

Teme TRIANGLE

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Left: Alison Francis and Andy Yarnold at the 'Worcester City Run' in September. See P29 for further details of a 'Big Breakfast' fundraising event that Alison and Andy are holding, to raise money for the NSPCC, ahead of running the London Marathon next year.

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Front cover picture:

Local Shelsley residents and Hillclimb participants Olly Wright and Anna-May Furness, who were married at All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp.

WELCOME to the October 2025 edition of *The Teme Triangle*...

With the warm, summer months quickly fading into the distance, we are now turning our thoughts and focus towards autumn. I have to admit to autumn being my favourite season - with nature's vibrant colours, the process of harvesting (if only in our own small orchards and hedgerows), and most importantly, the coming together of our wonderful communities in all our local Harvest events. I can't wait to read the reports and see the photos in the November edition.

In the meantime however, we start this month's edition remembering a late summer wedding held at All Saints in Shelsley Beauchamp - the front cover photo reminds us of how wonderfully warm and joyous the summer months were.

SHELSLEY PARISHIONERS MARRY AT ALL SAINTS

On Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025, local Shelsley residents Olly Wright and Anna-May Furness married in All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp. Thanks to a lot of hard work, the church was full to the brim of flowers, beautifully arranged by family & ladies of the parish.

A reception was held at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, which pulled out all the stops to honour Olly and Anna-May, who are both regular participants of their race meetings. Anna-May's sister, Tillie, wrote and read out a poem that she had composed for their special day, which ended with the following words - perfect words for a perfect day.

*So, here's to rides that never end
To love, adventure, and their best friend blend
They've tuned this life just right
The perfect groom, for the perfect wife*

Beryl Robson

All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp ALL VISITORS PLEASE READ

The church is operating an environmental graveyard policy - we would be very grateful if you could help us with this. We politely request that no new plastic items (including flowers, mementos etc) are added to graves and that any existing plastic items be removed before 30 July 2026. They can be replaced with fresh or biodegradable flowers or suitable plants. Any remaining plastic items will be removed in August 2026 and stored temporarily before being recycled in 2027. If you require assistance to move towards biodegradable planting, please see the contact list in the church porch. Thank you.

CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Following the departure of Bruce Gilbert from Clifton Parish Council, two new members have been co-opted: Angie Griffiths and Damon Crawshaw. Bruce and his wife Nina have moved to Lincolnshire. The other members of the Parish Council are John Bowden (Chairman), Paul Brooks, Ray Neave, Sid Haywood and Lyn Merrick.

CLIFTON WI VISIT TO LONGLANDS

Clifton WI visited Longlands, which is situated at the heart of a large organic livestock farm in Whitbourne. The alternative education setting and experienced staff give the students, teenagers struggling with full time education, a broad range of experiences, encouraging them to engage with learning and helping to restore mental health. Students are encouraged to take part in practical farming, horse care, mechanics and gardening activities, attending one or two days a week as a break from formal school.

The Roundhouse, partly built by the students, provides a beautiful and calm space for meeting, learning and sharing meals together.

LITTLE WITLEY FILMS

Our first film is on Saturday 25 October, called 'The Marching Band'. A very arresting and moving French film, where a famous classical conductor learns he has leukaemia and discovers an unknown brother.

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Abbreviated draft minutes of Clifton Parish Council meeting held Thursday 4 September 2025 at Clifton Village Hall

Present: Cllr J. Bowden (Chair), Cllrs P. Brooks, B. Gilbert, R. Neave and A. Griffiths (co-opted).

Apologies: Cllr S. Haywood, District Cllr Paul Cumming.

No declarations and no conflicts of interest declared.

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held 3 July approved as amended.

Co-option to Parish Council: Two candidates submitted reasons why they would like to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Bowden proposed that both candidates be co-opted. Angie Griffiths & Damon Crawshaw co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate effect.

Meeting suspended to allow members of the public to raise any issues or concerns. A member of the public asked a series of questions on the following subjects: The abbreviated minutes (July 2025) that appeared in Teme Triangle; the use of a member of the public's name in the (July 2025) minutes, and clarification of publishing draft minutes in Teme Triangle; social media posts that appeared on the Next Door Neighbour website that could be construed as inciting hatred, and appropriateness of Councillors commenting or reacting to social media posts. The Clerk reminded all participants that a formal complaints procedure is available. The process is designed for such grievances to be made and considered by an external agency other than the parish council.

A member of the public raised the issue of rural crime. West Mercia Police ask for the priorities of each Parish Council quarterly. Rural Crime will be added once again and the police will be invited to a future Parish Council meeting.

District & County Councillors' reports: (circulated via email).

Financial & Governance Matters: Cost of responding to ROSPA inspection approx. £25,000. Signage costs approved £289. Cllr Bowden summarised the financial position regarding the new Pavillion (planning and build).

Parish Matters / Updates: Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). Quotes from two different companies were discussed. There was a significant difference between them. Elan VAS was the preferred option. Agreed that 3 Solar powered speed signs (VAS) be ordered.

Playing Field (CFAF) Project Update: QS is in the process of establishing a cost. Cllr Gilbert summarised the pavilion project.

Malvern Car Club: Cllr Bowden raised for discussion the concept of a car sharing club.

Planning Matters: Planning applications considered: M/25/01285/HP – 7 The Village, Clifton Upon Teme – No concerns raised. M/25/01215/HP – Ham Bridge House, Clifton Upon Teme – No concerns raised. M/24/00954/OUT – Planning Appeal (Hope Lane) – Appeal scheduled for 14th October 2025. Comments will be written by Cllr Brooks and submitted by clerk. Planning notifications / correspondence: M/25/00960/HP – Approved.

M/25/00961/LB – Approved.

Strategic Planning Updates: Estimated publication of the SWDPR update December 2025.

Highway Matters: Matters to be referred to County Council – Clerk to contact Cllr Bowen regarding VAS grants / support.

Hope Lane road closure for road repairs in and around the new estate has not happened as scheduled through the summer.

Councillors' reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Neave expressed his thanks to Cllr Gilbert, as did Cllr Bowden, as Cllr Gilbert is due to resign his position on the Parish Council due to relocating.

Cllr Brooks raised several issues and tasks that need to be completed: Phone box needs to be repaired and cleaned; Great Witley surgery; bus stop update; defibrillators need to be put back into use via the online website including maintenance and a listed owner. Website needs updating – list to be sent to clerk. Cllr Bowden updated on the new gate at the Recreation Ground and noted that the toy tractor at the Recreation Ground needs repairing. A quote will be requested. Andy Arnold to be retained to maintain the wildflower garden at a cost of approx. £600/pa. Approved. Scottish Widows new signatories approved.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2 October 2025 at 7.40pm in Clifton Village Hall.

Unapproved Abbreviated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shelsleys Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 September 2025

Present: Chairwoman Louise Hutton, Laura Taylor, John Stinton, Dave Bates & Karen Metcalfe.

Apologies: Val Jones, Carole Warren (both vacation) accepted. Jean Hammond (personal accepted.)

District Councillors Pam and Paul Cumming. County Councillor Justin Bowen.

David Belfield has resigned. Clerk to inform MHDC.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2025 were approved and signed.

MAC: The liaison Councillor reported that the season is now drawing to a close.

The temporary sign to discourage traffic along Fetterlocks Lane has resulted in an approximately 70% reduction. No complaints have been received by the clerk re traffic. Larger signs for next year will be requested from MAC.

Lengthsman, Highways & Footpaths: Lengthsman: Time sheets, invoices and a report have been received. Drains will be inspected to make sure they are clear as autumn approaches.

The clerk had no further highways information.

David Belfield will forward electronic speeding sign information to the clerk.
The Parish Footpath Warden reported that there is an oak bough blocking the path by the River Teme. The landowner is aware and the bough will be dealt with.

Planning Urgent Decisions: M/25/00955/FUL Land At (OS 7355 6281), Shelsley Beauchamp. Change of use of agricultural land to site a Shepherd Hut for use as a holiday let. After consulting the Councillors the clerk reported no objection. Councillors requested in future more information on the location should be given instead of or in addition to Ordnance Survey co-ordinates.

Planning: Malvern Hills Planning decisions.

M/21/01393/LB Harborough Bank amendments to previously granted application. Approved.

M/25/00789/HP Somer Barns, Installation of solar panels. Refused.

M/25/00892/FUL Land at (OS 7324 6327) mono-pitch lean-to building to existing agricultural building. Approved.

Domain Name:

The cost of the new domain name was discussed and the five year cost approved. The clerk will proceed with implementation of the new website after which councillors will receive a dedicated parish council email address.

Village Hall: The liaison councillor reported on a VHMC meeting held on 8 September. To summarise: The VHMC now has a new treasurer. The finances show that there is approximately £400 in the bank. The VHMC will seek to apply for any grants or emergency payments that are available.

The Social Club (Step-Toe's Bar) no longer has a committee and is now invalid and no longer in existence.

A new alcohol and entertainments licence in the name of the VHMC must be applied for. This will cover the entire Village Hall building, as the aim is to have a bar open to all who use the hall.

Finance:

Donation to Teme Triangle £250.00

Donation to Nora Parsons Day Centre £300.00

Lengthsman invoice £192.00

Village Hall hire £205.48

Total £947.48

Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:

A brief general discussion on behaviour referencing the policy of Civility and Respect.
The date of the November walk will be advertised in the Teme Triangle.

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 11 November 2025, 7pm, Shelsley Village Hall.

The full minutes are available on the WCC website <http://eservices.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>

(Please note: The name of the parish on the website is Shelsley Kings.)

The Shelsley's Village Hall – The Battle Continues

• Challenges:

- **No money** – please see the full break down from our recent presentation. The slides link is available on our Facebook page – Shelsley Village Hall.
- **No electricity** – the electricity was disconnected in the bar area; we are working with the power provider to reconnect it.
- **No appropriate licences** – we have taken a lot of advice on how to rectify matters, and the application is now in to ensure we have the right licences to restore the WHOLE of the Village Hall for the community.

• Actions:

- **Grants** – we are applying for a number of grants from the National Lottery and local grants. The committee is working tirelessly to try and get funds.
- **Events** – we are delighted that the Harvest Supper will be at the Hall on the 12th October. We have obtained a temporary licence and the bar will be OPEN that night. We also want to organise a Fireworks night on the 8th November and a Christmas Turkey lunch. Watch this space!
- **Bar** – once the licence is through, we want to open the bar weekly as a community bar for everyone.
- **Thank you** – to individuals who have given funds, time, resources and skills. Every gesture really makes a difference.

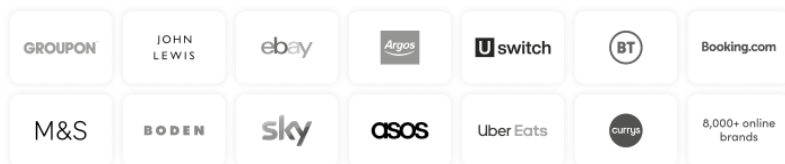
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TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

I have always loved books. My mother took me to my first library when I was a small child and I have been an enthusiastic book borrower ever since. I'm currently a member of the three county libraries of Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Shropshire, and sometimes venture further afield to enjoy the esoteric delights of the Cadbury Research Library at Birmingham University. It is therefore no coincidence that my eye should be drawn to an article in the newspaper about bookworms – not people like me, but the actual insect kind.

The article describes the travails of a 1,000-year-old library which holds the oldest collection of books in Hungary. It is to be found at the Benedictine monastery known as Pannonhalma Archabbey which, since it's foundation in 996AD, has accumulated 400,000 books. Unfortunately, a quarter of them are severely infested by a beetle known as the drugstore beetle. This rather American-sounding insect eats the gelatine and starch-based adhesives which glue the ancient tomes together. The beetle also goes by the other names of the bread or biscuit beetle (think 'Jolly Jack Tar' ship's biscuits) and is the commonest insect pest to damage stored food. It is closely related to another well-known beetle, the equally unwelcome woodworm.

Adult drugstore beetles are nondescript red-brown insects measuring 2-4mm long, but their book-munching larvae come in a bigger size, at 5mm. They can be found attacking cereals in houses, stores, warehouses and kitchens across the whole of northern and central Europe. The monastery has just begun the laborious process of disinfection in order to rid the library of its unwanted guests. All of the handbound books have been moved into special crates which, in turn, have been enclosed in hermetically sealed plastic covers. Once inside, air is sucked from inside the covers and replaced with 100% nitrogen. Experts expect that six weeks without oxygen should bring the infestation to an end. Let's hope it works. The main advantage of this method is that no poisonous chemicals are employed.

Well, are they bookworms? The term apparently does not apply to any insect in particular, but to any one of a hundred pests, whether they be moths, beetles, silverfish or booklice, whose larvae get inside books and make a meal of them instead of reading them. I wonder if any of our local ancient book repositories have had to battle such pests? I've visited

Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester where I encountered nothing moth-eaten, but I've chosen a picture of another ecclesiastical library to accompany this article. Whilst on the trail of old local history documents from the parish of Mamble I visited the beautiful Pugin-designed library of Oscott College in Sutton Coldfield. It is surely every (human) bookworm's dream.



The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 9 October at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, WR15 8RR. We welcome Simon Gulliver whose talk is called 'The Secret Life of Trees'. Members and friends are welcome, it is just £3 on the door.

CUTHBERT BEDE - VICTORIAN AUTHOR AND ARTIST WHO PAINTED ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SHELSEY BEAUCHAMP

'Cuthbert Bede' was the pseudonym of a priest, The Rev. Edward Bradley, who was also a very popular and prolific Victorian author, illustrator and photographer.

Edward was born in Kidderminster in 1827, the second son of Thomas Bradley, a surgeon. His brother, Thomas Waldron Bradley, was also a writer – his novels were published under the pseudonym 'Shelsley Beauchamp'!



After schooling at Kidderminster Grammar, Edward went to University College, Durham where he graduated with a B.A. in 1848 and took his licentiate of theology in the following year. He chose his pseudonym 'Cuthbert Bede' after the two patron saints of Durham. He was curate of Leigh with Bransford in Worcestershire between 1854 and 1857 before moving to Shropshire.

He was friends with The Reverend David Melville who was the rector at Shelsley Beauchamp from 1845 and who had been a tutor in Durham when Edward Bradley was there.

While rector of Shelsley Beauchamp, David Melville undertook a major restoration of the church which had been in a very dilapidated state when he arrived in the parish. He asked his friend 'Cuthbert Bede' to produce two pictures of the church depicting the exterior and interior of the church as a record of what it was like prior to Melville's restoration.



(The painting to the left is part of Bede's interior drawing - Rev David Melville is depicted on the right of the painting. The photograph below shows present day All Saints.)

In 1853 'Cuthbert Bede' wrote a letter to the Victorian journal 'Notes and Queries' referring to his Shelsley paintings in order to show how much had been done for the church:

'I drew interior and exterior views of the old building, with its great dilapidations and unusually-monstrous disfigurements, which drawings were hung in the vestry, at the suggestion of the rector, as parish memorials'.

Edward Bradley published dozens of books and articles as Cuthbert Bede, the most famous being 'The Adventures of Mr Verdant Green', about the life of a student in Oxford, and was recognised as being one of the best caricaturists and humourists of the 19th century. He continued to follow his vocation as a successful and popular parish priest and died in Lincolnshire at the age of 62.



Research by Bridget Francis

ST. KENELM'S FUN DOG SHOW

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to support and enter their dogs for a fun, if soggy afternoon! A special thanks to The Austin family for the use of their field and the superb display of cars.

Thank you to The Lion and The Apple Tree Kitchen who generously donated vouchers for the first prizes in the raffle, which raised £180. In total we raised just over £400! The money will be split between the Child of Hope charity and St Kenelm's Church. Thank you also for the generous donations of cakes including those from Sweet Dreams Bakery, a new startup in the village. A final thank you to Rev Jon Jones, aided by Pippa Balch, who had the tricky job of judging the amazing dogs who entered. Looking forward to next year already...



Left: Catherine & Guide Dogs



Right: Best in Show Winner

Below: The Finnegans & Rosie



Above: Tracey & Graham on registration

Below: Maxine & Jane



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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

I am sorry the article is brief, but I have just returned from a holiday with friends in Scotland and the news from home is limited here! I really needed a break and they have spoilt me for a week. I wrote this while there and the sun was streaming through the windows, no sign of torrential rain here yet, although it is needed, as at home. How soon we have forgotten those long, hot summer days and humid nights. October is often a good month, with stunning colours and sunsets, so let's not think of the winter to come just now.

St Bartholomew's Church is now fully operational and so we are able to hold a Harvest Lunch after the morning Harvest Celebration Service on Sunday 12 October. Come to the service and the lunch afterwards, or just to the lunch, which will be at noon and will be a Pig Roast! The price will be £10 per adult and £5 for under 12s. Other events are planned, but please look out for these and check all dates and times.

I would like to close with a few words about our friend Glyn Dallow, who sadly passed away in August after an operation in Coventry Hospital. Glyn was one of the first people to make Mark and I welcome when we moved here 28 years ago and since then he has become a kind and valued friend. I particularly enjoyed our conversations about cricket and rugby. He has a lovely family who will be a great comfort to Angie. My sympathy and love goes to them all.

NOTICES

Services in St Bartholomew's: Unfortunately, I do not have these as I write the article, but the Harvest Service will be on Sunday 12 October at 11am, followed by the Pig Roast Lunch at 12 noon.

Circle Service is on Sunday 26 October at 10.30am.

Housekeeping: October is in the hands of Sue Rigby - thank you Sue.

Mobile Library will call on Friday 17 October at 10.20am and 10.40am.

Ladies Bible Group will be on Tuesday 14 October at the home of Pat Savage - thank you Pat.

I am sorry about the briefness of the news, but I hope to be back to normal next month. Have a lovely autumn.

Margaret Griffiths

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ST KENELM'S NEWS

September will have been a busy month in church with three christenings and preparation for a wedding on the first weekend of October. By now the Dog Show will have happened as well as Welly Church and the first of the new morning services *Praise 4 All*. It is great to see the church buildings being used for village celebrations as it should be.

Bells: Sadly we are still not able to ring the bells at these celebrations, however the new bell ringers are continuing to practise in Martley and Shelsley, in preparation for when we have permission. Five of the bells have hung in the belfry since 1668 and the sixth bell was presented in 1914 by Sir Francis Winnington, in memory of his eldest son.

Garden: A big thank you to Barbara and Bob who have been looking after the garden and tubs at the front of the church for the last 10 years and have now decided to hang up their trowels. The flowers always make it look welcoming - thank you.

Warm Welcome: The return of weekly sessions will be from Thursday 16 October, when we meet to celebrate Robin's special birthday, all welcome. The sessions will run from 11.00am to 1.30pm with free refreshments throughout the morning and a light lunch served at 12.00 noon. Everything provided is free and is not only there to offer a chance to meet socially with others from the village, but also to provide a warm space throughout the winter months. It continues to be supported by Citizens Advice Bureau who are on hand on the fourth Thursday of the month if anyone has any queries they can advise on. Matt also visits as part of a project called *Building Brighter Futures*, which helps those, who for various reasons, may be out of work, to find employment. There are also jigsaws and books to borrow. Please come and support this if you are at home during the day or working from home. All ages, shapes and sizes are very welcome.

Finally: Just when you think the building is behaving...you notice a missing stone...more paperwork and expense!

Volunteers: If you would like to help with the church building there are plenty of jobs such as brass cleaning, church cleaning, gardening and other jobs. Please contact Ruth Wilson on ruth.wilson38@btinternet.com



Ruth Wilson, Churchwarden

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Church Matters

by Ruth Wilson



The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it... 'He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.' Psalm 104, 14-15.

October is the month of Harvest celebrations from the Anglo-Saxon word *hærfest* "Autumn". This then came to refer to the season for reaping and gathering grain and other grown products. The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall.

As we celebrate harvest this month it is important to remember that although we live in a wealthy country, the fifth richest in the world, around one in seven people are facing hunger due to a range of issues, particularly in the face of the rising cost of living. This is driving more people to the doors of food banks. Many are struggling financially now, particularly given the issues with the social security system, resulting in a reported 50% increase in the demand for emergency food. Between April 2024 and May of this year, food banks gave 2.9 million emergency food parcels. Many people are asking for cold food, as they can't afford to heat their meals. There are also reports that parents are skipping meals to feed their children. According to the Trussell Trust Report, as the need has increased, unfortunately donations to food banks have decreased.

My recent reading of *Praying by Heart*, by Stephen Cottrell highlighted phrases in The Lord's Prayer and what they mean. 'Give us this day our daily bread' was followed by a discussion on how this means giving us enough for our personal needs, but not too much. In other words what we need, not what we want. Clifton is a very generous village as is shown by donations of food in the church porch, donation of clothes in the village hall and the support for other charitable events. Thank you!

This harvest season, please do join in the celebrations across the parishes to thank our farmers and our God as we share food and collect donations for the Worcester Food Bank, starting with the Harvest Tea in Clifton Village Hall on Friday 10 October, 5.00pm, free to all.



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

October 2025

Sunday 5 October

10.30am: Morning Prayer, St Kenelm's, Clifton

6.30pm: Evensong, St Andrew's, Shelsley Walsh

Friday 10 October

5.00pm: Harvest Tea, Clifton Village Hall

Sunday 12 October

11.00am: Harpley Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch, St Bartholomew, Harpley

5.00pm: Harvest Service, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp followed by Harvest Supper, 6pm, Shelsley Village Hall

Wednesday 15 October

10.30am: Holy Communion, St Andrews, Shelsley Walsh

Saturday 19 October

4.00pm: Welly Church, Experience Harvest, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Sunday 19 October

10.00am: Praise 4 All, St Kenelm's, Clifton

6.00pm: Harvest Service followed by Harvest Supper, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Sunday 26 October

10.30am: Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Harpley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2 Clifton Parish Council meeting, Clifton VH, 7.40pm
- 4 Royal British Legion Knightwick & District concert, Martley VH
- 9 Teme Valley Wildlife Group, Stoke Bliss VH, 7.30pm
- 10 Harvest Tea, Clifton VH, 5pm
- 11 Churches Together in the Teme Valley talk, Orleton House 10am-12.30pm
- 12 Harpley Harvest Service at 11am, followed by Pig Roast at 12pm
- 12 Shelsley Harvest Service, 5pm at All Saints, Supper at 6pm in VH
- 14 Ladies Bible Group, Pat Savage's house
- 14 Clifton WI meeting, VH 7.30pm
- 17 Mobile Library: Clifton VH 9.45am, Harpley 10.20am, Lower Sapey 10.40am
- 18 Big Breakfast in aid of NSPCC, Clifton VH, 9am or 11am
- 18 Clifton Films, 'The Penguin Lessons', Clifton VH
- 19 Praise 4 All service, St. Kenelm's, 10am
- 25 Little Witley Films, 'The Marching Band', 6.45 for 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- 8 Clifton Films, 'Downton', Clifton VH
- 11 Shelsley Parish Council meeting, Shelsley VH, 7pm
- 21 The Pocket Choral Society, Clifton VH, 7.30pm

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BRIAN SPEYER 1952 – 2025

Brian spent the majority of his life in Shelsley Beauchamp, his funeral in June was held at All Saints, the church in which he had been baptised.

Brian's early school days were spent in Malvern where Mr Rogers of Martley took him by taxi every Monday morning, returning on Friday afternoon. Later he attended school further afield in Dorset where he had much fun, to the detriment of his academic work. It did not however diminish his career in the design and development of ultra-high speed cameras and his expertise and knowledge took him to many universities across the globe. He was never happier though than when he returned to the valley.

Brian inherited his love of beekeeping from his father Geoffrey. He also continued the daily record of rainfall, something his father began in 1946 and which was of great importance to a house which relies on spring water. Another great love was his green Morgan, which he had watched weekly being built in Malvern. He was often seen driving along the lanes - the destination quite often being the Talbot at Knightwick. Brian was a lifelong enthusiast of the Hill Climb and would have appreciated that after his funeral, the guests assembled there.

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