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Local residents raise money for Christian Aid, whilst enjoying croquet in the sun in Shelsley Beauchamp

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Local Clifton residents Patricia Knowles (left) and Janet Lawrence (right) celebrating their 90th birthdays. See Page 27 for further details.



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Welcome to the June 2024 edition of the Teme Triangle

Wow - what a busy month we have had again in the Teme Valley! There are so many events to report on - all with fantastic editorial and photos - thank you to everyone who has participated in them - whether you have helped organise, host, or indeed simply attend the events - it is fantastic to see so many friends and neighbours coming together so regularly.

We have received some really lovely, positive feedback about the content of the *Teme Triangle* recently and we would like to thank you for that feedback - as we always say, we couldn't do it without all your input - it's a great community effort.

One particular 'note to the editor' came from Val Jones, Shelsley resident and PC Chairwoman, who wrote: "*Johnny Crabbe's poem and the farm article by Allan Jefferies in the May edition of Teme Triangle were absolutely brilliant and brought a big smile to my face! More please!*"

And so, at our reader's requests.....Johnny writes.....

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And eat our crisps and pies.
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Resound to friendly banter,
All brought about by JESS and so.....
We've all returned to THANK HER.

AJTC 17.5 2024

Front cover picture: Stuart Smith passes on his expert croquet knowledge to local children, (left to right) Ralph, James, Sophie and Emily. See Pages 19 and 32 for further details.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE GROUP, by Stephanie Mocroft

Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall was filled to the brim back in January, making a great start to the Teme Valley Wildlife Group's 2024 programme. Our first speaker was ornithologist Mike Metcalf who had come to tell us about Worcestershire's ravens. He has been surveying them for some years now, and investigates the size of the county's population by recording bird numbers and nest sites. He knew from our website that ravens were regularly being seen in the Teme Valley and hoped to enlist our help in finding them. He had compared the number of monthly sightings in the TVWG's Common Bird Survey with national data from the British Trust for Ornithology and found them to tally exactly.

I, for one, am fascinated by these splendid birds and love to hear their swishing wingbeats if they fly over me as I'm buried in the garden border pulling up weeds. They also sail along to see what's going on when I feed my sheep on winter mornings. I always wave and call out "Hello ravens!" and am sometimes rewarded by a change of flight path as they come in closer to see who this silly person is. If I'm very, very lucky, there will be a dipped wing or a demonstration of fancy flying to show off "Red Arrow" style aerobatic skills.

At the end of Mike's talk, a queue of fellow raven-spotters formed, keen to tell him about their local birds. So it was that, come April, I had the pleasure of accompanying him down to a wood where I had a strong suspicion that those near me had built a nest. Mike's hearing was sharply attuned to bird sounds and as the wood came into view he heard their first calls. They were quiet at this point and, as I had heard nothing at all, I quickly stopped prattling to allow him to judge their location. Then, as we neared the edge of the wood, two ravens took to the air and began a range of different calls. Mike interpreted them for me. Some were alarm calls, some were warnings, some told other birds to keep away and some were calls between a nesting pair. To us, there was an obvious "clear off" call.

Once between the trees we started to look up, craning our necks to see into the tallest branches. Ravens prefer to nest in conifer trees and select a high location which they commonly use again. We soon spotted a twiggy nest with an alert raven standing guard above it. There was no evidence of any young birds, but the presence of two parents and a nest beneath which plant leaves were splashed with bright white guano was evidence enough that the nest was in use. Mike was pleased to record a site previously unknown to him, making it the 36th nest in the county.



If you happen to know of a nest, or a possible location for one, and could take that number higher, please contact Mike at mikebirder@hotmail.com - I'm sure he would be delighted to hear from you.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 13 June at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, WR15 8RR. We welcome Dominique Cragg whose talk is intriguingly entitled "Worcestershire's Rainforests". Members and friends are all welcome, it is just £3 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. We normally hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by email at twwg@outlook.com.

BROADWAS CROQUET CLUB

The lawns of Broadwas Croquet Club are buzzing again following a prolonged closed season, caused by persistent rain.

The club is looking forward to further success in local and national competitions this year, and in June is competing in the World Croquet Federation's 2024 European GC Club League, to be held at Telč in Czechia (the former Czech Republic).



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Shelsleys Parish Council abbreviated minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 14th 2024.

Present: Val Jones (re-elected Chairwoman), Louise Hutton (re-elected Vice-Chairwoman), Jean Hammond, Laura Taylor, John Stinton and Dave Bates.

Apologies: Carole Warren, Karen Metcalfe and David Belfield (accepted). Councillors were reminded of their commitment to attend meetings and to provide reasons for absence. Future meeting dates were agreed in order for Councillors to note.

Declaration of Interests: None.

Public Questions: None.

The Code of Conduct: Noted.

Council's Scheme of Delegation: Clerk to collate planning comments between meetings for submission to MHDC. The New Financial Regulations to be discussed at the next meeting.

Insurance: The clerk is awaiting a reply on the new declaration to be made by councillors. Cover is considered adequate and the premium agreed. This is the final year of the three-year fixed price.

Appointment of Individual Officers: deferred until July.

Minutes: With one addition, the minutes of the 12th March were approved and signed.

Lengthsman: Invoices to WCC are now digitised. Clerk to arrange contract signing.

Highways & Footpaths: The Ladywood footbridge is closed due to bridge damage. Temporary one day road closures, Hillside 21st May and Camp Lane June 4th. Surface water at New Mill Bridge, the stream has been excavated and a sump dug. The culvert is currently unblocked and the lane is clear.

Progress Reports: Broadband: No progress on Pard House Lane project. Speed signage: No progress, it was agreed that this should no longer be an agenda item.

Urgent Decisions: A new printer has been purchased for use by the clerk. Biodiversity Plan: The adopted policy will be further discussed in July. Audit: The Exemption Certificate was signed, as were parts 1 and 2 and the Internal Auditor report received. The council will make a donation of £75 to Worcester Foodbank at the Internal Auditor's request in lieu of his fee.

Finance: CALC subscription, Clerk's expenses, Lengthsman payment and Insurance totalling £1,071.14 were agreed.

Planning: No outstanding applications. Malvern Hills District Council decision M/23?00572/HP Manor Barn Shelsley Beauchamp, approved. **Village Hall**

Management Committee: The date of the AGM will be agreed at a meeting to be held on May 21st and the Parish Council to be advised.

The meeting concluded at 20:30.

Future meeting dates: Tuesday 9 July, 7pm Shelsley Village Hall. 10 September and 12 November. 2025 - 14 January and 11 March.

The full minutes, the District and County Councillors' reports and the Chairwoman's Annual Report to the parish are available on the WCC website: <http://eservices.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>

SNOWDON AT SUNRISE.....A fundraising walk for St. Richard's Hospice

Clifton resident Ann Goddard will be joining a team of intrepid trekkers on 15 June, taking on Mount Snowdon in the dark, to raise funds towards St Richard's Hospice.

"With walking boots and head torch ready, we will set off at about 2am to reach the summit by sunrise," says Ann. "Hopefully we will see the sun and not be enshrouded by cloud and rain before we head back down in daylight to enjoy the views".

"Tackling Snowdon has always been a personal goal, but this way I can support a charity too. I have personal knowledge of the care that St Richard's Hospice provides as my daughter is a palliative care Senior Staff Nurse in the community, as well as having friends who have been supported by the hospice."

St Richard's Hospice in Worcester cares for adults with a serious progressive illness. Their aim is to improve patients' quality of life, helping them to live as fully as they can for as long as possible. They rely heavily on donations to continue the wonderful work they do.

Anyone who wishes to contribute should check out Ann's justgiving page by going to [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ann-goddard-1712241586472) and searching for Ann's Snowdon at Sunrise Fundraising for St Richard's Hospice:

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS, by Margaret Griffiths

So here we are now, in the midst of a mini heat wave, wondering how we can catch up with all the gardening and also keep cool. Surely it won't last? Our weather certainly sets us challenges, but maybe the farmers can now try to make up time on their sodden fields. Weeds have taken over my garden and the grass is ready to cut, but two 80+ year olds find it hard to cope sometimes, despite the real pleasure the garden gives us. Blossom is coming out everywhere, even though 'Blossom Sunday' must have been weeks ago. Still no cuckoo here and I wonder if we will ever hear it again in the area.

May seems to have happened all of a sudden and is now rushing by. I believe this happens when one gets older! We see some beautiful photos of the recent Northern Lights on the App, all taken by Liz Younge. Well done Liz for being alert, awake and catching this amazing sight.

The excitement of the local elections has passed now and as I write, there is still no sign of a general election, will it be this year, next year, sometime, never? Surely it would help us all to know?

The Olympics in Paris and the European Football tournament in Germany will soon be here and in our county, we have the Three Choirs Music Festival at the end of July. Let's hope the weather will be kind then. During this little heat wave, it at last seems like a cricket season and we were all saddened by the sudden death of the young Worcestershire and England cricketer, Josh Baker, aged only 20.

Local resident Ann Smith has also passed away, having been ill for some time. Her son Steve only passed away very recently and we send our deepest sympathy to the family.

The Christian Aid week was at the end of May and hopefully a lot of money will have been raised for this and for the local churches. We hope that the garden at St Bartholomew's, with its fire-pit, will prove to be popular for functions in the summer months.

The 'No-Mow' May may not happen this year as the wet winter and spring have really made it necessary to cut the grass very soon, but the wild flowers have looked wonderful over the early months. Please come and visit us.

Harpley is still adjusting to the new Diocesan area and planning is still in progress as we get to know our new neighbours. Our own PCC is still working hard to obtain the funding to improve the facilities at the Church, including a kitchen

area and outside toilet. Any bright ideas are most welcome! Please contact our Church wardens, Liz and David on lowersapeychurchwarden@gmail.com.

SERVICES at St. Bartholomew's

Sunday 2 June - Morning Service at 10:30.

Sunday 23 June - Circle service at 10:30.

Sunday 30 June - Midsummer meeting outdoors (at the Fire-Pit area if weather fine) at 10:30.

NB: There is no Methodist service in June.

Housekeeping at the Church for June is in the hands of Sue Ellson. Thank you Sue.

The Ladies Bible Group will meet at Janet Hann's on Tuesday 11 June at 2pm. Thank you Janet.

The Mobile Library will call on Friday 21 June at 10:20 and 10:40am. You may like to check the Library website, which lists all their many events and activities.





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Now, after many years of extensive restoration by the volunteers, the Shelsley Water Mill is the only functioning water-powered corn mill left in Worcestershire. Over the weekend of 8-9 June, the volunteers who have restored and now operate the mill, will be hosting a FREE (though any donations on the day will be gratefully received) open weekend for people to see first-hand how the mill works.

In addition, there will be a display of classic vehicles and a steam traction engine from a by-gone era, as well as access to the 13th century St Andrew's Church, which is just next door.

Teas, coffees and cakes will be available for purchase during the day.

For those who are unfamiliar with the historic hill climb, come and take the opportunity to walk the 1000-yard course and work up an appetite for another slice of homemade cake. Make it a family day out.

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CLIFTON SCHOOL SEEKS NEW GOVERNORS

Clifton on Teme Primary School is looking to recruit two more people for the Board of Governors. This is a voluntary role that combines a desire to support the work of the Head Teacher and the staff, with the need to hold them to account to the school's policy and procedures.

Governors are required to maintain a strategic view of the development of the curriculum and to oversee the finances of the school. If anyone is interested in this important role within the local community, please contact the School Secretary who will liaise with the Chair of Governors: office@clifton-upon-teme.worcs.sch.uk

LOCAL FLOWER GROWER AT THE MALVERN SPRING SHOW

Our very own Kate Hurst, from Camomile and Cornflowers, Shelsley Kings, helped to design and decorate the renowned RHS letters at The Malvern Spring Show this year, along with other local members of 'Flowers From The Farm (FFTF)'. FFTF is a nationwide organisation, set up to promote British flowers.



Kate says "We used small water vessels, along with willow and Welsh moss to support the 100's of locally grown flowers and plants. The theme depicted a year in the life of a flower grower and included seedlings, bulbs and dried flowers in the form of a rainbow. I also did a demonstration with another local grower in the floral marquee to promote British flowers and sustainable Church flowers."

Kate regularly displays her flower arrangements in All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp - this was her latest one, using all home grown spring flowers and foliage, with no floral foam.



SHELSLEY ALL SAINTS 'ANGELS' GET TOGETHER

On Wednesday 1 May the ladies who volunteer for the All Saints Church flower and cleaning rota's got together at The Den cafe. It was a lovely, social few hours and there was much chatting and laughter - a great opportunity for some team bonding - and what a great team it is!



CLIFTON ROGATION SERVICE

Rev Julia Curtis writes: "On Sunday 5 May we enjoyed some lovely sunshine for our annual Rogation Service at the kind invitation of Ann and Sheila.

It was great to be able to walk around New House Farm, Clifton and bless the farm and growing crops.

Our readings and prayers were shared around those attending and I received plenty of help with distribution of the blessed water.



Our collection raised funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance, which is such a lifeline in times of emergency in our rural communities.

Thanks to all involved for a wonderful event."



TEME VALLEY CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS



The series of Christian Aid events were kicked off in Clifton village hall, with the 'Refresh, Restyle, Recycle' evening.

Right: James Hyslop sharing his expert advice on how to wear and 'own' your clothes.



Saturday afternoon saw more than 20 mostly novice players try their hand at a friendly game of croquet, guided by national player and Treasurer of Broadwas Croquet Club, Stuart Smith.



Attendees also enjoyed talks from two floral experts: Clifton's Dot Millward, demonstrated how to make a hand tied bouquet and award-winning Shelsley Kings florist Kate Hurst showed how to create sustainable flower posies, made with an array of blooms grown in her own garden.



Teme Valley Christian Aid coordinator Marion Dipple said: "We're delighted to hold this inaugural Shelsley event as part of this year's Christian Aid Week. It's been great fun and what a stunning valley view from the croquet lawn! We hope to do it again!"

PETER COLLINS MEMORIAL AT SHELSLEY HILLCLIMB

On an unusually sunny (!) Bank Holiday Monday, around 500 people gathered in the Courtyard at Shelsley Walsh to witness the unveiling of a memorial dedicated to locally born Formula One racing driver Peter Collins, who was born in Mustow Green, Kidderminster in 1931. As a young man, Peter competed and drove for Ferrari before he tragically died in a crash at Nürburgring in 1958.



The unveiling of the memorial was the culmination of more than a year's work led by Mark Andrews, Managing Director of European Driving Tools. Shelsley Walsh, Peter's home circuit, was chosen as the location of the memorial, following a fund raising campaign.

It was a great day out for motor racing fans, featuring classic and modern cars parked in the Shelsley Paddock, displays of Peter Collins memorabilia and some special guests including Deborah Jones (Peter's niece) and other family members.

The Bronze memorial was created by Stephen Charnock of Bronzecast and was unveiled by special guests including David Piper who raced in Formula 1 in the 1950's and was driving at the Nurburgring in 1958 when Peter suffered his fatal accident; Howden Ganley, who participated in 41 World Championship Formula One Grand Prix between 1971 and 1974; and Richard Hammond, Top Gear TV presenter.



There was also a display of vehicles from Hills Ford, who kindly sponsored the day, building on previous links with the Collins family. The Hills Ford premises in Kidderminster were originally the local Ford dealership operated by Peter's father Pat Collins and in addition, the site of the Ford Transit Centre now operated by Hills Ford at Mustow Green sits very close to the original site of Pat Collins' haulage company garage where Peter's affinity with cars, lorries and love of racing was nurtured.

PROPOSAL TO BUILD 65 MORE HOUSES IN CLIFTON

A proposed development to build 65 new houses on land in Clifton outside the existing development boundary in the village was discussed at a well-attended annual meeting of the Parish Council.

Parish Council Chairman, John Bowden, said the developer, TerraStrategic, had published details of the plan to build on a 25 acre site on 'land held within a trust', believed to be owned by the Brockhill Estate. According to TerraStrategic, 'the land is outside the settlement boundary, but adjacent to it, with no obvious planning constraints'.

"The proposed site is outside the development boundary in the Neighbourhood Plan which has been reviewed regularly," said Mr Bowden in response to many comments opposed to the plan.

The Parish Council agreed to write to the current landowner and also seek professional planning advice on the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan for Clifton.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CLIFTON UPON TEME NURSERY

Members of the community have rallied to support Clifton upon Teme Nursery and Pre-School in making urgent repairs to its access ramp.

The Nursery and Pre-School, located behind the Primary School in Clifton, found itself having to carry out urgent repair work required to replace the rotting access ramp to the building in January, and without any funds saved to cover the £5,000 cost.

The Nursery trustees set to work to raise funds. They have raised £500 in the past six months from a series of fundraising events. Clifton Parish Council have agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the ramp repair and both County and District Councillors have also donated.

Abi Pethybridge-Court, the Nursery manager, said, "On behalf of all the staff, children and families of Clifton upon Teme Nursery and Pre-school, we would like to thank the community for rallying round and supporting us with the ramp repair. Having the ramp back in action means we can continue to provide a safe environment for our children and our staff".

However there is still further repair work to fund, which includes new flooring, replacing of the roofing to the outdoor cupboard and shelter and a new fire door being top priorities.

Commenting on the financial strain on the nursery, Katherine Poole, a parent trustee of the nursery, said, "We are extremely proud that we managed to stay open over the Covid period, especially in a national context where more than 4,200 providers closed. We, like many local businesses, had just got through the financial recovery after Covid and then had to confront the cost-of-living crisis which has escalated our outgoings. We are also responding to the biggest overhaul in childcare funding model in a decade; a great opportunity for working families, but fundamentally changes our business model. We have prioritised keeping the nursery open over the last three years which means that we have not been able to invest in improving our nursery environment."

Clifton upon Teme Nursery and Pre-school is a charitable organisation providing childcare services to children from three months to five years. Established to serve the local community in 2000, it is managed by a committee of volunteer trustees. The nursery, which has a 'Good' Ofsted rating, is currently the only childcare provider in the Teme Valley ward and the only provider in a nine-mile radius offering places to children under the age of two years.

The Nursery will be holding an evening fundraiser on Saturday 29 June and

all will be very welcome. If you are unable to attend but keen to show your support, you could sponsor a local Clifton resident, Tabitha Hedges, who will be undertaking a sponsored climb of Kilimanjaro on 20 September and has chosen the Nursery as her charity. You can sponsor her here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tabitha-hedges>

The Nursery is also keen for any hands-on support. If anyone in the community would like to know more about becoming a trustee or the company secretary, please do get in touch: chair@cliftoneyc.co.uk or manager@cliftoneyc.co.uk

It's an exciting time to come on board.



CLIFTON NONAGENARIANS CELEBRATION

The front cover photo this month shows Clifton residents Patricia Knowles (left) and Janet Lawrence (right), who both celebrated their 90th birthdays on successive days in April with friends and family gathered in the Lion Inn for the occasion.

Harpley resident Pat Savage also celebrated her 90th birthday at the same time with a party in Clifton village hall.

"I would like to thank everyone who came to my birthday party and for the many cards and presents I received," said Patricia, adding a big thank you to Andrea and the staff at the Lion Inn for preparing the food for the celebrations.



THE SHELSELEYS' EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

Are you, or is one of your children, planning to start a new stage of education this autumn, and do you live within the civil parish of the Shelsleys?

If so you may be interested in this local charity. The income of the charity is used to support the education (e.g. to assist in the purchase of uniforms, books and sports equipment) of children and young people under the age of 25 who live (or whose parents/ guardians live) within the parish of the Shelsleys.

The Trustees will be meeting in August to consider making small grants to eligible pupils or students. These are those either attending primary school for the first time or those starting secondary school/college or university in autumn 2024.

Applications for grants should be made as soon as possible in writing, and in any event before the end of the summer term. All enquiries and applications should be sent by email to the Clerk to the Trustees, Jude Damerell, at judith_damerell@hotmail.com or by post to Jude Damerell, Somer Barns, Camp Lane, Shelsley Beauchamp, WR6 6JQ.

CLIFTON ON TEME FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Next meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday 5 June, The history of Salt Howard Robinson.
- Wednesday 19 June, Ukulele Phil and friends.
- Wednesday 3 July, Members birthday celebrations.

Our last meeting in April was with Jerry Johns who entertained us with stories of his mothers life. In May we had afternoon tea for members and guests, as three members were celebrating 'nought' birthdays - Jenny Painter, Janet Lawrence and Pat Savage. Members really enjoyed afternoon tea with fizz.....it was likened to tea at the Ritz..... praise indeed!

New members and visitors are always welcome - please contact Dot Millward for further information, dotmillward@btinternet.com.

'SONS AND SKIES' TALK AT TENBURY

Tenbury and Clifton Royal British Legion have invited BBC producer (Antiques Roadshow) Robert Arley to talk about aerial combat throughout the Second World War. The meeting will take place at the Fountain Inn in Tenbury Wells on Tuesday 18 June, starting at 7.30pm. Guests are welcome (no charge) and refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please email Sam on TenburyWellsrbl@outlook.com, or ring Jack Whittenbury on 01886 812 464.

Church Matters

by Rev Jen Denniston



Spring was a long time coming. Then suddenly the mud of the long, wet winter soon turns to dust...and drier roads make potholes easier to see. The blossom's been as bright and full as during the Pandemic. Did we appreciate it as much as during Lockdown when we were only allowed one hour outside?

This is the season of Creationtide and Pentecost – time to celebrate Spring and new shoots, lambs in the fields, tractor drivers out cultivating til late. Time to celebrate God's goodness and the Holy Spirit at work in the world.

It's also a time to take stock: what matters in life. The Bishop of Worcester retires this autumn. He reflects that these past years have been the best of times and the worst of times, aware of life's ups and downs, and appreciating the varying seasons in life.

It's a time to be grateful. Thankful for what we have, not envying others or anxious about what we don't have. Thankful for people who cheer us and encourage us – Jan the Milk lady, the dog saying 'come for a walk with me', the message saying 'thinking of you'...

In June we remember several Saints including Barnabas - not for his great miracles or powerful sermons, but for his generous encouraging spirit; his daring welcome to people from the wrong side of the tracks; his loyal nurture of friends, family and young people. And Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, who pioneered decent housing developments for the old and disabled, with open spaces for recreation, and projects involving education and children's welfare. Their aims and motivation were similar to those of Christian Aid, a charity that offers education, health and business opportunities to those in greatest need. The events and activities throughout the Teme Valley in May raised funds for this – don't miss the Clifton Christian Aid Big Breakfast at the Dipples on Saturday 8 June.

Clifton, Harpley and the Shelsleys are moving forward as part of a bigger grouping of parishes with Rev Julia Curtis and Teme Valley South. As the ground of our fields and hedgerows and gardens pushes forth new life, may the ground of our hearts produce new and healthy fruit. And, like Barnabas, let's be generous, offer a welcome and be willing to nurture and encourage family and younger people.

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CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS SUMMARY, By Rachel Austin

What a weekend of fun and friendship we had whilst raising money for Christian Aid 2024.

We started with a Preloved Sale at Clifton Village Hall on Friday 17 May. 'Refresh, Restyle, Recycle' was the theme, trying to reuse all the beautiful clothes that others no longer need. Thank you to all in the Teme Valley who donated so many gorgeous, good quality items for the sale. It was a lovely evening of browsing, a glass of prosecco or two and expert advice from James Hyslop, an experienced tailor and fashion 'Diva' who spoke to us about how to wear and 'own' your clothes. His expert eye put many outfits together and he advised us all on what to wear and how to wear it. Such a great evening, so thank you James.

We still have a lot of clothes left so before we take them to The Hospice Shop we are going to let those of you who were unable to come to the event, a chance to browse and buy on Saturday 29 June, at the WI Coffee Morning at Clifton Village Hall. Do come along – what could be better? Coffee, cake and clothes!

Saturday 18 May was the coffee morning at The Old Vicarage (a few of us even modelled our newly acquired outfits from the sale). It was another lovely community event, meeting friends old and new, catching up and enjoying delicious cake and coffee in the sunshine. These 2 events raised over £800, so well done and thank you everyone.

Then Saturday afternoon was another exceptional event, 'Croquet and Bouquets' down in Shelsley Beauchamp on the croquet lawn belonging to the Perks family. Stuart Smith was our coach for the afternoon and Kate Hurst and Dot Millward both gave beautiful demonstrations on how to make a hand-tied bouquet with flowers from your garden. All of this whilst sipping a glass of prosecco and admiring the beautiful view across to Shelsley Walsh and along the Valley.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to support the Christian Aid appeal, either delivering envelopes, lending clothes rails, donating clothes, or simply coming to the events and taking part.

Two more events are still to take place: a Cream Tea at 3pm at St Bartholomew's Church on Saturday 25 May and then The Big Breakfast on Saturday 8 June, 9-12noon, at The Old House, Clifton Upon Teme (pre orders 24 hours in advance to Marion Dipple mjdipple@btinternet.com). All Welcome!

Details of final funds raised will be published in the July / August Teme Triangle.



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

June 2024

Sunday 2nd June

8.00am: Midland Automobile Club Service, St Andrew's,
Shelsley Walsh

10.30am: Holy Communion, St Kenelm's, Clifton

10.30am: Morning Praise, St Bartholomew, Harpley

Sunday 9th June

10.30am: Family Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Sunday 16th June

10.30am: Anglican Holy Communion, St Bartholomew,
Harpley

6.30pm: Evensong, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Wednesday 19th June

10.30am: Communion, St Andrews, Shelsley Walsh

Friday 21st June

7.00pm: Midsummer Hymns and Pimms, All Saints,
Shelsley Beauchamp

Sunday 23rd June

10.30am: Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Harpley

Sunday 30th June

4.30pm: Midsummer Celebrations, St Bartholomew, Harpley

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 1-2 Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb MHC Championship
- 5 Clifton Friendship Club, The History of Salt Howard Robinson
- 8 Broadwas Croquet Club Open Day, 1–4pm
- 8 Big Breakfast at the Old House, Clifton 9am-1pm
- 8-9 Shelsley Walsh Water Mill open weekend, 10am-4pm
- 11 Ladies Bible Group, Janet Hann's house, 2pm
- 13 Teme Valley Wildlife Group, Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, WR15 8RR, 7:30pm
- 15 Nora Parsons Summer Fair, 12 noon to 4pm
- 18 Tenbury & Clifton Royal British Legion talk, The Fountain Inn, 7.30pm
- 19 Clifton Friendship Club, Ukulele Phil and friends
- 21 Clifton mobile library, 10.20 and 10.40am
- 26 'Chalky and Band', soul & mod music, Shelsley VH, 7.30pm

July

- 3 Clifton Friendship Club, Members birthday celebrations
- 6 Clifton Primary School summer fete, 1-3pm
- 9 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsley VH, 7pm

Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb events 2024

- 1-2 June Midland Hill Climb Championship
- 30 June Vintage Meeting
- 20-21 July Classic Nostalgia
- 10-11 August Midland Hill Climb Championship
- 14-15 September Harvest Festival Meeting

NORA PARSONS SUMMER FAIR

This year, instead of the usual Easter Fair, we are having a Summer Fair on Saturday 15 June. This will be from 12 noon to 4pm.

There will be a raffle, as well as produce and cake, bric a brac, stalls, tombola and much more. There will also be plenty of refreshments available.

The fair will be celebrating 40 years in the centre (which was the school prior to us moving in).

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOLBOY'S BIONIC ARM

Friends, family and neighbours of 12-year-old Noah Williams, a Clifton boy born with one of his forearms missing, have been busy raising money towards the cost of a new bionic arm for him.



Noah's mother, Rebecca Orton, says the family has been fundraising along with two other families to raise a total of £20,000 between them. This, matched with a further £40,000 already raised with the help of The Open Bionics Foundation and also an anonymous donor, has helped to cover the cost of three Hero Arms.

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"My favourite sport is football and I support the best team in the world, Aston Villa," says Noah. "I'm in a football team called Worcester United and I also play football at school. I also enjoy cooking, my favourite thing to cook is spicy pasta bake."

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To donate to Noah's GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/9d4227f6> .



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