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*Children at the Shelsleys Pre-Raphaelite Festival*

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*(Left to right) Ali Francis, Jill Smith, Richard Younge and Steve Younge preparing 'Full English' servings at Harpley's Big Breakfast.*

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**Front cover picture:**

*Children taking part in the Pre-Raphaelite Festival in the Shelsleys last month.  
 (More photos on page 19)*

## FATHER AND DAUGHTER'S FUNDRAISING KILIMANJARO CLIMB



Clifton's Neil Sparey and daughter Tabitha Hedges set out for Africa last month to climb Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro, to raise funds for local good causes.

Tabitha (34) has already raised nearly £2,500 for her three-year-old daughter Hattie's pre-school, the Clifton upon Teme Nursery, while 63-year-old Neil is raising money for St Richard's Hospice where two of his close friends, Dave House and Rob Grove, were cared for.

"I have always loved hills and mountains and had hoped one day to be able to attempt to climb Mount Kilimanjaro," said Tabitha before the climb. "I just needed a reason to do it and that reason is my daughter and her amazing pre-school. I'll be trekking through four different climate zones (rainforest, moorland, alpine meadows, and arctic desert) and will be pushing my limits both physically and mentally, trekking up to 12 hours a day. It's a long way up, 5,895 meters (19,340 feet) above sea level! Along with a long climb, we also have the altitude to contend with, of course six nights on the floor under canvas and no showers."

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## CLIFTON RESIDENTS OPPOSE PLAN FOR 55 MORE HOUSES



The plan to build another 55 houses on land in Hope Lane, Clifton, outside the existing development boundary of the village has met with opposition from local residents.

In a letter to Malvern Hills District Council's planning department, the Parish Council expressed a number of concerns regarding the application by developer TerraStrategic: the proposed site is prime arable land outside the agreed development area in the Neighbourhood Plan; the current transport infrastructure is inadequate; existing water and sewage provision issues, and the Chantry School in Martley is at full capacity.

The letter added: "It is a contentious issue and a significant proportion of the villagers attended two recent Parish Council meetings to speak against it, in some cases with detailed objections."



*Members of the Clifton Sustainable Heritage Steering Group (CSHSG), opposed to the proposed development of 55 new houses in Clifton.*

In addition, nearly 70 local residents have lodged objections with Malvern Hills District Council. Meanwhile, a number of them have formed the Clifton Sustainable Heritage Steering Group with the intention of employing a professional planning consultant.

“We have mobilised resources to actively engage with local planning authorities to ensure that the voices of Clifton’s residents are heard and that any development respects the historical and environmental integrity of the cherished community,” said Steering Group member James Lewis.

## **SHELSLEY GRANGE PLAN LATEST**

70 formal objections to plans for an events/wedding venue and car park at Shelsley Grange have been made by Shelsleys residents to Malvern Hills District Council.

Malvern Hills District Council’s planning enforcement team has investigated a complaint that a new track was being built to provide car access to the menage/ proposed new car park. The owner’s agent agreed to cease work and if the application is refused, a separate application will be required for the new track or the land needs to be returned to its previous condition. Dame Harriett Baldwin MP has raised the matter with Malvern Hills District Council.

The planning officer will form her opinion now the consultation period has ended and write a report with her recommendation which will be sent to councillors who will then be asked whether they are happy to accept the recommendation or wish the matter to be referred to the planning committee. District Councillors Paul and Pam Cumming have been kept fully apprised of the objections.

Worcestershire County Council, as the Highway Authority, has also submitted a formal objection to the planning application, stating that ‘the site is in an unsustainable location with no access to public transport’.

## **STANFORD KNITWEAR SALE**

A Knitwear Sale will be held at Stanford Village Hall on Saturday 9 November from 9am until 12.30pm.

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## SHELISLEYS BIO DIVERSITY PLAN

It seems that every time you turn on the TV or radio you hear a report about climate emergency. Changing weather patterns have a major impact on bio-diversity – the BBC has recently reported a collapse in the wasp population and the Big Butterfly Count 2024 is anticipating a similar decline in numbers.

SITE / OBJECTIVE	ACTION	OUTCOME	TARGET (Years)	REPORTING / PUBLICITY
Common / other open spaces	To comply with the Commons Act 2006.	To protect unclaimed commons and therefore sustain natural habitats.	Ongoing	By exception to the Parish Council
	Encourage residents to remove litter and pick up after their dogs. An existing scheme of regular litter clearance is in place.	Protecting habitats	Ongoing	Annual Report to Teme Triangle
The Built Landscape	Ensure that planning consultations are considered	Protecting/enhancing habitats.	Ongoing	When planning notices are received
Increase community awareness of biodiversity	Ask residents for their views on what they would like to be done to conserve biodiversity within the parish.	Engagement/ownership of biodiversity	Annually – January each year	Item for Teme Triangle
	Encourage local farmers to contribute.	Understanding the Farming Industries contribution to Biodiversity	Annually – January each year	Included as above
Support Community Projects	Support hedge/tree planting in any appropriate areas.	Extending and maintaining habitats.	Ongoing	As appropriate

Public authorities in England have a statutory duty to consider what we can do to conserve and enhance bio-diversity in their area. Shelsley Parish Council have been giving this careful consideration and have come up with a proposed plan (above).

We know that there are a lot of people within the parish with their own areas of expertise and special interests. As part of our bio-diversity plan, we would like to tap into this vast array of knowledge and would appreciate hearing any thoughts, ideas or suggestions you may have to maintain and improve bio-diversity in our parish. All ideas, however big or small, are welcome. Please can you send any ideas you may have to [shelsleyspc@gmail.com](mailto:shelsleyspc@gmail.com)

*Jean Hammond*

## **FUNDRAISING FOR ST. ANDREW'S, SHELSLEY WALSH**

On Sunday 11 August a team of willing volunteers took to Shelsley Hillclimb to help raise funds for St. Andrew's Church, Shelsley Walsh.

It was the day of the British Hillclimb Championships and it could not have been a better day – the crowds were aplenty, the racing was incredibly exciting and it was a gloriously sunny day. On top of all that, we managed to raise a fantastic £484.99 for our beautiful little St. Andrew's.

Many thanks to Richard and Jude Bettinson, Bridget Francis, Andy and Helen Griffiee, Val Jones, Paula Merwin, Alice Timmis and Rachel Wright for doing such a grand job walking round the paddocks, restaurant and bar, car parks and indeed up the hill! Thanks also to the Hillclimb for allowing us to fundraise each year at this event.

*Louise Hutton*



## **SHELSLEY WALSH HILL CLIMB**

(Left) The Paul Matty Lotus Championship drivers gather in the paddock for their last event of 2024. At the 11th British Championship meeting in August (right) British Hill Climb Championship leader, Matt Ryder, comes to the start line.

## LOWER SAPEY NEWS

In Lower Sapey and Harpley, we have had some busy times over the past two months. The visit of a section of the London Bach Choir, who were based with Candy and Shane, was just as enjoyable as their last visit. Our little pop-up choir was invited to join them in a session in Old St Bartholomew's and then they performed a memorable sung evensong there. Plans are in place for a return visit. The regular August service in old St Bartholomew's also took place at the end of the month and was a success, despite inclement weather. Thanks to all who helped with this. Our annual Big Breakfast took place early in September, again in dull, dark conditions, but the rain mainly held off. Thanks to having two marquees, the cooks were in the dry and most of the customers. The breakfasts were excellent as usual and a good crowd braved the weather. Thanks due again to those who helped with the tents and with the cooking and tombola.

The building work on St Bartholomew's is going ahead, starting with external work and, thanks to David, we seem to have finally sorted out the bat problem, so the internal work should shortly begin. However, I doubt if we will be able to use the church until Christmas. but this is all well worth the effort. The building will be made safe and improved and hopefully, the new ceiling will also improve the heating in the church. Our church wardens, David and Liz, and also Candy Connolly have worked so hard to achieve this. We still need the funds to complete the work and if anyone is interested in buying attractive notebooks and bags with St Bartholomew's pictured on them, they are available from Liz Younge or Candy.

With the coming of autumn, we look forward to the spectacular colours and traditional events which take place such as harvest services and suppers. The fire-pit in our churchyard is also going to be used for another 'bobfire', probably on November 9, when there will be food and hot drinks. This area has been used regularly during the summer by cubs, brownies and scouts who enjoy toasting marshmallows and telling tales round the fire. It has been a great addition to our little village centre.



Our Harvest Service will be celebrated on Sunday 13 October; again, it will be in the open if weather permits. The Harvest Supper this year will be held on Saturday 19 October in The Barn, Perrygoed, Hollybush Lane, WR6 6HQ, by kind permission of David and Susie Richards. Older readers may remember that David's father and mother held several of these suppers in the barn and I believe they were all very merry events. Clare Edwards-Hedges will again be providing an excellent two course meal and a fine cheese board. The cost will be adults £20 (over 65s £15, children under 12 £10, under 3s free and a family

ticket for 2+2 will be £50). The tickets will also include one free drink and a 'pay as you go' bar is also available. It will mean a lot of hard work particularly for David and his family, but do come along as it will be a special occasion. Tickets are available from Clare at [clare.e.hedges@outlook.com](mailto:clare.e.hedges@outlook.com), or from Liz Younge at [erckuk@hotmail.com](mailto:erckuk@hotmail.com).

## NOTICES

Services at St Bartholomew's will be held on the following dates, but please check beforehand in case of changes. The services will be held outside weather permitting.

Sunday 13 October Harvest Festival at 10.30am

Sunday 27 October Circle service at 10.30am

Sunday 10 November Service of Remembrance at 10.45am

I am not yet sure if there will be a Methodist service this month.

Ladies Bible Group will be on Tuesday 8 October at 2pm. Venue to be arranged.

Housekeeping: This won't be necessary until the work in the Church has been completed, then it will be all hands on deck to prepare the church for regular services again.

Mobile Library: This will call on Friday October 18 at 10.20am and 10.40am. Please have a look at the Worcestershire Library website for details of their many classes and events.

Finally, a note about Marion West. Marion has worked very hard for our community and church ever since she moved here about 30 years ago, but she has finally decided to move into a Hereford home. We miss Marion and thank her for all her hard work. I'm told she is very happy and well looked after there and continues to read voraciously and has made new friends.

May you all have a happy and healthy autumn.

*Margaret Griffiths*



*Lower Sapey's Mark and Margaret Griffiths celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last month with a card from the King and Queen.*





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## **COLUMN BY DAME HARRIETT BALDWIN MP**

Parliament has returned after the Summer break and it is certainly a different looking House of Commons to the one when I was first elected in 2010. For the first time, I represent the official Opposition and my primary duty in the House of Commons will be to hold the Government to account. Having previously been a Minister for Africa, I am pleased to be taking a role shadowing the International Development Ministers – it is something I care passionately about and will scrutinise the new Government’s policies and actions closely.



I’m also going to be speaking up for many of the concerns constituents are already raising with me – the impact of taking Winter Fuel Payments away from pensioners and there’s a Budget looming at the end of next month with threats of tax hikes to pay for public sector pay deals. Many of you have written to me about the impact of adding VAT to school fees and this will have a huge impact on schools in my constituency – Malvern College, Bredon and Malvern St James as well as King’s and the Worcester RGS in the city and risks directly impact both jobs and the local economy. The Budget is also casting a large shadow over local affairs. I am worried that a penny-pinching Labour Chancellor will take a fresh look at the promised investment in Tenbury Wells’s much needed permanent flood defences.

I’ve already raised this in the House of Commons but I’m really concerned about Labour’s plan to impose thousands more homes in West Worcestershire and relax planning restrictions to allow solar farms, windfarms and electricity pylons to be built across our beautiful rural countryside. I have always been concerned that Labour does not understand the important of the rural economy, the protection of our farming land and preserving our rural green spaces. I’ll be doing what I can to make sure your voices are heard.

I’m eager to hear views and if you need my assistance, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me by emailing [harriett.baldwin.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:harriett.baldwin.mp@parliament.uk) .

### **TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE GROUP**

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is at 7:30pm on Thursday 10 October at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, WR15 8RR. Rosemary Winnall will be giving a talk: ‘In search of ancient trackways’. Everyone welcome and it is just £3 on the door.

### **LITTLE WITLEY FILM**

The first film of the Little Witley film season on Saturday 26 October will be *Official Secrets* starring Keira Knightley at Little Witley Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, film at 8pm. Tickets on the door £7.



*Alexandra Moore (above) arriving on horseback for her wedding in Shelsley Beauchamp.*

### **CLIFTON SCHOOLGIRL'S CHARITY HAIRCUT**

Twelve-year-old Evie Campsall has trimmed a full twelve inches off her long locks and sent it to the Little Princess Trust where it will be used to make wigs for children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.



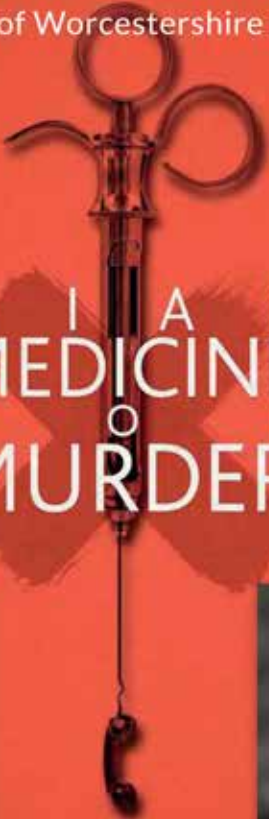
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Cowboy boots and hats on for an evening of country music with Adam Harding with at Clifton Village Hall on Saturday 9 November. Harding is a third generation country musician following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, covering everything from George Jones' classic country to Luke Combs' modern country music.

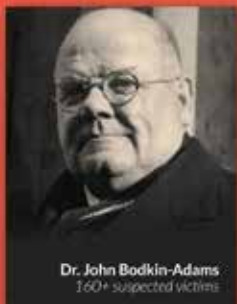


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## SHELSLEYS PRE-RAPHAELITE FESTIVAL



*(Left) Edward Burne-Jones' great nephew, Charles Yorke, with Reverend David Melville's great-grandson, Ben Gaskell.  
Ben Gaskell and Jo Hardy (right), siblings of Josceline Dimpleby and great-grandchildren of May Gaskell, great-great-grandchildren of Rev David Melville.  
Jo wears a dress bought in Ceylon in 1910 by May's daughter Amy Gaskell.  
(Full story in November issue)*



## Draft Minutes of Shelsley Parish Council Meeting 10 September

**Present:** Val Jones Chairwoman, Louise Hutton (Vice-Chair), Carole Warren, Jean Hammond, Karen Metcalfe, John Stinton, Dave Bates and David Belfield.

**Apologies:** Laura Taylor (vacation) accepted.

Declaration of Interests. None. Public Questions. One, see Planning.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on July 9th 2024 were amended to include Carole Warren as being present. The minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairwoman.

The County Councillor report is available on the website. District Councillors Pam & Paul Cumming were present gave a report and answered questions. Midland Automobile Club: Councillor Hutton had liaised with MAC but there were no issues to report from either side. The Parish Clerk had received an email regarding Hill Climb traffic on Fetterlocks Lane, but it was deemed to not require further action, as preventative action is already being taken with road signage.

**Highways and Footpaths:** Lengthsman: No time sheets, invoices or reports have been received. A copy of the lengthsman's contract was circulated before the meeting. The lengthsman will be asked to take on a more proactive role with regular inspections particularly of drains in the parish.

The Parish Paths Warden arranged for a fallen oak tree to be removed from blocking a path. WCC did this as it was too precarious for the Warden and her helpers. Councillor Metcalfe also provided advice on the Public Right of Way which goes through Shelsley Grange.

**Urgent Decisions:** M/24/00979/FUL Shelsley Grange use of land as an events venue. The Clerk in consultation with the councillors submitted to MHDC that the Parish Council strongly objected to the proposal.

**Planning:** MHDC Planning Decisions.

M/24/00694/HP and M/24/00695/LB Post Office Shelsley Walsh. Single storey extension. Approved.

Shelsley Grange Enforcement report: The Parish Council informed the Enforcement Department at MHDC of possible unauthorised works taking place at Shelsley Grange. District Councillor Cumming reported that to his knowledge MHDC Enforcement Department had received three complaints. These include: Works on the listed barn, the pathway being constructed on the bridleway, and building works to the main house. There is currently a desist notice on the path to the manège. A noise assessment has now been requested by MHDC.

**Village Hall:** The Parish Council has on numerous occasions asked to view the Village Hall Management Accounts for 22-23. It was informed that the accounts would be available at the VHMC AGM the date of which was never conveyed to the Parish Council despite many requests. Consequently, none of the six Parish Councillors who are not on the VHMC attended.

The Chairman of the VHMC Councillor Stinton was invited to explain. He stated that Councillors were not satisfied with the summary of accounts previously submitted for 2022 2023. The full accounts for 2022 2023 were not ready until the AGM where they were available to view. The meeting was advertised nine days in advance by a notice at the Village Hall. No parish councillors attended other than those who also sit on the VH committee. When asked if the Parish Councillors could now see those accounts the answer was that the VHMC is not willing to provide them.

The Conveyance Document of 1960 states that as the Parish Council are the Custodian Trustees the annual accounts should be made available to it. The Chairman of the VHMC replied it was not known whether the document is still relevant.

The non VHMC members spoke to register their dismay at the behaviour of the VHMC who on a number of occasions had been asked when the AGM was to take place, no reply was received from any of the VHMC members. The Chairman of the VHMC maintained their only duty was to place the notice of the meeting and their single notice was placed nine days in advance. As a result of the poor advertising of the AGM 99% of the parish residents were excluded from attending. Village Hall Trustee meetings are held in private with no public notice.

A motion was put forward Motion: This Parish Council will refer the three Parish Councillors on the VHMC for non-compliance of the Code of Conduct with regard to the lack of transparency, honesty, respect and the interests of the local community in relation to the communications for the VHMC AGM.

A second motion was proposed: Motion: The PC would like to be in a position to support financially the VHMC but will not until such time that the VHMC provides the PC with their annual accounts.

The Chairman of the VHMC stated at a subsequent meeting to the AGM the Parish Council representative did not attend or send apologies. The VHMC did not want to co-opt her and do not want any involvement from anyone on the Parish Council.

**Speeding Issues:** Councillor Belfield is currently undertaking a review of speeding in the parish. He will report at the next meeting.

#### **Speeding Signs:**

Additional signage would be beneficial and the purchase and position of signs was discussed however as the Clerk advised that insurance may be an issue, it was decided to approach WCC for pictorial warning signs.

Worcestershire County Council will be requested to position flood warning signs and poles to mark the depth of flood water between All Saints' and New Mill Bridge.

#### **Point of Order:**

The election of the MAC liaison Councillor was raised. A Councillor was concerned due procedure had not been observed. He was assured that it had.

**Finance:** Bank balance currently 4543.14

Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Speeding, Signage, Enforcement  
Broadband

**Next meeting date: November 12 2024 7pm in the Village Hall.**

The full minutes, the District and County Councillors' reports are available on the WCC website <http://eservices.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>

## **LION QUIZ**

The monthly quiz evenings at the Lion Inn in Clifton, run by quizmaster Tony Clark, continue to raise money for local and deserving charities. The August quiz raised £140 for the Acorns Children's Hospice in Worcester, and last month's quiz raised a further £100 for the Little Princess Trust (see page 17).

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## **CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held 5 September 2024 at Clifton Village Hall

**Present:** J. Bowden (Chair); B. Gilbert (Vice-Chair); R. Neave; L. Merrick; S. Haywood.

**Also present:** District Councillors Paul & Pam Cumming, Sarah Simcock (Clerk) and 10 members of the public. Apologies: County Cllr D. Chambers and P Brooks. Declarations of Interest: None.

**Minutes of the Meetings held 11th July and 22nd August 2024:** Proposed by Cllr Gilbert; seconded by Cllr Haywood. All agreed. Matters arising: 43.24 Bus Stop: Write to owner of the piece of land to see, if possible, the parish council can obtain it to place a bus stop. DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC TIME: Nothing to report. County & District Councillor Reports: The County Councillors report was read out by the Chairman. There was no written District Cllrs report, but a verbal update was given in the meeting.

**Finance & Governance Matters:** Payments and receipts schedule – proposed Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Bowden . All agreed. Clerk to process payments. Section 106 matters – Slabs need relaying by bowling green had a quotation from Rob Wilks and will proceed. Cllr Bowden emailed Mark Hammond at Malvern Hills is it possible to use some of the money set aside for maintenance to replace the fencing around bowling green: Pending

**Wildflower garden:** Cllr Merrick had a meeting with Rob Wilks; going to start at the end of the month. Cllr Merrick is working on a poster to put up in the area to let people know what is happening. Pavilion updates still waiting on prices from three contractors. Richard Newman is continuing planning permission for the new extending pavilion.

**Parish Matters /Updates:** Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Gilbert spoke to Rob Wilks about the stones under the chestnut tree. Rob Wilks said he will bring a leaf blower to blow them to make area tidier. Swift boxes – Cllr Gilbert suggested date at the end of September to October for fitting and Cllr Gilbert has got to send list of people who would like swift boxes and work out a plan. Picnic tables have arrived and Rob Wilks will place them into the area.

**S106 Project (CFAP) updates:** New fencing around the toddler's area waiting for Rob Wilks to fix into place. It has been noted that parking outside school. Cllrs have asked the PCSO's to show their presence. Cllr Bowden has said he will contact them again. The village hall committee have reported that people are unsure where the village hall is. Suggesting a new sign outside the hall, awaiting on price. Cllr Bowden to arrange a meeting with the bowls club and Rob Wilks. Arrange new terms and conditions for renting the pavilion and sporting facilities. Highways to be asked if we could put a speed monitor by the sports pavilion. Cllr Bowden to find out price.

**Planning Matters:** - Cllr P Cumming spoke about the proposed planning of 55 houses on Hope Lane. Cllr Gilbert asked if it goes to the committee can the public attend. Answer yes, they can. Information will be on the MHDC planning website with decisions.

Planning application: The Threshing Barn. Residents spoke about their concernst and they were dully noted. Cllr Gilbert will write to MHDC planning outlining the concerns. Strategic Planning Matters: A verbal update earlier in meeting from Cllr Paul Cumming.

**Highways Matters:** Cllr Haywood reported that there were overgrown weeds and hedges at the junction coming from Shelsley past Homme Castle to turn up back up to Clifton and Martley. Cllr Bowden visited the area with Tanya from highways to show her; she hasn't reported back.

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 3 October 2024 at 7.40pm



## **CLIFTON FOUR ACRE FIELD PROJECT UPDATE**

The next phase of developing Clifton Recreation Park will be starting soon. With grant help from Natural Networks and Malvern Hills District Council, the Parish Council is managing a project to install new trees, paths, benches, and wild flower beds for all parishioners to enjoy at the entrance of the park from Pound Lane.

Whilst the land is being prepared and the planting carried out, the access to the park will be restricted to the main gates and temporary barriers will be erected. This is for the safety of visitors and workers alike and to protect seedlings at an early stage.

Explanatory notices will be posted and progress will be reported in *Teme Triangle* and on the Parish Council website. Once the work is complete we are sure the villagers will enjoy the peace and tranquillity of such a garden and it will provide a great learning environment for children and adults alike.

*Bruce Gilbert*

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*Evensong with the Bach Choir at Old St Bartholomew's Church, Lower Sapey  
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# Church Matters

by Ruth Wilson

*The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it... 'He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.' Psalm 104, 14-15*



Living in the Teme Valley is a daily reminder of how lucky it is to be in an area of rural beauty and political stability unlike so many areas in the world at the moment. The Church calls the time of year, from 1 September to 4 October 'Creationtide'; a time to focus on God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. It's a time to thank God for creating the heavens and the earth, as well as a time to stop and consider how we take care of God's beautiful and awe-inspiring creation.

October follows dominated with Harvest festivals, celebrations of food and thanking those who grow it. Green Christian, a faith organisation, like many other groups, highlights the issues around environment, climate justice and our responsibilities to protect the earth. Their campaign, 'Use your LOAF' focuses on four interesting themes:

L = Locally Produced – helping community and neighbour by buying locally produced food.

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A = Animal Friendly – avoiding abuse of animals through better husbandry.

F = Fairly-traded – creating social justice such as paying the correct cost of producing food.

Budgets are tight for many and poverty is increasing in the UK. Trying to do what is considered as the 'right thing', is not always an option. British meat can be more expensive than imported due to legislation around animal welfare. Ensuring a fair price for farmers and growers allows them to produce food in a more sustainable way. Being aware of the impact of our choices can help promote a fairer world at home and abroad.

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## Shelsley Harvest Service and Supper



**Sunday 13 October 2024**

**Service at All Saints Church, 5pm**

followed by

**Supper at The Village Hall, 6pm**



Tickets for the supper are £15 per person, £10 under 16's and under 5's free.

Tickets include a glass of wine and 2 course meal (please bring any additional drinks that you may like, or alternatively the Village Hall bar will be open).

*(Please do advise of any dietary requirements when you purchase your tickets)*

Please contact Louise Hutton on 07803 614 078 or Carole Warren on 07891 861 490 for further details and tickets.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

in aid of

**Friends of St Kenelm's Church  
and 1st Clifton Rainbows**

**at The Pavilion**

**Clifton-upon-Teme**

**Saturday 5 October**

**10am - 12 noon**

**Jumble, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac,**

**Tombola and more**

**Contact Angie Griffiths**

**angiegriffiths@aol.com /**

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**Clifton-Upon-Teme Nursery and  
Forest School**

Come along and join our **Stay & Play Messy  
sessions.**

Starting from 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**Every Friday - 1.30pm - 3pm**

Children aged 0 months to 5 years.

£1 (Includes a drink and biscuit)



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

**October 2024**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am:** Holy Communion, St Kenelm's, Clifton

**6.30pm:** Evensong, St Andrews, Shelsley Walsh

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**5pm:** St Kenelm's Harvest Tea at Clifton Village Hall

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am:** Harvest Service, St Bartholomew, Harpley

**5pm:** Harvest Service, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp followed by 6.00pm Harvest Supper

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am:** Holy Communion, St Andrews, Shelsley Walsh

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**7.00pm:** Harvest Supper, Perrygoed, Hollybush Lane, Harpley

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am:** Methodist Holy Communion Service,  
St Bartholomew, Harpley

**6.00pm:** Harvest Service, St Kenelm's, Clifton  
followed by 7.00pm Harvest Supper

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am:** Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Harpley

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE TEME VALLEY**

Churches Together in the Teme Valley invites you to join them for an informal four-week Bible study (video & discussion) held at the home of Des & Beryl Robson, Hop Barn South, Lower House Farm, Shelsley Beauchamp WR6 6RE. Starting on Wednesday 16th October and finishing 13th November (a week break for half term) 7pm to 9pm with light refreshments.

Please register with the following: [beryl.blackburn@yahoo.com](mailto:beryl.blackburn@yahoo.com) or [jill.together@gmail.com](mailto:jill.together@gmail.com) or [jendenniston@gmail.com](mailto:jendenniston@gmail.com)  
For more details ring Jill Smith at 01886 853311 or Beryl Robson at 01886 886636 or go online at [biblesociety.org.uk](http://biblesociety.org.uk) and search 'The Bible Course'.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 2 Clifton Friendship Club, visit from Physio in the Sticks
- 3 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 5 Rainbows & St Kenelm's Coffee Morning, The Pavilion, 10-12
- 7 Stanford History Group, Levant talk 2, Upper Sapey VH, 7.30pm
- 10 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH 7.30pm
- 13 Shelsley Harvest Service and Supper, All Saints 5pm & VH 6pm
- 14 Stanford History Group, Women's suffrage 1, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 16 Clifton Friendship Club, talk: 'A visit to Costa Rica'
- 19 Harpley Harvest Supper, The Barn, Perrygoed, Hollybush Lane,
- 20 Harvest Lunch, Upper Sapey VH
- 21 Stanford History Group, Women's suffrage 2, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 26 History Talk (Burford Church), St Kenelm's Clifton, 7pm
- 26 Little Witley Film: *Official Secrets*, VH 7.30pm
- 28 Stanford History Group, cancer control, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm

### NOVEMBER

- 1 High Sheriff's charity fundraiser talk, Regal Tenbury Wells, 7.30pm
- 4 Bellringing training, St Kenelm's, Clifton. 6.30pm-9pm
- 4 Stanford History Group, vaccinations, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 9 Knitwear Sale, Stanford VH 9.30am-12.30pm
- 9 Country Music Evening, Clifton VH 7.30pm
- 10 Iona Worship (Remembrance), Hanley Broadheath VH, 4pm
- 11 Stanford History Group, Nigeria/Kenya, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 12 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsleys VH, 7pm
- 18 Stanford History Group, South Korea/Argentina, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 25 Stanford History Group, race in the USA, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm

### DECEMBER

- 1 Christmas Fayre, Clifton VH 10am-1pm





*A new furniture and home decor boutique has opened at the Mill Farm Retail area at Stanford Bridge. Artanna, run by Anna Heaton (pictured above) offers unique furniture suiting a range of interior styles from contemporary to rustic as well as a range of home decor accessories, sculptures and ornaments.*

*Also making a welcome return at Mill Farm is former butcher Paul Matthews who has exchanged his butcher's business for a bric-a-brac bargain basement.*





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