

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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2018

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

VILLAGE HISTORY <i>Come and learn more about the village</i>	13th April 2018 7.30pm
FISH AND CHIP SUPPER <i>A regular highlight</i>	19th May 2018 7.30pm Village Hall
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM Village Hall	21st May 2018 7.30pm
SUMMER GARDEN PARTY Holly House - Village Road	23rd June 2018 12.30pm
CLIFTON VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL St Mary's Church	13th – 14th July 2018 7.30pm
CHRISTMAS PARTY Village Hall	9th December 2018 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, Kath Kay, Ed Peterson, 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 you all had a good time over the Christmas holiday period. So far this year we seem to have had a peaceful start with only the weather causing problems. I have been in touch with our councillors over the flooded entrance to the village after a few days of heavy rain. They will be sending out a team in due course, to hopefully provide a solution to the problem, which has been ongoing for a number of years. You may have noticed that they have already marked the area with yellow paint and cleared the blocked drain. Unfortunately, regarding the snowy conditions we have experienced lately the council have confirmed that we are not on the primary gritting routes so we have to drive extra carefully when driving through the village.

With regard to driving carefully please remember, that at any time of year, the speed limit is 30 mph. Residents have mentioned wariness at exiting their driveways, where there is no clear view of oncoming traffic. Let us all keep ourselves and our children safe and stick to the speed limit!



Onto other items, those of us who came along to the village Christmas party in December had a fantastic get together with a fine buffet thanks again to Glenys Blacknell, Kath Spencer and their team of helpers. This was washed down with mulled wine expertly prepared by Frances Buck. Everyone enjoyed the musical follow on. Thanks to

James Royston and his girls, we are gradually becoming more accomplished in the pro-active version of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Many thanks to everyone who helped on and before the day, not forgetting our expert flower arranger Clare providing us with delightful table decorations.

The village seemed well lit up at Christmas, from individual house décor, to a beautiful tree in Clifton Hall Drive and the village tree on Cross Hill which was much larger than usual and provided quite a challenge to the team putting it in place. Thank you to those who came to help on the day and in its removal. The carol singing was well attended again. Each year the numbers seem to increase which is fantastic. Could it be due to mulled wine, roast chestnuts and hot mince pies or Jill Barker's expert accompaniment on the violin or just the enjoyment of getting together for a great shared experience? Whichever, it makes a lovely start to the festivities and gives those more house bound residents a chance to feel included as the carol singers work their way around the village.

This year's village calendar has been sold in ever increasing numbers so that the garden group were able to donate almost £200 towards the village hall development fund. With one outstanding payment to collect this should bring it in to the exact amount. A huge thank you to everyone who bought a calendar either for themselves and or for their families and friends. The photographs provided by Francis Buck and Ann Hooley are of a superb standard. Each year becomes more difficult to select which photo to include. If you want to have one of your photos considered for next year's calendar please email them to me by mid-September. Get clicking! If you are reading this in March then you will have noticed the mistake, as Mothering Sunday is on the 11th not the 25th as printed. At least, you will have a great excuse if you forget on the 11th plus a second chance to make amends!

Maybe someone will be able to take a close-up photograph of the Hawfinch that is causing quite a buzz in the bird world. You may have noticed groups of visitors with enormous lenses and scopes trained on the trees behind Yew Tree Grange or in the Fishermen's car park. Our village has become a hotspot for the birds with only one other spot in the county where they can be seen. They like to sit towards the tops of the trees should you feel like spotting them for yourself.



Activities that the committee are planning for this year start with the fish and chip supper and disco in April. We then have our AGM in May and then the summer garden party to look forward to. Other community events are those organised by the church and events taking part in the village hall such as the pop-up tea room. If you are new to the village welcome! Do come along to as many activities as you are able to as it is a great way to meet and get to know others who live here.

We look forward to meeting you and any of our other village residents.

Pat Rice - 1st March 2018

Village Notes

Gritting Route and Grit Bins

As noted in the Chairwoman's report the council have confirmed to us that we are included on the secondary gritting route, not the primary protection route prioritised by the Council. In reality this means that during any weather emergency priority is given to the primary route and when this is secured and 'resources are available' the council will then come and attend the identified secondary routes, which includes the main road through the village. The reality is of course what has happened in the last couple of weeks. The council don't have the spare resources when the village really need it. We have applied to the council for grit bins to treat localised areas of the village ourselves. If you have strong views of support or otherwise on this please do let the CVRA know as village support will be important in justifying this request to the Council. *G Barker*

Ward Walk



A ward walk took place recently and was attended by all our councillors, Prairie Bryant our neighbourhood officer, two community police officers, Paul Brown and two council workers in charge of repairs to roads etc. This is an opportunity to speak to councillors regarding any issues that concern residents and is open for anyone from the village to attend.

From the village Pat Rice, Kath Kay, Roy Nettleship, Francis Buck and Allan Breeton were able to attend. Items addressed were:

- 1) Kerb being churned up on entrance to roadway to village hall plus potholes
- 2) Main footpath being overgrown down to Village hall and main road. This is only going to get worse once growth of vegetation begins – we are concerned that two people cannot walk abreast or that parents with a pushchair and wheelchair users will find progress difficult.
- 3) Litter around the village. Officers have been into the fast food outlets plus Tesco to remind them of their obligations regarding clearing litter. Cut backs mean that council workers cannot give time to clear litter further afield, i.e. in the village, on a regular basis. Prairie Bryant suggested that we be given litter pickers, black bags and gloves and regular litter picks to be arranged by interested village residents. We will arrange regular litter picks and notify residents via the village noticeboard and Facebook.
- 4) Village Road speeding - Concerns were raised about the speed of some traffic along Village Road. Whether this is residents or visiting traffic please be aware that this is a danger to children playing and unseen cars coming out of driveways.
- 5) Raised area of pavement left after removal of lamppost on Village Road - It is unlikely that this will be removed by the council.
- 6) Parking on Holgate - no action will be taken although all are now aware. Clare Ashton will continue to place cones along the roadside when needed, for funerals for example. Francis Buck was able to describe issues regarding parking too close to the corner with Village Road.
- 7) Old Rectory - Councillors are now reminded to speak to Mr Kumar again. Prairie indicated that things could still be progressing in the background. The open window frame was noted.
- 8) Village Road - Road signs are now in place at the entrance to the village which should make life easier for visitors.
- 9) Blocked drain and flooding - This has already been marked and work will clear debris, raise drain cover and an area of tarmac placed around the area to aid drainage.

If you have any other issues that we may have over looked please speak to one of the committee and we will raise these on your behalf at any future ward walk or earlier if the problem is more urgent.

Pat Rice – February 2018

Gravel Pit between Barton in Fabis and Clifton

The planning application for the Gravel Pit remains lodged with the County Council, and our friends in Barton in Fabis, with support from ourselves, continue to put up fierce resistance to this application. We have lent our support to a 90 page objection document drafted by the Barton team that has been submitted to Nottingham County Council raising major issues with many areas of the application. These include noise, ecology, flood risk, visual impact amongst others. This process could go on for some time, and if protracted could be overtaken by the new County Minerals Plan which is soon to emerge for consultation. If the consultation does emerge in the near future we will yet again need to raise support from the village to make our feelings known on this matter. The campaign against the planning application led to over 1200 objections from Clifton and Barton residents, and other influential parties such as Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. We will continue to liaise with our friends in Barton and keep you updated on this issue. *G Barker*



Planning application for Clifton West Housing

An Outline Planning Application for 285 houses has been submitted for the Clifton West housing site, which lies between Barton Green and Clifton Woods to the south of Yew Tree Grange. The application can be found on the Council website under reference 18/00056/POUT. The site is set out in the Local Plan for Housing, so the principle is agreed that housing is appropriate for the site, but details are not.



The application is not for detailed design, being only for the approval of the access route through Barton Green. The application does however contain a great deal of design information, and the CVRA, following a review, have objected to certain key elements of the proposals. These include a lack of public open space and play areas, and a lack of protective landscape buffer between the proposed estate and Clifton Woods to the west. Drawings and reports are on the council website and we would encourage you to visit the website and raise any comments you wish independently. The application is due to reach a decision very soon so you will need to access the plans swiftly to submit any comments before the consultation is closed. *G Barker*

Parking on Holgate and Nethergate

As highlighted in Pat's Ward Walk report it has become apparent to the village that Nottingham Trent University (NTU) staff and students have discovered that the Parking restrictions end at the far end of Village Road and they are parking in increasing numbers along Holgate, and on selected days, Nethergate as well. It was agreed at the ward walk that no action is to be taken as things stand from

a council perspective, but NTU are sensitive to students and staff impacting local residential areas (many of the planning permissions for recent work on campus promise to limit use of cars), so they should be responsive if we raise the issue with them.

Could we therefore ask any villagers who are frustrated by inconsiderate parking, to email me, Graeme Barker (Graemebarker@greenbee.net) with photos, if possible, of the offending vehicles with number plates legible. I can then raise the matter with NTU based on substantive evidence that they can follow up with staff and students.

Old Rectory Appeal

do you have a spare sheet of plywood in the garage?

And finally..... yes it's the Old Rectory once again. And I'm afraid to report that if anything progress has further slowed from the not exactly lightning levels



reached in 2017. When I met with the Council in October 2017 I highlighted the short term issue of securing the building, and this was agreed as an urgent action. A reminder on this point some four months later drew a response that it would be urgently taken up with the owner. I'm therefore appealing for someone to donate Mr Kumar a sheet of either 12 or 19mm plywood and a box of

screws to secure the property. If you have one please do let me know and I'll invite the Evening Post down to witness this charitable act for posterity. Above and beyond that I'm told 'negotiations on re-development are ongoing' but have no further information to report. *G Barker*

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 83012

CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 21st May 2018

Clifton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

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 2017 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, 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 18th May 2018

Fish and Chip Disco



Clifton Village Hall
7.30pm, on Saturday 19th 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.

VILLAGE HERITAGE EVENING

FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2018

VILLAGE HALL FROM 7.30PM

**COME ALONG AND SEE A DISPLAY OF THE CVRA
COLLECTION OF HISTORIC VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHS,
AND HEAR MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR AREA**

**GUEST SPEAKER TO OFFER TALK ON
HISTORY OF THE AREA**



**BRING ALONG ANY OLD PICTURES YOU HAVE TO SEE
IF ANYONE CAN BE RECOGNISED ON THEM**

TICKET PRICE £5

**WINE, BEER AND NIBBLES WILL BE FREE WITH EACH TICKET
TICKET SELLERS WILL BE AROUND IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
WITH MORE DETAILS OF THE EVENT**

Clifton Village Art Group

Meeting dates up to July:

Mar 6th Mar 20th Apr 10th
Apr 24th May 8th May 22nd
June 5th June 26th July 10th July 24th



The group meet on Tuesdays at 2 pm

Cost £5 with all materials provided plus refreshments.

Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Clifton Village Garden Group

The garden group meets on
Mondays at 7.30pm in the
village hall - Cost £5



Forthcoming Talks:

Mar 26 "Butterflies" with Bill Bacon

Apr 30th. "Agapanthus and Nerines" with Steve Hickman

Sat May 12th Village open garden trail - 2 pm

Local garden visits to be arranged for the summer months.

July coach trip to RHS Harlow Carr - actual date to be arranged

Contact Clare or Pat for further details:

patriciabrice@hotmail.com

clare31337@btinternet.com

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

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

This year's Music Festival is to be held on Friday 13th July and Saturday 14th July. Further details will be published on the programmes for these evenings in due course. There will be a Festival Service Sunday 15th July at 10.45am.

All events start at 7.30pm

For tickets or further details, please contact Clare Ashton on 0115 921

3937 or 07775 902385 or email clare31337@btinternet.com

or Beryl Hancock on 0115_921 984 5330

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St Mary's Church

Services during Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday 25th March	10.45am Holy Communion
Monday 26th March	7.30pm Holy Communion & Meditation
Tuesday 27th March	10am Holy Communion & Meditation (at Holy Trinity with St Francis)
Maundy Thursday 29th March	7.30pm Stripping of the altar, foot washing & 'Silent Watch' until midnight (at Holy Trinity with St Francis)
Good Friday 30th March	11.30am – 1.30pm Messy Church & Good Friday workshop (at Holy Trinity with St Francis) 2pm Meditation with hymns
Easter Eve 31st March	7-8.30pm Barbeque, Short Easter Service and Fireworks followed by Easter liturgy & 1 st Mass of Easter (at Holy Trinity with St Francis)
Easter Day 1st April	6.00am Sunrise 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 clare31337@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

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