

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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2023

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Dovecote

11th November 2023

11am

WINE TASTING

Village Hall

11th November 2023

7.30pm

CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROL

Cross Hill by the Christmas Tree

3rd December 2023

4pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Village Hall

10th December 2023

12.30pm

CVRA AGM

Village Hall

20th May 2024

7.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chair
Pat Rice

Treasurer
Helen Huffer

Secretary
Graeme Barker



Committee Members: Ed Peterson, Philip Bull, Christine Dalby, Julie Reid, 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

We hope that you have all had a good summer. Since our last newsletter the CVRA has held the village residents' AGM at which the existing committee were voted in once more, with the only change being that Ed Peterson, while still on the committee, has stood down after many years as secretary and Graeme Barker has returned to that post, which he held prior to Ed taking over. Our thanks go to Ed for his dedication to a position that can be at times extremely onerous. Our admiration goes to Graeme for being willing to take up the reins once more knowing what the position entails! The meeting was well attended by several of you, our CVRA members, and in addition we were able to welcome our two new councillors, Andrew Rule, who is now standing as an independent and Hayley Spain who is a new labour councillor. This was a chance for Hayley to introduce herself and for us to start to get to know her that little bit better. If you need to speak to a councillor, Andrew Rule holds a surgery in the village hall on the first Monday evening of every month.

The CVRA committee have held several social events already this year in addition to the AGM. The first of those was in March, which was the sausage and mash quiz night. No ordinary quiz, the range of questions also included spot the place in the village from old or quirky photos. Not easy! Thanks to Ed, and his team for organising the well-attended event.

The CVRA committee also needed to organise an extra event, the King's Coronation on 7th May. Following on from the successful Queen's jubilee event the previous year, this year's celebration was also held in St. Mary's Church. We took our own food with celebratory fizz being provided from village funds. Jonathan Blacknell provided the music once more and James Royston donned his town crier's outfit to best lead the activities.

The weather has not been kind for our events recently and this year has been no difference. For the first time in my memory, the summer garden party on the 15th July was not held in the Woodall's garden but had to divert to the village hall, which had fortunately been kept free of other bookings. At least we didn't have to put up gazebos or transport tables from the hall. Instead, we had a cosier affair in the hall with the usual fabulous food provided by Glenys

Blacknell and Kath Spencer and their team of helpers. Thank you all and to Helen and Mick Huffer for catching and preparing the fish, which is always well sought after.

Now to the next event, organised by Ed who seems to have become the social secretary, our Call my Bluff Wine Tasting evening. Always a really fun evening, especially as the evening progresses! We hope that many of you will join us. Tickets at £10 a head will be on sale shortly.

New and of a huge benefit to the village is our recently acquired defibrillator from Benendon Health, a private healthcare company, who have generously gifted us the machine free of charge. The defibrillator is situated fairly centrally along Village Road on the garage wall of St. Mary's House, where the diocese kindly gave us permission to position it. You can't miss its bright yellow box if you go along Village Road. We just hope that we never have need to use it! Finally, if you have recently come to live in the village, a very warm welcome to you. We hope that you will be very happy here and will join our residents Association (CVRA) and come along to our many activities. A very special welcome to our newest and youngest member of our community, Noah who arrived on August 29th, to proud parents Esther and Sam. Many congratulations to you both.

Pat Rice

14th September 2023

Village Notes

The Dovecote - an update

Discussions continue with Nottingham City Council's planning and heritage department on the future of the Dovecote. The latest update we have is that the Council have applied for £150,000 of funding for a new Development Officer post whose first project, contained with the application, is a skills and training grant for the re-roofing of the Dovecote. The deadline for the funding application is 1st November, so we hope to hear back soon on whether this has been successful. If it goes ahead, the council have advised that the work would be programmed for latter part of 2024. We will keep you updated on this. GB



Clifton West Housing (between Barton Green and Clifton Woods)

The reserved matters (detailed) planning application remains lodged with Nottingham City Council, and although a large advertising hoarding has been erected adjacent to the access road on the bridlepath, the permission has still not been granted. We will continue to monitor the council planning applications to keep everyone informed of a likely committee date and final decision. The detailed application is for 265 houses on the site.

Sand and Gravel Extraction at Barton in Fabis

Some in the village may have become aware that a new planning application is being prepared for the Barton in Fabis Gravel Pit. A pre-application 'consultation' process has started, inviting all residents to comment on revised plans that seek to address and mitigate the issues raised with the previously withdrawn application. As such, you may well see publicity on this coming through your door. The on line consultation can be found at fabisquarry.com, and promises a smaller site, with shorter licence period, but will largely be in the same location accessed from the A453.

The CVRA are in regular contact with the Barton in Fabis group, who are once again taking the lead in organising opposition to the plans. Their latest advice is that although residents are free to voice their opinions on the plans, they would advise local residents to hold back any objections until the actual planning application is lodged. We will of course keep residents updated on these plans in the coming months.

Speeding motorbikes on A453

Members of the village have recently noted a spate of motorbikes, and cars, engaging in high speed racing along the A453, past NTU and up to Mill Hill and beyond. Not only is this very dangerous to everyone using the road, but is also a significant cause of late night noise pollution. The local police have advised residents who hear such incidents to report all of them, using the police on line reporting system and calling 101. This will help to ensure that the pattern and timing of events becomes more evident to the police so they can take targeted action. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/area/your-area/nottinghamshire/city-south/clifton/stations-contact-points-and-offices/our-priorities>. GB

Clifton Village Hall and School House Trust

The Clifton Village Hall and School House Trust are looking for new Trustees or members to help support the valuable work of the Village Hall. There are specific needs at present for a secretary or minute secretary and also someone to help with checking the hall after party activities, but we would be delighted to hear from anyone in the Village who would like to help with our work generally. If you are interested, please contact Clare Ashton on 07775 902385. Thank you.

A Local Poet – Henry Kirk White

Did you know that we had a famous poet living in the area many years ago? Henry Kirk White would have been familiar with Clifton and Wilford as the areas would have been over 200 years ago. He was born in 1785 in Nottingham and attended schools in the city. Like many lads of his age at 13 years old he was apprenticed to a Nottingham hosier. However, even at 13 he had begun to write poetry and read widely both classical and modern literature. He hated hosiery life and in 1799, aged 14 he persuaded his parents to let him become an apprentice to a local law firm in Low Pavement. A year later at 15, his



poems were being published so he must have been something of a child prodigy. In 1803, now 17 years old, he published a volume of poetry called 'Clifton Grove'.



Sadly, in the same year 1803 he was becoming increasingly deaf and contracted his first bout of tuberculosis. At this time, he chose to live in Wilford for a couple of years, at the cross roads opposite Wilford House. It was here that he drew inspiration for his poetry from Wilford and the surrounding area. No Wilford Harvester there in those

days! He used to write his poems in the gazebo in the grounds of St. Wilfred's church.

Here he wrote and published 'Clifton Grove' which he dedicated to Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire. A well-known poem from this collection was 'The Fair Maid of Clifton' as well as 'Clifton Grove'. In 1805 he secured a place at Cambridge University at St. John's College. There he became a foremost classical scholar. However, all the effort required for his studies brought on another rapid deterioration in his health, another bout of tuberculosis, so much so that he actually died in his rooms at St. John's college on 19th October 1806, only 21 years old. A very short but memorable life.

So, what did he actually write? Obviously, his writing was nothing like the written words of today but was the norm for a scholar back in the 1800's. Here are a few lines from his epic poems:

*'Now, now my solitary way I bend
Where solemn groves in awful state impend
And cliffs that boldly rise above the plain,
Bespeak, bless'd Clifton thy sublime domain.
Here lonely wandering o'er the sylvan bower
I come to pass the meditative hour*

The village website has further extracts: <http://www.clifton-village.org.uk/cliftonhist/hkwcg.html>. For more detailed information look at: <http://www.thorotonsociety.org.uk/publications/articles/kirkewhite.htm>



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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! 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

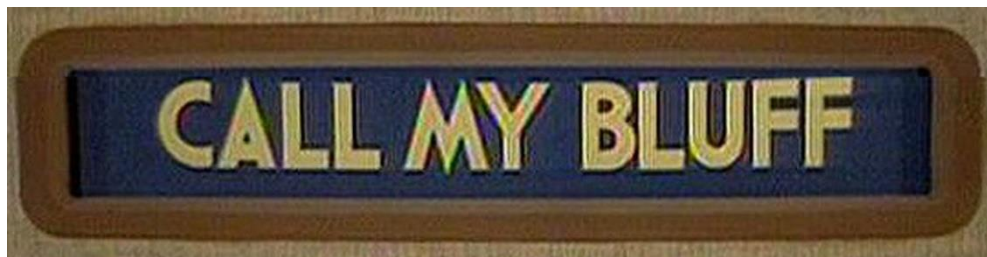
12.30pm, on Sunday 10th December

Adults £10

Children £5

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

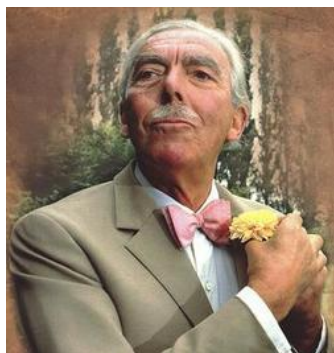
**Add this important event to your diary. Tickets sellers will
call on all households in the village closer to the time.**



WINE TASTING

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

INCLUDING THE TASTING PANEL.....



Join three of the village's best known wine connoisseurs on 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 11th November from 7.30pm**

Tickets £10

Each table will include complimentary cheeses and biscuits.

Village Art Group

The art group meets twice a month on alternate Tuesday afternoons, at 2 pm in the village hall.

The dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

17th and 31st October

14th and 28th November

12th December



The cost is £5 a session which includes all materials and refreshments. We use a variety of materials including drawing equipment, watercolours, gouache, pastels and acrylics.

You don't have to be an expert, just interested in art.

Contact Pat Rice for more details.

Clifton Village Garden Group

Most of us have a garden of varying sizes but were you aware that the village has its own garden club? There is no membership fee, just come along to whatever spikes your interest. We meet once a month on the last Monday of the month. In the autumn and winter months we meet for a series of talks given by experts in their field be they gold medal winners at Chelsea, plant collection holders of a specific plant type, specialist nurserymen or personalities of tv or radio.

In the spring and summer, we go on visits to gardens that open occasionally to the public where we have private guided tours for

just our group. This year for example we went to two delightful adjacent gardens North of Arnold called Waxwings and Goldcrest which only open for groups. These visits always end with refreshments including a gorgeous collection of home-made cakes to choose from.

Of course, paying for speakers becomes more expensive year on year, which is why we have a garden trail in the village where we are able to visit some really lovely gardens, one by one with refreshments at the first and last gardens, which also raises much needed funds. (see photos)



Kath Kay's garden Parkland Close

Sandra and Phil Bull – Village Road

Our other major fund raiser is the village calendar which I am in the process of producing at the moment. Money raised from this also supports other things where we can, such as paying for the defibrillator housing and making a contribution towards the village hall building fund.



Our Meetings for the next three months are:

Sept 25th: Jeff Bates - His talk is about 'Clematis and other climbers'. Jeff is a regional judge for Britain in Bloom. He started his gardening career as an apprentice gardener at Windsor castle no less.

Oct 30th: Tracey Foster - Tracey's talk is called 'How to Plant a Beautiful Border' She is a successful garden designer having won several RHS gold medals including at Chelsea flower show, also including people's choice winning garden and several Best in Show awards.

Nov 27th: Doug Stewart - Doug's talk is entitled 'The Drunken Gardener' - Our pre-Christmas talk should prove an interesting evening! Doug co presents a 2-hour garden show for Radio Humberside.



The Maclocklin's garden on Parkland Close

**We meet in the village hall at 7.30pm on the above dates.
Join us for occasional plant sales, raffles, advice,
refreshments all for the cost of £5**

Clifton Village Hall

We are pleased to report that the Village Hall continues to be very busy, particularly at weekends, with birthday and family parties. The hall is usually in use every day of the week.

There have been some changes to those groups who regularly use the hall during weekdays – Unfortunately, the upholstery course on a Tuesday morning moved to Bradmore. However, a new church group, the Nottingham Dawn Christadelphians, are commencing in October on Sunday evenings for a trial period.

Thank you to all those who attended our AGM on 5th June 2023 and to those who purchased raffle tickets at the Summer party, which, this year, took place in the Village Hall, raising £169 towards the new development.

As we reported in the last newsletter, Village Hall Trustees, had taken the decision to undertake the new development (new entrance & multiuse room, with extension to the kitchen) during the summer and autumn months. An architect had produced technical drawings and was managing the project, and a builder had been identified who we were negotiating with on a final contract value. To reduce the costs of the project, we had decided to undertake some of the tasks ourselves and sought willing individuals to join a taskforce to help us – and thank you to all those who had offered to help. Plans had also been produced for regular users to use St Mary's Church as an alternative temporary venue, whilst the hall would be closed during the initial building works.

Unfortunately, the preferred builder submitted significantly increased final costs, which the Trustees were not prepared to accept, despite having secured a loan from the Charity Bank. Attempts to find another builder at short notice did not materialise within the timeframe required. It was therefore agreed, reluctantly, to defer the building works till next year. Meanwhile, we will apply for additional funds from grant making Trusts and organisations.

Clare Ashton - chair of CVHSHT

For future bookings and enquiries – please contact Clare Ashton, on the Village Hall mobile number 07982 830120
Please also see poster on the Village Noticeboard, Village Facebook page, or Village website for more up to date details.



Nottingham Chamber Orchestra

Leader: Sarah Foxley Conductor: Andrew Foxley



MOZART

Symphony No. 35 (Haffner)



PARRY

Lady Radnor's Suite for Strings



DELIBES

Suite of Dances: Le Roi s'amuse



SAINT-SAENS

Symphony No. 2 in A minor

Saturday 28th October 2023, 7.30 pm

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Clifton Village, NG11 8NH

Adults £12 / Concessions £10 / Under 16s FREE

Tickets: 0115 9289771



[NottsChO](https://www.nottscho.co.uk)

<http://nottinghamchamberorchestra.co.uk>

St Mary's Church

Services during December & Christmas

Sunday 3rd 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 17th December 7pm – ‘Carols by Candlelight’ – Community Carol Service with traditional readings & carols

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December - 4pm Christingle and 6pm Christingle

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

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

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 Rev Lydia Cartwright on 07305 820553 or Churchwardens, Clare Ashton, on 07775 902385 or Richard Harvey on 07519 286489 or Ron Hancock, Deputy Churchwarden, on 07721 185007. Thank-you.

Decorating church for Christmas will take place on Saturday 9th December from 9.30am – all help is very welcome.

Police Contact Details

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.

Area Policing Lead: Inspector Stephen Dalby

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PC 578 Jon Cooper jonathan.cooper@Notts.Police.uk	07792437325
Martin Fisher PCSO1178 Martin.Fisher3@Notts.Police.uk	07971059464
Melissa Starmer PCSO1312 melissa.starmer@Notts.police.uk	07814066683
PC David Faulconbridge and PC Jane Gibson	

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/

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.