

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN



2016

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

TRAVELLERS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN	21st October 2016
FEEDBACK MEETING WITH POLICE	
Village Hall	6.30pm
CALL MY BLUFF WINE TASTING	29th October 2016
<i>Back by popular demand!</i>	8pm Village Hall
CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROLS	4th December 2016
Cross Hill on Village Road	4pm
CHRISTMAS PARTY	11th December 2016
Village Hall	12.30pm
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM	8th May 2017
Village Hall	8pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee



Chair
Pat Rice



Treasurer
Helen Huffer



Secretary
Graeme Barker

Committee Members: Glenys Blacknell, Philip Bull, Ed Peterson, Viba Ellis, James Royston and John Woodall

www.clifton-village.org.uk

Keep up to date with what is happening in the village

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

www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham

Chairwoman's Message

Sitting in the sunny climes of California up popped a message from our secretary Graeme to say that it was time for the next newsletter and message from the chairwoman.

Having already collected tasting notes in Napa Valley for our wine tasting event in October I began to realise how much village matters infiltrate into everyday life no matter where one is. Such is the nature of the internet we are constantly connected should we choose to be.

Like increasing numbers of you I find village matters are readily available, with regular updates on our facebook page and the village website by Phil Bull and Jonathan Blacknell respectively, wherever in the world *they* might be. Do think of checking on them for information regarding village news and events.



So in between drinking Californian wine and dipping toes in the Pacific Ocean I cast my mind over what events had happened since the last newsletter. Could there be many? With a clearer mind I began to realise there had been plenty; some good, some not so.

The summer garden party in John and Dorothy Woodall's garden was another gloriously sunny afternoon where friends were able to come together, chat over events, get to know new residents and enjoy the food ably prepared by Kath Spencer, Glenys Blacknell and their team of helpers. Our thanks must go to all who helped and to John and Dorothy

for allowing us to share the delights of their extensive garden once again.

Sadly this was not the case with the late summer picnic. The weather got the better of everyone and unfortunately our alternative venue was already in use. Apologies go to all those who had been looking forward to the event. Hopefully we can save our 60's gear for next year when the fallback venue will be ensured!



The outstanding event of the last few months has undoubtedly been the incursion of travellers, yet again, on the village green and in much larger numbers. The largest group proved to be the worst ever, creating considerable damage in the schoolhouse grounds and leaving a horrendous mess everywhere. Thank you to all who were able to record

visually or verbally events as they happened so that we could deal with them as speedily as possible. This evidence has been extremely useful in focussing the minds of the decision makers regarding barriers around the green.

Should we have any more visits from travellers before barriers go up please record any observations without putting yourselves in any danger and pass them on to CVRA committee members, councillors and/ or the police.

On other village matters work seems to have come to a standstill on the Old Rectory but I hear this will begin again in October – fingers crossed. The reading room has work done to it periodically but this too seems to be dragging on for longer than we would like.

On a positive note at least welcome visitors can now find our village again with the corrections made to the Highways England road signs. With regards to the village presence thanks to the efforts of Alma Davies, one of our newer residents, the village boundaries should be marked on the next maps published by the Ordnance Survey. The subcommittee are still trying to find a way to put

us onto Google maps and we need to chase up the council about the Village Road signs.

Shortly after the publication of our last newsletter we heard the sad news that Terry Kay had died after a prolonged illness. Since his return to live in the village, over the last few years Terry had thrown himself into the thick of village life, joining the art and garden groups, becoming a CVRA committee member,

then neighbourhood watch co-ordinator. He was also responsible for organising the new war memorial in front of the dovecote and for arranging the annual ceremony of Remembrance on the 11th November. The numbers attending his funeral were testament to the popularity of a lovely, gentle man. We will and do miss him.



Looking forward, we hope you will join us at our next Call My Bluff wine tasting event in October which proved to be a hugely amusing occasion last year. Make a note of the dates printed in this newsletter so that you do not miss any of the varied activities that we try to provide. You can also make a note to buy a village calendar in order to record next year's village activity dates! I look forward to seeing many of you at our forthcoming meetings.

Pat Rice
Sept 21st 2016

Village Notes

Travellers on the Village Green

Meeting with Lilian Greenwood MP

On Friday 30th Sept. 66 residents attended the meeting called by Lilian Greenwood. Our councillors, neighbourhood officer and Community Protection Officers were also present to answer questions regarding the problems caused by recent visits from travellers.

Information that we were given indicate that money for the bollards around the green is ring fenced. A letter is due to be sent to the Clifton Family within the next few weeks once the council's legal team and properties team have checked for accuracy.

Once the Clifton family give their consent the work can be carried out. The letter will also request that should it become necessary, permission will automatically be granted to place bollards around the second half of the green.

Updated information will appear on the notice board and on the village facebook page as it occurs.

TRAVELLERS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

MEETING WITH

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

21ST OCTOBER 2016 – 6.30PM

This meeting was requested by many of the villagers who attended the feedback meeting on the 30th September to obtain feedback from Nottinghamshire Police on the villager concerns about the lack of Police support during recent encampments, especially the most recent in the summer. The meeting will be chaired by Lilian Greenwood MP and attended by Inspector Donna Busuttill.

Village Signage and Postal Address

You may have noticed that the main directional signs from the A453 have been amended in recent weeks, thanks in no small part to continued pressure from both our previous chairman Kevin McCormick, and more recently Pat Rice. We are now pursuing the council to provide proper signage for Village Road, as it is clear from village feedback that many visitors find it difficult to find people as there is no signage along this road.

Thanks to diligent investigation by Alma Davies of the village we also have the opportunity to have the village postal address amended through consultation with the Royal Mail, so that it includes the word 'Village' in it. The guidance we have from the Royal Mail notes that they will consult all villagers by post on this amendment once our request is processed. We really hope that you will support this latest step to keep our village identity.

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

As you are all aware, the School House was unfortunately damaged in August whilst travellers were on the Village Green. This was at a time when we were expecting new tenants to move in at the end of the month. Damage included broken windows, the external gas supply pipe ripped from the wall (resulting in a gas-filled house), & uprights on the new gate kicked off. In addition, the back garden, shed & the Village Hall rear yard had been used as a toilet. We are very grateful to Trustee, Francis Buck, for his prompt action to prevent further damage to the School House & for dealing with the subsequent repairs that were necessary. We were however very disappointed in the response from the police & look forward to the meeting, arranged for 21st October at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, to discuss our concerns with Police Inspector Donna Busuttil.

On a more positive note, we are very pleased to welcome new tenants at the School House. Prior to them moving in, internal decorating & painting of the outside windows took place. This was followed by repainting the outside windows & doors of the Village Hall. Work on landscaping the back garden of the house & relaying the slabs at the front of the Village Hall is almost complete. We are also hoping to provide some revised plans of the next phase of the development of the hall at the Christmas party for you to look at. Thank you for your continued fund raising support for your Village Hall.

Clare Ashton - On behalf of the Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

If anyone would like to book the Village Hall for an event please contact Clare Ashton or Francis Buck on 07982 830120

Summer Garden Party



Clifton Village Residents Page

Village History – Photograph Appeal



View down Village Road – 1948 – Milk seller on his rounds

Do you have any old photos of Clifton Village and its residents that could be of interest to the CVRA? If so please get in touch with the CVRA. We would like to add to the village collection of historic photos, and maybe hold a display of historic photos that the village have in their possession. As the photo above illustrates, it is a place with a long and changing history. Do you have any photos or information of the old Clifton Village Football and Cricket teams? Again get in touch by contacting the Graeme Barker on 01159 844866.

These photos are part of a collection of over 250 photographs that has been kindly donated for safekeeping to the CVRA by Fran Clayton. Some of the current collection is on display in the cabinets at the village hall.





Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing



4pm on Sunday 4th December

Come and join in the festive celebrations and partake of:

mulled wine roasted chestnuts mince pies

Everyone is welcome



Christmas Party

Will be held at

Clifton Village Hall

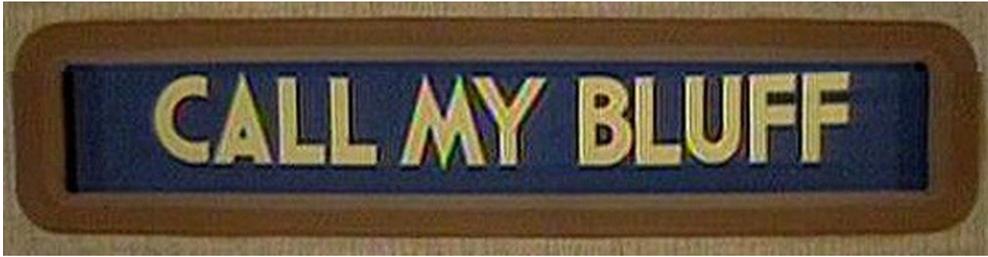
12.30pm, on Sunday 11th December

Adults £6

Children £3

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

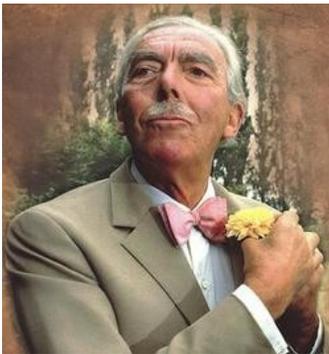
**Add this important event to your diary. Tickets sellers will
call on all households in the village closer to the time.**



WINE TASTING

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

INCLUDING THE TASTING PANEL.....



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 29th October from 8pm**

Tickets £7.50

*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 Art Group

Oct 18th

Nov 1st

Nov 29th

Jan 17th

Nov 15th

Dec 6th

Jan 31st



Contact Pat for further details:
patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Clifton Village Garden Group

The garden group dates are Mondays at 7.30pm:

Oct. 25th Linda Smith - "Water in small garden spaces". Linda will have patio ponds and other related products for sale.



Nov.28th John Stirland - "My Life in Gardening" and as BBC Radio Nottingham gardening correspondent.

Dates for 2017: Jan 30th,
Mar 27th

Feb 27th,
April 24th

Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

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

PROGRAMME FOR 2016 & 2017

CONCERT Saturday 3rd December 2016 Nottingham Chamber Orchestra

Programme:- Mozart: Symphony No.39 in E flat
Mozart: Piano Concerto in C minor k491
Corelli: Christmas Concerto
Schubert: Symphony No.1 in D

CONCERT:- Saturday 18th March 2017 Carlton Male Voice Choir

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

Thursday 13th July Classical evening with Jill Barker & Friends
Friday 14th July Traditional Jazz (to be confirmed)
Saturday 15th July 'Helix' Orchestra with a conductor from Norway.
Sunday 16th July Choral Festival Service with St Mary's Singers &
String Quartet at 10.45am.

CONCERT NOVEMBER 2017 'Helix' Orchestra (Programme & date to be confirmed)

[All events start at 7.30pm](#)

For tickets or further details, please contact
Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385
or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

St Mary's Church

Services during Christmas & New Year

Saturday 10th December 11am to 3pm
Open Church for Bereaved Families

Sunday 18th December 6.30pm
Christmas Community Candlelit Carol Service

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December 4pm
Christingle 11.30pm Midnight Communion

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

New Year's Day Sunday 1st January 4pm
Parish Service at Holy Trinity with St Francis
(No service at St Mary's)

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.

Remembrance Service

Rev Mark Orr will be leading a short Remembrance Service at 11am on 11th November at the Dovecote Memorial. Keith Youlden will play the bagpipes as in previous years.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

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

Please see the website for further contact details for your local beat team
http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/local/nottingham_city/the_meadows_and_clifton/clifton_and_meadows/

We are your Local Beat Team

Green Lane



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CPO 9898 Craig Litchfield

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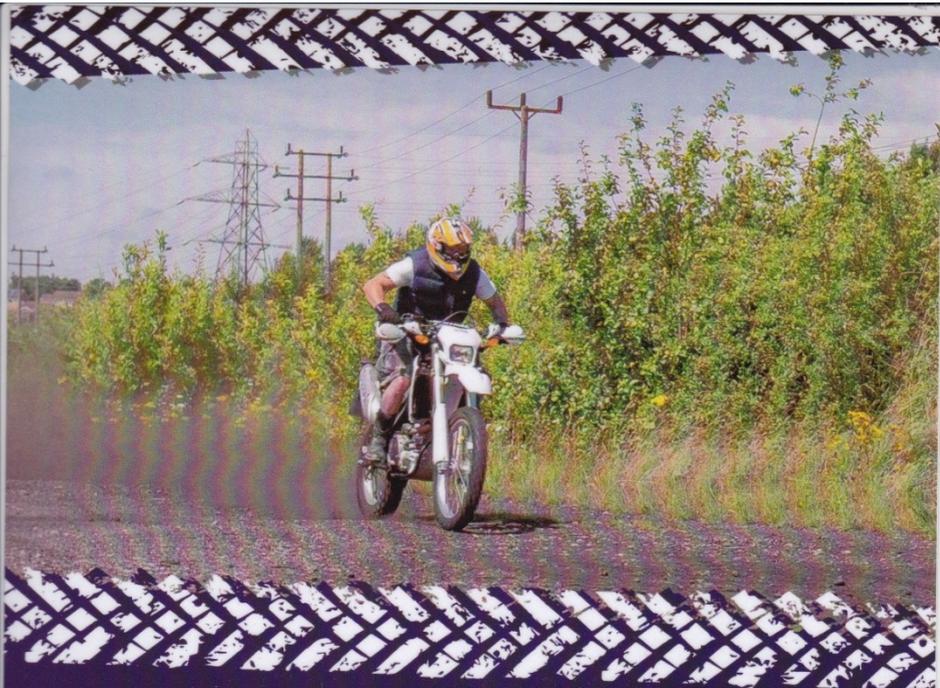
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Call us: 101

Visit us online www.nottinghamshire.police.uk



See something, say something

Off road bikes aren't just causing a nuisance in your community, some of them are linked to criminal offences.

If you see anything, we encourage that you report this by calling us on 101:

- Details of the rider and bike including any distinguishing marks
- Location and time of witnessing the event
- Registration number and description of the vehicles transporting, loading or off loading the bikes.
- Any photographs or video footage of the event or bikes involved.

If you have any information which can help, please call us on **101** or Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**



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