

# CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



***AUTUMN 2012***

Produced by Clifton Village Residents Association

Christmas Tree and Carol Singing	Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Christmas Party	- Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> December
CVRA AGM	- Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2013



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Clifton Village Website

[www.clifton-village.org.uk](http://www.clifton-village.org.uk)

The Clifton Village Residents Website contains links to items including the Neighbourhood Watch, AGM Minutes and committee minutes, links to local newspapers, bus timetables as well as a Picture Gallery and other photos of events and more! The site is regularly updated – so do pay us a visit!

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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 the Village. Please send any letters or suggested contributions for inclusion in the next edition to Graeme Barker, 10 Nethergate.

## **CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST** **DETACHED HOUSE TO LET**

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from early December 2012.

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# Chairman's Message

Welcome to the autumn edition of the CVRA newsletter.

Maybe it is because of the number of events we have had, with the addition of the Jubilee Festival, but this year seems to have gone very, very quickly and been very busy. I hope that everyone in the Village has appreciated the functions that we have put on as well as the work that has been put in by your Committee members and a number of interested parties, in respect of planning issues.

## Social Events

The Summer Garden Party was an outstanding success and as with so many social events in the Village, seems to go from strength to strength. Particular thanks to John and Dorothy, once again, for the use of their wonderful garden, which always helps to make this a particularly rewarding function. Special thanks also to Fran and Jan Buck, who having offered to help out on the bar, manned it for the duration. Many thanks.



The late Summer Picnic was once again, a resounding success and whilst not the hottest day in the year we were, once again very lucky to find some dry sunshine in amongst a lot of windy wet weather. Many thanks to Maurice and Diva for letting us use their garden, which is a real treat, as each year it gets better and better, as a result of the great amount of work they are putting in. Thank you very much.

Thanks goes out also to everybody who attended and supported the functions and a special thank you to everyone on the Committee and supporting the Committee in helping to erect marquees, set out the gardens

and then dismantle at the end of each function. We are very lucky to have a lot of energetic and helpful supporters.

All is not over. Yet to come we have the erection and subsequent lighting of the Christmas tree, complete with carols, mulled wine and mince pies. I do hope that as many of you as possible will attend and join us as we go round the Village, singing a few carols, having a laugh at my lack of vocal ability and hopefully cheering up one or two people who can't get about as easily as the rest.

Finally, the pre Christmas party in the Village Hall. A lot of work for a number of people, whose reward is really a good attendance and a show of appreciation. I do hope we can look forward to seeing even more of you this year than we did last.

### Village News

Over the past couple of years, on a number of occasions, Graeme and I have tried to encourage people to submit items of local news, for inclusion in the newsletter. Such things such as, marriages and other celebrations would be ideal, but the page could also have brief comments on other things. On this occasion, we have a Village news page, or part of page and hopefully it will encourage others of you to follow suit, in due course, with any, news, or other interesting items you may have.

## Planning Issues

### Travellers

The issue of Travellers has become quite involved, particularly having had three visitations in a short space of time this year. In the last issue I referred to the investigations that we are trying to make to see what can be done, including fencing off the Green, which resulted in a lot of people throwing their hands up in horror. I assume this was because they thought we were going to have a 6 foot fence all round it, which wouldn't be the case. That said however, nothing will happen with the Green without it being subject to consideration by not just the CVRA, but the Village as a whole, very much along the lines that we used to deal with the student parking problem. The CVRA is after all, a facility for the Village and not an autocratic decision

maker, therefore, please be assured that there will be maximum publicity and discussion of any suggestions. That said, we are privy to information which makes us believe that the police may be able to take greater actions and more effective actions, which may obviate the need to look at securing the Green in other ways.

### The Old Rectory

A perennial issue that's not going to go away quickly. We are now in a situation where planning permission is in place, but the site is on the market again. Perhaps we should have a fund to buy it. Only joking!

### The Reading Room

Work has commenced on the reading room to make it secure. I have had comments from adjacent properties, concerned that grey piping has been used and have passed these onto the powers that be. Hopefully some response may be received in due course. That said, at least the mesh fencing has been removed so it doesn't look so much like a derelict building site.

### The Old Man of Trent

Graeme has mounted a fantastic rear guard action in respect of this property, although we knew from the start that we were probably going to be stuck with fast food outlets, we have managed to secure restrictions, which hopefully will mean that the development is not too invasive.

### All Weather Sports Field

This has really caused a great deal of concern in the areas adjacent to the edge of the university and will have an impact on those much further away.

With the support of local, interested parties and Graeme Barker's knowledge of planning issues, we did manage to cause a rethink and as a result, stronger acoustic barriers will be used to "minimise the intrusion of the site". That said, it is disappointing that some people will have a level of inconvenience, but I do think that having had the support of an acoustics expert, has made the best of a very poor show. I would like to thank Graeme, for the hours that he must have spent working towards this end, as well as the efforts of residents from Leabrook Close and Parklands.

Right, that's enough from me. I look forward to seeing you all at the lighting of the Christmas tree and the pre Christmas party and whilst it's a little bit early, wish you all the very best for autumn and the festive season.

*Kevin McCormick*

## Village Notes

### Clifton Village Parking – Latest Update

Students and Staff alike have returned to University for their first full week at the beginning of October, and this is where, already, we see an increase in cars being parked locally on our roadsides within the Village.

Phase I Parking Restrictions have already taken place, but, the Council, like us, are very mindful that the parking of cars may well “spread” to other roads within our Village, and they have been preparing themselves for such (Phase II Restrictions). The Council are shortly to release a letter to us all explaining the position and the “proposed way forward”, as there is a real cost of several thousands of pounds associated with the next phase (Phase II consists of: Contractual/Legal documentation; Review of existing posts and production of new (for new signage); Labour & Management; Enforcement (NCC & Police), and on).

So, until Phase II has been implemented, then, anyone who suffers from obstructive parking in front of a dropped kerb access (on their side of the road), they may contact the Nottingham County Council, Processing and Enforcement Team on 0115 8761499 for guidance and perhaps enforcement action. However, if a vehicle parks on the other side of the road opposite a dropped kerb access they will need to report the issue to the local Police (Telephone 101).

The parking situation is being monitored very closely by the CVRA, and has been “managed” on a weekly basis, constantly (and consistently) since Aug 2011. We are assuring you that we have our finger on the pulse.

## **Planning Applications affecting the Village**

The CVRA would like to thank villagers for their support in opposing the recent planning applications for both the Old Man of Trent site adjacent to the Tesco Garage on Clifton Lane, and the Nottingham Trent University proposals for a new floodlit all weather pitch adjacent to the village.

Both applications were approved at the recent Planning Committee meeting, but the points raised by the CVRA and residents were discussed at the committee meeting, and in the case of the Playing Field have had a significant positive benefit on the outcome for the villagers and especially those living adjacent to the campus.

Regarding the NTU all weather pitch it was clear that the numerous representations by local residents and the CVRA had been heeded, and Councillor Steel spoke at length at the committee meeting to put forward all our concerns such as inaccuracies re noise readings and tree height on plans plus including the bad language emanating from campus. On this issue it was felt that the university could tighten up their monitoring of such and put in place signage, make it a condition of booking and letting and put in place more conditions on transgressions such as a future ban on use of facilities.

Noise was a main topic, and it was decided that the sound barrier should be increased in length to go further down to encompass the grass pitch behind Allwood Grove. The barrier is to be 3.5 m high. The existing fencing is 3m. In terms of siting the university have said that they may be able to lower the pitch and also move it so that it is closer to the existing all weather pitch.

As far as lighting was concerned NTU advised that it is not possible to change lights, but that they will ensure that they are directional rather than ambient by the use of cowling to prevent backspill. Councillors asked for more detail on this point by way of condition.

It was felt that the site visit made by some councillors had been beneficial and suggestions on details were made as a result of that visit. One agreement set out in the permission is that the pitch will not be used after 9pm. We will need to monitor this to ensure it is adhered to.

Councillor Gibson, in his summary, stated that despite the reports by sound experts there will be noise problems so let's agree with the CVRA, and ensure that the acoustic barrier is precisely positioned and not just around the pitch area. The lighting must have cowling, including the existing pitch, and that the pitch be moved to the East and lowered. To ensure residents views continue to be represented both he and Roger Steel will be involved in future negotiations on the details of the barriers when they are submitted under planning conditions. The CVRA will continue to monitor applications to ensure we can represent resident's views in the design and siting of the barriers.

As part of his summary Councillor Gibson observed that NTU had not been good neighbours and that the village must be included in the NTU management plan and consulted on future applications. We will hopefully therefore be able establish a more positive dialogue with the University before any further plans come forward.

With regard to the Man of Trent site councillors felt that having a development there would be better than the current eyesore. Health issues were mentioned but it was felt that local parents would have control over monitoring younger children! There is currently no policy on the local plan! Ian Malcolm felt that people should be able to choose for themselves re. healthy food.(Never mind that Clifton South has one of the highest obesity rates in children!!)

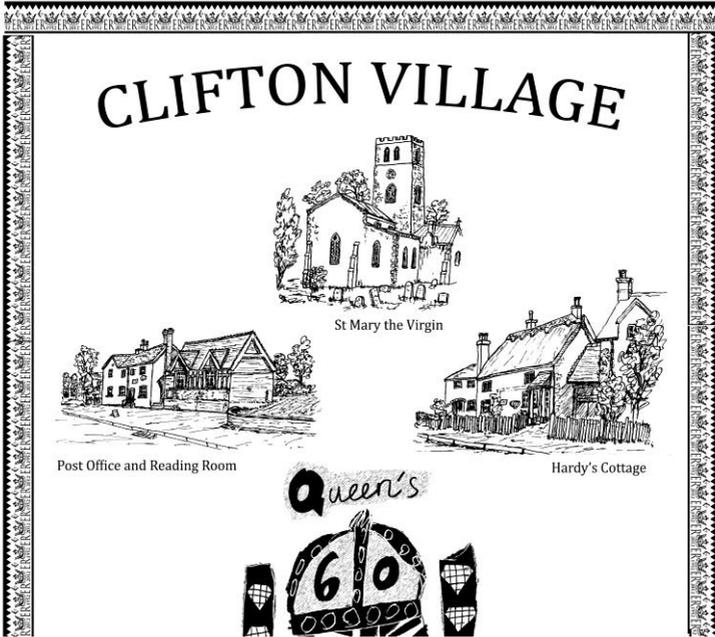
Councillors reported that police considered it to be an area where youths could safely congregate rather than trying to get into pubs and underage drinking or messing about on street corners. Significant local opposition, including from the CVRA and local residents, has led to opening hours being restricted to those of the adjacent garage (7am-11.30pm), rather than the 24 hour opening originally proposed. Councillors were happy with the change of hours and that the site would have gates/barriers that would be locked during closed hours.

The litter issue was brought up and the 2 outlets claim they will do checks on a regular basis to be carried out 3 or 4 times a day. Councillors felt that this claim needed monitoring so we need to be vigilant as a village to ensure they are held to account.

*Many thanks to Pat Rice for reporting back to the CVRA on the Planning Committee meeting to allow these items to be included.*



LOOKING FOR A STOCKING FILLER?  
*the CVRA can help*



Clifton Village Tea Towels are still available from the CVRA, priced £5 each. Just ask your CVRA representative or contact the Secretary Graeme Barker to order yours.

## Forthcoming Village Events

### **Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing**



**4pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

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 1st 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 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Adults £5

Children £3

**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.

# A Year with the Gardening Group

Clifton Village's garden group has now been in existence for almost one year. The group has listened to talks from both amateur and professional speakers alike.

We began by looking at slides of garden design from Ireland to give us ideas on how to transform or improve our own plots. We then found out some fascinating facts about the bees that visit our gardens from a local beekeeper from whom we have continued to buy jars of local honey.

Prior to Christmas we were shown by Clare Ashton and her flower arranging friends how to create some splendid door and table decorations, using plant material collected from our own gardens. We hope to repeat the session again this year.



We have been enthralled by Paul Read from Woodborough showing us how he, almost single handed, developed a large, derelict plot into a series of linked garden rooms. Several months later we were able to visit his garden to see for ourselves what an amazing transformation had taken place.

*June - Woodborough*

We enjoyed an entertaining talk about perennials given by Stuart Dixon, a local, professional speaker. We hope to hear another of Stuart's talks in the not too distant future.

March saw us watching Terry Kay's slides following the progress he made in developing his previous and his current



**garden. We hope to visit Terry's garden next year to check on progress!**

**Another local speaker, Bob Taylor from Gotham, gave us a talk on his collection of Auriculars. He also brought some of his plants along for us to purchase. Several auricular theatres have since sprung up in village gardens!**

**We followed up the talks by a series of "out and about" sessions beginning with the group visiting six of our members gardens. (photo's taken by Brian MacLocklin). Thank you to those who opened their gardens. We hope to see some of them again next year along with new ones - including Terry's!**



**Following on from visiting Paul Read's garden in June we went on the first of what we hope will be many coach trips, at the end of July. This time we went to Renishaw Hall near Sheffield where we were made most welcome before being left to our own devices to wander around the marvellous Italianate gardens. There**

**were sculptures to discover, woodland to explore and for the more adventurous a steep walk down to the lakeside, passing follies, a cave and an old timber mill.**

**In our village hall there are photographs of past villagers about to set out on day trips, one by horse drawn carriage and a later one by charabanc. We have continued the photographic tradition with our own photograph taken in front of our luxury coach!**

As well as listening to guest speakers we managed to persuade the city council to let us have some of their unwanted planters. You remember those on the entrance and exit to the village? We thought that having them at various sites around the village they would brighten up the village scene and at the same time detract from some of its more unsightly areas. We hope that you have enjoyed their



colourful presence and many thanks to those of you who have helped to keep them watered in those rare dry spells of weather! We welcome contributions of plants and/or ideas for future planting schemes. Many thanks to Mike and Clare Ashton for their generosity in buying bulbs and plants for us to date.



### *Clifton Village 'Open Garden'*

We hope that this has given you a flavour of the activities of your village garden group. Do come along and join us on our monthly get togethers. Hope to see you on any last Friday of the month in the near future. See the accompanying information on page 15 for details.

*Pat Rice*

## Art Group dates for the coming months

We meet at 2pm on the following dates:

Oct 9th

Nov 6th

Dec 4th

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

Nov 20th

Dec 18th



*Doreen Hunt is leading the class on the 6th Nov. and on the 23rd of Oct. Christine Youldon will be sharing her expertise in portrait painting.*

**If you have not been before do come along and give it a try. The cost is £5 which includes all materials and refreshments.**

## Garden group activities



**We meet in the village hall at 8pm on the dates below. Join us for plant sales, raffles, advice and refreshments**

Our next meeting in the village hall will be:

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Patrick Harding - *Christmas and its customs***

*Patrick Harding has appeared on many TV shows including BBC Breakfast, Richard and Judy, The Flying gardener and Castle in the Country. Just recently he featured in an article in the Guardian about mushroom collecting of which he is an enthusiastic expert.*

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>: Mike Davey - *A suburban garden throughout the year***

***Not tried us yet? Come along on any of the above dates. You won't be disappointed!*** Email: [patriciaPRICE@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciaPRICE@hotmail.com) for further details or call 01159 140759



## Memories of the Late Summer Picnic



*The CVRA would like to express  
their thanks to Maurice and  
Diva Bonney for letting us  
use their garden*

# Clifton Village Residents Page

## News of Academic Success



David Bull of Village Road received his BA Honours degree in Product Design from The University of the Arts, Central St Martins, London on 18th July at the Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London.

After 3 years of hard studying, David has taken some time out and been on various holidays.

He is coming home at the end of September, then, after making contacts in New York USA, hopes to find a career there in product design.

Oliver James Pickles of Milldale Close was awarded a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (with Honours) from the University of Birmingham - College of Medical and Dental Sciences - after a 6 year course of study/research. He was also awarded two special prizes in medicine and paediatrics.

Ollie is now living in Harbone, Birmingham with his female partner and is working at the Queen Elizabeth 2 Hospital, Birmingham.

Whilst studying for his degree, Ollie worked for the company that provides first aid/medicare services at pop festivals such as Download (Donington) and Leeds as well as at various sporting events.





Harry McCormick of the village started his school career at the Plumtree Village school before passing the entrance exam for Nottingham High School where a couple of years in the lower school prepared him for the more demanding rigours of the seniors.

In 2006 Harry achieved 10 GCSE A-C grades and opted for the freedom of the Bilborough College to pursue his A levels achieving 3 passes.

In 2008 he embarked on his university career at Leeds Met, securing a 2:1 Hons in Bio Medical sciences with Micro Biology and Molecular Biology, graduating on the 27 August 2012.

Harry is now studying for a Masters in Bio Medical sciences at Nottingham Trent and may, possibly pursue a PHD.

Evangelia Charalambous of the village studied Early Childhood Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University, and graduated in 2012 with a 2.1.

She has now started a Masters in Social Work at the University of Salford, and volunteers weekly for the NSPCC as a ChildLine counsellor.



**Welcome!** – Finally, the village would like to welcome its newest residents Tim and Rachel Harding, and Gill and Barry Cawthorne to village life. We hope you enjoy your time here and have the opportunity to join in some of the forthcoming village events.

## Music at St Marys Church, Clifton Village

### Radcliffe-on-Trent Male Voice Choir

*Musical Director : Bernie Bracha*

*featuring soloist - Rebecca Storey - Cornet*

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm**

Tickets £10 per person (under 16 half price) includes refreshments

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For tickets or further details, please contact  
Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385  
or email [mikeandclarea@btinternet.com](mailto:mikeandclarea@btinternet.com)

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or contact Lynne Smith on 01159 216604

## Christmas Services at St Marys Church

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm**

Traditional 'Candlelit' Carol Service  
*followed by mulled wine & mince pies*  
Holy Communion with Carols

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.45am**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm  
11.30pm**

Christingle

Midnight Mass

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am**

Christmas Day Service

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am**

*At Holy Trinity Church, Farnborough Rd*  
Holy Communion

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For any queries, please contact Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385 or email <[mikeandclarea@btinternet.com](mailto:mikeandclarea@btinternet.com)>

# Clifton Village Hall Coffee Mornings

Our coffee mornings are attracting a good number of people, so we will continue to organise them. These events take place in the Village Hall on the morning of the second Thursday in each month, starting at 10.30 am. Some will be quizzes, some will have other entertainment.

The next six coffee mornings will be held on:-

**Thursday 12th July 2012**

**Thursday 9th August 2012**

**Thursday 13th September 2012**

**Thursday 11th October 2012**

**Thursday 8th November 2012**

**Thursday 13th December 2012**

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

**£1 entrance fee includes refreshments.**

**CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**To book the Village Hall please contact Barry Stevens on 07982 820120**

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## Neighbourhood Watch



In the past two weeks there have been a number of burglaries in the Clifton area where the offender has gained entry to homes by using garden tools taken from the homeowners shed or green house.

Please ensure that all garden tools are locked securely away and chained to a secure anchor point or to each other so that they cannot be used in this way. Please do not leave garden tools lying around unsecured.

Please ensure that your home is as secure as possible and ensure that all doors and windows are locked when you are out or asleep.

For further information on home security or shed security please refer on line to the attached guidance booklets.

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### Summary of offences in Clifton Village 1<sup>st</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012

	June	July	August	September	Total
Burglary Dwelling		2			2
Domestic Incident	3				3
Theft from Vehicle			1		1
Theft Other				1	1
Vehicle Interference	1				1
Total	4	2	1	1	8



# ***A Very Happy Christmas***



## ***Clifton Village Christmas Card***

**We are again organising 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](http://www.clifton-village.org.uk)) where your name will be included.**

**Use the form printed below and hand it in together with your donation by 18<sup>th</sup> December at the latest to:  
Graeme Barker, 10 Nethergate  
01159 844866 (graemebarker@greenbee.net)**

### **Clifton Village Christmas Card 2012**

**Name: .....**

**Address: .....**

**Phone No.: .....**

**Donation: .....**

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# Clifton Village Diary

Clifton Village Garden Group	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
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Patrick Harding <i>Christmas and its customs</i> Clifton Village Garden Group	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Clifton Village Garden Group	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
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Christmas Party <i>CVRA Event</i>	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
CVRA AGM	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2013

A quick reminder to all, that the advertising section on page 23 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.