

# CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

**AUTUMN**



**2018**

## CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

<b>CEILIDH / BARN DANCE</b> St Mary's Church	<b>29<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b> 7.30pm
<b>CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROL</b> Cross Hill by the Christmas Tree	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018</b> 4pm
<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> Village Hall	<b>9<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b> 12.30pm
<b>CVRA AGM</b> Village Hall	<b>20<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b> 7.30pm

*Produced by Clifton Village Residents Association*

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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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham)**

## Chairwoman's Message

Having been only two months since the last chairwoman's message isn't it amazing how most of our lawns have bounced back to their normal verdant look after the prolonged drought! I imagine like mine there are still one or two bare patches but time will see them recover. Thank you to those who gave their front gardens a spruce up. It does help to give the village that cared for feel and it only takes a few minutes now and again. Some of your front gardens look amazing with the colourful autumn displays.



Our village litter pickers have been out in force again this month and seem to be spreading their nets or should I say litter pickers far and wide into the greater village area. We hope you will be able to join in with the next one. Well done to those who helped this month. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

The other constant eyesore of course is the Old Rectory building. I took the opportunity

to talk to the newly appointed builders' representative last month while he was on site. The current delay in starting the works is down to a planning request for re-siting a garage for the main Rectory house, together with the new main gates to come off Village Road. The existing gates, adjacent to the village green, are to be bricked up and the new wall rendered. As planning is not likely to be granted for a month or so the builders told me that work would not now begin until after the Christmas holidays. Fingers crossed – yet again!

The Village Residents Association ran their annual Summer Garden Party on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the gardens at Holly Cottage. Unfortunately, this year it had clashed with my annual painting holiday always booked a year in advance so I had to miss this one. The reports were of a wonderful day. The weather was of course

brilliant and the usual thanks go to John and Dorothy Woodall for the use of their garden and facilities. I am told that the catering team led by Glenys Blacknell and Kath Spencer worked their usual magic, providing more than enough buffet for everyone. Our thanks also go to Graeme, James, Jonathon, Francis and the rest of the team who manned the bar during the afternoon. Perhaps surprisingly, considering the hot weather, there was enough liquid refreshment to go around too!



Our Summer garden party is always one of our most popular events where you can meet up with other villagers and even our local MP, on an informal basis, and get to know one another in a relaxed environment. If like me you were unable to attend this year do come along next time. You won't regret it and you may even make some new friends!

Most recently, this month, the garden group held a plant swap at Glebe Cottage. Many thanks to Clare and her helpers for making what turned out to be a damp afternoon, an enjoyable occasion. There are still a few plants remaining should you have a bare patch that needs filling.

Looking forward, our next fixed events are our Carol singing and Christmas tree lighting on Cross Hill, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec and our Christmas party in the village hall on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The committee will be along to sell tickets to this popular event in due course.

Meanwhile, between now and then we have to pull together to support Barton in Fabis with their campaign to stop gravel extraction on their doorstep. This will affect *us* in many ways too, as any quarrying will create more noise, more pollution and more heavy traffic on our already busy main road. Those with chest problems could find their condition exacerbated by the increased dust particles in the air and we will all notice the extra dust in our homes.



Our local wildlife corridor will be affected along with the footpath access between our villages, which many of us make use of. I understand that the local Attenborough nature reserve wildlife experts are also greatly concerned, as the fields at Barton are used by the wetland birds for grazing, while over wintering at Attenborough. Once these fields are gone they are lost for a very long time, if not for ever. Please support the campaign. Your input is vital if we are to help save these fields from destruction. A pre formed letter will be provided giving you the opportunity to add any extra personal comments while making it easier to complete and add our much needed numbers and

voices to the campaign.

*Pat Rice - September 2018*

## Village Notes

### Parking on Holgate and Nethergate



As the beginning of term approaches the CVRA is in dialogue with Nottingham Trent University over parking in the village. NTU have agreed that if the parking increases substantially over the first couple of weeks of term that they will bring out some of their parking staff to discourage this problem.

If this does not work then the CVRA will make suitable representations to senior management at NTU and the City Council.

The first term starts in earnest on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, so if I could ask any villagers to report and photograph any observed parking along Holgate, Nethergate and elsewhere in the village. We will then give this information to NTU and request their attendance one morning to engage with the NTU staff and students. Please send any numbers, photos and where possible time of arrival to the Secretary at [graemebarker@virginmedia.com](mailto:graemebarker@virginmedia.com) who will forward them to NTU on your behalf.

## Old Rectory

As Pat has advised in her report there has been movement behind the scenes at the Old Rectory and the Restrictive Covenant clawing back value to the council on any onward sale has been lifted to encourage works to progress. Notes submitted by the Planning officers to the Council in March 2018 noted that

*“under considerable pressure from Council officers (primarily the Conservation officer), local residents and Ward Councillors the owner recently recruited a well-known national builder, Tomlinson Group Ltd (TGL) - who has experience of heritage and listed building developments - to refurbish the Rectory which is Grade II listed - and build out the three plots. Recent meetings between the owner, TGL and NCC officers have been positive. This has given and the Conservation Officer and officers some comfort about the quality of any scheme to be delivered. TGL have also worked up, and shared with us, a detailed financial appraisal of Gross Development Value (GDV) and development costs that seems realistic”*

Since this note was issued, the council have formally instructed and completed the lifting of the legal restriction on the site, with the commentary from the Delegated Decision agreed by the council on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (DD3139) noted the following:

*“Given the precarious state of this listed building and the blight on the Clifton Village Conservation Area there is a pressing need for timely and decisive action. The sum of money offered is considered realistic and represents a good compromise between the developer's need to achieve a viable scheme and out expectations of the site. The staged nature of the deed of release provides sufficient reassurance that the Rectory will be conserved to an appropriate level prior to the sale of each new property. For these reasons I wish to endorse the proposed course of action and look forward to working closely with the Tomlinson*

*Group to achieve a successful outcome for all. Advice provided by Thomas Street (Conservation Officer)”*

The ‘sum of money’ relates to a financial agreement between the owner and NCC to release the covenant to make the scheme more viable and allow Tomlinsons to agree to work on the project. It is understood that staged agreements have been set out in the revised contract to ensure that the houses cannot be sold off until certain works are complete in the Rectory, something



that the CVRA has long fought for to ensure the Listed Building is at the forefront of the development works. Time will tell whether this move finally ensures some substantial progress is made, but I for one have far more confidence now that there is a reputable contractor involved in the project.

## Secretarial Note

Could I please ask everyone to note that my new email address is [graemebarker@virginmedia.com](mailto:graemebarker@virginmedia.com). The old greenbee one has been de-activated.

**If anyone would like to book the Village Hall for an event please contact Clare Ashton or Francis Buck on 07982 83012**

## Clifton Village Art Group

Meeting dates up to Dec:

Sept 25th Oct 9th Oct 23rd

Nov. 6th Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 4th



The group meet on Tuesdays at 2 pm

Cost is £5 with all materials provided plus refreshments.

Contact Pat for further details: [patriciabrice@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciabrice@hotmail.com)

## Clifton Village Garden Group

The garden group meets on the last Monday

of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall

Cost £5 to include refreshments and the possibility to win a raffle prize.



**Forthcoming Talks:**

**Sept 24th** "From Jungle to Paradise" with Alan Clements Plants for sale from Alan's nursery

**Oct 29th** "Good enough to Eat" with Tracey Akehurst

**Nov 26th** "Christmas Crackers" with Janette Merilion

Village calendars for 2019 for sale. Pre order yours now to ensure your copy!

Contact Clare or Pat for further details:

[patriciabrice@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciabrice@hotmail.com)

[clare31337@btinternet.com](mailto:clare31337@btinternet.com)

# Nottingham Clean Champion

*Update from Alma Davies*

I've registered as a Nottingham Clean Champion, an initiative Nottingham City Council has introduced to help tackle the ever increasing litter problem: Nottingham Clean Champions with the help of residents are clearing litter! The Council doesn't have the capacity to clear all the litter, given the amount that is discarded daily on our street, parks, playgrounds and grassed areas. Local residents are getting together and clearing areas on a regular basis and I'll be asking local businesses, to help by keeping their forecourts tidy, litter free and where possible to do a little more in the neighbourhood they operate in.

Local businesses on the A453 McDonalds and Tesco Express are supporting the Community by doing extra regular litter clearing along the A453 and we are still waiting for KFC to join in the effort. I've asked Nottingham Trent University to acknowledge and show their 'Corporate Social Responsibility' by 'adopting' the grass banks that front their railings along the A453 and clear it regularly.

In the Village, resident volunteers have completed four events to date and some continue to do mini sweeps of The Green in the week. Generally the Village is pretty much litter free most of the time! Our CVRA litter pickers are doing a sterling job – thank you! Our Village Octogenarian that walks to Barton every day continues to bring back a carrier bag of discarded bottles on the return journey – wonderful! The Village weeds were sprayed and many have died but they do still need clearing up. The Green posts were recently strimmed, by the Council Street Ops Team.

<b>Dates of next Litter Picks:</b>	Sat 15th September 9.30am
	6th October 9.30am
	3rd November 9.30am
	1st December Christmas Fuddle 10am
	<i>All start at fisherman's car park</i>

**If you'd like to join and help keep Clifton Village litter free, then please contact by email:**

**[alma.davies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alma.davies@hotmail.co.uk) Tel: 0776444283**



Interested in helping to keep our Village litter free?

Please contact: Alma Davies

Tel/Text: 0776 444 2835

Email: [alma.davies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alma.davies@hotmail.co.uk)

It's social, great exercise, so satisfying and benefits the environment we live in!

**Clean&Proud** 

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City Council



## **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*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** If you are able to come and help erect the Christmas Tree on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Mary's Church, Clifton Village**

# CEILIDH

**On Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 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 from Clare Ashton 07775 902385 or  
[clare31337@btinternet.com](mailto:clare31337@btinternet.com) or Beryl Hancock 0115 984 5330**

**Tickets include a Ploughman's supper but please bring your  
own wine (and other drinks!)**

# St Mary's Church

## Services during Christmas & New Year

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>11am to 3pm</b> Open Church for Bereaved Families
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6.30pm</b> Christmas Community Candlelit Carol Service
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion
<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>16.00pm</b> Christingle <b>11.30pm</b> Midnight Communion
<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Parish Communion Service at Holy Trinity with St Francis (No service at St Mary's)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.45am</b> Communion Service

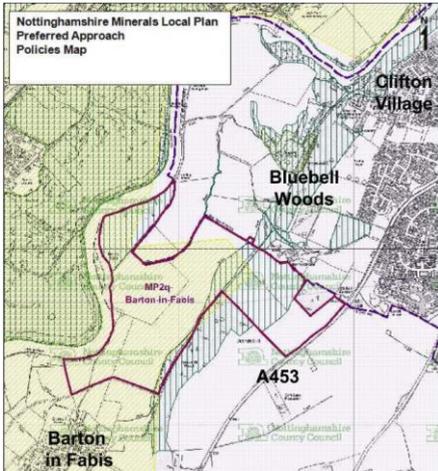
**All are most welcome**

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

**Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am – all help is very welcome.**

# STOP THE QUARRY

## Barton in Fabis Gravel Pit – AGAIN!



The County Council has recently produced a new Draft Minerals Local Plan which once again includes the site at Barton / Mill Hill and is consulting with local residents.

The Barton site has been included despite the fact that it is the most damaging according to the Council's own 'Sustainability Assessment' in terms of its impact on the environment and landscape and that they have previously rejected it on that same basis.

The County Council have proposed the inclusion of the Barton site instead of Shelford which was in the previous plan (and which is in the ward of the Council Leader Kay Cutts).

This is also despite the fact that the Council have stated that they wish to "Prioritise sites with sustainable transport " – this would include Shelford where 40% of material is planned to go via barge (something not possible at Barton).

The Council also state that part of the rationale for the Barton site is to "maintain a spread of geographical sites" – this is a new criteria which they have not used before and is being used to override the Sustainability Assessment and allow the most environmentally damaging sites to be included.

It is also being used despite their admission that "there is no published data related to the geographical spread" and despite the Council's statement in relation to their earlier Issues and Options consultation that "Generally, respondents felt that prioritising geographic areas above others would not be appropriate, instead each site should be judged on its own merits"

## Why should we care?

- Dust from heavy excavation machinery. 114 lorry movements per day
- Noise and dust with resultant health issues from operations 7am – 6pm 6 days per week. De-watering pumps operating 24/7
- 79 hectares (200 acres) of wildlife habitats / agricultural land in the Green Belt lost for up to 25 years
- Impact on Attenborough Nature Reserve and Holme Pit SSSIs and 5 local Wildlife Sites
- Loss of important leisure area for village and surrounding areas; area used for walking / fishing / horse riding / bird watching / photography
- Impact on wildlife 24 Red and 22 Amber listed species
- Impact on historic landscape and Ancient Woodlands at Brandshill / Clifton Woods

Importantly, this quarry will open door to other ‘extensions’, not only around Barton, but most relevantly to extend all the way along the cliffs directly North of the village below Clifton Hall.

**WE ARE NOW ASKING EVERYBODY TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE AND SEND IN YOUR OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSALS!**

**PLEASE NOTE: OBJECTIONS MADE PREVIOUSLY DO NOT COUNT- SO IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN BEFORE PLEASE WRITE AGAIN!**

There are several ways to have your say:

Very important (or your response will not count), whatever method you choose (including email) you **MUST STATE:**

1) Your full name and address with postcode

2) You OBJECT to Policy MP2 Sand and Gravel Provision and inclusion of site 'MP2s Mill Hill nr Barton in Fabis'

Online: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals)

Email: [planning.policy@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@nottsc.gov.uk)

Write to:

Planning Policy Team

Place Department

Nottinghamshire County Council

County Hall

West Bridgford

Nottingham NG2 7QP



A standard letter is enclosed – just add your full name, full address and postcode top right and sign and date the letter. Please add in your own words at the bottom or use this as a basis for your response.

PLEASE NOTE: A letter you have written yourself (please see 'What can I say?' below) can be far more effective!

Don't forget:

Everybody in your house can send in a response

Friends and family anywhere can also send in a response

What can I say? (some or all of these!)

Points underlined are the most important!

## Environmental damage

- Barton / Mill Hill site evaluated as 3<sup>rd</sup> most environmentally damaging site of all those proposed in the county by County Council's own Sustainability Assessment
- Negative 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 SINC (Sites of Important Nature Conservation)

- Natural England, RSPB, CPRE, Ramblers Association and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust have already objected to a planning application for this site
- Evidence that this site is rich in bird life and other species. 24 red and 22 amber listed bird species use the area for feeding and breeding
- Corn Buntings and Barn Owls breed here. Grass snakes, harvest mice also present

## Landscape damage

- The site is in the Green Belt
- Brandshill and Clifton Woods have been designated as Ancient Woodland which have special protection under the National Planning Policy Framework
- Geographical spread / minerals planning
- Council have stated “there is no published data related to the geographical spread”
- Arguments about Geographical Spread should not be used to justify allocating the most environmentally damaging sites
- There has been no projections for sand and gravel demand in the different submarket areas. County Council comment that Shelford or Coddington sites are too big cannot be justified.

## What it means to you and your household personally

- Personal examples often have the most impact
- Effect on the village and personal environment
- Generation of noise and dust from quarry operations
- Effect on quality of life, and on what is technically called ‘visual amenity’. Impossible to mitigate effect of operations 11 hours a day
- Loss of important leisure area
- Site not fully restored and established for up to 25 years

- Loss of peace and tranquillity; area used for walking / fishing / horse riding / bird watching / photography
- Impact on local economy
- Bridleways / footpaths cross the site and would be diverted / closed. Impact on local businesses from reduction in passing trade from walkers, cyclists, horse riders
- Historical site damage
- Area rich in history with remains from Roman period, Iron and bronze age documented in the area
- Ridge and furrow field pattern from middle ages
- Adverse impact on Clifton Hall and Clifton Village Conservation Area
- Loss of agricultural land
- Additional costs from importing food / climate change
- Plans to restore site mainly to marshland and standing water
- Flood risk
- Already a flood risk area and can be difficult to get insurance
- Safety issues
- Deep water ponds a risk to children
- Plant and machinery close to bridleway and footpath
- Financial loss
- Planning blight / house price loss
- Sustainable transport
- Council has failed to follow its own policy aim to “Prioritise sites with potential for transporting sand and gravel by river barge” by not selecting Shelford where 40% of minerals would be transported by barge

**DON'T DELAY WRITE TODAY!**  
**RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER**

# 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:

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

Neighbourhood Watch - there is currently no neighbourhood watch coordinator in post. *Enquires on taking up the role are welcomed from the village.* In the meantime visit [www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham](http://www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham) and become a friend of the CVRA to be kept up to date on events and police notices.

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant: Sgt 1083 Nigel Bradley

E-mail: [cliftonsnt@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cliftonsnt@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Tel 101 EX 3101083 Mob 07595 004236

<a href="mailto:jonathan.cooper@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk">jonathan.cooper@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk</a> PC 578 Jon Cooper	07792437325
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<a href="mailto:jonathan.hartley4630@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk">jonathan.hartley4630@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk</a> CPO 4630 Jon Hartley	0776522 0474

Please see the website for further contact details for your local beat team  
[http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/local/nottingham\\_city/the\\_meadows\\_and\\_clift\\_on/clifton\\_and\\_meadows/](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/local/nottingham_city/the_meadows_and_clift_on/clifton_and_meadows/)

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