along the side of the village green – any update re ownership? Cllr Bowden confirmed that he had met with the Highways Liaison Officer, and it appears to belong to Highways. A full response is awaited. It was also suggested that the PC establish ownership of the village green as it seems unclear and may also be Highways land? Noted that the ‘no parking’ sign was erected in 1936 by order of the PC. Clerk to look into this.

District & County Councillor Reports: Any written reports received will be circulated and uploaded to the website. Cllr Paul Cumming reported on MHDC planning matters including enforcement and appeals process, the 5-year land supply, the SWDPR and the Infrastructure Plan created to use Government funding. The recent accident on Clifton Hill was discussed, including the time it took for an ambulance to arrive. Some A&E improvements are expected next year to reduce waiting times. It was noted that West Mids Ambulance Service sometimes send vehicles via Whitbourne rather than use the better route via Bromyard Downs / Stourport Rd to get to the village. It was suggested that the Clerk notify the WMAS about the preferred route. The meeting noted the new housing development that had been granted on appeal at Martley, which means that local infrastructure will be placed under increased pressure.

Financial & Governance Matters: Payments approved as per the schedule-proposed Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Merrick. All agreed. Councillor co-option – further to an application made, it was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Merrick, that Sid Haywood be co-opted to the PC. All agreed. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Haywood to the meeting. The Clerk will notify MHDC.

Parish Matters / Updates: Village Maintenance Plan – hanging baskets are in place and Cllr Gilbert has responded to a resident’s enquiry. Cllr Brooks raised concern regarding the state of the grass verge on the left-hand side going out of Clifton towards Tenbury, where it is very overgrown. There is currently a water pipe above ground waiting to be buried. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Lengthsman to clear the grass. There are some issues with the developer / contractors currently and Highways are also involved with the verge. Cllr Brooks

will draft a letter for the Clerk to send. Cllr Bowden has asked WCC to approach local farmers to install gates where there are currently stiles, but some farmers aren’t keen to do it. (They may retain a stile if they wish to.) If new fencing has been installed then a gate must be installed. Cllr Bowden will progress works on existing stiles, to improve them for users. Hill Farm – s31 notices have been erected re footpaths not on maps. Maps need to be brought up to date. This does not affect existing public rights of way. The new footpaths map looks very good and also includes a QR code so maps can be accessed via mobile phones. Cllr Bowden reported from the recent WCC Highways walkabout that the footpath on the church side at the Anchorage is to be repaired at the end of August. Kenelm Close is also to be resurfaced. The 30 mph in Pound Lane may be relocated further down the lane (to be confirmed). Community Speed Watch – still awaiting speed data cables from WCC Highways for more data to be analysed. Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) – a re-quote for a solar powered option has been re-quoted as £3k for the monitor and £650 for the solar panel. The VAS coming in from Martley may need to be replaced. Matter to be placed on the next agenda. Cllr Bowden to circulate the quote received. Pavilion plumbing works are now completed.

Section 106 Matters: Four Acre Field (CFAF) Project – a revised application has been submitted to MHDC for consideration. Contractor letters are to be sent out next week. Cllr Bowden to liaise with the Clerk. Cllr Merrick is undertaking a species survey on site (twice a month survey from January to date). It looks to be a fantastic site, but it could do with a 2m boundary around the edge to encourage species. The Clerk was asked to remind R. Wilks. Cllr Merrick will circulate a report to the Council for consideration at the next PC meeting.

Planning Matters: Planning notification - M/23/00291/FUL – Blue Shot, Pound Lane, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6DE – approval of variation of conditions 4,5,11,12 & 18 on planning permission 21/01227/FUL – proposed residential development of 5 dwellings.

Highways & Facilities Matters: No further updates. Cllr Brooks has circulated the Shelsley Walsh closures as agreed. Road closures as circulated.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Brooks is to contact R. Wilks regarding play equipment and the RoSPA report 2023.

Next meeting: Thurs 7 September 2023 at 7:40pm

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Church Matters

by Jill Smith (Licensed Lay Minister) and Rev Jen Denniston (Non-stipendary Priest)

Summer's passing... Autumn's arriving. Schools are starting back, fields and hedgerows are changing colour, farmers are busy harvesting, hauling and cultivating. As we reflect over the seasons of this past year, there will have been all sorts of change in our own lives. Perhaps a new grandchild, a new job, a new term, an illness, a bereavement. Ebbs and flows, ups and downs. Change is all around us – at home, in our communities and in our three parish churches.

In Shelsley, we're growing our family-friendly monthly communion services 'with a twist'. After three years as excellent Church Warden, Jude Bettinson has handed the baton on to double-act Holly Perks and Kate Hurst. Harpley and Shelsley churches are exploring ways of using their buildings more flexibly, trialing removing some pews to enable wider use of the space. They have cleared and tidied their churchyards to allow greater bio-diversity and accessibility. At Harpley, there's a corner woodland area to enjoy some quiet moments' contemplation on your own or with others. St Kenelm's 'Warm Welcome' and the Toddler Group has created change for the better by bringing our communities together. It started as coffee, and then there were croissants, and that soon evolved into proper lunch too! It will resume on Thursday Sept 28th.

There's change too in parish organisation. This autumn, Clifton, Shelsley and Harpley will join Rev Julia Curtis' Teme Valley South group of churches, as part of the Rural Mission Area to be created with Teme Valley North group and the Wyre Forest group. There will be three paid clergy, and several Non-stipendiary clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers. Come along to Rev Julia's licensing service on Sunday 22 October at 10.30am in St Kenelm's.

In the changes in your lives, whether major or minor life events – for services and celebrations of all sorts – your parish church is here and ready to welcome you. If you aren't able to get to a church service, please get in touch, to arrange a visit or Home Communion.

Harvest Services and suppers: Harpley Harvest Service Oct 1, Harvest Supper Sat 7; Shelsley service October 8; Clifton service followed by supper Oct 8. A chance to bring change into your personal life: come along to the Alpha Course this autumn, at Appletree Dining Room, Pitlands, starting Weds Sept 13, 7.00-9.00pm.

While everything around us is changing, we can depend on God continually showing us His grace, love, and compassion. As the line of the well-known hymn puts it: O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

'SAINTS AND SAUSAGES' ST KENELM'S DAY



Over 50 people joined in the annual celebration of St Kenelm's life with a 'Saints and Sausages' event on St Kenelm's Day, 16 July. Adults and children took part in a range of activities including making a flower smash celebration card, bunting decorated with pictures of fruits of the Spirit and a Community Tree with handprints. The story of St Kenelm was told through a treasure hunt of pictures and facts about his life. Do pop in and see the display of work made by the children and find out more about Kenelm! The afternoon finished with an action song, hot dogs, crisps and cake. Join us for the Pet Service at St Kenelm's on Sunday 10th September at 3.00, all pets and owners welcome.

WARM WELCOME RETURNS

The St Kenelm's Warm Welcome will be starting again on Thursday, September 28 from 10.30am to 1.00 in Clifton village hall; lunch will be served at 12 noon. It has been a real pleasure to welcome several people who work from home and pop in for a communal lunch so do come and have lunch if you are in the village. If you would like to volunteer or support in any way either pop in during the morning or contact me ruth.wilson38@btinternet.com.

Thank you to everyone who has come along for coffee and lunch on a Thursday morning, making this a very sociable morning. And a huge thank you to everyone who has supported this venture by providing or cooking food, money donations or their time helping on the morning. Lunches have included soup and roll, baked potatoes with fillings, traybakes, salmon and ham on special occasions, as well as plenty of cakes, pastries and biscuits. The Parent and Toddler group started as part of this in January and has also gone from strength to strength through the activities and warm welcome provided by Lisa and Tabbitha. Several of the parents and toddlers have been able to stay and join in the lunch served in the hall making it a real community event for all age groups.

Ruth Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 5 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 6 Martley Young Farmers new members evening, Ham Bridge Farm
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting, 7.40pm VH
- 8 *All The Queen's Horses* talk by Heather Edwards, Kyre VH 7.30pm
- 9 Big Breakfast, St Bartholomew's, Harpley 10am-12 noon
- 9 Cream Tea, Craft and Jumble sale 2pm – 4pm St Kenelm's
- 9 St Kenelm's open for Ride and Stride visitors, Clifton
- 9 Flicks in the Sticks: *The Fablemans* Clifton VH 7pm
- 10 Outdoor service, Shelsley Beach, 10.30am
- 10 Teme Valley Market, Talbot Hotel, Knightwick 11am
- 10 St Kenelm's Pet Service 3pm
- 12 WI Meeting, *Honeybees*: Meriet Duncan, author & beekeeper Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 13 Alpha Course, Appletree dining room, Pitlands 7pm
- 16 Book launch: Sean Hinton, Harpley Church 4pm
- 16 Fleetwood Mac tribute band Stevie Mac, Shelsleys VH 7pm
- 28 Warm Welcome starts every Thursday 10.30am -1.00, Clifton VH

October

- 4 Clifton Friendship Club: Local author Andy Griffie Clifton VH 2.30pm
- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 14 *Severn Voices* at St Kenelm's, Clifton 7.30pm
- 20 Clifton WI Health and Wellbeing Evening - Osteoporosis
- 21 Martley Young Farmers Pub Quiz, Martley VH

YOUNG FARMERS EVENTS

Martley Young Farmers' next event is their New Members Evening on Wednesday 6 September at 6:30pm, where there will be Laser Clay Shooting at Ham Bridge Farm, Martley, WR6 6QT. If you are interested in joining or want to find out what Young Farmers is all about, come along for the evening, we guarantee you will enjoy it! Young Farmers is open to anyone aged 10 to 28 - you don't have to be a farmer to be a Young Farmer. For more information, please call Zoe 07772 020840 or Amy on 07975 636122.

A Pub Quiz will be held at Martley Village Hall on Saturday 21 October: £10 per person, which will include food. Teams can be up to six people. There will also be a bar and tuck shop available. For more information or to enter your team, please call or text Zoe on 07772 202840, please pre-book by Wednesday 18 October.



Clifton's Parish Lengthsman, Rob Wilkes and Lyn Wilkes maintaining the hanging baskets provided by the Parish Council to houses in the main street.

CLIFTON WI

The next meeting of the Clifton WI is on September 12 at 7.30pm when Meriet Duncan will give a talk about honeybees. Meriet, who travels across Britain giving talks to help develop understanding of the concerns around their future has also written several children's books and gives talks in schools. All are welcome so please come and support what should be a very interesting meeting.

This autumn we are taking part in the WI skittles competition, so far enthusiasm is high but no one has played skittles so skill may be lacking! In October the annual Health and Wellbeing evening will be held on the topic of osteoporosis. A speaker is booked from the Osteoporosis Society to share knowledge and ways of preventing the damage this can cause to health. It is an important topic that affects both men and women. It will be a free event with refreshments, stalls, an introduction to useful Pilates exercises and a raffle.

If you would like to know more or are thinking of joining the WI please do come along 7.30pm Clifton Village Hall second Tuesday of the month or email Ruth Wilson, cliftonontemepres@wfedwi.org.uk for more information.

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