

# CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

**SPRING**



**2023**

## CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

**Bangers and Mash Quiz Night**  
Village Hall

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
7.30pm

**Coronation Big Lunch**  
St Mary's Church

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
from 2pm

**CVRA AGM**  
Village Hall

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
8.00pm

**Summer Garden Party**  
Holly House, Village Road

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
12.30pm

**Call by Bluff Wine Tasting**  
Village Hall

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
7.30pm

*Produced by Clifton Village Residents Association*

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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 and John Woodall**

**[www.clifton-village.org.uk](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham)**

# CVRA Message

Welcome to our annual Newsletter. Well, Spring is just around the corner, and I for one, am excited to see it. I'm in the mood for lighter, brighter days, there's a lot to love about this time of the year.

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas period as things seem to be going back to normality following the previous two years' restrictions.

Finally we were able to hold a Disco night in November. This was great success with simple fare of a baked potato and Chilli Con Carne. Many thanks to all who were involved with a special thanks to Jonathan Blacknell for a great disco which kept everyone dancing.

Well, the Christmas tree arrived safely in time this year. The usual team led by Ed saw to the erection and dismantling of the tree. Jonathan Blacknell ensured that the lights were working once again. Many thanks to Christine Youlden for allowing us to use her electricity supply. After a damp start to the Christmas tree lighting and Carols on Cross Hill the rain ceased and everyone enjoyed the mince pies, roasted chestnuts and mulled wine. Jill Barker played her violin as James led the Carol singing. We continued the singing around the village to those residents who were house bound. This event was well attended and it was a good chance to catch up and have a chat with other village residents we hadn't seen for a while. We would like to thank everyone who helped with this event.

After the tree lighting we became focussed on the Christmas lunch held at the Village Hall. Ticket sales were back to normal levels this year. This was a great improvement on last year's event [due to covid restrictions.] Christine and myself did the shopping with Phylis Lees. A great group of volunteers helped with the catering, setting up and clearing away on the day. Fortunately we were able to return to a buffet style lunch. Francis Buck ensured that the mulled wine was up to the usual standard. James and his daughter Emily led our regular rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas. It was great to see so many new and old faces at this event. We pass a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make it a successful event.

As ever we are always grateful to anyone in our Village who is able to help with any events. The CVRA is a voluntary organisation for our Village. We are always looking out for any village residents to help. Please contact us if you can help in anyway; we can add to our list of volunteers.

*Julie Reid*

*March 2023*

## Village Notes

### Planned Events for 2023

Of course, the big event for this year will be to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III in May. We will be holding THE BIG LUNCH at St Mary's Church on Sunday May 7th. Further details will follow nearer the time. Please look out for the flier.

Other events for the coming year are listed on the front of our Newsletter: make sure to make a note in your diary and watch out for the fliers. They will include a Bangers and Mash Quiz night in March, our annual village garden party at Holly House in July and a Call My Bluff wine tasting in October among other events.

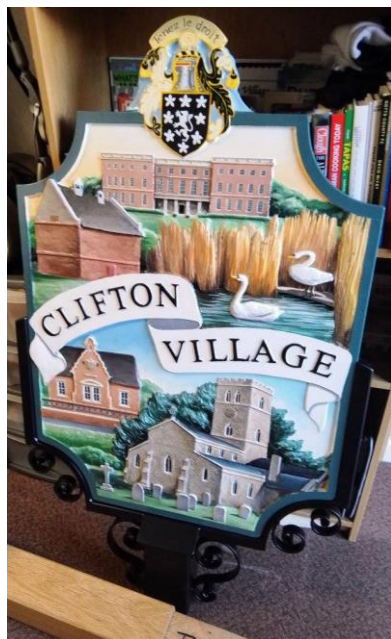
Thinking about the Coronation celebrations if you have any interesting memories do share them with us and contribute to our story collection. Please send yours to [patriciabrice@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciabrice@hotmail.com)

Back to the present day we would like to give a very warm welcome to those of you who have recently moved into the village. We look forward to seeing everyone at the village events. J.R.

## Village Green

It's good to see that all of the bollards have now been installed around the unprotected areas of the village green. We are sure that you agree that the Heritage Village sign is looking very splendid following its installation last Spring. Thanks to committee member Phil Bull who took the lead on this project. The area of the village green where the sign has been installed is now our designated area for a wildflower meadow. This is a Nottingham City Council directive as they are encouraging areas to be left to go wild to support the insect population. This area will not be cut regularly by the Council. The CVRA members have been pro-active

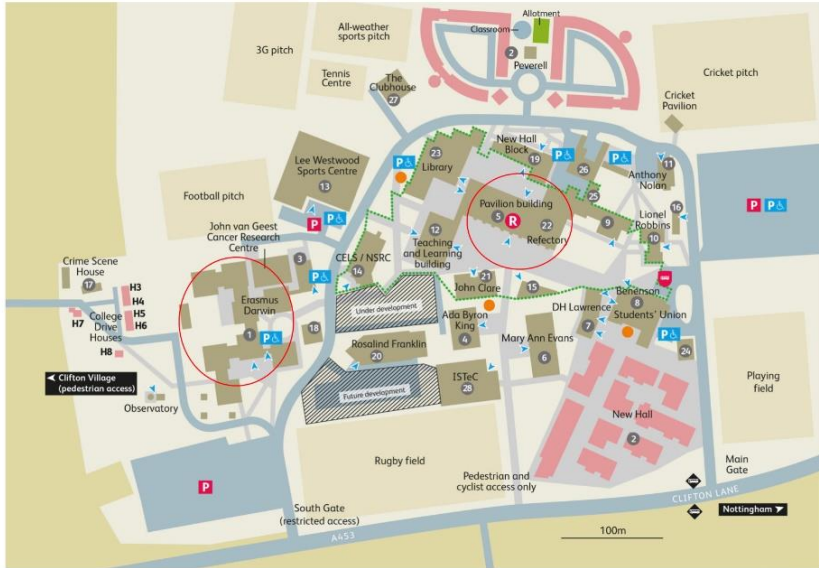
with the 'wilding' of the green. Patricia Rice, Ed Peterson and Julie Reid sought advice of local experts at the Wild Flower Centre in Langar to ensure that we will have a range of wild flowers in the future. Following the consultation the area was scarified and seeded with yellow rattle. This will naturally cause the grass to die back. Later this year we will be able to sow a carefully selected range of wild flowers that suit the specific site. So watch out as the grass is allowed to grow and the yellow rattle appears. It may take a few years before we see the full effect. We want this to be a beautiful wildflower meadow at the entrance to the village. Many thanks to the volunteers who supported Ed with the scarification and seeding of the green. J.R.



## Defibrillator

Good news! With many thanks to all those who have been involved with the efforts to gain a defibrillator for the village we can now confirm that Benenden Health have allocated an AED [Automatic External Defibrillator] to us. We should give special thanks to those committee members and other village residents who have successfully progressed this for us. Following professional consultation the Defibrillator will be located on the wall of St Mary's House on Village road. We should thank the diocese for allowing us to use one of their buildings. Thank you to all of you who have generously donated to the defibrillator funds. These will be used for ongoing costs. If anyone would still like to give a donation please contact us or our treasurer Helen Huffer. In the meantime, until our defibrillator is installed nearby defibrillators are positioned on the university campus in the Erasmus Darwin building [contact campus security team, based in the Pavilion building ,out of hours] and at the Tesco Express/garage. Meanwhile we will keep you updated with a date for installation and training in how to use the defibrillator in an emergency.

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.



## Barton in Fabis Quarry

We know that the London Aggregate company is still pursuing its goal for the site to be given permission for extraction. Julian Coles and his group in Barton in Fabis have held meetings recently to ensure momentum is not lost in objecting to this application.

## Pot Holes

Patricia Rice has met again recently with Andrew Rule to discuss this. A few pot holes have been filled and some remain to be dealt with. Unfortunately as one pot hole is filled a new one seems to appear! We will continue with our reminders to those concerned. J.R.

## Flooding

Various attempts have been made to clear the ditch at the entrance to the village. There have been no significant problems recently. The local authority has been made aware that more effort needs to be made on a regular basis to ensure that it remains clear. J.R.

## Parking Restrictions

The latest restrictions applied within the village appear to be having a positive effect on parking issues within the village. We are continuing to monitor parking in the Fisherman's car park. J.R.

## The Dovecote: An update

There is an ongoing discussion with the Nottingham City Council about the upkeep of the Dovecote. The rendering to the gable ends was removed last year and, owing to material falling from the parapets, fencing was placed around the building itself. The fencing will remain in place for the foreseeable future, until work to stabilise the building is completed.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> a meeting was held at the Dovecote between committee members of the CVRA and Toby Ebbs, who looks after historic buildings under Nottingham City Council, and Tim Allen who has regional responsibility for 'Historic England' buildings. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how the building could be refurbished. Nottingham City Council would like to divest itself of the building and responsibility. The CVRA has expressed cautious interest in establishing a Charitable Trust to take over the Dovecote. There are several obstacles, the most important being the need to bring the building up to a good state of repair, which is the responsibility of Nottingham City. The last estimate for necessary work was carried out in 2015, showing a figure of £65,000. This will have significantly increased in the meantime.

Tim Allen is not willing to consider the building being altered, externally, in any way and comments by email as follows:

- 1) Council to get an architect to look at defects, options and indicative costs to fix the roof in clay tiles (e.g. handmade such as <https://www.keymer.co.uk/> v cheaper <https://www.bmigroup.com/uk/redland-pitched/plain-tile-range/rosemary-clay/rosemary-classic/> ) with new battens / rafter repairs etc as necessary, no felt and any high level masonry works necessary including options on the gables, one might consider including a % of plain glass tiles, for instance: <https://www.futureglassblock.com/en/glass-tile-tlr-070010-plana/> scattered through the clay ones to give some light, also

- include to assess condition and pricing for any work required on the glover and lead work, so basically everything you'd need to do off a scaffold.
- 2) Significant adaptation for other uses is unlikely to be consistent with the conservation of the building's significance (and receive consent) and is likely to increase both capital and maintenance / staffing costs – and be likely to make the building less viable than a simple repair scheme. If you're not heating it, then there's no insulation or electric bills to consider.

Toby Ebbs is looking to employ an RIBA Architect with experience of historic buildings to assess the building as Tim Allen has suggested. Funding has been promised for the new financial year.

Should transfer of responsibility ever be considered there is the issue of ownership. Currently it is leased on a long-term arrangement to the city by the Clifton family. This would be a legal hurdle to overcome in a similar way that permission was sought for bollards to be placed around the village greens.

Currently the Dovecote is registered as a National Monument, owing to the stone first world war memorial set in the brickwork. With the need for a flexible approach to conservation it may be necessary to de-register. This will be considered. We will, in time, be able to look at all funding options / partnership opportunities.

*Ed Peterson*

## CVRA Membership

The cost of membership for the Clifton Village Residents' Association [CVRA] will continue at £5.00 per household and £2.50 where there is just one adult. We hope that you will continue to enjoy the many benefits that membership conveys.

I am sure that you will agree that the newsletter continues to be a valued source of information. Sadly we have made the decision to only produce one annual newsletter due to increasing costs. We hope that you will understand this need for change with the purpose of keeping our membership fees the same as last year.

We hope you appreciate the hard work of the committee members who work tirelessly behind the scenes, busy with village matters, liaising along with our councillors and neighbourhood officer. The work that our committee does and has done in the past is what makes our village a special place to live.



Membership subscriptions are due to be collected in April. Please, please continue to support our Village through subscriptions. We need your help to keep our Village a happy, successful, and supportive community. *J.R.*

## **CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022** **Clifton Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm**

Minutes from last year’s AGM held are available on the CVRA website: [www.clifton-village.org.uk](http://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 2023 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**



Nottingham Clean Champions -  
Clifton East & West Volunteer  
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## NOTTINGHAM CLEAN CHAMPIONS - CLIFTON EAST & WEST MONTHLY LITTER PICKS

Month	Event Date	Event Meeting	Refreshments after @
March	18 March	A453 Rivergreen carpark	McDonalds
April	15 April	Crusader Pub carpark - Barton Green	Crusader Pub
May	20 May	KFC carpark	KFC
June	17 June	A453 Rivergreen carpark	McDonalds
July	15 July	Crusader Pub carpark - Barton Green	Crusader Pub
August	19 August	KFC carpark	KFC
September	16 September	A453 Rivergreen carpark	McDonalds
October	21 October	KFC carpark	KFC
November	18 November	A453 Rivergreen carpark	McDonalds
December	16 December	Crusader Pub carpark - Barton Green	Fuddle at Crusader! Volunteers to bring treats



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# Join the Village to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III



at St Marys Church  
in the afternoon of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm

Join together for an afternoon of fun to celebrate the coronation

Details will be released closer to the date but tickets will be available to all villagers and their guests



**GREAT THINGS  
HAPPEN WHEN WE  
GET TOGETHER!**



# Summer Garden Party

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

# **A Banger of a Quiz!**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.30pm**



**Join the CVRA for a night of fun, village focussed  
challenges and quiz questions pepperoni with prizes  
for the best and bratwurst performances**

**Tickets £10 for adults and £5 children**

**include a plate of hearty sausage and mash and two drinks at the bar. Tickets  
sellers will be calling in the next week.**

# Clifton Village Hall

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

There have been some changes to those groups who regularly use the hall during week days – the trial period of the Chayah's Mens group did not work as they had hoped and neither did the NG11 Fitbods (a fitness group). However, we are delighted that an upholstery 10 week course has commenced on a Tuesday morning, to be run 3 times a year, and a Quilt group meets monthly. The Adult Dance group now meets on Wednesday evenings.

Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets at the Christmas party, which raised £162, and to those who purchased 2022 Village calendars, a contribution of £200 going towards the new development.

At a recent meeting of the Village Hall Trustees, the decision was taken to undertake the new development (new entrance & multiuse room, with extension to the kitchen) during the summer and autumn months. An architect has produced technical drawings and is managing the project, and we are negotiating with a builder with a view to commence works in the summer, when the hall is at its quietest. To reduce the costs of the project, we have decided to undertake some of the tasks ourselves and are looking for willing individuals to join a taskforce to help us. Please speak to either Graeme Barker, Francis Buck or myself for more information.

Details regarding any closures of the hall during the building works are currently under discussion, as well as alternative temporary venues for regular users. Our AGM will be on Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm at the Village Hall to which you are all very welcome. Do come along and support what the Trustees are doing on your behalf and hear more about the new development – 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

<b>Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>11.00am Morning Worship</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday 6th April</b>	<b>7.30pm Reflections on Holy Week</b>
<b>Good Friday 7th April</b> (Prayer & Reflection)	<b>2pm Hour of the Cross</b>
<b>Easter Saturday 8th April</b> (at Holy Trinity with St Francis) – crafts, worship, tea	<b>4pm Messy Church</b>
<b>Easter Day 9th April</b> (followed by breakfast)	<b>6.00am Dawn Service</b>  <b>11.00am Holy Communion Easter Service</b>
<b>Easter Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Fun - Tea & cakes, Easter egg hunt, children's trail, church history Fun activities, visit the church tower	<b>2 – 4pm Open Church</b>

**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](mailto:rev.lydiacartwright@gmail.com)*

### Future Dates for your Diary

<b>Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Archdeacon Phil Williams at 11am service
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Coronation 'Volunteering Day' – 'The Big Help Out' – please join us from 10.30am at St Mary's with cleaning, maintenance, tidying the churchyard, or digging a channel around the church building to help with drainage- thank you.
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	'Bank Holiday Fun' 2-4pm
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	'Ceilidh' (Barn Dance)

# St Mary's Church update

During the last year, we have been very pleased to welcome so many people into our church - to our church services, particularly the Clifton Candlelit Community Carol service, and Bishop Paul two weeks ago; to our Open Church events on Easter & August Bank holidays; visitors wishing to view our historical building, including the Clifton WI Doves; local primary schools; for the CVRA 'Platinum Jubilee' party; and to our concerts including the Nottingham Chamber Singers, the Nottingham Chamber Orchestra, 'Winterreise', and very recently to 'The Movies & Musicals' informal evening of live music – with many thanks to Villagers, Graeme & Jill Barker, for a wonderful, enjoyable evening. We raised an amazing £900 for church funds and the 2 nominated charities of pancreatic & prostate cancer – with many thanks to all those who attended or contributed in any way.

We continue to be encouraged by the 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?

During the next few months, urgent improvements will be made to our 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 and pillars.

*Rev. Lydia Cartwright*



*'Reducing Loneliness and Isolation of Vulnerable and Older People'*

Thank you to all those who purchased Christmas 2022 raffle tickets – several Villagers were successful winners, including Jill Barker, who won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – a large Christmas hamper!

As part of our fundraising for this year, we are running an Easter raffle again – 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £50, Easter hamper, Champagne, various 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 outside Iceland at the Clifton market during the year. 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](mailto:clare31337@btinternet.com) You can also contact Good Companions by phone, email or Facebook (see details below).  
*Clare Ashton Chairman, Good Companions Management Committee*

## Local Police Contacts



**Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant:  
 Nathan Phipps**



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