

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN



2017

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

VILLAGE KRYPTON FACTOR
With special guest appearances

29th October 2016
8pm Village Hall

CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROLS
Cross Hill on Village Road

3rd December 2017
4pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Village Hall

9th December 2017
12.30pm

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM
Village Hall

14th May 2018
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, Kath Kay, Ed Peterson, 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

The leaves are beginning to change colour and there is a definite coolness to the mornings. We will soon be searching out gloves and scarves if we haven't already. The "Hygge" season has arrived! We hope that you have had a brilliant summer despite the lack lustre weather.

We trust that everyone is happy with the new bollards. I think that they fit in well with the village scene. Much effort and cost has been expended on our behalf to ensure that at last our village green is protected. I was able to personally thank our councillors and neighbourhood officer, Prairie, on your behalf at the Area 8 committee meeting recently attended by Clare Ashton, Ed Peterson and myself.

Until very recently, our last visit from the traveller community was while the installation of the bollards had just begun. Our response to the appearance of our visitors was swift and police and community officers sprung into action at a far better speed than we experienced last year. This was a short visit but meant that the installation had to be put on hold while the installers completed another job that they had pulled in while they were waiting for the green to be freed up. We are not yet certain how the maintenance team are going to deal with the grass cutting around the bollards but this will be dealt with satisfactorily we assume. We will be in touch with everyone concerned to obtain a solution. Following the recent encampment we will also be consulting with the City Council about extending the bollards to the other side of the green.

Now that the bollards are in place we can concentrate on our heritage sign, details of which are further inside the newsletter. Do let any of the committee know of your preferences.

You will have noticed that the walls around the Old Rectory have been given a coat of paint which helps the entrance to the village look a little smarter. The committee are continuing to push for the rest of the property to be completed. As you can imagine the uphill battle continues.

Talking of battles sadly another application for gravel extraction at Barton in Fabis has gone in on behalf of London Rock. Many of us in the village enjoy walks to Barton. Part of the plans will mean that the footpath will be closed. This would be for a considerable period. The proposed extraction is on part of city land not too far from the village, more of this later in the newsletter.

Villagers enjoyed the summer garden party held for the first time on a Saturday. Thankfully the weather was fine and the food was excellent thanks to Glenys Blacknell, Kath Spencer and the team. What was quite remarkable was that Glenys not only organised helpers to take care of food preparation but also managed to move house in the same weekend plus while her husband was away - a true wonder woman! My thanks to everyone who helped in whatever capacity and to James Royston who stood in for me on the day.

In September the art group held their first successful exhibition in the village hall recently raising £100 for the village hall redevelopment fund. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to what was a lovely afternoon. Also in September the garden group were busy fundraising with an afternoon of tea and cakes with a plant swap in my garden. We are now busy collating the calendar for 2018 which we hope many of you will purchase for your own use and/or as Christmas gifts.

Looking ahead we have the “fun evening” in the village hall on the 11th November. On the same day there will be a small Remembrance Service at the dovecote from 10.45. We hope many of you will be able to attend these events. Please make a note of the dates at the front of the newsletter so that you don’t miss other activities arranged by the CVRA plus as always reminders can be found on the village website and facebook page.

Finally, a warm welcome to the new residents in the village, we hope you enjoy living here and hope to see you at some of the many events that are arranged throughout the year.

Pat Rice
Sept 14TH 2017

Village Notes

Renewed Threat of Gravel Pit near Holme Pit and Bluebell Woods

STOP THE QUARRY!

Dear Resident,

You may already have seen from official notices around the area that London Rock / Greenfield Associates have submitted a planning application for a quarry at Barton / Mill Hill on land owned by JH Plowright Trust including land within the City boundary. The extent of the proposals are of a huge scale, being some 217 acres, and operations are proposed to run from 7am-6pm 6 days a week, to extract some 3.4million tonnes of aggregate. All of this would be moved on the A453, requiring in excess of 100 Heavy Goods vehicle movements every day.

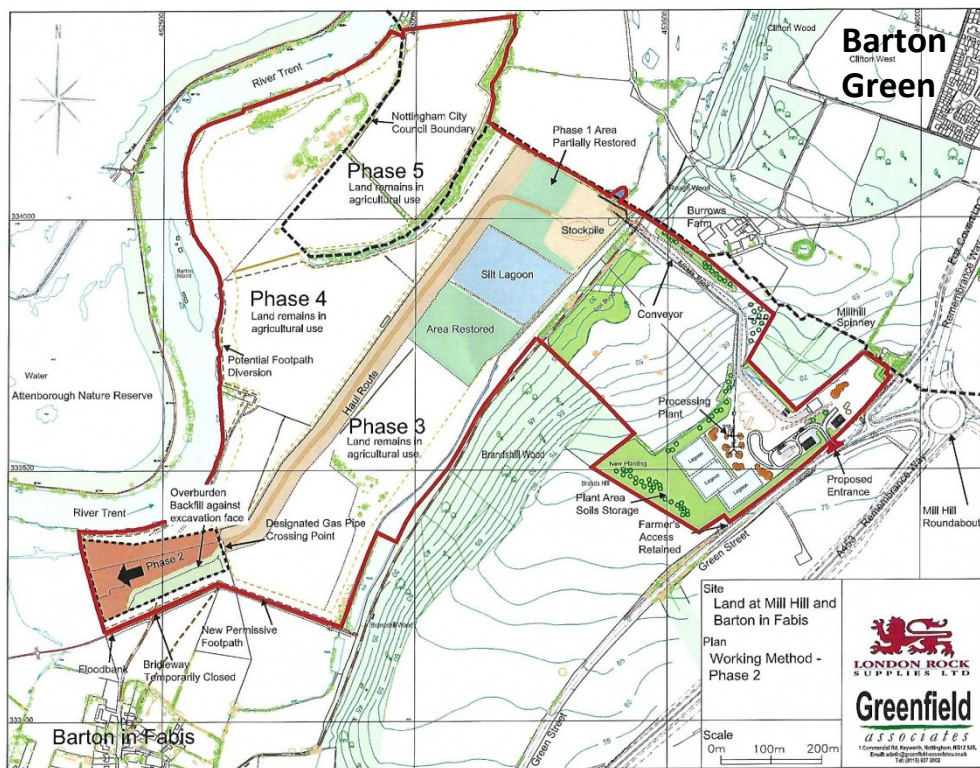
With regard to the planning submissions, we are working closely with our friends down in Barton in Fabis, who have formed a group SAVE to oppose the proposed quarry working. Please feel free to visit their website barton-in-fabis.net.

IMPORTANT

This is very similar to the last application put forward as part of the Minerals Plan under consideration by the neighbouring County Council, but this time around the application on County Land has been accompanied by one within the City Boundary. A major concern is that if this application succeeds, there will be little to restrict it moving closer to the village in future years.

We believe that many people in the local area use the area of the proposed quarry and sites such as Attenborough Nature Reserve for leisure pursuits and would be impacted as well.

If approved, experience elsewhere in the County shows that quarries will be extended – in this case towards Thrumpton and further towards the City



As the map above illustrates, the operation would extend from the edge of Bluebell Wood to within 150m of Barton in Fabis.

Background

The County Council prepared a draft Minerals Local Plan which was due to go to an Examination in Public before a Government Inspector earlier this year. The quarry site at Barton / Mill Hill was one of the sites considered but was NOT INCLUDED in the draft plan. Following the County Council elections and a new administration taking over, the draft plan was WITHDRAWN and Council staff were instructed to a) re-evaluate the quantity of sand and gravel required in the County b) review the number of sites required.

The proposers of the Barton / Mill Hill site have however submitted a planning application for the site ahead of this process in an attempt to get planning permission while no Minerals Local Plan exists.

We believe that we must do everything we can to stop this application and allow a properly considered new Minerals Local Plan to come forward

What the quarry would mean if approved:

- Destroying an area of 88 hectares (217 acres) of open countryside, agricultural land and the largest area of open space in the area
- Removal of 3.4 million tonnes of sand and gravel over a period of over **15 years - Heavy earth moving and quarry operations** : 114 x 28 ton lorry movements per day, dumper trucks and conveyor belt **generating noise and dust**
- **Operating 6 days a week 11 hours a day (7am to 6pm, Saturday 7am to 1pm)** only 150 metres away from the edge of Barton village with the safety risk from quarry workings and deep water to village children
- **Flood risk** which the County Council's appraisal identified as "very negative" – a real impact when residents in Barton and Attenborough try and renew their house insurance!
- Devastating impact on our quality of life, enjoyment of the area and environment

- **Financial loss** in terms of the value of houses and making it very difficult to sell a house in some areas
- Huge impact on the environment and an historic landscape
- Plans are not to restore the land to its current state, but to marshland and standing water. Even this is likely to take 10 years to establish, meaning that **the area will be unusable for up to 25 years**

The planning application is split between the County Council and City Council, and it is therefore important for you to register your views on both applications.

There are several ways to have your say but whatever method you choose (including email) you **MUST STATE:**

- 1) Your **full name and address with postcode**
- 2) You **OBJECT to site ES/3712 (County) / 17/00930/PMFUL3 (City) Proposed sand and gravel quarry – land off Green Street / Barton in Fabis**

FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATION YOU CAN:

- A) **Email:** Development.management@nottsc.gov.uk
- B) **Write to:** Development Management, Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP
- C) **Complete the online response form** on the Nottinghamshire County Council website: simply go to the SAVE campaign website barton-in-fabis.net where there is a direct link to the comment section. **Search for application ES/3712** to add your comments

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL APPLICATION YOU CAN:

- A) **Email:** development.management@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
- B) **Write to:** **Planning and Building Control**, LH Box 5, Loxley House Station Street Nottingham NG2 3NG United Kingdom
- C) **Go online at:** <http://nottinghamcity.gov.uk>, and follow links to planning and building control, applications, view and comment

and search for application: 17/00930/PMFUL3 where you will be able to register your comments

Don't forget:

- **Everybody in your house** can send in a response
- **Friends and family anywhere** can also send in a response
- A personal response rather than a 'standard' letter is far more effective

Suggested reasons for your objection - What can I say? (some or all of these!) Points included are the most important!

1. No current justification for the site / proposal should be evaluated as part of a new Minerals Local Plan (MLP)
2. County Council state that landbank currently exceeds government targets – **there is no demand for this site**
3. There was no notification of the Community Consultation events relating to the site given by the applicant.
4. Building projects used to use justify this application are either not due to start for several years or are **better supplied by quarries nearer to those sites**
5. The County Council has **already rejected this site** as part of the previous draft of the MLP for environmental and other reasons
6. Barton / Mill Hill site evaluated as 3rd **most environmentally damaging site** of all those proposed in the county by County Council's independent Sustainability Assessment
7. **Effect on Attenborough Nature Reserve SSSI** (Site of Special Scientific Interest) which runs along the edge of the site (less than 100m away) **and Holme Pit SSSI. Site contains 5 SINCs (Sites of Important Nature Conservation)**
8. **Generation of noise and dust from quarry operations**
9. **Loss of peace and tranquillity;** area used for walking / fishing / horse riding / bird watching / photography

10. **Bridleways / footpaths cross the site and would be diverted / closed.**
Impact on local businesses from reduction in passing trade from walkers, cyclists, horse riders
11. **Area rich in history with remains from Roman period,** Iron and bronze age documented in the area
12. **Adverse impact on Clifton Hall and Clifton Village Conservation Area**
13. **Flood risk** - Already a flood risk area and can be difficult to get insurance
Council Sustainability Appraisal has identified flood risk as “very negative”

DON'T DELAY WRITE TODAY!

RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9th OCTOBER



**10TH
BARTON-IN-FABIS
BEER, WINE &
CIDER FESTIVAL**

BARTON VILLAGE HALL, MANOR ROAD, BARTON-IN-FABIS
 Friday 29 Sept 7pm-12am
 Saturday 30 Sept 5pm-12am
 Sunday 1 October 1pm-4pm
Over 18's only please Friday & Saturday

Friday free entry · Saturday night £5
 Sunday free entry

**FRIDAY NIGHT
Beggars
Belief**

**SATURDAY NIGHT
Brandy
Connection**

New For 2017
 Try Our Gin Bar

Hot Food Available

Contact 07482 917972
 Facebook www.facebook.com/Barton.Village.Hall



The CVRA are organising transport to the Barton in Fabis Beer Festival on Saturday 30th September. Come and join us.

Ring Graeme Barker on 01159 844866 for details

Village Heritage Sign – what type of sign would you like?

Further to recent enquires about placing a heritage sign somewhere at the entrance to the village, we can confirm that the feedback from villagers to this suggestion was very positive. The overwhelming choice of location was at the apex of the roads leading in and out of the village on the village green.

Following this feedback we have obtained the in principle support of Nottingham City Council, and have agreed that we will propose a sign of our design, for approval by NCC and the Clifton Family. In order to inform this we've prepared samples below of suggested types of signs and materials that could be put forward. We really want your input on this so would welcome your feedback on a preferred option. Do mention it to your local CVRA representative when they come around selling tickets for Christmas events, or contact the Secretary Graeme Barker on 01159 844866 / graemebarker@greenbee.net



OPTION 1
DECORATED TIMBER
CARVING



OPTION 2
LASER CUT STEEL /CAST IRON



OPTION 3 CAST POLYURETHANE

OPTION 4 CARVING INSET ONTO WROUGHT IRON FRAME

Please let the CVRA know your preference and your indication of preferred location. Contact your CVRA local member, email graemebarker@greenbee.net or post your preference to 10 Nethergate Clifton Village.

My preference for a Heritage Sign would be:

| OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 | OPTION 3 | OPTION 4 | NONE |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|----------|-------|
| PREFERRED LOCATION: | CROSS HILL | VILLAGE GREEN | | OTHER |

Name:

Address:

Contact:.....

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

Thank you to all those who attended our AGM in May. We were very pleased with the response to the plans for the next phase of development for the Village Hall, which were presented at both the CVRA AGM & our Trust's AGM. These include a new main entrance; an extended kitchen; a multi-use room (between the kitchen & the ladies toilets); and alterations to the storeroom (at the end of the ladies toilets). These plans, produced by our Honorary Architect, Graeme Barker, will now be submitted for planning approval. Meanwhile, with the help of Trustee, John Hooley, grant applications will be made to appropriate charitable organisations and Trust funds.

Small side lights have been installed in the hall, controlled by a dimmer switch, to create a better ambience, which have been very well received by our hall users. In addition, a floodlight has been installed in the hall yard to illuminate the front of the building.

During the summer months, the toilet areas and the corridor have been repainted and the hall 'touched up' where necessary. Unfortunately, the old pine floor is creating splinters and therefore we are planning to lay a more practical surface on top of the existing floor.

The hall continues to be used most days. Regular users include karate, pilates, Rainbows & Brownies, church groups (Graceful Voices & Heavenly Feast), as well as our Village Art & Gardening groups. It is also used for parties, meetings, workshops, wedding receptions, photography etc. We are delighted that the Pop up Tearoom has restarted once a month on a Saturday and the new Clifton Doves WI is now meeting on the second Monday of the month in the hall. Finally, we are very grateful that the bollards have now been installed around the Village Green.

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



Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing



4pm on Sunday 3rd December

Come and join in the festive celebrations and partake of:

mulled wine roasted chestnuts mince pies

Everyone is welcome

If you are able to come and help erect the Christmas Tree on Saturday 2nd December you would be most welcome. We will be there from 9.30 for about an hour.



Christmas Party

Will be held at

Clifton Village Hall

12.30pm, on Saturday 9th 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.**



VILLAGE KRYPTON FACTOR



TEST YOUR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND:



OBSERVATION



MENTAL AGILITY



**WITH CAMEO GUEST APPEARANCE BY OUR
STELLA CALL MY BLUFF VILLAGE PANEL**

**At Clifton Village Hall
on Saturday 11th November from 8pm**

Tickets £7.50 (includes 2 free drinks)

*Each table will also include complimentary cheeses and biscuits
Real Ales available for those who don't have chianti running through
their veins*

Clifton Village Art Group

Oct 10th Oct 24th
Nov 7th Nov 21st
Dec 5th



The group meet on Tuesdays at 2 pm
Cost £5 with all materials provided plus refreshments.
Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Clifton Village Garden Group

Calendar 2018: Order your calendar in time for Christmas. Will your part of the village feature in this edition?



The garden group meets on Mondays at 7.30pm in the village hall Cost £5

Sept 25th. "Love your Bugs" with Sally Cunningham
Oct 30th. Mike Davey - "Plants of the Desert"
Dec 4th Don Witton - "A Hardy Planters Winter Survival Kit"

**Contact Clare or Pat for further details and to order your calendars: patriciabrice@hotmail.com
clare31337@btinternet.com**

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

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**On Friday, 29th September 2017 at 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Clifton Village, NG11
8NH**

Dance to a renowned group

'Beggar's Belief'

Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun & laughter

**Tickets £10 (half price under 16's) from Clare Ashton 07775
902385 or clare31337@btinternet.com or Beryl
Hancock 0115 984 5330**

**Tickets include a Ploughman's supper but please bring your
own wine**



St Mary's Church
Clifton Village
Nottingham
NG11 8NH

Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm

Music Director & violin soloist -

David Greed

viola soloist -

David Aspin

Mozart Sinfonia Concertante
for violin and viola

Mozart Symphony no. 29

Haydn Philosopher Symphony

Purcell Chaconne

Elgar Elegy

Tickets £12 (children £6)

Clare Ashton 0115 9213937

or 07775 902385

clare31337@btinternet.com

St Mary's Church

Services during Christmas & New Year

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| Saturday 9th December | 11am to 3pm Open Church for Bereaved Families |
| Sunday 17th December | 6.30pm Christmas Community Candlelit Carol Service |
| Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December | 10.45am Communion Service 16.00pm Christingle 11.30pm Midnight Communion |
| Christmas Day Monday 25th December | 10.00am Parish Communion Service at Holy Trinity with St Francis (No service at St Mary's) |
| New Year's Eve Sunday 31st December | 10.45am Communion Service |

All are most welcome

For any queries, please contact Clare Ashton, Churchwarden, on 0115 921 3937/07775 902385 or email clare31337@btinternet.com or Ron Hancock, Deputy Churchwarden, on 0115 984 5330. Thank- you.

Remembrance Service

There will be a short Remembrance Day Service at 11am on 11th November at the Dovecote Memorial.

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. 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

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant: Sgt 2112 Paul Ferguson |

E-mail: cliftonsnt@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Team phone number: 101 Ext 801 4560

Pc 578 Jon Cooper

jonathan.cooper@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk 07792 437325

Pcso 4774 Matt Holden

matthew.holden@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk 07824 457207

CPO 9764 Max Oliver

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CPO 9909 Ian Smith

ian.smith9909@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk 07985 246897

Village appeal for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Having had an active Neighbourhood Watch throughout the village for over a decade, we are unfortunately without a village co-ordinator at present. The co-ordinator performs a vital voluntary role in helping villagers find appropriate police resources, as well as supporting the police and community by communicating live issues between the two parties, and helping to solve problems where there are community concerns like the travelers and off road motorbiking.

If you are interested in helping your local community by acting as this key point of contact between the village and our local police please do make yourself known to your local CVRA committee member, or by emailing Graeme Barker at graemebarker@greenbee.net