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The Bishop of Worcester at the Shelsleys' Village Hall after speaking on 'The Challenges of Life'

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This month we bid a fond farewell to long-time Shelsleys' resident, and the founding Editor of your Teme Triangle, Judie Welsh, as she begins a new era living near Ludlow with husband Chris. Thank you, Judie, and our best wishes! (Teme Triangle continues of course, under its wider voluntary team!) Judie Welsh with friends: Front row L-R: Jan Speyer, Judie Welsh, Mel Williams. Centre: Diana Pollock, Karen Webber, Helen Whitehouse. Back row: Rebecca Perry, Milly Mills, Julie Currie, Louise Hutton, Helen Griffee

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## Our front cover picture shows:

(Left to right): Revd David Sherwin, Jane Froggatt, Hilary Higton, the Bishop of Worcester the Rt Revd Dr John Inge, Jane Roberts, Rosemary Hart and Jerry Johns at the Shelsleys' Village Hall in October, where Bishop John spoke on 'The Challenges of Life' – part of a series organised by the local Churches Together Group. Read more on page 3.

## END OF AN ERA FOR THE NEW INN

Dave and Shelagh, 'mine hosts' at the New Inn on Clifton's Old Road for the past eight and a half years, will be saying their final farewells at the end of this month as they prepare to leave the pub for the last time.

"We would like to take the opportunity to say a very big thank you to all who have crossed our threshold, some more often than others, but you are what make the pub what it is today,"



says Shelagh. "We have had a lot of laughs and have been privileged to be involved in some small way in some of your lives."

The couple add that they are not planning to go to Devon as reported previously, but are very much hoping to stay in the Teme Valley.

### **BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S TEME VALLEY TALK**

The Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Revd Dr John Inge, was the guest speaker on 'The Challenges of Life' in the Shelsleys' Village Hall last month. In the first of a series of 'Up Close and Personal' talks by prominent local people concerning their faith organised by the local Churches Together Group, the Bishop spoke frankly about his role and his personal life in front of an audience of some 60 people. His visit is pictured in this edition's front cover photo. A recording of the Bishop's interview with Jerry Johns can be heard via the following link: https://soundcloud.com/diocese-worcester/up-close-and-personal-interview-with-bishop-john

#### Next Talk...

The third and final 'Challenges of Life' Autumn Talk presented by Churches Together in the Teme Valley, takes place on Wednesday 8th November at the Shelsleys' Village Hall, 7-9pm, when the speakers will be Joshua and Hannah De Lisle. The local designer blacksmith and full-time mum and music leader will be speaking on 'The Rocky Road to Here!'

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### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING THANKS

Thank you to all the people who attended this year's Macmillan Coffee morning, as well as everyone who donated and helped. We managed to raise £350. The event not only raised money for the Macmillan charity but was also in memory of my sister Valerie, who we lost earlier this year.

Beverley Richards, Clifton Village Stores Beverley Richards (seated) with (back, L to R) Laura Richards and Beverley's sister Pat Harris



## RECOVERED RAISE THE ROOF AND £1,000

Clifton Village Hall rocked to the sound of five-piece, Worcester-based covers band Recovered attracting a wide cross-section of the community. The band's lead singer, Shaun, is the brother of Clifton resident, Tony Dipple.

The evening raised over £1,000, to be split between St Richard's Hospice and Breast Cancer Now.

"Recovered had a fantastic night raising funds for two, highly worthy causes at their charity gig," said Shaun Dipple afterwards. "The



generosity of the Clifton community in both hosting the event and in attending it helped us to raise an outstanding amount. The band would like to thank everyone involved."

#### REPAIRS FLOWING AT NEW MILL BRIDGE

The maintenance work being undertaken by Worcestershire County Council on New Mill Bridge between Shelsley Walsh and Shelsley Beauchamp, is scheduled for completion in the first half of December.

The work has included filling and evening up sections of the river floor beneath the bridge, to help spread water flow and avoid debris accumulation. The piers of the 1931 bridge have also been reinforced, and a new, stronger road surface featuring a waterproofing layer is currently under construction.





#### **CLIFTON POINT TO POINT RETURNS TO KNIGHTWICK IN 2018**

The new location for Clifton upon Teme's 2018 Point to Point has been confirmed as Knightwick.

Point to Point Racing took place at various locations in the Knightwick area from 1946 until a move to Upper Sapey in 1984, but after 34 years at that venue, a new course is being created and will be used for the first time on Sunday 29th April 2018.

Geoff Allen said: "Point to Point Racing is very weather dependent. This was a major impact in recent years and led to the 2017 meeting being abandoned due to hard ground. This is an entirely new course and has come into existence due to the generosity of John and Sue Walker and will be located on land known as the Rock, Knightwick. The site was inspected by both the West Midlands Area chairman and a member of the Horse Racing Authority, and both were very excited at the prospects of having a meeting there. A very generous local businessman has provided the steel and workings for the new set of jumps, with the majority of the birch coming from Cheltenham Racecourse."

In future, the meeting will be marketed as Knightwick Races. The location is just off the A44 Worcester to Bromyard Road, on the left-hand side just before the turning to the Talbot (if approaching from Worcester).

Geoff continued: "As with all new venues, a lot of work will be required to get the course and jumps ready. If anyone fancies getting involved please contact Belinda Palfrey, meeting Secretary, at belinda@hanleymill.co.uk or 07977 135339."

#### CLIFTON REFERENDUM VOTE FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Clifton residents voted overwhelmingly in favour of adopting the Neighbourhood Plan for the parish at the referendum held on 5th October. Following the count, the result was announced as follows:

YES 122 NO 10 Turnout 25.53%

Malvern Hill District Council will now formally adopt the Clifton upon Teme Neighbourhood Plan.

Clifton and Kempsey are the first two parishes

in the Malvern Hills District to complete their Neighbourhood Plan process. Neighbourhood Planning Regulations say that if the majority of those who vote in a referendum are in favour of the draft neighbourhood plan, then the neighbourhood plan must be brought into legal force by the local planning authority within eight weeks of the referendum.



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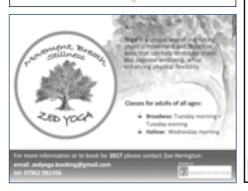


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#### LANDSCAPE ARTIST OPENS SHELSLEY GALLERY

Contemporary land and seascape artist John Brenton has moved from Cornwall to the Teme Valley where he has opened a fine art gallery at The Threshing Barn, Homme Castle Barns, Shelsley Walsh. An open evening is being held on Saturday 18th November. Teme Triangle found out more.



**Tell us about your background.** "As a child I was always motivated to paint and draw and with encouragement from my teachers I went on to study art which eventually lead to a degree in Fine Art at MMU. I became a full-time artist in 1999 after my first solo exhibition in Penzance and ever since then I've held exhibitions throughout the UK including having paintings accepted for the Royal Academy Summer Show and the Royal Society of Artists. I also recently learned that one of my paintings has been accepted into the Royal Society of Oil Painters' annual exhibition at the Mall galleries, London."

What tempted you to come to Worcestershire? "After meeting a lovely lady who lives in this area I decided to move here! And after seeing the beautiful valley and surrounding hills, decided that it would be a fantastic place to paint. The Threshing Barn at Shelsley Walsh was available to rent as a studio which is a great space to paint and exhibit my work in so I made the decision to move here."

What are your main inspirations? "I am predominantly a land and seascape painter so my inspiration comes from the outdoors. One of the great pleasures of painting is to walk and discover new scenes and locations to paint. And I often paint on location for this reason. I also like to draw and paint animals particularly dogs and horses usually from commission."

What medium and techniques do you use? "My favourite medium is oils. I like to use brush and palette knife to create texture so I use lots of paint! Drawing with charcoal is also a versatile medium which I enjoy using a wash technique."





How long does it take to complete a typical painting? "Oil paintings are usually completed over a few weeks to allow for stages in the drying process. I spend quite a lot of time just looking at the painting and making small adjustments when needed."

Do you work principally from real life, photographs or your imagination? "Usually a combination of all three! I tend to use photos for reference not to copy from and I like to paint plein air. Imagination does play its part which painters sometimes call artistic license!"

**Tell us about your new gallery.** "The building itself is fantastic. I have half of the ground floor which is both gallery and studio so visitors can see finished paintings and drawings as well as the studio space."

Are you holding a gallery opening event? "Yes. It will be on Saturday 18th November from 6-9pm. All are welcome, RSVP to me on 01886 812457 or mail@johnbrenton.co.uk."

John also paints animals. His gallery is open every day from 11am until 5pm, www.johnbrenton.co.uk



## **CLIFTON WI BOOK SALE SUCCESS**

Clifton upon Teme WI would like to thank everyone who supported its WI Book sale and exchange in the foyer of the Village Hall. This year it raised £72.60 for the charity ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World). Good condition hard and paper-back books are always welcome.

Its next meeting is on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm at Clifton Village Hall. The evening will incorporate Clifton WI's Annual Meeting followed by a Christmas Craft and Decoration demonstration and workshop. Visitors are very welcome, as always.

### TEA PARTY MARKS 40 YEARS FOR NORA PARSONS CENTRE

Cakes, balloons and memory-lane conversation were the order of the day at a special tea party held in October to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Nora Parsons Centre in Wichenford. More in the Dec/Jan edition of your Teme Triangle.

### PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

As the latest minutes available from Clifton Parish Council date back to 7th September we have not included them in this edition. They are available online however; follow the link from our website: www.temetriangle.net. For the next meetings of both Clifton Parish Council and the Shelsleys' Parish Council see our Calendar (page 29).

## **NEW FACE AT THE SNUG BEAUTY SALON**

Last month The Snug beauty salon at Mill Farm, Stanford Bridge, said goodbye to Hayley Parr Twaites, who has moved back to her home town in Newcastle to be nearer her family. The Snug is delighted however to welcome its new beauty therapist, Hannah.

Owner Hazel Marsh said: "Hannah specialises in complementary therapies such as aromatherapy, massage and reflexology, alongside a full range of beauty treatments. She will be working on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. As a special introductory offer this Autumn she will be offering all new clients 20 percent off their first treatment (excluding non-surgical face lift). Gift vouchers are also available for Christmas. Keep an eye out for some seasonal offers and packages that will be arriving soon!"





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### **LOWER SAPEY NEWS with Jane Dallow**

By the time you read this we will be in November, the local farmers will be getting ready for the shooting season and pheasants will grace our gardens once more.

The month of November is the season for woolly hats and winter coats. Children look forward to Bonfire Night, the annual shout of "penny for the Guy", orange flames against a black sky, toffee apples and sparklers. It is the month that we remember those who bravely fought for us and lost their lives in the First World War. Attending our local Remembrance Sunday church services gives us a time to think of our armed services and all the people who have been affected by war today across the world. The British Legion's red poppies are worn with pride and love, a "symbol of remembrance and hope".

Liz Younge from Harpley is having a sponsored haircut and will be donating the money she raises, along with her hair to children's cancer charity The Little Princess Trust. The charity looks to provide a real hair wig free of charge to a child that has sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment. Liz's target is to reach £350. If you would like to sponsor Liz and help her smash her target you can contact her on 01886 853 007. More information on The Princess Trust can be found here http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/

#### **Notices**

Bible Group: The Ladies Bible Study Group will be held on Tuesday 14th November

(venue tba).

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Mobile Library: The mobile library will be coming on Monday 20th November at 10.20am.

## **Church Matters**

with Jack Whittenbury



In November the Royal British Legion leads us in a national act of remembrance for those millions killed in the wars in modern times, principally the two world wars. We talk of their having given their lives for us who follow but we do not talk of the fact that they were actually killed by somebody.

Many of those doing the killing, on both sides, normally adhered to the guidelines of Christianity, Judaism or Islam and their actions were driven by the pressures of war and instinct of self-preservation. One can only imagine the dilemmas they faced; going against the sixth Commandment and taking another human life. It must have been awful for them.

In most of our modern lives, the decision to take a life does not arise; thank God! But the challenge of living the other Commandments does crash into 21st Century life every day. Rising the scale of seriousness, many of us do experience covetousness, lies (both white and black), a bit of stealing, committing adultery, taking the Lord's name in vain and, surely, worshipping the gods of consumerism is high up there!

None of us is perfect but we have been given the Ten Commandments by which to live and, to be sure, we can be spared some of the harder decisions in life if we reflect upon them and let them guide our lives. We all have consciences. We humans are blessed in a way that no other animals are in that respect. We can weigh up right and wrong by looking to the Commandments as the route to that conscience and, hopefully, lead better lives.

#### **REVERSE ADVENT - A SEASON TO GIVE**

As we approach the start of Advent on Sunday 3rd December, Churches Together in the Teme Valley are inviting local folk to take a fresh, 'giving' perspective on the usual Advent Calendar tradition.

During Advent many homes have an Advent Calendar; each day opening a window and taking out the treat inside. This year Churches Together are inviting people to engage in its 'Reverse Advent Event' to help give struggling families in Worcester a positive start to 2018:

- Take a cardboard box, wrap in pretty paper or let the children decorate it
- Each day of Advent, place an item of non-perishable food inside (eg canned tomatoes, veg, fish, packets of rice, pasta, soup etc)
- On Christmas Eve between 10am and 2pm bring your 22 items of food in the box to All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp, WR6 6RA. You can enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie while you're there. Children might also like to see the Nativity Stable outside (there is also a Crib Service at 2pm on Christmas Eve)
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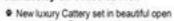
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"We are part of Flowers From The Farm, a nationwide network of cut flower growers. We work together to promote British-grown flowers. Working together gives us strength and allows us to advertise the glories of British cut flowers country-wide.





Set up in 2011 it now has 500 members – mostly small flower growers scattered around the countryside.

Over 95% of the flowers we buy in this country are imported mostly from Holland but many come from Columbia, Egypt, Mexico and then onto the Dutch markets before finally reaching us.

There are probably only about 20 big flower growers in this country, and none on the scale that they have in Holland where it is heavily subsidised.

Choosing flowers that have been grown in this country is not only more environmentally friendly, but can provide you with a wider choice of flowers – they don't have to travel so you can choose more delicate flowers. Flowers like Californian and Icelandic Poppies last 4-5 days in water but will not travel, the same as many Scabiosa. Buying British does of course mean that you have to be very aware of the seasons – we are so used to buying lilies and chrysanthemums all year round but if you buy British they would only really be available in July and October. Choosing to buy locally grown seasonal flowers is all about embracing the seasons and letting the flowers do their own thing.

Flowers From The Farm regularly promotes British flowers and countryside and flower shows around the country. The most recent was at the Malvern Autumn show where we won a Gold, and Shrewsbury Flower Show where we won a large Gold and the illustrious Raymond Evison trophy for most original display.

Our 'Little House on the Prairie' stand at Shrewsbury was designed and created by Gilliflower of Wem with Shelsley Herbs & Flowers and featured a floral vintage suitcase, sweet peas in a potty, ten green bottles hanging on a wall and a Maize arch all provided by local growers."

Kate at Shelsley Herbs & Flowers can be contacted at 01886 812184 or kate@ shelsleyherbsflowers.co.uk





# **Upcoming Events**

#### **CLIFTON SCHOOL FASHION SHOW & CLOTHING SALE**

A Ladies Fashion Show and Clothing Sale in aid of Clifton School PTA is being held at the Cob House, Wichenford on Tuesday 7th November, from 7pm (show 7.30pm). The event, presented by Colours (Fun)draising Fashion Shows, includes brands such as M&S, Wallis, Oasis, Next, Monsoon, Coast and Jaeger and includes a High Street clothing sale offering 50% & more off RRP (cash or cheque sales only). There is also a raffle.

Tickets £6 each or £5 for three or more. Tickets from The Cob House, Charlie 07496 394731 or Sarah 07740 338157.

### THE SHELSLEYS GARDENING CLUB

On Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm in Clifton Village Hall the Shelsleys Gardening Club welcomes back Roger Umpleby who is giving a talk on 'The Wonder of Wild Flowers' - a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker with wonderful photographs. Last year attendees heard about the plants of New Zealand; this year the theme is nearer to home.

As usual visitors and new members are very welcome. For more information call Norah Tomkinson 01299 890030.

#### THE ARTS SOCIETY TEME VALLEY

The Arts Society Teme Valley is holding an illustrated lecture at Ludlow Assembly Rooms on Wednesday 15th November at 2.15pm. On the theme of 'Indians, Buffalo and Storms: The American West in Nineteenth Century Art', the lecture tells the story of migration to the American West, illustrated in paintings by artists who followed it.

Visitors welcome, entry £8.

#### **TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE**

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday 9th November at Rochford Village Hall, 7.30pm. The speaker will be Jim Almond who will be talking about Shropshire wildlife. Entry £2 on the door, everyone welcome.

For a full list of upcoming events, see our Calendar (page 29).

## **Christmas Events**

## SHELSLEYS' VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come and start your Christmas shopping, enjoy coffee and cake, and socialise with friends at the Shelsleys' Village Hall Christmas Fair on Saturday 11th November, 10am – 1pm. Enticing stalls include crafts, cards, beauty products, candles, preserves, carvings and more. Refreshments include tea, coffee, home-made cakes, mince pies and bacon baps. For more information contact Carol Smith on 01886 812180.

The following Coffee Morning at the Shelsleys' Village Hall is on Saturday 2nd December, 10am – 12 noon, including cakes, bacon baps, bric-a-brac, plants and tombola. Everyone welcome.

#### NORA PARSONS CENTRE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Nora Parsons Centre's Christmas Fayre is being held at The Venn Lane, Wichenford on Saturday 25th November, 1pm – 4pm. With Christmas cards, home-made cakes, preserves and produce, a tombola, bric-a-brac stall, raffle, 'Guess the weight of the cake', seasonal plants and wreaths and more, an enjoyable afternoon of shopping is in store. Contact Pam Morgan pamelamorgan272@btinternet.com for more details.

#### ST KENELM'S BIG CAROL SING

The 'Big Carol Sing' held by St Kenelm's Church, Clifton upon Teme last year was a resounding success, as were the wonderfully decorated Christmas Trees from the various groups in the village. This year the event will be held on Saturday 9th December, starting at 6.30pm with mulled wine and refreshments. Once again a Coffee Morning will be held in church on the morning of the event, so that groups can bring along their decorated trees in time for the evening. If your group would like to be involved this year, please contact Barbara C Seeley on 01886 812763 / barbarachristineseeley@yahoo.co.uk or Nigel Roberts at robertslake@aol.com. The organisers will be in touch with those groups who took part last year, hoping you will want to be involved again.

#### CHRISTMAS FLORISTRY WORKSHOPS

Why not explore your creative side this Christmas at a festive Christmas Floristry Workshop being run by florist Claire Hodgkins at Hallow Village Hall. The two-hour sessions offer the chance to make a beautiful Christmas wreath or table arrangement, with fresh seasonal foliage, material, destive drinks, nibbles and treats all included. All abilities welcome. Tickets £45 each workshop. To book contact Claire and Rachel on 07870 285987.

- Christmas Wreath Workshop, Saturday 9th December, 9.30 11.30am
- Christmas Table Arrangement Workshop, Sunday 17th December 2.30 4.30pm

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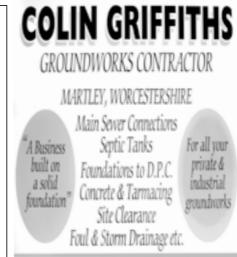
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## **TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE with Stephanie Mocroft**

In September the Teme Valley Wildlife Group was most fortunate in having Mike Averill, Worcestershire's foremost dragonfly expert, to lead our Sunday walk. Mike told us what to look for when identifying the County's dragonflies and shared with us his very extensive knowledge of natural history. Despite overcast skies we saw brown hawker and common darter on the wing and enjoyed hunting for otter footprints in soft streamside mud where Mike had come across them on a previous visit. Our young members were enthused by Mike's tales of the largest dragonflies in the world and some new members enjoyed seeing a new bit (for them) of the Teme Valley.

The circular walk took in a number of pools and followed footpaths close to my home. On the return leg one of our members spotted a plant in the hedgerow and asked me its name. Stumped, I had to confess that I didn't know what it was, and I then recalled with embarrassment that a similar walk I had devised to show off the Teme Valley to the visiting Bridgnorth Naturalists' Society, back in April, had gone past the same plant, eliciting the same question!

There was nothing for it but to get out the textbooks and track it down. It grows either side of a hedge boundary between an apple orchard and a sheep pasture. I had vaguely thought that it might be some sort of garden escape, but the truth was far more interesting. It turned out to be quite an uncommon plant, not native to Britain, a clump-forming perennial called Dwarf Elder. Its leaves are very similar to the common elder, but the stems are less woody and grow to only three feet high. Like elderberry it has black berries, but instead of hanging down in generous bunches they are stuck, rather sparsely, on the ends of short, red, upward-pointing stalks. Dwarf Elder has another name. Thought to have been introduced into Britain during the ninth century AD, it is also called Danewort. Perhaps because of its red-coloured stems, tradition has it that it springs up at a place where the blood of a vanquished Danish invader has been spilled. Other local names are Dane's Blood and Dane Weed.



The Danes attacked Anglo-Saxon Britain from the late eighth to the ninth centuries and carried out raids on its heartlands by sailing up the River Severn. Worcester was raided on many occasions and there is an old story that a Dane was caught carrying away a chalice stolen from the cathedral. He was stopped, flayed alive and his skin was nailed to the cathedral door, where it remained for many years. It may be a legend, and a bloody one at that, but recent DNA analysis bears out the possible truth of the story. In the Teme Valley the Danes were said to have reached Eastham and Rochford (Danish names are recorded in the Domesday Book by a later Norman administration) but it was said that they did not cross to the north of the Teme. My plant lies within Lindridge, north of, but in sight of, the river, so who knows? Maybe a slain warrior really does lie in the ground beneath what is now quite a luxuriant clump of Dwarf Elder.

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to share your sightings, visit the Teme Valley Wildlife Facebook page. The group normally holds meetings on the second Thursday of the month. Call 01584 881397 or email zeunie@hotmail.com for more details.



Autumn rainbow from New Mill Bridge at Shelsley Beauchamp, taken by local photographer Michael Whitefoot

## IT'S PUDDING TIME! ADD FLAVOUR TO STIR-UP SUNDAY WITH YOUR TEME VALLEY APPLES

Sunday, 26 November 2017 is the Sunday before Advent and 'Stir-up Sunday' – the traditional day to put on your apron and gather family or friends to make a Christmas pudding! The following recipe, published by Tesco Real Food, includes a Bramley apple – perhaps a chance to add your own Teme Valley produce to the mix.



The National Archives UK (Making the Empire Christmas Pudding)

## Ingredients

110g (3 3/4oz) suet 110g (3 3/4oz) white breadcrumbs 1 tsp mixed spice 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg 225g (8oz) dark brown sugar 1 clementine, zested 1 lemon, zested 25g (1oz) blanched almonds 25g (1oz) candied peel 100g (3 1/2oz) sultanas 100g (3 1/2oz) raisins 250g (8 3/4oz) currants 50g (2oz) dried cranberries 1 Bramley apple, cored and diced 150ml (5fl oz) Guinness 2 tbsp brandy 2 eggs 50g (2oz) self-raising flour, sifted

#### Method

- Place the suet, breadcrumbs, spices, sugar, citrus zest, almonds, dried fruit and apple in a large bowl and combine well. Whisk together the Guinness, brandy and eggs, then pour this into the fruit mixture and mix again really thoroughly (this is where you can get the family involved, each member stirring and making a wish!) Cover and leave to stand overnight
- Sift in the flour and mix thoroughly before spooning in to a 1.2 litre (2pt) basin.
   Cover the top with a circle of greaseproof paper and then cover with another larger piece that has a fold in the middle, which enables to pudding to expand. Tie round the rim of the basin with string. Repeat with a piece of foil, tying with string
- Put in a large pan. Use a trivet or, if you don't have one, something small such
  as a saucer to prevent the pudding from touching the base of the pan and getting
  too hot. Then pour in boiling water to at least halfway up the side of the basin.
  Steam for 8 hours, over a low heat, checking from time to time as you will need
  to top up the water
- After 8 hours, remove from the pan and store somewhere cool until Christmas. To
  eat the pudding, steam as above in step 4, for 2 hours. Carefully remove from the
  pan, then remove the foil and paper and invert onto a plate to serve

### **CALENDAR**

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 2 Clifton upon Teme Parish Council Meeting, Clifton Village Hall, 7.40pm
- 4 Rural Reels film: Hidden Figures, Clifton Village Hall, 7pm
- 7 Shelsleys' Parish Council Meeting, Shelsleys' Village Hall, 7pm
- 7 Ladies Fashion Show & Clothing Sale (Clifton School PTA), Cob House, Wichenford, 7pm
- 8 Clifton Home Group Revival meeting, The Rectory, 7.30pm
- 8 St Kenelm's Home Group Revival meeting, Clifton Rectory, 7.30pm
- 8 Teme Valley Talk with Hannah & Joshua De Lisle, Shelsleys' Village Hall, 7-9pm
- 8 Shelsleys' Gardening Club, The Wonder of Wild Flowers, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Teme Valley Wildlife Group, Rochford Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Shelsleys' Village Hall Christmas Fair, 10am 1pm
- 14 Clifton upon Teme WI meeting and Christmas decoration workshop, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Lower Sapey Ladies Bible Study Group, venue / time tba
- 15 The Arts Society Teme Valley Lecture, Ludlow Assembly Rooms, 2.15pm
- John Brenton Gallery Opening Event, Homme Castle Barns, 6 9pm
- 25 Nora Parsons Centre Christmas Fayre, Wichenford, 1 4pm
- 25 Rural Reels film: The Viceroy's House, Clifton Village Hall, 7pm

#### **DECEMBER**

- 2 Shelsleys' Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10am 12noon
- 9 St Kenelm's Church 'Big Carol Sing', Clifton upon Teme, 6.30pm
- 12 Clifton WI Christmas party, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Shelsleys' Gardening Club with Adrian James, Clifton Village Hall, 7.30pm

## NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

## Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley) November 2017

Wednesday 1st	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 5th November 4th Before Advent All Saints	10.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Quiet Reflection	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Tuesday 7th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Sunday 12th November 3rd Before Advent Remembrance	10.30am	Remembrance Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Remembrance Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	10.30am	Methodist Remembrance Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Tuesday 14th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Wednesday 15th	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 19th November 2nd Before Advent	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Family Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Family Service with Baptisms	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Tuesday 21st	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Sunday 26th November Next Before Advent Christ The King	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
Monday 27th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Tuesday 28th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh

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In a double celebration held in Clifton on Teme, John Thacker of Upper Sapey celebrated his 90th birthday and Clifton couple, Marie and Eddie Thompson celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at a special party organised by the Clifton Friendship Club in the Village Hall.



John Thacker celebrates his 90th birthday



Marie and Eddie Thompson celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary

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