

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

CONSULTATION ON BARTON GRAVEL PIT	22nd March 2017 Village Hall – 3 to 7.30pm
FISH AND CHIP SUPPER <i>A regular highlight</i>	6th May 2017 8pm Village Hall
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM Village Hall	8th May 2017 8pm
SUMMER GARDEN PARTY Cross Hill on Village Road	8th July 2017 4pm
CLIFTON VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL St Mary's Church	13th – 16th July 2017
CHRISTMAS PARTY Village Hall	10th December 2017 12.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee



Chair
Pat Rice



Treasurer
Helen Huffer



Secretary
Graeme Barker

Committee Members: Glenys Blacknell, Philip Bull, Ed Peterson, Viba Ellis, 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 are now well into 2017 by the time you read this. The CVRA committee and I wish you a very belated Happy New Year. We hope that village life in the coming year will be somewhat calmer than some of the events that occurred last year that we would perhaps prefer to forget.

The end of the year is usually a busy time for the committee with a Christmas tree to erect and take down with carol singing and the lights switch on in between plus a Christmas lunch to prepare for and any last minute leaflet distribution. We therefore really appreciate the support that village residents give us. Thank you.

The Christmas tree lighting and carol singing seems to be more popular each year. It could be the additional attractions of mulled wine prepared by Ruth Nettleship and warmed mince pies courtesy of Claire Ashton. Equally it could be the walk around the village singing carols outside the homes of residents who are housebound, led by James Royston accompanied by the skilful playing on the violin by Jill Barker. We were lucky that the weather was also kinder to carollers this time round.

The Christmas lunch is always well supported. James with help from his family led the post lunch singing. We will eventually get the idea of all the actions required for the Twelve days of Christmas that Ed Peterson introduced two Christmases ago! Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the day – Clare for the flower arrangements, Francis Buck for preparing copious amounts of mulled wine, Kath Spencer and Glenys Blacknell who have the biggest task buying and preparing all the food aided by their “catering team” and all the other people whose efforts made it yet another memorable occasion.

Looking forward to this year, one of the biggest questions you must be asking is when will be getting the barriers around the village green? The latest information is that the bollards are soon to be on order so that as soon as the final legal requirements are completed everything will be ready to go.

The other burning question is no doubt about the Old Rectory. You may be aware of the Nottingham Post article, whether this will have been a help

remains to be seen. Graeme Barker and I have been in touch with our councillors to remind them of the requirements that they put in place that have not completely been fulfilled by the owner. Graeme has also contacted the owner himself directly.

At one time last year it appeared that good progress was being made but then the builder was required to do work elsewhere and everything came to a stop. We have been constantly fed information about the expected recommencing of work, for it yet to be delayed again. Be assured that we will keep up any pressure that we can bring to bear but it is proving difficult as we are constantly receiving conflicting information.

Fortunately the Old Reading Room is faring better and it is good to see that the shutters have been taken down to reveal a cosy, bijou home for a lucky tenant. The transformation from a shell of a building to a habitable space is to be congratulated.

It is also cheering to see that work on the other long uninhabited building in the village by the church is also taking place which just leaves that problem of the Old Rectory.....

The plans for the fields behind the farm look to be a contentious issue and we all need to be on our guard to ensure that plans are developed to maximum satisfaction with least impact on village life and our adjacent woodland. Phil Bull will post items on our village facebook page as events develop.

On a positive note after recent consultation from Royal Mail we are now officially Clifton Village on all postal addresses. Alma Davies must be congratulated for all her hard work in achieving this pretty much singlehandedly. Not content with having the village noted on Ordnance Survey maps she is also trying to have the village marked on Google maps. If anyone knows who to contact in order to achieve this please let us know as all attempts to date have been unsuccessful.

The committee are busy planning village social events for the coming year. First of those will be the fish and chip supper and disco on May 6th. On the following Monday 8th is the CVRA AGM which is a chance for everyone to hear what the committee have been doing on your behalf over the past year and to hear about

future events. In July we have the Summer Garden Party on the 8th in John and Dorothy Woodall's garden once more.

Regretfully we have decided not to have the Late Summer picnic again as the weather at that time of year is decidedly "un-picnic like" but be assured that we will replace it with another event yet to be finalised. We have also decided to give the wine tasting evening a rest for a year and replace it with one of Ed's special quiz nights in November, which we are assured requires no particular skills in the brain department but will be masses of fun as Ed's ideas always are. If you have any ideas for other events do please contact us. In addition to the events organised by the committee don't forget that we also have the Music Festival at St Mary's in June as well as other concerts held there throughout the year.

We also have the regular art group meeting twice a month and the garden group which has monthly activities in the form of speakers, garden visits and coach trip. These are open to everyone who lives in and around the village. Looking over these items we are lucky that there are so many varied activities in the village occurring throughout the year. Do try and join as many as you can. Updates can be found on the village facebook page as well as the village website.

For those of you who are interested in the history of the village do check out our village website. If you click on the St Mary's link you should hear an audio version of a Son et Lumiere event held there some time ago. This came to light when I was contacted by a Ruddington resident who had a copy but didn't know where it had come from. In conversation with Eileen Small she indicated that she had a copy and subsequently with Joe's help we digitised it and sent it to Jonathan Blacknell who has now managed to upload it so that you can all listen to a fascinating presentation of village history from Domsday times to the 1950's.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at one of the many events on offer throughout the year meanwhile let's hope for some improvement in our weather so that we can all get out and about.

Pat Rice *Feb 2017*

Village Notes

Sand and Gravel – Barton Site *The next battle begins!*

PUBLIC ‘CONSULTATION’ EXHIBITION
22nd March 3pm – 7.30pm
CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL

You may have received a communication from Greenfield Associates confirming that London Rock have paid Jack Kent and associates for the rights to develop and operate a proposed new sand and gravel quarry at Mill Hill and Barton in Fabis.

If you haven't please let us know as it could be demonstrated they haven't given the village notification of the event.

The latest proposal does NOT mean that planning permission has been granted or that the site will go ahead. As previously reported the current draft of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan which is due to be examined at a public inquiry in March does NOT include a site at Barton.

PLEASE ATTEND THIS ‘CONSULTATION’
EXHIBITION IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN

It is thought that London Rock may try and lodge an application for the site ahead of the Mineral Plan becoming official policy to force the site back onto the agenda. London Rock will likely cite poor turnout as an illustration of a lack of opposition in any planning application.

The County Council has stated that they:

“can confirm that the plan (*Minerals Local Plan*) has been prepared as robustly as possible and officers will be defending the plan, its policies, and its allocations (*excluding Barton*) at the forthcoming examination.”

However, we would ask that as many villagers as possible attend the exhibition and make your views on the quarry known to London Rock / Greenfield Associates. Our experience with the Clifton Pastures housing development was that boycotting these ‘consultation’ events allowed the developer to ‘spin’ a claim that local people did not object to the scheme.

The Parish Council at Barton in Fabis have pointed out the following misleading statements in the letter from Greenfield Associates / London Rock:

“processed minerals from the proposed quarry could be efficiently, cost effectively and sustainably transported to where they are most needed”

Facts:

72% of the aggregate planned to be extracted across Nottinghamshire is destined for areas such as Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. It would of course make no sense to supply that from a site at Barton in the south of the County by road to the North and West. The site proposed at Shelford provides more than enough material for the Nottingham market and 40% of its output would be travel by barge providing a far more ‘sustainable’ method of transport

“Public amenity would be protected – and in some cases enhanced – by a wide range of proven environmental protection measures. The proposed processing facility...would be neither visible nor audible to local residents”

Facts:

The village would lose access to much of the area with the closure / diversion of footpaths & bridleways for around 10 years. The site would not be restored to an acceptable condition for around 15-20 years and even then would bear no resemblance to what is there now.

It cannot be proved, as stated, that the processing plant would be inaudible in Barton, and would certainly be highly visible and audible to anyone using Attenborough Nature Reserve, Clifton and Brands Hill woods and to residents in Clifton and Clifton Village.

The Phase 2 development they have chosen to illustrate in their plans is at best 150m away from residences at the end of Chestnut Lane and hence it is quite absurd to suggest this will not have any visual or audible detriment to the lives of residents.

The County Council assessed this site as the 3rd most damaging of all the proposed sites and was a key reason why it is not part of the draft Minerals Local Plan.

“proposed development ...would also provide the opportunity to complement the existing quarry restoration at Attenborough”

Facts:

Any restoration would take 15-20 years, with the destruction of the existing habitats in the meantime and impacts on several Sites of Important Nature Conservation and two SSSI's. At present, the site provides a different environment to Attenborough and truly complementary feeding grounds for birds – this would almost entirely be lost in the proposed restoration.

Please note: Very many people, not just in Barton, objected to the original plan for a Barton quarry – they may not have heard about the ‘consultation’ exhibition. Please spread the word! A copy of the letter and plans from London Rock can be found on the Parish Council website: bartoninfabisp.org.uk or SAVE: barton-in-fabis.net

If you are not able to attend the event, then you can still email Greenfield Associates at: simon.rees@greenfield-associates.co.uk and let them know what you think of them and their plans!

Bollard Protection for the Village Green

The latest feedback from the City Council regarding the bollards to the Village Green is that all the required legal paperwork has been completed and was sent to the Clifton Family in January this year. Unfortunately the council are still awaiting the formal agreement back from the family, and cannot start the work on the site until they receive it. In the background that council have agreed contract terms and details for the bollards so that they are ready to start as soon as they hear back. The council are conscious that we are nearing traveller season and like us, want to move as quickly as they can to protect the green prior to the annual problems starting up once again.

As ever, the CVRA will keep in contact with the Council and update you via the website, Facebook and this publication as soon as we hear anything.

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

Work on landscaping the back garden of the School House & relaying the slabs at the front of the Village Hall has now been completed. The Trustees have recently reviewed the needs of the Village as well as those of the current & potential future users of the Hall. As a result, Graeme Barker, our Honorary Architect, has produced some revised plans for the next phase of the development of the hall, which include the following:-

- A new entrance (for which we already have planning permission)
- An extended kitchen
- A new multi-use room between the kitchen & the ladies toilets
- Alterations to the storeroom at the end of the ladies toilets

The Trustees wish to seek the views of the Village on these proposed plans. Therefore, these will be displayed at both the CVRA's AGM as well as the Trust's AGM on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Clifton Village Hall. Comments on these plans will be welcomed.

Clare Ashton - On behalf of the Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

If anyone would like to book the Village Hall for an event please contact Clare Ashton or Francis Buck on 07982 830120

The Old Rectory

The CVRA has continued to keep in contact with Nottingham City Council, Mr Kumar and other interested parties over the last few months to try and understand what the delay is to the redevelopment and what, if anything, we can do to speed it up.

In summary the owner was in negotiation with a reputable local developer regarding working together to complete the works, but this has now fallen through. Mr Kumar is however engaged with the City Council with the focus being 'resolution of the rectory' to quote the deputy head of Planning's advice to us last week. We have notified the council of the continued unsecure building, and the recent break in, and will as ever, continue to press for action. We have asked that last years Urgent Works Notice, which was drafted by the council in 2016 and resulted in last year's progress on the roof, to be re-started. This is on the basis that the threat of the council doing the repair work and then handing over a bill for it seems to be the only thing that has resulted in progress.

Village Photo Spotting Competition

Do you know where this is in the Village??



If you do please let your committee member know, email us at graemebarker@greenbee.net or drop a note through my door at 10 Nethergate

Win a free ticket to either the Fish and Chip Disco or Summer Garden Party for being first drawn out of those who get it right

Do you have any photographs of specific places or details in the village that you think would be a good challenge for the next edition of the competition. If so please do hand them to your committee member or email them to Graemebarker@greenbee.net

CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 8th May 2017

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 2016 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

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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:

Seconder:

Please return the form to the Secretary:
Graeme Barker, 10 Nethergate, Clifton Village by Friday 5th May 2017

Fish and Chip Disco



Clifton Village Hall
7.30pm, on Saturday 6th May

Tickets £7

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

Mar 28th

Apr 10th

May 2nd

Apr 18th

May 16th



Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Clifton Village Garden Group

The garden group dates are Mondays at 7.30pm:

Mar. 27th Diane Clement - "Alpines in the wild and in cultivation". Diane has grown alpines for many years and is seed director for the Alpine Garden Society



Apr. 24th Stella Exley - "Camassias" Stella will bring along plants for sale. She regularly exhibits at Chelsea

May 20th Coach trip to Ashworth Gardens. See the feature in this month's RHS garden magazine. Some seats still available £20

June 10th Village Open garden trail 2.30 pm £5
Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Bees in Clifton Village

Bees are amazing – not only do they fulfil a vital role they are one of the most complex and sophisticated living things. One bee alone may not amount to much but collectively they become a powerful force, responsible for pollinating 75% of our fruit and food crops.



A normal healthy colony of bees will have a population varying from 10,000 or less in the winter to 50,000 to 60,000 in the summer. There will be a queen and workers only for most of the year

but for the summer months there will also be some male bees, the drones. The queen may live up to 4 years but typically 2 to 3. Without the queen there is no colony. When you see her in the hive she looks noticeably longer in the body than the usual bees. One is shown below with its large dark abdomen, behind the green spot on its head.

The lifespan of a worker is like that of a car, depending more on mileage than age. At the height of the summer, with long working days, it may be as short as five weeks but in the autumn, particularly winter and early spring, it will be up to 6 months. Drones normally live only three to four weeks and are usually thrown out of the colony at the end of the summer or earlier if it is a bad year.



The jobs a worker bee performs in its short summer life are many and varied. It spends its early days in the hive only, helping to feed emerging larvae, then after a week it will turn to wax making and then receiving nectar from other bees or packing pollen into wax cells. After two to three weeks it will have taken a few experimental flights and be on entrance guard for the hive where it will learn about the bee-dance before it can fly out and forage for nectar and pollen.

Honey is simply dried out flower nectar. The drops of nectar carried by the worker bee into the hive are passed around from one bee to another and in doing so the nectar is concentrated into recognisable honey. On a hot still day, you can see bees at the entrance fanning their wings to help drive more air into the hive to aid evaporation and cooling.

Pollen is collected in sacs on the legs of the bees and from its colour, as bees return to the hive, you can tell what they have fed on. Bright yellow for Dandelion in the spring or grey white for



Bee with reddish pollen in sacs on the legs

Himalayan Balsam in the late summer. Pollen is the source of protein necessary to feed growing larvae and keep the existing bees.

Drones, the male bees of the colony, look noticeably bigger than ordinary worker bees and can be seen hovering around the hive entrance on a late summer afternoon. Drones arise from unfertilised eggs from the queen and therefore drones have a mother but no father. The sole purpose of the drone is to fertilise a queen. When drones leave their hive they fly well away and are known to gather in drone-clouds or congregations, being gatherings of a few thousand drones from numerous bee colonies.

This gives a larger gene pool to reduce in-breeding with visiting virgin queens. When a colony senses that a queen is near the end of its useful life it will take steps to ensure a new queen is produced. This means that a wax cup, inside the hive, to hold the fertilised larvae is made larger than any other. The nursery bees recognise this difference and feed this larva substantially more. A large protruding wax cell, which is easily recognisable as holding a potential queen, can be seen in hives around May/June. Sometimes the existing queen will sense the arrival of this competitor and will lose weight to be able to fly and escape the hive. When this happens a swarm of bees may follow the old queen or equally they may swarm to follow a new queen.

When a virgin queen emerges in the hive it gains strength over some days and then after a few flights it leaves to find the drone congregations and mate. A successful queen needs the sperm of 6 to 8 drones and thereby collecting some million sperm to store and see her through a few seasons of successful egg laying.

This time of the year (late winter to early spring) is a dangerous time for bees. The reason is that the queen will be laying eggs to ensure a healthy population able to gather in the spring nectar from early flowers but if there is a cold snap in March/April this could put pressure on the food reserves to support the over-wintered bees and the newly emerging brood. Hives/colonies can sometimes die unless supported with extra food at this time.

Ed Peterson – Clifton Village

You can buy some Clifton Village honey, which was collected in late summer/autumn of 2016. So it is a mix of late flowers and Himalayan Balsam, excellent taste and very healthy. The cost per jar is £4.00. It will be labelled and personalised to you, if you wish. I have only 20 jars to spare and all of the proceeds will go to the Clifton Village funds.

Phone Ed on 9843229

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

PROGRAMME FOR 2017

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

- Thursday 13th July** String Quartet with Jill Barker & Friends featuring music from baroque to romantic, folk to tango
- Friday 14th July** 'The Gypsy Trio' (Traditional Jazz)
- Saturday 15th July** 'Helix' Orchestra with Clare Bhabra, Leader of the Nottingham Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Sunday 16th July** Choral Festival Service with St Mary's Singers & String Quartet at 10.45am.

CONCERT NOVEMBER 2017 'Helix' Orchestra with David Greed from Opera North - programme will include:-

Mozart's 'Sinfonia Concertante', Symphony No.9
Haydn's 'Philosopher' Symphony

All events start at 7.30pm

All tickets for the Concerts and Music Festival at £10 per person (under 16 half price) includes refreshments.

For tickets or further details, please contact Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937
or 07775 902385 or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com
or Beryl Hancock on 0115 921 984 5330

St Mary's Church

Services during Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday 9th April	10.45am Holy Communion
Monday 10th April	7.30pm Holy Communion & Meditation
Tuesday 11th April	7.30pm Holy Communion & Meditation
Maundy Thursday 13th April	7.30pm Stripping of the altar, foot washing & 'Silent Watch' until midnight (at Holy Trinity with St Francis)
Good Friday 14th April	1 – 3pm Messy Church & Good Friday workshop (at Holy Trinity with St Francis) 2pm Meditation with hymns
Easter Eve 15th April	7pm 1 st Celebration of Easter with Easter egg hunt, food & fireworks followed by Easter liturgy & 1 st Mass of Easter (at Holy Trinity with St Francis)
Easter Day 16th April	5.00am Dawn Service (followed by breakfast) 10.45am Holy Communion Easter Service

All are most welcome

If you would like to come to the Dawn Service, would you please let me know for catering purposes – thank you.

Contact:- Clare Ashton 0115 921 3937/07775 902385 or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

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

Your Local Beat Team now are:

Sgt 2112 Paul Ferguson - 101 Ext 801 4560

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

CPO 9764 Max Oliver, Pcs0 9629 Anthony Parker, Pcs0 9636 Joy Davis

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/



Call us: 101
Visit us online www.nottinghamshire.police.uk

Fitness Suite at Lark Hill Village



Joining the gym at Lark Hill Retirement Village allows you access to a qualified fitness instructor who can devise a free personalised fitness program to suit your individual needs. Free fitness/health assessments are also completed when you join.

- User friendly equipment
- Treadmills
- Bikes (both recumbent and upright)
- Cross trainers
- Rowing machines
- Resistances machines
- Free weights
- and much more.....



With Membership you'll also have the benefit of using the Jacuzzi pool and Steam room. There's also a changing room with shower.

Concessions for over 55

To arrange a one to one induction or book a free consultation Contact Chris on 0115 9695000 (option 5) or email chris.kemsley@extracare.or.uk

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