

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN



2021

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROL
Cross Hill by the Christmas Tree

5th December 2021
4pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Village Hall

12th December 2021
12.30pm

CVRA AGM
Village Hall

16th May 2022
7.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chair
Pat Rice

Treasurer
Helen Huffer

Secretary
Ed Peterson

Committee Members: Graeme Barker, Philip Bull, Christine Dalby, Julie Reid, James Royston, Sam Ward 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

Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter. Although Covid 19 is still very much with us we have been attempting to return to some normality with our village activities, trying to keep things as safe as possible.

The first of those was the summer garden party held in July in the grounds of Holly House, as it has done for many years now, thanks to the owners John and Dorothy. As we missed last year's party, we made it as special as possible by having a menu prepared by our very own village MasterChef, Graeme Watson, ably assisted by Dawn. This took considerable organisation and thought on Graeme's part using his experience to work out the safest way to carry out the afternoon. With the addition of young Emily's assistance, the food was served safely and enjoyed by all who attended. James and Helen made sure that the bar was well stocked with a variety of drinks to suit all tastes and ages. All in all, the afternoon was a success and our thanks go to everyone who helped on the day, many more than are mentioned here.

Our village AGM is normally held in May but due to national restrictions we had to delay the meeting until late July. Despite this the evening was well attended. We had a full police report on crime updates in the whole of the greater Clifton area given by Sergeant Nigel Bradley and our councillor Andrew Rule was ready and able to answer the many questions that came his way. We need to thank them both for giving up their valuable time on the evening but also thank them for all the work they carry out regularly on behalf of the community.



More recently the CVRA led by Ed Peterson held a really successful quiz and curry night. We have to hand it to Ed, who not only organised the questions and format for the quiz but also with Vendela's help, cooked the food before hand and with Phil Bull's help served it piping hot on the evening. It explains why he was looking exhausted by the end of the night!

Allan Breton did a great job running the quiz itself, with good humour and style. Phones were banned and no red cards were given out! Thank you, Allan for your hard work on the evening. Graeme Barker organised a section of the quiz where we had to guess from old photographs of the village where the buildings were in the present day. Not easy but most enjoyable. We might even hold an evening in the future



where we can view photos of the old village when it was much smaller than it is now. We hope to hold quiz nights again but Ed will need much more help in the food preparation which was great but too much for just one person to deal with.

Now with Christmas less than 5 weeks away when you receive this, our thoughts turn to Christmas activities. The Christmas tree will be put up on Cross Hill in the morning of December the 4th. Offers of help are needed and will be most welcome! On Sunday 5th December at 4pm we hope that as many of you as possible will come and join us on Cross Hill for the tree lights switch on and Carol singing by the tree, followed by carol singing around the village. This wouldn't be our village if we didn't also have warmed mince pies, roasted chestnuts, mulled wine and a glowing brazier to keep everyone fortified and warm.

Our final party of the year will be our Christmas lunch, held in the village hall on December 12th at 12.30. We hope that you will be able to join us but numbers will have to be limited this year to keep everyone safe.

Enjoy the autumn walks while the weather holds and enjoy the new colours that the village takes on until the leaves fall. We hope to see you at some of our events to come.

Pat Rice

Oct 26th 2021

Village Notes

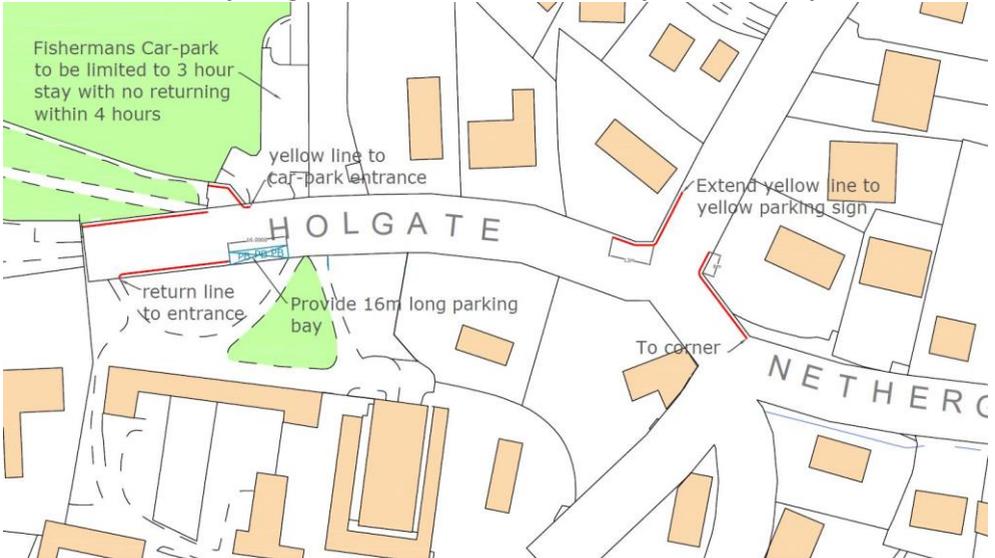
Parking on Holgate and Nethergate

As you know we are simplifying the parking restrictions throughout the village to just one system. Following on from our last newsletter, there were no objections to the suggestions in that edition. The new regulations, when they come into force, will be permit parking only throughout most of the village from 9 am to 5 pm.

There will be double yellow lines extended on bends at Groveside Crescent and Gervase Gardens and on the corner where Village Road meets Holgate plus before the gates leading to Clifton Hall Drive.

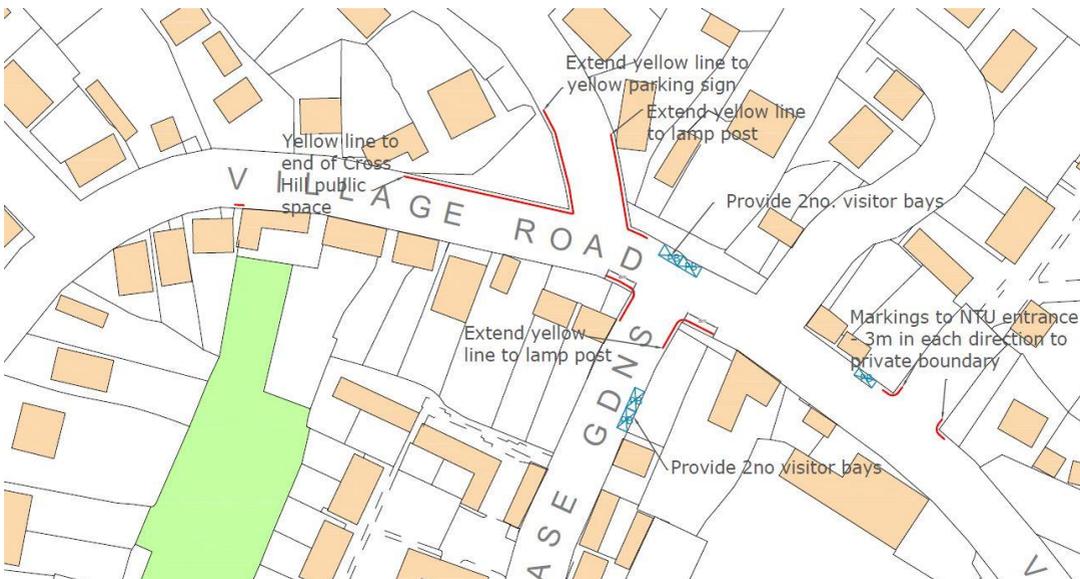
A few time-limited, 2-hour, parking bays have been agreed which can be used by permit holders and non-permit holders alike. These will be on Village Road, one bay near College Drive plus a bay for 2 cars at the widest part of the road. There will be one bay for two cars in Gervase Gardens and a similar bay on Holgate. Parking in the river users' car park will be restricted to 3 hours.

Those who walk by Holgate and the River Users' car park can't help to have



noticed at the moment, that all current parking spaces and spaces on the road

are filled up with university users' cars. This prevents those wanting to visit the area for walks, during the daytime from being able to park.



As anxious as we are to have this put in place there is a list of jobs that are ahead of ours on the Traffic and Safety team's job list. Our councillors have walked through the village with the head of the Traffic and Safety team, pointing out where we would like bays and extended yellow lines. This is the last step in order to have the system rubber stamped. Then we must wait and regretfully persevere with the daytime congestion around the Holgate area of the village until our project gets to the top of the list.

If there are any cars parked in a current limited zone or are parked dangerously, the Parking Enforcement Team can be called on 01158 761499.

P.R.

Village Green Bollards

Our councillors last update was that they were just waiting for the lawyers for the Clifton family to complete the legal requirements. Once that is done the work will be carried out. Some of us thought that the plans for the bollards needed slight alteration. After discussion with our councillors, it has been agreed to place bollards between the trees along the A453. The other change is to the area near the Almshouses. There was to be a drop-down bollard across the Nethergate path but this would have caused problems for access to the Almshouses. I brought this problem to the councillors' attention so that now the bollards will be continued along the side of the path with an access point on to the green to allow for grass cutting and other maintenance.

P.R.

Defibrillator



Some of you may have been aware of the air ambulance needing to land on the village green back in September, to assist when one of our village residents had a dangerous fall. Thankfully their help was not eventually needed. Discussions had already been on going at CVRA committee meetings about the possibility of having a defibrillator sited somewhere in the village and this incident made us realise how necessary this now seems to be.

To install a defibrillator is not without some cost, usually into a four-figure sum, with on going maintenance costs. We will be looking at ways to raise funds to achieve this goal. It is most likely that the village hall will be the best siting for the defibrillator, particularly now that the hall is so well used but I have been informed by Clare Ashton that she has a contact who would be more than happy to talk us through the best siting for the machine as well as holding a session for us to familiarise ourselves in its use. If anyone has any great ideas for fundraising, please get in touch with one of the committee members.

P.R.

Village Calendar

The village calendars have now been printed and will be on sale shortly. The committee member for your area will be in touch to take your order and payment.

The calendars have always been produced as part of the village garden group activities to raise funds in order to pay for speaker's costs which can sometimes be over £100. Because of the lockdown these costs have been minimal so as we did last year, profits will be split between the village hall refurbishment fund for a new entrance hall, kitchen and extra meeting room. Last year we also donated to the Alzheimer charity. This year it would be most appropriate to put the other half towards the defibrillator fund.

Calendars will still cost £6 each, a price that has never been increased since the idea started several years ago now. Last year some of you kindly added a donation towards the chosen charity. This year any extra donations will go to the defibrillator fund so we hope that as many of you as possible will contribute generously to this much needed equipment. The calendar this year looks fantastic thanks to our brilliant village photographers. It compares favourably with the BBC Countryfile magazine to my biased mind! They are great quality to boot.

They make great gifts for Christmas as my family will attest having received one every year. I know that many are even sent to different parts of the world each year.



This amazing photograph is this year's front cover taken by Ann Hooley. Goodness knows how long she waited to get this shot! Countryfile calendar eat your heart out!

Pat Rice. Oct

28th 2021

Remembrance Day Keith Youldon



We always have a piper to play the lament on the 11th as we had this year. This has in the past been carried out by Keith Youldon who sadly died recently. Keith was a talented piper always happy to play when asked. It was a testament to his talents that pupils that he had taught to play the bagpipes were able to go to his funeral and play for him. We will miss our friendly,

talented, village resident who was also an artist and keen gardener as well as an accomplished piper.

R.I.P. Keith

Clifton West Housing (between Barton Green and Clifton Woods)



There is no current update on the proposed housing on the fields behind the farm and the Barton Green estate. The Barton Green residents have been pushing for a different access route to the proposed development as the existing plan is to cut through a small cul de sac. It is doubtful that any alteration to the access will be granted. Once the chosen developer submits their plans residents will get a chance to view them and comment on any contentious areas.

P.R.

Sand and Gravel Extraction at Barton in Fabis

The S.A.V.E. team includes residents from Barton in Fabis, Lark Hill Retirement Village and our village, plus other nearby villages. You will have noticed the banner on the fencing at the village hall which we agreed to, to help highlight the issue. Those of us involved have been writing to councillors and officers on the planning committees of Rushcliffe, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham city. Many of you will have also written in to object to the quarry that none of us want almost on our doorstep. The county council have indicated that it is still possible to write in with any objections. I understand that they are not due to discuss and decide on the application from London Rock until possibly 14th December. The SAVE team are hoping to present a video of residents' objections which they are hoping to produce shortly. You may have seen the invite for this on our noticeboard or on our Facebook page.

Our City Council will make a decision on the quarry after the County Council have decided. However, Rushcliffe Borough Council have already had their planning meeting and have decided to reject the application from London Rock. We must thank our councillors Roger Steel and Andrew Rule and our MP Lilian Greenwood for their ongoing support of the campaign to get the quarry stopped. Wider support has also come from other local MP's and councillors in the county and Rushcliffe. The campaign could not be better supported. The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust have also objected as a quarry would have a detrimental effect on Attenborough Nature Reserve SSSI which the fields complement as a feeding ground for the many birds that use the reserve. If you haven't sent in an objection yet please do so. It is not too late. Most objections have been on health grounds because of the air and noise pollution, others have objected because of the loss of habitat for wildlife, while others object because of loss of amenity value being a green lung in an area of the city and county that will soon be surrounded by new housing.

P.R.

COUNTY COUNCIL APPLICATION: Refer to Barton / Mill Hill Quarry Ref ES/3712

CITY COUNCIL APPLICATION: Quarry Proposals - Land Off Green Street, Mill Hill And Land At Barton In Fabis Off Chestnut Lane 17/00930/PMFUL3

The Dovecote - an update

Pat Rice and I visited the Clifton Dovecote at the end of September with Alice Ullathorne. Alice was part of the Nottingham City Heritage office and had arranged to obtain the keys so we could prise open the steel door and walk inside.

The immediate impression is that the building needs a new roof. Daylight and rain enter in a dozen places, yet, the overall feeling is that the structure could last forever, as the internal brickwork and supports show no sign of movement, no wear and tear.

The exterior is a different matter, particularly the cement rendering on the upper reaches. The west facing gable-end of the Dovecote is bulging. Fortunately, this is not reflected on the inside and it appears to be the external render only that is a problem. Alice pointed out that the original materials used for the repair, when the gable end was re-rendered some years ago, were not correct, hence the problem now.



We are told that quotes are currently being obtained by the City Council Heritage Office to remove the render and replace.

On the long-term future of the Dovecote we have approached the newly established Nottingham Heritage Trust, which is a charitable trust dedicated to Nottinghamshire buildings. The Dovecote has recently been placed on the 'Buildings at risk Register' and long term this 'at risk' status will allow us to seek funding from charities to attend to the building.

The first step, before being able to apply for any funding, is to carry out a feasibility study and it is hoped the Nottingham Heritage Trust will be able to help with this. The study would examine how the building could be refurbished in a way that meets heritage needs and yet, also allow the building to have a commercial use. There is no willingness these days to spend money to re-furbish a building, such as the Dovecote, without a plan that will ensure some income. This would then mean that the any future building requirements could be met from accumulated income without applying again to local or national resources.

Ed Peterson (Hon Sec)



Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing



4pm on Sunday 5th 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 4th 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 12th December

Adults £7.50 Children £3.50

**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.**

Clifton Village Hall

Since my last report in June, the hall has now fully reopened now that COVID restrictions have been lifted. However, some COVID precautions remain in place.

Most pre-COVID regular groups have restarted – Rainbows, Brownies, & Guides; Karate; Pilates; Adult Dancing; Martial Arts; Cllr Andrew Rule surgeries; Church groups, Graceful Voices & Heavenly Feast; Village Art & Gardening groups, and Clifton Doves WI. Tai Chi has not yet returned and continues via Zoom. Other events such as Children parties, Anniversaries etc have recommenced. Please look on the poster on the Village Noticeboard, Village Facebook page, or Village website for more up to date details or contact Clare Ashton on the Village Hall mobile (See below). Unfortunately, the Line Dancing class has now returned, by a majority vote, to their original venue due to easier access by tram & bus. Thank you to all those who attended the Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust AGM on 6th October. It was good to see more Villagers attending and if anyone is interested in supporting the Trust in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. At the meeting, it was announced that the Trust are planning to go ahead with the new development next summer and are reasonably confident that the additional funds required will be found. However, any ideas or help with fundraising or contacts Villagers may have for approaching grant-making bodies would be welcome. Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets at both the Summer Picnic and the recent Quiz night, which raised £252 & £180 respectively – this all helps and there will be another raffle at the Christmas party.

A special vote of thanks was given to Michael Atherton of Blossom Cottage in the Village for his very hard work in restoring and repainting the Village Hall railings, gates, and bench – it's much appreciated Michael.

Clare Ashton - chair of CVHSHT

For future bookings and enquiries – please contact Clare Ashton, on the Village Hall mobile number 07982 830120

St Mary's Church

Services during Christmas & New Year

Services during December & Christmas

Sunday 5th December - 1 to 3pm Open Church – a quiet reflective space to remember loved ones & bring difficult situations to God as we enter the Christmas season.

Sunday 19th December 7pm – ‘Carols by Candlelight’ – traditional readings & carols

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December - 4pm Christingle – followed by lantern lit procession through the Village to.....

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December – 5pm ‘Carols on the Green’ – Village Green outside Village Hall

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December – 11pm – Midnight Communion

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December – 10am – Joint All Age Service – Holy Trinity with St Francis (no service at St Mary's)

Boxing Day Sunday 26th December – 10am – Joint All Age Service – No service at Holy Trinity with St Francis

There is usually a service every Sunday at 11am either Morning Worship or Holy Communion with Children's Storytime for 3-11 year olds.

All are most welcome.

For any queries, please contact Churchwardens, Clare Ashton, on 0115 921 3937/07775 902385 or email <clare31337@btinternet.com> or Richard Harvey on 07519 286489 or Ron Hancock, Deputy Churchwarden, on 0115 984 5330. Thankyou.

Decorating church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 18th 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.

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant: Sgt 1083 Nigel Bradley

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

Tel 101 EX 3101083 Mob 07595 004236

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jonathan.hartley4630@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk 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_clifton/clifton_and_meadows/

Your Bin Days 2021-2022



Nottingham
City Council

December 2021 to November 2022 Your bin day is: **Monday**

Nottingham recycles

<p>GENERAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE</p>  <p>ANY HOUSEHOLD WASTE THAT CANNOT BE PUT OUT AS PART OF YOUR RECYCLING COLLECTIONS</p>	<p>RECYCLING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAPER & CARD • TINS & CANS • PLASTIC BOTTLES • GLASS  	<p>GARDEN WASTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRASS CUTTINGS • HEDGE CLIPPINGS • TWIGS • LEAVES & WEEDS • DEAD FLOWERS 
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Please put your bins out before 7am and bring back in by 7pm on your collection day. Please do not overfill your bin.

For information about your bin collections visit www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/bins or call 0115 915 2000.

Sign up to receive e-alerts from Waste and Recycling at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/stayconnected

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NEVER MISS A BIN DAY

Sign up to receive a bin day reminder each week by email at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/binreminders

You can also set a reminder on your phone of your bin day and bin colour.

