

Teme TRIANGLE

Clifton upon Teme • The Shelsleys • Lower Sapey



Shelsley residents gathering for Harvest Supper at the Village Hall

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(L to R) Clifton residents Maurice Richards, Andrea Bennett (licensee of the Lion Inn) and Alan Bush completed the TREK26 Brecon Beacon 13-mile sponsored walk in September. They had a great day out walking across the Brecon Beacons and raised £2,600 for the Alzheimer's Society charity.

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Front Cover Picture: The catering team behind the enjoyable Harvest Supper held at the Shelsleys Village Hall on 17 October. (L to R) Richard and Judith Bettinson, Des and Beryl Robson, Rosemary Holloway, Margaret Lisseman (whose birthday it was!) and Jane Froggatt. (Report on page 29)

CLIFTON GUIDES, RAINBOWS AND CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Clifton Rainbows group has restarted on Wednesday afternoons between 4.30pm and 5.30pm, run by Angie Griffiths and Maggie Buono, following a period of inactivity during the Covid lockdown.

Girls aged between five and seven years old (soon to include four-year-olds) are welcome to join the group.

"I'm hoping to run the group at the same time as the Guides, with some of the activities the same but on a smaller scale," says Angie Griffiths

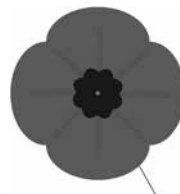
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The annual Christmas Fayre in aid of the Guides will be held on Sunday 5 December at Clifton Village Hall (WR6 6DN) from 10am until 1pm. As usual, it will be a table top sale by local businesses with a variety of gifts, decorations, cakes, preserves and other tasty treats. Entry will be £2.50, to include a drink and homemade cake.

For more information or to book a table, please email angiegriffiths@aol.com or contact 07957 462519 or @cliftonlocalyocals (£10 per table).

CAN YOU HELP THE 2021 LOCAL POPPY APPEALS?

Remembrance Sunday falls on 14 November this year, and poppies are already available in a number of schools, shops and businesses across the Teme Triangle area.



As Covid restrictions ease, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal collectors are also heading back out in their local communities to raise vital funds to support the Armed Forces Community – and more volunteers are needed.

SHELSLEYS / STANFORD: Door to door collections are being made in the Shelsleys, Stanford, Stockton, Great Witley and Stoke Bliss areas, and additional collectors in all these areas are being sought. If you would like to be considered, please contact Abberley District organiser Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or email robin.c.dean@gmail.com. "Please help us to beat the collection total last year of £1,574!" he said.

CLIFTON / SAPEY: Poppies are available at Clifton's school, shop, two pubs and at Upper Sapey Golf Club. Volunteers are also still being sought to make house-to-house collections. If you can spare a couple of hours to help, please contact Tenbury Wells District organiser Ian Chell on 01584 819983 or 07977 508881.

NEW BUS SERVICE LINKS CLIFTON TO MALVERN

A new, weekly community bus service between Clifton, Martley and Malvern has started.

A bus will leave Clifton Village Hall every Thursday morning at 9.45am, going on to Martley Village Hall, Berrow Green (Admiral Rodney Pub), Knightwick (Talbot Inn), Suckley Village Hall and Leigh Sinton to arrive in Great Malvern at 10.35am, then Malvern Retail Park at 10.45am. The return trip leaves Great Malvern at 12.30pm and Malvern Retail Park at 12.45pm. (Pick-up times enroute may be slightly adjusted in future months, depending on passenger demand for the service. Passengers will be advised of the pick-up time when they book their seat.)

All journeys must be pre-booked, using a 'Ring and Book' service operated by Tenbury Transport Trust (TTT). To book call 01584 810491 (10am-1pm Monday-Friday). Membership of TTT is also a requirement for all passengers, however, the fee of £5 per annum will be waived for the first year. Timetables are available at www.tttrust.org.uk and from the Parish Council.

NEW AFGHAN REFUGEE HUB IN MARTLEY SEEKS HOUSEHOLD GOODS DONATIONS

An official donation and distribution hub to help furnish homes for Afghan refugees is being set up in Martley, in conjunction with Worcestershire County Council.

Donations are invited that appear on the hub's specific list of wanted items (available on enquiry). Goods include new or second-hand white goods and TVs (preferably PAT tested), sets of kitchen equipment and utensils; lounge, dining room and bedroom furniture (must have fire safety labels if upholstered); bathroom, household and baby equipment. All toiletries, towels, duvets, bedding and mattresses donated must be new. Initially at least, clothes and children's toys cannot be accepted.

Coordinator Eva Fisher confirmed: "We are extremely grateful for goods donations to help this cause. However it is vital that all items are on our list, and that they are either new; or clean, undamaged, working secondhand. As the size of the properties we aim to furnish differs hugely, we cannot accommodate very large furniture. Please check with us first to ask about our current priority items. Thank you very much in advance for your generosity."

Once a rota is set up, donations may be left at Martley Old Infants School on Berrow Green Road, Martley WR6 6PJ (opposite Maylite Trading Estate). If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Eva at donationhubmartley@gmail.com or 07954 133176; or Stuart Smith on 07412 977849.

Alternatively, people could sell privately any items that the hub is unable to accept, and donate the proceeds in the form of gift/store vouchers for supermarkets or household goods shops. Cash donations to the cause cannot be accepted, but could be made online via sites such as <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal>.

COUNTY INITIATIVE HELPS PEOPLE ‘STAY CONNECTED’

In the wake of the pandemic, Worcestershire County Council is encouraging people of all ages to take simple steps to feel more connected – even at a distance – as part of a drive to tackle loneliness across the County.



A raft of information has been put together suggesting ways that residents can address feelings of isolation, whether by talking to others, making social connections, volunteering, finding new activities or prioritising self-care. There is also proactive advice for young people who are feeling lonely, including finding support and ways of boosting self-esteem.

The Council has also launched the ‘Stay Connected’ pledge that Worcestershire organisations can sign up to, to ensure their activities are inclusive, welcoming and connection-friendly. Suggestions include arranging transport, taking activities into the community or online, inviting people to volunteer their skills and doing Making Every Contact Count e-learning. Participating organisations will receive signposting information and e-learning access, and will be listed on the Worcestershire Health & Wellbeing webpage.

For details visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20526/lonelinessandisolation.

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The third annual Carols on the Green will take place in Clifton on Friday 17 December, from 7pm. Music will be provided by the Worcester Ukulele Band. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available from the Lion Inn. Take away fish and chips can also be ordered from the pub.

Volunteers are needed to help set up on the afternoon (from about 3.15pm after school finishes) and to clear away afterwards. If possible, we need a couple of gazebos and outdoor lights (industrial ones). Contact Mandy Henry: 01886 812238 amandajhenry1970@gmail.com.

CLIFTON WI NEWS

In September the WI members were entertained by Paul Spelman, from the Conquest Theatre in Bromyard. The original theatre started seventy years ago in a corrugated structure with old seats donated by the Regal Cinema in Tenbury Wells. It was later replaced by the current brick structure next to the CO-OP. Brinton Carpets of Kidderminster donated an end roll of carpet from a cruise liner...enough to cover the whole of the area, foyer, auditorium, backstage, changing rooms and more. The only paid member of staff is the cleaner all other roles are filled by volunteers. The autumn programme will include The Little Shop of Horrors, MET live and streaming of Follies The Musical. Support your local theatre!

Our next meeting on Tuesday 9 November will be our AGM and will include a quiz based on the questions asked when applying for British Citizenship...rumour is they are very difficult!! Please join us if you are interested.

Friday 19 November is the Women's Health and Wellbeing Evening. A chance to relax with Prosecco and tasty nibbles while finding out more about health issues such as cancer and how it can be identified and treated to maintain health and wellbeing. This year's WI Resolution concerns raising awareness of ovarian cancer which continues to be one of the least detected cancers in women but can be treated successfully. The evening will include several guests talking about their experiences of cancer, exercises to improve health and posture, a range of cosmetic stalls and more. Tickets are available from members of the WI committee: Penny Bowden, Martine Jones, Nina Gilbert, Lyn Emery and Ruth Wilson. Please contact cliftonontemesec@wfedwi.org.uk for more information about the WI.

Ruth Wilson

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RURAL REELS IN CLIFTON

Next month's film screening in Clifton Village Hall will be *Knives Out* in which Daniel Craig stars as a detective investigating the death of a patriarch of an eccentric, combative family. The film will be shown on Saturday 27 November. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. The bar will also be open. For further information or to reserve a seat please contact Mandy Henry: amandajhenry1970@gmail.com or 01886 812238.



MILL FARM COUNTRY RETAIL NEWS

MRS BEST'S '3rd BIRTHDAY' SHOPPING EVENT

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Owner Sarah Best (L) and retail assistant Deb outside the store

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For more about the shop visit www.mrsbest.co.uk.

Other stores at Mill Farm will also be open on 27 and 28 November in support of Mrs Best's event, providing the perfect opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit and support the local community. Please note that booking is advisable if you wish to dine at the Den Café Bar.

NEW WELLBEING SERVICES AT PURE THYME

Pure Thyme Wellbeing & Beauty, at Mill Farm Country Retail in Stanford Bridge, is offering a host of new services this season.

Owner Julia Heywood has been training in Oncology Massage in order to provide massage treatments to clients living with or recovering cancer. Julia explained: "Therapists working in salons and spas often have to turn away clients who are undergoing treatment or living with cancer, due to it being a contraindication to massage. The therapist would need to seek written approval to treat from a client's GP or consultant."



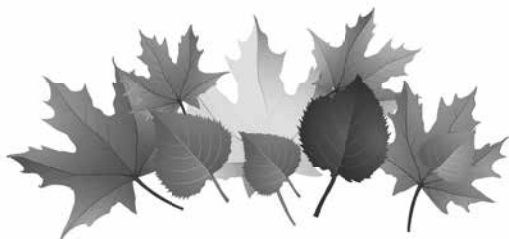
Julia wanted to make massage more accessible for her clients and having completed her Oncology Massage training with Jennifer Young, Julia is now able to offer adapted massage to clients without them having to get medical approval should they not wish to. Gift vouchers are available and the salon will be stocking a small range of products which are safe and help tackle some of the skincare issues associated with cancer treatment.

In addition, on Saturday 13 November, the Pure Thyme salon is hosting an Aesthetics Clinic, run by Sophia Alexander. Sophia is a registered nurse and independent prescriber. She has been practicing aesthetics for eight years and has recently set up a clinic in north Worcestershire, with several other nurses working for her. Sophia's background is intensive care, respiratory and lung cancer nursing. She specialises in filler correction and offers a wide variety of aesthetic treatments including anti-wrinkle injections, lip and cheek filler, jawline contouring, Profhilo, fat dissolving and semi-permanent makeup.



Sophia Alexander

Maia Haywood also runs the Beauty Room part-time out of Pure Thyme Wellbeing & Beauty. Maia offers beauty treatments and specialises in acrylic nail extensions and lash extensions.



CLIFTON HILL IN AUTUMN

"I have driven through Clifton for nearly sixty years and never tire of the view as you drive down Clifton Hill. This is just one aspect of its magic," says Harpley resident Jane Dallow.

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SHELSLEY WALSH HILL CLIMB REPORT 2021

by Toby Moody, Motorsport Commentator and member of the Shelsley Walsh Organising Committee

We've had a great season at Shelsley Walsh with events on the hill and a wealth of new, mainly under-21 members, joining in to be part of the Midlands Automobile Club. On track many didn't drive last year, so came back out in May for the first time; but there's been a step change in the cars and the technical ability of them in recent years so there was always an eye on the best-ever time up Shelsley to be beaten from 2008. That's the longest ever standing record on the hill that was first used in 1905, but a testament to the speed of Martin Groves, a four-time British Hill Climb Champion, who set it.

A thrilling start

We were not disappointed with the speed of the cars as the 2021 season kicked off, after some thrilling times being set at the back-end of 2020 that were only a tenth of a second away from the ultimate prize on the hill. May saw Tenbury's Alex Summers win, but come June and the British Championship meeting, the reigning British Champion Wallace Menzies asserted his position to keep the number 1 plate, something that carried through to the August weekend when he was the first to take that outright hill record away from Martin Groves. 22.58 was now 22.55 seconds, but the next car on the line was Sean Gould who had a similar car to Menzies but a slightly bigger engine. He left the line and there were genuine gasps from the crowd as he exited the first corner as his tyres were right up against the bank.

Further up towards the Esses the commentator couldn't get the words out quick enough, but the time split to that Bottom Ess corner was indicative it was going to be something special. It was with 22.37 seconds, and with it a roar from the crowd normally reserved for a football match. Shelsley had never heard such a noise nor seen such speed. Alex Summers was the next car up as the fastest man in 2020 and try as he may, he beat the existing record from 2008 but not quite the new record from half a minute earlier as he sped to 22.52; just 0.15 seconds in it.



Nicola Menzies, fastest Lady ever up Shelsley Walsh

Outgoing record holder Martin Groves said, "I'm glad it went with a good fight".

During the second run off it was a bit cooler and the speed wasn't quite in the hill but that makes it even more impressive that Nicola Menzies took the Ladies' record with 24.70 seconds, taking 0.04 off the previous Ladies record from Sue Young that was from 2007!

Classic Nostalgia

Classic Nostalgia was a tremendous success, with the mid-July weekend almost too hot for many to cope with. We ran out of water in some places, as the UK boiled itself with 33 degrees being recorded in Worcestershire.

George Brown – a third-generation driver on the hill – was quickest on both days in the family-run Mallock sportswear, but it was more about the fun had on the hill and around the paddock that was open for all spectators for the very first time since September 2019.

Robin Shute had grown up coming to Shelsley with his father, but has carved out his own name in International Hill Climbing as a Brit who has been Stateside for some years as a professional racing driver, and now won the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb twice following his win in June this year. It is nothing short of a pleasure to have the winner of 'The Peak' here in Worcestershire driving the oldest motorsport venue in the world. Pikes Peak is 12.4 miles in length with 156 corners, but there is an element of pace needed on the Colorado hill compared to Shelsley's explosive non-stop blast; but Robin drove brilliantly in a specialist lightweight hill climb car for the first time, with his pro driving skills showing many the way.



Sean Gould – the outright Shelsley Walsh record holder and 'King of Shelsley' – drives the GR59 4 litre V8 Judd

Charity round-up

We have had collections made over three weekends on the hill, with over £1,700 going to the Air Ambulance, nearly £600 going to St Andrew's Church and a healthy amount (yet to be counted) for St Michael's Hospice in Hereford over the September 19 weekend. We have also given time free of charge in the paddock and on the hill for other charities and for those who are not in as fortunate position as ourselves.

Local involvement

We at Shelsley Walsh are looking to start a group in the valley for people to be included more into the ins and outs of the hill and what we do. We were present at the last Parish Council meeting on September 14 where we listened to all the comments and proposed immediate changes to noise and sheer numbers of people coming into the valley. We have listened and have reacted immediately to reduce the unrest some events bring, and we will let you know more as we progress through the off season.

However, overall Shelsley Walsh has had a successful year with increased membership and new spectators coming to the hill to experience things close up and see the thrill of modern hill climbing, the cars, the people and the atmosphere; whether at an event or a Breakfast Club or a Cars in the Valley on a Thursday evening.

We also thank the Teme Valley for the double rainbow that was put on at the end of the last competitive day in September. It really was quite something!



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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

Are we really into November already? As I write this in October, the shops are full of Halloween costumes and pumpkins and these have replaced the Christmas adverts which seem to have been there for ever. I can't understand the habit of following the USA with their festivals. Soon we shall be celebrating Thanksgiving! I used to love Bonfire Night (November 5) and at least it relates to our own history. We may well have a bonfire locally, properly organised of course and to be enjoyed by everyone.

The trees are very slow to change colours this autumn because of the dampish summer, but they are just beginning to look glorious, especially the chestnuts. The squirrels are busy burying all the sweet chestnuts from my trees, which are too small for us to eat and they are taking away the conkers as well. Do they actually eat them? The weeks are certainly rolling by quickly. 'If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind' (Shelley), so we must forget the fuel crisis, the food shortages (pigeon this year for Christmas?), lack of HGV drivers and butchers and concentrate on spring and a better future. Sadly, we will be another year older!

We in Lower Sapey and Harpley do look forward now to St Bartholomew's Church being fully repaired and being used for our services in the spring. Work on the roof started on October 1 and repairs to the ceiling and stonework will then follow. Funds for this essential work are slowly increasing, thanks to Candy's hard work and we are ever hopeful of reaching the required amount soon. You can see an update on the Lower Sapey web page which is <https://lowsapey.wordpress.com>.

Also try looking at the sustainable church flowers page: <https://suschurchflowers.com>. Our own eco-expert Shane was actually discussing this with the Bishop recently and was also interviewed on BBC Radio 4 one Sunday morning.

We are having our next churchyard clear up this month to keep it tidy over the winter. We are all of us getting older and less mobile and diminishing in numbers and looking for help, maybe from some young farmers or other active young people. It would be so appreciated. Tea, coffee and snacks are provided usually.

Our pop-up choir has been asked to sing at Shelsley All Saints in December and also at the December Shelsley Hillclimb, so we are soon to start rehearsals again. We all enjoy singing and hope that it doesn't sound too bad. At our choir rehearsal on November 29, we are also blessing the nativity shapes in the churchyard for Christmas.

Of course, sadly, we are saying goodbye to David Sherwin and his family at the end of November with his final service on November 28 at Martley (10.30). All are welcome. We hope they have a long and happy retirement in lovely Rhayader.

NOTICES

- The service of Remembrance will be at St Bartholomew's at 10.30 on November 14
- There will be no Circle Service as it is David's last service at Martley on November 28, 10.30
- There will be a PCC meeting on November 1 at 4pm. Venue to be arranged
- Please check for any changes elsewhere in this edition
- The Ladies Bible Group will meet on Tuesday November 9. Venue also to be arranged
- The Mobile Library calls on Friday 19 November at 10.20 and 10.40am

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DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 14th October 2021 commencing at 7.40pm

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), R. Henry, J. Collins and B. Gilbert. Also present: County Councillor D. Chambers and 3 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr C. Haywood and District Cllr C. Palethorpe.

Councillor Resignation: A letter of resignation had been received from Councillor C. Haywood, which was accepted by the meeting. Cllr Haywood was thanked by the meeting for everything he had done to date, and it was noted that he wished to continue in the role of Parish Tree Warden which was gratefully accepted. Cllr Bowden has arranged a handover regarding recreation field matters.

MHDC has been informed by the Clerk and permission granted to co-opt after a period of 14 days public notice has elapsed. The meeting noted that there has been interest shown by someone in becoming a Councillor and the Clerk was asked to clarify co-option criteria as soon as possible.

Declarations of Interests and applications for Councillor dispensations: None.

Democratic Public Time: Matters considered – the Council was asked to consider a 20mph speed limit through the village. The Clerk and County Cllr Chambers confirmed that it is not current WCC Highways policy to set these speed limits and that they are unenforceable. Highways prefer parked vehicles and street furniture to create the perception of a residential area which in turn invites drivers to slow down to an appropriate speed. 30mph roundels may also be an option but don't always work as planned as drivers drive to the limit rather than below it. It was noted that the PC have already installed village white gates and planters/hanging baskets to help reduce speeding.

To agree the Minutes of a virtual meeting held 2nd September 2021 – The minutes were agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr J. Bowden, seconded Cllr A. Henry. All agreed. No matters arising.

District & County Councillor Reports: Reports were read to the meeting and will be uploaded to the website. County matters highlighted included an update on Covid-19 figures for the county. The provision of school nurse in county schools and the varying support for Young Carers in county schools will be raised at future County Council meetings. Councillor Chambers also reported on attending the Primary School recently which had gone very well. The PC's previous request to improve the footway from the village towards Martley will be incorporated into the next Highways walkabout and will be added to the works programme. The potholes and road surfacing in Kenelm Close will also be inspected. The meeting noted that MHDC Residents Survey via the MHDC website <https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/about-your-council/public-notice-and-consultations> The survey ends at midnight on 31st October.

Financial & Governance Matters: Payments were approved as per the schedule circulated. Proposed Cllr B. Gilbert, seconded Cllr R. Henry. All agreed. It was also noted that there is an additional payment towards the Village Hall repainting which the Council previously agreed to split 50/50 with the Village Hall. The Council also noted that repairs are also to be made to the Village Hall fire doors, but this will be funded by the Village Hall themselves. The external audit of accounts to 31st March 2021 has been completed with no matters arising. The meeting agreed to purchase a new bench to replace the existing WI bench which has fallen into disrepair. The existing plaques will be placed on to the new bench when installed. It was agreed to purchase a bench made from recycled materials at a cost of £673.00 + vat and fixing costs. Proposed Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Bowden. All agreed. Clerk to ask R. Wilks to install the bench. Cllr Gilbert had circulated costs for R. Wilks to replant and maintain the planters / hanging baskets this autumn at a cost of £350.00+ vat. The meeting also noted the projected costs for 2022 replanting and maintaining. Cllr Gilbert had also received a quote for replacing the last of the old planters with Amberol self-watering barrel planters at a cost of £1348.20 incl. vat.

The meeting noted the positive feedback received from residents, so it was proposed by Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr A. Henry to go ahead with the autumn planting and the purchase of the new Amberol planters as quoted. All agreed. Clerk to place the orders. The meeting also discussed the future option to enter Britain in Bloom as a village and agreed to look into it. 'Derek's Garden' may need to be refurbished next year and Cllr Gilbert will explore costs for the next meeting.

Parish Matters / Updates: Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Gilbert updated the meeting. The Chestnut Tree has now been reduced as agreed together with removing the trip hazards. There are plans to repaint the hydrants and pump. The new dropped kerbs have been installed by WCC Highways as per their notification to the PC. Archives refurbishment: Skellerns are still to produce the door. It was noted that some equipment will need to be purchased shortly and J. Johns will forward details to the Council. Parish defibrillator: Cllr Gilbert has found a second location and the Clerk will shortly purchase the defibrillator as agreed. An article will be placed in the Teme Triangle re the defib and the offer of community training – J. Johns to liaise with the Clerk. Bowling Green renovation was discussed following a report to the meeting by the Club. Some work has already been completed by the Club, but the Council was asked to help with some of the costs of the work to be done. It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Gilbert that the PC fund £1000.00 of the work. All agreed. An invoice will be sent to the PC in due course by R. Wilks who is undertaking the work.

Section 106 Matters: Four Acre Field (CFAF) Project – the Clerk updated the meeting regarding the Land Registry application to be made. Plans are being drawn up by the Surveyor currently for submission. A public statement was made to the last Teme Triangle by Cllr Gilbert as agreed. Clerk to arrange a review meeting asap with Cllrs Bowden, Gilbert and the MHDC Surveyor D. Niblett. C. Hurley has asked that the PC collect and plant the young sapling trees obtained for project, and it was agreed to ask R. Wilks to collect them as soon as possible whilst the PC agrees suitable locations.

Community Bus Service to Malvern (CB9) – the service has been launched this autumn and the PC has supported the launch of the service locally with posters as supplied by the service provider.

Planning Matters: Applications for consideration: 21/01739/ful – The Lion PH, Clifton upon Teme – installation of an outdoor timber pergola (retrospective). All agreed no objections to this application.

It was noted that the Blue Shot Bungalow application is still pending a decision and that additional concerns have been raised to the PC recently. Planning notifications: MHDC Draft Supplementary Planning Document for Local Listed Buildings was noted.

Strategic Planning Matters: Cllr Gilbert will monitor and notify the Council of any matters which require attention. SWDP Review has been delayed and adoption is now anticipated in Autumn 2023. It was noted that the current review of Traveller Sites does not affect this parish.

Highways & Facilities Matters: Lengthsman tasks – no outstanding matters. There will be a need to review duties for R. Wilks for the CFAF project in the future plus assoc. costs anticipated. Road closure notices – none. Proposed Public Path Diversion Order - Footpath 650: Cllr Bowden explained the reason for the diversion which was accepted by the meeting. Clerk to notify WCC.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr A. Henry updated the meeting re Carols on the Green this year. Music and refreshments have been arranged and the date confirmed as 17th December at 7pm. It was agreed by the meeting that a budget of £250.00 be set aside for the event and that Cllr A. Henry is the lead for the PC. Proposed Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Collins. All agreed.

Correspondence received: A letter of thanks been received regarding the village hanging baskets, which was read to the meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 4th November at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 21.15

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REFLECTION

Some words from Rev Canon David Sherwin, Team Rector



The final month before retirement is upon me. How time flies. I recently had a flashback to the memory of when I left my job as biochemist in the health service to train at a theological college in Nottingham with a wife and two children. I sat in the college lecture room on the first day somewhat in awe and realising the significance of what I had done, wondering what the future held. I had really done it! Heard the call from God and given up my job to go train and serve God wherever we were led. Yorkshire, Worcestershire and now as I relinquish my full time role a new chapter in life unfolds in Wales and beyond.

Retirement, as many of you have told me is not a giving up but a taking on of new things, and a time to pursue interests that time has not allowed up till now. I will of course continue to be part of a church community wherever we go and hopefully I will get involved and be able to help. I certainly do not want my puppets to retire nor my guitars be redundant. I also, as many of you know, enjoy fishing so that will be part of my days. I have also dabbled with art and I am trying to learn welsh at the moment, so I will not be idle.

It will be good to be more available to our family and help where we can, whilst keeping in touch with friends and making new ones. It will be an exciting time, though we know we will feel the loss of moving away from you all and the role I have had for 20 years. It has been a privilege to have been involved with you all and served the Lord within the wonderful communities in which you live. We will miss you all, missing bumping into you when out and about and being involved in your lives at crucial point like birth, marriages and at times of loss and leading you in the worship week by week.

Thank you for all your love and support over the years, we have shared so much together, sadness and Joy. I will keep in touch with many of you and wish my colleagues and whoever will come into my place God's blessing as I do all of you. The following verses of scripture are a good summary for me to you;

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

FAREWELL EVENTS

TEA AND CAKES: In order to have the opportunity to see you all before we leave, we will be holding a tea and cakes afternoon at Martley Village Hall on Saturday 27 November, 2.30pm - 4.30pm when we can have a time to reflect and have some fun. I am sure the puppets will be there and we might have a sing, O yes we will (do I detect a pantomime). Please come and say hello (and goodbye).

CELEBRATION SERVICE: On Sunday 28 November there will be a celebration service at St. Peter's Martley when we will be able to look back and forward and give thanks for one another. You are most welcome. Followed by food in the hall at Chantry High School.

Please join us for what you can. God bless you all.

David and Jane

SHELSLEY HARVEST SERVICE AND SUPPER

Sunday 17 October saw the Harvest Festival service take place at Shelsley's All Saints Church, led by David Sherwin. Despite the nervousness that still lingers around Covid, there was a decent turnout, which resulted in a strong singing effort - so lovely to hear after so many months. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the service, either through readings, harvest gifts or indeed the fabulous window displays. The service was then followed by an outstanding harvest



supper at the Village Hall. Despite the numbers having to be reduced this year for obvious reasons, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and everyone was in great spirits. Huge thanks must go to all those who contributed and cooked the food for the evening, as well as the catering team on the night, who did a superb job. A truly great team effort!

Louise Hutton

FRIENDS OF ST KENELM'S UPDATE

We are pleased to let you know that we raised the grand sum of £240 towards Friends' Funds as a result of the talk on Hop Picking. We are most grateful to Ray Morris of Burford, assisted by Mike who made this evening possible. The next event for the Friends will be on Saturday December 11 at 10.30am, when we will be hosting a Coffee and Carols Morning. More details to follow. We are pleased to say also, that once again, we will be having our decorated Christmas Tree Event as part of our Christmas Celebrations. Barbara will be visiting groups, as has been the practice, beforehand to hand over the trees for decorating. We have a list of groups who have decorated trees in the past, but if any group would like to be included this year please contact Barbara on barbarachristinseeley@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you very much for your continued support of Friends.

Nigel Roberts

NEWS FROM ST KENELM'S

Firstly can we say a very big thank you to everyone who came to tidy up the churchyard on Saturday 9 October. A very great deal of work was undertaken and we can now see paths and monuments we had forgotten were there.

- Our next Clean-Up will be an 'Inside Job!' This will take place on Saturday 20 November 10.00am to 12 noon. All are welcome to come along. Coffee and Cakes provided!
- We will be holding a Two Minute Silence on the green on Thursday 11 November at 11.00am. Our Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 14 November starting at 10.45am.
- A reminder that David's Farewell Service will be on Sunday 28 November at St Peter's, Martley at 10.30am followed by Lunch at the Chantry.
- A timely reminder for the present time that we have a Foodbank Box in the church porch and it is well supported, but we could always have more.

Can we say thank you all very much for your continued support, remember the church is there for everyone. God Bless.

Mike, Barbara and Alana

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 4 Clifton PC Meeting, Clifton Village Hall, 7.40pm
- 6 Bingo, Shelsley Social Club, 7pm
- 9 Talk: 'The History and Role of the Modern SAS', Shelsley Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Clifton WI AGM
- 11 Remembrance Day – Two Minute Silence: Clifton Green, 11am
- 16 Shelsley PC Meeting, Shelsley Village Hall, 7pm
- 19 Clifton WI meeting, Talk on Women's Wellbeing, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Bingo, Shelsley Social Club, 7pm
- 20 Inside clean-up of St Kenelm's, Clifton, 10am-12noon
- 27 Farewell to David Sherwin, Team Rector, Martley Village Hall, 2.30-4.30pm
- 27 Christmas Fayre, Shelsley Village Hall, 10am- 4pm
- 27 Clifton Rural Reels: Knives Out, Clifton Village Hall, 6.30pm

December

- 5 Clifton Guides Christmas Fayre, Clifton Village Hall, 10am-1pm
- 11 Country & Western Night, Shelsley Social Club, 8pm
- 11 Friends of St Kenelm's, Coffee and Carols Morning, 10.30am
- 17 Clifton Carols on the Green, 7pm



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

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday 7th November

The 3rd Sunday Before Advent

10.30am Holy Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
A joint service with Lower Sapey (Harpley) due to building works at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 14th November

The 2nd Sunday Before Advent

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service, St Kenelm, Clifton
10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey
(The service at Lower Sapey will be held in the churchyard)

Sunday 21st November

The Sunday Next Before Advent

CHRIST THE KING

No Services on 21st November

Sunday 28th November

The First Sunday of Advent

10.30am Team Farewell Service to Revd Canon David Sherwin,
St Peter's, Martley
(Followed by refreshments at The Chantry)

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SHELSLEY PHOTOGRAPHER LAUNCHES WORCESTERSHIRE BOOK

Shelsley Beauchamp photographer Michael Whitefoot has published a coffee-table-worthy new book, 'Postcards from Worcestershire', in time for Christmas gift-giving. The A4-sized, full colour, soft cover book – which expands Michael's existing photo-product ranges such as jigsaw puzzles, wall calendars, Christmas cards and tea-towels – contains 180 of Michael's most popular landscape photographs depicting County views, scenery and landmarks. Complete with a written overview of each area covered, the book provides a souvenir of both Worcester itself and towns including Tenbury Wells, Great Malvern, Pershore, Evesham, Droitwich, Kidderminster and Broadway – as well as photos from the Shelsleys, Martley, Great Witley and other villages. Several fascinating aerial photos also offer a bird's eye perspective on familiar towns and landscapes below. The new book (RRP £20) is available now from shops including Central Stores Martley, selected WH Smith branches, garden centres, gift shops and tourist information centres, as well as online from www.michaelwhitefoot.co.uk



Tenbury Wells, Shelsleys, Martley & Great Witley

The landscapes of the far west of Worcestershire are considered to be especially beautiful, characterised by well-preserved villages and periods of villages created by the River Sever, as it meanders from north to join the Sever near Worcester. This highly varied area is full of a variety of small hamlets, from isolated villages to cities and towns, ranging from the green and wooded south.

Closest to the Shropshire and Herefordshire borders lies the ancient market town of Tenbury Wells, referred to by Queen Victoria as 'my little town in the valley'. The town sits in a narrow deep river valley between steep and rugged moorlands, flanking across the north end of the main street is the River Sever, crossed by the Tenby Bridge – the site of an interesting puzzle on the 12th century. Tenby's main street is a building is the Pump Room, built in 1862 to the last of the town's 'trading' of water for the working class and right.

Further east the River Sever flows between Shelsley Bridge, and then through a series of small villages collectively known as the Shelsleys: Shelsley, Martley, Shelsley Kings and Shelsley Wicks. Although geographically nearby, the Shelsleys developed as a series of small villages, each with its own character and history. From the 19th century, the Shelsleys were largely absorbed into the town of Tenbury Wells. The Shelsleys were largely absorbed into the town of Tenbury Wells. The Shelsleys were largely absorbed into the town of Tenbury Wells.

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BERT BRADLEY (1927–2021)

Bert Bradley, one of Clifton's longest serving public servants, has died at the age of 94. He served as a Parish Councillor for many years, more recently as Chairman. He was also the parish Tree Warden for more than 40 years, Chairman of the local branch of the Royal British Legion, served as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and with the local Scout and Guide Committee.





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