

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2014

Produced by Clifton Village Residents Association

Fish and Chip Supper	-	Saturday 3rd May 2014
CVRA AGM	-	Thursday 15th May 2014
Summer Garden Party	-	Sunday 6th July 2014



Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chairman – Kevin McCormick
Treasurer – Helen Huffer
Secretary – Graeme Barker
Tel: 0115 9844 866

Committee Members:

**Glenys Blacknell, Terry Kay, Simon Massarella,
Ed Peterson, Pat Rice, and John Woodall**

The yearly Subscription for CVRA membership for 2014-15 is to be held at £1 per adult. Subscriptions will be due for collection in spring, and CVRA members will be round in March to allow you to join for the period 1st April 2014 till 31st March 2015.

[Clifton Village Website](http://www.clifton-village.org.uk)
www.clifton-village.org.uk

The Clifton Village Residents Website contains links to items including the Neighbourhood Watch, AGM Minutes and committee minutes, links to local newspapers, bus timetables as well as a Picture Gallery and other photos of events and more! The site is regularly updated – so do pay us a visit!

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The CVRA would like to encourage contributions from the Village for this publication. We welcome any letters or features that could be included in the next issue, be they informative, educational, or of particular interest to the residents of the Village. Please send any letters or suggested contributions for inclusion in the next edition to Graeme Barker, 10 Nethergate.

CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL & SCHOOL HOUSE TRUST

Caretaker required for Clifton Village Hall

The Trust are seeking to appoint a new Caretaker for Clifton Village Hall. If anyone is interested in this position, or would like to assist in any way, please contact Mike Ashton, Chairman of the Trust, on 0115 921 3937 or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com.

CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 15th May 2014

The AGM will be in Clifton Village Hall, commencing at 8pm.

YOUR SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT TO THE VILLAGE AND ITS RESIDENT ASSOCIATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES THAT YOU WANT TO RAISE OR ASK THE VILLAGE TO TAKE UP ON YOUR BEHALF, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

Minutes from last year's AGM held are available on the CVRA website: www.clifton-village.org.uk, or in hard copy by contacting the Secretary, Graeme Barker at 10 Nethergate on 01159 844 866. Copies of these Minutes and the Agenda for AGM 2014 will be available at the meeting.

You will find below a Nomination Form for any CVRA members who would like to put themselves forward for nomination for any of the positions mentioned. The committee is looking forward to your attendance.

Graeme Barker, Secretary The Clifton Village Residents Association



Nomination Form

I wish to be nominated to join the
Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Position:
(i.e. Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member)

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Proposer:

Secunder:

Please return the form to the Secretary:
Graeme Barker, 10 Nethergate, Clifton Village by Monday 12th May 2014

Chairman's Message

Hello everybody and welcome to the spring edition of the Clifton Village newsletter. Looking back, I must thank all the helpers who turned out to help erect the Christmas tree and, following Christmas, helped to dismantle it, in double quick time. A number of people commented that it was the best tree to date, so now we have got our work cut out for 2014.

The carol singing was a great success this year, with more people following and joining in the singing, to the excellent accompaniment provided by Jill Barker on her violin. Thank you for all your help to make that evening a success, the preparation of the mulled wine, the mince pies and the maintenance of the very welcome and warming, brazier.

Moving on to the Christmas party it was once again a great success, with fantastic food, provided by so many people from within the village. Particular thanks though, to Kath Spencer, who as usual, worked tirelessly to help with the catering, although she was not in a position to attend the party herself. Thank you one and all.

At this stage, it might be appropriate to ask everybody to give a thought to Mike Ashton, who is dealing extraordinarily well and bravely with his illness and still managing to hold forth and be a commanding presence at various functions and music recitals. In line with that, a thought please for John Spencer, who has worked selflessly for the community in various capacities in spite of his ongoing ailments.

Getting back to activities, I think all who attended the wine tasting at the Village Hall would agree that Brian Binns, from Binends, brought along a fine selection and was very informative about wines that perhaps we wouldn't normally have tasted. No doubt a lot of you have invested in his product since then and enjoyed it even further. This is certainly something to think of for the future, as another item on the agenda. Many thanks to Jane for selecting and preparing the cheese and biscuits, with, of course, a little help from Sam.

Looking forward, we have the May Day, Fish and Chip Supper, the Summer Garden Party and the Late Summer Picnic. The addition of the wine tasting to the calendar was excellent, but we on the committee would still welcome any other ideas for additional functions, which might add interest and variety to future programmes.

As you will all be aware, many of us have new lamp posts. In the main, they seem to work very effectively and I believe most people are comfortable that they are not

spoiling the conservation aspect and nature of the village. That said, there is disappointment that the promise to maintain the traditional style lighting on Nethergate was not fulfilled and still looks unlikely so to be, in spite of all the efforts of Graeme Barker. On the plus side, there is the possibility that the old lamps may be used in the new Village Hall car park, construction of which, when completed, will be testament to the determination of Mike Ashton in particular, and the Village Hall Committee in general. A well lit car park will make the village hall an even more attractive venue for social functions than it currently is.

As many of you will have noticed, the work on the Grove has proceeded at a pace, with the final phase now scheduled for autumn 2014. The track / roadway, built to provide access has caused some concern but it seems to be weathering in and hopefully, will eventually be absorbed into the landscape. As for the rest of the work, the benefits of it, or otherwise, will not really be evident for some little time. As it stands at the moment, however, a walk along the Grove or the towpath, is still a very pleasant experience and I for one, will be hoping to see much more wildlife, as a result of the efforts of the Nottinghamshire Wild Life Trust.

The A453 widening is well under way and whilst it is disappointing that so many trees have had to be lost, in my opinion, overall, the work has been carried out to create minimum disturbance. However, I am sure we will all be very glad when it is finished, particularly if it means trouble free access and egress to and from the village, which over recent years, has become more and more difficult, as the traffic builds up.

I hope you will permit me a little self-indulgence. A couple of years ago we asked that you let us know of special occurrences or events in your family, to be shared with the village. On that occasion a number of young people were included, having obtained degrees etc. Unfortunately, we are not getting the support I had hoped for this feature, possibly because you are all too modest. I, however am not afraid of having a slightly puffed out chest and am delighted to announce that, last autumn, my son, Harry McCormick, achieved his Masters degree in Biomedical Sciences. His mum and I are naturally proud of his achievement and I would like to think you would all join with us in congratulating him.

Finally; I have informed the committee that whilst willing to serve a further year, should I be re-elected as your chairman at the forthcoming AGM, I shall not be offering myself for re-election thereafter, and the 2014 to 2015 year shall be my last term of office. I have enjoyed being part of an excellent and hardworking team, but believe it is time for a new approach and a fresh enthusiasm to do the best for the Village. Could that be

you? Perhaps? Then feel free to talk to me, Graeme, or John Woodall to find out what is involved.

Please enjoy the newsletter. There is a lot of worthwhile and informative content and a lot of effort has gone into it. Please also attend the various functions during the year, not forgetting the AGM on 15th May. I hope you all have a bright, sunny and memorable Village summer.

Chairman - Kevin McCormick

Village Notes

Village Ward Walk

On Thursday the 30th of January, a ward walk took place around the village. This gives residents the opportunity to raise issues with local councillors and representatives of council departments.

The walk was arranged by Prairie Bryant, our new neighbourhood officer and Don Bulmer's replacement. Both our councillors, Ian Malcolm and Chris Gibson joined the group along with a community police officer and several of us from the village. Topics under discussion were the Old Rectory and the Reading Room, the new lighting distribution, the upheaval of the village green, the state of the Dovecote, road repairs and other items affecting the conservation status of the village.

With regard to the Old Rectory, it is understood that the planning application runs out next year. We expressed our concern over the continuing dilapidation of the buildings, health and safety and trespass issues.

We reminded councillors that the Reading Room has had no work done to it since changing hands last year. There was a condition placed on the building that improvements should take place within the first year which ends on the 1st of May. The councillors agreed to check up on the situation.

With the new lighting in place, various glaring faults were pointed out such as exposed telephone cables and disturbed verges. Some of the more dubious lighting positions were addressed and the new light on the corner of Groveside Crescent, closest to Village Road is to be replaced with a heritage lamp more in keeping with that area of the village.

The various potholes on roads around the village were pointed out and we were informed that repairs were earmarked to take place in the Spring. It is to be hoped that the Village Green will be returned to its former state and reseeded once road works are completed in our area. With potential development of the Village Hall car park further disturbance should become minimal.

There is some concern over the state of the Dovecote that could have health and safety issues at the gable ends. We made the councillors aware of this together with the need to repair the bench and add a second one as part of a memorial to the start of the First World War. As the Dovecote contains a memorial to villagers participating in that war it was felt that this year would be appropriate to spruce up the memorial and the building it is situated on. In the first instance English Heritage are to be contacted by the council, as the dovecote is a grade 2-listed monument and of some importance nationally as one of the largest remaining dovecotes in the county if not country.

We hope that those of us attending the walk – Clare Ashton, Terry Kay, Roy Nettleship and myself managed to cover most of the issues that you would have wanted raising. There were others, not mentioned here about the general state of the area that hopefully you will notice improvements in.

Pat Rice, CVRA committee member

Update on Village Hall Improvements New Car Park and Entrance

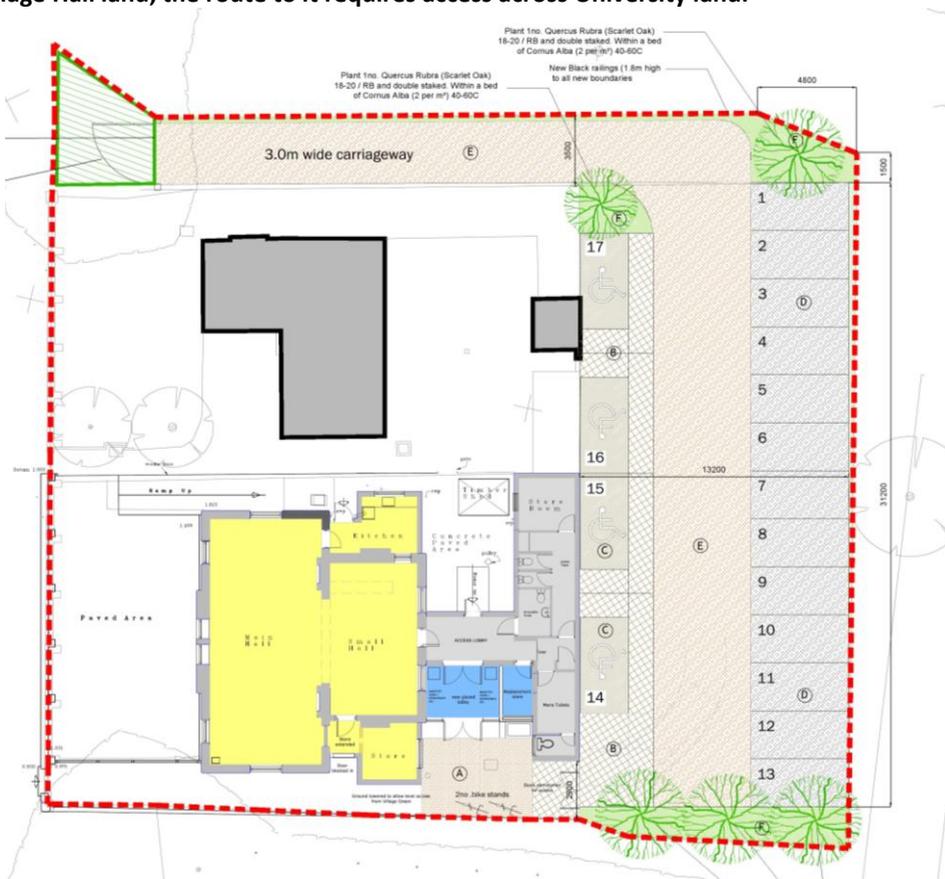
Clifton Village Hall and School house Trust have recently submitted a joint Planning and Listed Building Application for the creation of a new 17 space car park, including four enlarged wheelchair accessible spaces, to the rear of the existing Village Hall building.



The current Village Hall lands, gifted to the village by the Clifton Family, through the formation of the Village Hall Trust in the early 1950's, includes an unused strip of land that runs along behind the current building. The grounds are very overgrown but capable of being laid out to provide dedicated parking for this well used community facility. This will hopefully end the sight of cars parked on the green and the damage it causes in the winter months.

The Trust has secured a number of the recently removed 'heritage' style lamp-posts to light the new facility, and the proposals include replacement trees and a five bar timber gate securing the access from the green to echo the original access gate to the Village Cricket Ground for those that can remember such times!

The application is the culmination of years of consultation with the adjacent Nottingham Trent University, and the City Council, as although the proposed car park itself is on Village Hall land, the route to it requires access across University land.



Negotiations with Nottingham Trent University have reached a very advanced stage, and with the Trust hoping to complete the signing of a lease with NTU in the next few weeks, the Trust decided that the time was right to secure planning for the works.

Those eagle eyed among you will have noted that the plans also include a new glazed entrance, and it is planned that this will follow as a second phase of development to improve the whole access to the hall from both the car park and the current entrance once the car-park works have been completed.

Further good news was received by the Trust in March this year when a grant of £25,000, around half of the expected total cost for the project, was secured from Nottingham City Council's public realm funds as a contribution to the project. If further funds can be found, it is hoped to start work on the new parking facility later this year.

Many villagers and village groups, including the Gardening Group, the CVRA, Mike and Clare Ashton, and the Bridge Club have already held fund-raising events to help raise money to help make this much needed improvement to the village facilities happen.

The hard work begins here – now we need to raise the remaining funds to make this work a reality. If there is any way you can think of to help us make these plans happen then please contact the Clifton Village Hall and School house Trust via Mike and Clare Ashton at Glebe Cottage, 48 Village Road, or contact the CVRA Secretary Graeme Barker to discuss how you can help.

Full size copies of these plans will be available at the Village Hall Trust AGM, to be held on Monday 12th May in the Village Hall. Please do come along to find out more about how the Trust is working to make these plans happen.



Clifton Village Hall and School house Trust

Village Christmas Events 2013

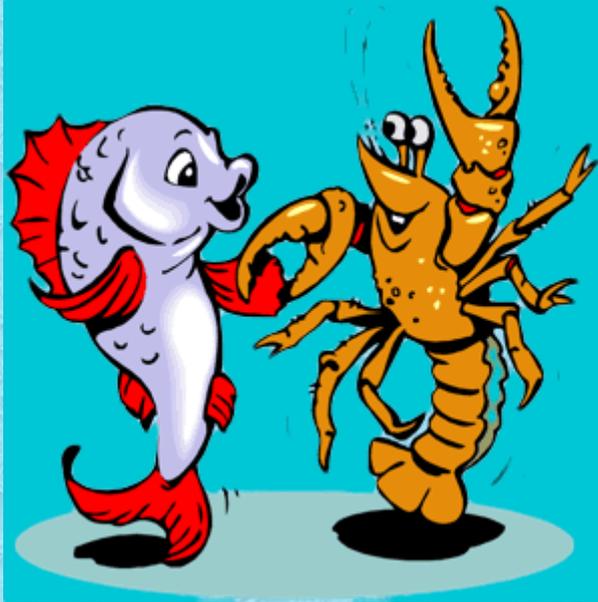


VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013

*Barry Stevens
receives a gift of
thanks from the
village for his
years of
dedication as
caretaker of the
Village Hall*



Clifton Village Fish and Chips Disco



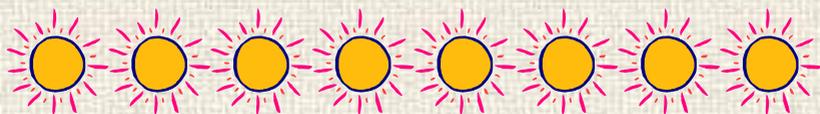
Don't be koi! Put on your kipper tie, get on your pike and come and join us for a pun free evening of food, drink and dancing.

Clifton Village Hall
7.30pm, on Saturday 3rd May

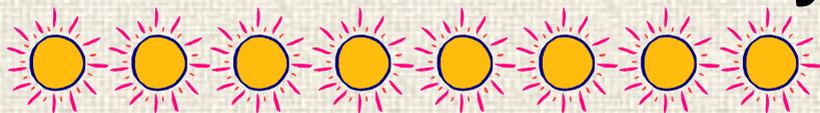
Tickets £6

**Ticket Price includes choice of Fish or Pie and Chips, and
a complimentary glass of wine or beer**

Tickets sellers will call on all households in the village closer to the time.



Summer Garden Party



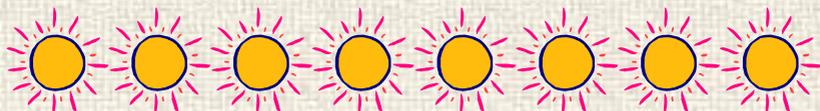
Sunday 6th July – 12.30pm

**Holly House on Village Road
(Village Hall if bad weather)**

Adults £6

Children £3

**Ticket Sellers will be calling on all households
Please bring your own garden chairs**



Clifton Village Art Group

Tues. Apr 15th
Tues. May 13th
Tues. Jun 10th
Tues. July 8th

Tues. Apr 29th
Tues. May 27th
Tues. Jun 24th
Tues. July 22nd



We meet in the village hall at 2pm until 4pm approx. Cost £5 to include materials and refreshments.

Not tried us yet?

Feel free to come along on any of the above dates.

Email: patriciabrice@hotmail.com for further details

Or call 01159140759

Clifton Village Garden Group

Speakers for Summer 2014

April 28th: Patio Panache!

- A talk and slide presentation by Sheffield Botanist and photographer, Hilary Hutson.



May 19th: Climbers and wall shrubs

- A talk and slide show with Ian Cooke.

Ian is a horticulturalist, author, artist and entertaining RHS speaker from Mapperley and Palm Springs!

All talks begin at 7.30pm in the village hall - Cost £5 to include refreshments.

Our coach trip is to Birmingham Botanical Gardens.
There will be an evening visit to Norwell nurseries

Open Garden trail 2014: July 26th 2.30 pm

Do get in touch if you would like to open your garden and for details of our other Summer activities.

Pat Rice (Email: patriciabrice@hotmail.com or call 01159 140759)

Not tried us yet? Come along on any of the above dates. You won't be disappointed!

Another Year with the Garden Group

Last year proved a busy, entertaining and successful year for the village garden group. We didn't think so in January when we had to cancel our first talk due to the bad weather. Luckily our speaker Paul Haughan from Trent University was good enough to come for the following month's meeting in February and we enjoyed listening to his talk about commercial borders and how they are planned and cared for around the various university sites.

With the Village Hall boiler out of action we were obliged to have our March meeting in the Pace Room at St Mary's Church which proved to be a very warm and cosy affair for the group. Our speaker Nigel Slater gave us a highly amusing and informative talk about how we can garden for the benefit of the wildlife that surrounds us. Nigel is an expert on birds and a very active member of the Beeston Wildlife Group, across the river from us in the Rylands.

Our April talk was about Euphorbia's, given by expert Don Whitton from Sheffield who holds the national collection. His garden has appeared on Gardener's World with Carol Kline for that reason. During his amusing presentation, Don explained how important it is to wash ones hands after handling euphorbia's, as their sap is a huge irritant, as he once found out to his cost - ouch! We were fortunate in being able to buy some of his collection so look out for those at our next open garden trail, which last year was in May.

The garden trail seems to be going from strength to strength. Last year's was highly successful both in the pleasure it gave to the participants and in the



money that it raised for the Village Hall car park and the garden group funds. A huge thank you to all those who gave up their time, not to mention their efforts in opening their gardens, making cakes and generally helping on the day. Watch this space for news of this year's event which will have new gardens to visit alongside old favourites.

During the summer months rather than have speakers the group go out to visit other gardens. In May we were invited to go to the Hardy Plant Society's garden at Wollaton Hall. With glass of wine in hand we were shown around their various flower beds and then treated to a private visit to the camellia house after which we were able to purchase some of the many plants that they have for sale.



Our June visit was to Mike Davey's garden in Ruddington where we were given a tour of his garden before sitting down to a most welcome selection of sandwiches, cakes and tea. Mike was involved with non-GM plant breeding out at Sutton Bonington. He gave us a talk in 2012 about his own garden. It looked so interesting that we just had to see it for ourselves.

The July garden visit was to "Cornerstones" in Radcliffe on Trent. Judith and Jeff Coombes have a gem of a garden with fabulous flowerbeds and a magnificent

vegetable garden. More plants were purchased not to mention more home made cake eaten! "Cornerstones" is open to the public through the National Garden Scheme and well worth a visit if you missed coming with us.



In early September our outing was by coach for a day at Trentham Gardens in Staffordshire. As well as having a large retail area the gardens are expansive with lake walks, children's adventure areas as well as a fabulous Italianate garden and a new prairie style planting area. There was enough for everyone to happily spend a whole day

there. On this occasion so many of us wanted to go that, a larger coach needed to be booked. There will be another trip this year so if you would like a day out you will be most welcome to join us. Venue yet to be decided.

From September onwards, to the end of the year we were back indoors with guest speakers. Our September talk was about plants for shady places given by Richard and Leigh Woods of Lilies and Chillies nursery near Kegworth. Then in October we had a speaker from the West Midlands, Darren Rudge who gave us a talk about autumn and winter colour for the garden. Darren runs his own garden design service and has just taken up a senior post at the Birmingham Botanical gardens. We have been invited to visit!

Our last speaker of the year, local garden designer Sue Haywood, left us on a bit of a high with her talk "1000 Miles to Chelsea". This took us through the processes involved from design stage to a gold medal-winning exhibit. Sue was probably our best speaker, of many quality speakers, that we had throughout the year. We will certainly be hearing more from her. Many of the group said that they could easily listen to the same talk again! We look forward to seeing one of her garden designs, already in the village, later this year.

We always end the year with the opportunity to create a seasonal flower display or wreath in St Mary's Pace Room with Clare Ashton who gives us advice and the benefit of her flower arranging skills.

As you can see the garden group has many varied activities and speakers throughout the year. You are welcome to join us on any of them. You will no doubt end up with new plants, new ideas, new friends and no doubt a new waistline!



Finally, a huge thank you to all of those who bought Garden Group calendars in December! They made great gifts and appear to have been sent all over the world! We raised £380 after costs, split between the village car park fund and garden group fund. A huge thank you also to Graeme Barker for his help and expertise in producing them.



If you would like one or more of your photographs in the next calendar get clicking and bring the results along to one of the garden group activities. They can be of individual flowers, of a garden view or something spotted around the village, as long as it has a floral theme. Look forward to viewing them.

Pat Rice

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

PROGRAMME FOR 2014

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday 10 th July	Blackwood Clarinet Choir
Friday 11 th July	Flossie Malville
Saturday 12 th July	Colne Valley Male Voice Choir
Sunday 13 th July	Choral Festival Service with St Mary's Singers & String Quartet at 10.45am

CEILIDH (Barn Dance)

Friday 19 th September	Beggars Belief – Returning again by popular demand (Supper provided but please bring your own drinks)
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CONCERT

Sat. 15 th November	Trio Gitan
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All evenings start at 7.30pm

All tickets for Concerts, Music Festival & Ceilidh £10 per person (under 16 half price) includes refreshments except where stated.

For tickets or further details, please contact
Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385
or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

St Marys Church

Services during Holy Week & Easter

Maundy Thursday **17th April**

7pm - Simple meal within service of reflection to include washing of feet followed by Holy Communion & the Watch

Good Friday **18th April**

*2pm - Quiet Hour before the Cross
6.30pm - Service at the Tomb (at Holy Trinity)*

Easter Day **20th April** **5am**

*5am - Dawn Service (followed by Breakfast)
10.45am - Holy Communion Easter Service*

If you would like to come to either the Maundy Thursday Service &/or the Dawn Service, would you please let me know for catering purposes – thank you.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For any queries, please contact Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385 or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust will take place on Monday, 12th May 2014, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be updates on Hall usage, the School House, and the accounts for 2013 as well as an update on the proposed Car Park & new Entrance. The most recent plans, produced by the Trust's Honorary Architect, Graeme Barker, will be available to look at. Refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to your attendance.

Mike Ashton - Chairman

To enquire about booking the Village Hall please contact Clare Ashton on 07982 830120, 07775 902385 or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

We are your Local Beat Team

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Neighbourhood Watch



There were 120 offences on the Green Lane beat throughout the assessment period of 16/10/2013 to 31/12/2013. Of these, 11

were in the analyst defined area of Clifton Village (approximately 9%). The majority of offences were Burglary Dwelling, followed by Burglary Other and Theft from Vehicle. The majority of offences occurred in November (6 of the 11).

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Burglary Dwelling		3		3
Burglary Other	1		1	2
Burglary other – shed	1		1	2
Theft from Vehicle		1	1	2
Religiously aggravated common assault		1		1
Damage to building	1			1
Total				11



Clifton Police have moved to a new location 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 remain the same as before:

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

Saturday and Sunday Closed

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/



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Clifton Village Diary

St Mary's Church	Maundy Thursday 17th April – 7pm Good Friday 18th April – 2pm Easter Day – 20th April - 5am and 10.45
Fish and Chip Supper	Saturday 3th May Village Hall - 7.30pm
CVRA AGM	Thursday 15th May Village Hall - 7.30pm
St Mary's Church	Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th July Clifton Music Festival
Open Garden Trail	Friday July 26th – 2.30pm
Summer Garden Party	Sunday 6th July Holly House Village Rd- 12.30pm
Sat. 15th November	Friday 19th September – 7.30pm CEILIDH (Barn Dance)
St Mary's Church –	Sat. 15th November – 7.30pm CONCERT - Trio Gitan

A quick reminder to all, that the advertising section on page 22-23 is open to all Clifton Village members, or their friends or professional contacts.

In return for a donation of £25 we will carry your advertisement in all our issues for one whole year. If you offer a local service, or know anyone who does, who may wish to promote it in our area, please ask them to contact Graeme Barker, the CVRA Secretary.