# Teme TRIANGLE

Clifton upon Teme • The Shelsleys • Lower Sapey

July/August 2016



Claire and Amit's wedding ceremony at All Saints

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Karen Webber and David Moore pictured at the Shelsleys celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday.

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#### Front Cover Picture

The Hindu Christian marriage of Claire Welsh and Amit Bhasker Patel at All Saints', Shelsley Beauchamp (see page 24)

## CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL LATEST MINUTES

Clifton Parish Council has again deferred a decision to allow publication of draft minutes of their meetings in *Teme Triangle* despite a motion from Cllr Russ Henry to overturn the council's earlier ruling on the matter.

"This is clearly a matter that exercises a number of people in the parish," said Cllr Henry. "We should be doing a service for people in the community and I want it clearly minuted that I asked for the motion. It has caused a lot of upset in the community."

Following the meeting, Parish Council Chairman Maggie Newman said: "At present we are not reviewing our minutes and their publication as a council."

#### TREE CONSULTATION

Following a consultation with residents in the vicinity of the willow tree on the corner of Kenelm Road and Kenelm Close in Clifton, in which 11 were in favour of the tree being removed because of complaints that its roots were blocking drains, and six opposed with one undecided, the Parish Council voted unanimously to remove it.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As a quite recent resident of Clifton I feel it is a very great honour to live here. The Queen's Birthday Celebration at the village hall was a huge success. Many residents enjoyed the Big Breakfast early in the day and the afternoon celebration was also very enjoyable.

I am sure I speak for everyone who attended these events when I say what a great day was had by all. Without the dedicated hard-working team of people behind the scenes, there would not have been anything for us to enjoy. So, on behalf of all the villagers, I would like to express a heartfelt thankyou to everyone involved in the preparation and effort put into the day.

\*\*Barbara 'Babs' Flood\*\*

#### **NEW VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN**

Grand opening of the new kitchen at Stanford with Orleton village hall at 2pm on Saturday, 9th July. Tea, wine and scrumptious cakes provided. Everyone welcome.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LATEST

The Clifton Neighbourhood Development Plan was submitted in draft form to the Parish Council last month and is now ready for the Formal Consultation phase that will take place for eight weeks from 4th July until 26th August. It will involve consulting with a wide range of statutory and local bodies, adjoining parishes and all residents, landowners and businesses in the parish. Following this the feedback will be used to finalise and amend the Neighbourhood Plan ready to be submitted to Malvern Hills District Council. A Basic Conditions Statement stating how the plan has met the required conditions of a Neighbourhood Plan and a Consultation Statement outlining how the representations received have been considered and used to inform the plan accompanies this.

The final version of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is then examined by an independent examiner to assess whether it meets the basic conditions and if any further requirements. Finally the Plan will go to local referendum and if 50% +1 vote in favour, Malvern Hills District Council will then 'make' (adopt) it. It will then be used to help determine planning decisions in the parish alongside the South Worcestershire Development Plan and National Planning Policy. The Neighbourhood Plan runs until 2030 and will be reviewed every two years by the Parish Council

Helen Winer, Chair of the Clifton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, said, "We have had a good response to the first draft document when the Informal Consultation took place in March this year, with approximately 100 responses to the development plan and 547 hits on the informal consultation section on the Parish Council website.

"The Steering Group and Kirkwells, our Consultant colleagues, have reviewed all the responses and comments received and we are currently amending the plan to take note of these. There was overwhelming support for the plan and some very helpful and relevant points made and we would like to thank you all for taking the time to read the document and responding. We also had a very good response with lots of ideas and suggestions from the Primary School and we thank them for getting involved in the future of their community. All the responses will be available on the Parish Council website when we start the next stage of consultation."

#### SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN AT CLIFTON EYC

Clifton-upon-Teme Early Years Centre is offering exciting themed Summer Clubs for all 2-5 year olds throughout August, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm with extended hours available. All weeks will include a wide variety of sport, art, drama, cooking and music and some very special guest visitors.

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Week 2 – we will be on a butterflies, bugs and great outdoors safari tour. With a mini beast hunt and mask making, butterfly symmetry paintings, weaving a giant spider web and making dens.

Week 3 – we will be on a supersonic space mission, blasting off to Planet Crumpet. We will be building a giant space ship, cooking space rock cakes, making water bottle rockets and yogurt pot and paper plate flying saucers!

Week 4 – we are Superheroes and Superstars! We will be helping to save the planet. We will be cooking superhero pizza, undertaking a superhero fitness obstacle course on the school grounds and finding out how to free trapped superheroes encased in ice.

Bookings are being taken for single days and full weeks. Places are limited so book soon to avoid disappointment. Early bird discount. For more info and a registration form please email trustees@cliftoneyc.co.uk Clifton-upon-Teme EYC is Ofsted registered and offers all year around childcare for children aged 3 months to 5 years. Please contact us if you would like more information or a visit to the nursery. 01886 812380.



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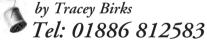
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#### LOWER SAPEY/HARPLEY NEWS

Writing this now in mid June seems strange as by the time our next edition is published, we shall be in September and summer virtually over. We have just had almost a week of sunshine and this has done wonders for the blossom and flowers in the gardens. Being at 650 feet here, our garden is always a little late, but this year it has been lovely and it has been a pleasure to sit out in the evenings at long last. Let's hope this won't be the last we see of the sunshine for the year. Soon, we will need the rain, but maybe not just yet?

I have been reading the wildlife article in TT as I usually do and noticed the mention of the so-called 'Ghost orchid'. Last weekend, we had a visitor and he and my husband trekked through Paradise in search of this, but sadly didn't find it.

Last month, most of us enjoyed a fabulous Harpley party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, but importantly, the 40th birthday of a well-known and much loved local resident. She wishes to remain anonymous as 40years seems to worry her. Most of us can't remember what it was like to be 40, but we hope she continues to enjoy the years as she is now.

Before you read this we will also have had the premier of Septimus Raybould's poem, set to music beautifully by a young Cambridge organ scholar. This is being performed as part of our Songs of Praise service on June 26th and we hope our small choir can do it justice and that the Raybould family enjoy it.

We have several events to look forward to in the next months. On July 16th, at 7pm, there is a concert in Shelsley Beauchamp Church in aid of the Worcester Breast Unit Haven. This should be very entertaining with visiting local singers and a variety of music. There will also be a glass of Fizz provided in the cost of the tickets (£10). Tickets can be obtained from Candy Connolly(cconnolly111:gmail.com) or from Jane Roberts (jane.roberts@jcjourneys.com).

On August Bank Holiday Sunday, August 28th, there will be the annual service at Old St Bartholomew's Church.

On Saturday September 3rd, we are holding our annual and very popular 'Big Breakfast' in aid of St Bartholomew's Church, at this Church in Harpley. Liz and Steve Younge and their helpers will be providing a full English from 10am. You can buy tickets beforehand, or pay on the day. It will cost a mere £5 for adults, £3 for older children.

#### **NOTICES**

Church cleaning for July is looked after by Bettie Nicholls and Doreen MacLean.

For August it is the turn of Barbara Raybould.

Church flowers for July, Dot Millward for the first two weeks, then Pat Savage.

August. Doreen MacLean and A N Other.

The Ladies Bible group will not meet again for study until September, when it will be on Tuesday September 13th, 2pm in the home of Suzanne Richards. We hope to have our Summer outing in July to an as yet undecided venue.

The Mobile Library will be calling at 10.20 and 10.40 on 15th July, 19th August and 21st September.

Margaret Griffiths

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YEEHAA - come as one of the Dukes of Hazzard (win a prize if you have the best outfit) and dance the night away to Heywood-Moore and the Hoedown Band at Noverton Farm, Stanford Bridge on Saturday 23rd July from 7pm until midnight. Tim Lawson is kindly arranging the Boar's Head bar and Dave Wilson-Wynn will be doing his Crunchy Pig roast. Dressing the part is essential so see our FB page for some inspiration (FB/NovertonBarnDance). You can book your tickets directly online (FB/NovertonBarnDance) so don't delay - book now to avoid disappointment! Entry £15 adults, £5 children under 13.

#### STANFORD HISTORY GROUP

26th September

This autumn, the Stanford History Group has another wide ranging history course given by lecturers from nearby universities, starting with Magna Carta and its influence over the centuries, followed by Women's Rights, the Scramble for Africa, and Captain Cook's voyages of Discovery.

This friendly group welcomes new participants and meets in Stanford Bridge Village Hall (WR6 6ST) at 7.30p.m. Mondays starting September 26th 2016. £65 the 10 lecture course, £10 per lecture payable at the door.

Magna Carta - the Crisis of 1215

Jens Rohrkasten

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#### CLOSE HARMONY AND SUMMER FIZZ





A fund-raising Concert of old favourite secular and sacred songs in aid of the Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven and local churches is being held at Shelsley Beauchamp church on <u>Saturday</u>, 16th July at 7pm. The programme includes performances by visiting vocal groups, *The High Heels* and *Close Shaves*. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained from Candy Connolly: cconnolly111@gmail.com or Jane Roberts: Jane. Roberts@jcjourneys.com

#### HIDDEN GARDENS REVEALED AROUND CLIFTON

Gardens large and small will be opening in and around Clifton during the first weekend in **July (2nd/3rd)**. This year's Open Gardens aims to repeat the success of the last one held in 2014 when more than 20 local



residents opened their gardens to visitors. The programme will include a children's quiz, floral Arrangements, refreshments in the church, parking and a BBQ at the Rectory on Saturday evening. It's a two-day treat, repeated by popular demand, so please keep the weekend free. Tickets can be purchased from 10am on the Saturday at St. Kenelm's church.

#### **CLIFTON BAKE-OFF RETURNS**

The Great Clifton Bake-Off returns for second helpings in September with a summer theme and classes for everyone: Men Only; All Comers and Children under 12. Categories include cupcakes, home made cake decorated, lemon drizzle cake, apple pie and bread. The event will take place on Saturday 17th September at Clifton Village Hall. Look out for more information in Teme Triangle and around the village.









#### QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED IN CLIFTON

Clifton's celebrations to mark the Queen's 90th birthday began with a Big Breakfast in the village hall, prepared and served by Chairman Mandy Henry and her band of willing helpers. More than 65 breakfasts were served, raising over £300 for Christian Aid and the Village Hall.

After a walk to Paradise and back, the afternoon celebrations continued over tea and cakes to the sound of the Clifton Handbell Ringers. The party was joined by Sir Anthony and Lady Alexandra Winnington.

## **Church Matters**

by Pat Snelling

Do you think God knows your name? There are several stories in the bible when God called someone by name. Some people think that God only calls grown-ups. This young boy thought God was calling him by name.



The young boy had been admitted to hospital. When the time came for his parents to leave him he was left all alone in his room. His nurse, who realised that he was alone for the first time became concerned for him, so in an effort to reassure him that he was not alone, and with the intention to comfort him, she called his name over the intercom to ask him if he was alright, and to let him know that although she was not with him in his room, he was not alone.

Now this was long ago before the wireless age, and any electronic gadgetry would have been new to him, so startled and wide eyed when he heard his name called, the boy sat up in bed and called out, "Is that you calling Lord?"

So even when we feel all alone and afraid, we can know that God is speaking to us, wanting to know how we are doing, sometimes in mysterious ways. All that is required from us is the simple belief that God is always near, and desires to speak to our hearts.

Dear Lord, today we are listening for your call, perhaps you have something special for us to do, when you call we will answer.

Lord, thank You for Your nearness, thank you for hearing our prayers. Give us open hearts to hear you and see your hand in our lives. Amen.

#### **FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST AT HARPLEY**

A full English Breakfast is being served at Harpley Church on Saturday, 3rd September, at 10am to raise money for churchyard maintenance. Breakfast, with tea and coffee, will be accompanied by music in the church. Tickets (£5 for adults, £2.50 for under-12s; under 4s free) from Candy Connolly and Liz Younge.

#### COME AND PRAISE SERVICES

Our informal Come and Praise services will take place as usual on the third Sunday of July and August.

On Sunday 17th July at 10.30, preceded by coffee at 10.15, we are expecting Mrs Corinne Frost to both speak and play at this service. Corinne is known to many from the time she lived in the village at Clifton so we look forward very much to her time with us.

On Sunday 21st August we have our Annual Service of Thanksgiving for Animals which as usual will be held outside the church, so please bring all your pets and animals, big and small, for all will be welcome.

Nigel Roberts

#### **FAREWELL TO JOHN & ALICE**

Sunday 25th September 1pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome. We will be saying farewell to John and Alice as they finish at the end of September. Tea, Coffee and soft drinks will be available, but please bring a plate for 'Bring and Share'. We look forward to seeing as many as possible.

#### OLD ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ANNUAL SERVICE

The Annual Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Old St. Bartholomew's Church, Hope Lane, Lower Sapey, near Clifton upon Teme, WR6 6HE, will be held on Bank Holiday Sunday 28th August at 3pm.

As usual do please bring a picnic chair to sit on during the service (further chairs will be available for those who don't have one) and a picnic for after the Service in the churchyard and garden of Old Church House. It's always a wonderful afternoon and I look forward to welcoming you all to the dear Old Church's special day. Join us if you can! Any queries to: Pat Prosser on 01886 853 244 / patprosser@hotmail.co.uk

#### **MICK PHILLIPS**

The Shelsleys' Parish Council was saddened to hear of the death of Mick Phillips who served as a Councillor on the Parish Council for many years until his retirement several years ago. His humour, frankness and good sense were always appreciated. The Parish Council extends its sympathy and condolences to Mick's family.

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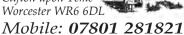
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#### HINDU/CHRISTIAN WEDDING CEREMONY

I had the honour of playing the organ for the Hindu Christian marriage of Claire Welsh and Amit Bhasker Patel at All Saints', Shelsley Beauchamp (the same church where we are putting on our Close Harmony & Summer Fizz concert on Saturday, 16th July). The ceremony was led by John Sumner, our vicar, who spent ten years at Glastonbury building the Christian community there among many other faiths. He led the service beautifully, leading us all in the worship of the one God with our various ways of reaching towards it. The Hindu Priest from Southall, who was clearly very experienced at mixed marriages, conducted the Hindu rites in Sanskrit but with ample explanation of the meaning of the seven points, where the groom says Hadji (I Agree!) We all applauded each time, so audience participation was ensured. The Hindu marriage ceremony, so old and so sensible, includes the fathers of bride and groom telling the names of their father, and grandfather, so that there should be no marriage of cousins. The seven points include, for the groom:

- 1 Share everything you have,
- 2 Earn enough to keep your family,
- 3 Give religious freedom to the bride,
- 4 Adjust, don't argue,
- 5 Respect your new father and mother in law,
- 6 Have no expectation of dowry from your wife's family, and
- 7 (for the wife) Go everywhere together with your husband.

He had all the fire, the rice, the coconut water to sanctify the promises, to feed each other and to look after each other. He was emphasising the special gift from the bride's family of their most precious thing, their daughter, to the Best Man which, of course, he must be for their daughter to choose him. The smile on her face showed she loved him. He did say this was maybe why there were so many divorces in England; we marry the groom instead of the Best Man! He also pointed out that these two coming together in love was religious, not the ones who fight about their religion.

As you can see he had a good turn for some wit and entertainment. Sitting in the organ I did of course have the best view!

Candida Connolly

#### SHELSLEY'S LITTLE CHILL LIVES UP TO ITS NAME!

Great music, picnic food, view, company and relaxation were the order of the day at Somer Barns on Camp Lane in June and all for a great locally-led cause. 125 people gathered in the beautiful marquee after the wedding of Claire Welsh and Amit Patel the day before. Gypsy jazz, blues and swing was provided by incredible local guitarist and double bass players the Remi Harris duo with support by the emotive duet of *Skysea* comprising locals Grace Jones and JJ Draper.

Thanks to Chris and Judie Welsh for their support and a special mention to Lily and Oli Hutton who with their friends raised over £300 through selling cards and games. Thanks also to Tim Lawson and Addison Wines for their liquid support! We raised well over £2,000 for local Uganda enterprise charity FOAG. Surely helping the people of Uganda work their way out of poverty through affordable loans which are then reinvested in more country people is better than depending on your and my charity? Several of us in the valley are FOAG Trustees. We are at a critical point in turning FOAG around to a new enterprise approach and we need all the local community and business support we can get. Please do get in touch with me at iain.patton@foag.org if you would like to discuss this. To receive our very occasional e-newsletters go to www.foag.org

#### THE SHELSLEYS' EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

Are you, or is one of your children planning to start a new stage in your education this autumn? If so then you may be interested in this local charity. The income of the charity is used 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 Shelsleys parish. The Trustees meet in August to consider making small grants to eligible pupils or students. These are those either attending primary school for the first time or those starting secondary school/college/ or university in autumn 2016.

Applications for grants should be made as soon as possible in writing, and before the end of the summer term. All enquiries and applications should be addressed to the Clerk to the Trustees:

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Date	Day	Lower Sapey (Harpley)	Clifton	Shelsley Beauchamp	Shelsley Walsh
3rd. Open Gard- ens w/e	July 6th. after Trinity St Thomas	10.30 am Morning Prayer Rev. John Sumner	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev, John Sumner 10.00 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling in Church Garden		
4th	Monday		10.30 am Push-Chair Praise		
10th.	7th, after Trinity	10.30 am Methodist Service Mr Richard Foot B.A.	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev Adrian Graesser	= 0	6.30 pm Evening Prayer Jen Denniston
17th.	8th, after Trinity	10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Adrian Graesser	8,00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner  10.30 am C.O.M.E. Service for St Kenelm's Day	11.00 am Quiet Service Beryl Robson	
20th	Wednesday		7.30 pm Time for TIME OUT		
24th.	9th after Trinity	10.30 am Circle Service Pat Snelling	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner 6.30 pm Evening Prayer Barbara Seeley		8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner
31st	10th after Trinity				10.30am United Service Pat Snelling
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## **Services for August**

date	day	Lower Sapey (Harpley)	Clifton	Shelsley Beauchamp	Shelsley Walsh
7th	August 11th. After Trinity	10.30 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. Adrian Graesser 10.00 am Morning Prayer Jen Denniston	No Service	
14th.	12th, after Trinity	10.30 am Methodist HC Service Rev Robert Powell	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev John Sumner	12 noon Baptism Rev. Jennifer Whittaker	6.30 pm Evening Prayer Rev John Sumner
17th	Wednesday		7.30 pm Time for TIME OUT		
21st.	13th. after Trinity	10.30 am Holy Communion Rev John Sumner	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner  10.30 am Pet Service (C.O.M.E.) With Pat Snelling	11.00 am Quiet Service Beryl Robson	
28th	14th, after Trinity	3.00 pm Sapey Old Church Annual Service Rev. John Sumner followed by a picnic	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner  6,30 pm Compline Barbara Seeley and Alana Cooper		8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner
4th,	September 15th, after Trnity	10.30 am Morning Prayer Pat Snelling	8.00 am Holy Communion Rev. John Sumner 10.00 am Morning Prayer Rev. John Sumner	11.00 am Bible Service Brian Elvins	
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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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2/3	Clifton Flower Festival and Open Gardens
2/3	Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
9	Grand opening of new kitchen, Stanford with Orleton
	VH 2pm
12	Clifton WI meeting
12	Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm

16 Concert, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp 7pm
16/17 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb classic nostalgia
19 John Etheridge at Clows Top Victory Hall 8pm
21 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.30pm

23 Country & Western Barn Dance, Noverton Farm,

Stanford Bridge 7pm

#### **August**

July

Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
 Annual service at Old St Bartholomew's Church,
 Lower Sapey 3pm

#### September

3	Big Breakfast at St Bartholomew's Church,
	Harpley 10am
17	Great Clifton Bake-Off, Clifton VH
17	Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match, Thornbury Court,
	Thornbury
17/18	Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb
25	Farewell to John & Alice Sumner, Clifton VH 1pm
26	Stanford History Group, Stanford Bridge VH 7.30pm

#### **CLIFTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE**



Children of Clifton Primary school held their Summer Fayre in June. The Fayre opened with country dancing by some of the year 3 and 4 children, followed by the crowning of the Fayre King and Queen, who were then treated to a ride in John Fletcher's vintage taxi. Visitors were greeted by birds of prey and other animals, games, competitions and stalls and some great food, all with the



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