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Our front cover picture shows:

The Royal Wedding Big Breakfast team in Clifton (left to right): Mandy Henry, Marion Dipple, Rachel Austin, Heather Hurley, Gay Jackson and Sue Everitt.

WELCOME to the June 2018 edition of Teme Triangle. As I write this, the neverending April rain seems like a lifetime ago and we have been lucky enough to have some extremely warm weather recently. Fingers crossed that summer is definitely here to stay.

CLIFTON CYCLISTS FOR CHARITY

Four intrepid Lycra-clad Clifton residents have been busy toning up their leg muscles and training hard for challenging charity cycle rides in recent weeks.

Three of them, Marion Dipple, Rachel Austin and the Rev. Becky Elliot, have been preparing for the Women V Cancer – Ride The Night event in London at the end of May. And making up the squad was Chris Hurley, soon to celebrate his 70th birthday and taking part in 2018 Beaverbrooks Bike Ride in Lancashire in June.

The three women take part in the gruelling all-night 60 mile cycle ride through the streets of London. One of them, Marion Dipple, is still receiving treatment for breast cancer following a diagnosis in 2016.

"I wanted to do something to say thank you and to celebrate the amazing care I have received from the NHS, and the wonderful support of friends, family and colleagues throughout this experience", says Marion. "I hadn't ridden a bike for decades and indeed didn't even own a bike until just before last Christmas. The challenge of riding 60 miles through London in the middle of the night was therefore somewhat daunting."

Chris Hurley will be riding for 45 miles along the coast between Cleveleys and Lytham St Annes to raise much needed funds for Trinity Hospice on The Fylde in Lancashire where he used to live. "Now that I have my e-bike I can think about doing things that many of my friends have been doing for years - sponsored bike rides!" he says.



SHELSLEY WALSH HILLCLIMB UPDATE

Robin Webb, Operations Manager, writes:

"The competition season got off to a beautiful and sunny start on the first weekend of May and, considering we had been thinking about cancelling due to a waterlogged car park just one week earlier, the weather gods smiled on us and nobody had to be rescued, with both car parks doing their job. It's been a long, wet winter and 7 months had passed since our last event in September.

Much work takes place over the winter and fallen trees and tree branches had caused us more problems than usual. We now have



a high security camera system in place which runs 24 hours a day and it records everything from the previous 30 days. It appears to have had an affect with less illegal use of the hill out of hours, which is something we have been trying to achieve for a while.

To cover the costs of running this large site we do attract commercial revenue from product launches and photoshoots. The Teme valley is very beautiful and typically English and is always a favourite with professional photographers, especially on a sunny day. During April we had visits from Autocar Magazine who spent two days taking some wonderful shots of the cars that had made the finals in their 'Car of the Year' awards. The results should be in their next publication.

We also had a visit from New Holland Tractors from Basildon in Essex. The venue was full of brand new shiny blue tractors and we even managed to persuade

them to drive one up the hill to establish a new Tractor record. A time of 98.70 is now set in our permanent records.

In June we host the prestigious British Hill Climb Championship and in July we have our ever popular Classic Nostalgia event which is like an overgrown garden party from the 50's. If the weather is kind then this is a 'must see' event and there are usually a few celebrities around."



CAMOMILE AND CORNFLOWERS.....

Local Shelsley flower grower 'Shelsley Herbs & Flowers' has recently changed its name to 'Camomile & Cornflowers'.

Owner Kate Hurst loves to grow delicate, fragrant flowers and herbs, then blend them with unusual foliage from her 3 acre mature garden in Worcestershire, to reflect nature in all its forms.



Kate says: "We have

been busy promoting British flowers at the Malvern RHS spring show, where the 'Flowers From The Farm Victorian floral lady' won Silver Gilt. We will also be promoting British flowers at St Hellens Garden Festival in Much Marcle, Herefordshire on 9th and 10th June." Kate will also be opening up her garden to the public on 24th June.

You can pick up a posy from Top Barn farm shop, or order something special from kate@camomilecornflowers.co.uk or visit www.camomilecornflowers.co.uk.

NEW SHELSLEY'S PARISH COUNCILLOR

We welcome Dr Laura Taylor, a local resident who has joined the Shelsley's Parish Council. Laura's father Tony has recently stepped down from the Parish Council after many year's service. We asked Laura her reasons for volunteering for this role:

"I moved to a cottage on Stanford Rd in June 2016, but my parents have lived in The Shelsleys for nearly 20 years so I have a strong connection with the local area. By joining the parish council I want to help our community come together on local council matters, encourage participation, and show the parishioners that they can have real influence over their surroundings. I work as a small animal vet and I relish problem-solving, so I'm hoping that I can transfer my communication skills and caring nature to my role as a parish councilor".



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Robin Dean writes:

"For 19 years, Ray has been our Postie and the Village decided that we would like to thank him. About 20 villagers attended this event. There were scones, cakes and cups of tea. Iain Patton made a presentation to Ray of a framed picture of himself (Ray!) with a dedication to him. Thanks to Iain and Milly for overall organisation, Chris and Ann for the picture and Jenny and all the ladies who provided the scones and cakes."



FIRST CATHOLIC MASS FOR 450 YEARS IN LOWER SAPEY

An ecumenical congregation celebrated what was probably the first Catholic Mass for 450 years at Old St Bartholomew's Church in Lower Sapey in May.

The service was led by Fr Edward Corbould, a Benedictine monk from Ampleforth Abbey, assisted by Canon David Sherwin. The choir of local residents was led by Shane Connolly.

Old St Bartholomew's is a redundant Anglican church now under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. It dates from the early part of the 12th century, although there is mention of a priest there in the Domesday Book. More recently, restoration has been carried out by The Friends of Old St Bartholomew's Trust.

(Left to right) High Sheriff of Worcestershire, Cassian Roberts; Jane Roberts; Canon David Sherwin; Fr. Edward Corbould; Candida and Shane Connolly.





LION INN CRIB TEAM

Last year the Lion Inn Crib Team were runners up in the Bromyard League, with equal games and points to the winners!

This year, after a slow start, they fininshed 6th.

However, Simon Fisher and Jeff Pinson won the Memorial Cup (a first for the Lion), Alan Bridgens and Ray Neave won the Doubles Cup and Simon Fisher won the Singles Runners Up Cup, so they returned home with 3 cups!

A good end to the season.

WHITE PHEASANT DIARY DATES

1st June – Without Fight 6th July – Mel and Him 3rd August – One Tree Canyon

4th August – Liquorice Lounge (post Tenbury Show party)

PENSAX THRIFT SHOP

For a long time now, Pensax Thrift Shop has each year chosen a charity to support. Amongst the charities for which we have in the past raised funds are: Midlands Air Ambulance, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Help for Heroes, Birmingham Children's Hospital, Worcester Breastcare Unit and Tenbury Hospital. Following this tradition of supporting really worthy causes, our chosen charity for 2018 is Acorns Children's Hospice in Worcester. Any donations – goods to be sold in aid of Acorns, prizes for our Acorns Raffle in July, or money – will all be very gratefully received. Thank you.

We are proud to announce that earlier this year a cheque for £500 was handed over to the Motor Neurone Disease Association as a result of our charity fundraising in 2017. This charity was chosen following the death from MND of our friend Gill, a long-standing supporter of the Thrift Shop.

The Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday morning until early December, 9-11am in Pensax Village Hall on the B4202. We would be really pleased to see you, whether you have goods to sell, or you just want to browse around our stalls and meet friends old and new. A warm welcome awaits you!

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE SHELSLEYS' ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 8 MAY 2018

The Shelsleys' Annual Parish Meeting, held at the Village Hall, was attended by only five residents.

Parish Council Chairman Cassian Roberts sent an annual report in which he thanked all councillors and the parish lengthsman, and welcomed new Councillors Karen Metcalf and Dr. Laura Taylor. He also confirmed he is immediately standing down as Chairman, due to his appointment as High Sheriff of Worcestershire. The nomination of a new Chair and Vice Chair was postponed until the Parish Council meeting of 10 July.

It was also noted that a large number of planning applications had been received in the past year, but apparent lack of Malvern Hills District Council interest in previous objections was concerning. High vehicle speeds on the B4203 Stanford to Great Witley road were described as 'a potentially serious Highways issue' that is being monitored post-resurfacing. Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb event frequency and attendee conduct had raised concerns, but issues seem to have abated.

In the Public Question Time session, residents asked about local Superfast Broadband status. Parish Clerk Jan Speyer said an update from BT is awaited, but the current plan is for 'most properties' in the Shelsleys to have Superfast Broadband access by end 2018, feasibility pending. Certain local postcodes however are not scheduled until 2021.

Concern was raised by residents about semi-permanent flooding and potholes in Pard House Lane, making it 'unfit for purpose'. Planned resurfacing may be insufficient. The Parish Clerk will write to Highways to see whether something more substantial can be done.

A resident also asked the Parish Council to be more proactive in communicating its plans and activities with locals. For example, the extremely poor public attendance at the current 'useful and relevant' meeting may be due to low awareness. The possibility of future emails to residents will be considered by the Parish Council, subject to GDPR feasibility.

HOPE LANE AND HOLLYBUSH LANE, CLIFTON

Hope Lane and Hollybush Lane in Clifton will be closed for three days beginning Monday 11th June to enable Severn Trent to carry out water connection work. Diversions will be in operation.

NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Anyone interested in local history is invited to a special event taking place at the Cob House, near Martley, over the weekend of Saturday 28th July and Sunday 29th July, organised by the North Worcestershire Archaeology Group (NWAG).

The 'Dig into your local history' event will provide an opportunity to explore various activities in geology and archaeology that are happening locally. It promises to be fun for all ages.

REPORT FOR CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Report for Clifton upon Teme Parish Council meeting – Thursday 3rd May 2018 Dear Councillors,

Freedom Leisure: Freedom Leisure manages the sport and recreation facilities at Sport Martley and Tenbury Community Pool. We are pleased to confirm that there has been a significant improvement in Freedom Leisure's Health and Safety score following a recent audit. Their score is in fact the highest across the Freedom Leisure Group. Whilst there has been a lot of work undertaken to address concerns in a previous audit, they stress that this is a continuous process to making improvements within the centres. Freedom Leisure has welcomed our feedback, assistance and support and we look forward to our continued partnership with them.

Sports awards nominations now open: Nominations are now open for the Malvern Hills District Community Sports Awards 2018. These awards provide an opportunity for schools, volunteers, teams, coaches, clubs, projects and participants from across the Malvern Hills District to be recognised for their outstanding achievements and dedication, as well as to celebrate the good practice that continues to grow throughout the sporting community.

If you feel you know an individual or group who have gone the extra mile to help others, excelled in their sport or contributed thanklessly to their community, then nominate them so they have a chance to get the recognition they deserve. The nomination deadline is Friday 25 May. Visit www.malvernhills.gov.uk/sportsawards for more information.

New Reception Building: Members of the Southern Area Planning Committee have approved plans for the new reception building. A small extension will be added to the Grade II listed Council House linking it to the existing outbuildings which will be refurbished.

The neighbouring Priory Lodge Hall (the Council Chamber) will be unaffected but will undergo a separate programme of structural repair work. We have worked closely with Historic England on the design and it is hoped work will commence in September. This is a major step forward allowing us to bring telephone and face-to-face customer services back in-house, improving access for residents and saving in the region of £100,000 a year.

Affordable Homes: MHDC have secured government funding that will help to encourage community led housing in the district. Community Led Housing (CLH) enables communities to get involved with and be at the heart of schemes that will help deliver affordable housing to meet the needs of people who live and work locally. The council have pledged support to CLH after securing an allocation of £169,100 from a national £60 million fund. More information about Community Led Housing is also available online at www.malvernhills.gov. uk/community-led-housing-fund.

Ward Budget: Once again, I will be able to provide small grants to community projects this year. Please get in touch if you have an idea. Last year I supported Clifton Rovers FC with a new set of goal posts and nets and Nora Parsons Day Centre with a contribution towards a new commercial dishwasher. Grants were also provided to worthwhile activities within the other four parishes in the Teme Valley ward.

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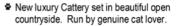
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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 5th April 2018

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: http://clifton-upon-teme-pc.org.uk/. 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 8th March 2018 were approved (RH/HW) and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Progress Reports/Updates on Matters Previously Considered, relating to outstanding items not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda:

Defibrillator and cabinet: Members accepted with thanks Cllr Yarnold's offer to organise and erect at his cost

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

CCIIr Pollock had apologised for his absence from the meeting and sent a report circulated by email.

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

DCIIr Palethorpe informed Members that she had arranged for the MHDC street cleaner to clear the mud off the footpath between the Church and Old Road; however responsibility rests with WCC Highways. Early notification of DCIIr Palethorpe's 'Meet your Councillor' opportunity on 18th September (report circulated by email to Members).

Finance:

Payments to be made in respect of outstanding invoices and requests for payment totalling £1,446.59 were approved (WB/HW)

Members resolved (HW/WB) to accept the tabled quotation for contractor grass cutting during the 2018/2019 financial year.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):

Members resolved (RH/HW) to request a quotation from the Webmaster to remove specified files from the website, Facebook and Twitter, in order to ensure interim compliance with GDPR.

Members resolved (WB/HW) that the Clerk record those working hours spent on GPDR compliance matters: payment of additional hours to be submitted on a monthly basis. Ongoing review of arrangements.

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Progress report published on the Parish Council and Teme Triangle's websites.

Property related matters:

Members resolved (HW/RH) to authorise payment for location and repair of leaks in the pavilion (14 areas).

Members noted that both shower units and the water heater in the kitchen were beyond repair (Insurance broker thought it unlikely that the insurer would agree to cover the costs of replacing these).

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, Members resolved (HW/WB) that the public and press be excluded pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The reason being: matters linked to hire agreements and meeting with Clifton Rover Football Club.

Update - Clifton upon Teme Bowls Club:

Members noted updates in relation to the March meeting with the Clifton upon Teme Bowls Club. Members noted correspondence from the Bowls Club who the PC had assisted in approaching CCllr Pollock for a donation from his divisional fund as part of the Parish Council's follow up from the meeting in March. CCllr Pollock had donated £1,000 towards a water conservation and irrigation system. The Bowls Club had also been put in touch with DCllr Palethorpe who had offered to liaise with Martley Sports Centre in the hope of encouraging more users of the bowling facilities.

Update - BP Hut:

Members unanimously and regretfully resolved (HW/RH) to instruct MFG Solicitors in relation to a letter received from the Clifton upon Teme Scout & Guide Hut Management Committee who stated that they had sought legal assistance. Anticipated Solicitor's draft letter of reply to be circulated to Council Members with the formal response delegated to the Clerk in consultation with WB and MN.

See Appendix A. Informal notes of the meeting with Clifton Rovers Football Club.

Appendix A

Informal file note: Meeting with representatives of Clifton Rovers Football Club - Thursday 5th April 2018

Summary/overview of discussion areas:

CPC reiterated its unwavering support for Clifton Rovers Football Club and thanked the representatives for attending the PC meeting.

CPC confirmed it was looking at all user agreements re facilities at the Pound Lane site with the intention of issuing new standardised User Hire Agreements (renewable annually).

Initial discussion points related to club membership (a total of 30 players with 15 or 16 attending on average each week) and pitch maintenance (poor drainage in one area, most likely as a result of a blocked land drain).

Clifton Rovers stated that pre-season training (as the pitch would be too wet) was held at a leisure centre. They were charged £50 a session for hire of those facilities.

Clifton Rovers stated that they aspired to having access in Clifton to an all weather pitch and a bigger and better designed pavilion (2 x changing rooms, home and away showers, 2 shower units per room, disabled and ladies toilets).

Current fund raising initiatives – provision of new goal posts, cost circa £2,000 (£1,000 already received from CCIIr Pollock's divisional fund).

Clifton Rovers stated (summary):

- that the pitch had been unusable and not maintained prior to the football club being reformed now its a great facility for all to use
- they liked to feel they bring added value to the village through a sporting option for people and also by supporting the shop and pub
- provision of additional grounds maintenance: rolling the pitch to keep it flat and playable
 making it as good a facility as is seen in the Worcester area; re-turfing the goalmouths
 to keep them in good condition following excess usage from football and general public;
 Mowing and cleaning of the drainage ditch areas along the end and side of the pitch; cutting

of the hedge; additional mowing of the pitch outside of the PC mowing schedule; clean and maintain the areas used in the pavilion including painting of the changing rooms every few years

- Clifton Rovers were pleased that they were able to help provide an open access football
 pitch and goal posts for use of the children and other residents of the parish. During the
 summer, especially at evenings and weekends, the pitch was extensively used
- Clifton Rovers also stated that they greatly appreciated the support of the PC which helps to keep them going.

Action points:

- Clifton Rovers to try to source additional funding to purchase a new set of goalposts.
- Parish Council to try to assist in indentifying funding opportunities.

SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Draft Abbreviated Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on May 8th 2018 following The Annual Parish Meeting.

At the conclusion of his report at the Annual Parish Meeting, the current Chairman Cassian Roberts announced his resignation as both Chairman and Parish Councillor due to his appointment as the High Sheriff of Worcestershire

Present: W Sutherland, B Hart, D Bates, L Taylor and J Stinton. Clerk & 5 members of the public.

Election of the Chairman: No Chairman was elected for the year, Councillor Sutherland agreed to be chair for this meeting only.

Apologies: C Roberts, D Styles, K Metcalfe, C Warren. Dr K Pollock and C Palethorpe.

Declaration of Interest: J Stinton and D Bates for Village Hall. (VHMC members).

Minutes: The minutes for March 7th 2017 were approved as a true record and signed.

Public Question Time: Parish Council. It was suggested the Parish Council should be more proactive in engaging members of the public. Parishioners may be unaware of Council responsibilities and meetings and a more direct approach perhaps emailing parishioners with information would help.

The Clerk explained that there is information about the Parish Council currently on the WCC website under My Parish, shortened minutes are published in the Teme Triangle magazine and there is a link to the full minutes on the Teme Triangle website.

The agenda is published before meetings and is available on the WCC website. It is also placed on the notice board on the Village Hall as are the full draft minutes.

Financial Regulations, Risk Management and Insurance.

Review of the Risk Management was considered adequate for audit purposes. The insurance policy was reviewed and the premium agreed.

Individual Councillors appointed to offices: Village Hall Management Committee Mrs C Warren Tree Warden Councillor Stinton. Hill Climb liaison David Bates. Footpaths Karen Metcalfe.

Village Hall: The Insurance Policy was viewed and accepted. It was agreed to pay the hire charges.

Lengthsman: The Lengthsman's contract with Worcester County Council will be renewed. The maximum payment from WCC is £2365.00 Rob Wilkes's Annual Contract with the Parish Council, will be renewed in the same terms. Mr Wilkes will be thanked for his work.

Broadband Update: No update available.

Highways & Footpaths: The road closure on 28th May for two days at Stanford Bridge was noted. The alternative route via Pard House Lane is not considered acceptable due to the poor road surface. Road sweeping, despite numerous phone calls the clerk has not been able to obtain a satisfactory answer from WCC Highways Control. Mountain bikers have been using the Worcestershire Way, Clerk to enquire of WCC what can be done to control this.

County and District Councillor Reports: written reports will be available on the website.

Planning: 18/00637/LB Hillside Farm Camp Lane. Application arrived today and the decision deferred until all Councillors have viewed the plans online.

End of Year Accounts: 2017 2018 These were accepted and approved and signed. Audit: Section 1 was completed followed by section 2.

Clerk's report on urgent decisions: 18/00397/LB Shelsley Walsh MAC barn renovations. In consultation with Councillors, recommended approval

Correspondence: All items not previously emailed were circulated.

Finance: Insurance Came and Company £330.00

Clerk's salary and expenses £698.49. Lengthsman invoice for March £72.00

CALC subscription £260.02. WCC Salt payment £504.00

Clerk's PAYE, remuneration and HMRC payments are to be paid quarterly.

Bank balance at 7th May was unavailable.

Monies received Precept £2000. WCC payment for Lengthsman £600

Grants and Donations: Electricity for the Village Hall & Longside Radio to be reviewed at the next meeting. For the next agenda: Pard House Lane road surface and drainage. Broadband. Affordable Housing. Proactive contact with parishioners.

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The Trustees will be meeting 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 2018.

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 Mrs B Francis, Westmill Cottage, Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RR or by email: bridgetf@martley.org.

LOWER SAPEY NEWS with Marion West

So far we are having a tempting taste of summer - warm sunshine with hopefully lots more to come (with of course the soft refreshing rain at night for our gardens).

Preparations are afoot throughout the villages for various celebrations planned for THE wedding. Hopefully some pictures will be in time for this June edition of Teme Triangle.

On Sunday 17th June we are planning BART'S ART FESTIVAL from 11am until 5pm at St Bartholomew's Church. We shall be showing local painting, sculpture, craft-work, poetry and music. Also of course we shall be offering refreshments all day. Any donations will go towards our church heating, toilet and water supply for our kitchen facilities. Do come along and see what we are about!

As I prepare our notes to send off to Teme Triangle, I must mention the delightful Christian Aid coffee morning we enjoyed with Marion Dipple and friends! Pat Savage and I sat with our coffees in the lovely sunny garden watching little Charlie and his brother George playing with the Dipple's jolly family spaniel and a rather splendid miniature motor car operated by Charlie's feet! Thank you all for a very good morning.

JUNE NOTICES

Ladies Bible Study will be hosted by Sue Elson on Tuesday 12 June at 2pm.

Gay Sudbury will be taking care of housekeeping for St Bartholomew.

The mobile library will call on 3rd June.

BART'S ART 17th June 11am to 5pm.

WALKING WITH THE WOUNDED CHARITY WALK

On Saturday 19th May 4 local residents, Carole Warren, Emma Carpenter, John Bartholomew and Ian Dowling competed in the 'Cumbrian 4 Peak Tougher Challenge' for Walking With The Wounded.

Emma Carpenter writes: "The purpose of the Challenge was to raise at least £2000 which is the minimum amount required to rehab one soldier in their first steps after being injured in action, whether it be mentally or physically, but it is usually both. The Charity which has built vital associations with many corporate companies, then works at integrating these men and women back into the workplace when the time is appropriate.

We set off from Grasmere, just above Lake Windermere to take on the 18 mile route. Naively priding ourselves on being used to hills living in the Teme Valley, the team felt pretty confident. Straight from base camp there was a very steep ascent sorting out the men from the boys. We thought that might be one of the peaks but on our return we realised how small it was!

Our biggest climb was Wetherlam at 763 metres in height. Black Rigg, although somewhat smaller, also provided plenty of challenges. We climbed 2000 metres in total with very little flat territory. As with all these sort of challenges, it was largely a battle of the mind towards the end.

Determined to beat the first army team home that had headed us all the way, we were now picking them off one by one on the last climb. On reaching the peak, you could see the relief on people's faces as they sat to recover in the hot sun and take in the new view, camp site within reach. But we were on a mission, so no rest for us! The army boys were sitting, so time to widen the gap! A painful 2 mile descent on very rocky terrain took us to Grasmere and as we turned towards the finish line, with a surprising applause, there was that lovely feeling of accomplishment and of having done something good for those less fortunate.

We finished 6th out of 47 teams in our category and Carole and myself were the First Ladies home! And 'yes' we beat the Soldiers! But More importantly between us well over £2000 was raised. Thank you all of you that supported us. You have helped a worthy recipient start their recovery on a new chapter of their own life. So thank you."



TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE



Have you heard of the Great British Wildflower Hunt? Now could be a great time to find out about it, and maybe get involved. Promoted by the wildflower charity Plantlife, this is the second year of its existence, and the charity is keen for as many people as possible to take part. As a child I learned the names of wildflowers from my mother, my aunts and my grandmother. We regularly had family days out in the countryside, which were greatly enjoyed. Whilst there, we picked cowslips, which my grandmother made into wine, blackberries, which my mother made into jam and pies, and watercress, which my father gathered from streams familiar from his boyhood. (My mother always soaked the cress overnight in sterilising tablets from Boots, to stop us getting liver-fluke!)

Today far fewer children are engaged with the great outdoors and recent research has shown that less than half of 16- to 24-year olds can put a name to a bluebell. The same research found that only 4 in 100 of those asked could identify red clover. Although these results were somewhat disappointing, the good thing they also found out was that two-thirds of those answering the questions were keen to know more.

Alarm over the omission of words catkin, conker, buttercup and dandelion from the Oxford Junior Dictionary led Plantlife to try and make these words more relevant to the youngsters of today. Perhaps controversially, (and there's nothing like a spot of controversy to draw everyone's attention) they have launched a drive to encourage children to pick wildflowers and to create a traditional posy with them.

Six flowers have been chosen for child-friendly floral art. They are daisies, dandelions, meadow buttercups, primroses, red campion and oxeye daisies (sometimes known as moon daisies). They are all in flower in June, so why not go hunting with your children or grandchildren? As part of its project Plantlife has produced easy-to-use identification guides to flowers. They can be downloaded and printed onto paper, or accessed from a mobile phone. If you are interested, go to www.plantlife.org.uk/ wildflowerhunt to get started.

Making a daisy-chain, blowing a dandelion clock, playing conkers (you'll have to wait a few months for that!) – we'd like to see these simple pleasures available to everyone, although I hope we've got a head start, here in the Teme Valley.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday June 14th 2018. We welcome Johnny Birks whose talk will be on the desirability of re-introducing native carnivores to our landscape. The meeting is at 7:30pm and the venue is Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall. This is situated on the right-hand side of the B4214 Tenbury to Bromyard road, beyond the Stoke Bliss sign, and the post-code is WR15 8RR. It is just £2 on the door and everybody is most welcome.

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The group normally holds meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact Tel No. 01584 881 397 or email zeunie@hotmail.com.

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CALENDAR				
June				
1	The White Pheasant present 'Without Fight'			
2/3	Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh			
5	'Adoption' talk in Shelsley VH, 7 – 9pm			
7	Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm			
12	Clifton WI visit to Ridge End Dairy Farm, Wichenford			
16/17	Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh			
24	'Camomile and Cornflowers' open garden, Shelsley Kings			
30	Midland Automobile Club meeting, Shelsley Walsh			

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Sunday 3rd June	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton	
Trinity 1	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley	
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp	
Tuesday 5th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp	
Wednesday 6th	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton	
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton	
Sunday 10th June Trinity 2	10.30am	Methodist HC Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley	
•	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh	
Tuesday 12th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton	
	8/00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton	
Sunday 17th June Trinity 3	10.30am	COME Service	St Kenelm, Clifton	
	3.00pm	Visual Arts Festival with Afternoon Concert and Tea	St Bartholomew, Harpley	
Tuesday 19th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley	
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton	
	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley	
Sunday 24th June Trinity 4	10.30am	Quiet Reflection	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp	
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton	
Monday 25th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton	
Tuesday 26th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh	

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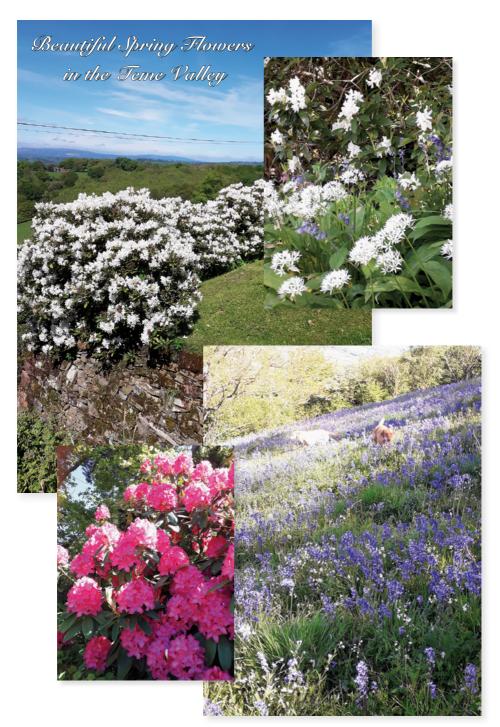
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