

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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2022

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

CVRA AGM
Village Hall

16th May 2022
7.30pm

Village Jubilee Celebrations
Village Green

5th June 2022
12.30pm

Summer Garden Party
Holly House, Village Road

16th July 2022
12.30pm

Autumn Event - details tbc
Village Hall

22nd October 2022
7.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chair
Pat Rice

Treasurer
Helen Huffer

Secretary
Ed Peterson

Committee Members: Graeme Barker, Philip Bull, Christine Dalby, Julie Reid, James Royston, Sam Ward 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

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. We hope that you all had a better time over the Christmas period than the previous year when we were all isolating from family and friends.

With relaxing of Covid rules and the vaccination programme moving onto booster jabs, we hope that the coming year will be more promising for everyone, while realising that some care still needs to be observed. Our Christmas lunch was able to go ahead in December with reduced numbers attending. One of our newer committee members Julie Reid took up the reins to organise the food and its safe presentation, with help from our mostly, new catering team. We pass on a huge thank you to all of them for a successful event. We even managed our regular Christmas song thanks to James and Emily. The village Christmas tree arrived slightly later than normal but was there just in time, much to everyone's relief. The usual tree team were on hand to see to planting and dismantling and Jonathan Blacknell saw to the lights once again. The tree lighting and Carol singing went ahead being well attended and we were led around the village once more by Jill Barker playing her violin, while we visited residents who were house bound.

We are always immensely grateful to those in the village who are prepared to help at these events and this event was no exception. Thank you to everyone who helped in whatever way. However, we mustn't take it for granted that this regular group of volunteers can always be relied on. We will be looking out for some of our younger, fitter village residents to help and eventually take over. Please contact Ed Peterson or myself if you feel that you are able to assist in any way, at any of the events we organise.

The big event for this year will be the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Along with the rest of the country we will be having a party on Sunday June 5th. This will take place in and around the village hall and adjacent village green. Further details will be notified nearer the time.

Following events will include the village garden party at Holly House on the 16th July and an autumn event in the village hall.

Thinking more about the Jubilee celebrations led me to remember what I was doing, not in 1952 but the following Coronation year. I lived in Lichfield at the time and unlucky me I had chicken pox on the day so couldn't go to the street party! Instead, I was fortunate enough to be invited to watch the ceremony on a television, which was great apart from the fact that I was in a room surrounded by tiger skin and bear skin rugs complete with heads; both fascinating and scary! If you have any interesting memories of that time do share them with us. We had some really interesting stories of war time memories when we celebrated VE day. If you would like to contribute your story to a collection, please send them to myself or one of our committee members. Apparently, I wasn't the only village resident with chicken pox on the day of the coronation – more interesting stories to follow. Please add yours! Send to: patriciaalice@hotmail.com

Back to the present day, now we are in March isn't it lovely to see the Spring flowers opening up to brighten the village and the woods around us. A promise of warmer days to come. It is so affirming to see first the snowdrops, then the daffodils and crocus coming into flower. To those of you who have more recently moved into the village, a very warm welcome. We hope you are beginning to feel settled and look forward to meeting you at one or other of our events.

Pat Rice

17TH March 2022

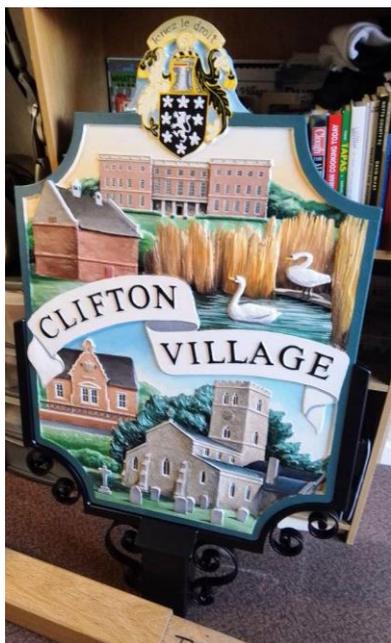
Village Notes

Parking Restrictions Update

All residents will have received notification, from the Traffic and Safety Team at the City Council, of the plans for the new Resident Parking Scheme in the village. Residents were invited to make comments on the proposals by 24th January. The Traffic Regulation Order is currently being progressed. Once all legal requirements are in place the scheme will be able to go ahead. However as mentioned before, the traffic team will have a list of works to carry out in a set order. Depending how long the list is, will determine when the work will take place.

Meanwhile we continue to see our areas of unrestricted parking clogged up by university cars being parked there during weekdays. A recent funeral at the church further highlighted the existing problems and the urgent need for the solution to be enacted. Parking staff from the university needed to come down to prevent staff and students alike from parking by the church so that funeral cars could take up much needed spaces. The chairman of Clifton Hall Drive Residents Association also kindly opened the gates to the drive so that extra parking was enabled to accommodate funeral attendees parking needs. Remember if there are problems with cars being parked in current restricted areas or parked so as to cause a danger, the Parking Enforcement team can be contacted on 01158761499 *P.R.*

Village Green Bollards and Heritage Sign



We understand that legal requirements involving the Clifton family have now been completed giving permission for bollards to be installed around the unprotected areas of the village green. However, there are still a few ongoing processes needing to be completed by the council. These have yet to be signed off, reflective of the council's current financial situation. Our councillors will keep us updated as progress is made towards completion of the project. We all find these issues frustrating in the length of time it takes but we are still hopeful that this will happen before too long.

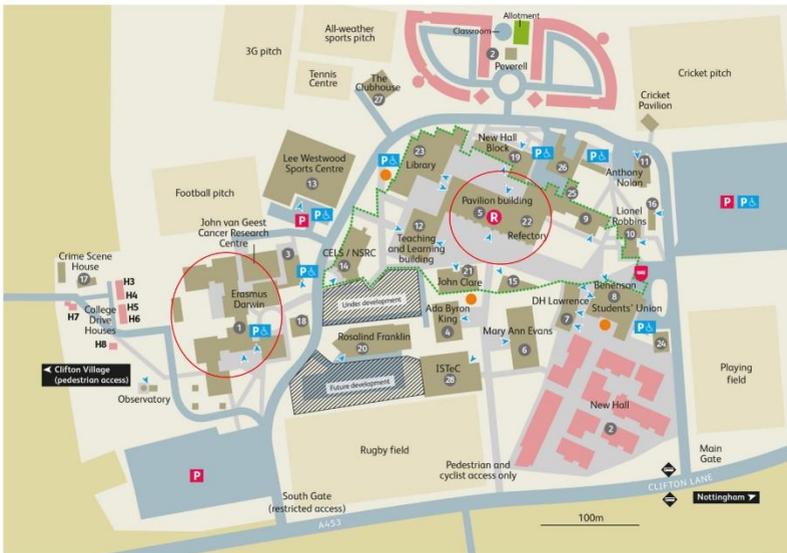
Meanwhile, committee member Phil Bull, who has been progressing the installation of our heritage sign has recently taken delivery of the sign and we are just waiting for an installation date. The sign will be positioned in the triangle shaped part of the village green sometime in March or early April. Check our village Facebook page for updates.

Defibrillator

We are currently waiting for a professional to highlight the best position for a defibrillator in the village. Additionally, we are hopeful that he will give us a talk and demonstration on its safe use. Thank you to everyone who bought a 2022 calendar and generously gave an additional donation on top of the calendar cost. Currently the fund stands at over £250. If anyone would still wish to give a donation, please contact myself or our treasurer Helen Huffer. Meanwhile one of our other committee members, Sam Ward has checked on where nearby defibrillators are positioned on the university campus.

Clifton Campus

Defibrillators are available at reception in all of the main buildings on the Clifton Campus. The nearest to Clifton Village is in the Erasmus Darwin Building (no. 1 on the map). Out of work hours and at the weekend, contact Security in the Pavilion Building (no. 5), tel: (0115) 848 6600.



They appear to be in the reception areas of the main buildings on the campus with the nearest one to the village being in the Erasmus Darwin building. Obviously, these are available during opening hours but the campus security team, based in the Pavilion building, are there all the time so that in an emergency a defibrillator should be available out of hours as well. We hope that this will provide some reassurance in the short term should an emergency unfortunately arise again. P.R.

Sand and Gravel Extraction at Barton in Fabis

You will no doubt have heard the great news that the application by London Rock has been withdrawn. They are thinking of resubmitting in a year to fifteen months' time.

Prior to that welcome event, there have been ongoing campaigns working away in the background led by Julian Coles and his group at Barton in Fabis.

A major factor of concern was the further deterioration of the air quality that would occur at the Mill Hill processing plant site. The Barton group have been concerned about the flawed assessment by the applicant and their advisors of the air quality risks being seen as low. This is because data was taken from the Watnall weather station, 14 kms away rather than the closer data from Sutton Bonington.

Lark Hill Retirement Village and the greater Clifton area including ourselves here in the village would be the most likely areas to be affected given the prevailing winds at the site as well as the dust raised by the greatly increased heavy traffic coming off the Mill Hill roundabout. The residents of Lark Hill aided by the Barton team publicised their problems and concerns over being so close to the processing site of the quarry by producing a video, which was given wide media attention and may have been another catalyst causing the applicant to withdraw. Local GPs had been contacted by Mr Coles and invited to write to councillors, to express their concerns on how poorer air quality will add greatly to the ill health of many of their patients some who already suffer from lung conditions. Hopefully this will also have added armour to the campaign and so aiding in the applicant's withdrawal decision.

One change of note is that London Rock, the applicant had recently dismissed their advisor Greenfield Enviro and appointed a more experienced advisor, PDE Consulting Ltd instead. This is no doubt another reason why the application was withdrawn as in its current state of being resubmitted over several years, the application was likely to be turned down with no chance of re applying. So, for the time being we have a breathing space, if you will pardon the pun but be reassured that the Barton team are not resting on their laurels but are reassessing and making plans ahead of any possible resubmission. *P.R.*

The Dovecote: An update

Tom Street, who is the conservation officer for heritage properties in Nottingham has stepped in to help with our Dovecote. Previously Alice Ullathorne, also from Nottingham City, had made the Dovecote one of her projects, with conservation in mind, hoping to have the building accepted by the Nottingham Heritage Trust. This Trust was established by the City to help suitable projects and the hope was that our Dovecote would merit funding a feasibility study to examine how the Dovecote could be re-furbished to make it a commercial on-going concern. Any income derived by such use of the building would help ensure the Dovecote be self-funding and not rely on the City to fund repairs. (We are cautiously aware that the Council could then be absolved of any responsibility for the future). We still await a response from the Trust.

The last work carried out by Alice was to raise the issue of the failing rendering on the gable ends of the building. On the departure of Alice from the City this was taken up by Tom Street resulting in the scaffolding we now see in place and the rendering itself being removed. There is now a discussion with 'Historic England' as to whether to simply re-render or to replace damaged bricks and re-point.

Tom Street is adding the building to the local buildings at risk register. The Dovecote is a Scheduled Monument and is also eligible for the National Heritage at risk register. If the Dovecote were also added to the national register, it would immediately improve its chances of gaining grant-funding from bodies such as the Architectural Heritage fund and the National Lottery Heritage fund. This would then be a potential additional source of funds for a feasibility study.

A survey of the Dovecote from 2015 (this is available to view on the CVRA website) is being used as a basis for seeking some up-to-date costs on necessary repair works other than the gable ends. An application will need to be presented to the Asset Management board of Nottingham City for approval. It is difficult to know whether the budget will be available or forthcoming. In the meantime, the current urgent works will be carried out when necessary consents are in place for the repairs to go ahead. We await Historic England and the City.

Ed Peterson

CVRA Membership

For as long as anyone can remember the cost of membership of the Clifton Village Resident's Association (CVRA) has remained at £1 per person apart from last year when we collected double that amount as a catch up after the Covid lockdown.

Time and costs have however caught up with us. Printing of the newsletter, purchase of our village Christmas tree, events insurance along with other additional costs have now increased to the extent that they far surpass the membership fees collected. It is proposed to increase this to £5 per household and £2.50 where there is just one adult. We hope that you understand the need for the change and will continue to enjoy the many benefits that membership conveys.

I am sure that you will agree that our newsletter continues to be a valued source of information helping us to keep in touch with many village matters. That was particularly so during the height of the Covid pandemic, when the newsletter contained much detailed information on how to keep safe and was delivered to every home in the village even though we were unable to collect membership fees. I know many of us appreciated the advice given in its pages. Behind the scenes the committee members are constantly busy with village matters, liaising with our councillors and neighbourhood officer.

You may have noticed a programme of road surface repairs going on. Well, that is an example of the committee making councillors aware and sending photos of the worst areas. Without committee members constant diligence, the Old Rectory could quite easily have burned down instead of it being the delightful area it has become. The work the committee does and has done in the past is what keeps our village a special place to live.

Membership subscriptions are due to be collected in April. Please, please continue to support the Village through subscriptions. This is our life-blood and we need your help to keep this Village a happy, successful, and supportive community.

P.R.

CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 16th May 2022

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, Ed Peterson at 5 Farriers Green. Copies of these Minutes and the Agenda for AGM 2022 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.

Ed Peterson, Secretary, 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:
Ed Peterson, 5 Farriers Green, Clifton Village by Friday 13th May 2022

Clifton Village invites all to join us For a 'Right Royal Knees Up'

The Queens Jubilee Celebrations Sunday 5th June



The Clifton Village Residents Association invites everyone for their 'Village Street Party'.

Outside the Village Hall on the Green, or inside if raining.

Celebrate the first British Monarch to have an historic Platinum Jubilee reign.

Join the community and dress in red, white and blue or take part in the 'Fancy Dress Competition'.



There will be games for everyone.

Pimms tent to relax.

Bubbly to celebrate.

Music to cheer.

A commemoration tree to plant

Helium balloons for everyone to send skywards.

Bring your own food and drink.

A day to remember, all residents and immediate family are invited

Sunday 5th June 12.30 till later. Tables and chairs provided



Summer Garden Party

Saturday 16th July 12.30pm

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

Adults £10

Children £5

*COMPLIMENTARY DRINK AND BUFFET LUNCH IN
PICTURESQUE SURROUNDINGS
TICKET SELLERS WILL BE CALLING ON ALL
HOUSEHOLDS*

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN GARDEN CHAIRS

Clifton Village Hall

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

With the closure of the Highbank Community Centre, NG11 Fitbods, a fitness group, has relocated to the Village Hall. It meets on a Wednesday evening 6.30 – 7.30pm and would welcome new members. (Contact Hannah Warren on 07818 567579 for more information – she not only runs fitness classes but is also a personnel trainer and nutrition coach). Another 2 groups are now using the hall for a trial period – by invitation only – the Chayah Men’s group on Tuesday lunchtime and the Template (Book) club monthly on Sunday afternoon. Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets at the Christmas party, which raised £110, and to those who purchased 2022 Village calendars, a contribution of £150 going towards the new development.

At a recent meeting of the Village Hall Trustees, the decision was taken to defer the new development (new entrance & multiuse room, with extension to the kitchen) until next summer. Meanwhile, we have commissioned an architect to produce technical drawings and to manage the project. Fortunately, our planning approval does not run out until September 2023, although it can be renewed for a small fee should this be necessary.

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 11th May at 8pm at the Village Hall to which you are all very welcome. Do come along and support what the Trustees are doing on your behalf – thank you.

Clare Ashton, Chair of Trustees

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

St Mary's Church

Services during Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 10th April

11.00am Morning Worship

Maundy Thursday 14th April
(at Holy Trinity with St Francis)

7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 15th April
(Prayer & Reflection)

2pm Hour of the Cross

Easter Saturday 16th April
(at Holy Trinity with St Francis) – crafts, worship, tea

4pm Messy Church

Easter Day 21st April
(followed by breakfast)

5.30am Dawn Service

11.00am Holy Communion Easter Service

Easter Monday 22nd April

2 – 4pm Open Church

Tea & cakes, Easter egg hunt, children's trail, church history

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 07775 902385 or email <clare31337@btinternet.com> or Rev Lydia Cartwright 07305 820553 rev.lydiacartwright@gmail.com

St Mary's Church update

After the lifting of some of the COVID restrictions, we were very pleased to welcome so many people to our church over Christmas - particularly at the Clifton Candlelit Community Carol service, when we served mulled wine and mince pies outside following the service. Thank you to all those who braved the wet and cold weather to join us in the Carol singing outside the Village Hall on the Green, following the Christingle service on Christmas Eve.

We have been very encouraged by the increasing numbers of children attending our Children's Storytime for 3-11 year olds, which takes place during the weekly morning Sunday service at 11am – if you have children, why not bring them along? When you next visit St Mary's, look out for the Storytime 'Wild Flower garden', where the primroses and violets are in flower.

Thank you to all those who continue to support St Mary's through attendance at church services or events at church, through prayer, or through their time undertaking various tasks, or by regular giving – it's very much appreciated.

During September 2021, a Quinquennial inspection was undertaken by our architect, Mark Goodwill-Hodgson. The inspection report was received in December identifying a Schedule of Items to be undertaken defined as 'Urgent, Necessary and Desirable'. You will be pleased to know that 'there were no surprises'! We are currently addressing the urgent issues – the highest priority relating to improving the drainage system, including repairing and replacing gutters and downpipes, unblocking and replacing soakaways, and removing the concrete around the outside of the base of the church. This should assist with drying out some of the internal damp walls. *Rev. Lydia Cartwright*



'Reducing Loneliness and Isolation of Vulnerable and Older People'

Thank you to all those who purchased Christmas raffle tickets – several Villagers were successful winners!

As part of our fundraising for this year, we are running an Easter raffle – Easter hamper, Champagne, Co-op Gift Vouchers plus wine, chocolates and much more. Please continue to support us by purchasing raffle tickets at £1 per ticket from Clare at Glebe Cottage, 48 Village Rd - thank you.

We are also organising a tabletop and tombola at the Clifton market in May. If anyone has anything suitable to sell at this event or for the tombola, please do let me know and I would be happy to collect it – thank you.

If anyone would like to help or volunteer in anyway, please do contact me on my mobile 07775 902385 or email clare31337@btinternet.com You can also contact Good Companions by phone, email or Facebook (see details below).

Clare Ashton *Chairman, Good Companions Management Committee*

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:

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

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant: Sgt 1083 Nigel Bradley

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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/