

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN



2019

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

CEILIDH / BARN DANCE St Mary's Church	28th September 2019 7.30pm
WINE TASTING EVENING Village Hall	9th November 2019 7.30pm
MEMORIAL SERVICE Dovecote	11th November 2019 11am
CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROL Cross Hill by the Christmas Tree	8th December 2019 4pm
CHRISTMAS PARTY Village Hall	15th December 2019 12.30pm
CVRA AGM Village Hall	18th May 2020 7.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chair
Pat Rice

Treasurer
Helen Huffer

Secretary
Ed Peterson



Committee Members: Glenys Blacknell, Philip Bull, Kath Kay, 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 Met. Office informs us that we are now into Autumn. There is definitely a cooler feel to the mornings but gardens are still full of colour and a variety of butterflies are still to be seen flitting between flowers. After a wet start to June we were relieved that by the end of the month we were blessed with glorious weather in time for our Summer garden party. Those who were able to attend the event in John and Dorothy's extensive garden, were treated to a wonderful spread provided by Glenys Blacknell, Kath Spencer and their team. A huge thank you to all.



Next year we need to find new lead caterers as Glenys and Kath step down. A list has been provided of the quantities and variety of food needed so anyone taking over has an easier, helpful transition. If you feel that you could step up to take on the role please let myself or a committee member know.

One of our regular caterers at village events sadly died last month after a long illness. Betty Cooke, a resident of Gervase Gardens, had lived in the village for many years. She became known as one of the "Canape girls" as she regularly helped make trays of delicious small bites for village and church events. She could also be seen dancing the night away at the discos and being a keen gardener, came along to many of our village garden group activities. Our sincere condolences to Sandra and Phil Bull and other members of Betty's family. The family has asked for any donations to go to the village hall funds.

After the garden party the village became focussed on looking forward to summer holidays with only the garden group providing an opportunity for village residents to gather and socialise on the annual village garden trail.

Since the AGM of the CVRA, I have had the opportunity of walking around the village with one of our councillors, Andrew Rule. We were able to note a few problematic areas such as overhanging trees and shrubbery. Since our walk the hedgerow has now been cut back alongside our footpath down to the main road and certain trees that needed cutting back have had some attention. We no longer need to duck or take evasive action as we walk about.

A huge thank you to those residents who trimmed back overhanging shrubbery. It has made a huge difference to the pleasure of walking around the village. I would also add at this point, that as good neighbours, we also need to be aware of our boundaries between our gardens. Please check whether yours are not getting overgrown or becoming too tall. Turn your back and before you know it some of our trees and shrubs shoot up within a season!

Some of you may have noticed that the cherry tree on Village Road, on council owned land, outside number 40, has a fungal growth on the trunk and looking up, one of the major branches looks as though it could fall onto the footpath at any moment. Having pointed this out to Andrew Rule, he took photos and just this week he was able to update me on the result. The tree is definitely in a serious state of disease and so will need to be felled, sadly. This will be undertaken by the council in the next few months so please be aware that at some point the immediate area will need to be cordoned off for a short while.

Welcome to the village if you have recently moved here. We hope that you will enjoy living in our community. Do come along to the events held in the village, down at the hall or at the church; it's a great way of getting to know people. Events and activities are posted on our CVRA Facebook page, on the village website and on the notice board. A particular welcome to our youngest, new member of the village, Fred. Congratulations to his proud parents, David and Kate. If you see a crowd gathered cooing around a baby in a new pram, you will know who it is!

Our next CVRA event will be in November 9th, when we hold our popular "Call my Bluff" wine tasting evening in the village hall. No need to be an expert wine taster or even drink wine. Just work out who is most likely telling the truth about a particular wines' qualities. We can promise an evening of great merriment even for those of you who drink beer or are teetotal. Look out for

committee members calling round with tickets for the event in the not too distant future. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

On Monday the 11th November we will be holding a short service of Remembrance at the dovecote on the village green.

Do remember to make notes of specific dates of interest on your calendars and on that note look out for our special village calendars to be on sale shortly.

Pat Rice Chairwoman

September 8th 2019

Village Notes

Parking on Holgate and Nethergate



The CVRA has made a written submission to Nottingham City Council and our local council members to seek support and funding to extend the current parking restrictions to include Holgate and possibly Orchard Close, in order to address regular parking by Nottingham Trent University staff and students. Dialogue with NTU has been amicable but ultimately fruitless, and following our submission our local councillors have assured us that we have their support in this request, but may

have to be patient whilst similar restrictions are put in place in Wilford Village adjacent to the tram stop first. Further consultation will no doubt be held with the village as this issue rises up the agenda and we will keep everyone updated on progress over coming months.

Old Rectory

In our last newsletter reasons given for delay in work starting was down to the presence of bats in the buildings. Work will now start a month after inspectors from English Nature provide a licence which is still awaited.



Youths are still getting into the property regardless of the danger to themselves. Police and the owner of the property have needed to be called several times over the summer period. Hopefully now that schools are back in action this will lessen. If you see children scaling the walls please dial 999 as this will result in the necessary speedy response. The police response

last time they were called was most impressive being within a few minutes. We just need work to start on the property. Hopefully this will be sometime this year!

Clifton West Housing (between Barton Green and Clifton Woods)



No further developments have been observed since the last newsletter. Residents of Barton Green met with Lilian Greenwood MP at Hawksley Gardens on Monday 9th September to look at the proposed access, the amount of traffic and the parking situation. They have concerns as to the volume of traffic trying to leave the area at peak times. Some drivers have to wait for at least three changes of lights before they can move out of the estate. With extra homes, meaning extra traffic, this can only get worse unless a second road onto the estate is provided.

Despite these concerns it is understood that no objection has been raised by Highways England regarding the proposals and the feedback from the council is that the scheme is likely to go ahead in its current form.

Sand and Gravel Extraction at Barton in Fabis

A freedom of information, Regulation 25 request has been sent out by residents of the village to the County Council. This asks for an Environmental statement to be supplemented with additional information. This includes a request for a breeding bird survey of the adjacent ancient woodland to take place in April, May and June 2020. This should result in a delay in consultation until the end of July 2020.

University planning submittal seeking to extend use of their all-weather pitch from 9 to 10pm

As you may be aware Nottingham Trent University want to vary planning permission on use of their all-weather pitch by an hour to 10 pm at night. Those of us whose properties border the university grounds are well aware, in no uncertain terms, how noisy the all-weather facility can be particularly in winter when the trees are bare. At this time lighting becomes more intrusive too. Because of these factors we are opposed to the extension as an impediment to the mental health and general wellbeing of residents. Those who work shifts or go to bed early, children and the elderly do not need noise continuing beyond a reasonable hour.

As a result, residents have been encouraged to write to the planning department with their objections. Additionally, a petition of signatures has been collected from those who object to the application. This has been given to Andrew Rule who will present it to the full City Council meeting on the 9th of September. By the time you read this that should already have happened. Items on the planning committee meetings agendas are published a week before the meetings. These can be checked online so that anyone wishing to observe can go along to discover what outcomes are decided.

Village hall developments

Since the last newsletter, the bar in the Clifton Village Hall has been smartened up with an extended new top and surroundings, which has been well received by hall users.

The plans for our next development have now been prepared and a planning application recently been submitted to the Nottingham City Council Planning Department. The plans are likely to take around 8 weeks to process and it is hoped that they are approved at the Planning Committee meeting in November. Anyone wishing to book the hall, should do so by ringing or texting the Hall mobile phone number 07982 830120 – thank you.

Clare Ashton Chairman, CVH&SHT

Clifton Village: the dovecote *We need your help...*

Our Clifton Village Dovecote seems to date from the eighteenth century. It is picturesquely situated on the village green and its accommodation for pigeons is enormous, providing some 2,300 nesting boxes. This is by far the greatest number of nesting boxes in any dovecote in Nottinghamshire, and Clifton Dovecote is probably the most commodious in England.



HOWEVER, the building is in need of serious attention before it deteriorates to the extent that it cannot be repaired. We are therefore looking to make bids for funding from the main sources which are:

- Architectural Heritage Fund
- Lottery Fund
- Historic England Fund

Any suggestions as to how the building could be used in the future to justify funding would be very helpful.

Please let me know your thoughts on this, by email
ed.peterson@btinternet.com

The Dovecote – A history

In the middle ages the provision of food for man and beast during the winter was a serious problem. There was but a poor supply of hay and little corn could be spared to keep cattle alive.

The result was that about Michaelmas each year hundreds of head of livestock were slaughtered, and the survivors formed the nucleus for next year's flocks and herds. The slaughtered carcasses were roughly cleaned and dumped into great pits with a certain amount of salt to preserve them, and upon this half preserved, half putrid meat, our forefathers fed until spring brought back the growing grain, and animals could pasture freely once more.

This diet became monotonous at times, and it certainly must have been unhealthy, and so, in order to provide variety and a little fresh meat, pigeons were cultivated.

The value of the blue rock pigeon had been known to the Romans and perhaps long before Roman days. It was realised that the pigeon is exceedingly fertile, breeding nearly all the year round, and quickly maturing. Pigeon cotes, lined with nesting boxes, were set up throughout the country for the accommodation of these birds, and special steps were taken to protect them.

So pigeons became a very familiar sight in the land, and also on the table, and the mass production of pigeons only went out of fashion when in the 17th century turnips were introduced to England from Holland, and turnips proved so valuable a winter food that the horrors of the old slaughter-pits were done away with, and fresh butchers' meat became available all the year round. As a result the need for pigeons gradually disappeared.

Clifton Village Art Group

Meeting dates: Sept 24th

Oct 8th Oct 29th

Nov 12th Nov 26th

Dec 3rd Dec 17th



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

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 30th "A Labour of Love" with Rob Potterton

The story of developing the family nursery

Plants for sale from Rob's nursery in Lincolnshire

Oct 28th "Have Garden Will travel" with Steffie Shields

Stories of the gardens she has developed around the world

Nov 25th "A Home Grown Christmas" with Jo Dyer

Tips on growing plants for seasonal decoration with a practical demonstration

2020 Calendar on sale shortly. Order yours from your committee members

Our calendars are a superb quality and are much sought after. They go all over the world as far afield as Scandinavia, America and Australia. Order yours while stocks last.

Contact Clare or Pat for further details:

patriciabrace@hotmail.com

clare31337@btinternet.com

The Village Garden Trail 2019

In July the garden group held their ever-popular open gardens trail. The trail started at Leabrook Close with homemade refreshments to sustain everyone as they walked around the village.



This year in addition to some favourite gardens we were fortunate in having two new gardens to visit. The first one on Groveside Crescent, was the garden of Andrew Wilkinson, a newly designed garden already looking fantastic. Thank you, Andrew for allowing us to view your beautiful garden.

From here we went on to another new garden for the trail on Holgate owned by Jan and Francis Buck. This consisted of a courtyard garden and a contrasting woodland garden. Thank you both plus thanks to Jan for her contribution of her ever-popular fruit cake.



The trail continued onto the familiar lovely gardens of Phil and Sandra Bull, Ruth and Roy Nettleship and Glenys and Jonathan Blacknell.

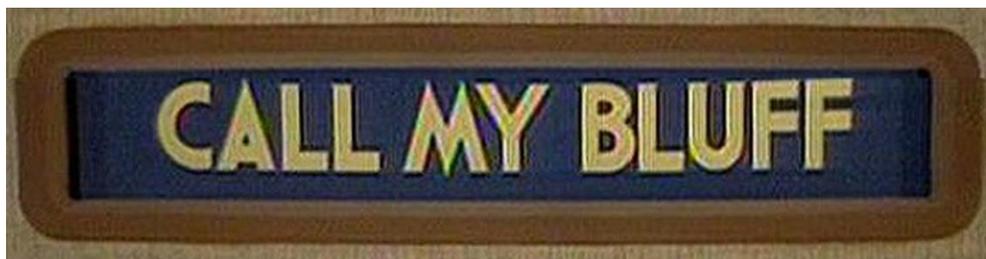
The trail then went into Parkland Close to view 5 beautiful gardens that are also regulars on our trails; Brenda's, Jessie's, Kath's, Alan and Jane's and Brian and Marilyn's.



As usual the trail ended at Glebe Cottage where Clare had been busy putting out more refreshments to revive flagging garden visitors.



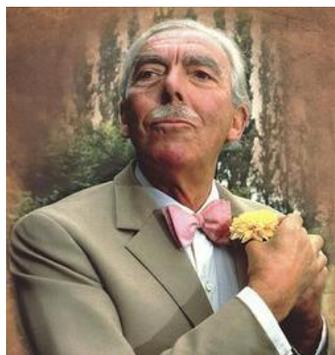
A huge thank you to everyone who opened their gardens and helped on the day. We look forward to seeing everyone again on the next garden trail. Having visited other village open gardens, I can attest to how good our gardens are. Definitely the best around by miles!



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 9th November from 7.30pm**

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.



Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing



4pm on Sunday 8th 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 7th 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 15th 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. Ticket sellers will
call on all households in the village closer to the time.**

Nottingham Clean Champions

NG11 Clean Champions update by Alma Davies



In 2018 the first team of Clifton Village residents went out to clear litter in June. By the end of that year the expanded team of NG11 Clean Champions covering other areas of Clifton, collected a total of 165 bags of litter which at the time we thought was amazing.

This year a whopping 300 bags have already been collected to date by this team of wonderful dedicated NG11 Clean Champions as the areas covered now include main Clifton, Barton Green, Clifton Grove community and Silverdale.

NG11 volunteers including seniors from Lark Hill Village come out in rain or shine in sickness and in health! They are marvellous like-minded residents that strife for a cleaner NG11 that come out when they can. And of course, there is recognition that there are residents who go out on their own and clean up. A particular thank to residents Francis Buck and Ed Peterson, caretakers of Clifton Village Fisherman's Car-park as it is continually littered despite the bin in place!

Local Councillors and CPO's come out and recently MP Lilian Greenwood joined an event. Together we are making a BIG difference in NG11. A huge thank you to all who help tackle this relentless problem which continues whilst ever there are irresponsible uncaring pedestrians and drivers that litter!

I continue to keep in touch with the A453 businesses, McDonalds, KFC, Tesco Express and with Nottingham Trent University. All now regularly clear up weekly; areas of the main A453 outside their external grounds. Recently The Crusader pub has also pledged to help weekly. All whenever I've led a team event in the area send teams to help; I'm so



pleased that they are contributing to the effort and the NG11 community.

These one-hour events are social and fun; you get a bit of a workout whilst improving where you live and if you come out on the main Clifton events, we get a free cuppa and snack after, from the Hope Centre!

Facebook NG11 Community Page and Nottingham Clean Champions is used to promote the events too.

NG11 event photos from 2019



If you'd like to join the effort:

Contact Alma Davies Tel: 0776 444 2835

Email: alma.davies@hotmail.co.uk

**Events: Clifton Village (includes the Grove Woods) - first Saturday of the month 9.30am - meet - Fisherman's car-park.
Clifton Main Estate - 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 10.45am - meeting place confirmed a week beforehand.**

St Mary's Church, Clifton Village

CEILIDH

On Saturday, 28th September 2019 at 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Clifton Village, NG11 8NH

Dance to a renowned group

'Beggar's Belief'

ALMOST SOLD OUT

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

Tickets £10 (half price under 14's) including ploughman's but
bring your own wine, beer and other drinks

from Clare Ashton 07775 902385 or
clare31337@btinternet.com or Beryl Hancock 0115 984 5330

St Mary's Church

Services during Christmas & New Year

Saturday 7th December	11am to 3pm Open Church for Bereaved Families
Sunday 15th December	6.30pm Christmas Community Candlelit Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December	10.45am Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	
Monday 24th December	16.00pm Christingle 11.30pm Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	
Tuesday 25th December	10.00am Parish Communion Service at Holy Trinity with St Francis (No service at St Mary's)
Sunday 29th 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.

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 14th December from 9.30am – all help is very welcome.

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 and become a friend of the CVRA to be kept up to date on events and police notices.

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Please see the website for further contact details for your local beat team
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