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Clifton Primary School Eagles class 'Big Build'

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Katie Stewart, daughter-in-law of Shelsley Beauchamp residents Jamie and Isa Stewart, with her niece Rosie Collins enjoying the Crib Service at All Saints Church in December (Rosie's father Sam took this photo and the others in our report on page 26)

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Our front cover photo shows:

Pupils from Clifton Primary School's Eagles class show models they made of local landmarks for the 'Big Build' project (see report page 3)

CLIFTON SCHOOLCHILDREN'S BIG BUILD

Children from Clifton Primary School's Eagles class have been working on a project with a community liaison officer from local construction company Lovell Homes. As part of the 'Considerate Constructors' scheme, they have prepared two models for the 'Big Build' project/competition. They chose to build models of St Kenelm's church and a depiction of what they thought the Motte and Bailey castle historically situated by Ham Bridge might have looked like. *(See the pupils pictured on our front cover).*

ART COMPETITION PUTS SAFETY FIRST

Pupils from Clifton Primary School have taken part in a 'site safety' drawing competition after a recent visit to The Meadows housing development in the village. Showcasing what they learnt during their trip, the pupils drew posters showing how to stay safe on a building site, with the winning posters being displayed around the development. Receiving prizes for their drawings, the top three entries completed by Charlotte, Olivia and Braxton aged five include 'wear a hard hat', 'wear a hi-vis jacket' and 'don't go behind reversing vehicles', to teach the importance of site safety.



Earl Patrick, Lovell Homes community liaison officer with pupils Braxton (back), Olivia (front left) and Charlotte (front right).

Trish Foster, regional sales director Lovell Homes said: "With the school being so close to The Meadows, we decided to get the children involved in the project and show them the workings of a real building site. It was great to see their entries which illustrate what each pupil had learnt during their visit. The children did so well and we are looking forward to having the posters displayed on site for visitors and staff to see."

Cathryn Throup, Headteacher at Clifton Primary School said: "We have been teaching the children about 'homes' in their recent topic work, so it was great to have the children engage in the local development and reproduce what they had learnt."

FRIENDS OF CLIFTON SCHOOL 2018 ROUND-UP

Since September the Your School Lottery has provided an income of £370.30, the profit from Christmas card sales was £141.81, the autumn disco raised £121.50, the Winter Warmer Quiz evening raised £633.89 and the Christmas raffle raised £398.00 – making a total of £1,665.50. Last year the Friends of Clifton School supported the school in purchasing a portable PA system and stand, books for Robins class and Christmas gifts for the children, leaving £1,387.65 for the autumn term. Some of these funds will go towards new sports kits, glockenspiels and other needed curriculum enhancements. Chairman Jacqui Rowe said: "We thank everyone for the support of the families of children at the school and the extended community who support the events. My thanks go to all those on the PTA team who give up their time and energy to ensure the events can go ahead as smoothly as possible." The Friends also supported the 'Band on the Green' village event in December where they were joined by the Tenbury Town Band on the village green for a festive celebration of Christmas songs. The Lion Inn provided mulled wine and minced pies and children's refreshments. The Friends Christmas Quiz in December raised a total of £633.89 which may be used to purchase new sports kit for pupils to wear at cluster tournaments.

SCOUTING NEWS



CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL IN SECRET SESSION

Following the banning of the Scouts group from using the Baden Powell hut in the village for non-payment of rent (see December/January *Temé Triangle*), Clifton Parish councillors have declined to discuss the matter openly at recent meetings and voted instead to exclude the public from their deliberation.

When it was raised at a meeting of the Parish Council in December, Chairman Maggie Newman said the Council was “not allowed to discuss the matter because of legal action”.

Guide Leader Angie Griffiths asked: “Why have solicitors been brought in? Why waste Parish Council money employing solicitors instead of just meeting us informally?”

Local resident John Wain said: “What’s been lost here is that no account is being taken of the interest of the people of Clifton. They don’t care who owns the BP hut, all they understand is what use their children and grandchildren have of it.”

Parish Clerk Jeanette Hill said: “The Parish Council owns the land. The lease was forfeited by the Scouts not paying their rent among other things. The Parish Council must protect its assets”.

COUNTY GRANT TO LOCAL SCOUTS

The newly-formed Clifton Scouts group is expected to benefit by around £1,000 thanks to a £10,000 grant from Worcestershire County Councillor Ken Pollock’s Divisional Fund to the Scouts in the Tenbury ward.

CLIFTON SCOUTS INVESTITURE

A special Investiture ceremony will be held for the new Clifton Scouts group on Tuesday 12th February in the Village Hall, to mark the official formation of the group at which all new recruits and leaders will be enrolled into the movement. The ceremony, at 6pm, will be attended by Robert Sidley, the Hereford and Worcester County Commissioner for Scouts.

CLIFTON’S NEW SCOUT GROUP SEEKS VOLUNTEER TRUSTEES

Clifton’s new Scout group is looking for trustees to help oversee the running of the group. Details of what the role involves can be viewed via the following link: <https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/ScoutingPlusTemp/210510/Trustee%20Role%20Description%20and%20Person%20Specification.pdf>

BEAVER LEADERS WANTED

Leaders are also wanted for Beavers section (6-8 years old) which meets on Tuesday evenings between 5pm and 6pm. Contact Deborah Haywood for details: deborahhaywood@hotmail.co.uk or 07540 606425.

CLIFTON'S HOPE LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LATEST

A new planning application to build 24 houses on the site in Hope Lane, Clifton, has been submitted to Malvern Hills District Council planners by developers Guild Homes Ltd of Stourbridge. The latest application, which includes a total of nine 'affordable' homes, replaces a controversial earlier application for 30 houses on the same site, originally submitted by Miller Homes in 2013, and subsequently acquired by developers Galliford Try. The consultation period ended on 19th January.

A meeting Clifton Parish Council last month commented that the design of the proposed development was "not compliant" with the Neighbourhood Plan and expressed concern over the additional traffic generated during construction. But Councillor Russ Henry said he objected to the proposal: "We should be putting down a marker to say it does not meet the small-scale development criteria of the Neighbourhood Plan. The situation has changed since planning permission was originally granted."

CLIFTON MUM FINDS DREAM HOME AT THE MEADOWS

Local Clifton mother, Julie Collins, is one of the first occupants of the new houses in The Meadows off Pound Lane.

Julie (46) moved in a few weeks ago with daughters Heather (13) and Jessica (9), having grown up in the village. Her parents, Bob and Gillian Collins, live in Saxon Close.

"The developers, Lovell Homes, have been really helpful and supportive," she said.

VILLAGE-WIDE EFFORT FOR BAND ON THE GREEN

The evening of Friday 22nd December was dry and mild and a good crowd of people from the village and beyond gathered on the village green in Clifton to sing Christmas songs and carols.

Once again, the Tenbury Wells Town Band, played for by the takings from Village Christmas cards which many people bought, played under the awning provided by the Friends of the School. The school also loaned their PA system which made announcements so much easier. Lighting was provided by Yeomans Garage, Clive Austin and Carl Gibbs and powered thanks to John Fletcher. Mulled wine and mince pies, kindly donated by John and Jean Brandon of The Lion, were quickly and eagerly consumed. Chairs and tables were loaned by the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, the refreshments awning by Mike and Becky Skellern and the green was fenced for us by Lovells.

Particular thanks should go to the Friends of the School, without whom the event would not have gone ahead. They benefitted, thanks to the generosity of the crowd, to the tune of £163. The organising group, Jacqui Rowe, Mandy and Russ Henry, Ros and John Wain, had help from Brian Knibbs, Nick Wain, Nick Rowe, Jack Whittenbury, Angie Griffiths, Chris Hurley, Martine Jones, Steve Gascoigne and many others. Thanks to all who supported in any way.



*Julie and her children
outside their new home*

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Another local 'litter pick' will take place on Saturday 16th February, between Clifton and Harpley. Organiser Candy Connolly said: "We know that many of you pick up litter regularly on your dog walks or as you see it around the lanes. However, once a year we make a special effort." The schedule for 16th February will be as follows. Contact Candy Connolly for litter picking kit: candyconnolly@icloud.com

- 10.30am **Harpley West group**
meet at Marion West's house, High Lane, to walk to Harpley Church
- 10.30am **Hollybush group**
meet at Hollybush crossroads to walk to the pumping station
- 11.00am **Harpley Litter pickers**
meet in the Harpley Church car park to walk toward Clifton
- 11.00am **Clifton Litter pickers**
meet at the Village Green to go west to the pumping station in Hollybush Lane
- 11.45am Allen Everett to pick everyone up at the pumping station
- 12 noon Meet at the Lion Inn, Clifton, for a drink
- 12.45pm Transport arranged to take litter pickers home and pick up litter bags

COME ALONG TO CLIFTON CRAFTERS

The Clifton upon Teme Craft Group has had a successful start, meeting in Clifton Village Hall since September 2018. The group meets every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30 in the Rowberry Room, Clifton Village Hall, until Easter. There is a charge of £2.50 a session which covers the cost of the hall, tea and cake.

Organiser Ruth Wilson said: "It is an opportunity to meet others whilst completing those unfinished projects lurking in a cupboard such as hand sewing, knitting, crochet, weaving, tapestry, paper crafts etc. The group is very informal and friendly, a chance to share skills and ideas, but really an excuse for chatter, tea and cake whilst crafting!"

Anyone interested can turn up on the day when they can. For more information contact Ruth Wilson on 01886 853574.



MARTLEY YOUNG FARMERS

Carol singing thanks

On 19th December we were joined by Reverend Sherwin to do our annual carol singing around the local pubs. We started off at The Talbot at Knightwick, we then went on to The Royal Oak, The Dewdrop and finished off at the Admiral Rodney. It was a very enjoyable evening and we raised £167.07 which we have split between the Club and St Peter's Church, Martley. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Big Breakfast returns

And don't forget to get your tickets for our annual Big Breakfast! Last February Martley Young Farmers held their second Big Breakfast at Martley Memorial Hall. This was a great success and allowed the club to donate £300 to County Air Ambulance. They enjoyed it so much, they have decided to hold another big breakfast on Sunday 10th February at Martley Memorial Hall. There will be two sittings: the first at 9am and the second at 11am. The breakfast will be a Full English, including cereals, fruit juice, tea and coffee. Cost will be £7 per person and children (up to 12 years old) will be £5. Tickets available from Martley Shop or order from Zoe (07772 202840) or Amy (07975 636122). Please buy or order tickets by Tuesday 5th February. All profits made are for charity. We look forward to seeing you there!



*Locals tuck in at Martley
Young Farmers' Big Breakfast 2018*

Zoe Wickens, Programme Secretary

CLIFTON COFFEE MORNINGS RAISE £1,000 FOR LOCAL GROUPS

The weekly Clifton Coffee Mornings held every Thursday at the Lion Inn raised £1,000 during the course of last year and the proceeds are shared among six deserving local groups: Guides £350; Brownies £150; Rainbows £100; Clifton Rovers Football Club £150; Bowls Club £125 and the Clifton Handbell Ringers £125. Ann McBryde said: "We are grateful to the Lion Inn for hosting these mornings and supplying prizes for our weekly raffle. Our aim has always been to support local good causes – particularly the younger generation."

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BUSINESS INSIGHT: HELLO FROM HALO

In a world where over 95% of all coffee capsules are plastic and aluminium, Shelsley Beauchamp businessman Ian Currie is making a difference. He is a director of Halo, a company that is making waves with fine coffees, packaged in a pioneering, compostable capsule. His son Charles is head of b2b for the company. Ian told us more.

When was Halo established, and why?

Halo was established in 2016 with a mission to rid the world of aluminium and plastic coffee capsules. The coffee revolution has happened and one of the key challenges the industry now faces is the millions of tonnes of waste created as a result. Aluminium and plastic coffee capsules are difficult to recycle so most of them end up in the bin, and therefore landfill where they can stay for up to 200 years. Most consumers don't understand the irreversible damage these coffee capsules are inflicting on the planet, so we decided there had to be a better solution and after a lot of R&D Halo was born. Halo is the world's first fully compostable coffee capsule filled with the finest, rarest and most desirable fresh coffee roasted and ground to perfection. Compatible with most leading home coffee machines, Halo is giving people the ultimate home coffee experience without compromising on taste, quality, convenience or the planet.



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What market response have you seen so far?

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What's the next step for Halo?

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SHELSELY WALSH HILL CLIMB LOOKS AHEAD TO A NEW SEASON

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, the oldest motorsport venue in the world, has announced its events calendar ahead in 2019 – and admission is free for local residents bringing proof of identity.



In hill climbing, authorised drivers compete against the clock to complete an uphill tarmac course. Founded in 1905 and run by the Midland Automobile Club (MAC), Shelsley Walsh is a 1,000 yard, 1 in 6 gradient track that takes top drivers around 30 seconds to complete. Events take place between May and September, with 2019 highlights including the Classic Nostalgia festival in June and the Championship Challenge weekend in August. Added to an on-site restaurant, a historic adjacent Water Mill to explore, and sometimes displays, live music and entertainment, there is lots to enjoy.

Office Manager Sarah Browne said: “We’d love to encourage local people to come and see what we’re about. Normally adult spectator tickets are £10-£25, but anyone local who can hear the Hill Climb from home, can come to our office on a public event day with proof of address, for free entry.”

The Hill Climb also supports charities via dinners and raffles as well as collections at most events. These raised several thousand pounds for good causes in 2018. “Charities are welcome to come and hold a fund-raising day at one of our events – and we still have spaces available for 2019, so get in touch!” confirmed Competition Secretary Lucy Hart. The venue also recently installed a defibrillator outside its restaurant which locals can access any time via public footpath, in case of need.

The Hill Climb also expects to welcome a new General Manager, Gary Hall, before the start of the season, who will steer the venue into the future.

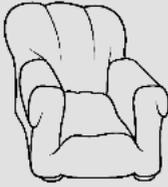
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2019 Hill Climb Dates

4-5th May	Speed into Spring: A round of the Midland Hill Climb Championship
1-2nd June	Best of British: Rounds of the British & Midland Hill Climb Championships
15-16th June	Classic Nostalgia: Pre-1980s cars, Club Championships and Demonstrations
6th July	Reg Phillips Trophy Meeting: Club Championships
7th July	Vintage Meeting: Co-promoted with the Vintage Sports-Car Club
27th July	Open Test Day: Non-competitive event
28th July	Summer Spree: Club Championships
10-11th Aug	Championship Challenge: Rounds of the British & Midland Hill Climb Championships
21-22nd Sept	Autumn Speed Finale: Club Championships

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CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 6th December 2018

Democratic Period: no matters additional to those on the agenda for further action.

629 Attendance

Present: M Newman (Chairman); W Bradley; N Parkinson

Apologies: R Henry; B Yarnold; County Councillor K Pollock; R. Wilks (Lengthsman)

In Attendance: District Councillor C Palethorpe; J Hill (Clerk)

630 Declarations of Interest Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda: none

631 There were no written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

632 Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council held on 1st November 2018 were approved (MN/NP) and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

633 Progress Reports/Updates on Matters Previously Considered, relating to outstanding items not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda None.

634 To receive the report of Worcestershire County Councillor (WCC) Ken Pollock - For Information CCllr Pollock had apologised for his absence from the meeting, his emailed report had been circulated by email.

635 To receive the report of Malvern Hills District Councillor (MHDC) Caroline Palethorpe – For Information DCllr Palethorpe summarised her report which had been circulated by email to Members.

636 Planning

a) To consider planning applications referred by Malvern Hills District Council for comment prior to publication of the agenda: none received

b) To consider under the Scheme of Delegation any Planning Applications received between publication of the agenda and the Meeting: none received

c) Details of Decision Notices:

Application: 18/01178/HP

Location: North Milestone Cottage, Clifton upon Teme, Worcester, WR6 6EW
Proposal: Single Storey Rear Extension

Applicant: Mr & Mrs A & R Wilson

Members noted that MHDC approved the application on 14th November 2018

d) To consider reports of other “Planning” related Matters received by the Council prior to the commencement of the meeting: none received.

637 Highways and Byways

a) Lengthsman: Grit bins checked at Clerk’s request. Some of the WCC owned bins had not been filled. The Clerk reported that she had contacted WCC. Highways to revert

b) Public Rights of Way: no issues to progress

c) New Highways and Byways: the work recently undertaken by the landowner at Woodmanton Corner is not suitable for purpose. MHDC will resolve using powers under Section 25 of the Land Drainage Act 1991: this empowers English District Councils to compel landowners to fulfil their drainage responsibilities

d) Members resolved to delegate to the Clerk the ordering of 2 ton of grit, when required, via R. Wilks.

638 Finance

- a) Bank Reconciliation: Members noted the tabled bank reconciliation
- b) Income: Members noted that no new monies had been received
- c) Payments to be made in respect of outstanding invoices and requests for payment totalling £1,396.36 were approved (MN/WB).

639 Property related matters

- a) There were no urgent property related matters which arose between publication of the agenda and the commencement of the meeting
- b) Repairs to the pavilion: awaiting completion of PAT testing(electrics)
- c) Donation of a bench for use on the field: Members resolved (MN/WB) to approve the Eastgate Seat, BX2020-BP the design of the bench proposed by the football club.

640 Reports by Councillors There were no additional reports.

641 Correspondence for consideration and information No new matters requiring consideration.

642 Items for inclusion on a future agenda Budget/precept; welcome leaflet; asset management / user hire agreements: planters on the Green.

643 Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Clifton upon Teme Parish Council will be held at 19:40 hours on Thursday 10th January 2019 at Clifton upon Teme Village Hall.

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, Members resolved (MN/WB) that the public and press be excluded pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The reasons being matters linked to parish council assets.

644 Parish Council Assets

Members noted the verbal update and unanimously resolved (WB/MN) that MFG Solicitors be instructed to reply to a request from the Guides.

The meeting closed at 21:15 hours.

(Chairman – 10th January 2019)



A murmuration of starlings: Members of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group visited Aqualate Mere National Nature Reserve in Staffordshire in December, capturing the extraordinary spectacle of thousands of starlings swirling and swooping above the lake-side reeds at dusk.

SHELSELYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY – SHORT MINUTES

Abbreviated Draft Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on January 8th 2019

Present: Councillors Sutherland, Styles, Hart, Bates, Stinton, Metcalfe, Warren and Webber

In Attendance: Four members of the public, Dr K Pollock and the Clerk

Apologies: Councillor Taylor and Mrs Caroline Palethorpe

Declaration of Interest: None

Minutes: The minutes of November 13th 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Public Question Time: Broadband progress, see below. MAC (Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb) The MAC will send a representative to all future Parish Council meetings.

County Councillor and District Councillor's report. Received by email and circulated prior to the meeting and available on the WCC website. Dr Pollock expanded on his report and answered questions with regard to the emptying of gulleys on the B4203 and progress on Superfast Broadband.

Highways and Lengthsman: The Lengthsman's Report highlighted the need for clearing work on the old Stanford footbridge.

Road sweeping and verges Camp Lane. MHDC sweeper cleaned mud from part of Camp Lane, Clerk has requested entire lane to be swept. Lorries have caused damage to house verges. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to those concerned explaining the Parish Council's position. There was no support for a request to make a passing place.

Wheelie bin stickers 100 to be ordered for interested properties within the 30mph area.

Stirt layby and illegal fly tipping. **Fly tipping** on private land is the owner's responsibility. No recent incidents of large scale tipping have occurred. **Dog Waste bin.** Clerk to contact MHDC about siting of bins. **Pudford Lane grit bin.** Bin 376 has been replaced by a new bin, the old bin has been filled but not sited in a position requested by the Parish Council.

Planning: 18/01839/LB and 18/01840/HP Church House (summerhouse). Parish Council supports the application. 18/01846/FUL Land at Shelsley Beauchamp (OS7355 6281) agricultural building extending to approximately 25m x 10m. Comments to be sent to MHDC. MHDC decisions. 18/01270/FUL Lilac Cottage Camp Lane refused. 18/01321/FUL The Old Rectory Shelsley Beauchamp refused. 18/01760/AGR Kingswood House Kingswood approved. **Clerk's report on urgent decisions.** In consultation with Councillors, comments submitted on 18/01760/AGR Kingswood House.

Progress reports: Broadband. BDC is laying fibre cables in parts of the parish on behalf of BT but there was no substantive evidence of imminent connection. Parish Council to enquire of WCC for an update of the situation. **Precept:** The request will be for £4,000 the same as the previous year. **Finance:** The following payments were agreed: Lengthsman's invoice. Clerk's salary and expenses. HMRC PAYE. Monies received: WCC (Lengthsman) £650.00

Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda. Possible Facebook page for Parish Council. Dedicated email addresses for Parish Councillors.

To decide meeting dates for July, September and November 2019.

The meeting concluded at 8.40. Date of the next meeting: March 12th 2019.

To view the minutes and agenda online go to the WCC website, and look at The Shelsleys: <http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>

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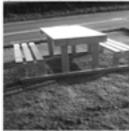
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During the Christmas period attendance at the various All Saints Church services was very encouraging. Fifty people came to the Carol Service and 71 to the Crib Service. Christmas Eve Communion and Christmas Day Services were also well attended. Thank you to Kate Hurst and Louise Hutton for organising the Crib Service, for everyone who helped decorate the Church, David & Ann Holloway for taking the boxes to the food bank. Robert Pound for the refreshments after the Crib service. A very joyous and community-led celebration of the reason for the season. *(See our inside front cover for an extra photo).*



REVERSE ADVENT SUCCESS

Thank you also to everybody who contributed to our Reverse Advent Box event. We were able to take 54 boxes containing 28 items per box to Worcester Food Bank after Christmas. This will provide food for many families during January, so they too can enjoy a healthy start to 2019. It is such a worthwhile project, let us extend it in Advent 2019 to beat our 2018 total. Watch out for the posters in late November, later this year.

Beryl Robson, Co-ordinator for Churches together and the Methodist Churches in Worcester.

ALL SAINTS FLOWERS THANK YOU

Thank you to all the ladies who provided flowers for All Saints Church during 2018. Your floral contributions enhanced the special celebrations and services and made a lovely focus for visitors and people who just came to sit awhile.

Jean Nuttall

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

Here we are in 2019: a new year to look forward too and an old year to look back on. 2018 was a very good year for winter snows, a late spring, hot summer days and a long lazy autumn.

A very good year for fund raising for St Bartholomew's Harpley, with Dot Millward raising over £400 with a lovely musical evening with Vocal Score singing songs from the shows, and from the ladies of the parish delicious puddings for the interval. Liz Younge's Christmas cards of St Bartholomew's in the snow raised an amazing £250. Well done to Dot and Liz for raising so much money – it takes dedication to the cause and great spirit. Thank you so much Bob Whitefoot for removing a sapling growing in the church roof. These things happen. Everybody needs a man like Bob in their life now and again! And last but not least, a very special thank you to Tony Verry for repairing the church heating in time for Christmas, making the Carol Service full of warmth inside and out by giving his time and great effort. It was a very difficult job, thank you Tony from us all.

May 2019 be a very good year and a Happy New Year to you all.

Notices:

- Bible Group Meeting: 12th February at Pat Savage's
- Mobile Library: 15th February at 10.20 and 10.40 am

Services at St Bartholomew's:

- 3rd February 10.30am BCP morning prayer with Pat
- 10th February 10 30am Methodist Service
- 17th February No service
- 24th February 10.30am Circle Service with Mark

Jane Dallow

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by Alana Cooper, Church Warden



Here we are again in a New Year. New resolutions made - and broken! The generosity of the community for the food bank and the homeless over the Christmas period reminded me of this following homily that we came across in our time at sea. I would like to share this with you, for thoughts for this new year filled with change and uncertainty. The very best of a New Year to everyone.

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store."

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide, and when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store, and all that you couldn't carry you could come back for more.

First I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row. Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH. I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race. By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered to get some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION, for SALVATION is free, so I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my MASTER's will.

As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in, for I know when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.

Then I said to the angel, "Now, how much do I owe?" He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."

Again I smiled and said, "How much do I really owe?" He smiled again and said, "MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!"



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Wednesday 6th	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 10th February 4 Before Lent	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
Tuesday 12th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 17th February 3 Before Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	COME Service	St Kenelm, Clifton
Tuesday 19th	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
Sunday 24th February 2 Before Lent	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 2 Shelsleys' Village Hall Coffee morning, 10am – 12.30pm
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm
- 10 Martley Young Farmers 'Big Breakfast', Martley Memorial Hall, 9 - 11am
- 10 Teme Valley Market, The Talbot at Knightwick, 11am - 1.30pm
- 12 Clifton WI: 'Foraging' with Simon Birbeck, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 14 Teme Valley Wildlife Group, Stoke Bliss and Kyre VH, 'Nature in Focus', 7:30pm
- 16 Litter Pick between Clifton and Harpley, various times and starting points
- 23 Rural Reels film:
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Clifton VH 7pm

March

- 2 Shelsleys' Village Hall Coffee Morning, 10am - 12.30pm
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm
- 10 Teme Valley Market, The Talbot at Knightwick, 11am - 1.30pm
- 12 Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting, Shelsleys' VH, 7pm
- 12 Clifton WI: Collage workshop, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 12 Team Ministry 'Quiet Day', Holland House, Crophorne, 10am – 4pm
- 23 Rural Reels film: *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Clifton VH, 7pm

TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF THE TEME VALLEY MARKET



The Teme Valley Market, which celebrates its 21st anniversary in 2019, is looking ahead to another year of bringing delicious local produce and crafts to the area.

The farmer's market first took place at the Talbot in Knightwick in 1998; the brainchild of Jean Clift with help from her two daughters, Wiz and Annie. The market took inspiration from Italy's Slow Food Movement and an increase in public interest about the provenance of their food. Jean soon found like-minded producers, and soon there was honey, jams and cakes, wine, cheese, eggs, meat, fruit, vegetables, cider, pies and beers on offer.

"I'm proud to say that there has almost never been a market missed!" said Jean. "There is a waiting list of stallholders wanting to join, so last year we extended the tented area so that more stalls could take part. We now boast new products such as chilli chutneys, gin, fish, award-winning fudge, artisan chocolate, teas and freshly baked bread." The market also offers plants, jewellery, wooden and knitted products and an artist blacksmith. The Handmade Scotch Egg company, launched at the market in 2003, is now a national success.

Ruby Williams of Ruby's Fudge, who is also Chairman of Teme Valley Market, confirmed: "At 21 years old the market is still thriving and developing. It is we believe the second oldest farmers market in the country. We have a professional, friendly group of stallholders who not only sell their wares but are also happy to talk to customers about their products. For updates customers can check our website, www.temevalleymarket.co.uk, request our emailed newsletter or follow us on Facebook or Twitter. It would be great to see you there!"

The market is held on the second Sunday of every month between 11am and 1.30pm.
The next six dates are as follows:

10th February	10th March	14th April
12th May	9th June	14th July

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