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Our front cover picture shows:

Naomi Higton in training for the Kilimanjaro Half Marathon

WELCOME to the March edition of our magazine.

'People' is our theme this month. However beautiful our valley it is the people that make our villages the warm, caring communities they are, and this time in TT we bring you a varied bunch of 'people' stories, beginning with some impressive young residents.

Don't forget you can keep up to date through the month by looking at our facebook page or our website www.temetriangle.net

NAOMI RUNS THE KILIMANJARO HALF MARATHON

Naomi Higton, who features on our front cover this month, grew up in Clifton upon Teme, enjoying her time at The Primary School, The Brownies and later The Chantry. At 19 she went to medical school in Newcastle and whilst there has run three half marathons for charity and the Great North Run.

This week she is to run the Kilimanjaro Half Marathon in aid of Morning Star Children's Centre in South Africa inspired by her teacher at Clifton Primary. She told us:

"This wonderful organisation tirelessly supports children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. It was my utter pleasure to visit them a few years ago and see first-hand the incredible love and care they offer to so many precious souls entering their building. It was also a wonderful opportunity to see Sarah Wilkins, my Clifton Primary School teacher now working there, she is my lifelong inspiration."

"If you would like to support this charity, and I would whole heartedly say please do!! Their website is at: <u>http://www. morningstar.org.za/</u> Or if you would like to do so via my Kilimanjaro run please visit <u>https://www.justgiving.com/</u> fundraising/Naomi-Higton2

There are others in our area undertaking charity feats this spring and they all deserve support. We would love to include your achievements on our facebook page so please send us your news.



KIT TAKES UP NEW CHALLENGE

This month we also have news from 21 years old Kit Marshall from Shelsley Beauchamp who is following his dream to live and work in Scotland near Loch Sween on the west coast. Kit went from Chantry to Hartpury Agricultural College before working for several local farmers and building his own small flock of sheep in the valley.

He told us: " I am really looking forward to the challenge, and I love it up there but I will definitely keep in touch with Teme Triangle and all my friends in the area through facebook."

YOUNG CLIFTON FOOTBALLERS SCORE

Well done to the team at Clifton Primary School who did so well in their matches this winter.

After being rearranged from October AND November, the footballers finally played their next set of league matches against Hallow and Astley schools in January. The whole team was very excited to see if they could carry on their winning run in the league.



'The first match was against Hallow and they won 5-1.

Then a great match against Astley ending in a draw, 1:1.

Well done to all of the players and parents who braved the cold to play and cheer them on". The next round of matches is in March.

Read the full story and all about Clifton School's other activities on http://www.cliftonupontemeprimary.org.uk/docs/newsletters/2017-02-03 Newsletter.pdf

SCHOOLBOY RUGBY FAN'S SURPRISE RENDEZVOUS WITH FRENCH TEAM

Clifton schoolboy Callum Gascoigne has become an avid fan of French rugby since going to Sixways recently with his father Steve to watch Brive Rugby Club play against Worcester Warriors.

The fact that Callum's mother Virginie is French might just explain his initial interest, but finding himself among the Brive supporters at the match in Worcester, Callum was invited by the President of the Brive club to join the rest of the players in their dressing room at the end of the game.

To Callum's delight, he was photographed (*pic*) with one of the Brive star players, 6ft 4in loose forward Fabien Sanconnie, hotly tipped to be selected for the French national squad.



JOHN THACKER'S GRANDSON WINS TOP POETRY PRIZE

News this month also from Bristol University student Jack Thacker, grandson of John Thacker (*Memories of a Herefordshire Farmer*), who has won the prestigious Charles Causley Poetry Competition for a poem inspired by one of the tracks of his grandfather's popular double audio CD.

John's *Memories of a Herefordshire Farmer*, based on his life at Poswick Farm at Upper Sapey, include an account of loading a bull into a lorry at the farm in 1942. "We were trying to load the huge bull into Bill Griffith's lorry," says John, who was aged 17 at the time. " I remember pulling on the bull's nose ring and getting him to go up. I wasn't afraid; when you're that age you're not afraid, are you?"

Jack Thatcher, whose father Willie now farms at Poswick, grew up on the farm. He receives a $\pounds 2,000$ prize and an invitation to stay for a week at Charles Causley's former home in Cornwall, during his centenary year (Causley was born in 1917).

He is also due to take up the post of Resident Poet at Reading Rural Museum in the autumn after graduating from Bristol.



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On Wednesday 8 March we welcome back Celia Davis who will be talking about Plants for Butterflies and Moths. She is extremely knowledgeable and has wonderful pictures.

On Wednesday 12 April our speaker is Brian Draper. He is well known to many of us and this time he will be telling us all about our local river Teme. As always, visitors are very welcome to our meetings now held in Clifton Village Hall at 7.30.pm.

More information from Norah Tompkinson 011299 890030

COFFEE MORNING SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP

The Management Committee of the Shelsleys' Village Hall will host a regular coffee morning, the first Saturday of every month starting 1st April 2017. Volunteers are needed to make and donate cakes for this event.

Please contact Carol on 01886 812180 or come along to meet and make new friends and have a natter.

AGM SHELSLEYS' VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting for the Shelsleys Village Hall Management Committee will be held on April 4th 2017 @ 7.00pm in the Village Hall.



QUIZ NIGHT

The Lion Inn, Clifton upon Teme

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Up to 6 people per team/£3 per person

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TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE GROUP

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday March 9th 2017 when we welcome back Rosemary Winnall who will be talking about the Nature of the Wyre Forest. The meeting is at Rochford Village Hall at 7:30pm and as always it is just £2 on the door where everybody is most welcome. For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to

give us your sightings visit our Facebook page. The group normally holds meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. 01584 881397 or email zeunie@hotmail.com



THE MOCKINGBIRD BALL

On the evening of Saturday June 24th 2017 a Black Tie party will take place in the grounds of Hillhampton House, near Great Witley. This very special event will celebrate what would have been Anna Wilkinson's 18th birthday and is being held to officially launch and raise funds for the charity set up as her legacy. More information from:

www.theannawilkinsonmockingbirdtrust.co.uk

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The enthusiastic PTA team have had a super start to this academic year raising over £2,000 to go towards a much-needed replacement for the children's play area and equipment on the playground. However, we still need to raise significantly more to complete the project.

Having such success with our Ladies Night and Christmas Fayre we are now in the throes of planning Silent Auction and our Summer Fayre. The Summer Fayre on Saturday 1st July 2017 is set to be fun for all the family. Please save the date and make sure you join us.

If you would be interested in a stall do get in touch. We have a Facebook events page to keep track of this and all other events we will be holding in the future. All our events are included in the school's newsletters which can be accessed online here <u>http://www.cliftonupontemeprimary.org.uk/News/Newsletters/</u>

We've also launched a lottery. A guaranteed prize goes to someone from our supporters list each week, with a further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw. Tickets cost £1 per week and 40% goes directly to the school. If you'd like to enter into our lottery, please go to <u>www.yourschoollottery.co.uk</u> and search for 'Clifton'. The lottery is open to all those who wish to support the school.

Friends of Clifton (PTA) would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and invite you to all events in the future. If you would like to make any donations towards any of our fundraising efforts, please do get in touch via our email address <u>cutpta@gmail.com</u> or leave a message for us in the school office.

GUIDES COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 18th March at the guide hut 10am till midday. They are looking for bric a brace, jumble, nearly new items, and will collect.

GUIDES PRIZE BINGO

Prize bingo in aid of Clifton Guides and St Michael's Hospice At Great Witley Village Hall on Friday 24th March 730pm eyes down at 8pm Please support us! They are looking for prizes for the night Bottles, toiletries or unwanted presents Happy to collect More information from Angie Griffiths

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Church Matters

Church Warden at Kenelm's Clifton upon Teme

For the last couple of years I have been privileged to be one of the church wardens for St Kenelm's. It is a challenge to fit this in whilst holding a full time job but far more than worthwhile, especially having such a wonderful role model my fellow warden, plus the other very caring and hard working members of the Parochial Church Council.

Having been lucky enough to have spent 29 years in a career that involved world travel, I visited countries where religious freedom did not exist. The simple liberty of going to church was not an option, or where priests or congregation can be attacked, just for their belief.

Sadly even in our own country there are too many places where churches are kept locked other than for services. Some churches are also becoming 'Festival Churches', opening and holding services only for the main religious events, Christmas, Easter etc.

It serves to remind me how lucky I am to live in such a beautiful county, such a beautiful village and to have a church that is open all day every day. We are now part of a larger team of sister churches, sharing vicars and lay preachers, helping each other and keeping our rural places of worship 'fully operational'.

I am a very small cog in the big machine, but happy to be that small part in passing on a loved and working church to our future generation of villagers.

COME Along – Sunday, 19th March 10.30am St Kenelm's Church, Clifton

COME to play COME for coffee COME to share COME stands for Children, Older, Middle aged, Everyone, so ALL are welcome!

This month we are trying something different at the COME Family service. We are combining Messy Church for the children with coffee, croissants and Sunday papers for the adults. This is a chance for all the family to come along, have a chat over coffee, join in a discussion, make something with the children and just share an hour on Sunday morning with the Clifton community.

<u>All</u> are warmly welcome so bring the children and grandchildren, husbands, wives, partners, aunties and uncles! The more the merrier! We look forward to meeting you all.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS IN THE PARISH OF THE SHELSLEYS

The Shelsleys' Village Hall on Thursday 9th day of March at 6.00pm

This meeting may be attended by:

- 1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and
- 2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence

Revd Canon David Sherwin (Minister)

LOWER SAPEY NEWS

As I write (mid February) winter is turning out to be very cold and dank with only occasional, sun and a few flutters of snow; however the snowdrops have arrived and are promoting the usual happiness and no doubt premature thoughts of spring. Each day though, we find the daylight stretching just a little bit more.

St Bartholomew's windows look wonderful with the still fresh masses of flowers which arrived for John's thanksgiving service - of which more follows here:



Pat Savage and family wish to thank those who sent messages of sympathy and prayers after the loss of John, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. A thank-you too for the generous donation of £204, given after the thanksgiving service. £100 has been donated to St Bartholomew's Church and £104 to the YMCA for their work among homeless young people.

Our services for March

5th March with Mark Wild.

12th March, Methodist communion with Revd. Peter Grimwood there is no service scheduled for St Bartholomew's on 19th March. Mothering Sunday on 26th March will be with Jen Denniston.

There will be no Church flowers for March as it is Lent. Church cleaning will be taken care of by Pat Savage.

Ladies Bible Study will for this month only be on WEDNESDAY 15th March with Pat Savage at The Hatt.

Finally the mobile library will visit on Friday 10th March at 10.20 and 10.40. Now we hope Spring will be arriving!





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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 1st-5th January 2017 for inclusion in Teme Triangle

Excerpts from the Minutes provided by Clifton upon Teme Parish Council.

The complete version of the Approved Minutes can be found on the Parish Council website: <u>http://clifton-upon-teme-pc.org.uk/</u>. If you would prefer the PC to email a copy of the unabridged Minutes to you each month please let one of the Parish Councillors or Clerk have your details and email address.

Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 1st December 2016 having been amended so that the file name and heading read 1st December 2016 were approved by majority decision (HW/WB): amended Minutes to be printed for the February meeting to be then signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

To receive the report of Worcestershire County Councillor (WCC) Ken Pollock - For Information

CCIIr Pollock updated Members on WCC budget considerations for 2017/2018 and precept setting.

To receive the report of Malvern Hills District Councillor (MHDC) Caroline Palethorpe – For Information

DCllr Palethorpe had conveyed her apologies for absence from the meeting and provided an email report circulated to Members.

Planning

Planning Applications:

Application No: 16/01682/LBC

Proposal: Timber frame repairs, sole plate & plinth repairs, 3 windows, new canopy to Door 1

Location: Ham Bridge House, Clifton upon Teme, Worcestershire, WR6 6DU

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Kazim

Members resolved (MN/WB) to record no comment re this application

Details of Decision Notices:

Application No: 16/00763/LBC

Proposal: Repair works to the main roof

Location: Corner Cottage, 12 The Village, Clifton upon Teme. WR6 6DH Applicant: Mr A Johnson

Members noted MHDC approved the application on 21st December 2016

Reports of other "Planning" related Matters:

Members resolved (MN/BY) to respond to the SWDP related consultation: Planning for Health in South Worcestershire Supplementary Draft using the draft prepared by HW.

Excerps from the Minutes of Clifton Parish Council continued.

Highways and Byways

Lengthsman: reminder to clear footpath/verge Old Road/Post Box/Church. Tree Warden had conveyed apologies for absence. Clerk to obtain a quotation for tree survey.

Clerk to remind WCC re dead trees at Salford Court Farm.

Dog Fouling: Members noted DCIIr Palethorpe's report.

Finance

Bank Reconciliation; Members noted the submitted report.

Members noted that no income had been received since the December meeting. Payments to be made in respect of outstanding invoices and requests for payment totalling £3,604.29 were approved (WB/HW).

Budget/Precept 2017/2018

Following determination of budgetary and contingency requirements Members unanimously (BY/WB) resolved to notify MHDC that Clifton upon Teme's Precept requirement for 2017-2018 would be £22,500.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group (NPSG)

Members noted a report from Cllr H Winer, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group that the Regulation 16 Consultation was being progressed by MHDC prior to submission to the External Examiner.

Pavilion and Playing Field

Members considered quotations for lowering the hedge behind the Scout Hut and resolved (MN/BY) to accept R A Wilks' quotation of £450.00 plus VAT. Members noted that the new signage re balls, dog fouling and parking had been erected.

Items for inclusion on a future agenda

Consideration of access from Pound Meadow properties onto the playing field;; Defibrillator; wooden planters.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 19:40 hours at Clifton upon Teme Village Hall.

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JEAN MIAC - 90 YEARS YOUNG ON VALENTINE'S DAY!

Jean and her family would dearly like to thank everyone who made her recent birthday so special. She moved to Clifton just over two years ago, following the death of her husband of 60 years. Frank served with the Free Polish Forces during the war, hence Jean's unusual surname.

She was overwhelmed by the vast amount of cards, gifts and kindness from so many individuals, too numerous to mention by name. The staff at the Lion Inn came in early to cater for a birthday evening meal, (despite the rush for Valentine's diners). The WI, Friendship Club and the Nora Parsons Day Centre all went out of their way to make the occasion so special. Many heartfelt thanks to you all; you know who you are!



Jean Miac

Tom Barnes

JO BEAMAN

Jo Beaman (nee Wall) who had lived in Shelsley Beauchamp since 1938, died last month. The Wall family came to work at Church House Farm from the Kinlet Hall Estate and Jo married Wilf Beaman. The family lived on Birche Berrow until recently when Jo moved to sheltered accommodation in Tenbury. We published Jo's recollections of wartime Shelsley Beauchamp in our magazine in May 2013 and you can read the full article on our website www.temetriangle.net (go to past issues)

JOHN SAVAGE

John Savage who was a lay preacher in both the Methodist and Anglican churches has died this month. John was a popular leader of services across our benefice. His memorial service was held in Harpley close to the family home.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE – THE ANCIENT HERON

One of the long-running projects that the Teme Valley Wildlife Group has set up is a survey of common birds. Anyone can sign up to take part and note down, each month, the largest number of birds of the same species seen, simultaneously, at the same location. The list of birds to look out for comprises fifty common species and participants can choose a convenient viewing spot such as a garden, field, woodland or riverside area, and can spend as much or as little time as they like on the project.



The figures are entered into an online database kindly run by committee-member Geoff Wookey. At the end of each year the results are collated, and presented at one of our meetings. We have participants all over the Teme valley area, but are always keen to encourage more people to take part. If you are interested, do get in touch and we'll help you to get going.

On checking my records in January I noticed that I had recorded a heron as a silent visitor to my garden pond for every month since October. I would like to say that it is a joy to see all avian visitors to my garden, but in the case of the heron, I would prefer it if he did his fishing elsewhere!

He, or maybe she, the sexes are similar, stands next to the pond, still as can be, a yellow eye fixed on signs of prey. Seen close up the heron is a surprisingly big bird with long thin legs and an exceedingly long sharp bill. He appears serious, patiently watching, motionless and unflustered. When he sees me looking at him he makes a languid leap upwards and with a slow flap of his wings he takes off over the hedge and away. Sometimes he settles on the next-door roof-ridge, hoping that I will go away so that he can resume his task, always watchful, always still.

Herons eat frogs, small rodents and beetles as well as fish. The heron we see in Britain is the grey heron, having a grey back, dark grey flight feathers, a white neck and a black head crest. In flight the neck is folded like a keel and the spindly legs trail out behind. Herons roost in colonies in trees and are particularly active at dawn and dusk. In past times, like swans, they were royal birds, like swans they were consumed at banquets, "larded with swynefat and eaten with ginger" apparently, but you are not likely to see one on the menu nowadays given that they are now a protected species!

In Tudor times herons were hunted with hawks, and if caught by falcons were often released to ensure future sport. Shakespeare mentions them in "Hamlet", using an old word "handsaw" to describe them. "I am but mad north-north-wes'; when the wind is southerly, I know a hawk from a handsaw"

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday March 9th Rochford VH when we welcome back Rosemary Winnall who will be talking about the Nature of the Wyre Forest.

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Donations: Anything un-wanted would be appreciated to raise funds for Shelsleys' Village Hall (Charity number 523190) Toys Jigsaws Perfumes Bric a Brac Jewellery etc. Profits will go towards the maintenance and improvements to the Hall. Items donated will be sold via car boot sales, jumble sales and ebay Call Carol on 01886 812180 <u>carolsmith321@outlook.com</u> to arrange for collection or drop off at 8 The Bungalows Shelsley Beauchamp

AND FINALLY

Local filling station update:

Following our item last month about the demise of the Great Witley Filling station on which so many rely, we are now told that the business was rented to the company now in administration and another tenant has been installed. Thus works have commenced and it is hoped that the garage and shop will be re-opening in the next few weeks.

Meanwhile restoration has begun on the Hundred House Hotel site.

Don't forget to check our website <u>www.temetriangle.net</u> and our facebook page for developments in our villages.

CHURCH SERVICES

Wed 1st March Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 5th March	10.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	4.00pm	Teme Spirit	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Monday 6th March	10.30am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 12th March	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Communion Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Wed 15th March	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 19th March	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Come and Praise Family Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
	11.00am	Quiet Reflection	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
Sunday 26th March Mothering Sunday	10.00am	Family Worship	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
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CALENDAR

March

- 1 Clifton Friendship Club 48th Anniversary Lunch, VH 12.30pm
- 7 Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 8 Shelsleys' Gardening Club meeting: Celia Davis Plants for Butterflies & Moths Clifton VH 7.30pm.
- 9 P.C.C. Meeting Shelsleys' VH 6pm.
- Teme Valley Wildlife Group 'The Nature of the Wyre Forest' Rochford VH 7.30pm.
- 13 Lion Inn Quiz evening in aid of Clifton Early Years Centre, 8pm
- 18 Clifton Guides coffee morning, BP hut 10am
- 24 Prize Bingo in aid of Clifton Guides & St Michael's Hospice, Great Witley VH 7.30pm.

April

- 1 Shelsleys' Village Hall Coffee Morning
- 4 Shelsleys' Village Hall Management Ctte. AGM 7 pm.
- 12 Shelsleys' Gardening Club meeting: Brian Draper The River Teme Clifton VH 7.30pm



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