

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

FISH AND CHIP DISCO

Saturday 7th May 2016
Village Hall – from 7.30pm

CVRA AGM

Thursday 12th May 2016
Village Hall – 8pm

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 3rd July 2016
Holly House Village Rd 12.30pm

CLIFTON VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL 14-16th July 2016
St Mary's Church

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee



Chairman – Kevin McCormick

Treasurer – Helen Huffer

Secretary – Graeme Barker (0115 9844 866)

Committee Members: Glenys Blacknell, Philip Bull, Ed Peterson, Pat Rice, James Royston and John Woodall

www.clifton-village.org.uk

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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

Chairman's Message

Hello everybody and welcome to my last Chairman's address.

Before going any further, may I thank all of you supporting the CVRA for many years and during the period of my term of office. I shall certainly miss being at the heart of things within the village, but due to various circumstances, I need to take a break.

My last get together with you, as chairman, will be at the AGM and before that, the fish and chip supper. We will be restricting the tickets to 100, so get your bids in quickly and I am sure that it will be a fabulous night, once again, with JB exhibiting the expertise he has developed over recent years for music choice and selection.

Leaving at this time is a little bit bittersweet and I have to think back to what has been achieved and some of the things we wanted to deal with, which still haven't been fully resolved. The first consideration when I joined was what on earth to do on May Day. We had lost the support and the input from Diane Rolley, who needed, as I now do, a bit of time to herself and there was no one



else who could arrange the maypole dancers. That said, we would certainly have changed the routine for the fair and made it a less onerous task, had we continued. But we didn't and the very simple idea of a fish and chip supper, has

been the saviour of me, if not the CVRA. Your support for that has been fabulous.

We had to think of other forms of entertainment, other things to do and the addition of the Late Summer Picnic, has given people a lot of pleasure, me a lot of fun and the erectors and dismantlers, a lot of work.

One of the finest hours was the Diamond Jubilee, initiated as so many events in the village were, by Mike Ashton, but fully supported by everyone in the village, to make a memorable, splendid and almost unique occasion.

As I look back, I remember some of the issues we have had to deal with. There was a big furore over street lamps and how awful they were going to be, I think they look fine, I always did, but my job was to put the village's voice forward.

Then we had student parking and thanks to a lot of effort from people throughout the village, Simon Masserell and others, we managed to create a student free zone, in spite of the fact that some people had to endure yellow lines.

Perhaps the next biggest thing was the invasion by travellers and we are within a whisker of getting the barriers we want. The council however had to make contact with the Clifton family and the process has been slowed, but I understand it should still go ahead.



The Old Rectory has been a thorn in our side for, I can't actually recall how many years, I'm not very good on dates, in fact I don't even know how long I have been chairman, but from being a slightly dishevelled home for the bewildered, it's been allowed to become an absolute blot on the landscape. We've had promises, false starts and raised hopes on numerous occasions, but I do believe work is now proceeding. The roof is going to be sorted and once you get to a

certain level of investment, it is foolish to turn back. So hopefully, whilst I was hoping to see it out during my tenure, it will be a legacy eventually.

People often come up to me and say “You are doing a great job”, in fact I have had some very kind words from some very surprising quarters since I announced that I was going to resign, but it is not me, it is the team and I would really like to thank all the members of the committee over the years, for their support and the support of long standing villagers. Fran, Jan, JB, Terry K, people who even when not on the committee come and give their time, run a bar, help to put up and erect marquees, we would be lost without them and I do hope that some new blood in the village will get involved in helping out with these tasks, which are quite time consuming and sap the energy from some of us old folks.

I have been helped greatly; certainly John Woodall was there to monitor and mentor, gradually easing back when he thought I, maybe, had an idea of what I should be doing. At that stage, I was very ably assisted by Lillian Young who really helped me to get organised in the early stages and was very supportive. When she resigned, it was a concern as to how we would fill the spot. Graeme Barker has been more than a secretary and more than just a committee member for all the time he has spent with us and quite honestly, most of the work has been done by him, I’ve just quite happily, taken the praise as it came. Graeme, without you, we wouldn’t have the committee, we wouldn’t have the functions, we wouldn’t have the organisation that we now have. Thank you.

Of course, the functions that we have are no good, unless they are entertaining and so often in this village, entertainment includes food and booze. I can take care of the latter with a bit of help from Graeme, but food has been provided by



a nucleus of people for many years and I have no qualms about naming Kath Spencer and Glenys Blacknell who have worked diligently over the years and had a regular team of supporters to help them produce some really great spreads for our functions.

I have to, of course, mention the exceptional spread set out for the Ploughman's in 2015 by Graeme Watson. Graeme brought his culinary experience to bear, and slotted into the brief break taken by Kath and Glenys to produce a memorable banquet. Thank you Graeme and thank you Dawn, because you gave a lot of help with that as well.



Final plaudits go to Terry Kay for all his work to get the memorial at the dovecote and to Pat Rice and Clare Ashton for help in all things, but particularly for the flowers by the dovecote and the reading room.

Right, that's enough whatever happens the CVRA will continue, the village will still benefit from the group of committed people, who form the committee, but on behalf of all those who aren't taking a well-earned break at the moment, I would ask other people to come along, offer your services, even if you can't be on the committee, or wish to be on the committee, you can be a staunch supporter and get an awful lot of pleasure out of helping to make things happen, for our fabulous little community.

Chairman - Kevin McCormick

CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 12th May 2016

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 9th May 2016

Village Notes

Travellers on the Green

The CVRA has recently received an update from the City Council on the barriers to the green. The results of the recent consultation was overwhelming support from the village for the proposed barriers, and the Council have now agreed funding for the works put forward through Area Committee.

In parallel with this process the City Council are also continuing their dialogue with the Clifton Family, who are the freeholders of the village green. This is to seek their approval for the placement of physical barriers around the green. This consultation is ongoing as the lawyers have asked awkward questions and these are taking some time to resolve. We will continue to work with the council to seek agreement for the works to go ahead.

There is a suggestion coming from the council that signage may be explored in the interim to help 'defend' the space in case we are visited again. We are concerned that this may simply waste precious council monies and create further 'clutter' around the green for no benefit. We are therefore continuing to push for a physical solution to this problem.

Village Signage

Kevin has held a very positive meeting with a Laing O Rourke representative and the council where it has been agreed that the main A453 signs will be amended to once more point people in the direction of 'Clifton Village'. This meeting did take place in late December and we will be pursuing the Highways staff to find out when the change will be put in place. Funding for this has been supported by our Ward Councillors at a recent committee meeting. The CVRA has also agreed to request Village Road signage be put in place by Nottingham City Council, and that once this is in hand to explore whether a proper 'heritage' sign at the entry to the village green is something that the village and City Council would support and help fund.

Barton in Fabis – Gravel Pit **MAJOR BATTLE WON!!**

Nottinghamshire County Council's 'Submission Draft' of the Minerals Local Plan for the period up to 2030 has been published. **Barton in Fabis site has NOT been selected as one of the sites for a sand and gravel quarry.**

This is obviously fantastic news and a great New Year present for the village.

This is a major battle won and we can reasonably expect the full resources of the County Council to be behind ensuring that the plan is approved. The 'Submission Draft' and list of quarry sites has now been given initial approval by the Environment and Sustainability Committee and the Full Council (14th January). However, the decision is NOT finalised until it has gone through all the subsequent stages.

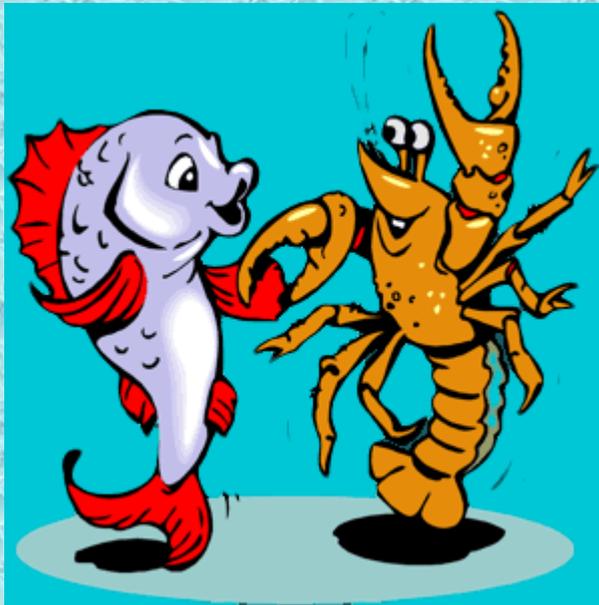
- 1) A further 6 week public consultation starting in February (although this should focus on whether the plan is 'sound' and has been correctly put together - not the merits of individual schemes). We will brief you on the details of the consultation as soon as we know about it. It is however important that we write in SUPPORT of the plan when the time comes further debate of any amendments at the relevant committee and full council.
- 2) A Public Inquiry before a government inspector (they are usually reluctant to throw out a plan unless the Council has done something incompetent or illegal!).
- 3) The final Minerals Local Plan should be 'adopted' around October – possibly later

The fight is NOT over and we need to remain on our guard!

In particular:

- A) The Shelford site is in the list of sites and we can expect them to mount a high profile campaign with the help of Kay Cutts (ex leader of Notts County Council and Councillor for Shelford). They have been pushing very hard for the Barton site to be included. Shelford is however by far the largest new site and the Council's plan would be unviable if it was not included.
- B) We can expect Greenfield Associates representing Jack Kent and his associates to continue to push for the Barton site to go ahead and they have already shown that they are willing to spend a lot of money in that cause

Fish and Chip 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 7th 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.

Clifton Village Art Group

Apr 5th

Apr 19th

May 3rd

May 17th



Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Clifton Village Garden Group

The garden group dates are Mondays:

Mar. 21st Ann Bird - "My World of Roses ." Ann started her passion for roses from just a few plants bought at Tesco. This led to her becoming president of the Royal National Rose Society

Apr. 25th Richard and Leigh Woods - "I've got a good idea." A light hearted look at how they started their nursery and developed their smallholding combined with seasonal plant highlights. Plants from their nursery will be for sale on the evening.



May. 21st Trip to Long Close and Coton Manor Gardens t.b.a.

Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

St Mary's Church

Services during Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday 20th March 10.45am Palm Sunday Service

Monday 21st March 7.30pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 22nd March 7.30pm Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 24th March 7.30pm Holy Communion with foot washing (at HolyTrinity) followed by Prayer Walk to Top Shops

Good Friday 25th March 2pm Final Hour

Shadows at Holy Trinity) 7.30pm Tenebrae (Service of

Easter Day 27th March 6am Dawn Service (followed by breakfast)
10.45am Holy Communion
Easter Service

All are most welcome

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

If anyone would like to come to the Dawn Eucharistic Service, would they please let me know for catering purposes using the details above – thank you.

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Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will take place on Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be updates on Hall usage, the School House and the accounts for 2015 as well as an update on the plans for the new entrance & other enhancements to the building & outside area. The plans for the new entrance will be available for you to look at. Refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to your attendance.

Update on Car Park & new Access Route to Hall entrance

The car park has been well used since it was opened in November last year & has been very well received by those who have used it. Unfortunately, some hall users have continued to park on the Village Green (despite being requested not to do so) which has resulted in large holes appearing at the sides of the tarmac road by the Dovecote & in front of the hall. At our request, the Nottingham City Council are gradually filling the holes with soil & turf cut-offs, and bollards have been placed on these areas to try & stop people parking on them! Hopefully, once we have a fence round the Green, this should stop this type of parking. In addition, car owners using the hall will also be encouraged to use the car park once the new access to the hall entrance is established. This work starts the week beginning 14th March & should take about 10 days. This involves demolishing the storeroom at the end of the gentleman's toilets & providing a new path to the existing hall entrance.

Hedging & trees have now been planted on the Nottingham Trent University side of the new car park fences. However, there are still numerous weeds & brambles that need removing between the new access road & car parking area & the fences. If any villager would like to help with their removal, we would be very grateful – so please do let me know & come along on 'weeding' days - to be announced when the weather gets warmer. Thank you.

Clare Ashton, Chairman, & on behalf of CVH&SH Trustees

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

Concert – 23rd April 2016
The East of England Singers
(with New Classical String Quartet)

'A Shakespeare Serenade' (See details on page 15)

Clifton Music Festival 14th – 16th July 2016

Thursday 14th - TBA

Friday 15th - Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra

Saturday 16th - Bevox Choir

Ceilidh – 'Beggar's Belief' - Friday 30th September

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Concert - November 2016

Nottingham Chamber Orchestra Date TBA

[All events start at 7.30pm](#)

For tickets and further details, please contact

Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07755 902385

or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

or Lynne Smith on 0115 921 6604 or Beryl Harcourt on 0115 934 5320

SATURDAY 23 April 2016, 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Clifton Village NG11 8NF
East of England Singers, New Classical String Quartet
Antony Dean *guest conductor*

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**A Shakespeare
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Purcell *The Fairy Queen* (excerpts)
Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music*
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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 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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DAY	CLASS	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday (Every other week)	PILATES (Stretch & Relaxing movement)	6– 7 PM (Starting 15th October)	The Chapel @ The Knitters Framework Museum, Ruddington. NG11 6HE
Friday	PILATES	10am –11am (Starting 9th October)	The Chapel @ The Knitters Framework Museum, Ruddington. NG11 6HE
Friday	PILATES	5:15pm -6:15pm	Clifton Village Hall, Clifton Village. NG11 8NE

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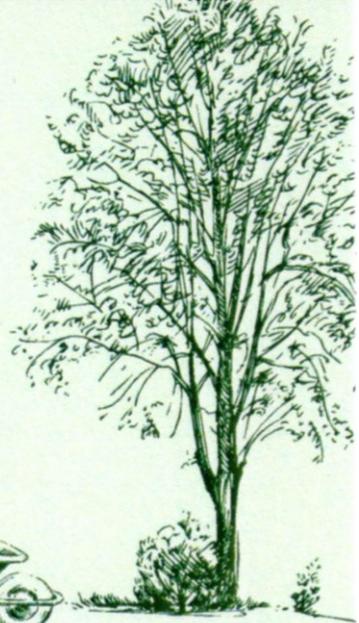
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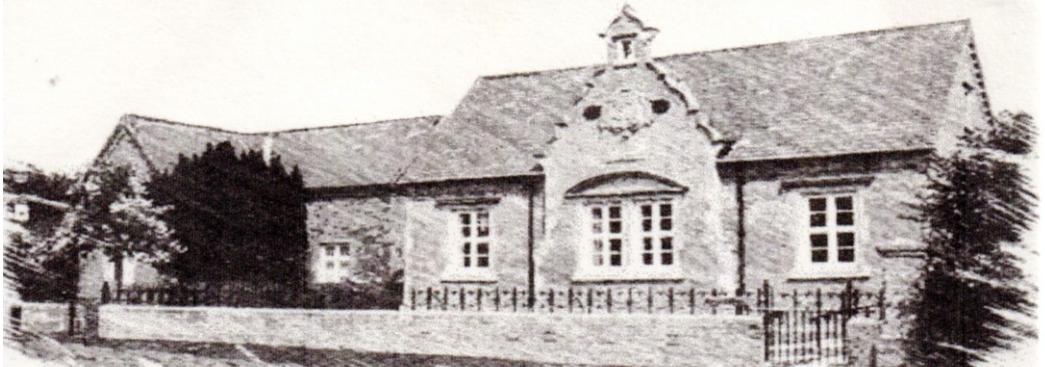
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