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Clifton's Ukrainian guests pictured with the Mayor of Worcester at a welcome reception in the Guildhall, along with their host families. (see opposite)

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Front Cover Picture

Tamara ('Toma') Davydova (centre) with daughters Oksana (left) and Alona in Clifton after fleeing Ukraine (see opposite)

UKRANIAN FAMILY IN CLIFTON

Clifton villagers have rallied round to make three Ukrainian refugees - a mother and two daughters – feel as welcome as possible after fleeing their war-torn country more than two months ago.

Mum Tamara ('Toma') Davydova (65), a retired civil engineer, and daughters Oksana (41) and Alona (35) were living happily in Chernihiv near the border with Belarus until Putin's invasion of Ukraine in February. Oksana and Alona moved west to Lviv for safety while their mother remained for 40 days under constant bombardment, without electricity, water of phone connection, until eventually she was able to join her daughters. But when the Russians began bombing Lviv, they decided it was time to leave their country altogether and eventually made their way to Birmingham where they were met by Clifton residents John and Penny Bowden at the end of June.

Alena's husband Yevhenii has left his marketing job to serve in the Ukranian army while her father remains in Chernihiv. Both sisters speak good English and Italian and while Alona has been able to continue working part time on-line for an American firm, Oksana's law practice and role as the director of an Italian Arts Foundation has had to be put on hold while she, meanwhile, is seeking a place at a local university. Their mother Toma meanwhile has joined the Clifton Bowls Club, the Knit 'n Natter group and a local pottery class as well as learning to speak English with the help of Heather Hurley.

"It's very peaceful here in Clifton and everyone has made it very easy for us to adjust from city life in Ukraine to living here in the countryside," says Alona who has been staying with hosts David and Sue Warmington while sister Oksana stays nearby with the Bowdens. "We are so grateful to our host families, especially for all the help they have given us with visas and doctors and other things."

The family has been welcomed and assisted by so many Clifton residents that they find it hard to name them all or even single out some for special thanks.

CLIFTON UPON TEME WI

On Tuesday September 13th the Clifton WI meeting will be led by the Pop Artist Richard Blacklaw-Jones. Richard has developed his art from his beach combing finds and will present a talk and demonstration for the meeting.



The July meeting was led by Simon Birbeck from Wild Adventures who took members and visitors on a foraging walk in Clifton. We spotted, or rather Simon did, many plants including Elderberry, Honesty, Garlic Mustard, Herb-Robert, Birdsfoot Trefoil and Mugwort. Simon explained how many of the plants growing wild in the hedgerows and verges can be used for medicinal purposes to help with common ailments such as headaches, sickness, menopause symptoms and insomnia. We learned about the good plants, such as Herb-Robert, Cleavers, Yellow Rattle, Meadowsweet, and the ones to avoid, Black Bryony, Nipplewort and Giant Hogweed to name a few. Simon suggested a rhyme to help avoid those that are harmful: 'Purple and Yellow will kill a fellow'.

Thank you to all who supported the WI Coffee Morning on the 9th July which raised £121.81 and enabled the Ukrainian guests to meet more people from Clifton.

The WI bookclub, READ, has continued to meet over the summer at Pitlands, where we have read and discussed, *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville, *The Promise* by Damon Galgut and *The Keeper of Stories* by Sally Page.

Save the Date: October 14th 7.30 Health and Wellbeing Evening. The Menopause, an issue for all ages. This will be a free event led by a speaker Donna Jones who will talk about symptoms and ways to manage menopause symptoms. Donna works as a clinical hypnotherapist and nurse is an engaging speaker, so it will be an interesting evening. Prosecco, nibbles and a raffle are planned for this free event.

If you are interested in joining the WI email Penny Bowden cliftonontemepres@wfedwi.org.uk or pop into a meeting or event.

CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL THANK YOU TO JACK



Jack Whittenbury, the mainstay of the Village Hall Committee for the last eighteen years soon after moving to the village, has retired from his voluntary position as a trustee on the Village Hall Committee. He has always put the interests of the hall above those of his own, frequently popping in to check on emergencies, sort out problems, meet hirers, nothing has ever been too much when asked, although generally Jack has done it before anyone has asked.

Initially Jack did not have a specific role but was heavily involved in the monthly fund raising events from 2003 when funds were low. He then took on the role of secretary a few years after that and continued to develop links with other organisations and to promote the hall whenever possible as a community asset for the village. Jack's previous business and marketing background have been invaluable in developing the hall and expanding its' use in the village. Jack also took over organising bookings and has completed that role efficiently for many years ready to show people round and organise keys etc.

Latterly, Jack has held the role of Honorary Secretary and has definitely been the 'go to' man for any problems with the hall. He will be sorely missed by all on the committee who have enjoyed his constant enthusiasm, wisdom and commitment.

Mandy Henry, Chairperson, presented Jack with a print of the Old Pumping Station in Hollybush Lane painted by local artist Lois Pearson, as a token of thanks at the AGM.

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

'Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the mid-day sun' (Noel Coward)

This is written on August 14th during the second heat wave, but hopefully we will have had some useful rain by the time you read this. I hope everyone has had a great summer. It has been crazy weather from cold, windy nights late in June, very little rain and recently, the heat wave! I remember the one in 1976 and how a government minister was called to do a rain dance, which actually worked. Perhaps the candidates for the Conservative leadership should try their luck and gain support this way. Winner takes all! The gardens will mostly recover, but it will be the farmers who suffer most. Anyway, I hope everyone has kept safe and not suffered seriously from the heat. I have been reduced to a puddle at times, even though we have kept indoors during the heat of the day.

July and August have been very busy months in Lower Sapey and Harpley. We have had two very happy weddings in St Bartholomew's Church (Emma and Loic and Alan and Claire) and an emotional memorial service for Mrs Jean Evans, formerly of Harpley House, who recently passed away aged 95. The weddings were made colourful by the wonderful sustainable flower arrangements in our Church, designed by Shane Connolly and carried out by his helpers, who included our own Dot Millward. About 60 people came on the Sunday to view these, including some from outside our area and we raised over £250 for the church. Thanks to all who helped on the day. There is actually a long article in the recent *Church Times* on sustainable church flowers, with particular mention of Shane and Candy Connolly.

This August we enjoyed another of Jerry Johns' History Talks, this time featuring Harpley and Lower Sapey. On a hot sultry evening over 40 people gathered in our lovely cool church to enjoy Jerry's images and talk, with great contributions from Candy Connolly, Ruth Lyon, Sue. Everitt, Ali Champion, David Richards and Dorothy Verry. Jane Dallow provided a wonderful photographic and documentary history of the Dallow family. Drinks and snacks were provided and there was an excellent discussion later. Candy would like to thank everyone who helped make this a memorable evening.

Our choir is continuing with its rehearsals and there is to be the traditional service in St Bartholomew's Old Church on Sunday 28th August at 3pm. Plans are also going ahead for the improvement of the facilities at the church and we, or rather Candy, think she has got to grips with the faculty situation now. Well done Candy!

The Big Breakfast Bap will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at St Bartholomew's and we hope many can come and enjoy a splendid breakfast,

some entertainment and also maybe look over our future plans for the church. It will start at 10.30am and entry will be £6. With the kind help of Claire Edwards, we are planning a Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 1st, in the church. Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, October 2nd. These details will be confirmed soon. It is difficult to think of winter events right now, but time passes so quickly - especially when one gets older! We are also planning skittles evening, a bonfire party and of course, the annual Remembrance service for October and November. Final date for your diary, the Carol Service will be on December 18th at 3.30.pm

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Dot Millward says that we had a very pleasant horticultural month in August, with visits to all the lovely gardens in Clifton, followed by tea and cake in the Lion Inn. Then we also visited two beautiful gardens in Harpley, those of Sue and Ray Taylor and Howard and Sue Rigby. Everyone made us very welcome and we thank them all. There was also a minibus trip to Westonbury Mill Water Gardens, which was greatly enjoyed. September is usually a holiday month for the group, but please come to a fund raising coffee morning in the village hall on Saturday, September 17th, at 10.30am. Entry is £4 to include tea/coffee and cake. There will be a produce stall and tombola and all proceeds go to our Club.

A special date to note is our first Autumn meeting on Wednesday, October 5th, in the village hall, when we will be treated to an illustrated talk by the well-known wild life photographer Nick Martin.

NOTICES

Church services in St Bartholomew's in September.

Sunday 4th September. Morning worship at 10.30 Thursday 8th September. Morning prayer at 9.30am Sunday, September 18th, Holy Communion. 10.30 Sunday September 25th. Circle service at 10.30 And Sunday, October 2nd, Harvest Festival Service at 10.30

*Please check all these times nearer the dates. *.

Housekeeping in the Church for September. Margaret Griffiths. More help is needed, men or women, as we are very short of helpers.

The Ladies Bible Group will meet on Tuesday 13th September at the home of Marion West. Thank you Marion.

The Mobile Library will call on Friday September 16th at 10.20 and 10.40am

Enjoy September and stay cool.

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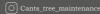
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Minutes of Clifton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2022

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), R. Henry, B. Gilbert, and N. Campsall. Also present: County Cllr D. Chambers and x8 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: County Cllr D. Chambers, District Cllr C. Palethorpe and Parish Cllr P. Brooks. Declarations of Interests and applications for Councillor dispensations: None.

Democratic Public Time: The meeting heard representation from the Developer, Gary Bridgewater regarding the planning application at Blue Shot, and prior to considering the agenda item as listed. The meeting also considered and approved a request to erect 6' fencing and basic roofing to the rear of the BP Hut to improve security of the area and to facilitate storage and useable outside space including a fire pit. The PC also agreed to consider a request for funding assistance for the BP Hut improvements once a quote has been obtained. Finally, the Council was thanked for supplying the village hanging baskets which look beautiful.

To agree the Minutes of the meeting held 9th June 2022 – Minutes were proposed by Cllr A. Henry, seconded by Cllr Gilbert and agreed by all. No matters arising. District & County Councillor Reports: Reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted and will be uploaded to the website.

Financial & Governance Matters: Payments and receipts – the schedule was agreed as circulated. Clerk to arrange payments. The Governance Statement of the audit for year ending 31st March 2022 was agreed. The Accounting Statement of the audit for year ending 31st March 2022 was agreed. Bowling Green upkeep – J. Whittenbury explained the funding request to be considered. Last year the PC contributed £1k towards the upkeep but costs have risen considerably since then and the PC was asked to increase the amount if possible. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr A. Henry to fund up to £1500.00 this year and to ask Rob Wilkes to maintain the green again. All agreed, with Cllr Bowden abstaining. Clerk to arrange with J. Whittenbury and Rob Wilkes.

Parish Matters / Updates: Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Gilbert reported that Rob Wilkes has replaced the planter outside Church House Farm, which had been damaged. Three more planters also need to be replaced on the village green, which is being costed by Cllr Gilbert. Pavilion Roof and other repairs – the roof works are now completed, and the insurance claim is progressing via the Clerk. The water heater needs to be replaced and quotes are being obtained to include some additional LED lighting – Cllrs Gilbert and Bowden to progress. Cllr Bowden is progressing the fire certification with the Clerk and a fire risk assessment and extinguisher servicing is being arranged asap. The Clerk is also to look for electrical certification previously obtained. Memorial

benches – the benches on the football ground need some refurbishment and the PC was pleased to hear that this year, this work will be done by the Football Team Sponsor. Defibrilator – A quote of £795.00 was agreed for the external installation of the defib at Yeomans Garage. Proposed Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Campsall. All agreed. Clerk to arrange asap.

Community Speed Watch – A resident asked the PC to consider a CSW scheme in the village, due to ongoing concern regarding perceived speeding. It was noted that the PC had already made significant contributions towards village white gates, VAS machines and other speed reduction measures. Further to discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk will check with WCC re recent speed data and see what results showed, as this is required prior to any request being made to start a scheme locally.

Section 106 Matters: Four Acre Field (CFAF) Project – Cllr Campsall has drafted a response to Grimshaws regarding outstanding costs. Land Registry matters are ongoing via the Solicitors. Contact has been made with other contractors regarding the play area and a JCT contract is to be drafted.

Planning Matters: Applications for consideration: Blue Shot planning development – The Developer addressed the meeting once more and explained the application and progress to date. Further to discussion, it was agreed that all Councillors should send their comments to Cllr Bowden by email, so that a formal response can be drafted for approval. Clerk to submit to MHDC by the planning deadline.

Planning notifications: M/22/00499/FUL – approval of reinstatement of earth banks after landslip to include reconstruction of unstable retaining wall and addition of steps for public footpath within farmland at Holland Mill, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6HJ. M/22/00617/HP – approval of first floor, pitched roof side extension above existing single storey section at 6 Manor Rd, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6FA.

Strategic Planning Matters: Cllr Gilbert will monitor the SWDPR and notify the Council of any matters to be considered.

Highways & Facilities Matters: Lengthsman matters are all progressing well. X3 VAS batteries need changing and the Clerk has informed Rob Wilkes. County Matters – Cllr Bowden is progressing the footpaths map with WCC but progress remains difficult. Cllr Bowden will raise other ongoing matters with County Cllr Chambers. Road closures – none received. It was noted that the road from the Bell Inn, Lower Broadheath to Martley Turn will be closed from 25/7 to 2/9.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Bowden reported that the village shop remains for sale. He will check whether it is still listed as an asset of community value with MHDC.

Next meeting: Thurs 1st September 2022. Note that there is no meeting held during August.

Michelle Alexander, Clerk

Abbreviated Draft Minutes of the Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on July 12th 2022

Present: Mrs Val Jones (Acting Chairman), Mr David Styles, Mr John Stinton, Mrs Louise Hutton and Mr Dave Bates. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Dr Laura Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Karen Metcalfe (Vice- Chairman), Mr Rob Pound and Mrs Jean Hammond. Councillor apologies were accepted. District Councillor Palethorpe and County Councillor Chambers also sent apologies. Declarations of Interest: None

Minutes: The Minutes of May 10th were accepted and agreed as a true record. Public Question Time: Speeding is causing problems. The lanes are narrow but with overgrown and uncut hedges and verges they are even narrower. "20 is Plenty" was discussed as was a speed limit on the lane between Ham Bridge and Stanford Bridge which is used as a cut through. This was further discussed at 2.9 and will be taken forward. District and County Councillor Reports: Emailed reports are available on the website and were circulated to members before the meeting.

Midland Automobile Club: Classic Nostalgia is the biggest meeting of the year and will be held 16th & 17th July. There will be many attractions and the approach roads are likely to be very busy. Councillors were informed that there has been a complaint from a local resident about the number of events at the hill climb. The clerk had replied and it was felt that sufficient information had been supplied. Toby Moody is no longer on the Board. The clerk has received correspondence introducing a new member.

Urgent decisions: M/22/00475/HP Somer Barns erection of greenhouse, in consultation with councillors the clerk submitted a recommendation for approval. Cheque 97 £71.50 Jubilee plants. Cheque 98 £215.12 Jubilee bunting.

Progress Reports: Superfast Broadband: Two projects reported problems with difficulty reaching applicant targets and therefore progress is slow. Stanford Road and Camp Lane north are progressing.

Defibrillator: Councillor Hutton will approach a local first responder who may address the members on an appropriate model the cost of which will be met by a donor. The clerk to seek advice and information from neighbouring parishes. Litter bin replacement: The bin was delivered today to the clerk. Councillor Stinton will collect and install replacing the burnt bin at Stirt layby. Woodbury Quarry was again discussed at length but the Parish Council is at a loss as to how it can be of assistance to prevent trespass on private property.

Highways & Lengthsman: There has been no communication from the lengthsman. Councillor Styles will visit him to ascertain whether there are any problems. All items reported to Highways have been addressed. The drain jetting will be done under the rotating maintenance scheme and the pothole by The Green Business Centre has been rectified.

Planning: M/22/00861/LB Phase 2 repairs Stanford Bridge recommend approval.

M/2102227/HP Woodbury 18 Bungalows amendment from flat to pitched roof. Councillors fully approved of the change.

MHDC Decisions, 22/00109/HP Manor Barn decision refusal.

22/00475/HP Somer Barns decision approval. 22/00304/HP Church House decision approval.

Correspondence & Consultations: Mr & Mrs Robson sent a card to the Parish Council thanking them for the input to the Jubilee celebrations.

20 is Plenty information for councillors. Councillor Metcalfe has been tasked to make further enquiries of this and Safer Partnerships Scheme and to liaise with the MAC. Malvern Hills District Council Funding for businesses. Local Minerals Plan. Worcester County Council. All other relevant mail was circulated by email to members.

Finance: The following payments were approved. Clerk's salary and expenses for Q1 £508.94. HMRC PAYE £173.80 Jubilee expenses: After VAT is reclaimed the net spend is currently £2709.12

Date of the next meeting: September 12th 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/

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STANFORD HISTORY GROUP LECTURES

A warm welcome awaits you at the Stanford History Group which meets on Monday evenings for two hours in autumn at Upper Sapey Village Hall (WR6 6EU). We are a diverse group with an interest in understanding the past, to better appreciate today and how we got here!

We have another interesting program of ten lectures, in five subject areas - you can come for any one or all. This year we have expert lecturers from Birmingham and Worcester Universities.

- What have the CIA been up to since WW2
- Brazil
- The American Constitution
- Ukraine & Poland
- Energy from Russia, and Nuclear Power

Do come and join us – there's coffee, biscuits and discussion too! We start on October 3rd at 7.30pm, £60 the 10 lecture course or £10 per lecture all payable at the door. Full details available on our website: https://stanfordhistorygroup.com

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

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th September

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Morning Worship, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey
6.30pm Evensong, St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh

Sunday 11th September

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Holy Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
10.30am Matins, St Kenelm, Clifton

Sunday 18th September

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Holy Communion, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey

Sunday 25th September

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey
6.30pm Evensong, St Kenelm, Clifton

Morning Prayer

Thursday 1st - 9.30am at St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey Monday 12th - 9.30am, St Kenelm, Clifton Wednesday 21st - 9.00am, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10.15am and every 1st and 3rd Wednesday via our YouTube channel – wwrtlive1

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JAZZ EVENING IN CLIFTON

lan Millar & Dominic Spencer, a saxophone & piano duo from Scotland, will be performing live jazz in Clifton village hall on Sunday, 16 October, at 7.30pm. Tickets £10, but free for under 16s. Licensed bar. Ring 01886 812238 to book seats. Go to www.millarandspencer. co.uk for more information'

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Cake/biscuit donations all gratefully received. There will also be a bring and buy produce stall (jams, honey, eggs, fruit and vegetables etc). For any further information please contact Emma Bate on 07801 278890.

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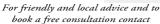




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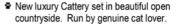
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Church Matters

by Rev Anne Potter

As I was pondering the season of Harvest my eye caught sight of the moon and to my mind came the Harvest Moon, which is perhaps the most well-known full moon. There are, as always, various theories as to how it got its name with some sources claiming it originates from ancient Native America and others pointing out



that Harvest month was recorded as early as the 700s in Anglo-Saxon and Old German languages. Whichever, prior to our modern calendar, based on the solar year, tracking the changing seasons, time was based on (and in some parts of the world still is) lunar months

Regardless of where the name originated, the astronomical significance of the Harvest Moon is the same all over the Northern Hemisphere. The Full Moon closest to the September equinox (22nd September) is special because the time between one moonrise to the next becomes shorter around this time.

Most years, the Harvest Moon is in September, but around every three years, it is in October. This year the Harvest Moon is on September 10th and next year (2023) on September 29th. Being a particularly bright moon, which rises early, and being the closest full moon to the Autumn equinox, in the traditional month of harvest, it is why this full moon has been named the Harvest Moon. It's bright light shining out also enables farmers to carry on working longer in the evening.

For many churches September and early October is traditionally the time of year when Christians, and others, gather together to give thanks for the Harvest. All the churches in the Benefice of the WWRT are having some form of Harvest Service to praise God for his abundant goodness. Something we know all about in this part of the country. With the increasing cost of living, energy price rises and a generally gloomy winter ahead of us we need to be mindful of all those who will struggle to feed themselves and their families.

One organisation we can all actively contribute towards is the Foodbank.

Roy Walford, a volunteer and churchwarden at Martley, was telling me about one of their new initiatives. The Foodbank has created a recipe book which they give to 'customers' with the ingredients and cooking utensils to make up one of the recipes. In doing so self-help (not just being given a tin of beans and a loaf of bread), encouraging healthier eating, building up self-esteem and in turn reduce the stress on the NHS. So perhaps in this month of September, and especially on the 10th, as the harvest moon shines out brightly (hopefully it won't be cloudy) perhaps we can collectively and individually take a moment to thank God, give a thought to those less fortunate than ourselves and plan at least one act of kindness as we celebrate the harvest whilst remembering those whose harvest will be lacking.

Harvest Blessings...

LOCAL ARTISTS OPEN HOMES FOR HEREFORDSHIRE ART WEEK

From the 3rd – 11th of September artists all around the county of Herefordshire open their homes and studios for the annual 'hArt'. With over 100 artists taking part the event draws visitors from far and wide for a creative week exploring our country lanes and having a peek inside the studios of the many and varied creatives taking part. This year in the Teme valley three of our residents will be taking part in the event. Wildlife artist Shelly Perkins (see front-cover artwork) has been taking part in the week for 10 years and this year, for the first time, opens her own home and studio to visitors at the Old Post Office in Broadheath. Shelly will be showcasing her vibrant wildlife prints alongside her jeweller friend Sarah Kinnersley of Skylark Jewellery. Mel Williams opens her stunning studio at the Old Forge in Eastham, she will be showing an eclectic mix of her work. Between Shelly at the top of the hill and Mel at the bottom resides Patrick Geenty of Herries Pottery in Hanley William. Patrick showcases exquisite crystalline ceramics thrown and decorated from his converted garage studio. Beautiful, voluptuous forms are decorated with vibrant glazes with striking patternation, each one unique.

Look out for the pink signs during the week directing you to all three artists, they are all within two miles of each other so why not make a morning/afternoon of it and visit them all! Complimentary refreshments will be provided! The week offers the unique chance to meet the artists in person and chat to them about their work as well as getting an insight into their methods and techniques, and take a look at sketchbooks and works in progress! This is a great opportunity to learn more about these three established creatives in their home area and support their work. The venues are all open 11am -5pm daily for the 9 days, visit h-art.org.uk for more information

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Guest Column by Harriett Baldwin MP

In the warm and sunny days of August, I don't think any of us minded having the central heating off. We don't need to switch our lights on until 9pm and cooler showers are welcome in this heat. Nevertheless, it seems certain that we will be paying more for gas and electricity this winter. Putin's evil invasion of his blameless sovereign neighbour is a reminder that the price of freedom, the price of standing up to tyranny,



is not free. But support is already available and I want to outline the different schemes – totalling £37 billion - to help with your energy bills

If you pay your council tax by direct debit you should already have received £150 to your bank account directly or you are eligible to claim it at the Post Office. These payments for people in band A-D properties went out locally from May.

If you are on an income of less than £36,600 your National Insurance threshold went up in July saving you on average £330 a year. That will show up automatically in your pay cheque.

If you are on Universal Credit or Pension Credit and Tax Credits, then you will receive a cost of living payment of £650. Half is paid to you this month and half will be paid in the Autumn. You should have received the first £325 by now. Don't forget to check that you are getting everything you are entitled to.

From October to March next year, your energy bill will be reduced by £400 – this will be shown as a reduction of £66 in your monthly bill over the six months we use most energy. If you are disabled you will receive another £150 in cash in September.

Pensioners will receive their usual Winter Fuel Payment this winter plus another £300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment. If the weather gets really cold, you will get an extra £25 cold weather payment if you are on benefits. And the State Pension will go up by inflation.

Low income households will get an extra £150 off their winter electricity bills, and the Household Income Support Fund run by the local Citizens Advice Bureau is also there to give money to the most vulnerable to cover essential costs. Although it is worrying to think about the winter bills, I hope this column has reassured you that help is on its way.

MARTLEY YOUNG FARMERS

It's been another busy few months for Martley Young Farmers. In April we started preparing for our annual County Show that was held in May, as there was lots of preparation to do prior to the show. Our show day came and all the members were competing in different competitions such as cookery, photography, bouncy hopper racing, dancing, floral art and much more. Some of our members where in the top 3 of their competition and made it through to compete at the Royal Three Counties Show.

After our show we started meeting fortnightly and kicked it off by celebrating having a BBQ and a game of rounders with another Young Farmers group - Abberley. Our programme has seen us doing a range of activities from pub quizzes, farm walks, walks around the local countryside, and even a horse riding and pizza evening at Tipton Hall Riding School. We have lots of other ideas planned for the rest of the summer, so if you are interested in joining us please give Zoe a call on 07772 202840 or Amy on 07975 636 122, we always welcome new members!

We also have some fundraising events planned for later on in the summer and into the Autumn. On the 25th September we are planning an Afternoon Tea at Martley Village Hall. We will be offering sandwiches, scones, cakes and more. More details to follow.

After a successful Easter Bingo event we have decided to hold another Bingo evening on the 15th October at Martley Village Hall. We will be serving refreshments and doing a raffle, so bring all the family along for a fun filled evening.

More details to follow soon for both of these events, look out for the posters around the village.

Amy Wickens

SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

On the evening Saturday 19th of November there will be

"DISCO FEVER"

at the Village Hall in Shelsley Beauchamp, in aid of All Saints Church. More details will be published in the October & November issues.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 1 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 3 Big Breakfast Bap, Harpley Church, 10.30am
- 8 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Stoke Bliss VH 7.30pm
- 10 Musical Soiree, St Mary's Church, Stanford, 7pm
- 11 Teme Valley Market, Talbot, Knightwick
- 12 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 13 Clifton WI meeting: Richard Blacklaw-Jones, VH
- 16 Macmillan Coffee Day, Walled Garden, Hanley William 10am-3pm
- 17 Clifton Friendship Club coffee morning, VH 10.30am

October

- 5 Clifton Friendship Club talk, VH
- 6 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 14 Clifton WI Health & Wellbeing Evening, VH 7.30pm
- 16 Jazz at Clifton VH 7.30pm

November

- 3 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 19 Disco Fever, Shelsley Beauchamp VH

STANFORD CONCERT

A Musical Soirée in St Mary's Church, Stanford (WR6 6SH) on Saturday 10th September at 7pm (with light refreshments at the interval).

A Programme of Lieder, Oratorio, Operatic Arias and lighter music performed by Beccy Sherman¹ (soprano), Tom Durston-Smith² (baritone) and Robert Green³ (accompanist). We hope that the composers involved will include some of the following: Purcell; J S Bach; Mozart; Mendelssohn; Mahler; Butterworth; Noel Coward; Madeleine Dring and more.... Admissions will be by donations to St Mary's Church with a suggested minimum of £10. Please book with Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or by email robin.c.dean@gmail.com

- 1 Beccy Sherman as a child was brought up in Eastham
- 2 Tom Durston-Smith farms at Kyre
- 3 Robert Green is a retired Cathedral Organist



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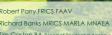


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