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## **A VERY WARM WELCOME to the March 2023 edition of the Teme Triangle.**

Dare I say it, but it looks like Spring is definitely here! Thank goodness.

Everywhere I look there are masses of snowdrops (has this been an especially good year for them...?) and daffodil bulbs are bursting through, eagerly awaiting their time to shine.

The emergence of Spring appears to have brought a more energetic feel to the Valley and there has been much going on, which you can read all about in this edition.

We must however take a moment to remember the terrible earthquake in Turkey and Syria and the devastating effect it has had on so many families. It is easy to feel helpless at times like this, but if you are able to donate at all, then please do: [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk).

I must thank everyone for their contributions this month, especially all the photos, which always make for a more enjoyable read.

I hope you enjoy this edition and have a wonderful month – do write and tell us about it.

## **A MESSAGE FROM REV ANNE**

March 1st is the 60th day of the year and the 7th of 40 days of Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday and finishes on Maundy Thursday, leaving out the Sunday's. Lent is a popular time for folk, both practising Christians and non-believers to reflect on their lifestyle. Some people give up an indulgence such as chocolate, red wine, crisps or biscuits, others decide to give time to daily devotional or meditative readings, others choose to take on a new activity, others some follow a charity giving programme such as one from Christian Aid and some engage in a combination of giving up, giving time and giving to those in need.

Lent is an annual period of fasting and prayer reflecting the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness following his baptism in the River Jordan. According to Matthews Gospel at the end of his 40 days and 40 nights Jesus faced three temptations. Each one would mean he would gain by using his power. In each case Jesus was not tempted.

Whilst we, in our human frailty, often find ourselves being tempted, Jesus, in his Godliness and goodness, models a Christ way of life, of saying no when tempted to do something for our own gain. However, through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross on Good Friday, we can take comfort in the knowledge that when we succumb to temptation, providing we are sorry, God, like every good parent, forgives our wrongdoing.

Mothering Sunday, not Mother's Day (that is an American institution which falls on the Second Sunday of May), always falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is usually in March. This is because traditionally it was the Sunday when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family before getting the house ready for the Easter festivities.

Centuries ago, most churchgoers attended their nearest parish or 'daughter church' and once a year, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother church' – the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably return to the 'mother' church could be an occasion for family reunions, bearing in mind it was quite common for children to leave home for work when they were ten years old! And so, as the children walked along the country lanes they would pick wild, spring flowers to take to church or give to their mothers as a small gift.

This year the Christian festival of Mothering Sunday, and the secular Mother's Day, falls on 19th March. Perhaps you would like to say this prayer from the Church of England...

March 1st is also World Compliment Day. Perhaps in a Christ-like way, we can all give someone, a stranger or loved one, a compliment, letting God's love shine through us.

God bless.

#### A Prayer for Mothering Sunday



Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life.

Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Rev Anne*

## **CLIFTON KIDS GARDENING CLUB**

Do you have young children who would enjoy learning about gardening and producing home grown, healthy fruit and vegetables?

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Bill is passionate about teaching children about gardening and would like to start a gardening club for children at Clifton Village Hall. The sessions would be held on a Saturday morning for between 1-2 hours. There will be occasional indoor sessions to learn about the project to be worked on. The initial sessions will involve not only planning a vegetable garden but also constructing it from scratch.

There will be a small charge per session to cover the hire of the hall and materials. If you are interested, please contact either:

Bill Glock on 07847 616 303, email [williamglock1@gmail.com](mailto:williamglock1@gmail.com), or

Mandy Henry: 01886 812 238, email [amandajhenry1970@gmail.com](mailto:amandajhenry1970@gmail.com).

## **WORCESTER WEST RURAL TEAM QUIET DAY**

Our Annual Quiet Day is taking place on Thursday 16th March and will be held in the Undercroft Meeting and Learning Centre at Worcester Cathedral.

The Undercroft was the former monastic storage rooms located beneath the Cathedral, which have now been converted into a unique venue for meetings, and will certainly add an extra spiritual dimension to our day.

The day will be led by Tim Goodall and we will meet from 10:00 for a 10:30 start and conclude at 16:00. The Cathedral will be available during the day for quiet moments, also the Cloister Cafe will be open for refreshments and lunch if required (10% discount available.)

We expect the charge to be between £10-15, dependant on final numbers.

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*Wednesday 22nd March 2023  
at Shelsley Village Hall  
19:30 – 21:00*

For further information, or to book your place on the course, please contact Louise Hutton: E: [louise@stroyd-hutton.com](mailto:louise@stroyd-hutton.com), T: 07803 614 078.

**LET'S ALL HELP TO LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER!**

## **MARTLEY YOUNG FARMERS**

Martley Young Farmers have had a great start to the year with new faces joining us and some competition success!

We meet regularly, usually every other Wednesday, and take part in a range of activities such as Laser Quest, Ice Skating, Escape Rooms and Farm Walks.

If you are aged between 10 and 28 and are interested in joining us, please pop along to one of our meetings.

You don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer! If you would like some more information or are interested in joining us, please contact our Chairman Zoe on 07772 202 840 or our secretary Amy on 07975 636 122.

Our next fundraising event is our annual Big Breakfast, which is booked for Sunday 5th March - please see further details below. We are also planning Easter Bingo at Martley Village Hall on the 14th April 2023 - more details to follow. We hope you can support us with both of these upcoming events.

### **Big Breakfast**

Sunday 5th March at Martley Memorial Hall. We will be doing two sittings, the first sitting will be at 9am and the second sitting will be at 11am. The breakfast will be a Full English, including cereals, fruit juice, tea and coffee. The breakfast will be £10 per person and children (up to 12 years old) will be £6. For more information and tickets please call Zoe (07772 202 840), Amy (07975 636 122) or Alison (07771 893 670). Please buy or order your tickets by Tuesday 28th February.



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Just as rewarding is the knowledge that we have generated 80% of the electricity we have used since March and exported as much again to the grid.

That led us to wondering what contribution the village as a whole is making and what the potential is. There are now more than 25 properties in the village generating electricity from the sun. Some had panels installed as long as 13 years ago, some as recently as November. Some have batteries and some of those also benefit from charging the battery when electricity is cheap at night, to draw down during the day. Some also charge electric vehicles.

Given all this variation, it is difficult to come to accurate conclusions, but it seems as if our data is more or less in line with others, and that currently Clifton is producing around 75000kWh of electricity annually.

Judging from Google maps, there are close on 100 more potentially productive roofs in the village.

If any of you are lucky enough to be in a position to be able to put solar panels on your roof, several of the current owners are more than happy to be consulted. If you would like to get in touch with them, just let us know at [jcandrwain@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jcandrwain@yahoo.co.uk).

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## **KNIGHTWICK SURGERY RESPONSE**

Clifton Parish Council has been told by the Knightwick Surgery that it will not be reinstating the weekly surgery in the village hall, despite complaints from local residents that they now have to travel to Knightwick to collect 'controlled and temperature sensitive drugs'.

A letter from the Knightwick Surgery said that 'there are many reasons' why the weekly surgery 'is no longer fit for purpose'. A review based on 'overall patient population health needs and decisions made, had to be fair for all villages within our catchment area. This has led to a centralisation of services at Knightwick, to enable care for all our patients, which better meets our demand and capacity. Our decision was reviewed and fully supported by Hereford & Worcester Integrated Care Board and therefore we will not be reinstating this service.'

Regarding controlled and temperature sensitive drugs, the letter said: 'We are unable to deliver this type of medication to Clifton. All our patients from neighbouring villages are required to collect this medication from Knightwick Surgery'.

The Patient Participation Group suggested that Clifton residents could set up a community car scheme to help those with transport issues, similar to existing schemes in neighbouring villages.

Parish Council Chairman John Bowden said: "We are making every effort to review the decision made by Knightwick Surgery and the Hereford & Worcester Integrated Care Board."

County Councillor David Chambers told the Parish Council that he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

## TEME VALLEY CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

### CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN CLIFTON

Clifton Parish Council have agreed to provide funding for the Coronation celebrations in the village on Saturday 6th May from 3pm until 5pm. There will be a disco and barbeque on the village green prepared and cooked by the Lion Inn. Drinks will be available from the Lion Inn, served in plastic glasses.

Bring a chair or a picnic rug and get together on the village green to celebrate the Coronation of our new King. Strawberries and cream, cream teas, tea and coffee will be available in the Church.

### CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN SHELSLEY

On Sunday 7th May there will be a service at All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp at 11:30am. All are most welcome to attend.

Straight from the service we will then celebrate the Coronation at a Shelsley Parish drinks party, to be held at Shelsley village hall at 12 noon.

We will raise a glass to toast the King, there will be a 'Coronation' Parish photograph, games for the children, and of course the bar will be open in the Social Club.

Please do come and join in on another joyous community occasion!

### SHELSLEY CORONATION DRINKS PARTY

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Celebrate Mothers  
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Enjoy a Cupcake  
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Refreshments



## CELEBRATE OUR PARISH LITTER PICKERS

The Shelsleys Parish Council would like to thank the team of residents who continuously pick up litter on their section of our lanes during the year. Thankfully they have agreed to continue with their efforts:

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- Village - Beryl and Des Robson, Rachel Wright.
- All Saints Church to the bridge - Ann Holloway.
- Brockhill Court to the Stanford Road - Dave, Mia and Emy Belfield.
- Stanford Road to the Hill Climb - Derek Hammond.

Thanks also to any of you who also pick up when you are out walking. It makes such a difference to our beautiful valley.



Early pickings on Kingswood Lane - who is drinking all this vodka?!

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## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Thanks to an extremely generous, anonymous donation, Shelsley Parish Council have been able to purchase a defibrillator for the Parishes. This has been installed in a secure box outside Shelsley Village Hall.

Huge thanks must go to our wonderful, local first-responder, Martin Bennett, for advising the PC along the way, with regards to which models to look at, accessories needed and how to register the device etc. This was invaluable as we really didn't know where to start!

Once the defibrillator arrived, Dave Bates (PC Councillor and Social Club Chairman) arranged for it to be installed under the Village Hall porch – thank you Dave.

The Village Hall then hosted 2 highly successful defibrillator training sessions in January. Both sessions were very well attended, which was really encouraging to see. So much so, that we will now be holding a 3rd training session on Wednesday 22nd March, 7-9pm. To book a place, please contact me on email: [louise@stroyd-hutton.com](mailto:louise@stroyd-hutton.com).

The April edition of the TT will include a 'What to do' cut-out section, which will give bullet points of what to do should you ever (heaven forbid) need to use the defibrillator.

*Louise Hutton*



Local residents practising compressions.

## SNOWDROP CELEBRATION WORKSHOP

What do hope, earrings, St Richard's Hospice, and antifreeze have in common? The answer is... SNOWDROPS!

Snowdrops are a symbol of hope and new life; they are named after earrings, not drops of snow (true fact!); there are snowdrops in the hospice logo; and snowdrop sap contains a form of antifreeze.

About 40 people got creative at The Snowdrop Celebration Workshop in Harpley church. Jill Smith set the scene with some thoughts and facts about snowdrops. Mel Williams led us in making a huge collage of a woodland scene studded with snowdrops. She inspired us to make outsize snowdrops using sticks, branches, old paper cups, wire, egg boxes...and straw and tissue paper snowdrops...we decorated glass jars with spring flowers. Terry Thacker led a 'poetry corner' where we turned words and phrases associated with snowdrops into poems. She brought out the poet in us - the Harpley Haiku was born!

Pat Savage and Margaret Griffiths kept the tea urn going, with plenty of cakes and biscuits. Thanks to all who came and shared the afternoon. Look out for details of further seasonal creative workshops at Harpley....

*Jen Denniston*



Mel Williams (second from right) with creative participants at the Snowdrop Celebration Workshop.



**Snowdrop-themed rhymes and haiku from Harpley poetry corner:**

Purity, joy, anticipation.  
 Promise of things to come.  
 Keeping hope alive.



On this page I do jot  
 How I love snowdrops such a lot!  
 Their pure white heads and green  
 leaves so smart  
 Brighten my day and warm my  
 heart.



Such joy to see the snowdrops  
 Emerging from the ground  
 Such loving gifts from God  
 Abundance all around!



Happiness blending with  
 the snow.  
 Brave little flowers  
 Bursting out, breaking free.



Snowdrops emerging  
 Deceptively delicate  
 Feel my heart quicken.



## TITS TO THE WIND!

On a cold Sunday morning in February, 30 brave swimmers and a few additional 'brunchers' came together to raise much-needed funds for the Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven.

The event was held at The Birche in Shelsley Beauchamp, by kind permission of Carole Warren. The event raised an impressive £1,500.00 for the unit.

Special thanks must go to Carole and Trish Marlar for the refreshments and brunch. Also to Emma Carpenter for supporting the 'newbies' in the lake.



## LOWER SAPEY NEWS

'If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?'. This is a favourite quote from Shelley, which helps to cheer me up at this time of the year. True, the garden pheasants are looking frisky, the snowdrops are out and the daffodils shooting up, but the temperature still drops regularly below freezing (at least at the time of writing) and we still keep a wary eye on the level in the LPG tank. I am sure the warm welcome space in Clifton Village Hall has been a great boost to many. Thank you to all the helpers.

I think we all need cheering up with some sunshine as it has been a terrible start to 2023 for so many in the world. I am sure we have all been praying for the helpless victims of the dreadful earthquakes in Syria and Turkey and it seems petty to complain of our own winter, when so many dead and injured and homeless survivors are existing in the cold. The D.E.C. is advertising for donations on TV and in newspapers. The awful war in Ukraine has now lasted for a year and is looking grim and we think also of their continued suffering. What is going on in the world?

In Harpley we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on February 11th in St Bartholomew's at the Snowdrop Art Workshop. There was painting, jar decorating, collages, poetry and of course, the usual good refreshments. This proved very popular and not only with the children.

We are also repeating the Pancake morning on 21st February in the Church.

The Clifton Brownies were guests of St Bartholomew's for an evening in February and would like to return here again. We are busy planning other events for the year, all of which show how important the Church is as our community centre. For other local news, you may like to visit the web site at: [www.lowersapey.net](http://www.lowersapey.net).

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Dot Millward reports: 'In January we had sherry and mince pies, followed by a quiz. Later in January, we were entertained by Jerry Johns with some videos of Clifton characters, which was a very interesting history of local people's lives. Thank you Jerry and also Chris Hurley for the technology. In February, we had the fabulous Professor Coliwobbles (aka Phil Collins) with his Punch and Judy. From the amount of feedback I have received, this was very much enjoyed by all. Later in February, we were taken to Patagonia by Penny Bowden.

In March we are travelling with Chris House and later in the month, we have the club birthday lunch when Pete calls with the village chip van! Visitors are always welcome, as are new members'.

St Bartholomew's services for March are as follows, but please check the times nearer the dates.

Thursday March 2nd. Parish Prayers at 9am. Please note that the monthly early morning Thursday service will now start at 9am.

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Sunday March 5th Morning service at 10.30am Sunday March 19th Mothering Sunday morning service at 10.30am. No communion this month.

Sunday March 26th. Circle service and christening of George Rean (Pat Savage's great grandson) 10.30am

We are hoping to have a spring clean of the Church on March 31st, starting about 10.30am, so please help if you can. We have also started litter picking in the area.

Housekeeping for March is in the hands of Pat Savage.

The Ladies Bible Group will hold their delayed opening meeting on Tuesday March 14th at 2pm at The Hatt House. Thank you again Pat.

The Mobile Library will call on Friday March 17th at 10.20 and 10.40 am. The County Library has an excellent web site, listing their many interesting events and displays.

Have a great March, look forward to a sunny Spring. Keep an eye out for the balloons!

*Margaret Griffiths*

## **TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE**

Last year we were blessed with a spell of unusually dry, sunny and warm weather at the end of March. As I had signed up for the June Malvern Walking Festival I thought it wise to get in some training, so chose three local circular walks with which to ramble twenty-six useful miles. Each walk started in a village, two in Worcestershire, Alfrick and Chaddesley Corbett, and the third in the Herefordshire village of Whitbourne. They were all enjoyable but the last especially so.

The route from Whitbourne travelled upstream beside the River Teme, then aimed north-west towards Clifton-on-Teme before joining the downstream Sapey Brook and looping back to the start. The valley of this hidden Teme tributary is a real gem, it is both beautiful and unspoilt. The scene at the end of March was immensely tranquil. Larks sang and blackthorn and damson blossom whitened the hedges and old orchards. The brook followed a winding course and possessed pebbly beaches where it was possible to get down to a level with the water's edge.

There were plenty of wild flowers and, despite the presence of wood anemones and violets, the overarching impression was of the colour yellow, which studded the grass and augured the arrival of spring. In inhabited places daffodils presented a gay yellow welcome. Elsewhere enamel-bright celandine petals soaked up the sun's rays whilst in more sheltered spots the paler milk-yellow primrose was in full bloom. A few early cowslips were just raising their orange-flecked heads. Golden saxifrage was in flower by the brook and beside a small bridge a bed of tiny green-yellow moschatel was on the point of opening. This diminutive plant has a musk scent and five tiny flowers pointing to each of north, south, east, west and skywards, attracting the name "town-hall clock". It is not common and I was delighted to see it.

A pair of grey wagtails fishing in the river added to the impression of yellow. These birds are called grey wagtails but the name downplays their beauty. White and yellow

underparts and the continual bobbing of their tails make them easy to spot. Another yellow was supplied by a pristine male brimstone butterfly. He flew along the brook stopping here and there to sip from early flowers. It is said that this creature, very early on the wing, first took the name butterfly due to its butter-yellow colour and that the name was subsequently given to all the members of the same insect group. Only the male enjoys bright yellow wings, the female is a less noticeable greenish-white.

The Sapey Brook has long been known to be a special place. In the past, eight species of orchid have been recorded growing alongside it. In 1854 a visitor to a local rectory found a specimen of Britain's rarest orchid, the ghost orchid, at a spot known as "The Paradise". A subsequent investigation by the Worcestershire Naturalists Club declared the valley "peculiarly favourable to the growth of the Orchidaceae." And I dare say that it was as beautiful then as it is now.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 9th March at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, WR15 8RR. We welcome Bob Watson whose talk is called "Fungi associated with Trees". 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, 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. To contact us, email [twwg@outlook.com](mailto:twwg@outlook.com).



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## CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 2nd February 2023 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.40 pm

**Present:** Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), R. Henry, B. Gilbert, N. Campsall, L. Merrick and P. Brooks.

**Also present:** District Councillor Paul Cumming and 8 members of the public. Apologies for absence: County Cllr D. Chambers, District Cllr C. Palethorpe.

**Declarations of Interests and applications for Councillor dispensations:** None.

**Democratic Public Time:** Members of the public raised the following issues –

Ongoing concern raised regarding Blue Shot development, with matters now being in the hands of Planning Enforcement. It was noted that developer vehicles are also parking on the BP Hut car park and have no permission to do so. Clerk asked to contact Planners about this matter. Clarification was also given re arrangements for the school and other vehicles to use the car park, which may need to be reviewed and updated in the future.

**To agree the Minutes of the meeting held 5th January 2023** – Minutes were proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded Cllr Campsall and agreed by all. No further matters arising.

**District & County Councillor Reports:** Any reports received will be circulated and uploaded to the website. Cllr Brooks updated the meeting re ongoing matters at The View and the pedestrian pathway, which are with Planning Enforcement currently. The developer has now filled in the trench. Works are also planned for the pavement by the same contractor once some Highways matters are resolved. Hedging and grass to be removed and both entrances to be redesigned to correct previous mistakes. The crossing has been repaired in Manor Rd but some stones are now broken again. Cllr Brooks will send pictures to County Cllr Chambers. The pavement in front of the church is scheduled for repair week commencing 7th August and Cllr Brooks will monitor this.

Cllr R. Henry reported that he is disappointed with the response to his query regarding countywide tree planting, which he raised at the previous meeting. He is also disappointed regarding the continuing information in County reports regarding Covid.

**Financial & Governance Matters:** Payments and receipts – the schedule was as circulated and was proposed by Cllr A. Henry, seconded Cllr Gilbert. All agreed. Clerk to arrange payments.

**112.22 Parish Matters / Updates:** Village Maintenance Plan – winter pansies have been planted by R. Wilks. The pathway past Guest development and to the rear of Saxon Close is full of litter, which needs clearing. Cllr Gilbert agreed to liaise with developers. Cllr Bowden has asked R. Wilks to trim the area in Kenelm Rd by the elec. sub stn.

Community Speed Watch – the Clerk is chasing Police re speed data survey.

Tennis Courts – Cllr Bowden has asked R. Wilks to clear the court surface (as agreed via Cllr emails). Provision of new nets approx. £50.00 per net plus post handles. It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Gilbert to allocate a budget of up to £200.00. All agreed.

Nursery & Pre-school community funding – no one attended from the school to speak.

West Mids Police Charter – policing priorities were agreed as speed reduction / road safety measures / rural crime, especially farm equipment. We would also welcome more Police presence in the parish and progress with the 20 mph scheme in the county.

King Charles Coronation – Cllr A Henry is progressing the village event on 6th May from 3 – 5 pm. It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr A. Henry to allocate a budget up to £300.00 for the event. All agreed. Cllr Merrick also offered to do free of charge drop in sessions.

Coronation Plaque – It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr Brooks, to spend £792.00 (incl vat) for the plaque. All agreed. The church will hopefully make a contribution towards this as well. It was also suggested that residents may wish to contribute and an article will be placed in the Teme Triangle by

J. Johns. It was noted that the other existing plaques may need cleaning and Cllr Bowden agreed to ask the stonemason for a quote.

Knightwick Surgery – the letter received in response to our query regarding CuT surgeries and deliveries, was read to the meeting. A copy will also be placed in the notice board. The Clerk was asked to ask County Cllr Chambers for a copy of the ICB report. It was agreed to publish the letter in Teme Triangle. County Cllr Chambers will be raising the matter at WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Board. It may also be worth investigating a community scheme for collecting prescriptions.

**Section 106 Matters:** Four Acre Field (CFAF) Project – Land Registry matters are ongoing via the Solicitors – Clerk to request a further update. Cllr Campsall updated the meeting re MHDC options and next steps required. Cllr Campsall will be writing to MHDC to update them on revised project costs and project specification. Cllr Gilbert summarised the response from Harriet Baldwin MP. The Clerk was asked to collate all emails from MHDC to date for Cllr Campsall and District Cllr Cumming. Cllr Merrick offered to undertake a comprehensive ecological site survey, which was very much appreciated, and Cllr Campsall agreed to send her a map of the site. It was also agreed to identify areas that could be used for the Nat. Science curriculum and educational opportunities.

Cllrs Gilbert, Campsall and Bowden to review the s106 project scope asap and possible cost savings to be made.

**Planning Matters: Applications for consideration - None.**

**Strategic Planning Matters:** Cllr Gilbert will monitor the SWDPR and notify the Council of any matters to be considered. District Cllr Cumming updated the meeting re the review process. The consultation has now ended. The 5 year land supply is now in place and the numbers of houses proposed for development should be monitored against housing needs going forward. MHDC are now considering the next 5 years priorities / core services, including planning matters and outstanding planning issues. The meeting considered the need to review the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and it was agreed that Cllrs Bowden and Gilbert look in to this re the SWDPR and formalise the review. It was noted that the PC have recently written to MHDC re the SWDPR and a response is awaited. Copy to District Cllr Cumming.

**Highways & Facilities Matters:** Parish Lengthsman – 3 new bins have been ordered to replace the final old bins.

**Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:**

Pavilion electrical works – it was agreed to fund £250.00 for additional works required.

Trees – Cllr Bowden is progressing overhanging tree works via S. Wheeler.

Moles – Cllr Bowden to ask R. Wilks to remove mounds on the playing fields.

Brook Garden plaque – Cllrs Bowden and Brooks progressing this.

Bus shelter – Cllr Bowden is drafting a survey for residents re location, design etc.

Tourist Information Board – the old footpaths board could be used and Cllr Merrick will look at options.

Footpaths map – Cllr Bowden is still progressing this.

Swifts – Cllr Gilbert asked if the Swifts flying around the village used the church at all? Could nest boxes be provided on public buildings? Cllrs Gilbert and Merrick to look at options.

**Next meeting:** Thurs 2nd March 2023 at 7.40 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

M. Alexander, Clerk



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

# **MARCH 2023**

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

**10.30am** Morning Worship, St Bartholomew, Harpley

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

**10.30am** Matins, St Kenelm, Clifton

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

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**10.30am** Methodist Holy Communion, St Bartholomew, Harpley

**10.30am** Mothering Sunday, St Kenelm, Clifton

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**10.30am** Circle Service, All Saints, St Bartholomew, Harpley

**3.30pm** Forest Church, Almshouse Woods

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

### **Morning Prayer**

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9.30am St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey*

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am, St Kenelm, Clifton*

*Wednesday 15<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 – [wwrtlive1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)*

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

### March

- 1 Friendship Club, Clifton Village Hall, 2.30pm.
- 2 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton Village Hall, 7.40pm.
- 5 Martley Young Farmers 'Big Breakfast', Martley Memorial Hall,  
1st sitting at 9am, 2nd sitting at 11am.
- 6 Stanford History Group Lecture, Upper Sapey Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- 7 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsley Village Hall, 7pm.
- 9 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Stoke Bliss and Kyre  
Village Hall, WR15 8RR, 7.30pm.
- 12 Daffodil service, All Saints Shelsley Beauchamp, 10.30am.  
Celebrate Spring, Celebrate Mothers, Pot a daffodil, Eat a cupcake!
- 13 Stanford History Group Lecture, Upper Sapey Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- 14 Sapey Ladies Bible group, at The Hatt House, 2pm.
- 16 'Quiet Day' at Worcester Cathedral, Undercroft Meeting and  
Learning Centre, 10am – 4pm.
- 18 'Play your cards right', Shelsley Village Hall, 7pm.
- 22 Defibrillator training, Shelsley Village Hall, 7pm.
- 25 Guided Springtime walk, meeting at Shelsley Village Hall,  
3pm - 4.30pm. Bring suitable footwear and waterproofs if wet.
- 31 Sapey Church Spring clean, 10.30am.

### April

- 1 Nora Parsons Centre Easter fair, Venn Lane.
- 7 Worcester Passion Play, Cathedral Square Worcester, 10.30am.
- 9 Easter service, All Saints Shelsley Beauchamp, 11.00.  
Parade in a bonnet, Hunt for an Easter egg, Eat Des's simnel cake!
- 14 Martley Young Farmers, Easter Bingo, Martley Village Hall, time tbc.

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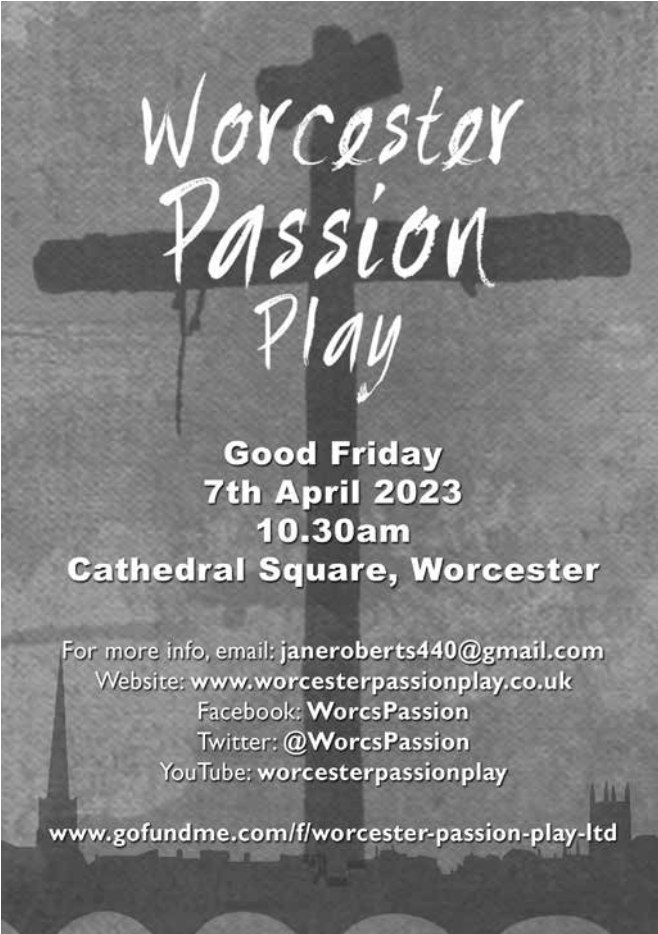
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## **SHELSELY WARM SPACE COFFEE AND CHAT**

Our first 'Warm space coffee and chat' get together was kindly hosted by Shelsley Social Club on Tuesday 14th February.

A huge thank you to Beryl for 'sponsoring' the electricity and her husband Des for baking the delicious Valentine's cakes.

Also many thanks to Malcolm and Carol of Stourport, and Jane and Paul of Solihull for donating the comfy sofa's. Also Fi Jeffries for donating the lamp.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME,  
SO PLEASE DO DROP IN....**

**TUESDAY'S 11:30 – 12:30,  
SHELSELY SOCIAL CLUB.**

*Karen Metcalfe*





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