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Official opening of the Clifton Recreation Ground

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Joan Warren, whose family moved to Clifton in 1939, celebrated her 100th birthday last month with a card from the King and Queen.

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Front cover picture:

Marie Thompson with great-grandson Arlo (5) and Clifton Parish Council Chairman John Bowden at the opening of the new Recreation Ground.

KATE HURST AT MALVERN SHOW



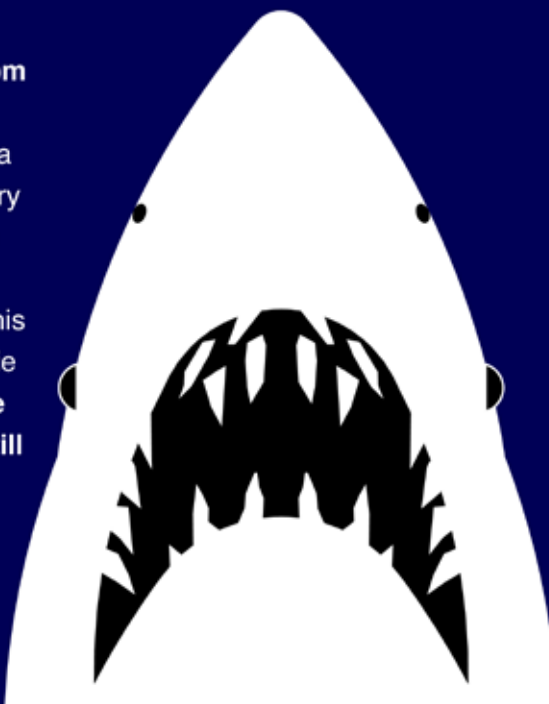
Local sustainable florist Kate Hurst of Camomile & Cornflowers recently helped design and build the central floral display in the floral marquee at RHS Malvern Spring Show last month. It featured compostable funeral flowers, a huge hoop of dried flowers and a broken arch of British flowers all promoting 'Flowers From the Farm' an organisation that encourages the use of British flowers. Kate gave a talk and demonstration in the Potting Shed theatre about sustainable floristry. She also designed and built the Give it a Grow theatre at Malvern where *Gardener's World* celebrities like Adam Frost and the Beardy Gardener (Leigh Johnston) did talks for the show.

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

Another month has passed and we have enjoyed almost continual sunshine, but this of course, has meant trouble for farmers, gardeners and growers. However, for many of us it was a welcome relief from the dismal winter. St Bartholomew's still being closed, we held our Easter Day service round the fire-pit on a sunny but windy day. This has really been a great asset. There was the traditional appearance of the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt for the large group of children. Last month, we also held a very successful 'Gardeners' Question Time' actually in St Bartholomew's. Yes, the good news is that the builders have moved, the ladies have worked hard to clear up and with spring flowers everywhere, the church looked lovely. All the work and worry must surely have been worth it. The evening was very well attended, the panel excellent as were the many questions. I hope this will be the first of many successful evenings.

The official re-opening of the church actually took place on Sunday May 4 before Morning Service and Glyn Dallow kindly cut the ribbon in the porch. Sadly, the organ refused to work having not been used for months and so we are now seeking a replacement, or an organ doctor. If anyone can help, please contact Candy Connolly or any member of the PCC. The next project will be to improve kitchen facilities. The annual meeting of our PCC will be on May 22 and all are welcome. A report on this will be in the next issue.

We recently held the first of the Quiet Mornings, again round the firepit, and about ten people attended. These will be held regularly through the summer months and the next one at St Bartholomew's will be on Friday 13 June, then again on Friday 4 July between 10.30 and 12.30am. They are very informal gatherings when one can be contemplative and there will also be light refreshments. On 14 June you may be interested in a morning discussion on the stories of Jesus led by Nick McLeish at Orleton House and on 4 June Kerry McLeish will be speaking on 'Coming to rest'. This latter is by kind permission of Nick and Jen Denniston at 7pm in their home, Harpley House. Thanks to everyone for holding these meetings.

NOTICES

For this month's services please check the list in the magazine, but these will most likely be in the church on June 1 (Morning Prayer 10.30), Circle Service on 22 June, 10.30am. There is also a special celebration of the 40 years of the Methodist Services on 8 June at 3pm.

The Ladies Bible Group restarted this month, with the usual texts, and the next meeting will also be with Pat at the Hatt House and on Tuesday 10 June at 2pm. Thank you Pat.

Housekeeping will be in the hands of Sue Ellson for June. Thank you Sue. The Mobile Library will call on Friday June 20 at 10.20 and 10.40am.

We are sad to report the deaths of two more of our parishioners recently. Mo Padfield and also Jean Yates, both of the Barns. Our sympathy goes to all their family and friends. I must apologise for the errors I made in last month's edition. I am afraid that grief still takes me over on most days. I am assured it will get better.

Finally, the cuckoo has been heard by a resident of Harpley, the first time for many years. Has anyone else heard it?

Margaret Griffiths

THE LONGEST DAY... AND AN EVEN LONGER RIDE!

The longest day of the year, Saturday 21 June, will seem even longer for Clifton biker, Darren Watkins who will hit the road with serious intent as he tackles a ride from Land's End to John O'Groats in memory of his late father, Cyril Watkins to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

The 'Longest Day Challenge' was launched in 2018 by Performance Bikes magazine. Riders have a spending limit of £600 to buy their bikes, and the route, which is almost 1,000 miles, is restricted to the use of A and B roads (no motorways) using a mapped-out route.

Darren's machine is a 1999, T-reg Triumph 955 Sprint. "I'm doing this to honour my late father's memory," said Darren. "He was a biker, and he is the reason why I find so much joy in bikes. He passed away due to cancer last August and in the last few months I told him I hoped to complete this challenge."



The physical challenges of this popular event are carefully monitored, with five checkpoints on the route. Trackers are fitted to all riders and a support vehicle is in place. In 2017, Darren raised money by completing the Welsh 3000 in memory of his mum who he lost to ovarian cancer. "I was astonished then by people's generosity, and I'm now asking for people to dig deep again via my JustGiving page." His sponsors will have a white sticker placed on his bike in their memory, and anyone celebrating their success against cancer will have a yellow one on there.



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If you would like to find out more and join with us at Welly Church then please come and explore and see where God is at work in the natural world around us in the grounds of St Kenelm's Church on the following dates:

Saturdays at 4pm

Treasures Part 1 - **June 28**

Treasures Part 2 - **July 19**

Summertime - **August 23**

New beginnings - **September 27**

Harvest - **October 18**



Service at All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp attended by author Josceline Dimbleby (7th from left) whose great-great-grandfather, the Rev David Melville, was the rector of Shelsley Beauchamp parish from 1845-1857.

CELEBRATION SERVICE AT HARPLEY

A special Celebration Service will be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Harpley on Sunday 8 June, at 3.30pm, led by Rev Katherine Pickering, Rev Jen Denniston and Rev Julie Curtis.

There has been a monthly Methodist Service held at Harpley Church since June 1981, led by Methodist ministers and local preachers from the South Worcestershire Methodist Circuit.

The initial organisation was spearheaded by Ancrum Evans and Dave Cave (Methodist local preacher) after the Methodist Church in High Lane was closed. The building has been demolished but the kerb stone where it stood remains. The June service will be the last one led by the Methodist Circuit which sadly due to low attendance and limited resources must terminate. Please come along to give thanks for what we have shared, sing hymns chosen by members, share refreshments and look at memorabilia and bless Harpley as it continues to spread the good news in the Teme Valley.

Beryl Robson

CLIFTON RECREATION GROUND OPENING



District and Parish Councillors at the official opening of the Clifton Recreation Ground: (left to right) Pam Cumming, Bruce Gilbert, John Bowden, Paul Brooks, Ray Neave and Paul Cumming.



Chris Hurley and the multi-games court (left).

Clifton residents try their hand at bowling on the bowling green.





Marie Thompson trying her hand at boules with Jack Whittenbury

*Lyn Merrick in the sensory wildlife garden.
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CHURCH SERVICES IN CLIFTON, THE SHELSLEYS AND LOWER SAPEY (HARPLEY) June 2025

Sunday 1st June

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

10.30am: Morning Praise, St Bartholomew's, Harpley

Sunday 8th June

8.00am: Morning Prayer Service, (Midland Automobile Club) MAC Service, St Andrew's, Shelsley Walsh

10.30am: Family Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

3.30pm: Methodist Celebration Service, St Bartholomew's, Harpley

Sunday 15th June

6.30pm: Evensong, St Kenelm's, Clifton

Wednesday 18th June

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

Sunday 22nd June

10.30am, Circle Service, St Bartholomew's, Harpley

Thursday 26th June

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

Saturday 28th June

4.00pm: Welly Church, St Kenelm's Clifton

Sunday 29th June

4.00pm: Evening Prayers on Festival of St Peter & St Paul, Eastham

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Church Matters

by Pat Snelling



As I sit and write this article, I find it hard to believe it is for the June edition, has ever a year gone so quickly? And within those past months it seems so much has happened in the world. We had the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a new president of the USA sworn in, the death of Pope Francis, the election of Pope Leo IV, and who amongst us can forget the VE celebrations and that memorable service at Westminster Abbey, and not forgetting here in our own village the opening of the Clifton Recreation Ground by Marie Thompson.

And so here we are in June, which brings – ‘tulips, lilies, roses, and fills the children’s hands with posies’, words from a poem written by Sara Coleridge, daughter of Samuel Taylor Coleridge. And, Revd Ellacombe, an honorary Canon of Bristol, who was always full of sound advice and country common sense who, also, was a famous and skilful gardener, and wrote in June 1871 ‘Is there any other month in the year that can show such a delightful triplet as we have now, roses, strawberries and green peas’. Through the month of May it seemed as though England was a land of white lilacs and pink and white May trees, every hedgerow was heavy with delicious blossom. Has the hawthorn blossom along our lanes ever been better? The cow-parsley under the hawthorn looks spectacular, too, in beautiful lacy drifts (also known as Queen Anne’s Lace).

How, too, the Church’s year is moving on. For the fifty days of Easter we bathed in the glory of Christ’s resurrection. In song and word, music and text, our churches resounded with gladness, and, in so doing, joined not only with churches across the world, but blended with the endless voice of all creation; the universe danced with the power of Christ risen, ascended, glorified. At this time we are lifted into eternity and heaven as we joined in the triumphant song, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Words and music we heard spoken, and ringing around our churches during Eastertide.

On the 8 June the church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost, often described as the beginning of the Christian Church, as well as the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’ disciples, and fulfilling Jesus’ promise. What happened at Pentecost we can never maybe fully understand, but something tremendous did happen. Pentecost marks the official beginning of the disciples’ mission to spread the gospel. The Holy Spirit blesses and comforts us all, and we can find a sure hope in that. Enjoy the summer, and happy and restful

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ST KENELM'S NEWS

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. 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.

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!

Ruth Wilson, Churchwarden

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE TEME VALLEY TALK

Churches Together in the Teme Valley invite you to a morning talk and discussion on the stories Jesus told at Orleton House, Orleton (WR6 6SU) on Saturday 14 June at 10am led by Nick McLeish. Everyone welcome: email (for seating requirements) jill.together@gmail.com

WALK FOR ACTION FOR CHILDREN

More than 70 people gathered at Clifton Village Hall to join a walk in aid of Action For Children. The walk was led by Andy Arnold, organised by Alison Francis, Sarah Burgoyne and Jackie Benson (members of the fund-raising team).

The event raised over £660 for the three Family Hubs in Dines Green, Warndon and Stanley Road Worcester to help fund local projects. Beryl Robson (team leader) thanked all who attended for their amazing support.

'CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST' CHURCH WEEK

Old St. Bartholomew's Church in Lower Sapey became part of the Churches Conservation Trust in 1994, thus securing its future within this august body. During the week 6 – 15 June particularly, if anyone or a group would like to know more about the old church and its history then I, as the CCT's keyholder, am available. Please arrange a suitable time by emailing or telephoning me, Pat Prosser, on either of the following: patprosser@hotmail.co.uk or 01886 886465. These contact details are applicable for any future dates beyond this week also.

Pat Prosser

ST KENELM'S WARM WELCOME

St Kenelm's Warm Welcome continues in Clifton Village Hall between 11am and 1pm. The next session will be on Thursday, 26 June. Everyone is welcome to pop in for coffee, tea, cake, chat and a light lunch, free to all. The Citizens Advice (CAB) and Malvern Mental Health Team will be attending if you need any advice over the summer.

Future dates: July 24, August 28 and September 25.



TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE GROUP

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at 7:30pm on Thursday June 12 at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, WR15 8RR. There will be a talk by Peter Bower called 'Breathing life into bogs: restoring mosses for nature, climate and communities'. Members and friends are all welcome: £3 on the door.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 6-15 Churches Conservation Trust week, Old St Bartholomew's Lower Sapey
- 7 Big Breakfast at The Old House, 20 The Village, Clifton 9am-12noon
- 8 Teme Valley Market, The Talbot, Knightwick 11am
- 8 Celebration Service, St Bartholomew's Church, Harpley 3.30pm
- 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
- 12 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH, 7.30pm
- 14 Churches Together in the Teme Valley talk, Orleton House 10am
- 20 WCC Mobile Library, Clifton VH 9.45-10.15am & Lower Sapey 10.20am
- 21 JAWS evening, Clifton VH 5.30pm
- 24 The Language of Flowers cream teas, Harpley Church 2.30pm-5pm
- 26 Warm Welcome, Clifton VH 11am-1pm
- 28 Welly Church, St Kenelm's Clifton 4pm
- 29 Fête and Dog Show, Church House, Shelsley Beauchamp 12noon-4pm

JULY

- 4 Volante Strings Music for a Summer Evening, St Mary's Church, Stanford 7.30pm
- 12 Clifton Primary School PTA Fete, 1pm-3pm
- 19 Welly Church, St Kenelm's Clifton 4pm
- 24 Warm Welcome, Clifton VH 11am-1pm

AUGUST

- 23 Welly Church, St Kenelm's Clifton 4pm
- 28 Warm Welcome, Clifton VH 11am-1pm



EASTER BUNNY IN THE SHELSLEYS

Jamie Stewart with Easter Bunny. Dave Brophy did the honours and lots of children found plenty of eggs in the churchyard at the Easter Sunday family communion.

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