

Teme TRIANGLE

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The triumphant Clifton Rovers football team

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- A life-changing trip to Uganda
- Lots of Church and local group news
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Nine local mums and daughters enjoyed a sunny afternoon on Mother's Day in the Teme Valley, learning how to make a hand-tied bouquet of all British flowers, guided by local florist Kate Hurst of Camomile & Cornflowers. They drank prosecco, ate homemade cakes and admired the stunning views.

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Front cover picture:

The Clifton Rovers football team, who have won the Southam Trophy in a thrilling cup final match that ended in a penalty shoot-out against Worcester United FC Cobras. See page 4 for the full article.

WELCOME TO THE MAY 2025 EDITION OF *TEME TRIANGLE*...

Wow - what a wonderful selection of content we have received for this month's edition. Thank you to everyone who has sent us articles and photos. In a world where we are all so busy, it is heartwarming to see that we still have time to be with, and share experiences with, our neighbours. We begin with a few 'help' requests for the Shelsleys village fête and fun dog show....



SHELSLEYS VILLAGE FÊTE & FUN DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 29 JUNE

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CLIFTON 55 HOUSES PLAN DECISION DEFERRED

A meeting of the Malvern Hills District Council Northern Area Planning Committee last month (March) deferred making a decision on the planning application by developer Terrastrategic to build 55 houses on land in Hope Lane, Clifton.

Parish Council Chairman, John Bowden, referred to the existing neighbourhood plan for the village which did not envisage development on the site in question. Local resident Michelle Crawshaw, speaking on behalf of the Clifton Sustainable Heritage Steering Group, said the village had already experienced a lot of growth. If granted, the development would double the amount of new housing in the parish proposed in the new South Worcestershire Development Plan.

District Councillor Paul Cumming told the meeting that the proposed site was outside the existing development boundary and in open countryside. The village already had more houses than need to be provided and the proposal went against the neighbourhood plan. "If we are going to go against the neighbourhood plan, why are we asking parishes to make them?" he asked.

Councillors voted to defer making a decision on the grounds that the existing housing needs survey was out of date and there were highways issues yet to be resolved.

CLIFTON ROVERS TROPHY SUCCESS

Clifton Rovers have won the Southam Trophy in a thrilling cup final match that ended in a penalty shoot-out against Worcester United FC Cobras.

The Worcester & District Football League final was staged at Droitwich Spa Football Club with a large attendance to support the Rovers team. The game saw the sides equally matched in the first half. As the game went on, Clifton grew into it and began to create a number of chances, forcing the Cobras keeper into making some impressive saves, as well as hitting the post. The full-time whistle was blown with the two sides still at a stalemate. The cup rules saw the match go straight to penalties. With Clifton going second, the pressure was on. Rovers successfully dispatched three penalties in a row thanks to Alec Francis, James Francis and Dan Jukes. With Cobras hitting the bar and Ewan Mountjoy, the Clifton keeper, making a fantastic save to deny them a second time, there was a chance to win it. Sam Butler stepped up to take the fourth penalty for the Rovers and saw it sail into the back of the net to crown Clifton Rovers as the Southam Trophy winners.

Final score: Worcester United FC Cobras 0 – 0 Clifton Rovers. Clifton Rovers win 4-2 on penalties. Man of the match: Sam Harris (Clifton Rovers).



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK EVENTS 2025

4 May, 2.30-5pm - Cream Tea and 'Language of Flowers' flower display at Harpley Church. Refreshments available. Proceeds to Harpley Church Fund and Christian Aid.

17 May, 10am-12noon - Coffee Morning at The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Clifton. Bring your friends and enjoy refreshments and bring-and-buy.

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L-R: Izzy Hall, Bethan Probert, Rebecca Probert & Hannah Bowles.

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who sent me messages of support and sympathy after Mark, my husband, died quite suddenly on 11 March. I was overwhelmed with all the kindness, but now know I have friends who will help me out in the future that I have without him.

Meanwhile life goes on around us and we have just enjoyed a real touch of spring and I expect gardeners everywhere have been overjoyed with this. We are bound to pay for this with some typical March windy days soon or even frost, so watch out! Easter is so late this year that it seems to have caught us out, but today, the weather seems to be back to normal, with a high wind and rain.

We are still waiting anxiously for our church of St Bartholomew's to re-open and it surely must be soon! Please keep a lookout for any notices. Then, the big clear up and afterwards, there will be a new housekeeping rota prepared by Dot Millward.

In the meantime, we have enjoyed several services around the fire pit and this has been used regularly by Scout / Guide groups. It's great to see them enjoying this.

May brings a return of the **Cream Tea**, which will be accompanied this year by a 'Language of flowers' display. This will be on Saturday 4 May, hopefully in our church, at 2.30pm.

You might like to make a note that our **annual PCC AGM** will be on 22 May. This will most likely be in the early evening. All are welcome.

Services can be found on the service rota on P33.

The Lent Course has now finished and although this was very enjoyable, it certainly taxed our brains. Thanks go to Pat who hosted these meetings.

Now we return to the **Ladies Bible Group** meetings, the first of which is on Tuesday 13 May, also at The Hatt. Thanks again to Pat.

The **Mobile Library** will call on Friday 16 May at 10.20 and 10.40am.

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Easter and not overindulged on chocolate!

Into spring now hopefully and into the gardens, which certainly need some attention in my case!

Margaret Griffiths

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CURATE

Our new curate, Tobias Thornes, will be ordained in Worcester Cathedral on 29 June this year and will join us immediately after his ordination. His training incumbent will be Rev David Morris but he will be working across the Muddy Boots Mission Area and will be spending time in both Rev Sallie Butcher's area and Rev Julia Curtis' area. Here is what Tobias has to say about himself:

"I come to you as a curate fresh out of theological college, having trained for three years at St Stephen's House in Oxford. I was born in Worcester and grew up in the countryside near Droitwich, in the parish of Hadzor with Oddingley. I've always had a passion for the environment and have never been able to leave Worcestershire for very long – it's definitely the place that feels like home!

I am thirty-two years old. Before training for the priesthood I was a physicist, studying physics and astronomy at University College, Durham, then taking a doctorate at Oriel College, Oxford, on the topic of weather and climate forecasting. Whilst there I was a member of our University Challenge team (we didn't get very far!) and served as a 'Bible Clerk' in the college chapel. I was also a physics teacher for a couple of years. I enjoy walking with my collie dog, horse riding and writing about faith, science and the natural world, and try as far as possible to live life in harmony with nature. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and getting involved with rural ministry in such a beautiful part of our county."



CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy has arisen for the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Clifton-upon-Teme Parish Council.

Applicants should have sound IT skills, experience in finance and the preparation of agendas for and accurate recording of minutes from meetings. The post includes management of the financial responsibilities of the council, including accounts, budget preparation and annual audit. Duties also include communicating with Parish Councillors, supervising the Parish Lengthsman and administering the Council's website. Previous experience in a similar role is desirable but not essential.

The successful applicant will be expected to work from home on a flexible basis for an average of 11 hours per week, to include attendance at the monthly evening Parish Council meetings.

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An application form and further information is available by contacting the current Clerk at clerk@clifton-upon-teme-pc.org.uk

Closing date for the applications is 30 May, with interviews week commencing 9 June.

CLIFTON RECREATION GROUND OPENING

Clifton's newly refurbished Recreation Ground will be officially opened at 2pm on Monday 5 May.

The £250,000 project, which has taken more than six years to complete, includes a multi-games court, reconditioned tennis courts, a children's play area and a newly planted sensory garden.

The event will be attended by members of Clifton Rovers Football Club, the Bowls Club and Pickleball Club who will be demonstrating their sport and inviting others to participate.

The opening ceremony will be performed by local resident Marie Thompson. Teas will be provided by the Clifton WI and there will be a barbeque at the Recreation Ground provided by the Lion Inn.

CLIFTON-UPON-TEME FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Clifton-upon-Teme Friendship Club's speaker at its meeting on Wednesday 7 May is Andy Arnold, a local resident renowned for his athletic endurance feats. The Club's AGM will be held on Wednesday 21 May at Clifton Village Hall.

April saw a lovely tea party to celebrate some nought birthdays of John Bowden, John Wain and Robert Coldicott, as well as the 50th wedding anniversary of Dot and Paul Millward. In March we had our birthday lunch and later in the month, a return visit from wildlife photographer Nick Martin, always very popular with members. He had some fabulous photos and information on British birds.

New members and visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact dotmillward@btinternet.com. The Friendship Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Clifton Village Hall at 2.30pm.

Dot Millward

CLIFTON-UPON-TEME BOWLING CLUB

Clifton-upon-Teme Bowling Club extends an invitation to anyone who would like to try their hand at lawn bowls on Clifton's brand new bowling green, on the day of the Four Acre Field's official opening, Monday 5 May.

The Bowling Club would like to say a big 'thank you' to Clifton Parish Council for the excellent renewal and refurbishment of the Bowling Green and its surroundings.

Come and meet our members and learn more about the game and the club. The view is lovely, the members friendly and the exercise is more of a workout than you expect!

Regular 'Roll-ups' are Monday's 2.30pm – 4.30pm, plus home and away matches in the summer and in the village hall in the winter.

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...ON THE FARM.... *by Allan Jeffries*

We've had a brilliant spell of weather for lambing this year - if Global Warming has helped, then don't plant any more trees because I love it! I think the real reason though is there are too many people on the planet and our modern lifestyle. Wildlife is being decimated, and nature has had enough. Planting trees is good, but if you look around you, there are a lot of trees already! Carbon footprint seems to be very much the 'in' subject at the moment, unbelievably, if the experts work out that you have an excess on your farm, there will probably be a monetary value on it!

We bring the sheep into the sheds a couple of weeks before lambing, so they have time to settle down, especially the new ones. We've been feeding extra feed this year, starting about eight weeks before lambing, because the ewes were not in such good condition as we like them to be, so an extra load of bulk cake was bought from Richard at Estate Country Feeds who makes very good sheep food.

Lambing has gone reasonably well, with strong lambs and a few more singles and less triplets than last year. The level of tiredness doesn't improve, they need looking at every couple of hours throughout the 24 hours! Fi, who I couldn't manage without, does up until 11:00pm, then I take over and Fi goes back out at 5:00am. Some busy nights I don't have any idea what the time is and I'm thinking I can go and have a couple of hours sleep, but then I hear the cockerel, who lives up at The Noak, crowing his head off, so I know by the time I've had a cup of tea, it will be time to start feeding again, so no sleep! It's funny when you mention a bit of nighttime lambing to some of your friends, suddenly they're having hip replacements, new knees, or hernia ops, it's amazing what some people will do to get out of lambing!

We've got just over twenty tiddlers on the bucket feeders, which children love to make a fuss of! One of them I found wandering around the shed at only a few hours old, the mother had abandoned her, I put her under the light in the tiddler shed and despite being quite tiny she is a fighter and has survived and grown well.

We have some lovely kind friends who have brought us cakes and supper during lambing. I won't mention any names, or people might think they are the local food bank!

It has really felt like spring this year, with the beautiful weather, blue skies and vibrant greens and blossom appearing everywhere. Of course we do now need some light warm rain for the crops and the grass!

Reading last month's magazine, I've noticed there are so many places locally who have started doing Full English Breakfasts, I think we'll sell the sheep and keep pigs instead, so we can supply the bacon. It's a certain fact that some of

our friends who try one won't go back to cornflakes and yoghurt!!

Let's hope we have a good summer this year!



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Three-year old pony 'Bunny' Balch from Clifton led the joyful joint-parish Palm Sunday Procession at Hanley Broadheath. Rachel Austin and Sue Everitt played recorder and viola as we walked along to the Village Hall. There were poems and Bible readings, and we shared reflections on the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem and events leading up to Easter. We enjoyed catching up with people from across the parishes and weekend visitors, over coffee and lots of hot cross buns (thank you Baileys of Stanford).

Jen Denniston



L-R: Margy Thorneycroft, Bunny the pony and Pippa Balch.



DAFFODIL DAY AT STANFORD

The Daffodil Day was a lovely occasion and something that Sue Softly of Stanford had wanted to do for a long time.

We had an arts and crafts session guided by Mel Williams and Jill Smith and a range of activities including painting pictures, tiles, candleholders, stones and making flowers with stems.

Helen Nicol served a lovely tea and the cupcakes from Clem Serrell @batch22 were delicious.

The children and adults loved the activities and both Rev Jen Denniston and Rev Julia Curtis painted tiles. Jen Jones came to see what was going on too. How blessed were we! Everyone enjoyed it and the proceeds went to St Mary's Church, Stanford.

Alexandra Winnington



IT'S GREAT TO SEE SO MANY NEW GROUPS FORMING IN THE TEME VALLEY....WALKING IN OUR BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS....WHAT COULD BE BETTER?

HARPLEY WALKERS

David Richards led an enjoyable Glebe Walk around Harpley - through fields, along old tracks and through woods, in the lovely Lower Sapey parish. Lots of local lore was shared and memories of times past (some unprintable here!). Special mention to three generations of Edwards.

David provided lemon drizzle cake and coffee to keep our energy levels up. We look forward to the next Glebe Walk.



SHELSLEY WALKERS



Departing from All Saints in Shelsley Beauchamp, nine locals and their dogs, met for a delightful blossom-filled spring walk.

Along the way we heard black caps, robins and great tits.

We admired the beautiful beech and the 40ft cherry trees.

Celandine, bluebells, wild garlic and primroses graced our path.

And a small amount of PROW (Public Rights of

Way) maintenance along the route, as an added bonus. Thank you all for joining in and sharing your friendship and knowledge of the countryside. Let's see if we can get a few more locals out next time.

Karen Metcalfe and Rafa the dog

SUSTAINABLE CHURCH FLOWERS

Members of the Clifton WI were treated to a demonstration and talk on the Sustainable Church Flower movement by Dot Millward of Harpley. Explaining the Sustainable Church Flower movement, Dot showed examples of how to use natural twigs, chicken wire and moss in various vases for flower arrangements instead of floral foam (see picture below). She explained how she started using sustainable church flowers at Harpley Church in 2019 when asked by her church warden and how she had found it a much easier process than her training would have expected. She showed examples of different ways of arranging in an urn or other containers. She used natural twigs or chicken wire to hold the flowers, greenery and even branches, demonstrating how this actually allowed the natural shape of the flowers and greenery to lead the design.

Dot's presentation finished with reference to the first Sustainable Church Flowers Ambassador launch at the Chapel Royal, St James's, held in London last month by kind permission of HM The King. It is hoped that Kate Hurst (pictured below), churchwarden for Shelsley, will present the SCF motion at the General Synod in July. Kate has also appeared in 'Country Life' magazine this month, talking about the movement.

Candy Connolly



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Church Matters

by Rachel Austin

“Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.” Psalm 126: v2-3

Last September I set off on a trip to Uganda to volunteer at a school. A time of mixed emotions: excitement and uncertainty contrasting with a keenness to push myself out of my comfort zone and do something worthwhile.

Child of Hope is a Christian-based charity, tackling the key barriers to a meaningful future for slum children and their families living in conditions of extreme deprivation and hardship in Eastern Uganda.



It aims to provide free education from its schools, healthcare and welfare to the poorest and most vulnerable families. Its generous sponsors and fundraising allow it to support 750 children and gives these families hope that they can lift themselves out of poverty.

As I walked into school on my first morning I was met with the wonderful sound of singing as the children and their teachers took part in their daily Devotions. Children were dancing, playing makeshift drums, praising and thanking God for all He had given them. The air was filled with a real sense of joy and happiness. I felt so moved by it all.

This is my overriding feeling from being at Child of Hope for eight weeks – the joy and gratefulness that everyone felt, in spite of the difficult situations they were facing each and every day. It wasn't just some of the time, these children were joyful and enthusiastic all the time. To be there, to teach and be among them was such a delight – their joy was infectious!

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” John 15:11.

The children remember Jesus every day and the joy fills their hearts and minds even though they had so little. I felt ill one day and the teacher said to the class, let us all pray for 'Auntie Rachel' to make her better, and they did! Their faith in God and that He will provide for them and others is unquestionable – it is Faith.

I was shown around the community and welcomed into the homes of so many. Small, dark single-roomed huts that housed whole families. They cooked outside on charcoal fires, the same meal every day if they were lucky. They live hand to mouth, the children waiting for their parents to come home in the evening, hopefully with some shillings so that they can buy food to cook a meal. The children have daily chores both before and after school, collecting water, washing, looking after younger siblings, cleaning or cooking but they do so with a smile and an acceptance. It is seen as part of their contribution to daily life with no sense of entitlement or undercurrent of resentment.



There were daily tragic stories from the community – a primary aged girl begging in the local town after school as her mother was so ill; a young boy beaten by his stepbrother when his mother died and treated like a slave; another girl, given a meal at school as she had no food at home, sold it on the street to raise money so she and her brother could eat. This list goes on: children sleeping outside; houses washed away; children with literally no food. Truly heart-rending. All of this and more the Child of Hope Welfare Team attempt to deal with, stepping in with support, foster care, money, food, building new homes and advice.

Moses, the Ugandan Director of the School, has complete faith that God will provide for the members of the community. Whilst God does provide, in practical terms it is the Trustees who have to find the funds to make things happen. Unfortunately corruption is rife across Africa but the wonderful thing about Child of Hope being run by Christians and the Voluntary Director of Education (a retired Bristolian Head Teacher who relocated permanently to Uganda), is that it ensures that all money raised gets to where it is needed. A little money goes a long way in Uganda compared to the West and makes an enormous difference to their lives.

I was made to feel so welcome and thanked daily for all I was doing for them –



they were so grateful that I had come to their school to teach the children. So much so, I am off out again this July with my husband Clive to see how we can continue to support and help them. With so many in need around the world it is easy to

become desensitised or overwhelmed and do nothing. However, we have both decided to do what we can and have made Child of Hope our 'retirement cause'.

If you would like to find out more or maybe feel you would like to help in any way, please ask or go to their website:

<https://www.childofhopeuganda.org/>

Any sponsorship or fundraising however big or small is so welcome and needed – it not only could make a life changing difference, it almost certainly will make a life changing difference.



Clifton Beavers having fun on an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard.



Children with flowers at the Clifton Mothering Sunday service.

ST KENELM'S NEWS

Church Repairs. Sadly the bells at St Kenelm's have not been rung for several weeks now. The church tower has now been assessed by a structural surveyor. The bells and bell housing have also been assessed to see if ringing the bells would have an impact on any possible structural problems with the tower. The final reports have not yet been received, however there are concerns that the bells are adding to the possible cracking issues. The enthusiastic new bellringers are still able to practise at Martley Church. If you would like to join, please contact Mike Snelling on 01886 812443.

The Churchyard. A huge thank you to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts from 1st Clifton-on-Teme Scout Group who gave up a Saturday morning to tidy the churchyard. I knew the paths were overgrown but had not realised they were actually as wide as they now are. There are also several tombs and memorials that were carefully cleaned of ivy. It was amazing to see so many children and adults busy for so long! Hopefully they will be keen to do this again, please.

Easter Celebrations. The school visited and learnt about Palm Sunday with enthusiastic singing, waving and hosannas, led by Pat Snelling and Barbara Seeley, at their Easter Service. Always great to see the church full of children! Woodpecker class visited for the afternoon to take part in the Experience Easter where they learnt about Easter and the Christian beliefs, challenging Rev Julia Curtis with very thoughtful questions e.g. Why did Jesus deserve to die? Who was the angel? The Beavers also paid a visit on Thursday evening for a very enthusiastic egg hunting session. Mothering Sunday was again a lovely service for families, with posies being given out reflecting the amazing array of wild and garden flowers that are currently in bloom.

So good to see the church and churchyard being used by the community as it should be. Do pop in to the church - it is full of history and has been in use since 1200. The church is open daily for visitors and private prayer or those times when you just need some peace and quiet!

Rogation Service Sunday 25 May 10.30. Rogation dates back to the 5th century and is a time to go outdoors to pray for the land and community, that there will be sufficient food grown to support the community. In Clifton the service has been held in the barn at New House Farm and is a chance to visit a local farm and learn more about farming in the area as well as to visit the fields and animals to be blessed. A very family friendly service with hot dogs to finish. Do come!!

Volunteers. If you would like to help with brass cleaning, church cleaning, gardening or other jobs around the church, please contact Ruth Wilson. Volunteers are always very welcome!

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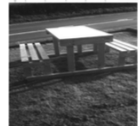
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Ascension Day in Clifton

a message from Robert Barlow

May is full of 'special' days. Not only does the month include my birthday, but the first of May is (in some places) celebrated with Maypole dancing. In others it's celebrated as International Workers' Day with flying the Red Flag. May the Fourth (what a terrible pun!) is Star Wars Day. Wednesday 7 May is World Naked Gardening Day. Thursday 8 May is VE Day, when the Hanleys have a bonfire. Monday 12 to Sunday 18 May is Mental Health Awareness Week. There are a shedload of other 'special' days.

I would like to draw your attention to Thursday 29 May. It is Ascension Day. In some parts of this country it used to be celebrated as a holiday from work with processions and bands. It marks forty days after Easter, when Jesus withdrew from Earth and returned to his Father. This year we are marking it as a Church with a special service at Clifton at 7.30pm. We will have the Relishing Rural Music Choir. We will think about what it means for Jesus to have completed his work on earth, how (in each of our villages) we see signs of his love and what we hope he will do in each of our communities. Everyone is very welcome.

And just in case you were wondering, I do not intend to do anything to mark World Naked Gardening Day!

SHELSLEYS' ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Shelsleys Village Hall
Tuesday 13 May, 7pm**

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Treasures Part 1 - **June 28th**

Treasures Part 2 - **July 19th**

Summertime - **August 23rd**

New beginnings - **September 27th**

Harvest - **October 18th**



**CHURCH SERVICES IN CLIFTON, THE SHELSLEYS
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May 2025

Friday 2nd May

10.00am-12.30pm: Quiet Garden Day, St Bartholomew, Harpley

Sunday 4th May

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

10.30am: Morning Praise, St Bartholomew, Harpley

Sunday 11th May

10.30am: Family Service with Communion, 'The Melville Service', All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Wednesday 14th May

6.45pm: Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Sunday 18th May

6.30pm: Evensong, St Kenelm's, Clifton

7.30pm: St Kenelm's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 21st May

10.30am: Communion, St Andrews, Shelsley Walsh

Thursday 22nd May

12.45pm: Soul Space, Rowberry Room, Clifton Village Hall

6.45pm: APCM St Bartholomew, Harpley

Saturday 24th May

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

Sunday 25th May

10.30am: Rogation Service, New House Farm

10.30am: Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Harpley

FRIENDS OF ST KENELM'S: EVENTS PROGRAMME.

Sunday 11 May, 6:30pm: Organ recital: Tim Goodall: "From Bach to The Beatles".

Sunday 8 June, 3.30pm onwards: Visit and guided tour of Burford Church. Gather for tea at Burford Garden Centre, followed by a service at the church and a short guided tour of the church and its features by Ray Morris.

Sunday 13 July, 3:30pm: An afternoon of Popular Praise outside the church, to the accompaniment of guitars. Refreshments available.

Sunday 21 September, 6:30pm: Service led by the Severn Singers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 1 Clifton Parish Council meeting, The Pavilion 7.30pm
- 4 Cream Tea and 'Language of Flowers' display, Harpley Church 2.30-5pm
- 5 Official opening of Clifton Recreation Ground, 2.30pm
- 5 Clifton Bowling Club open invitation, Clifton Recreation Ground
- 7 Clifton Friendship Club, Andy Arnold guest speaker, Clifton VH, 2.30pm
- 10 Motown/Northern Soul Evening, Clifton VH
- 10-11 Shelsley Watermill Open Weekend, Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb, 10am-4pm
- 11 Clifton WI meeting at Angel Gardens, Mill Farm, Stanford Bridge 7pm
- 11 Organ Recital: 'From Bach to The Beatles', St Kenelm's, Clifton, 6.30pm
- 13 Shelsleys' Annual Parish Meeting, Shelsleys VH, 7pm (followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)
- 13 Clifton WI Meeting, Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 14 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp, 6.45pm
- 16 WCC Mobile Library: Clifton VH 9.45 - 10.15am, and Lower Sapey 10.20am
- 17 Coffee Morning (Christian Aid), The Old Vicarage, Clifton, 10-12 noon
- 21 Clifton Friendship Club, AGM, Clifton VH, 2.30pm
- 22 Warm Welcome, Clifton VH, 11am - 1pm
- 24 Welly Church, St Kenelm's, Clifton, 4pm
- 25 Rogation Service, New House Farm, Pound Lane, Clifton, 10.30am
- 29 Ascension Day service, St Kenelm's, Clifton, 7.30pm
- 30 Supper and 'Another Man's Shoes' talk, Ellie Somme, Clifton VH 7pm

JUNE

- 7 Big Breakfast at The Old House, 20 The Village, Clifton, 9am-12noon
- 8 Friends of St Kenelm's visit and guided tour of Burford Church, 3.30pm-4pm
- 10 Clifton WI meeting 'Poetry & Limericks', Clifton VH, 7.30pm
- 20 WCC Mobile Library, Clifton VH, 9.45-10.15am & Lower Sapey 10.20am
- 28 Welly Church, St Kenelm's, Clifton, 4pm
- 29 Fête and Dog Show, Church House, Shelsley Beauchamp, 12noon-4pm

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Members of the late Bert Bradley, Clifton's tree warden for 40 years, planted a holm oak sapling in the newly opened recreation ground in the village.

Pictured (left to right) are Bert's daughter Jane Bradley, grandson Sam Bowstead, Beth Wyatt and Will How.



JUNE KNIGHT

June Knight, of Camp Lane, Shelsley Beauchamp, passed away peacefully at home in February. The funeral service took place at All Saints, Shelsley, at the beginning of April. She was a loving sister and aunt and will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

June married her husband Mick at All Saints in 1957 and is now reunited with him in the churchyard.

June had lived in the Teme Valley all of her life - at Meneatts Farm in Stanford Bridge, Hillside Farm in Camp Lane, Kingswood, before returning to Camp Lane. She loved animals and her home was not complete without a labrador and cat.



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