

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN



2015

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

“Call my Bluff” Wine Tasting

Saturday 31st October
Village Hall 8pm

Christmas Carols and Tree Lighting

Sunday 6th December
Cross Hill – 4pm

Christmas Party

Sunday 13th December
Village Hall – 12.30pm

CVRA AGM

Thursday 12th May 2016
Village Hall – 8pm

Produced by Clifton Village Residents Association

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The CVRA have recently launched a village Facebook Page. You can either search for 'Clifton Village' from your Facebook homepage or find us at:

www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham

Chairman's Message

Welcome to the autumn issue of the CVRA newsletter.

Unfortunately, autumn is upon us and it feels we have hardly had a summer. That said however, we have been fortunate in respect of the two major functions that we have had since the last newsletter, those being the Summer Garden Party at Holly House and the Late Summer Picnic at the Old Rectory Stables.



A special thanks to everybody who helped erection and dismantling on both occasions. We were all braving rather inclement weather, particularly on the morning of the garden party, but it cleared up in time to ensure that, whilst perhaps not as warm as we

liked, a very good time was had by all. The weather was almost a secondary issue, however, as the main focus of attention was on the wonderful spread arranged and prepared courtesy of Graeme Watson with some help from Village Stalwarts. The selection of puddings, amazed everybody. We now have





the problem of maintaining this standard in the future. There was a great turn out, which certainly helped to put some money in the bank and the support for the raffle in aid of the Village Hall car park was absolutely super. Thanks once again to John and Dorothy for letting us use their

garden and thanks to Graeme and indeed, Dawn, for all their efforts.

We had similar concerns regarding the weather surrounding the Late Summer Picnic. As this takes place at the beginning of September, it is always a bit of a gamble. However, once again we were favoured by good weather for the event and JB's musical selection to accompany the theme of VJ day and war time spirit went down incredibly well. It could have only been bettered, if someone, such as me, had thought to produce some song sheets. As it was, many of the 60 or so people who turned out did get very involved, joining in with some of the old favourites and all of us were enthralled by the magic of Peter Presto, who came along and gave an excellent show, amusing the



children and the grown-ups alike.

Thanks once again to everybody who helped on the erection and dismantling and particular thanks to Diva and Maurice, who hopefully will still allow us to avail ourselves of their wonderful garden next year, in spite of the erection of a substantial conservatory/ sun room.

Moving on to some business; we had another visitation from the travellers. They didn't stay very long and there were only three of them, but once again they managed to leave rubbish, as they always do.

The A453 is now almost being taken for granted and is working well. Apart from some concerns about screening of the fencing adjacent to the village, I think what has been done is very welcome. Unfortunately, the work did leave the green in a bit of a state in front of the Village Hall and we are still trying to get this resolved. Hopefully, if we can make some progress with the securing of the green to, prevent travellers incursions, we will be able to build in a solution to this issue at the same time, if it is not already sorted.

I have it on good authority that the Village Hall car park is nearing completion and this will be a great bonus, particularly to Clare, who is working very hard and seems to be keeping the Hall booked, virtually completely, throughout the year.

The Old Rectory

As mentioned in my last newsletter, there has been concern regarding the Old Rectory. I have now spoken to Anthony Trickett, who is overseeing the development for Mr. Kumar and can report that revised planning permission has now been secured for the main building and planning adjustments are in the process of being approved for the houses within the plot. Anthony Trickett, having suffered quite serious injury from a fall from scaffolding, is hoping to be back on site within 8-10 weeks and is of the opinion that planning should be fully approved by the end of this month. He has offered to keep in regular touch, so that I can give more contemporaneous reports to people in the future.

Forthcoming Activities

As one would expect, we have got dates sorted for the erection of the Christmas tree, the singing of the carols and the Winter Christmas Party on the 13th. What I haven't yet got is a firm idea on who is going to be doing the catering for the Christmas party, however I expect that will be resolved by the end of our meeting on 13th October.

An addition to the calendar is the "Wine Tasting Quiz". I am sure there is a better title than that, but that will come from Ed or Graeme, which I understand is due to take place on Saturday 31st October. This will involve three people, selecting two or three wines for everyone to taste and evaluate and try and identify the grape, country of origin, price etc. It should be a really good evening with wine and beer available from the bar, accompanied by cheese and biscuits/breads. Tickets will be available at £6.00. Remember whilst our events are becoming more and more popular, we are restricted on capacity for the hall, so get in early for tickets for Hall events, including the Christmas party.

Right, that's enough from me. I look forward to seeing you all at the various functions and trust that I can count on plenty of support, erecting and subsequently dismantling the Christmas Tree.

Thank you.

Chairman - Kevin McCormick

Village Notes

Travellers on the Green

The CVRA is pleased to report good progress on securing a permanent solution to the Traveller encampments on the Village Green.

A meeting called by the council on the green, was attended by CVRA representatives and the council's heritage specialists a few weeks ago, to explore what the options are for enclosure. A number of options were discussed, including raised banks, bollards, knee rails and trees. NCC are now busy obtaining prices for a number of different options to that the scale of funding required can be ascertained. The intention is then to carry out proper public consultation with the village once the more viable have been identified.

The council can then be a position to instruct works as soon as any consultation with the landowners as noted below is concluded.



In parallel with the above work, the results of the Legal Counsel are back with NCC, and it has been confirmed that the council have the right to place barriers on the edges of the green to prevent vehicles getting onto the land. They were also advised however that although they are no longer in contact with the Clifton family (who are the owners of the land), they must

make ‘best endeavours’ to contact them to gain permission before any works are carried out. **The CVRA has passed on the last details we have on record, and would request that if anyone in the village or beyond has any contact with family members could the details of this be passed to ourselves for forwarding to the council to try and conclude this process as soon as possible.** We will keep working with NCC to see a permanent solution to this repeated problem.

Clifton Village Signage

Good news on this issue. The Council, and in particular our Community Representative Prairie Bryant have been working hard at finding a solution. We can confirm that council Highways proposals for signs on the A453 have been internally signed off and funding agreed to allow proper signs to the Village to be erected on the main road.

We understand that these proposals, being on a main trunk road, have been sent forward to Highways England as the road maintainers for their approval, and once obtained the works will be able to be carried out. We will continue to liaise with the Council on your behalf to ensure this oversight does not become permanent. In the meantime we would like to thank Councillor Chris Gibson and his colleagues for their support in addressing this matter.

Graeme Barker



Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing



4pm on Sunday 6th December

Come and join in the festive celebrations and partake of:

mulled wine roasted chestnuts mince pies

Everyone is welcome

**THE VILLAGE WILL BE ERECTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE ON
SATURDAY 5TH FROM 9.30AM. DO COME AND JOIN US!**



Christmas Party

Will be held at

Clifton Village Hall

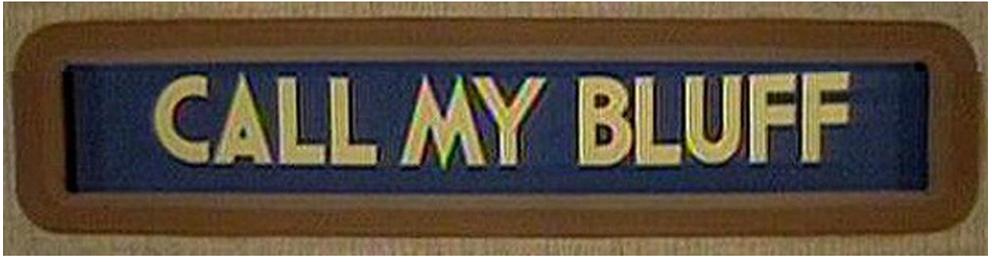
12.30pm, on Sunday 13th December

Adults £6

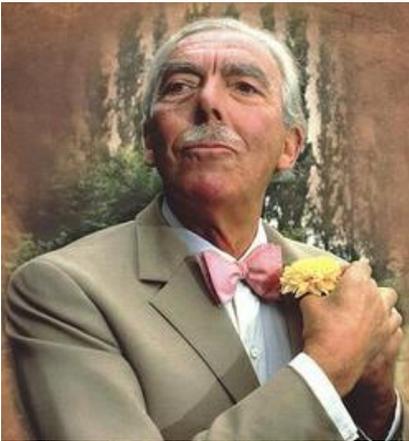
Children £3

**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.**



Wine Tasting



Join three of the village's best known wine connoisseurs in a trip through their cellars. Challenge your palate to guess which of them is telling the truth in their tasting notes. Prizes will be available for the winning table. The evening will include a selection of both red and white wines from various parts of the globe.

**At Clifton Village Hall
on Saturday 31st October from 8pm**

Tickets £6

Each table will include complimentary cheeses and biscuits. Real Ales available for those who don't have chianti running through their veins but wish to accompany someone who does.



Clifton Village Late Summer Picnic

*A Trip Back to the
1940's*





Private Walker charms the ladies with promise of imported nylons

Renee takes a well earned break from keeping the band well oiled





Clifton Village Art Group

Oct 13th

Oct 27th

Nov 24th

Nov 10th

Dec 8th



Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Clifton Village Garden Group

The garden group dates are Mondays:

Oct. 26th Michael Fisher - "Hardy exotic plants and late flowering perennials." Michael will bring along plants from his nursery.

Nov. 30th Tracey Akehurst - "Once upon a time at Christmas." To get us in the mood for the season ahead Tracey will tell us about the plants we bring into our houses and churches at Christmas time.



Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Village Feature

Out and About with the Garden Group

During the summer months instead of inviting speakers to our group, we organise a series of garden visits, one of which includes a coach trip plus our regular village garden trail.



We try to organise our garden trail so that we visit gardens at differing times of the summer. This year we went for Saturday 16th May.

The trail started at 2 pm at 9 Leabrook Close, with tea and cakes, where the blue Ceanothus tree gave an instant impact. We then followed its usual route around the village

visiting other gardens in Leabrook, Groveside, Parkland and Village Road finishing at Clare Ashton's garden where we had by now much needed refreshments. Our thanks go to all those who helped with the refreshments at both ends of the trail and to those opening their gardens. If you would like to open your garden next year please let one of us know and if you can't then come and join us on what has become a regular feature for the village.





On the afternoon of first of June we went by car to visit Whatton House gardens near Kegworth. From Whatton there are spectacular views across the countryside plus a fabulous arboretum in the grounds. Within the 15 acres there are also a variety of other gardens including a rose garden, an herbaceous garden, water garden and Chinese garden complete with Terracotta Warriors.

Within the grounds Piecemeal Plants nursery opened up especially for us. We wouldn't be true to our nature if we didn't come back with new plants for our gardens. A wonderful afternoon was completed with tea and home-made cakes provided by Lady Crawshaw and her helpers. It is possible to visit Whatton House in the summer months but the tea room is only open on some Sundays.

At the end of the month on the 29th we visited Holme Pierrepont Hall, this time in the evening. We had a guided tour around the gardens by the owners Robin Brackenbury and his mother. We started off in the fabulous courtyard garden full of the scent of roses amongst the parterre and herbaceous borders.



We were then taken around the grounds where more herbaceous borders have been developed along with a wild flower meadow and arboretum with its unusual tulip tree.

The evening ended with tea and biscuits in the long gallery within the house on the first floor. Those of us interested in art and history were able to glean more of the family history by looking at the portrait paintings on the wall. On the ground floor we were invited to look around further rooms one of which



contained an art gallery with paintings for sale – maybe next time! We have been invited to re-visit and explore the house and the adjacent church in more detail.

On Saturday 25th July we went on our coach trip to 2 venues, close to one another on the Staffordshire and Shropshire borders. The first of these was the Dorothy Clive garden created

in a quarry. At the head of the quarry we enjoyed a woodland walk following paths downhill by the side of a waterfall onto a slightly more level area where the main buildings were and where we could take refreshments, buy plants and even a special butterfly! Ask Phil Bull about that one!



Below the buildings the grounds sloped down past herbaceous borders planted with species to give the impression of hot, tropical days and on to a large lake at the bottom of the quarry.

With the weather improving we returned to the coach and drove further on to Bridgemere Garden World, which is now part of the Wyvale group of garden centres. Despite this the original display gardens were still there, with the highlight being the cottage garden which many years ago had been at Chelsea

Flower Show where it won a gold medal and best in show. Other gardens to enjoy were the rose and water gardens and many colourful borders. We avoided the life-size dinosaur garden with its crazy golf and explored the centre for a place to eat. We ended the day searching for the unusual amongst all the plants for sale and returned to the village looking like a mobile green house. Luckily the coach company and its driver were very tolerant!

In August we tried a new event which was to trial a plant swap and wine and cheese social afternoon. Despite being in the month where many were on holiday it was well attended and many plants were swapped. I think some of us took the opportunity to clear our gardens while others took the opportunity to re-stock theirs even coming with wheel barrows. Next year we will repeat the event but start earlier so that it becomes a lunch and afternoon plant swap.

A big thank you goes to Kath Kay and Brenda Gilbert for their help with getting the refreshments ready before the afternoon started. They are an invaluable duo at many, if not all, of our garden group meetings.

So what next? Well plans are already in place for our trips and events for next year and meanwhile our Monday evening talks begin once more. Anyone can come along from the village or further afield. These are the speakers and the talks for the next three months:

Monday 28th September: John Summerfield – “The weeds in your borders” about ornamental grasses. John will bring along plants for sale from his nursery. This is the meeting where we select pictures for our calendar for 2016. If you have taken any of the village or your garden over the last twelve months do bring them along for all to enjoy and select their favourites.

Monday 26th October: Michael Fisher – “Hardy exotic plants and late flowering perennials.” Michael will bring along plants from his nursery. Order and view our calendar at this meeting. They make great gifts particularly if they include your photos!

Monday 30th November: Tracey Akehurst – “Once upon a time at Christmas.” To get us in the mood for the season ahead Tracey will tell us about the plants we bring into our houses and churches at Christmas time.

***Don't forget to collect calendars ready to give as Christmas gifts!
All meetings start at 7.30 and are in the village hall, cost £3 including refreshments.***

Everyone is welcome to any if not all of our meetings and events. You don't need to be a keen gardener, just enjoy the company of like minded people.



And finally many of you may or may not be aware that the various planters around the village are looked after by the garden group members. We receive many appreciative comments even after traveller children do their best to destroy them. So if you see anyone walking around the village with watering cans or wheelbarrows full of plants you will know what

they are up to! Offers of help are most welcome.

Some of the funds raised by the group during the year are used to purchase the plants for winter and summer displays. We also try to grow some of our own.

If you have any ideas or designs that you would like to see included then please do get in touch with Clare Ashton or myself.

Have you spotted poppies springing up along the disturbed soil at the edge of the village green? Then that is the result our guerrilla gardening group led by Terry Kay! Laing O'Rourke kindly gave us a huge bag of poppy seed to celebrate the naming of "Remembrance Way." Hopefully more poppies will appear in years to come.

Pat Rice 27th August 2015

Clifton Village Hall Coffee Mornings

Our coffee mornings are attracting a good number of people, so we will continue to organise them. These events, each of which features a Quiz, take place in the Village Hall on the morning of the second Thursday in each month, starting at 10.30 am.

The next six coffee mornings will be held on:-

Thursday 9th July 2015

Thursday 13th August 2015

Thursday 10th September 2015

Thursday 8th October 2015

Thursday 12th November 2015

Thursday 10th December 2015

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Sunday 20th December Christmas Community Candlelit Carol
6.30pm Service

Christmas Eve Christingle - 4pm
Thursday 24th December Communion - 11.30pm Midnight

Christmas Day Parish Service at Holy Trinity
Friday 25th December 10am (No service at St Mary's)

Sunday 27th December Parish Service at St Mary's
10am

Sunday 3rd January Holy Communion
10.45am

All are most welcome

For any queries, please contact Clare Ashton, Churchwarden, on 0115 921 3937/07775 902385 or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com. Thank you.

New Rector for Clifton Parish

We are delighted to announce that our new Rector is to be Revd Owen Page. His induction as Team Rector of the Clifton Parish will be on Sunday 22nd November at 3pm at Holy Trinity Church. If you would like to attend, please let Clare Ashton know (see above for details).

Clifton Village Hall and Schoolhouse Trust

As you will note from passing the Village Hall, the new car-park is nearing completion, with only the new five bar oak gate now awaited to allow the new entrance secured and the car park put into use. The delivery of the gate is expected within the next couple of weeks. New oak trees and soft landscaping are due to be installed by the main contractor towards the end of October. The Trust are working hard in the background to put the finishing touches to the site, with security lighting being commissioned and other finishing work being put in hand. We will ensure that the village are made aware of when this new facility, providing 17 off street parking spaces, will be available for hire.



The Trust is now turning its attention to the next phase of the village hall improvements, which include the removal of part of the rear extension to allow direct access from the Car Park to the Village Hall entrance, and the construction of the new entrance hall and lobby. As ever any donations or other offers of assistance to the Village Hall Trust would be gratefully received as the car park has been a significant investment for all concerned.

Music and other Activities at St Mary's Church, Clifton Village

Helix Ensemble Concert

'Music for Mike' 12th September 2015

Many thanks to all those who attended this wonderful concert and/or who made a donation. We have been able to send £1,000 to Prostate Cancer UK in memory of Mike.

Sincere thanks for an outstanding performance by Helix Ensemble, soloist Jeneba Kanneh-Mason and Musical Director Alpesh Chauhan.

Concert – April 2016 TBC

Clifton Music Festival 14th – 16th July 2016

Thursday 14th TBA

Friday 15th Traditional Jazz

Saturday 16th Bevox Choir

Ceilidh – September/October 2016

Concert - November 2016

Nottingham Chamber Orchestra Date TBA

For further details, please contact
Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385
or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com
or Lynne Smith on 0115 921 6604 or Beryl Hancock on 0115 984 5330



Neighbourhood Watch



Clifton Police are on Farnborough Road, next door to Holy Trinity Church. If you wish to speak to a member of your Safer Neighbourhood Team or report an incident you can now contact us on 101 ext 801 4560.

Our front counter opening hours remain the same as before:

Monday - Friday 10am - 6pm (Front counter closed between 2-2:40pm for lunch)
Saturday and Sunday Closed

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Friday	PILATES	10am –11am (Starting 9th October)	The Chapel @ The Knitters Framework Museum, Ruddington. NG11 6HE
Friday	PILATES	5:15pm -6:15pm	Clifton Village Hall, Clifton Village. NG11 8NE

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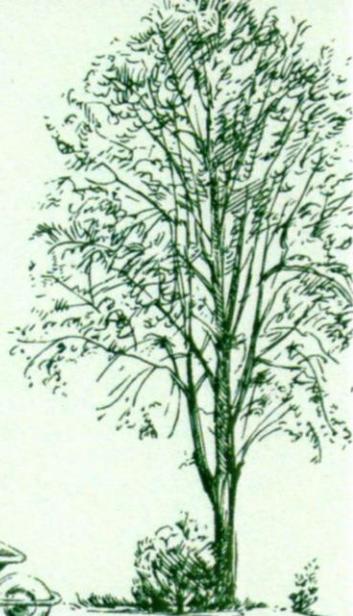
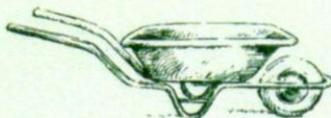
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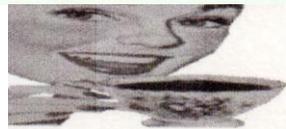
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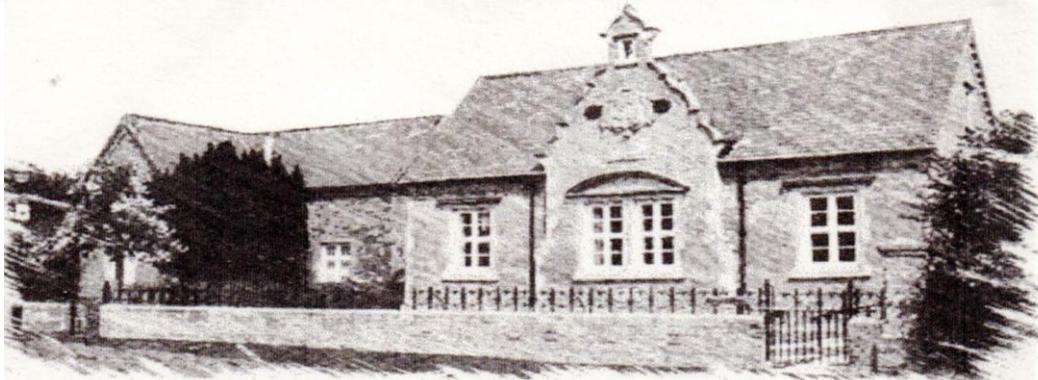
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