

Report for Clifton upon Teme Parish Council meeting – Thursday 3rd December 2020

Dear Councillors,

I do hope everyone is keeping safe and well? I have included a short report for the meeting.

Housing for the elderly: Thank you to Cllr Gilbert for keeping me updated on progress. I am pleased to hear that plans are progressing positively.

New Christmas shop window trails to launch this week: Malvern Hills District Council has joined forces with Malvern, Upton, and Tenbury Town Councils to launch this year's festive shop window dressing competition with a twist. New for 2020, the competition will include a fun children's trail to encourage local shoppers onto the high streets, whilst following social distancing guidelines. Children are being asked to help Santa Claus find a series of letters hidden within the window displays which will reveal a Christmas word or phrase. Prizes are up for grabs for those who complete the challenge, different rules apply for the different trails. There will also be an additional award for the best dressed window which will be judged by the public.

The trails will launch on the following dates:

- Upton: 3 to 19 December
- **Tenbury: 3 to 23 December**
- Malvern: 5 to 23 December

To take part, a free map can be picked up from the tourist information centres in Malvern, Upton and Tenbury or downloaded from the Malvern Hills District Council website. The trails will coincide with late night shopping across the district which will enable more opportunities to shop local this Christmas. The Tenbury Wells Food Night Market will also be held from 4pm to 8pm on 3 December, as well as the Great Malvern Christmas Market from 10am to 5pm on 5 December. **Free parking after 3pm will also be in place from 1 to 24 December in all MHDC owned pay and display car parks. This offer is open to all vehicles except for HGVs and motor homes.**

Festive markets and late-night shopping come to the Malvern Hills District: Festive markets and late-night shopping will take place across the Malvern Hills District to encourage people to shop local this Christmas.

Malvern Hills District Council is working closely with Boffy Arts Markets Ltd and Worcestershire Regulatory Services to ensure the markets take place in line with the latest government guidance to help keep residents, shoppers, and traders safe.

The Tenbury Wells Food Night Market will be held 4pm to 8pm on Thursday, 3 December in and around The Round Market. The market will feature a range of local artisan producers selling breads, preserves, steamed puddings, pastries, and cakes.

This will be the first night of Late-Night Christmas Shopping in Tenbury Wells when the shops will be open until 7pm. This will also be available on 10 December and 17 December.

Following this, the Great Malvern Christmas Market has been re-arranged to the Saturday, 5 December, from 10 to 5pm on in the Priory Grounds. The market will be offering handcrafted, locally sourced produce, unique arts and crafts.

Visitors will also have the chance to shop for the perfect Christmas gift from talented local artists, craftspeople, and local producers. As well as Tenbury Wells, a selection of shops in Great Malvern and Upton will be staying open for late night shopping to enable more opportunities to shop local this Christmas.

Funding to transform heritage places: New funding has been made available to support projects that have the potential to bring new life to high streets by creating alternative uses for redundant or underused historic buildings in town centres. The scheme supports the transfer of heritage buildings into community ownership or those that already are owned by a charity or social enterprise.

Find out more about the scheme at <http://ahfund.org.uk/england>

Take care all.

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