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Clifton cyclist to pedal Hadrian's Wall for St Bartholomew's Church

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CONCERN OVER SHELSLEY GRANGE PLANS

Shelsley residents protest against planning proposals for an events marquee and car parks at Shelsley Grange (full story opposite on page 3).

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Front cover picture: Clifton resident Candy Connolly maps out her plans for an ambitious cycle ride along Hadrian's Wall, to raise funds for repairs to St Bartholomew's Church in Harpley (full story on page 5)

WELCOME to the September 2024 edition of *Teme Triangle*

Since our last (July/August) edition was published, our country has had a new Government bringing with it challenging changes, been shocked by brutal murders spiralling into race riots in numerous British cities, seen tensions rise in the Middle East and the Ukraine-Russia war accelerate. There has been much, both domestic and global, to worry us. Yet here, there is also much to be grateful for, with many neighbours drawing even closer together for company, kindness and mutual support. Some of these local 'small moves' and opportunities are in our pages this month. Let's all make the most of them, and each other. Please send your contributions for our next, October issue by 13 September.

SHELSLEY LOCALS REACT TO GRANGE PLANS

Residents of Shelsley Kings, Shelsley Walsh and Shelsley Beauchamp have voiced their concerns at plans submitted to create a new events venue and car park within the parish. The owner of Shelsley Grange, a Grade II listed Georgian property set in 50 acres in Shelsley Kings, sought planning permission in mid-July to put a semi-permanent marquee in the grounds, for weddings and other events hosting up to 120 guests. Attached catering facilities, portable toilets and a gravel 50-vehicle car park – adding to the site's existing parking for 25 vehicles – also form part of the application.

At the time of going to press, nearly 60 objection letters from residents had been lodged with Malvern Hills District Council. Several neighbours (photo page 2) gathered outside the property to express their views to a BBC regional news reporter. The Shelsleys Parish Council also submitted a detailed, formal statement to MHDC saying it 'strongly objects' to the plan.

Andy Griffie, a Shelsley Kings resident, told *Teme Triangle*: "It is the wrong business in the wrong place. Scores of neighbours are strongly opposed to the application. We are very worried by the impact of additional visitor and servicing traffic on a very narrow, steep country lane with many blind bends and no speed restriction. The elevated position of Shelsley Grange also means that amplified music, through canvas, will disturb the peace of the locality as well as upset local farm livestock, pets and wildlife (including the nests of red kites at this location). The Birmingham-based owner of the property does not live at Shelsley Grange and will not have his life disrupted by it – unlike residents across the Shelsleys. The application also contradicts the South Worcestershire District Plan in several specific aspects."

Teme Triangle contacted the agent who submitted the planning application for a comment in this article, but no response had been received by the time of going to press. The deadline for residents' feedback on the application has now expired, with a decision pending. *Teme Triangle* will report on the outcome in a future issue.

PETITION TO IMPROVE SAPEY ACCIDENT BLACK SPOT

An Upper Sapey resident is so concerned about the number of fatal and serious accidents at the crossroads on the B4203 at the top of the hill from Stanford Bridge, that she is gathering signatures for a petition to have a 30mph speed limit imposed on the junction with the B4204 from Clifton.

Marie Russell (below), whose property is right on the junction, said recent work by Herefordshire County Council to improve the safety of the crossroads "had made no difference". She told a recent public meeting at Saltmarshe Village Hall that in the 20 years she had lived there "we have had cars catapulted into the hedgerow, hitting the tree on the corner and, more recently, smashing through the fence and into our garden".



The petition to reduce the speed to 30mph on all four approaches to the junction has been distributed in the local area and, according to Marie, there has been a good response. "We all need to pull together as a community to put pressure on the highways agency to act before we have another fatality," she said.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM MARTLEY OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Students who live in Martley or surrounding villages and have attended The Chantry School and who are going on to college or university this autumn may be eligible for a grant from the Martley Old Grammar School Foundation. Examples for which the grant can be used for are textbooks, computer equipment, stationery items or specialist clothing.

Applications must be submitted by the end of September. To receive an application form or for more information, please contact Cheryl Pearsall on 01886 888793.

NEW SCHOOL HEAD FOR CLIFTON PRIMARY



Francesca Dancer (left) has been appointed as the new headteacher at Clifton-upon-Teme Primary School this term.

"I bring over twenty years of teaching experience to this wonderful community," said Miss Dancer. "In the past, I have had the privilege of working in small rural schools, and understand the unique and special role they play in the heart of their communities. I am incredibly excited to join Clifton and to be working with the local community to make the school the very best it can be. As I take over from Miss Crawford, I look forward to continuing the

wonderful work she has done in developing the school over the past few years. I am eager to get started properly in September and ensure that the school flourishes and thrives."

CANDY'S CYCLING FUNDRAISER FOR HARPLEY CHURCH

Clifton's Candy Connolly (pictured, front cover) has been training hard this summer in preparation for an epic bicycle ride this month, pedalling from one end of Hadrian's Wall to the other to raise money for Harpley church.

"I will be accompanied by two other women cyclists in an effort to raise at least £500 towards the cost of repairing the ceiling in St Bartholomew's Church in Harpley," said Candy. The trio plan to set out on 15 September from Bowness-on-Solway in the west, and cover the 84-mile length of Hadrian's Wall before finally arriving in Wallsend on the east coast four days later. She continued: "by mid-September we hope there won't be too many other competing cyclists on the route, but it may be raining. I am prepared!"

Plaster has been falling from Harpley church ceiling since 2020, when a safety net was put up. A replacement ceiling will be insulated to make a warmer, cosier environment for community activities and reduce its carbon footprint. Local builder Francis Barnett, who specialises in old buildings, is undertaking the work, having already repaired other roofing in the church.

"Unfortunately my target of £500 represents less than 1% of the total cost, so I'm hoping to raise even more. Harpley church deserves the effort!" Candy confirmed. To donate, go to the following web link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/candida-connolly>

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Three local studios less than one mile apart will be open during this year's Herefordshire Art Week (h.Art) from Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 September.

In Upper Sapey, Lynette Merrick will be showing her observational sculptures of British wildlife and making clay available for children and adults to make and decorate their own small model. At Hanley Broadheath, Shelly Perkins and Sarah Kinnersley will be showing prints and jewellery, while at Eastham artist Mel Williams will have paintings, drawings and collages ready to view.

"Pop in wherever you see the h.Art sign and you can expect a warm welcome and refreshments," said Mel. All studios will be open from 11am to 5pm each day.

For more information visit the website www.h-art.org.uk or ring 01886 853413.

LETTER: CONNECT WITH THE ARTS SOCIETY TEME VALLEY

"If you are newly arrived to the area and/or newly retired and wondering how to connect to the benefits of living in the middle of nowhere, I offer you my sympathy, this used to be me. When I heard about lectures from the Arts Society, my ears pricked up. The monthly lectures are on any arts-related topic. They are given by knowledgeable and enthusiastic people, so entertaining as well as informative. They take place in Ludlow Assembly rooms on the third Wednesday of the month from September to June. The lectures start at 2.15pm with refreshments afterwards, leading to easy conversational opportunities with congenial people. Ludlow is only a 45 minute drive for me from Upper Sapey. Annual membership is £50, or £95 for couples. Non-members are welcome as visitors, paying £8 on the door. Members receive the excellent quarterly Arts Society magazine (a national organisation of which ASTV is a member). For details visit www.theartsocietytemevalley.org.uk or telephone 07801 178846."

Ann Marriott



PLEA TO HELP AT SHELSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Shelsley Village Hall Committee is reaching out to the local community for volunteers to help in and around the Shelsleys Village Hall. Tasks will include light general site maintenance, grass cutting, painting, cleaning etc.

There is also an opportunity for a new post within the committee for a person who can promote the Village Hall and generate interest and income.



David Belfield said: "The successful candidate will require good IT and social media skills with the ability to build and manage websites. Although unpaid, you will have the opportunity to help preserve and secure our Village Hall. Like most Village Halls, manual help and financial support is needed now more than ever to allow our local asset to continue to function, this is your opportunity to do something." All replies to Chairman, John Stinton at stintonjohn70@gmail.com

HISTORY TALK AT CLIFTON

The Friends of St Kenelm's will be hosting another historical talk by Ray Morris at 7pm on Saturday 26 October, at St Kenelm's Church. Tickets for the event, titled 'Burford Church and the Royal Connection with the Cornwalls' cost £7 and include wine and refreshments. For details contact Nigel Roberts on 01886 812589.



STANFORD HISTORY GROUP

Stanford History Group's autumn term starts on Monday 30 September, 7.30pm at Upper Sapey Village Hall. The ten lectures cover several subject areas, given by expert lecturers from Birmingham and Worcester Universities, plus coffee, biscuits and discussion. Topics include a history of The Levant; women's suffrage; cancer control; the wonders of vaccination; economies of South Korea, Argentina and Africa; race in the USA; and civil wars since 1865. Full course costs £60, or £10/lecture. Contact Simon Marriott at 01886 853412 or simon@adamswoodfarm.co.uk

LOWER SAPEY NEWS by Margaret Griffiths

It has been a strange month with so much going on, including a sudden heatwave, the Olympics, terrible riots, long school holidays and a new government. At least the heatwave has been helpful during the school holidays and the farmers have been busy catching up after the long, wet spring and winter.

The Olympics were so enjoyable and Paris looked stunning in the sunshine, after the wet start. The riots after the dreadful murders of the three little girls were unforgivable and must have caused extra anguish for the bereaved families. Thankfully, they seem to have been controlled now. Life in our area seems so very calm compared to the troubles experienced in many places, even sedate Southport. Our thoughts are with all those affected and still with the suffering residents of Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, where there seems no end to the hostilities.

Our church of St Bartholomew's is shortly to undergo a facelift, with the long-awaited replacement of the damaged ceiling and various other repairs, both internal and external. Because of this, the church will be closed when these are taking place, although we are not sure of the exact dates due to the probable bat problem. This will also affect church services and events, so please check dates elsewhere in the magazine, or in notices. At present, Jen and Jill still hope to hold some services in September, even if they are in the open air if the weather is fine enough.

There is still some doubt about our annual Big Breakfast, which may go ahead on Saturday 7 September at 10am. It may also change the dates which have been previously announced for the Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival, which could be on 19 and 13 October. I hope we can clarify these by next month's edition. We are very thankful that this work may soon go ahead and for all the help we have received, including financial.

However, on 25 August we are holding our annual service in the Old St Bartholomew's Church, as well as a special sung Evensong there on 18 August, with some of the London Bach Choir taking part, plus our Pop-Up Choir. A report on these two services will appear in next month's issue.

Worcestershire held the Three Choirs Festival this August and we were able to book seats at an excellent Rossini concert. Worcester Cathedral looked lovely and the music was beautifully sung and much appreciated by the huge audience. I am very proud of our Cathedral and still think it is one of the loveliest in the country – small, but perfect.

So now we are in the Autumn and the months are rushing by. Hopefully we will have more settled and traditional weather to come, not the great contrasts of rain and then heat and humidity that we have experienced recently.

NOTICES:

- Services: Please check elsewhere in this magazine for the latest information on these
- Housekeeping for September is in the hands of Sean and Vanya. Thanks to both of them
- The Mobile Library will call on Friday 20 September at 10.20 and 10.40am
- The Ladies Bible Group will meet again on Tuesday 10 September at 2pm at the home of Margaret Griffiths

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer and are now ready to face the Autumn.

STEEPLEJACKS REPAIR ST KENELM'S, CLIFTON

Repairs have been carried out on St Kenelm's iconic steeple by Dawsons Steeplejacks.

Church warden Ruth Wilson explained: "Clifton church has been losing plaster off the walls due to damp. Work has been done on the coping stones on the east end roof gable where they had split, allowing water in. Parts of the walls have also been repaired using the correct lime mortar. Some of the cost was covered through a grant from the Diocese of Worcester. Missing wooden shingles were also replaced on the spire. Interestingly there is shingle damage where woodpeckers have been pecking holes! Over the coming months it is hoped that further repairs will take place... all donations gratefully received!"

To contribute, scan the QR code on posters at the Church, or donate as usual.



KATHLEEN HEILEMANN

Clifton resident Kathleen Heilemann, who lived in the village for nearly 50 years, has died at the age of 87 in July. Born in Martley, she met and married her late husband Rudy while he was serving in the US Air Force in 1959. The couple ran a hairdressing salon in Worcester for many years.



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HIGH SHERIFF'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER

The High Sheriff of Worcestershire is holding a fundraising event supporting the charity Life Chances. The expert talk, entitled 'Dial Medicine for Murder', explores the lives and crimes of notorious doctors John Bodkin-Adams and Harold Shipman, and will be held at the Regal Tenbury Wells on Friday 1 November at 7.30pm. Tickets from www.regaltenbury.co.uk or 01584 811442.



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CLIFTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB'S BUSY SUMMER

Members of Clifton-upon-Teme Friendship Club have already had a busy summer of socialising events – with more events to follow in the autumn.

Organiser Dot Millward said: "June saw a return visit from Phil Collins with his ukulele, who was joined by one of our Club members John Bowden. A good time was had, with members singing and dancing! In July we celebrated some 'nought' birthdays with afternoon tea for Pat and Mike Snelling and Linda Colbourne. We also made a return visit to the lovely garden of Nick and Jen Denniston (event photo



right) where we enjoyed a cream tea and Pimms. Thank you to Jen and Nick! The Friendship Club also benefited from the proceeds of the monthly coffee morning held in Martley. Our thanks to Mandy Gardener and her team. We will put these funds towards Christmas lunch for members."

Next events are: 11 September visit to Lower Hope Garden; 2 October return visit from Physio in the Sticks; 16 October 'A visit to Costa Rica' with Penny Bowden. Clifton Friendship Club was formed in 1971 to provide an opportunity for locals age 50+ to socialise on a regular basis. New members and visitors always welcome. For details contact dotmillward@btinternet.com



NEW GIFT SHOP AT PITLANDS FARM

A new gift shop has opened within The Apple Tree Kitchen, the café at Pitlands Farm just outside Clifton. Owner Alice Mann confirmed: "The gift shop sells greetings cards, gift wrap, stationery, kitchenware, home and gardening ware, fudge, nice biscuits and lots of other lovely items. It's the perfect place to pick up a little present or a treat for yourself!"

SHELSLEY WALSH HILL CLIMB EVENTS GALLERY

The Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb has continued its season with a number of well-attended events drawing thousands of visitors to the Valley. Here are photos from just a few of them. The next meeting is a Harvest Festival weekend on 14-15 September.

Right:
Gumball 3000 (15 June)



Left:
Vintage Sports Car Club
(30 June)



Right:
Lindy Hop dancers at
Classic Nostalgia (21 July)



Left:
Crowds enjoying Classic
Nostalgia (21 July)



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12:00: LUNCH - HOG ROAST, WAFFLE VAN, VEGAN OPTIONS

13:00: THE PRE-RAPHAELITES: FROM BIRMINGHAM TO OXFORD
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14:00: AFTERNOON TEA, CAKES AND SCONES

15:00: A PROFOUND SECRET: EDWARD BURNE-JONES AND
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A Profound Secret - Shelsley, the Pre-Raphaelites & the Revolutionary David Melville

21st September 2024

The newly formed Shelsley Melville Society welcomes you all to our one-day Festival in Shelsley Beauchamp, to celebrate the Reverend Doctor David Melville's achievements in the Shelsleys and his Pre-Raphaelite connections.

Inspired by Josceline Dimbleby's book '*A Profound Secret*', which documents letters of friendship and affection between Edward Burne-Jones & May Gaskell (Josceline's Great Grandmother). May's father Reverend David Melville was the rector of Shelsley Beauchamp parish from 1845-57, and his work here and nationally has not, until now, been recognised or celebrated.

The conference will be delivered as four groups of talks. The first three will take place during the day and the fourth at a drinks reception in the evening. Each block will be made up of short talks of 3-6 speakers providing a bite size introduction to each subject, making it accessible to all.

The daytime event will take place at All Saints' Church, Shelsley Beauchamp, Worcestershire and will be complemented by a village fete with refreshments tent, print exhibition and children's Pre-Raphaelite themed arts, crafts and activities.

The evening talks will take place at Melville's former home, the original rectory in Shelsley Beauchamp, Harborough Bank.

- **11:00** Our first lecture block explores David Melville the man, from his time at Shrewsbury School to Oxford University. He then went on to Durham University and established the first University College - Hatfield. We then explore his connections to the Gothic Revival and his transformation of life in the Shelsleys.
- **13:00** Our second block looks at the origins of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, the Birmingham Set, Pre-Raphaelite art and literature and concludes with an exploration of the Pre-Raphaelites in Worcestershire.
- **15:00** Our third daytime block delves deeper into A Profound Secret, Burne-Jones' letters to Melville's daughter May Gaskell and Burne-Jones' unique paintings and caricatures of Melville, May and May's daughters Amy and Daphne.

Our evening drinks and canapé reception seeks to offer an intimate collation of these themes, culminating in an interview prerecorded with Josceline Dimbleby at her home in London with the Shelsley Melville Society.

As a society we have been enormously inspired by Melville's transformation of the Shelsleys and his revolutionary philosophy and want to infuse our community with 'Melvillian Dynamism'. It is the spirit of Melville that we hope to ignite in our community as we now, almost 200 years after his renovations, look to our own essential restoration campaign at All Saints' Church. As with all things Shelsley, the day will be infused with endless merriment and festivity, fun, frolics - and fizz!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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600 PUPILS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE IN BOX CAR RALLY

In July the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb welcomed back the Rivers CofE Academy Box Car Rally, which is now a firm date in its calendar. More than 600 Year 6 pupils from across the Rivers Trust gathered at Shelsley for their 2024 event, with each team coming up with their own unique, gravity racer box cars that they designed and built. They also created costumes and prepared food for their lunches.



The children were judged on aspects including the structure and mechanism of their box cars, and their food and textile creations. Worcester's Cherry Orchard Primary School was the overall winner, ahead of Summerhill Primary Academy from Tipton and Worcester's St Clement's Primary School in third place.

A Trust spokesperson said: "As Year 6 children prepare to leave primary school and move to the next stage of their educational journey, the Box Car Rally provides a memorable

and enjoyable experience that help prepare them for the complex situations they will encounter in the future. A heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors, supporters, judges and prize providers who made this event possible, and to Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb for allowing us to use their historic venue as our racetrack!"

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CELTIC HOLY COMMUNION: Around 40 people attended a relaxed Celtic Holy Communion evening service in Shelsley Beauchamp on 14 July. The marquee setting overlooking the beautiful Temе Valley was kindly provided by Jane and Cassian Roberts, with hay bales for the altar. After a Holy Communion based on the water of life, attendees enjoyed a sociable picnic... though a few left early to get back to watch England play Spain in the UEFA EURO 2024 cup final!



ALL SAINTS WORKING PARTY: The Shelsley PCC organised a working party on 26 July to clear and tidy the grounds of All Saints Church. Helpers Rachel and Andy Wright, Rosemary Holloway, Ann Holloway, Bridget Francis, Jill Smith, Richard Bettinson and Beryl Robson tackled jobs from weeding the grounds, removing rotten edging boards and trimming overgrown trees, to tidying gravestones and cleaning inside the church.

PAT MARKS

19 June 1925 – 1 July 2024

Pat sadly died at the age of 99 at Rashwood care home. She was a resident of Shelsley Kings for 50 years and a great contributor to village life. She was church warden for 10 years, a founder of the Shelsley gardening club and an active member of the WI. She hosted many tennis matches at Kingswood Farm which she loved. She was a very good friend to many and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Trish Champion



DERYN BIRT

9 January 1931 – 19 July 2024

Deryn was brought up in Highgate, then Aylesbury, before evacuation to grandparents in Dolgellau during WWII. In 1945, her parents founded the Elms Hotel in Abberley, where Deryn spent a happy childhood before returning to London in her 20s. After an adventurous solo trip around the world she became a successful freelance photographer for magazines, brand advertising and theatres, and had an exhibition in Selfridges. Following marriage to David in 1965 she concentrated on photographing families and children, with her own dark room in the Elms Stables – by now converted to a house. As well as proving a brilliant cook in the hotel restaurant, she began painting and had several successful exhibitions. She took up the oboe and played in a local orchestra, and created a much-admired garden. In 1970 she moved to Repton, where Simon was born and her gardening passion continued. When David took up a position at Abberley Hall she returned to Worcestershire, designing Bramble Hill and creating a wonderful garden from scratch. Owning a succession of dogs, cats and even geese, Deryn was happiest surrounded by animals, her favourite being a Golden Retriever named Toby. She played an active part in village affairs, notably in Shelsley Beauchamp church, organising children's services and arranging flowers. She had a wide circle of friends, several in Mel Williams' art group with whom she exhibited many times. But aged 90, her health began to suffer. Always a free spirit (Deryn means 'bird' in Welsh), she continued cheerfully but insisted she did not wish to go to hospital. In July, she died, surrounded by her family, in her beloved house, amidst the garden she had created.



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CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held 11th July 2024 at Clifton-upon-Teme Village Hall

Present: J. Bowden (Chair); B. Gilbert (Vice-Chair); R. Neave; L. Merrick; S. Haywood & P. Brooks

Also present: District Councillor Paul Cumming, Sarah Simcock (Clerk) and x50 plus members of the Public

Apologies: County Cllr D. Chambers, District Cllr Pam Cumming.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr B. Gilbert is a School Governor.

The Minutes of the Meeting held 6th June 2024: Proposed by Cllr Brooks; seconded by Cllr Merrick. All agreed.

Matters arising: None.

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC TIME: A number of residents attended the meeting to raise concerns and queries in respect of the proposed development on the field north of Hope Lane by Terrastregic. A formal planning application has yet to be received by the Parish Council. A lengthy Q&A session followed with Councillors and District Councillor Paul Cumming responding to queries raised. A resident raised a matter regarding solar panels in an adjacent parish which was noted by the meeting. Information will be passed to the Clerk.

County & District Councillor Reports: The County Councillors report was read out by the Chairman. There was no written District Cllrs report, but a verbal update was given in the meeting.

Finance & Governance Matters: Payments and receipts schedule – proposed Cllr Neave, seconded Cllr Haywood. All agreed. Clerk to process payments. Section 106 matters – All facilities are now open at the recreation ground. A few things need to be done around the bowling green. The final wildflower garden s106 - £23,463.00 has been placed into the s106 bank account and contract has been received. Cllr Merrick has been talking to Rob Wilks and weather permitting to start work Aug/Sept. Pavilion updates – Still waiting for prices from contractors. Waiting for budget price to accommodate for the larger pavilion.

Parish Matters /Updates: Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Bowden to meet Tanya Crake from Worcs CC Highways department to walk the village and to see various things that residents have raised issues with. Hanging baskets have been put up. Three large planters have been ordered and delivered and they will be placed at Saxon Close, Hope Lane and one under the notice board. Swift boxes – Cllr Gilbert -Survey done of the village RSPB will visit house holds to see which are suitable and then press on with the project. Amberol Planters - Cllr Bowden- To be placed around village by Rob Wilks

S106 Project (CFAF) updates: Richard Newman is undertaking planning permission to see if full planning permission is needed.

If full planning permission is needed Cllr Bowden requested council to budget £2,000.00 for various surveys to keep the project moving. Proposed by Cllr Gilbert, Seconded Cllr Brooks. All agreed.

Planning Matters: - Proposed development on field north of Hope Lane (Terrastregic) – see democratic public time.

Planning notifications / correspondence:

APPROVAL - Elmsvyne Ltd. Variation of conditions 2 and 8 to planning permission reference M/23/00291/FUL (Variation of conditions 4, 5, 11, 12 & 18 on planning permission 21/01227/FUL - Proposed residential development of 5 dwellings) to allow for amended design. Location: Blue Shot, Pound Lane, Clifton Upon Teme, Worcester, WR6 6DE

APPROVAL - Mr I Tulloch Proposal: Prior Notification for a multi-purpose agricultural building used for storage of machinery and for housing cattle Location: Hollands Mill, Clifton Upon Teme, Worcester, WR6 6HJ Enforcement updates as received: None

Strategic Planning Matters: The SWDP remains with the Independent Examiner. District Cllr Paul Cumming explained the planning procedure and said the SWDP is 3yrs behind and always trying to play catch up. Numerous attendees asked questions to Cllr P Cumming who responded accordingly.

Highways Matters: Manor Road the crossing has been put back in with tarmac. Possible place for bus shelter is the piece of land on Kenelm Road, but Highways not sure who owns that piece of land.

Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Bowden has put some drawings together for the pavilion, to be put on the notice board - Cllr Bowden requested £200.00 from s106 money. Proposed Cllr Gilbert seconded Cllr Brooks. All agreed. Picnic tables £405.00 each for three. Proposed by Cllr Bowden seconded Cllr Gilbert, all agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15pm.

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7.40pm in the Village Hall.

STOKE BLISS PLOUGHING MATCH

The annual Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match returns on Saturday 21 September, at Grain Farm, Linley Green, WR6 5RQ. Watch individuals from across the region test their ploughing skills, plus competitions including cookery, art, handicraft, photography, floral art and children's categories.

THE GENERAL ELECTION 2024

Poem by Johnny Crabbe

Last week we had an election
And Labour swept straight into power.
Keir Starmer is now our Prime Min'ster
So Tories will just have to cower
In front of a big Commons surplus
And do what they can....what a shower!

Both parties put forward their policies
And declared what they wanted to do,
Neither financed their wishes completely
So now we await quite a few
Unexpected tax risings, and prices
That will shortly come out of the blue.

But if you look up the statistics
You'll find that the figures showed much;
It wasn't that Labour was strengthened,
But rather that Tories lost such
A lot of support in the country
They received a big kick in the crutch.

The Tories should not be complaining
The ones there in charge were a mess
Thinking more of themselves than their voters,
Being greedy, or 'couldn't care less'.
So we'll see how the Labour ones differ
....Let's give them a year to impress!

SHELSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Abbreviated Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 9th 2024

Present: Val Jones Chairwoman, Laura Taylor, Jean Hammond, John Stinton, Dave Bates and David Belfield.

Apologies: Councillors Louise Hutton and Karen Metcalfe (vacation) accepted.

District Councillor Paul Cumming.

Helen Evans from the MAC

Declaration of Interests. None. **Public Questions.** None.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on May 14th 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairwoman

Appointment of Individual Officers: Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb Liaison Councillor Mrs Louise Hutton.

Tree Warden, Mr John Stinton.

Footpaths Warden, Mrs Karen Metcalfe.

Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee, Dr Laura Taylor. **Lengthsman:** No time sheets, invoices or reports have been received.

Councillors asked for more information on the responsibilities and tasks the lengthsman may perform. This to be on the agenda for September.

Footpaths: A current list of footpath closures has been received from the Midland Automobile Club and will be circulated.

Urgent Decisions: M/24/00536/FUL Land at (OS 7355 6281). Extensions to building for agricultural purposes (part retrospective). Under delegated powers the clerk, after consultation with councillors, reported support to MHDC for the application.

Biodiversity: There were no further questions relating to this. An article will be placed in the Teme Triangle explaining the policy and to encourage local participation.

Planning: The following application was recommended for approval by members present. M/24/00694/HP and M/24/00695/LB Post Office Shelsley Walsh. Single storey extension.

Malvern Hills District Council planning decisions.

M/24/00536/FUL Land at (OS 7355 6281). Extensions to building for agricultural purposes (part retrospective). Approval.

Finance:

Clerk expenses. £206.82

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Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:

Lengthsman's duties to discuss.

Speeding and speeding signs.

Village Hall Management Committee.

The meeting concluded at 20.30.

Future meeting dates: September 10th 2024.7pm in the Village Hall.

November 12th 2024.

January 14th 2025.

March 11th 2025.

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/>

Church Matters

by Rev Julia Curtis



It was announced a few weeks ago that the Bishop of Worcester, Bishop John (pictured) is to retire this autumn. The weeks have passed very quickly and his retirement is upon us. There will be a farewell service at Worcester Cathedral 4pm on 29 September and everyone is welcome to attend. His ministry, which has been long and marked by great humility, was recognised with a wonderful tribute by the Archbishop of Canterbury at national synod in July. Bishop John himself comments: "Being Bishop of Worcester has been an enormous privilege. By the time I leave I shall have been here nearly 17 years, the longest I have lived anywhere in my life. I have lived through the best of times and the worst of times in my personal life during those years and am more grateful than I can say for all the love and support I have received. I am not anxious to retire – I am deeply attached to Worcestershire and Dudley and love being Bishop here! However, I shall be 70 in February and feel, under God, that now is the right time to leave." What many of us don't realise is that Bishop John knows the highways and byways of the Teme Valley well. He is a keen cyclist who enjoys the challenges of cycling through our beautiful landscape, and commenting upon its allure is usually the way he has started many a conversation with me. John has always been particularly observant of the signage around the Hill Climb at Shelsley Walsh, but I never have managed to persuade him to cycle up it. I guess the chance is gone now. Bishop John will be retiring to Wiltshire with his wife H-J Colston-Inge. I am sure that John will be greatly missed, especially his gentle presence, humour and generous nature. Personally, I am most grateful that Bishop John recruited me to TVS and that he has been so supportive of my doctoral research with the University of Birmingham. The hunt for his replacement has started and during the vacancy, the Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick will become Acting Diocesan Bishop. Whilst Bishop Martin doesn't have the same passion for cycling, I am hopeful we might encourage him to visit us in the coming months. These places where we live and work are too special for us not to share the good news.

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Sunday 1st September

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

Sunday 8th September

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

10.30am: Family Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Sunday 15th September

10.30am: Holy Communion, St Bartholomew, Harpley

6.30pm: Evensong, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Wednesday 18th September

10.30am: Communion, St Andrew's, Shelsley Walsh

Sunday 22nd September

10.30am: Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Harpley

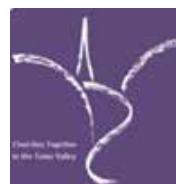
3.00pm: Pet Service, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Sunday 29th September

10.30am: Café Church, Hanley Village Hall

4.00pm: Bishop John Farewell Service, Worcester Cathedral

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE TEME VALLEY



Advance Notice

The above group are presently meeting to plan a new Bible
Course for October at the home of Des and Beryl Robson,
Shelsley Beauchamp.
Personal invites and details to be published in the October
Teme Triangle. EVERYONE WELCOME.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm
- 7 (tbc) Big Breakfast, St Bartholomew's Harpley, 10am
- 7-15 Herefordshire Arts Week (h.Art), studios open, various locations
- 8 Iona Worship (Harvest), Hanley Broadheath VH, 4pm
- 10 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsleys VH, 7pm
- 11 Clifton Friendship Club, visit to Lower Hope Gardens
- 14 Clifton Rural Reels, 'Wicked Little Letters', Clifton VH, 7pm
- 14-15 Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Harvest Festival weekend
- 21 Pre-Raphaelite Festival, All Saints Shelsley Beauchamp, 10.30am-4.30pm
- 21 Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match, Grain Farm, Linley Green
- 26 MacMillan Coffee Morning, Upper Sapey VH, 10.30am-12.30pm
- 30 Stanford History Group, Levant talk 1, Upper Sapey VH, 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- 2 Clifton Friendship Club, visit from Physio in the Sticks
- 5 Rainbows & St Kenelm's Coffee Morning, The Pavilion, 10-12
- 7 Stanford History Group, Levant talk 2, Upper Sapey VH, 7.30pm
- 13 (tbc) Harpley Harvest Festival
- 13 Shelsley Harvest Service and Supper, All Saints 5pm & VH 6pm
- 14 Stanford History Group, Women's suffrage 1, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 16 Clifton Friendship Club, talk: 'A visit to Costa Rica'
- 19 (tbc) Harpley Harvest Supper
- 20 Harvest Lunch, Upper Sapey VH
- 21 Stanford History Group, Women's suffrage 2, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 26 History Talk (Burford Church), St Kenelm's Clifton, 7pm
- 28 Stanford History Group, cancer control, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 High Sheriff's charity fundraiser talk, Regal Tenbury Wells, 7.30pm
- 4 Stanford History Group, vaccinations, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 10 Iona Worship (Remembrance), Hanley Broadheath VH, 4pm
- 11 Stanford History Group, Nigeria/Kenya, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 12 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsleys VH, 7pm
- 18 Stanford History Group, South Korea/Argentina, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm
- 25 Stanford History Group, race in the USA, Upper Sapey VH 7.30pm

LIFE ON THE FARM

Continuing our occasional column from local farmer Allan Jeffries

It only seems a couple of months ago that all through January and February we were struggling to feed the sheep in mud half-way up our wellingtons and the ewes trudging through it up to their stomachs in places, and now six months later we're approaching autumn!

April was a busy, difficult month with cold, wet weather causing many problems. We had a lot of lameness and at times, it was hard to see some that were not limping! We have had a lot more cases of mastitis this year, especially in some of the nice young ewes which is very frustrating. Unfortunately, sheep are not like cows, who, in the majority of cases recover; but sheep lose the use of that quarter and often both quarters so they're no good for breeding again. Sore teats from that biting north-east wind was another problem, meaning that ewes wouldn't let their lambs suckle. All these problems have affected most sheep farms around the country. You just have to sort the problems out as they occur. But I'm lucky to have a brilliant helping hand: Fi! Also, I must give our Welsh Sheepdog, Bryn, a mention. He will never let a sheep escape when you open a gate to go through with a vehicle! Very useful when you want to go in on the quad bike to feed them.



We were lucky to get our haymaking done in that short, hot spell in June. The first job is, 'which bunch of nettles is the mower in?' No good wearing shorts! You then need to find some docks to rub on the nettle rash! My favourite job at haymaking is mowing the grass. There is always a pair of buzzards looking for any mice or slugs for breakfast. I did notice this year that no seagulls appeared, usually three or four appear to follow the tractor and mower. Shearing time soon came round. We have contractors now. I did shear the rams and some of the pet



sheep, including the Grey Face Dartmoors which the contractors hate doing, as I do! All you can see is a mass of wool, no legs, ears, udder or tail showing. Fifty-odd years ago, the wool cheque would pay the half year farm rent. This year the shearers, including taking the helpers to the pub, cost us £700. The wool cheque was £120! We wean the lambs in July, but this year we weaned in the second week rather than the end of the month. There was a bit of shouting from the mothers for a couple of days, but the lambs went onto fresh grass and were heads down eating straight away. Typical teenagers!

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