

# Teme TRIANGLE

Clifton-upon-Teme • The Shelsleys • Lower Sapey



*The Big Breakfast team in Clifton*

---

## In this edition

---

- Clifton Primary School Open Day
- Dogs on local footpaths warning
- River Teme Appeal launched
- Local florist wins Silver Medal
- New businesses at Mill Farm Country Retail

---

*Visit the website*

[www.temetriangle.net](http://www.temetriangle.net)

**FREE** to Residents



*Teme Triangle team: (Left to right) Shane Dossett, Andrew Brazier, Jerry Johns; Michelle Whitefoot, Anna Brazier and Louise Hutton*

### YOUR TEME TRIANGLE TEAM

**MAIN EDITORIAL MAILBOX**

[editortemetriangle@gmail.com](mailto:editortemetriangle@gmail.com)

**EDITOR THIS ISSUE**

**Jerry Johns**

**CLIFTON NEWS / WEBSITE**

Jerry Johns: 01886 812304  
[crown.house@polperropress.co.uk](mailto:crown.house@polperropress.co.uk)

**SHELDSLEYS NEWS**

Louise Hutton: 07803 614078  
[louise@stroyd-hutton.com](mailto:louise@stroyd-hutton.com)

**LOWER SAPEY NEWS**

Margaret Griffiths: 01886 853543  
[spock958@gmail.com](mailto:spock958@gmail.com)

**ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP**

Andrew and Anna Brazier:  
 01886 887898  
[teme.triangle@thebraziers.co.uk](mailto:teme.triangle@thebraziers.co.uk)

### **Front cover picture:**

*(Left to right) Alison Francis, Nick Denniston, Jill Smith, Marion Dipple, James Dipple and Mia Buckley preparing 75 breakfasts at the Big Breakfast raising nearly £1,000 for Christian Aid in Clifton.*

## CLIFTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Clifton Primary School will be opening its doors to visitors on Friday 5 June 2026, inviting families and members of the community to experience life at the school and discover its 'Time' themed curriculum.

The Open Day will run from 10.00am until 4.00pm at the school in Pound Lane, Clifton. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet staff, explore the school, and learn more about the exciting opportunities available for pupils.

The day will also include an Eden Project community event from 2.15pm to 3.00pm, bringing people together to share food, friendship, local connections and a Maypole display.

For further information, contact the school office: 01886 812258 email [office@clifton-upon-teme.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@clifton-upon-teme.worcs.sch.uk).



**CLIFTON-UPON-TEME PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS!**

**Where every child gets ahead**

Join us at Clifton-upon-Teme Primary School for our Open Day. Meet our staff 'Teme', explore our school, and discover our exciting curriculum, followed by an Eden Project community event—bringing people together to share food, friendship and local connections—and a Maypole display (2:15–3:00pm).

**Date** : Friday, 5th June 2026

**Time** : 10:00 AM – 4:00 pm

**Location** Clifton-upon-Teme Primary School  
Pound Lane, Clifton-upon-Teme,  
Worcester, WR6 6DE

Don't miss this chance to be a part of our school community and take the first step towards your child's brighter future!

**School Office: 01886 812258**  
[office@clifton-upon-teme.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@clifton-upon-teme.worcs.sch.uk)

The poster features a circular inset image of children in a classroom and a larger image of a child in a boat on water. A circular logo for Clifton-upon-Teme Primary School is also visible.

## COME AND SING EVENT AT TENBURY

The Historic Churches Trusts of Herefordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire and Dudley are inviting singers and music lovers alike to celebrate 1,350 years of the Diocese of Hereford with a special 'Come and Sing!' event at St Michael and All Angels Church, Tenbury Wells, on Saturday 20 June at 6pm.

The event will feature performances of Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, conducted by John Moore, and will also feature OCTAVO. Rehearsals begin at 11am.

Tickets are £18 for the concert alone, or £30 to take part in the Come and Sing day and concert. For further details contact: [david.furnival13@gmail.com](mailto:david.furnival13@gmail.com).

## DOGS ON LOCAL FOOTPATHS

Clifton Parish Council has recently become aware of an increase in problems involving the use of Public Footpaths within the parish, particularly concerning dogs, livestock, and damage to signage and waymarkers. As some of the relevant laws have changed in recent years, it may be helpful to remind residents and visitors of the current guidance and legal responsibilities.

Anyone taking a dog onto Public Footpaths must ensure that the dog is kept under 'close control' at all times, and that both owner and dog remain on the designated Right of Way. While the law does not specifically require dogs to be kept on a short lead, doing so is one clear way of complying with the requirement for close control.

Penalties for 'worrying' farm animals have recently been strengthened and can now result in an unlimited fine. This is especially important at the present time, as we are currently in both lambing season and bird nesting season. Livestock and ground-nesting birds can easily be disturbed during this critical period, even by well-meaning dogs.



Residents are reminded that Public Footpath routes are shown on the map displayed on the noticeboard at the rear of the Village Green, and many routes can also be downloaded onto mobile phones. However, it remains the responsibility of walkers to ensure that they stay on the correct Right of Way and do not trespass onto land where no public access exists. Waymarkers are intended only as guides and may occasionally be removed or damaged.

The Parish Council would also like to clarify that the path which has developed around the perimeter of the field below the copse on Hill Farm is not a Public Right of Way. There are only two official footpaths crossing this field: one leading to the gate below the Sewage Works, and the other leading towards Hill Farm Drive. Walking around the field perimeter therefore constitutes trespass.

Dog owners are also strongly encouraged to carry and use poo bags when out walking. Additional bins have recently been provided around the village to make disposal easier. Please remember that dog waste can spread disease to livestock, other dogs and humans.

It is also worth noting that there is no general 'Right to Roam' over arable land in England and Wales, except in certain designated areas of open access land, which are usually clearly marked. Different rules apply in Scotland.

The Parish Council hopes that everyone will continue to enjoy and respect our local countryside responsibly. Our footpaths cross working farmland, which provides both livelihoods for farming families and food for our communities. With consideration and cooperation from all users, we can help preserve the wonderful environment in which we live.

*John Bowden  
Clifton-upon-Teme Parish Council*

## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB COACH TRIP TO SYMONDS YAT**

Why not join us for a relaxing summer day out on Wednesday 8 July to the beautiful village of Symonds Yat in the heart of the Wye Valley?

Our trip includes a scenic forty-minute cruise along the River Wye through the spectacular Yat Gorge, with commentary provided along the way, as well as a delicious cream tea with sandwiches at the historic Old Court Hotel - a charming 16th-century inn overlooking the river.

The coach will depart from Clifton Village Hall at 10.15am and Martley Village Hall at 10.30am, returning at approximately 5.15–5.30pm.

The hotel is just a short stroll from the boat jetty, although transport and assistance will be available for anyone unable to make the walk. The coach is also equipped with a lift for those with mobility difficulties. There will also be time to explore the local area. Opposite the hotel is the popular Butterfly Zoo (admission £4.50), while the historic Saint Dubricius Church is only a short walk away.

The cost of the trip is:

- Friendship members: £25 per person
  - Guests: £35 per person
- A deposit of £10 per person is required when booking.

For further information or to reserve your place, please contact:

- Jenny: 01886 812787
- Chris: 07931 307797
- Wendy: 07891 902803

We look forward to an enjoyable day out together!

**NIC SPROSON  
THE OPTICIAN**

Contact Lens Specialists

\* Patient Car Park \*

52 Barbourne Road, Worcester

**Tel: 01905 27327**

[www.nicsprosontheoptician.co.uk](http://www.nicsprosontheoptician.co.uk)

David Ward  
**firewood**

Do you need a dependable consistent quality supply of seasoned or kiln dried hardwood and softwood firewood?

Cut and split to suit and delivered in breathable 1.2-cubic metre bags, so no need to restack.

Small delivery vehicle, fitted with crane, can deliver to most locations and situations.

**CALL DAVID TO DISCUSS YOUR REQUIREMENTS:**  
Mobile: 07866 441154



**Pilates | Run Club** (Including C25K)

**HIIT** (High Intensity Interval Training)

**Sports rehabilitation**

Personal Training | Intrinsic Biomechanics Trainer

Stanford Bridge: Mill Farm Country Retail

Bromyard: Methodist Church Hall

Tenbury Wells: Pump Rooms & Burford Village Hall

Ludlow: Gather | Hallow: Remedium

*Be at your best. always.*

For the latest up-to-date class times and bookings:

[www.enhancedmovementstudio.co.uk](http://www.enhancedmovementstudio.co.uk)

Contact Emma on 07989 535757

[emma@enhancedmovementstudio.co.uk](mailto:emma@enhancedmovementstudio.co.uk)

Your Local  
**Tree Surgeon**

Complete Tree Surgery & Hedge Cutting —  
from routine maintenance to full removals.



**Wyre Tree Services**

- ✔ Free Advice
- ✔ Free Quotations
- ✔ Fully Insured
- ✔ Friendly & Reliable Service

Get in touch today for a no-obligation quote.

☎ Stefan - 07527 787125

[wyretreeservices@gmail.com](mailto:wyretreeservices@gmail.com)

[www.wyretreeservices.co.uk](http://www.wyretreeservices.co.uk)

**NIC SPROSON  
THE OPTICIAN**

Contact Lens Specialists

\* Patient Car Park \*

52 Barbourne Road, Worcester

**Tel: 01905 27327**

**HainesHeating**

07534 700 932



**Oil & Gas Boiler service  
& repair specialist**

**Clifton-On-Teme**

[www.ahainesheating.co.uk](http://www.ahainesheating.co.uk)

# LET THE MUSIC PLAY

DJ Jan Blazak

Mobile Disco & Laser Light Show

[www.let-the-music-play.co.uk](http://www.let-the-music-play.co.uk)

**07850692905**



Teme Valley based

General Domestic Electrician

Solar and EV Charge Point Installers

Proud of our reputation and reviews

Punctual and reliable

[rob@lawsonelectrical.co.uk](mailto:rob@lawsonelectrical.co.uk)

[www.lawsonelectrical.co.uk](http://www.lawsonelectrical.co.uk)

07886230080

Call or email Rob for advice and a free quote



## A. H. CALDICOTT & SONS

*Funeral Directors*

15 MARKET STREET,  
TENBURY WELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE

TELEPHONE: 01584 810281

FAX: 01584 811420

*A family  
run business  
established 1919*

*Burials  
Cremations  
Chapel of Rest*

 WORCESTER  
PODIATRY &  
PHYSIOTHERAPY



**TAKING  
ON NEW  
PATIENTS**

**01905 428434**

Expert care for all your  
foot health and physiotherapy needs

Come and see us for:

- Chiropody
- Verruca treatment
- Fungal nail care
- Pain & injury management
- Shock wave therapy
- Laser treatments
- Custom orthotics
- Back pain
- Neck pain
- Sciatica
- Arthritic pain
- Post knee and hip operation rehabilitation

[info@worcesterpodiatry.co.uk](mailto:info@worcesterpodiatry.co.uk)

[worcesterpodiatryandlasercentre.co.uk](http://worcesterpodiatryandlasercentre.co.uk)

PICTURE, PHOTO, ART, SHADOWBOX, CANVAS

## FRAMING

You name it, we can frame it!



## Framing Marvellous

1 Maylite Trading Estate

Martley, WR6 6PQ

Free parking

Call 01886 888766 or scan to  
contact us for appointment:



# Jeremy Massey Electrics



- ✓ Domestic, Commercial & Industrial
- ✓ All Work Guaranteed, Insured, including indemnity
- ✓ Re-wires and New Builds
- ✓ Additional Sockets, outside and inside
- ✓ Lighting including, Smart, LED, outside and inside
- ✓ Inspection and Testing - including rental properties
- ✓ Armoured cable installation
- ✓ EV Chargers
- ✓ CCTV

Telephone: 01886 888493

Email: masseyjeremar@aol.com

# AQUA CLEANSING Ltd

## SEPTIC TANK EMPTYING

- Cesspool & Pump Stations
- Soakaways
- Blockage Clearance
- Sewage Treatment Engineers
- Pumps, Compressors & Servicing
- CCTV Drainage Surveys



[www.aquacleansingltd.co.uk](http://www.aquacleansingltd.co.uk)

[enquiries@aquacleansing.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@aquacleansing.co.uk)

Call us now for free advice & quotation

# 01886 888471

Berrow Green Road, Martley, Worcester WR6 6PQ

*Fast reliable service established for over 30 years*

**Samantha Louise Hairdressing**  
01886 889248

Hairstressing and Barbering salon now open in Martley  
next to the Maylotts trading estate

Senior Citizen discount available on a Wednesday starting  
from the 1st March 2020

Late Nights Wednesday and Thursday's until 8pm

Telephone the salon for all appointments and enquiries

# Zed Yoga

Yoga classes at  
**Eastham Memorial Hall**  
For adults of all ages

Please contact Zoe Herington:  
[www.zedyoga.co.uk](http://www.zedyoga.co.uk)  
Tel: 07962 981456

# Local Handyman & Property Maintenance

Ring Ash  
07534 809814



[asqservicesteme@gmail.com](mailto:asqservicesteme@gmail.com)

WALKERS WOOD  
EST 2022

FIREWOOD SPECIALIST

Bags & Bulk

Locally Sourced Hardwood Firewood  
Call Ed on 0758 333 8879 for a quote



T/A Walkers Wood  
Certificate No: WS5447/00001

## PHIL GRAY

Dairyman / Newsagent

National... Daily... Sunday & Local Papers  
... Magazines... All Milk...  
... Dairy Products... Eggs... Soft Drinks  
... & Waters etc.

Let your Milkman do the Walking  
**01584 881385 / phil@eardiston.com**

purethyme  
wellbeing and beauty

Visit us at Mill Farm, Stanford Bridge,  
for beauty and holistic treatments

Please call for an appointment or  
more information on 07964 176747  
[www.purethyme.co.uk](http://www.purethyme.co.uk)



especially through  
end-of-life care

Contact  
Juliet Twinberrow  
BVM&S, MRCVS  
**07772 799754**

## CS Plumbing



Local professional &  
efficient plumbing service

Air Source Heat Pump  
Service

Kitchens & Bathrooms

Showers Baths Sinks  
Taps Radiators Pipes



Call Chris  
07972 435102  
[chris@cs-plumbing.co.uk](mailto:chris@cs-plumbing.co.uk)  
[www.cs-plumbing.co.uk](http://www.cs-plumbing.co.uk)

Thrift Court Pound Lane Clifton Upon Teme WR6 6EP

## C.L. GIBBS

BUILDERS

EXTENSIONS • ALTERATIONS  
PLASTERING • UPVC WINDOWS  
ROOFING • TILING • LANDSCAPING  
FASCIAS • GUTTERING • STONE WORK

For all types of building work call your local  
family builder for advice and free estimate

01886 812 450  
07905 396 971



## ANDY PRITCHARD

PAINTER & DECORATOR

Fully Qualified & Insured



All aspects of decorating undertaken, including  
Interiors, Exteriors, Tiling and Paper Hanging  
For free estimates & quality workmanship  
contact Andy.

07973 783240 - 01866 889001  
[pritchard378@btinternet.com](mailto:pritchard378@btinternet.com)

## TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

The idea for this month's article was sparked by the Royal Horticultural Society's recent advice on coping with moss in lawns - which is to learn to love it. I seem to remember that the RHS said the same thing about the garden slug, but I suspect that gardeners will find their suggestions equally unwelcome. But moss itself is an interesting subject. It is a primitive form of land plant covering many different species which have each adapted over the millennia to live in a surprisingly wide variety of habitats.

Mosses differ from higher plants in having no proper leaves, roots or stems. Nor do they have a system of xylem cells to circulate water and nutrients. Instead, they absorb water through every part of their structure. Mosses are made up of thin 'leaves' arranged spirally round flimsy stems with strong thread-like rhizoids to anchor them down. They



don't have roots because they don't need soil. All flourish in damp places where they can find light, water and a few nutrients. In dry conditions, they simply turn brown and wait for some moisture before greening up again.

Winter is the time when many mosses come into active growth. Within woods they may be the sole sign of winter green. They grow on the ground, on trees, on stones and sand-dunes and in the cracks between paving slabs. They also live in watery domains such as bogs and may even be found in streams, holding fast to pebbles and tree-roots. One specialist moorland moss has made its home on the dung of grazing animals; another colonises the barely habitable surface of burnt ground. In fact, a major aid to the identification of mosses is the knowledge of where each type grows. More familiar to gardeners are the sphagnum mosses, which are commonly used as hanging-basket water absorbers. This is not surprising given that their leaves are full of hollow cells capable of being waterlogged by many times their own weight in water.

The life cycle of mosses is curious too. A film of water across the moss's surface allows the male elements to 'swim' to the female elements to fertilise them. The next generation of plants to grow sends up slender stems carrying spore capsules at the top. The shape of the spore cases provides another feature which can aid identification. These dry out and release spores onto the wind. The spores are dispersed and grow into another generation of plants which

only produces the male and female elements once again. It seems that mosses don't have enough energy to produce both together and so have opted for an alternate generation system.

Finally, here's something which has potential usefulness to ramblers. Moss usually grows out of the reach of the prevailing wind, so tends to grow on the north of west facing trunks of trees. Should you get lost, this information could help you with a little route-finding. My husband once mentioned this to a much younger work colleague and received a mystified look in return. "What's moss?" she asked, having been brought up within the sheltered confines of a large city. I'm glad we don't have to ask.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 11 June 2026 at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall, WR15 8RR. We welcome Carol Wood whose talk will be on swifts, swallows and martins. All members and friends are welcome, it is just £3 on the door.

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings or comments, please visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, newsletter and bird survey are available on our website at [www.teme-valley-wildlife.org](http://www.teme-valley-wildlife.org). We hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month (January to November). All are welcome.

*Stephanie Mocroft*



*Spring lambs in the Teme Valley*



## HUNTLANDS FARM BED & BREAKFAST AND UPHOLSTERY

[www.huntlandsfarm.co.uk](http://www.huntlandsfarm.co.uk)

Tel: 01886 821955 / 07828 286360

### OFFERS:

upholstery classes • upholstery commissions  
en suite b&b accommodation • wedding venue  
all in an idyllic, rural setting on a working farm.  
And a self-catering, 6 bedroom farmhouse on an  
adjacent farm, [www.moorhallfarm.co.uk](http://www.moorhallfarm.co.uk)

*Your hosts, Lucy, a custom upholsterer and  
Stephen, a passionate cook, guarantee you a comfy  
stay with freshly prepared, local food to enjoy.*

# WRIGHT CUT

MOWING SERVICES

- Mowing
- Strimming
- Hedge Cutting
- Garden Clearance



# 07940704864

Regular or one-off visits.

Any job considered, Please ring for more information.

DBS Checked | References available.

Email: [owright969@gmail.com](mailto:owright969@gmail.com)



## MARTLEY OSTEOPATHS

Do you suffer from back and neck pain?  
Do you need help with a sports injury?

Call us now on 01886 889 002

Let our team of expert practitioners help you  
recover and get pain free

[www.osteopathiccentre.co.uk](http://www.osteopathiccentre.co.uk)

Osteopathy - Sports Massage Therapy

Charity number: 1056248

**MARTLEY & DISTRICT  
PRE-SCHOOL**

Monday-Friday  
9am-3.15pm  
Ages 2-5

Forest School Sessions

Full & Half Days Available  
Indoor & Outdoor Facilities Available  
ALSO!

Breakfast Club 8am-9am  
After School Club 3.15pm-6pm  
Ages 2-13

Graduate Leader

Martley CoE Primary School  
Martley Worcester WR6 6TJ  
01886 889127  
[www.martleypreschool.co.uk](http://www.martleypreschool.co.uk)

*...a fun place to play and learn!*




**RICS Property Surveys**

**New build inspections**

Redefining the way you view surveys -  
with 27+ years of combined experience

One survey at a time  
One happy customer, every time



07861464512

info@oliviathomasesates.co.uk

## Tipton Hall Riding School

Riding lessons for all ages and abilities.  
Hacking through wonderful countryside.  
Horse Livery-small friendly yard.

**Roger Benbow**  
BHSAI Reg. Instructor



Phone: 01885 488791  
mobile: 07792 358741  
www.tiptonhallridingschool.com



## Clifton Upon Teme Nursery And Forest School

3 months to 5 years  
7:30am - 6:00pm  
50 wks per Year

Contact Abi or Lottie on 01886 812380 or  
manager@cliftoneyc.co.uk

Breakfast Club Available for Clifton  
Primary School available





## SERVICED OFFICES AND WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE ON FLEXIBLE MONTHLY TERMS ALSO SMALL INDUSTRIAL UNITS

[www.maylite.co.uk](http://www.maylite.co.uk)

Please contact Kate Shrubbs on  
01886 888455 for more details

**MAYLITE Business Centre**

**MAYLITE TRADING ESTATE,  
MARTLEY WR6 6PQ**



## K&B CATERING

TAILOR MADE QUALITY MENUS  
FOR ALL YOUR CATERING NEEDS

### KIT BAMFORD

For all your outside catering requirements,  
please call me on:

Tel: 07801 699597  
Email: [kitbamford@live.co.uk](mailto:kitbamford@live.co.uk)

## APPEAL TO RESTORE RIVER TEME LAUNCHED



People across the Teme Valley are being urged to back an appeal by environmental charity, Severn Rivers Trust, to restore the River Teme. The funds will support hands-on river restoration across the local catchment, improving water quality, wildlife habitat and flood resilience.

With water quality and river pollution firmly in the national spotlight, the campaign focuses on practical, local action to improve river health and support wildlife, including Atlantic salmon.

The River Teme, which flows through Ludlow and Tenbury Wells before joining the River Severn in Worcester, is one of the region's most important rivers. But like many rivers across the UK, it is under increasing pressure.

Historic river modification, loss of tree cover, eroding banks and polluted runoff from surrounding land, alongside wider pressures on water systems that have been the focus of national attention in recent months, are all impacting water quality and habitat. Barriers within the river can also limit how far fish such as Atlantic salmon can travel upstream to spawn.

Severn Rivers Trust says that while these challenges are widely recognised, there are clear, proven solutions that can be delivered locally.

Katie Jones, Fundraising Lead at Severn Rivers Trust, said: “The River Teme is a river people really care about. Whether it’s spending time in the Teme Valley, or simply valuing the wildlife it supports, it’s part of daily life for many. We know there are real challenges facing our rivers, including water quality, but there are also practical solutions. This campaign is about enabling more of that work to happen on the ground, right here in the Teme catchment.”

The past six months have seen some of the most intensive river restoration work ever delivered in the Teme catchment. Working with the Environment Agency, Shropshire Council, Worcestershire County Council and local farmers, Severn Rivers Trust has delivered practical improvements at pace, helping to restore the river while also supporting efforts to reduce downstream flood risk. In that time, the charity has already delivered large-scale improvements across the catchment, including:

- 22 new ponds and water features to slow and store water
- 3 hectares of wetland habitat
- Over 10.5 hectares of native woodland
- Over 1.5 km of hedgerow
- Nearly 3 km of river improved for wildlife

Together, these measures help slow the flow of water, reduce pollution entering the river, and improve habitat for wildlife, including Atlantic salmon, otter, and kingfisher.

Severn Rivers Trust is now calling on both local residents and businesses to support the campaign.

## **THE FILLING STATION**

The next meeting of the Filling Station will be on Thursday 18 June when the speaker will be Kevin Sadler. Kevin is a retired Senior Pastor and, along with his wife Mags, is based with their son and daughter in law in Halesowen but spends much time in Eastham, which is where they feel God wants them to be involved in His work in discipleship and mentoring.

We meet as usual at Eastham Memorial Hall, Eastham, Worcs. WR15 8NP at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

We look forward to you joining us for our evenings of fellowship, worship, teaching and refreshments. If you are not on our mailing list and would like further information or details about our meetings, then please do not hesitate to contact me on [kate.harley6@gmail.com](mailto:kate.harley6@gmail.com).

## CLIFTON'S ROYAL BOROUGH STATUS

Inside St Kenelm's Church in Clifton can be found a framed transcription of the Charter granted to the village by royal decree more than 750 years ago, declaring it a free borough.

In May 1270, the village of Clifton on Teme received an important royal charter from Henry III, formally granting the settlement the status of a free borough. Issued at Westminster on 11 May 1270, the charter gave Roger de Mortimer of Chirk and the people of Clifton significant rights and privileges that helped shape the local community for centuries to come.

... Know that we have granted and by this our charter have confirmed to Roger son of Roger de Mortimer that his town of Cliftone in the county of Worcester be a free borough for ever and the men of the same town be free burgesses as the burgesses of other boroughs of our kingdom. We also grant to the same Roger that he and his heirs in perpetuity have one market at his manor of the same town, weekly on Thursday, and one fair there yearly, lasting for four days viz, on the vigil and on the day of the feast of the Blessed Margaret, Virgin (20 July) and on the two days following, unless that market and that fair be to the harm of the neighbouring markets and the neighbouring fairs, and that Roger himself and his heirs in perpetuity have free warren in all his demesne lands of the said manor provided that those lands be not within the boundaries of our forest: so that no one may enter those lands for the coursing in them or for taking that which pertains to the warren without licence and consent of Roger himself or his heirs upon our penalty of ten pounds....

The charter declared that the men of Clifton were to be "free burgesses as the burgesses of other boroughs of our kingdom", placing the village alongside recognised market towns across medieval England. It also granted the right to hold a weekly market every Thursday, together with an annual four-day fair around the feast of St Margaret on 20 July. Such privileges were of enormous economic importance in the Middle Ages. Markets and fairs brought traders, livestock, goods and visitors into rural communities, encouraging local prosperity and helping settlements grow in status and influence.

The charter also granted 'free warren' rights across the manor lands, giving the Mortimer family exclusive control over hunting certain game animals on their estate. Anyone entering the land to hunt without permission faced a hefty penalty of ten pounds - a very substantial fine in the 13th century.





### **LOCAL FLORIST WINS SILVER MEDAL**

Local sustainable florist Kate Hurst entered the new Floral category at the RHS Spring Festival at Malvern last month, where she was awarded a Silver Medal. Her floral tablescape, displayed in a wooden shed under the theme A Feast of Flowers, was also featured on *Gardeners' World Live*. Presenter Rachel de Thame praised the particular beauty of the Victorian Woodland Book Club installation created by Kate of Camomile & Cornflowers featuring locally grown flowers and plants.



## **ANGEL GARDENS AND FARM SHOP MERGER**

The Farm Shop at the Mill Farm Country Retail complex at Stanford Bridge has now moved up to the Angel Gardens centre, run by Louise Mawditt, pictured above with her cat Daphers.

Louise opened her garden centre in May 2018, but suffered a catastrophic fire in January last year which resulted in Angel Gardens being close briefly. Since re-opening, the newly rebuilt centre stocks a selection of perennials, winter bedding, shrubs and trees as well as gardening essentials along with fresh-cut flowers, autumn wreaths, wood craft, art and gifts for the gardener.

The Farm Shop, previously owned by John Bailey, has now opened as part of the Angel Gardens centre, selling the same wide range of fresh and locally produced products. "It's been a long time coming, and we're thrilled to finally be up and running," says Louise.



## **NEW VINTAGE INTERIORS BUSINESS AT STANFORD BRIDGE**

If you enjoy antique and vintage interiors, a visit to The Vintage Box at Stanford Bridge may be well worth a look. Run by Lisa Cupper, pictured above with husband Joe, the business offers a carefully curated collection of unique vintage finds sourced from across the UK and even France, alongside a range of home décor items and gifts.

Visitors will find feather-filled cushions, sheepskins, faux flowers and decorative key tassels, as well as British-made products including Tweedmill pure new wool throws and Valentte candles and room diffusers.

You can find The Vintage Box at Mill Farm Country Retail, Stanford Bridge, Worcester WR6 6SP. Opening hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 10am–4pm.

## LOCAL BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE TASTER SESSION

Have you ever wanted to learn the basics of British Sign Language (BSL)? This June, Whitbourne Village Hall will be hosting two friendly and accessible taster sessions designed especially for complete beginners.

### BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE - FINGERSPELLING



Led by an experienced and fully qualified Deaf tutor, these sessions offer a welcoming introduction to BSL, giving participants the chance to learn simple signs, understand the fundamentals of communication, and gain insight into Deaf culture. Whether you are interested for personal development, work, or simply curiosity, this is a great opportunity to try something new in a relaxed and supportive setting.

Two sessions are available to suit different schedules in Whitbourne Village Hall, Whitbourne WR6 5RN on Thursday 18 June. Session options:

- Afternoon: 1.00pm – 2.00pm
- Evening: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Cost: £9.00 per person. Places are limited, so early booking is recommended. To reserve your place, please contact Zana, stating your preferred session:  
Email: [zanacollins008@gmail.com](mailto:zanacollins008@gmail.com) SMS/Text (only): 07586 328965

Rachel Dixon, who recently completed the course, said: “I am hearing but took an interest in learning British Sign Language, having had a relative who was deaf. I initially went to my tutor’s eight-week taster course and now, 18 months down the line, I have passed Level 1 qualification and am half way through completing Level 2. My qualifications now enable me to communicate with deaf people in a range of everyday situations.”

## SERVICING & REPAIR ALL TYPES OF GARDEN MACHINERY



**BRIAN BUTLER**

Clifton-on-Teme  
07929 014804 Daytime  
01886 812538 Evening

**COLLECTION and DELIVERY**



**NICK  
CHAMPION**

PROPERTY | AUCTIONS | AGRICULTURE | PROFESSIONAL

**YOUR LOCAL PROFESSIONAL,  
INDEPENDENT RESIDENTIAL &  
RURAL PROPERTY SPECIALIST.**

- SALES
- AUCTIONS
- LETTINGS
- ACQUISITIONS



NICK CHAMPION LTD

16 Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, WR15 8BA  
Tel: 01584 810555 | Email: info@nickchampion.co.uk  
www.nickchampion.co.uk

## PC Troubles?

- PC problems solved
- Broadband connection set-up
- Home network set-up
- Printer and camera problems solved
- Website design service
- Basic PC training at home

*For friendly and local advice and to  
book a free consultation contact*

**Bernadette Higgins** on 07813 302 504  
or e-mail: [apctrouble@gmail.com](mailto:apctrouble@gmail.com)

## LUXURY CATTERY

Call Lesley on 01886 821154



- New luxury Cattery set in beautiful open countryside. Run by genuine cat lover.
- Fully Licensed and Insured.
- All chalets have heated bedrooms and spacious play runs.
- Special needs and diets catered for.

**Kitty's Cattery**

Coronation Cottage, Broadwas (Nr. Martley), Worcester, WR6 5NT  
[www.kittyscattery.co.uk](http://www.kittyscattery.co.uk) [kittyscattery@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kittyscattery@hotmail.co.uk)

Enquire for:

- Conservatory Repairs
- Conservatory Reroofing
- New Conservatories
- Doors and Windows
- Replacement Glass Units
- Car Ports



**TOP QUALITY SERVICES BLENDED  
WITH THE UTMOST CARE**

**THE CONSERVATORY  
RESTORATION  
EXPERTS IN  
WORCESTERSHIRE &  
HEREFORDSHIRE**

# TAYLORS

CONSERVATORY CARE



Contact us on:

- Office: 01886 812424
- Joe Taylor: 07801 281821
- Richard Taylor: 07850 424782

Email: [joetaylor@cc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joetaylor@cc@hotmail.co.uk)

Visit us at: [taylors-conservatorycare.co.uk](http://taylors-conservatorycare.co.uk)

# Teme Valley Window Cleaning

Exterior and Interior

Call Mark 07776 254710

*Windows, Solar Panels,  
Conservatories,  
Soffits & Fascia's, Gutter  
Cleaning and Clearing*

temevalleywindowcleaning@gmail.com

# TVA

## TEME VALLEY ACCOUNTS

Bookkeeping VAT  
PAYE Sage Accounting  
Tax Returns Draft Accounts

Contact: Claire on

Tel: 01584 881708 or 07731 010099

Email: Claire.tva-accounts@outlook.com

*Party / Business / Reception / Function*

## CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL

Three meeting rooms (2-120 people)  
Modern, well-equipped kitchen  
with crockery, glasses etc.  
Good parking in central location.

**Bookings: 01886-812238/812969/  
812335 or hallchire.com**



*Open 7 days a week,*

*Our Menu offer a variety of dishes.*

*Locally sourced meat – Knightwick,  
butchers.*

*Choose from a range of traditional pub  
classics.*

*Home -made pies*

*In house beer battered cod.*

*To book a table*

*telephone 01886812226*

*Website:*

*thenewinncliftonuponteme.co.uk*

*Facebook:*

*The New Inn Clifton-upon-Teme*



## Self Storage Units

**20ft Shipping Containers  
at Stanford Bridge**

**Under cover  
Security Lighting**

**Please contact Alex**

**on 07966 865015**



## **Abbreviated Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Shelsleys Parish Council held on 12 May**

**Present:** Val Jones (re-elected Chairwoman), Louise Hutton (re-elected Vice-Chair), Dave Bates, Karen Metcalfe, Carole Warren and Sean Hammond.

**Apologies:** Councillors Taylor and Stinton & County Councillor Bowen. (accepted) District Councillors Pam and Paul Cumming.

The Chairwoman reported that Jean Hammond has resigned. The clerk will start the Casual Vacancy procedure for Shelsley Kings.

Declaration of Interests. None. Public Questions. None. The Code of Conduct: Noted. Council's Scheme of Delegation: Planning comments between meetings to be collated by the clerk and reported to MHDC.

**Insurance:** Insurance Renewal. The cover is considered adequate and it was agreed to renew the policy in the same terms. The three-year fixed term option is in place until 2028. Risk Assessment. No change.

**Appointment of Individual Officers:** The following were agreed. Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb Liaison: Louise Hutton. Tree Warden: John Stinton. Footpaths Warden: Karen Metcalfe and Safety: Dave Bates.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 10 March 2026 meeting were approved as a true record and signed.

**Lengthsman:** The annual contract with WCC and the Parish Council will be renewed. He will be asked to clear ditches past Willow House and Highways will be requested to supply effective reflective signs. Highways & Footpaths: Camp Lane will be closed for two days from 15 June to allow for pole test and cable renewal by Openreach.

**Radio Signal for Mobile:** A small radio device provided by WCC in conjunction with the manufacturer to boost the mobile signal will be placed on the Village Hall. This will be trialled for a year when the results will be reviewed. As it is of benefit to the community the Parish Council has agreed to pay the electricity running cost at £8 per month.

**End-of-Year Accounts 2025-2026:** The end of year accounts were agreed and accepted in advance of the Audit requirement. The Internal Auditor has inspected the figures. Some typographical errors were highlighted. The Auditor was thanked.

**Audit:** The Exemption Certificate was signed and will be submitted to the External Auditor. Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return were agreed and signed.

**Finance:** Clerk's expenses, Lengthsman payment and Insurance totalling £1,253.13 were agreed. The first half of the Precept £3,500 has been received. Councillor Warren agreed to be a signatory on the Lloyds Bank mandate.

**Planning:** The following applications were discussed.

M/26/00538/HP Brabant House SB Construction of Orangery. Members supported the application.

M/26/00654/HP Rudge House Farm Camp Lane. Proposed conversion of

garage/store into granny annex. Members supported the application.

**Open Spaces Society:** The information received upon joining the society was passed to Councillor Metcalfe Parish Footpaths Warden.

**Benches in the Parish:** Legend on the bench is a charity which aims to put solar-lit benches in public places with information on how people can get help if feeling depressed or suicidal. Funding from local businesses would help to fund this project which the Parish Council aims to take forward. Possible sites for the bench were discussed and the Parochial Church Council will be asked for views on placing a bench at the church. The Parish Council has also been kindly offered a bench by a local resident.

**County Association of Local Councils:** Information circulated.

**Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** The next village walks are on the 20 June and 1 August. Details will be in *Teme Triangle*.

**The date of the next meeting is 14 September 2026 at 7pm**

## **WALKS IN THE VALLEY**

The Shelsleys Parish Council now have two dates for you to put in your diaries to join us for walks on a Saturday afternoon. Sarah Morris is hoping to encourage a few cheery souls to join her in organising future walks and we thought we would try Saturdays to see if more of you are available. As usual all welcome including dogs on lead.

**20 June.** 2pm meet at the quarry, parking at the road side or opposite Camp Lane.

**1 August** 2pm meet at the carpark at Mookie Design Barn at Homme Castle farm. Entrance just before the barn. Contact us if you need a lift. Any queries, please message Val Jones on 07742561500.

### ***From the Past***

#### **CLIFTON'S SEVEN ALE HOUSES**

There were four licensed inns in the village, the Lion, the Crown, the Unicorn and the New Inn and seven ale houses about 200 years ago! It may be wondered why so many ... it is thought that the reason was that the cattle drovers coming from the hills of Wales drove their cattle on foot when coming from Tenbury via the top road through Clifton to Worcester and London. They would need refreshments and accommodation for themselves and their animals. The latter would be penned in the yards and the drovers would sleep on straw in these ale-houses. The probable reason for their taking this route would be the frequent flooding of the Teme Valley, which has now been drained.

# Church Matters

by Rev Sally Jones



The sunshine and the warmer weather bring us out of doors for the sheer joy of it - out into the garden and the countryside, for seaside jaunts and picnics, for sightseeing and barbecues. For walking. Covering the ground on foot holds its own particular pleasures. We are fully engaged in the activity which can be sociable or solitary. The pace allows us to take everything in and yet the scene is always changing. We may be lost in thought as we move across the landscape or we may be conscious of every movement, of birdsong, animals, insects and the very air around us, the clouds above. By day the sun moves across the sky and at night the moon and a myriad stars shine above. We find our place in the living universe.

The psalmist says:

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
What are mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
their children that you should seek them out?  
You have made them but little lower than the angels...*

How precious are human beings, that we possess this sense of wonder? How is it that we have a sense of other, a sense of connection and relationship, and the gift of independent thought?

As we get older we slow down. We don't walk so far or so fast. It used to be me overtaking the oldies along the pavements of Teme Street. Now I'm the slow one – no amount of effort will make me go further or faster. You can only do what you can do. At the same time new pleasures find their way into the pattern of our days. There may be more time to revive old habits of reading, really listening to music of all kinds, reviving old skills, poking around on TV, radio or on-line to make new discoveries and revisit old favourites.

If we can't cover the ground like we used to we can still travel to the ends of the earth with Richard Attenborough or Michael Palin. We can watch countless tales of derring-do, romance and intrigue on screen, and read or listen to new found stories of fact or fiction. We can follow the activities of family and friends on WhatsApp and on Facebook. Who would have thought these things would ever be possible? The world never ceases to surprise us. We can go on exploring until the end of our days to find new worlds beyond the limitations of our sight or understanding, beyond the blue horizon.

## ST KENELM'S NEWS

**Tower:** The plans have been completed for the repairs to the exterior tower wall facing and the tenders sent out to local firms. At last some more positive news.

**Warm Welcome:** Warm welcome will continue meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month 11.00 to 1.00. Do pop in for coffee, chat and lunch. The last session we served baked potatoes and fillings to approximately 20 people, super atmosphere, do come. Next session is on 25 June.

**Hedge Planting:** Thank you to all who have helped water the hedge, it is growing although we have lost a few plants but most are growing and some have blossom on. Please contact me if you would like help with watering or tidying over the next few months.

The churchyard is looking very colourful with a lot of wildflowers although the cowslips have now finished.

**Services:** Rogation, when prayers were said asking God to bless the land and environment, was held at New House Farm in May. Teme Valley South Choir led the singing in the barn and around the farm. Prayers were said around the farm and blessed water was sprinkled by the children using rosemary branches on the crops, garden, orchard and also on some of the congregation!

Evening Prayer has now moved to the fourth Sunday of the month, 28 June 6.30. There are now services on three Sundays each month: a morning service on the 7 June, Praise 4 All on 21 June, Welly Church on Saturday 27 June and Evening Prayer on 28 June. This is the first time since COVID that there are three Sundays with services and only achieved through the commitment of the Ministry Team, Rev Julia Curtis, Rev Jen Jones, Pat Snelling and Barbara Seeley.

**New Tables:** Thank you to Nigel and the Friends of St Kenelm who have bought four small tables to be used in church for cream teas and other events to replace some of the very rickety card tables we have been using. This month's cream teas and craft sale will be on Saturday 27 June hopefully outside in the sunshine!

*Ruth Wilson, Church Warden. [ruth.wilson38@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.wilson38@btinternet.com)*

### **Friends of St Kenelm's Church**

There will be an afternoon Celebration of Popular Praise, with Rob and Steph on guitar, outside the church on Sunday, 26 July at 3pm. Light refreshments will be provided and all are welcome.

# SHELSELY VILLAGE HALL FOR HIRE

**Set in beautiful surroundings**

*(with french windows leading onto terrace)* Close to the river and hillclimb  
Well equipped kitchen • Bar available  
Ideal for meetings, dances, parties etc.

**VERY REASONABLE RATES**

Contact for bookings

**Dave Bates 01886 812551**

**shelsleysvhmc@gmail.com**

*Camomile  
& Cornflowers*

Naturally beautiful & fragrant  
British flowers for all occasions  
kate@camomilecornflowers.co.uk  
01886 812184 07887 706147

  
**ANDREW JELLEY OPTICIANS**  
www.andrewjelleyopticians.co.uk

## YOUR LOCAL OPTICIAN

18 Tems Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire

**01584 811445**

# Paul the Painter

**Your local professional Painter  
& Decorator**

All interior & exterior work, from a single  
room to a whole house.

Tel 07759 298754

E-mail paulthepainter23@msn.com

  
**THE ORCHARD  
TAMERS**

Laurence Green - 07809 495848  
laurence@theorchardtammers.co.uk  
www.theorchardtammers.co.uk

**WE FIX FRUIT TREES & MAKE WILDLIFE WELCOME**

1 garden tree or 10 acres  
Gardening for wildlife  
Help, advice and training  
Great present ideal

*Are Your Locks Behaving Badly ?*

**NO CALL OUT CHARGE • FREE ON-SITE ESTIMATES  
SAME DAY SERVICE AVAILABLE • NO VAT ON LABOUR**

All Types Of Door & Window Locks Opened  
Serviced, Repaired, Supplied & Fitted  
Outdated Locks Upgraded To Current Standards  
UPVC Multi-Point Lock Repair Specialist  
Jammed & Dropped Doors Realigned & Adjusted  
Additional Door & Window Security  
Including Garages, Sheds & Gates  
Home Security Survey Crime Prevention Advice  
High Security Anti-Snap Locks Fitted

**"AS GOOD AS NEW"  
WHY REPLACE YOUR DOOR WHEN WE CAN REPAIR**

A Family Run Business with Traditional  
Skills & Workmanship For 30 Years  
For More Help & Advice Contact Stewart

## ..THE LOCKSMITH..

**LOCAL • RELIABLE • INDEPENDENT**

**01905 570 999 07871 44 20 11**

**FIX AN ISSUE BEFORE IT BECOMES A PROBLEM**

**WWW.LOCKSMITHWORCESTERSHIRE.CO.UK**

## Wichenford Mole Man

• Call - 07855 674760

- *Problems with Moles in the garden*
- *Professional, Reliable & Discreet*
- *Traditional methods only used*



Liz Whittaker - lady chauffeur

### Affordable Comfort Travel in Style

Transport solutions for up to eight passengers.  
All air and seaport. Wedding and sporting events  
Local and National journeys. 07814 006179



For an Affordable  
& Reliable Electrician  
Choose REWIRED!

 The Power Behind  
Teme Valley....

01886 886263  
07421 748 288

[www.rewired-worcester.co.uk](http://www.rewired-worcester.co.uk)



FOR MORE INFO ON TIMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS  
FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM  
[WWW.SPILSBURYANDJONES.CO.UK](http://WWW.SPILSBURYANDJONES.CO.UK)

FOR PRIVATE HIRE OF THE WHITE PHEASANT 07966 294032



## Hair by Jess

07779 621229

Clifton Upon Teme

Instagram page: #hairbyjessmorris

**CHRIS HAYWOOD**

Landscaping & Handyman Services



Tel: 07512 791977

Free No Obligation Quotes

Find us on Facebook

Email: [haywoodpsaservices@gmail.com](mailto:haywoodpsaservices@gmail.com)

# COLIN GRIFFITHS

## GROUNDWORKS CONTRACTOR

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE

"A Business  
built on  
a solid  
foundation"

Main Sewer Connections

Septic Tanks

Foundations to D.P.C.

Concrete & Tarmacing

Site Clearance

Foul & Storm Drainage etc.

For all your  
private &  
industrial  
groundworks

For a personal and efficient service

please contact Colin on,

TEL. 01886 821283 MOB. 07836 772501

## BILLS GARDEN GATES AND TIMBER PRODUCTS

● Garden Furniture

● Log Stores

● Chicken Runs

● Aviaries



● Storage

● Decking

● Fences

● Your Choice



...and more made to order locally from FSC treated or untreated timber. Bespoke and renovations also undertaken

For more information contact Bill

● Tel: 07580 274999

● Great Witley 01299 896681

● Website: [www.billsgardengates.co.uk](http://www.billsgardengates.co.uk)

● Email: [billsgardengates@btinternet.com](mailto:billsgardengates@btinternet.com)



[www.facebook.com/billsgardengates](http://www.facebook.com/billsgardengates)



## William Knowles

Clifton based interior decorator  
Exterior decorator, fence painting,  
gutter cleaning, gardening,  
car valeting

Email: [pabi.william@gmail.com](mailto:pabi.william@gmail.com)

or call

07904 152020

15 years experience in the Clifton upon Teme area

## LEE JAMES CARPENTRY & JOINERY

Qualified and experienced in all aspects of carpentry

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchens supplied and fitted            | <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fix | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovations – old & new  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oak timber frames                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic fascia & soffits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loft conversions                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Doors & windows          |

**Quality and Satisfaction Guaranteed**

For free quotes, competitive prices and a professional service phone:  
**(01886) 821151**  
**07779 073870**



**A YARNOLD**  
**WASTE SOLUTIONS**  
EXPERT SEPTIC TANK SERVICES YOU CAN TRUST

☎ 01584819424 ✉ ayarnoldwaste@outlook.com



**Physio In The Sticks**

**Physiotherapy in your own home**

MSK – back neck shoulder hip knee pain  
Sports injuries  
Neuro – Stroke Parkinsons MS Spinal Cord  
Injuries  
Older Adult – Joint Surgery Balance & Falls

Let's help you get back to what you enjoy doing!

**Amanda Stephenson**  
Senior Chartered Physiotherapist  
**07398 495819**

[info@physiointhesticks.co.uk](mailto:info@physiointhesticks.co.uk)  
[www.physiointhesticks.co.uk](http://www.physiointhesticks.co.uk)



## Do you have a Will? Never had time to get it written?

Writing your Will and planning for later life can feel like a daunting process...



**It doesn't have to be!** I'm Stephanie

I guide you through the process of writing your Will and Lasting Powers of Attorney

**Call me to find out more**  
**07966366505**

The Will Writing Group



Sole to do business with Code Compliant



07966366505 | [info@thewillwritinggroup.co.uk](mailto:info@thewillwritinggroup.co.uk)  
[www.thewillwritinggroup.co.uk](http://www.thewillwritinggroup.co.uk)



- Bookkeeping Services
- Personal Tax Returns
- VAT Returns
- Payroll
- Management Accounts
- Year End Accounts
- Corporation Tax Returns
- Budgeting & Forecasting

**Rachel Perks**  
ACMA CGMA FIAB  
Tel: 07484 161382

[rachel@perksaccountancy.co.uk](mailto:rachel@perksaccountancy.co.uk)  
[www.perksaccountancy.co.uk](http://www.perksaccountancy.co.uk)

Laugherne Farm House, Martley  
Worcestershire, WR6 6QB



## **ROGATION SERVICE**

*St Kenelm's celebrated Rogation when the fields are blessed and prayers are said for a good growing season. The service at New House Farm was supported by members of Teme Valley South Choir; seeds were planted, blessed water was sprinkled with thyme branches over the fields and trees and prayers said in the garden (see page 27).*



## **LOWER SAPEY NEWS**

May has now turned into April, so the climate has turned upside down. We have had a lovely couple of weeks to get planting and gardening now the watering is being achieved naturally. If only the international situation could be sorted out so easily, but thousands of lives throughout the world are still being lost and people made homeless. It seems to be two steps forward, one step backwards.

Last month we had our cream tea at St Bartholomew's and donations were shared between Christian Aid and our Church. We are also looking forward to our special celebration of 150th Anniversary of St Bartholomew's when hopefully the weather will be fine for this special day. Have you tried the Nature Walk round the churchyard, known as the Insect Trail? Everything to look for is highlighted. I would also mention an event on 5 July, when there is a special service to celebrate 78 years since the foundation of the National Health Service (NHS) It will include talks, experiences and memories throughout the service. Anyone who worked for NHS is welcome to attend and take part. St Bartholomew's Church also has a very close connection with the hospital in London of that name. It is now 29 years since my late husband Mark and I moved here and an edition of Teme Triangle was brought round to us straight away by neighbour Marion West. Marion has now moved to be near her daughters in Surrey and we miss her very much. A new family has moved into her lovely home and it was delightful to meet Alexandra the other day. We wish them all a happy time in Lower Sapey. Despite some criticism that the magazine apparently receives, I think ours is amazing in its production and content and long may it continue. It can be hard work though for the editors, particularly as one has recently retired.

*Margaret Griffiths*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

- 5 Clifton Primary School Open Day
- 6 Stanford with Orleton Fête and Dog Show, Orleton Court Farm 2pm
- 11 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH 7.30pm
- 14 Teme Valley Market, Talbot, Knightwick 10.30am-1.30pm
- 18 The Filling Station meeting, Eastham VH 7.15pm
- 20 Teme Valley walk from the quarry 2pm
- 21 Teme Valley Wildlife Group Bioblitz at Hollow Meadow 10.30am
- 27 Shelsleys VH BBQ and Summer Gala

### JULY

- 10 *Jazz in the Village*, Whitbourne VH 8pm
- 11 Clifton Summer Fête
- 19 Willow workshop at Hollow Meadow 2pm-5pm
- 26 Celebration of Popular Praise, St Kenelm's Church, Clifton 3pm

### AUGUST

- 1 Teme Valley walk from Homme Castle, 2pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Evening Supper and Talk: The Oldest Hillclimb in the World. Clifton VH
- 14 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 26 St Kenelm's Fun Dog show, 2pm-4pm

## CHURCH CONTACTS

**Oversight Minister:** Rev Julia Curtis 01886 853286 [revjuliacurtis@gmail.com](mailto:revjuliacurtis@gmail.com)

Christenings, Weddings, Funerals:

Rev Jen Denniston 07783 432017

[jendenniston@gmail.com](mailto:jendenniston@gmail.com)

Jill Smith 01886 853311

Pat Snelling (Clifton) 01886 812443

**All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp / St Andrew's, Shelsley Walsh Church Wardens:**

Kate Hurst 01886 812184

[kathrynhurst@btopenworld.com](mailto:kathrynhurst@btopenworld.com)

Holly Perks 01886 812369

[hollyperks@me.com](mailto:hollyperks@me.com)

**St Kenelm's, Clifton:**

Ruth Wilson (Church Warden, incl. Warm Space) [ruth.wilson38@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth.wilson38@btinternet.com)

Jackie Gilbert

**St Bartholomew's, Lower Sapey (Harpley) Church Wardens:**

David Richards / Liz Younge [lowersapeychurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:lowersapeychurchwarden@gmail.com)



## **PAT CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AS LAY MINISTER**

*Pat Snelling, pictured (above) with the Venerable Robert Jones, former Archdeacon of Worcester, and (right) with Revd Julia Curtis, Priest in Charge of Teme Valley South and Curate in Charge of Clifton, Harpley and Shelsleys celebrated 25 years as a Licensed Lay Minister at an afternoon tea at St Kenelm's Church in Clifton last month.*



# G HERBERT BANKS

EST. 1898



## 125 Years of Professional Property Advice

- Estate & Letting Agents
- Landlord & Tenant Negotiations
- Auctioneers
- Chartered Surveyors
- RICS Registered Valuers
- Land & Estate Management
- Planning Consultants
- Rural Consultancy Services
- Professional Services
- AMC Finance



RESIDENTIAL · AGRICULTURAL · COMMERCIAL

Chartered Surveyors & Estate Agents

01299 896 968 | [gherbertbanks.co.uk](http://gherbertbanks.co.uk)



## Clifton Village Stores

Tel: 01886 812303



Contributions for the July/August 2026 edition by Friday 12 June please, to:  
[editortemetriangle@gmail.com](mailto:editortemetriangle@gmail.com)

Printed by Orphans Press of Leominster Tel: 01568 612460