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# Teme TRIANGLE

Clifton upon Teme • The Shelsleys • Lower Sapey



*Clifton schoolgirl sends love and hope to Ukraine*

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*An example painting from Mel Williams going on display in London in April.*

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**Front Cover Picture:** A letter and soft toy sent from Clifton schoolgirl Pippa Richards to Ukranian children.

## **A VERY WARM WELCOME to the April 2022 edition of Teme Triangle**

As I write this, the sun has been shining for the past few days, gardens are becoming greener and there is a definite 'Spring' in the air – not just the season, but in everyone's faces.

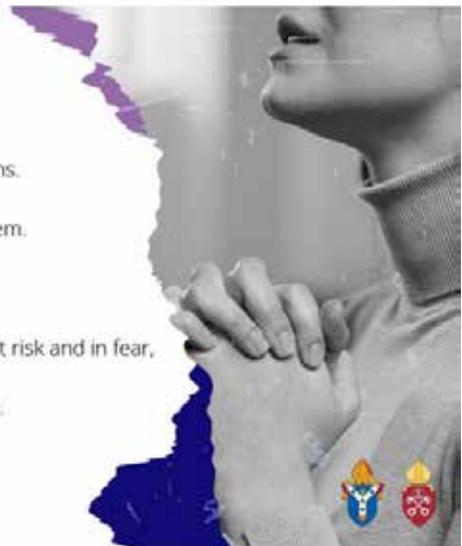
As can be seen in this edition, there is much to look forward to in the Teme Valley – art groups, organised talks, fundraising events and Jubilee celebrations are all getting back to normal and people are well and truly coming together again, which is wonderful to see and be a part of.

It makes it all the harder to believe, living our peaceful life here, that another beautiful country, Ukraine, is currently being attacked and destroyed. A totally unprovoked and unjustified attack on humanity and democracy. On behalf of the Teme Triangle Team, and I'm sure every single Parishioner reading this, we send all our thoughts and prayers to Ukraine, to stay strong and succeed in their battle against this terrible invasion. So to start this month, we say a prayer for Ukraine.....

### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby**  
**Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**



## DEAR READER,

'The greatest gift of Easter is hope'. *Cardinal Basil Hume*

Hope in a light at the end of the dark tunnel. Hope in a life where there is no suffering and no pain. Hope in God beside those walking through the valley of darkness, leading them to pastures new. The hope so many in our world are hanging on to – those in places of devastation such as Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Sudan; refugees displaced and a long way from home because of war and oppression; others living in fear of political tyranny; young soldiers fighting battles they don't understand; prisoners of poverty. The hope the terminally sick, the mentally ill, the anxious, the bereaved are holding onto.



Hope for a future where we are no longer abusing our climate; hope for a future where swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; hope for a future where our children can grow up in a world where people love and care for each other and war is no more.

On that first Easter morning the discovery of the risen Christ gave his followers hope and a new purpose. In celebrating the resurrection of Jesus this Easter we too can be filled with joyous hope for a life beyond our imaginations. A life we can build together in harmony rooted in the three distinctive Christian values St Paul talks about in his letter to the Corinthians – faith, hope and love.

And so 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'. Romans 15:13

Wishing you a 'peaceful, joyful, hope-filled, blessed Easter'

*Rev Anne, Team Vicar*

## CLIFTON SCHOOL GIRL SUPPORTING UKRAINE CHILDREN

After listening to the news about Ukraine, eight-year-old Pippa Richards from Clifton upon Teme wanted to reach out to the children there affected by the war. So she started writing letters and donating a toy with each letter.

But Pippa wants more children from the parish to help. "If more children wrote letters, the Ukrainian children will know we are thinking of them as far away as Worcestershire!" she said.

Her mother Suzi Richards added. "If anybody wants to join Pippa and write a letter, add a toy, wrap it up and we can send it over to all those poor kids. This will give them hope and joy and let them know we are thinking of them from right over here in Clifton!"

Pippa's family have kindly offered to help collect any donations as they have friends in Poland who are able to help co-ordinate the distribution of the letters and toys to refugees. Please contact [editortemetriangle@gmail.com](mailto:editortemetriangle@gmail.com) for contact details.

## **SUCCESS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS PROVIDING CARERS**

Organising care for his elderly father has led to James Price setting up a successful Home Care Company based at Homme Castle in the Teme Valley. 'Huuman Kind Care' has just been awarded a Care Quality Commission rating of 'Good' in all areas.

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## YOUNG CLIFTON FOOTBALL STAR

A huge congratulations to nine-year-old Charlie Stevens of Clifton who has been awarded a trophy for being the Football Development Centre Academy's 'Most improved player of the season!' "We are all really proud of Charlie and can't wait to hear what happens next on your footballing path," said a spokesperson for Clifton School, where Charlie is a pupil.



*Charlie Stevens with his trophy at the Sixways Stadium in Worcester.*

Charlie's father, Mark Stevens, said:

"Charlie got an award for being 'Player of the Term' at the Football Development Centre, a football academy linked to Aston Villa and other league academies. It takes the kids through the basic levels of playing and improving their skill set so they have the best chance of being the best player they can be. Charlie has been going to the Centre for nearly a year."

Recently his improvement has been noticed and he has signed for Worcester City U9's, playing a better level of football in the National Junior premier League.

## GREAT WITLEY ART GROUP

The Great Witley Art Group welcomes new members at their local, informal and friendly art group sessions. They meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm to 4pm at Great Witley village hall from September to May. During June and July members paint outdoors at different locations.

Each week there is an exercise or still life to paint or members can bring something of their own choice. There is no formal tuition but there is always someone on hand to offer advice and help. Membership is only £35 a year. For further information please ring Lyn Emery on 01886 812 582.

## LION INN QUIZ

The next Lion Inn Quiz will be held at 7pm on Sunday 24th April.

The proceeds from the quiz held on Sunday 20th March, will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) – Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Quizmaster Tony Clark said: “The February 27th quiz raised £80 for Mind UK. A letter of thanks from Rebecca Conlon of Supporter Relations Mind UK, sent to Andrea Bennett at the Lion Inn, expressed the charity’s gratitude for the generous donation which will help to offer vital support for everyone affected by mental health problems.”



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- 16/17 July – Classic Nostalgia
- 13/14 August – Championship Challenge
- 17/18 September – Harvest Festival

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Households in Harpley and Lower Sapey are now able to receive a superfast Broadband signal, thanks to the efforts of the BT Openreach team, led by Robert Stepniewski at Worcestershire County Council and District Councillor Caroline Palethorpe.

Hope Lane resident Candy Connolly said: "This will transform our lives. We are so grateful to everyone involved in making this happen, especially Howard Rigby and Bernadette Higgins."

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*Candy Connolly with the BT Openreach crew installing superfast broadband in Harpley last month.*

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We have also organised an Easter Bingo on Friday 8th April at Martley Village Hall, so if you love Bingo come on down to Martley Village Hall for what we expect to be a fun filled evening! The doors open at 7pm and eyes down at 7:30pm. There will be refreshments available and a raffle. Bring all the family along! For more information please contact Zoe (07772 202 840) or Amy (07975 636 122).

## CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS IN CLIFTON

This year's Christian Aid events in Clifton are as follows:



- Saturday, 14th May. 7pm at Clifton Village Hall: Presentation on the 'History of Clifton upon Teme' and the new Village Archive (Jerry Johns).
- Saturday, 21st May. 10am-1pm Breakfast at The Old House, Clifton (Marion & Tony Dipple).
- Saturday, 28th May. 10am-12.30noon Harley Plant and Cake sale at Harley Church.
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## CLIFTON JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in Clifton in June include the following proposals:

Church activities involving scouts and guides and bellringers will include afternoon tea served in the church on Saturday 4th June, followed by a performance of dancing on the Village Green by Attitude Dance.

Village organisations (WI, Friendship Club, Clifton Crafters etc) are invited to contribute to the celebrations in some way. The Clifton WI are baking a special Union Jack cake for the occasion.

On Sunday 5th June there will be a village walk leaving from outside the school on the green at 10am (route to be confirmed – volunteers are needed to lead the walk).

The walk will be followed by a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' on the village green from 12 noon to 2.30pm. Please bring a plate of food to share (sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls, etc). Long tables will be set up (separate tables for specific dietary requirements) and drinks. There will be some tables and chairs set up on the Green, but these will predominantly be for residents with mobility issues, etc. Otherwise, residents are welcome to bring camping chairs or rugs. If anyone would like to provide cakes, please let Mandy Henry know.

In the event of wet weather on Sunday 5th, the Big Jubilee Lunch will be held in the Village Hall. Tea packs for vulnerable residents will be delivered during the course of the afternoon on Sunday. Volunteers to help with deliveries would be welcome. Contact Mandy Henry 01886 812 238 or e-mail [amandajhenry1970@gmail.com](mailto:amandajhenry1970@gmail.com).

The Parish Council will be providing special Jubilee paper plates etc and also a glass of fizz to toast the Queen. Drinks will also be provided for the children. Tree planting in the church garden; the Parish Council will obtain a tree from the Queen's Green Canopy project (subject to availability) to plant in the re-developed church garden. A plaque will be placed on the church wall (organised by Parish Council). Bunting will be placed around the perimeter of the village green and along the walls of the church.

## THE SHELSLEYS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A Jubilee Working Group was established in January to plan a series of celebrations and other activities to mark the Platinum Jubilee. The current proposals include:

- A Jubilee Service at All Saints Church on Sunday 5th June at 11.00am.

- Following the service, a Jubilee Party will be held at the Shelsley Beauchamp Village Hall (12-6pm), which will be opened with a bang (literally) and a royal toast with a glass of fizz. The bar will be open and we are hoping to have a pig roast, tea and cakes, children's games and a village photo will be taken which will be framed and hung in the Village Hall. Marquees will be put up next to the hall with tables and chairs



that will also provide shelter if the weather is poor. Invitations to the Jubilee Party and a very brief questionnaire will be hand delivered by a group of volunteers within the next few weeks. Please do reply to this if the volunteers do not catch you at home.

- Planting seven trees below the Village Hall next to a footpath to commemorate each decade of Her Majesty's reign. The trees will be planted later in the Autumn, but at the Jubilee Party we are asking the youngest and oldest members of the parish to participate in the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

- We are hoping to commission the painting of a large parish map that will be hung in the Village Hall that will show all the houses in the parish as well as other landmarks. The plan is to have the map ready to be unveiled at the Harvest Supper later this year.

- Each household will be given a china Platinum Jubilee mug with the option to purchase additional mugs.

- Bunting has already been purchased to dress the village for the Jubilee weekend.

It certainly promises to be a very special, memorable day!

## **SHELSLEY WALSH HILLCLIMB TALK**

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Along the way he will touch on the impact of the Norman conquest, the rise and fall of the Walsh family, the Gunpowder Plot, the Teme valley iron trade and the links to the Witley Court estate.

After the 19th century agricultural depression, came village revival under Montague Taylor's ownership and the 1905 lease to the Midland Automobile Club.

The story concludes with the glory days of the hill climb when crowds of 10,000 and more witnessed the rivalries of the great European works teams and the celebrity drivers of the 1930's.

Thursday 14th April, arrival 6.30pm for 7pm start.

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Booking on-line at <https://www.shelsleywalsh.com/events-1/the-story-of-a-village-an-illustrated-talk-by-max-hunt>.

## CLIFTON BUS SHELTER PROPOSAL

Plans to erect a bus shelter in Clifton were discussed at last month's meeting of the Parish Council following a plea from local resident Maurice Richards.

Parish Council chairman John Bowden said the matter had been raised before, but that there had been no agreement on where a bus shelter could be located. Parish Clerk, Michelle Alexander, pointed out that the location would have to meet the necessary safety requirements and require the approval of Worcestershire County Council Highways department. There might also be restrictions on the type of shelter if it was located in a conservation area.

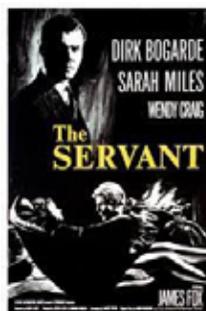
County Councillor David Chambers said he may be able to contribute some funding towards the cost of installing a shelter.

## RURAL REELS IN CLIFTON

This month's screening in Clifton Village Hall will be 'The Servant', the acclaimed 1963 British drama film, directed by Joseph Losey and written by Harold Pinter, starring Dirk Bogarde, Sarah Miles, James Fox and Wendy Craig.

The film will be shown on Saturday 23rd April (re-scheduled from February). Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Mandy Henry: [amandajhenry@gmail.com](mailto:amandajhenry@gmail.com) or 01886 812 238.



## CLIFTON W.I. NEWS, by Ruth Wilson

Clifton W.I. were entertained and educated by Philip Bowen for the March meeting. Philip's talk, '1950's Decade of Optimism' was an interesting reminder of events starting with the Festival of Britain in 1951 and the Skylon. Rationing was still in force from 1940 and was removed in July 1954, making recent toilet roll and flour shortages seem insignificant. Ultrasound was first used to scan babies in 1956 in Glasgow. The Comet developed and produced in Britain was the world's first commercial jet airliner, but following several accidents, had to be extensively redesigned, becoming less popular although also adapted for military use. In 1957 the Windscale fire occurred, the worst nuclear accident in UK history, burning for three days and releasing radioactive fallout across UK and Europe. Concerns over possible iodine-131 contamination led to milk from an area of 190 square miles being destroyed for about a month. Other topics included the Suez Crisis, Smog, Harold Macmillan, life expectancy (65 years), post war poverty and the breakup of the British Empire. Philip's talk showed the decade as a time of postwar development and optimism, as well as some disasters,...but did it last?

April's talk is on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30 when Louise Mawditt from Angel Gardens at Mill Farm, Stanford Bridge will be entertaining the WI. Please do come and join us, or if you want more information about the WI in Clifton, please email Penny Bowden [cliftonontemepres@wfedwi.org.uk](mailto:cliftonontemepres@wfedwi.org.uk).

## TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

Last year I wrote about sparrow hawks in one of my articles and had not imagined that I would return to the subject so soon. However, a couple of weeks ago I witnessed a sight that I think is worth describing. It happened in the town of Stourport-on-Severn. As I descended a canal bridge on my way to the postbox outside the Co-op an elderly man nudged me and said “you don’t see that often, not in Stourport”. I looked across the road and saw nothing. He then pointed down and on the opposite side of the road, in the lee of the kerb, a sparrow hawk was standing on a town pigeon, tearing bloody strips from it with a powerful curved beak.

What was surprising was that cars and vans were passing within inches of the two birds and along the pavement shoppers walked past totally oblivious to the drama going on at their feet. The hawk took in all these sights as she raised her head to swallow her food, but her large eyes betrayed not a shadow of fear nor any sign of concern. The elderly man had spotted her at the moment she had taken the pigeon out of the sky and wondered if it was the same bird he had seen previously in other parts of the town. I moved on, wondering whether at 11:40am the bird’s meal was a late elevenses or an early lunch.

It is perhaps not surprising that food dropped by humans onto pavements should attract pigeons and that their proliferation should cause predators to follow them there, but the wild acts of beak and claw are not what you expect to see in town on the way to post your letter. Sparrow hawks have long been well adapted to man-made structures, though. After all, they acquired the name hedge hawk by taking advantage of the invention of the hedge in the rural landscape. Now they are dodging round buildings to dive onto their prey in its urban counterpart.

And they are not the only townie birds of prey. In recent years peregrine falcons have taken a liking to cathedral towers and I believe are resident at both Worcester Cathedral and in the spire of the Glovers’ Needle. Indeed I think I recall that some orphan Clee Hill peregrines were relocated to Salisbury Cathedral tower after the cruel actions of racing-pigeon enthusiasts left them in need of a new home. Some Cathedrals have even gone as far as live-streaming the nesting activities of their raptor lodgers, using web-cameras hidden high up in their towers.

Perhaps eventually we’ll see red kites back on the city streets. In Tudor times these birds were the refuse collectors of their day, clearing up detritus from the streets of London. Only fairly recently did they retreat to the fastnesses of the Welsh mountains, but how I delight in seeing them now, overflying my orchard, thanks to re-introduction programmes and feeding schemes in the Welsh Marches. They’ve certainly expanded their range eastwards and maybe are now breeding in the valley. I hope so.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will take place at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall, WR15 8RR, on Thursday April 14th at 7:30pm. We welcome John Lightfoot whose talk will be on the Shropshire Barn Owl Project. Everyone is most welcome, it is just £2 on the door.

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings or comments, please visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, bird survey and archive photographs are available on our website [www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk](http://www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk). We normally hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01568 750 413 or by email at [twwg@outlook.com](mailto:twwg@outlook.com).

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## Abbreviated Draft Minutes

### The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on March 8th 2022

**Present:** Dr Laura Taylor, Mrs Val Jones, Mr Dave Bates, Mr John Stinton, Mr David Styles, Mr Rob Pound, Mrs Karen Metcalfe and Mrs Louise Hutton. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

**Apologies:** Mrs Jean Hammond (accepted).

**Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Pound for Planning.

**Minutes:** The minutes of January 11th 2022 were approved. Public Question Time: None

**Midland Automobile Club:** The application for footpath waivers has been submitted and dates for forthcoming events are on the MAC website.

There was a discussion on the Teme Triangle website and Facebook pages and the need to keep these updated for information on hill climb events.

The Residents' Liaison Group. The MAC will act as a medium but requires people to come forward to participate in it. Toby Moody's email and contact details are freely available.

Cars attending hill climb events will be directed to use the Ham Bridge and Stanford Bridge approaches thus avoiding Shelsley Beauchamp village.

There will be an event 'The Best of British' on the Jubilee weekend June 4th and 5th.

The Noggin and Natter evenings are held on the first Thursday of the month, next is on April 7th from 5pm.

**District & County Councillors:** Written reports will be available on the website. CC Chambers gave details of his Divisional Fund available from April to which parish councils can apply for community project funding.

The Pudford Lane broadband project has stalled, Councillor Metcalfe will email County Councillor Chambers with details and he will endeavor to assist.

DC Palethorpe was informed of the prospective parish map which it is hoped could be produced for the Jubilee, she spoke of crowd funding and encouraged a speedy application to Malvern Hills District Council for possible help with the costs. DC Palethorpe also has access to a small fund for community projects.

Boundary changes. MHDC has produced the draft changes to boundaries which affect this parish. Any comments from the Parish Council must be lodged by March 21st.

**Broadband:** None of the projects within the parish have so far been completed although some vouchers have been received by participants.

The Camp Lane project has had one withdrawal from the scheme and Rob at Worcester County Council will be contacted for advice as there is now a shortfall in numbers.

**Progress Reports:** Recycling bins at the Village Hall considered unlikely at present.

Proposed defibrillator at the Village Hall. The VHMC is still obtaining quotations, DC Palethorpe supports this proposal. Waste bin at The Stirt. As previously agreed this will be replaced and the Chairman to finalise the design at a cost up to £900.

**Highways:** Lengthsman. It was agreed that the invoice be paid after receipt and inspection of the time sheets by the Councillors. Councillors insist in future that photographs must be taken of the work carried out, before and after and that this should be included in the contract. The Lengthsman has informed the Parish Council of his intention to increase prices. He reported that WCC should be instructed to jet the gullies by the airfield.

Roadside bench on Kingswood Lane. CC Chambers has arranged to meet the Highways Liaison Officer on site on Friday March 11th to discuss the siting of the bench. Councillor Jones asked that she might also attend, her details to be sent to the County Councillor.

Hedge at Fetterlocks bend. The Chairman is awaiting details about what needs to be done and she will then write to the owner. **Planning:** The following outstanding planning applications were discussed.

Councillor Pound left the room for the following discussion returning after a decision had been made.

M/22/00108/HP Hill House Shelsley Beauchamp, proposed garden room, internal modifications and new windows to the front. Council recommend support. MHDC planning decision 21/02338/AGR Rudge House Farm Camp Lane. Prior notification for proposed extension to Agricultural building. Supported.

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** The Working Group has met regularly and an outline given of options and possible costs as follows. Tree planting. A quotation for 7 x 5 foot flowering trees including stakes, fencing and planting £700. A metal plaque supplied by The British Legion cost £154.99 Further quotations for trees will be sought. Parish Map. A graphic map which would include 130 houses within the parish at a cost of £500 - £1000. Jubilee mug, one to each household with an option to buy more, approximate cost £700-£1250.

The Councillors in considering these costs agreed that it could contribute an amount up to £2,800.

**Finance:** The following payments were approved. Lengthsman £583.20. HMRC £145.40.

**Date of the next meeting:** May 10th 2022 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

To view the full minutes and agenda online go to the WCC website and look at The Shelsleys.

<http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/> Jan Speyer Clerk 01886 812 444.

## **Worcestershire County Council Report for Clifton on Teme Parish Council, March 2022**

1. Latest Covid Figures as at 1st March 2022 are:
  - a. Worcestershire is showing an infection rate of 403 cases per 100,000.
  - b. The infection rate in the Malvern Hills District is 431 cases per 100,000.
  - c. The direction of travel is down in all Worcestershire Districts.
  - d. Worcester City has the highest infection rate in Worcestershire with 484 cases per 100,000. Wyre Forest has the lowest infection rate with 327 cases per 100,000.
  - e. The rate of infection in England as a whole is 354 cases per 100,000.
2. A full programme of events is being planned by the County Council, to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, and in particular, over the Bank Holiday weekend in June. Over 5,500 trees have already been planted in Worcestershire as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, with many more being planted during the course of the year.
3. Worcestershire County Council have received £52million of Government Grants for Covid support, including:
  - £21million for the most vulnerable in our communities.
  - £9million on testing, tracing and support for outbreak control.
  - £3million on support for free school meals.
  - £3million support of businesses.
4. Worcestershire County Council's Budget for 2022/23 was approved on Thursday 17th February.
  - a. There will be the following increase in Council Tax: the Precept will increase by 0.94%; in addition, there will be a 1% Adult Social Care Levy; in addition, there will be a 2% Adult Social Care Levy that was carried forward from 2021/22.
  - b. This additional funding for Adult Social Care will ensure the most vulnerable in society are protected.
  - c. The above increases in Council Tax will give an additional £11.3million in Council Tax revenue for 2022/23.
  - d. This will result in an increase of £52.95 per annum on a Band D property.
5. It has been agreed that Local Members' Highway Fund of £22,000 and Councillor's Divisional Fund of £10,000 will be extended to the next financial year. If there are any community projects that you believe would benefit from financial support, then please let me know from April onwards.
6. WCC has agreed that grants to Parish Councils will be increased by 15%, with regards to the Lengthsman Scheme.
7. The Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing strategy consultation 2022 – 2032, has been launched. Formal consultation will run until 2nd May 2022. Good mental health and wellbeing may mean different things to different people. Your thoughts and feelings are welcomed, to help WCC shape the future of health and wellbeing over the next ten years. The consultation survey is open to everyone and will help build up a picture of what Wellbeing means to people of all ages across the county. More details can be found at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HWBStrategy2022](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HWBStrategy2022)
8. For those aged 15 to 24 and would like advice on careers, apprenticeships, 6th Forms, full-time college courses, university and more, a number of Careers events are being held throughout Worcestershire between 2nd March and 7th April, each between 4pm and 8pm. There is no need to book, just drop into any of the events at any time to suit you. Further details can be obtained from: [careersworcs@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:careersworcs@worcestershire.gov.uk).

David Chambers, County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

## **BROWNIES FAMILY FUN DAY**

1st Abberley and Witley Brownies and 3rd Areley Kings Brownies will be hosting their annual Family Fun Day and Dog Show again this year.

The Cob House Country Park, Wichenford

Saturday, 14th May from 11am until 3pm.

All proceeds will be split between the two units.

## **LOWER SAPEY NEWS With Margaret Griffiths**

This month, I don't know where to start and sometimes I think we are living in a nightmare. I feel so sorry for our young people who are now faced with these awful problems. People of my age have had their lives and it has been relatively good and free from war for the last 70 years. I remember the sirens, the planes flying overhead on their way to bomb Birmingham or Coventry, but my family were not blitzed, did not suffer from starvation or dehydration and were not displaced.

My husband's family were not so lucky in Birmingham, but they all survived. Despite wartime restrictions, we had basic warmth and comfort, unlike the people of Ukraine. All we can do is pray that it is resolved soon and that peace may return.

However, life goes on relatively calmly in Lower Sapey and Harpley. The rains and winds continue, the lanes are muddied by the heavy lorries that occasionally drive through on their way to the building sites. The farmers struggle with the muddy fields and our gallant Church Warden Candy continues her efforts to sort out the diocesan faculties which are necessary to enable repairs to our Church. Maybe in five, or ten years, we will have a splendid community Church to be proud of.

We have enjoyed two excellent events recently in St Bartholomew's, the Snowdrops service with music, poetry and readings and the Pancake Day lunch organised by Liz and Steve Younge. This was enjoyed by many and the pancakes had every imaginable filling provided. This may well become an annual event.

We also enjoyed very much having Archdeacon Robert Jones taking our communion morning service at the beginning of March. I must say how special the singing was as well! It is so good to be back worshipping there.

The Lent Classes continue for a little while and are listed in this magazine. Easter will soon be with us and we ask if all our ladies can help decorate St Bartholomew's on Saturday April 15th at 11am. There will be a little refreshment provided.

Don't forget the two dates, The Second Great Plant Sale on 28th May at 10.30am, with tea and coffee and the Tea party on June 5th to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be at 3pm and there will be an excellent tea and also competitions. Look out for more details. There is also the Sustainable Church Flower workshop held in our Church on Saturday April 2nd between 2 and 4pm.

## NOTICES

Services for April in St Bartholomew's Church.

Sunday April 3rd. Morning Prayer at 10.30am Tuesday April 5th Parish prayer service at 9.30 a.m.

Shared Methodist service on Easter Sunday April 17th. NB The time will be earlier, at 9.30am. Sunday April 24th Circle Service at 10.30. There will be services on Good Friday April 15th, but details will not be advertised in this magazine as they are not available at the time of writing.

The Ladies Bible Group will restart on Tuesday April 12th at 2pm at Marion West's home.

We think the mobile library is scheduled to call on April 15th, but it is Good Friday. Please check nearer the day.

Housekeeping Rota for the Church. We are still hoping for fit volunteers of any age to help out.

Margaret Griffiths will look after cleaning and flowers for April, as Suzanne Richards will not be able to carry on. Our love to Suzanne.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are suffering in Ukraine and for those of us with friends or relatives there or in the Baltic States, may they all be safe.

Have a Happy Easter.



**CHURCH SERVICES IN CLIFTON, THE SHELSLEYS  
AND LOWER SAPEY (HARPLEY)**

## APRIL 2022

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**10.30am** Morning Worship, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey

**10.30am** Holy Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April

*Palm Sunday*

**11.00am** WWRT Service, Laylocks Garden Centre

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

*Easter Day*

**9.30am** Easter Holy Communion, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey

**10.30am** Easter Holy Communion, St Kenelm, Clifton

**11.00am** Easter Holy Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

**10.30am** Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey

**6.30pm** Evensong, St Kenelm, Clifton

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Stations of the Cross at St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey  
The Church will be open during daylight hours

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** Compline, St Kenelm, Clifton

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** Compline, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm** Compline, St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2pm-3pm** Devotions, St Kenelm, Clifton

### Morning Prayer

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am** at St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am**, St Kenelm, Clifton

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am**, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

*Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10.15am and every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday via our YouTube channel – wwrtilive1*

All services and timings are subject to review and amendment – please check the website for updates: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

- 2 Clifton Crafts and Cream Tea's in St. Kenelm's, 2.30 – 4.30pm.
- 2 Sustainable Easter Church Flower workshop in Harpley Church, 2 - 4pm.
- 5-10 Mel Williams Exhibition, 54 Shepherd Market, London, W1J 7QX
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm.
- 8 Martley Young Farmers Easter bingo, Martley VH, 7pm.
- 12 Clifton W.I. talk by Louise Mawditt from Angel Gardens, Stanford Bridge. Clifton VH, 7.30pm.
- 14 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb talk 'The Story of a Village', 6.30pm for 7pm start. £10.00 per person. Booking on-line.
- 14 Teme Valley Wildlife Group, talk on 'The Shropshire Barn Owl Project', Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall, WR15 8RR, 7:30pm.
- 23 'The Servant' Rural Reels film, Clifton VH, 7pm.
- 24 Lion Inn Clifton Quiz, 7pm.

### May

- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm.
- 6 Volante Strings concert at St. Mary's, Stanford, 7.30pm. £12.50, tickets from T: 01299 896 771.
- 14 Family fun day and dog show, The Cob House Wichenford, 11:00 – 15:00. Raising money for 1st Abberley & Witley and 3rd Areley Kings Brownies.
- 14 'History of Clifton upon Teme' presentation in Clifton VH, 7pm. Raising money for Christian Aid.
- 15 Clifton Activi-teas.
- 21 Breakfast at The Old House, Clifton, 10am – 1pm. Raising money for Christian Aid.
- 28 Plant and cake sale at Harpley Church, 10am – 12:30pm. Raising money for Christian Aid.

### June

- 2 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm.
- 4 Clifton Platinum Jubilee celebrations.
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- 5 Shelsley Platinum Jubilee celebrations – service at All Saints 11:00 followed by lunch at Shelsley VH 12 noon.
- 11 Coffee morning at The Old Vicarage, Clifton, 10am – 12 noon. Raising money for Christian Aid.

## YOUR TEME TRIANGLE...

A reminder again that Teme Triangle has a Facebook page – so you can keep abreast of all the latest news on our site: [www.facebook.com/TemeTriangle](http://www.facebook.com/TemeTriangle). Also, our printed magazine will continue to be available in all local shops and community spaces so you can choose how and when to keep up to date. Do keep sending us your news and photos – thank you.

**Copy for the next (May 2022) edition by Friday 8th April please.**

## UKRAINE APPEAL

Clifton residents demonstrated their support for Ukraine last month. A spontaneous gathering on the Village Green one Sunday morning, with many people dressed in the blue and yellow colours of the Ukraine national flag, held a minute's silence and a collection for DEC Ukraine Appeal raised £440. This was further added to by a fundraising coffee morning in the Village Hall.



*Villagers gathered on the village green in Clifton.*



*Group photo – L-R) Tony Clark, John Wain, Anthony Ridge-Newman, David and Jan Haselum, and Ros Wain.*

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