

NEWSLETTER

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Villagers are enthralled by the Magician at the Late Summer Picnic, Old Rectory Coach House

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Clifton Village Residents Diary

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AGM	-	Thursday	19th May 2011
Summer Ploughman's	-	Sunday	17th July 2011
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Chairman's Message

Hello everybody. It seems a long time since the AGM, when you decided to put up with me for yet another year, everybody being too kind to stand against me.

I hope you will agree that during the previous year, the committee has produced functions that everyone has been able to enjoy and I trust that whilst different to the standard May Day celebrations, the fish and chip disco supper made a pleasant change.

Moving on to the AGM, I would like to thank everybody who made the effort and came along. Whilst we would like to see more residents attending, there were more than enough interested parties to make for lively debate and to bring a lot of issues to the fore.

The committee has changed and the updated list of officers and members is included in this issue. I would like to extend particular thanks, to Lillian Young, for her contribution since I took office. She helped to create a viable structure for committee meetings, being timely with agendas, newsletters and tickets for our various functions. She also prepared a schedule and notes to ease her successor into the role. Thank you Lillian. On that note, I must also offer a sincere thanks to Graeme Barker for offering his services. I trust that he will enjoy his time on the committee and find it as rewarding, as I do. With Graeme, of course, we have a double whammy. Not only is he proving to be a very capable secretary, but he is an absolute wizard on planning issues, so many of which affect the village, on a regular basis. His knowledge and insight has already helped us to frame cogent arguments, in respect of certain issues, which I will go into below.

The past few months have been quite busy and I have been grateful for the support of all the committee members and others such as Geoff Matthews, who have also helped, who are not on the committee, but are very much committed to the village. We have of course, lost some committee members and I would like to thank them for their past contributions and trust that they will enjoy attending functions, instead of having to always work for them.

As I said, the past few months have been quite busy and you will find, as you read through the newsletter, various articles, covering many of the issues that have arisen.



The Summer Ploughmans. Villagers were blessed with a combination of good weather, good food and good company.

Recent and Current Issues

The A453 and Gateway Development

As you will know, due to national planning initiatives, we seemed to be destined to receive 5000 new houses, built on green belt land between Clifton and Gotham and running down the A453. Whilst we were very concerned regarding the problems that the traffic pollution would create for people coming into and leaving our village, the people at Barton were concerned about the industrialisation of the A453, with large units on the approach to their village.

Promises that the development would not take place until the tram through Clifton and the widened A453 were in place, gave little comfort, so we lobbied to the best of our ability. I was lucky enough to be present at a parish meeting in Barton, attended by representatives of the local council, only to hear, from their lips, that effectively the best that we could hope to do, would be to modify or minimise the development. Even if Rushcliffe went against it, the plans would go through on appeal.

Since then we have had an election. Changes of government and building and development restrictions mean that the A453 is not, at this point, going to be widened. That, together with the change in national planning emphasis, should mean that we are saved from this massive development. We will however, have to keep our eyes and ears very much open.

The Old Rectory

Closer to home, we have the eyesore of the Old Rectory and the apparent inability of the council to make anything happen. Planning applications were submitted and there was great concern in the village that the enabling development could be completed within the grounds of The Old Rectory and the restoration, renovation development of The Old Rectory itself left undone, leaving us with a major problem that has already been with us for several years.

Thanks to Graeme Barker's knowledge, we were able to make a detailed submission, pointing out to the council that the way in which they were going about things, was not strictly within the legislative procedure. We highlighted the need for proper planning and suggested the proviso that The Old Rectory development be completed before any new build, for enabling purposes. Lots of support was given and we submitted a detailed objection, (copies of which are still on the website) with 200 supporting signatures. This was done, in conjunction with the neighbourhood watch and support from the Gervase committee. From the frequency of calls I was receiving from the council, moving towards our position, we definitely made them sit up and take notice.

A lot of time has now passed since we made our objections. A new planning application has been submitted for conversion and flats in the Old Rectory. This has been approved and to my current knowledge, we are at the stage where enabling requirements are being looked into. Hopefully at some time in the near future, we will once again have an Old Rectory to be proud of.

The Reading Room

Another issue which was broached at the AGM. We have received an offer from an individual in the village to supervise some (decorative/superficial) work with or without support from other villagers and we are very grateful for that initiative. However, whilst the council claim ownership, the problem of The Reading Room, being used as an annex to The Old Village Post Office shop, meant that it was not free of encumbrance. We have subsequently been informed that the council has taken steps to have The Reading Room cleared, so that it is an empty property, with direct access from the street, enabling the council to either refurbish or offer it on a peppercorn rent for somebody, possibly a local business, to use and refurbish, at their expense.

The Summer Ploughman's

Unfortunately, your Chairman blotted his copy book, by being out of the country at the time of the summer ploughman's. Purely a result of bad management on my part I'm afraid. My absence was, I think, compounded as far as many members of the committee were concerned, by the fact that the gazebo I provided proved to be very difficult to erect.

Having said that, I understand that the event was a great success, yet again, which only goes to prove that such an event is the sum of all its parts. Thanks to all of you who made it a success, I shall do my best to fulfil my obligations next year. Special thanks to John Woodall for coming out of retirement to talk everyone through the proceedings.

Late Summer Picnic

What a great event! Thank you, Diva and Maurice, for opening your garden to us and for your help before and after the event.

The idea was for a simpler project that didn't require the usual people to have to prepare food and do too much running about. As it turned out, it was a great success and the biggest problem was dragging ourselves away at the end of it (or crawling for some of us).

Thanks to Jonathan Blacknell and his contacts, we were entertained by Tim Rogers, who sang in a variety of styles, giving some of us a little bit of nostalgia. Supporting this, we had Tom, aka Stevo's Magic, doing close up magic that, much of the time, defied belief. A superb afternoon, with fortunately, dry, if not brightly sunlit weather can be seen on page 11.

Fish and Chip Disco Supper

The 15 May seems an awful long way away now, but this is the first time I have had the chance to thank everybody for their support and the hard work that went into making the fish and chip supper an absolute success. We were gifted with a splendid DJ in the guise of Jonathan Blacknell. Not only did he have a fabulous selection of music, but he even played requests. The fish and chip supper itself was exceptionally good and hats off to Mel Michaelides of the Clifton Fish Bar for producing, with apparent ease, a splendid supper for us.



Fish and Chip Disco - Clifton Village enjoys Michelin star food with an accompanying high quality wine list before hitting the dance floor and partying late into the night

The attendance was as good as we could possibly have expected and whilst some people were unable to turn out at the last minute, it did mean that one or two others, with substantial appetites, were able to have seconds. Everybody had a great time. The dance floor was packed and hosted one or two, surprise, dancing Kings and Queens. There must have been some aching joints as well as heads, the next morning.

Response dictates that this is a function we need to repeat next year and I for one, in spite of the effort involved, am very much looking forward to it. I trust that we will have the same level of support to ensure that it is a roaring success and perhaps becomes a regular part of the village life.

Forthcoming Events

As you will see, scheduled in the magazine we have the Christmas tree illuminations, followed as usual by carol singing, unfortunately, once again led by me. More unfortunately, due to the fact that she may be giving birth at any point around that time, not supported by, the now, Mrs Jill Barker on the violin. If anybody has a penny whistle or a comb and paper, I would be glad of the help. Following on from that, we will have the December Christmas party and bearing in mind the amount of surplus booze that we have collected over the past few do's, it should be a cracking start to the festive season.

As you may have realised, reading through these notes, they were started some 3 or 4 months ago and have occasionally been updated en route. That means that I am now in a position to say that the committee has worked very well over the period and we have had support from non committee members in helping us with the distribution of tickets, notices etc. I would like to thank them all. With particular thanks to the committee members who have remained stoic and supported their Chairman even in absentia.

Once again, we will be producing the Christmas card on the website and the public notice board, where, for a donation, you can send your own message and Christmas wishes to the village.

Finally, and whilst it is still early days, this is probably the last opportunity I will have to wish everybody, all those who have worked on the projects that we have undertaken over the year, all of you who have enjoyed them and those who, for one reason or another, have not been able to come along and join in, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Kevin McCormick

Forthcoming Village Events

Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing



4pm on Sunday 5th December 2010

Come and join in the festive celebrations and partake of:

mulled wine roasted chestnuts mince pies

Everyone is welcome

Note: Helpers are welcomed to assist with the preparation of the tree and its decoration on Saturday the 4th December. Please contact Graeme Barker or Kevin McCormick if you are able to help.



Christmas Party

Will be held at

Clifton Village Hall

12.30pm, on Sunday 12th December

Adults £5

Children £2

**Buffet Lunch, with a complimentary drink
and the promise of good company in the festive season**

**Add this important event to your diary. Tickets sellers will
call on all households in the village closer to the time.**

Clifton Village Residents Page

FLYING HIGH FOR THE BIRDS



Debs Smith, a Clifton Village resident, took flight on 15 October at Langar Airfield in Nottingham, on behalf of the World Owl Trust, to raise awareness of the plight of the UK barn owl population and to raise funds for conservation work and education projects. Debs first visited the World Owl Trust in August 2009 and instantly felt it was a very special place for owls and other birds of prey. The

wonderful birds, the friendly and dedicated team of staff and volunteers, the beautiful surroundings and of course the crucial conservation work and education projects, made Debs instantly want to do something to support WOT.

She will be skydiving from 12,000 feet and her aim is to raise as much as she can to pay for a live, high-definition camera in a barn owl nest in the wild. This will be used for monitoring year round research and as an educational tool in schools. You can find out more about the work of the World Owl Trust by going to www.owls.org where there is a link to Debs' Justgiving page, to make your donation. Or go direct to the website at www.justgiving.com/Debs-Smith.

Future Editions

The CVRA would like to encourage contributions from the Village for this fine publication. We welcome any letters or features that could be included in the next issue, be they informative, educational, or of particular interest to the residents of Clifton Village.

Please send any letters or suggested contributions for inclusion in the Spring edition to Graeme Barker, 62 Village Rd, Clifton Village

The Summer Ploughmans



A splendid turnout once again enjoyed a relaxed afternoon in the sun. Many thanks, as ever, go to Glenys and her team for the excellent buffet, and of course for Dorothy and John for volunteering their garden (and also to John for deputising in splendid fashion for the absent chairman!)

Late Summer Picnic



Entertainment was provided by Tim Rogers, who sang in a variety of styles, giving some of us a little bit of nostalgia, and also Tom, aka Stevo's Magic, doing close up magic that, much of the time, defied belief.



A relaxed and jovial occasion was enjoyed by all. The CVRA would like to Diva and Maurice for opening their garden to us and for their help before and after the event. Further images and video of both events can be found on the CVRA website!

Christmas at St Mary's Church, Clifton Village

Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm

TRADITIONAL CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

'NINE LESSONS & CAROLS'

Come and sing carols and listen to readings telling the Christmas story

**Followed by mulled wine & mince pies
(No Service at 10.45am)**

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm

CHRISTINGLE

**A service for people of all ages
Collection in aid of The Children's Society**

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day at 10.45am

PARISH EUCHARIST at HOLY TRINITY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Clifton Music and Flower Festival – 10th Anniversary

For ten years the Village Church of St Mary's, Holgate, has hosted three evenings of quality performance. July 2010 proved to be a huge success with record audiences appreciating the opportunity to enjoy appearances by two of the most famous choirs in the UK.

The programme presented by the world renowned Cantamus Girls' Choir, under the direction of Pamela Cook MBE, was simply wonderful. The ambience of the Church with its renowned acoustics provided a unique experience to enjoy the vocal talent of the young ladies with many delightful solo performances. The programme included new items that they would sing in international competition a few weeks later – and, needless to say, 'they won first prize'!

Saturday evening it was the turn of the men, our favourite male voice choir from Colne Valley, Yorkshire. This was their third visit to the Music Festival having previously entertained us in 2002 and 2006. With solo performances from three of the choir and from their musical director, Thom Meredith, the evening demonstrated why they have achieved great success in international competition. To everyone's delight, and to mark the anniversary of Chopin, we were thrilled to be entertained by Keith Swallow, choir accompanist, on our very own Bluthner piano so generously given to St Mary's by the late David Jones of the Village.

The Music Festival would not be complete without contrast and so all enjoyed an evening of traditional jazz. The Heart of England Band gave an enthusiastic rendering of many jazz favourites and we thank them again for being part of the event.

Finally a word about the glorious Flower Festival Arrangements; the theme of 'Let's Celebrate' was interpreted in many ways with one entitled 'Ring Bells Ring, Sing Choirs Sing' – how appropriate was that! A riot of colour everywhere you looked. Thank you to all who sponsored or arranged the floral displays.

We look forward to seeing many of you at next year's Music Festival which will be held on July 7th, 8th, and 9th 2011.

St Mary's Church Clifton – Future Events

The Carlton Male Voice Choir
Saturday 5th March 2011 – at 7pm

Clifton Music Festival
Thursday, Friday, Saturday 7th, 8th and 9th July 2011
at 7.30pm each evening

Comings and Goings in the Clifton Parish

During the last few months there have been a few staff changes in the Clifton Parish. The Revd Liam O'Boyle, Team Vicar (Job share with Revd Carolyn Cooke) has moved to a post in the Diocese. The Revd Carolyn Cooke is now leaving to take up a post as Chaplain of the Anglican Church of La Cote, Switzerland, and Revd Richard Davey is moving to All Saint's, St Mary's and St Peter's in Nottingham as Associate Priest while remaining Nottingham Trent University Chaplain. We wish them well in their new roles.

We have been joined by Revd Ben Selby, Parish Curate, who is living with his family in Barton Green. The Revd Ann Noble, currently Curate at St Leonard's Church, Wollaton, will be joining us for a 6 month secondment and, during the New Year, we hope to appoint a new Team Vicar.

[A very warm welcome to them all.](#)

Feature: Clifton Village Historical Perspective “A Royal Connection”



When Sir Gervase Clifton rode with King Richard III, out of the castle to do battle on Bosworth Field, did he know he would be killed and Henry Tudor become King Henry VII and found a dynasty for almost a century?

The widow, Lady Clifton, had a champion, Sir John Byron, to plead with the King not to take her estate, so that the family would survive, and so they did, always being for the ruler.

Henry VIII was a monarch of some stature and influence, in the known world, so had his wishes including the ladies. Mary Boleyn came to court as a lady in waiting to Queen Katherine and was used to elevate her father and uncle in court circles. The Duke of Norfolk was her mother’s brother. Having spent years being ‘educated’ in France at the court of Francois I, she was a ‘shining star’ and soon Henry’s mistress. A daughter Katherine was first born and then when pregnant again was married to William Casey and gave birth to Henry, who was in the King’s likeness but not acknowledged. However they become Lord and Lady Rochford.

Young Katherine was married to Sir Francis Knollys, a courtier family for decades and had Lettice, who became a Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth. Her first husband was Walter Devereux, 1st Earl of Essex, and there three living children, Penelope, Robert 2nd Earl, and Dorothy. She was widowed and secretly married to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester.

A jealous queen banished both of them from court and took her son to be her favourite and ‘toy boy’. Dorothy was married to Lord Percy Northumberland, who had had a misunderstanding with young Anne Boleyn and he, with her brother George and Mary’s William were all beheaded as Anne was proved a witch.

Penelope became a 'star' as her grandmother Mary, but this time at Queen Elizabeth's court. She married Robert Rich, 1st Earl of Warwick, who received money when the monasteries were plundered. He was a very rigid protestant, and life was dull, so she had a long standing affair with Sir Charles

Boult, Lord Mountjoy 1st Earl of Devonshire. She had six children but four were Boult's, although known as Rich.

In King James's time these children were the subject of a great law suit as they were to inherit great wealth from their father. The only girl, Penelope, had a dowry of £5000 and at times was at court a lady in waiting to the Queen. She caught the eye of Sir Gervase Clifton, now a baronet, and great grand-son of our said knight, and married him, being his first wife and mother of the 2nd Baronet. She died at Clifton in child birth only 23 years old.

More to follow in another issue.....

Many thanks to Mavis Forsyth for this latest instalment

AGM

The Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on the 20th May 2010 have now been published on the CVRA's website: www.clifton-village.org.uk. Members who have not access to the internet and would like a paper copy should contact the secretary Graeme Barker at:

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Neighbourhood Watch



Can I take the opportunity on behalf of the residents to welcome Sarah Taylor our new member of the team to Clifton Village, talking of which it might be a good opportunity to let you know of just one of the teams recent activities; I was on a weekend break at the time, but came home to a problem sorted – so to speak.

It relates to the University students parking mainly on Village Road and its proximity, at this point I would like to say “thank you” to one of our residents Simon Massarella for contacting PC Darren White so quickly. Switching on my laptop there was a message from Simon to Darren, and also this reply:

“I have taken a zero tolerance approach to the parking issues and have issued 25 fixed penalty notices in the past 2 days for obstruction offences, University representatives attended Cleveley Way and the Village yesterday and agreed in principle with Beat Manager Phil Wallis and myself to allocate 500 temporary car park passes to ease the problem. Leaflets were left on all cars in both areas advising the streets are residential parking only (as the law would allow “) PC Darren White Green Lane Beat Manager.

All of the beat team contact details are displayed on the village notice board, however please keep your copy of the village newsletter, so that you have all their contact details handy.

The dark night’s are upon us now which means us all being vigilant.

Regards

John Spencer
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Summary of Offences in Clifton Village 01/05/10 – 31/08/10

Here are the reported crime figures which are supplied by our police beat manager PC Darren White. The figures shown refer to the area Clifton Village only.

<i>Initial Offence Category Desc</i>	May	June	July	Aug	Total
ABH		1			1
BURGLARY DWELLING		2			2
BURGLARY DWELLING ATTEMPTED		1			1
BURGLARY OTHER		1			1
BURGLARY OTHER ATTEMPTED			1		1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE OTHER		1		1	2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A BUILDING OTHER THAN DWELLING				1	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A DWELLING			2	1	3
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE	1	1	1		3
ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY		1			1
THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING OF PEDAL CYCLE		1			1
THEFT OTHER			2		2
Total	1	9	6	3	19

Handyman Matt

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Subscriptions

As a quick reminder, and in the spirit of the times, the yearly Subscription for CVRA membership is to be held at £1 per adult.

The next subscription will be due for collection in early spring next year, and CVRA members will be round in March next year to allow you to join for the period 1st April 2011 till 31st March 2012

Notice for adverts

A quick reminder to all, that the advertising section on page 22 is open to all Clifton Village members, or their friends or professional contacts.

In return for a donation of £25 we will carry your advertisement in all our issues for one whole year. If you offer a local service, or know anyone who does, who may wish to promote it in our area, please ask them to contact Graeme Barker, the CVRA Secretary.



Clifton Village Christmas Card



We will again organise the Clifton Village Christmas Card which proved such a success in previous years.

For a donation of £5 or more, you can through this card convey your Christmas greetings to the village residents. The card will be displayed on the Noticeboard and on the Website (www.clifton-village.org.uk) where your name will be included.

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall Fund



Use the form printed below and hand it in together with your donation by 18th December at the latest to:

Graeme Barker, Secretary, 62 Village Road (graembarker@greenbee.net)



Clifton Village Christmas Card 2010

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