

July/August 2024

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Clifton WI members get gardening in Stanford Bridge

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D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

Pat Snelling leads villagers in a D-Day Service of Commemoration on Clifton Village Green, flanked by (L) Rupert Hackman and (R) John Bowden.

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Front cover picture: Clifton WI members (L to R) Ruth Wilson, Alison Seall, Louise Webb and Sue Woodrow plant up colourful planted pots at the Branch's May meeting at Angel Gardens, Stanford Bridge. Full story Page 20.

WELCOME to the July/August 2024 edition of Teme Triangle

It feels like the sunshine has been a long time coming this year, with the cold winds and rain lasting far longer than usual! Luckily however, there's no shortage of warming community spirit in our locality, as shown by this edition's articles about the recent Christian Aid funds raised; the support available to elderly folk through a home-sharing scheme; grants available to young people in education; and the plethora of clubs, special interest groups, events and activities available to all. So enjoy your summer in our beautiful valley - and please send your contributions for our next, September issue by 9 August!

SHARE HOME SCHEME BRINGS ELDERLY TOGETHER

Life can be difficult as you get older, particularly if you find yourself living alone for the first time. Having seen how hard it can be for her own parents, Clifton resident Liz Davis started a local community organisation with her family to provide an alternative that could help. It partners with the local authority, NHS and local charities and has been highlighted by BBC Hereford and Worcester.

The non-profit-making scheme brings older people together to share company at home, providing regular professional support and shared living costs. It works by connecting homeowners who have a spare room with similar-aged renters who are looking for supported accommodation. "Many people find themselves living alone in a house now too big for them and costly to maintain, but wouldn't want to move out from the home and community they love," explained Liz (pictured below, with her mum). "They worry that they will need more support in the future. Sharing a home with someone you get on well with can bring company, support and lower bills. The Share Home organisation manages everything on behalf of both sharers, providing safeguarding throughout the sharing and helping with any future choices."

The scheme started in Gloucestershire in 2021 and has made a big difference to sharers' lives, wellbeing and happiness, said Liz. "Typical comments from sharers include, 'It can give you confidence and encourage you to do something' and 'We don't put any pressure on each other. We can do whatever we want'. Sharing a meal, watching TV together and having someone to go out with again, can bring back normality and some fun in life."

For details visit www.sharehome.org.uk or email liz@sharehome.org.uk or call 07988 751870.



APPLY IN JULY FOR SHELSLEYS' EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Mid-July is the deadline to apply for a grant from the Shelsleys' Educational Charity, if you, or one of your children, are planning to start a new stage of education this autumn and live within the civil parish of the Shelsleys.

The Shelsleys' Educational Charity uses its income to support the education (e.g. to assist in the purchase of uniforms, books and sports equipment) of children and young people under the age of 25 who live (or whose parents/guardians live) within the parish of the Shelsleys.

The Trustees will be meeting in August to consider making small grants to eligible pupils or students, i.e. those either attending primary school for the first time, or starting secondary school/college or university in autumn 2024. Applications should be made in writing, and before the end of the school summer term.

Enquiries and applications should be emailed to the Clerk to the Trustees, Jude Damerell, at judith_damerell@hotmail.com or posted to Jude Damerell, Somer Barns, Camp Lane, Shelsley Beauchamp, WR6 6JQ.

SHELSLEY WATER MILL WELCOMES 300 AT OPEN WEEKEND

The historic Shelsley Watermill welcomed around 300 visitors during its open weekend of 8 and 9 June, which offered a nostalgic look back into the way things once were in the Teme Valley.




Trustee of the Shelsley Watermill Society David Haggerty told *Teme Triangle*: "This was the first open weekend to feature demonstrations of milling since the major restoration work to replace the great spur gear and mill stones.

"Visitors were able to witness milling of some Yeomans Organic wheat from a local source into fine bread-making flour, that some of them were able to take away on the day. Unfortunately, due to a rather too enthusiastic session of milling on Saturday morning, the mill pond ran dry and the operation of the mill had to be suspended for two hours while the water level was restored! But thankfully this situation did not repeat on Sunday."

After visiting the Watermill and neighbouring St. Andrew's Church, many visitors enjoyed a refreshing cup of tea and home made cake. They were also able to view a number of classic vehicles arranged across the site, including Adam Marriot's Fowler steam traction engine, a vintage taxi, and – a firm favourite with the younger visitors – Postman Pat's mail van. The taxi was put to good use conducting rides up to the mill and back. "We thank the owners for loaning their vehicles for display over the weekend, and all of the visitors for their support. We look forward to seeing many again next year!" added David.





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CLIFTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB CONFIRMS SUMMER EVENTS

The Clifton Friendship Club will be holding the following events for its members: 3 July: members' birthday afternoon tea; 17 July: visit to Harpley House for cream tea; 27 July: coffee morning at Martley; 7 August: visit to Brook Court; 14 August: visit to Angie Griffiths; 21 August: summer afternoon tea; 11 September: visit to Lower Hope Gardens.

Organiser Dot Millward said: "In May we had our AGM and welcomed some new members, and two new committee members. In June we had a very lively informative talk from Howard Robinson about the history of salt; and we are expecting a visit from Phil Collins and friends with their ukuleles. As always new members and visitors are welcome!" Email dotmillward@btinternet.com for more information.

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Lucy Goodman, whose family is well known for farming geese and turkeys locally since 1958, built her travel experience working for major tour operators, including more than a decade spent in countries including Majorca, Austria,



India and the Maldives. Now she is offering one-to-one domestic and overseas travel planning to customers as part of the Travel Counsellors franchise, which comprises 2,000 travel professionals in five countries.

“I care passionately about how special travel experiences are, and have the knowledge to make it happen. Using award-winning technology with direct access to endless reputable suppliers, I create personalised travel itineraries, experiences and holidays to any destination, that are right for each customer,” explained Lucy. “As a human being at the other end of the telephone, I

can remove all the stress of planning and organising your trip, especially for those with busy lives of who don’t want to do endless research. Travel and holidays can then be a personal, precious time for all.”

As her fees are earned from the holiday components themselves, such as airlines and accommodation, Lucy’s service is free to the traveller. Both leisure and corporate services are available, all with ATOL protection. Contact Lucy on 01299 230006 or at lucy.goodman@travelcounsellors.com.

HURRY TO BOOK CHILDREN’S DANCE SUMMER SCHOOL

Attitude Dance Studios, based at Mill Farm Country Retail in Stanford Bridge, is running an activity-filled Summer School from 12-16 August, 9am-3pm, for children age 5+. Founder and Principal Kara Soper confirmed: “Its ‘lights, camera, action’ here at Attitude Dance Studios this summer! Children can come along for an exciting week of dancing, singing, arts and crafts, games and surprises. Every child will be learning dance and musical theatre, to create a show for their families in just a week.”

Places cost £100 per child, or for two siblings a discounted rate of £175. Spaces are limited, with booking required by Monday 8 July. To reserve a place, please email molly.speed@aol.com.

FALCONRY AND JAZZ AT THE APPLE TREE KITCHEN

The Apple Tree Kitchen, at Pitlands Farm near Clifton, has some extra treats in store for customers of its Pizza Nights, which take place on Fridays from 5pm. On Friday 12 July, Luke from Wye Valley Falconry will be displaying his birds of prey from 5-6pm. On Friday 19 July, A Touch of Jazz plays live music from 6pm. Booking recommended, call 01886 812431.

SAVE THE DATE FOR STANFORD HISTORY GROUP

Stanford History Group’s Autumn History Course restarts in Upper Sapey Village Hall from Monday 30 September at 7.30pm. Last year the group attracted an average of 48 people across its 10 lectures, many of whom came from Clifton and the Shelsleys. Chairman Simon Marriott confirmed: “We are a diverse group with an interest in understanding the past, to better appreciate today and how we got here! This year, under the title of ‘History of some Interesting Things’, we have an interesting programme of 10 lectures across five subject areas. You can come to any one, or all. We’ll have expert lecturers from Birmingham and Worcester Universities, plus there’s coffee, biscuits and discussion!” This year’s topics cover a history of The Levant and its peoples; women’s suffrage, cancer control, economies of under-developed countries, and racism in the USA. The full course costs £60, or £10 per lecture. Contact Simon Marriott at simon@adamswoodfarm.co.uk or call 01886 853412.

STOKE BLISS PLOUGHING MATCH RETURNS

The annual Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match returns on Saturday 21 September, this time at Grain Farm, Linley Green, WR6 5RQ. Visitors can watch individuals from across the region test out their ploughing skills with tractors and potentially horses, in a glorious countryside setting. Other competitions include cookery, preserves, homemade drink, art, handicraft, photography, floral art and children’s categories. For a copy of the ploughing schedule please email Ann Basford: stokeblissploughing@gmail.com. For the homecraft competition schedule contact homecraftstokeblissploughing@gmail.com.



LOWER SAPEY NEWS by Margaret Griffiths

I am writing this while watching the ceremony to commemorate the D-Day landings on 6 June 1944. The sun is shining and it is a brilliant blue sky. How different from that day in 1944. It is a very emotional occasion and many people look rather overwhelmed, even the great and the good. It is wonderful to see so many veterans there, some in their 100s, some in their 90s, but all able to share the day. This may well be the last such ceremony as they are surely the last to survive.

I was five years old in 1944 and seem to remember my father straining to hear the news on the radio and talking to me about it. We always discussed these events and of course I had not known any other time but wartime. Sometime in that year, I also remember my little school friends, with our teacher, standing on the edge of the road near Upton upon Severn bridge, waiting for someone unknown to pass by. Eventually, a large, impressive old car came by bearing King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, who rolled their window down to wave to us. Apparently, it had been a (secret?) visit, to thank the RRE (Royal Radar Establishment) at Malvern linked to the D-Day landings.

Well, summer has disappeared again after the brief hot spell in May, but at least there is a little less rain. The weather was actually quite good during the busy Christian Aid week and every event was very successful. (For total amount raised see Page 18). The cream tea held at St Bartholomew's was particularly enjoyable as we were able sit in the sun to eat our lovely scones, jam and cream and have cups of tea or coffee, or glasses of prosecco. The amount raised is to be shared between the church and Christian Aid. Thanks to everyone who helped and to the great cooks, Dot Millward, Sue Rigby, Angela Dallow and Pat Savage. My apologies if I have missed anyone.

The final Christian Aid event at St Bartholomew's was the special circle service on 26 May with an excellent speaker, Michael Llewellyn-Jones, who told us of his service for them in Burundi. I might add that as a woman, I would not wish to live there, although hopefully conditions will change eventually, maybe because of their help.

Among the events due to take place in July and August are the special service at the Old Church at Lower Sapey on 25 August with a speaker, the probable return of a section of the famous Bach Choir, and on 8 September, the Big Breakfast at St Bartholomew's - which I think will be our 11th! Please look out for more details.

St Bartholomew, Harpley services:

Sunday 21 July: Methodist Holy Communion service, 10.30am

Sunday 28 July: Circle service, 10.30am

Sunday 18 August: Methodist Morning Worship, 10.30am

Old St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey services:

Sunday 18 August: Sung Choral Evensong, 3.30pm

Sunday 25 August: Annual service, 3.00pm

As usual please check all services nearer the date, as they may change.

The Mobile Library will call on Friday 19 July and Friday 16 August at 10.20am and 10.40am. Please have a look at the library website for all their events, especially as the holiday period is coming.

Housekeeping for July is with Sue Everitt, and for August with Candy Connolly.

The Ladies Bible Group will meet on Tuesday 9 July at 2pm. Venue to be arranged. There will be no meeting during August.

Have a wonderful holiday period and don't forget to vote, taking along your photo-ID!

ST KENELM'S WARM WELCOME SUCCESS CONTINUES

St Kenelm's Warm Welcome has continued with great success through 2023-4. From November to end of June this takes place every Thursday 10.30am-1pm in the Village Hall, providing a light lunch for between 25 to 40 people – initially soup and a roll plus plenty of cake, but more recently baked potatoes and savoury traybakes on certain weeks. Special Easter and Christmas meals have been provided where around 50 meals were served, thanks to the hard work of volunteers.

The toddler group, part of Warm Welcome, is also well established due to the hard work of Lisa and Tabitha. This uses the main hall for play and activities, providing a chance for parents and children to meet.

The Warm Welcome continues to provide a social point for young and old in the village, as well as a place to meet for those new to the village, or with health issues and less able to travel. This year it has also been supported with monthly visits from Citizens Advice Bureau and Malvern Mental Health Team.

To maintain contacts, from July to October the Warm Welcome will meet just on the 4th Thursday of each month, 11am-1pm (25 July, 22 August, 26 September, 24 October), after which it opens weekly from November. If you have an issue that the CAB or Mental Health team can help with, this is a good point of contact.

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TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE – SUMMER MOTHS & RED SQUIRRELS

On the way to visit some neighbours recently, I noticed an attractive plant with white flowers spilling out onto the side of the lane, and was startled to see a group of large, hairy, black caterpillars munching their way through the leaves. The caterpillars, which sported bright yellow stripes and white dots (photo below) were unfamiliar to me. Thankfully, my neighbours had noticed them in their own garden, first as tiny specimens in the winter, growing over the spring, then pupating and finally emerging as Scarlet Tiger moths. These colourful insects have become increasingly common and are on the wing during the day in July.

In the West Midlands six different tiger moth species have been recorded, but the Ruby Tiger (largely red in colour) and Scarlet Tiger moths (black forewings with white and cream spots and red underwings with black spots) are the most common. I shall be on the lookout for one these handsome creatures.



The Scarlet Tiger moth was first noted in the Wye Valley, then recorded in the Malvern Hills in 1973. It has gradually moved north and west, where it seeks out comfrey, green alkanet, hemp-agrimony and nettle as its caterpillar food plant. Wild comfrey, which grows in damp places, is a tallish perennial plant with hairy oval leaves and strings of purple, pink or cream flowers. Clumps of the leaves soaked in water can be turned into a useful liquid feed for the garden. Perhaps

the rise of comfrey-growing has helped to spread the Scarlet Tiger. Other plants handy to attract moths to your garden are rosebay willowherb and fuchsia for the Elephant Hawk-moth, foxgloves for the Foxglove Pug, verbascums for the Mullein moth, and marjoram and mint for the Small Purple and Gold moth. Don't forget, though, that they will make holes in your plants!

On a different subject altogether, I took part in a walk around Little Hereford (west of Tenbury) in May and a participant spotted a red squirrel. These animals are more common there, so hopefully this was a genuine sighting. Do keep your eyes peeled in case this lovely mammal has returned to the Teme Valley!

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is at 7:30pm on Thursday 11 July at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, WR15 8RR when Phil Playford will give a talk on bats. All welcome, £3 on the door. For up-to-date information on wildlife seen in our area, or to give sightings or comments visit the TVWG Facebook page or www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk. Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month. Contact the group at twwg@outlook.com.

Stephanie Mcroft

GIRLS GET ACTIVE WITH GUIDING

Clifton-upon-Teme's three Girl Guiding groups have been enjoying an exciting summer so far. The groups meet at the hut in Clifton's play park. To find out more, call Angie on 07957 462519 or email angiegriffiths@aol.com.



Left:
1st Clifton Rainbows (age 4-7) played football at Bromyard leisure centre with Wildcats of Bromyard – just one of their fun activities. Meetings are Wednesday nights 4.30-5.45pm.



Right:
1st Clifton Brownies (age 7-10) having potentially life-saving First Aid training. Meetings are Wednesday nights 5.45-7pm.



Left:
1st Clifton Guides (age 10-15) meet on Monday nights 6.15-7.45pm. Their wide-ranging activities include kayaking, axe throwing, swimming, crafts and much more.



BIG BREAKFAST ADDS TO BIGGER CHRISTIAN AID TOTAL

The Christian Aid events held across Shelsley Beauchamp, Clifton-upon-Teme and Harpley in recent weeks raised a grand total of £2,711.43 – several hundred pounds more than last year.

Contributing to this higher total were a Preloved Sale and Coffee Morning in Clifton, a Croquet and Bouquets afternoon in Shelsley Beauchamp and a Cream Tea in Harpley.

These were followed by a highly successful Big Breakfast in Clifton on 8 June, when more than 60 people were fed a full English with unlimited teas, coffees and toast. Teme Valley Christian Aid coordinator Marion Dipple reported: “The weather largely behaved itself; the chefs Penny Bowden and Nick Denniston coped admirably with the record numbers; and our fabulous team of waiters, led by Ali Francis and Rachel Austin, served everyone with speed and good humour. It made a spectacular £665 profit for Christian Aid, so the hard work paid off and everyone enjoyed the community occasion. We hope to offer another Big Brekky next year.”



Marion added: “I’m really pleased that together all these events raised such a fantastic total. We’ve also had great fun in the process.

“Enormous thanks to all who helped and supported all our events this year!”

CLIFTON’S HIGH SHERIFF

The new High Sheriff of Worcestershire, Charles Moyle, is keen to hear from anyone who knows of people in their community who deserve special recognition for what they do.

“I’m really keen to get volunteers recognised and thanked,” said Charles, who lives near Clifton-upon-Teme. His shrieval year has been a busy one since his appointment earlier this year, having instigated a number of community initiatives with partner organisations including ‘Life Chances’, focussing on young adults who have been through the Youth Court system and are some of the most vulnerable people in society suffering from numerous adverse childhood events.

“As a magistrate, I kept seeing children coming through the youth courts who would then later appear again in the adult court,” he said. As a result, he has created a programme with the Worcester Warriors Foundation which aims to get children who have been excluded from school into county-wide rugby clubs. The ‘Make Your Mark’ programme aims to take around 100 14-16 year-olds for 12 week sessions with local rugby clubs that end with the opportunity to undertake apprenticeships and avoid getting into trouble. “Rugby clubs are all about team work, which provides a healthy



Above: Charles Moyle at the Lighting of The Beacon Ceremony to mark the D-Day 80th anniversary at Fort Royal Park, Worcester.



environment. There’s a real chance it might stop them getting involved with the drug gangs in our towns and cities,” he added.

As High Sheriff, Charles is responsible for the police, probation and prisons as well as the courts, and much of his time this year has been spent working closely with the police.

CLIFTON WI UPDATE

The May meeting of Clifton-upon-Teme WI was held at Angel Gardens at Mill Farm Country Retail, Stanford Bridge, where Louise Mawditt demonstrated planting up a hanging basket and a pot for the summer season. Everyone came home with a planted pot having had a very enjoyable time choosing from the very healthy plants for sale.



In the next few months we have a visits planned to a garden in Clifton, Mill Orchards in Great Witley, and an outing to the Worcester Porcelain Museum with a talk by Colin Millet. In September there will be a talk from Penny about her trip to Costa Rica.



Above LtoR: Louise Leftwich, Lyn McKay



Above LtoR: Michelle Crawshaw, Dot Millward

The WI skittles team sadly did not make it to the finals, but had an enjoyable season learning how to play and meeting up with other local WI teams. Enthusiasm remained high and skill was improving ready for the next season's games. The WI Health and Wellbeing Evening is currently being discussed ready to take place on Friday 25 October.

If you would like to know more, meet new people, or are thinking of joining the WI please do come along at 7.30pm at Clifton Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month (NB no meeting in August). For more information email Ruth Wilson, cliftonontemepres@wfedwi.org.uk.

Ruth Wilson

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"It was with great sadness that we lost our dear neighbour Joan, of Shelsley Beauchamp, in April. When we moved to Shelsley some 24 years ago she was always there to help. We enjoyed many meals, parties and events during the early years, plus her extensive knowledge of gardening, which was where you would find her every spare minute she had. When Denis became ill, Joan was there to meet his every need, not accepting outside help just caring for him until the end. Joan never lost her smile, her ability to help with harvest, flowers for the church and enjoying the closeness of her family who had come to live next door to her after Denis died.



No matter what the occasion you could always rely on Joan pitching in to help. Her banoffeee desserts for harvest were legendary. We had a fantastic party to celebrate her 90th Birthday last year which she said was one of the best days ever. She loved her holidays and outings with her grandchildren Olly and Lizzy, and their partners Anna and Jack. There were many outings with her friend Val of 80 years, plus sharing meals with Irene and the late Jean Nuttall. The funeral service was one of celebration and thankfulness, for as was said on the day 'Joan's qualities form the backbone of our society and we are all the richer for having known her, she was the quintessential English lady. A major contributor to making England the green and pleasant land that we all wish to live in.' No one could argue with that; she lived a life that was full and well-lived, never failing to ring with a 'thank you' for whatever you did for her. Good night and God bless, we shall miss you every day."

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CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the annual meeting held 16th May 2024
at Clifton upon Teme Village Hall at 7.40pm

Present: J. Bowden (Chair); R. Neave; L. Merrick; S. Haywood, P. Brooks.

Also present: District Councillors Paul & Pam Cumming, Sarah Simcock (Clerk) and x 15 members of the Public.

1.24 Election of Chairman: Councillor John Bowden was re-elected as Chairman – unanimous decision.

2.24 Apologies: County Cllr D. Chambers; Cllr B. Gilbert (Vice-Chair).

3.24 Resignations and Co-options: None.

4.24 Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Bruce Gilbert was re-elected – proposed Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Brooks. All agreed.

5.24 Declarations of Interests / Councillor Dispensations: None – Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interests. Clerk to circulate.

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC TIME:

Residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns about land surveying at The View and Winnington Close by Terrastregic. The Chairman read out their development specification to the meeting. The land is outside the settlement boundary but is adjacent to it. The meeting noted the Neighbourhood Development Plan in place and this scheme is outside of this Plan. The Plan is the legal document for the parish.

Cllr Paul Cumming also explained the planning policy provision for the parish and MHDC. This scheme is outside the settlement boundary. SWDP remains 4 years late currently and is being worked on by a Joint Advisory Panel across the 3 districts. Current issues include the transport survey which remains outstanding. Land supply issues also remain outstanding at district level. The NDP becomes the valid local plan if it is current. Cllr Cumming is chasing his concerns with the Leader of the Council. No planning application or specific detail has been received by Terrastregic or the landowner so far but if one is submitted then the NDP policies will be considered against it.

The meeting agreed that MHDC must be held accountable for the lack of progress with land supply and SWDP and Cllr Cumming is actively pursuing this.

ACTION: Cllr Bowden agreed to action sending the letter to the landowner as agreed at the March meeting to query recent surveys and herbicides applied.

Cllr Brooks requested that our NDP is reviewed again to make sure that the Plan is valid should an application be received in the future. External Planning Consultant to be involved? Cllr Paul Cumming also to assist with this. Cllr Bowden to look into who was used when the NDP was put together – Kirkwells? The NDP must be revalidated at MHDC level and must be within 5 years. Important to note timeframes with this against the SWDP timetable.

ACTION: Cllr Bowden to contact Kirkwells re validating the current NDP.

Cllr Merrick reported that the Government has recently updated regarding environmental matters on new sites including biodiversity and species protection. Cllr Brooks said that this has been happening on this site recently. We need to look into this properly and speak with the landowner. Fields have been sprayed with herbicides which has raised real concern regarding wildlife and watercourses. The Abberley NDP might be a useful reference doc. and Cllr Bowden will obtain a copy.

Cllr Bowden asked everyone to write to MHDC with their views should any future application that be received. Information on planning policy can be found on the MHDC website if residents need to access this information.

Cllr Paul Cumming reported on current parish / district housing allocations within the SWDP. The PC asked for a written summary of the current situation for circulation. Martley figs would also be useful for this. Cllr Brooks also asked for clarification of parish boundaries / settlement boundary.

6.24 To note Standing Orders and consider any revisions: Noted.

7.24 To note the Councillor Code of Conduct: Noted.

8.24 Schemes of Delegation / Working Groups appointed:

- Urgent Business Committee approved as Cllrs Bowden, Gilbert and Brooks.
- Financial Working Group approved as Cllrs Bowden, Gilbert and Brooks.

9.24 Review of Financial regulations / Risk assessments/ Insurance policy: All docs have been circulated and are in place. Financial Regs to be reviewed at the next meeting – Clerk to circulate.

10.24 PC roles appointed:

- Banking signatories – Cllrs Bowden, Gilbert and Brooks – all agreed.

11.24 Approval of the Minutes from 11th April 2024 / matters arising: It was agreed that the Clerk represent the PC.

12.24 Minutes of the meeting held 11th April 2024: Proposed Cllr Neave, seconded Cllr Bowden, all agreed.

13.24 County & District Councillor Reports: District as circulated. No county report.

14.24 Finance & Governance Matters:

14.24.01 Payments and receipts schedule – as circulated plus additional payments reported. Unanimously agreed.

15.24 Parish Matters /Updates:

15.24.01 Village Maintenance Plan – gully has been sorted out at the village green. Swift boxes are ongoing with Cllr Gilbert.

15.24.02 D-Day Celebrations 6th June 2024 – the meeting considered what could be done – party on the village green?? Other ideas?? Events are being held in Tenbury Wells via Royal British Legion. Local pubs and Church to be encouraged to be involved. Village Green may be used for any local events – all agreed.

16.24 S106 Project (CFAF) updates: Cllr Bowden reported on current project matters and financial matters. VAT has now been received? Clerk to liaise with M. Alexander. Pavilion extension funding has been allocated. Planning permission to be sorted out and existing BP Hut matters to be resolved asap.

Wildlife garden – Cllr Merrick gave an update and pleased with the positive impact of the border which is not being mowed. Fritillary butterflies have been spotted.

17.24 Planning Matters: The Blue Shot planning variation of conditions – an objection has been drafted by Cllr Neave for PC approval. The Clerk will submit when draft approved.

18.24 Strategic Planning Matters: The SWDP remains with the Independent Examiner.

19.24 Highways Matters: Cllr Bowden has walked R. Wilks around the recreation field and agreed works to do.

Footpath closures noted as circulated – Shelsley Walsh was noted re Hill Climb closures and Cllr Bowden is looking at this.

20.24 Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Brooks gave a summary of what is needed for D-Day events including national beacons being lit at 9pm. PC insurance will cover any events on the Village Green.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 6th June 2024 at 7.40pm in the Village Hall.

CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 6 June 2024

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

Also present: District Councillors Paul & Pam Cumming, Sarah Simcock (Clerk) and three members of the public. Apologies: County Cllr D. Chambers

The Minutes of the Meeting held 16th May 2024: Proposed by Cllr Brooks; seconded by Cllr Merrick. All agreed.

Matters arising: Letter to landowner has yet to be sent by Cllr Bowden – address to be clarified. May have an Agent? Cllr Brooks to check this. Cllr Haywood suggested writing to the land agent. Zoom meeting held with Kirkwells re NDP revision and housing development concerns – may need further clarification as to when best to revise this. Cllr Gilbert explained the link back to the SWDP. District Cllr Paul Cumming explained how NDPs can work for parishes in the current SWDP situation. Discussion continued regarding local development concerns and housing allocations. Cllr Bowden confirmed that a letter will be sent to Mr Winnington regarding future plans for the land. S106 funding was also discussed and amounts confirmed. The Clerk confirmed vat refunded. The response to Blue Shot has been submitted as agreed.

Public Time: Cllr S Haywood - Cleaned gully pots which were blocked and was thanked for his work.

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 earlier in the meeting.

Finance & Governance Matters: Payments and receipts schedule – proposed Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr Brooks. All agreed. Clerk to process payments.

Section 106 matters – Councillors to work out costs of using pavilion and contracts. Maintenance schedule to be discussed. Clerk to work out the running costs for pavilion last year. The final wildflower garden s106 application has been accepted, £23,463.00 - just waiting for contract to be received. Cllr Merrick to talk to R Wilks about costs of wildflower turf etc. Pavilion updates to go with larger extension costs of planning permission

Parish Matters /Updates: Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Gilbert hopefully the hanging baskets will be going up soon. Swift boxes – Cllr Gilbert volunteers needed for leaflet drops West Mercia Police Charter- Agricultural theft, Speeding & inconsiderate parking around school

S106 Project (CFAF) updates: financial update recreation ground Cllr Bowden impressed with the contactors.

Strategic Planning Matters: The SWDP remains with the Independent Examiner.

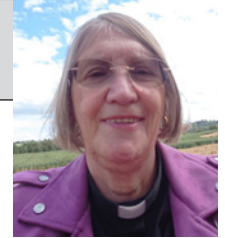
Highways Matters: Speed sign currently not working entering Clifton from Tenbury side mention to R Wilks. Clifton hill idea of having double white line? Approaching highways about the idea. Hope lane about reducing the limit to 7.5 tonnes. Complaints about Ham Bridge can't see the road coming from Shelsley.

Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Shelsley Hill Climb on going discussions.

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 11th July 2024 at 7.40pm in the Village Hall.

Church Matters

by Rev Jen Jones



Hello, some of you will know me and others may not. I am an Assistant Curate in Teme Valley South and across our wider rural mission area and live in this wonderful, deeply rural corner of Worcestershire. As I write I am about to be ordained as a priest at Worcester Cathedral. I have just had a week off and spent it at home, 'a staycation'. As I spent the days enjoying working and then relaxing in the garden, I got to thinking about how much warmer it was this time last year, and about the holiday season that is ahead of us. Our summer holidays and winter ones too, take us off to far flung places in search of new adventures, quaint places, relaxing views and perhaps the opportunity to share in local customs or traditions. We plan and research and then having decided on the destination we do a little itinerary of what we want to do and see, what to pack, the books to read and may be even a map. We head off searching for something that will delight and sustain us until our next holiday. Our journey of faith can be like that, we plan and think we know where we are headed. We set out searching and seeking to find what will sustain and fulfil us. We think we know where we are going, but then God opens our eyes and we begin to see things differently. We discover something amazing, something that jolts and surprises us, we see things with fresh eyes. This is what happened to me; I was pootling along working in wildlife conservation and looking forward to retirement. Then, five years ago I got confirmed. During Covid lockdowns, I spent a year doing the Bishops' Certificate course. I thought that was probably enough for any new Christian to cope with. However, it turned out that God's plan was a little different to mine. The next stage on the journey saw me on discernment for Licenced Lay Ministry (Reader) training. One year into this and I get another diversion on the journey as Worcester Diocese launches its 'Auxiliary Pathway to Ordination'. What an adventure! One never quite knows where the path of life will lead us. So, as you set off on your holidays this year, may it be a fulfilling and sustaining time, and may you be blessed to see God in action in the world and in your lives.

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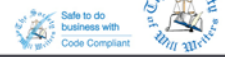


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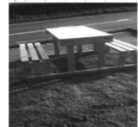
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July 2024

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10.30am: Morning Prayer, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Sunday 14th July

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Wednesday 17th July

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Sunday 21st July

10.30am: Methodist Holy Communion, St Bartholomew, Harpley
4.00pm: St Kenelm's Patronal Service, Saints and Sausages, St Kenelm's Clifton
6.30pm: Evensong, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Sunday 28th July

10.30am: Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Harpley



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

August 2024

Sunday 4th August

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

Sunday 11th August

8.00am: Midland Automobile Club Service, St Andrew's, Shelsley Walsh
10.30am: Family Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Sunday 18th August

10.30am: Methodist Morning Worship, St Bartholomew, Harpley
3.30pm: Relishing Rural Music, Sung Choral Evensong with members of the Bach Choir, Old St Bartholomew's, Lower Sapey WR6 6HE, Bring a chair. parking by kind permission of Sue and Allen Everitt'
6.30pm: Evensong, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Wednesday 21st August

10.30am: Communion, St Andrews, Shelsley Walsh

Sunday 25th August

3.00pm: Annual Service, Old St Bartholomew's, Lower Sapey WR6 6HE
Bring a picnic and a chair.

MORE ABOUT SHELSLEYS SONGS OF PRAISE PICNIC

The Shelsleys' Outdoor Summer Service and Picnic takes place on Sunday 14 July at 6pm, overlooking the beautiful Teme Valley. Come and join us with family and friends at Lower House Farm WR6 6RE (by kind permission of the Roberts family) in a marquee with stunning views. Bring a picnic. There will be a Celtic Communion service, hymns and prosecco. Everyone is very welcome.

MORE ABOUT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ANNUAL SERVICE

You are warmly invited to the Annual Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Old St Bartholomew's Church, Lower Sapey, WR6 6HE (set in the beautiful Paradise Valley) on Sunday 25 August, 3pm. The service is followed by a picnic in the lovely church garden. Please bring a chair (some chairs are available) and your picnic. Toilet facilities available. Disabled car parking can be arranged. The service is open to all, we shall be delighted to welcome you. Queries to Pat Snelling: 01886 812443 / patricia.snelling@btinternet.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 3 Clifton Friendship Club, members' birthday celebrations
- 4 UK General Election, Clifton & Shelsley VHs, 7am-10pm
- 6 Clifton Primary School, summer fête, 1-3pm
- 9 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsleys VH, 7pm
- 9 Clifton WI meeting, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 11 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm
- 11 TVWG, talk on bats, Stoke Bliss VH, 7.30pm
- 12 Apple Tree Kitchen, Wye Valley Falconry 5-6pm
- 17 Clifton Friendship Club, cream tea at Harpley House
- 19 Apple Tree Kitchen, A Touch of Jazz, from 6pm
- 23 Clifton Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm
- 27 Clifton Friendship Club, coffee morning in Martley

August

- 7 Clifton Friendship Club, visit to Brook Court
- 8 TVWG, sightings round-up, Stoke Bliss VH, 7.30pm
- 12-16 Attitude Dance Studios, Stanford Bridge, Summer School 9am-3pm
- 14 Clifton Friendship Club, visit to Angie Griffiths
- 17 Steptoe's Bar, Psychic Medium Evening, Shelsleys VH, from 7pm
- 21 Clifton Friendship Club, summer afternoon tea

September

- 8 St Bartholomew's, Harpley, Big Breakfast
- 10 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsleys VH, 7pm
- 11 Clifton Friendship Club, visit to Lower Hope Gardens
- 14 Clifton Rural Reels, 'Wicked Little Letters', Clifton VH, 7pm
- 21 Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match, Grain Farm Linley Green
- 30 Stanford History Group, Levant talk, Upper Sapey VH, 7.30pm

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb Events

20-21 July	Classic Nostalgia
10-11 August	Midland Hill Climb Championship
14-15 September	Harvest Festival Meeting

SAVE THE DATE: SHELSLEY CHURCH FESTIVAL

Save the date for a big Church Festival coming to
All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp in September:

A Profound Secret.

With Rev David Melville and the Pre Raphaelite Brotherhood.
Lots of interesting talks, activities for children & refreshments.

Saturday 21 September, 10.30am - 4.30pm.

Plus an evening talk at Harborough Bank.



RUBY RENEWAL: Paul and Nicky Cope with family and friends, celebrating the couple's Ruby Wedding at a service of Renewal of Marriage Vows on 15 June at St Kenelm's. It was a very happy occasion, giving thanks for 40 years of fruitful, loving partnership!



SHELSLEYS FROM THE AIR: Spectacular drone photo revealing the beautiful Shelsley countryside below, including New Mill Bridge spanning the River Teme (bottom left), the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb (centre left) and All Saints Church (centre right). Photo by Shelsley Beauchamp's Michael Whitefoot.

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