

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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2024

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

Bangers and Mash Disco Village Hall	23rd March 2024 7.30pm
Defibrillator Training Session Village Hall	11th April 2024 7.30pm
CVRA AGM Village Hall	20th May 2024 7.30pm
CVHSHT AGM Village Hall	24th June 2024 7.30pm
Summer Garden Party Holly House, Village Road	13th July 2024 12.30pm
Quiz Night Village Hall	5th October 2024 7.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chair
Pat Rice

Treasurer
Helen Huffer

Secretary
Graeme Barker



Committee Members: Philip Bull, Christine Dalby, Julie Reid, 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:

CVRA Message

www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. It has certainly been an interesting start to 2024! Having lived in the village for almost 16 years there has only been one other occasion when looking out of the bedroom windows, those of us who live in houses backing onto the Grove could see the river! The Trent certainly filled its flood plain on this occasion. There has been so much rain that the Trent Valley path and indeed the path down to the riverside was made impassable in places, in part because of a landslip below Clifton Hall. Those residents who like to exercise or walk their dogs along the riverside paths needed to find alternative routes.



Thankfully the water has now receded but has left behind the usual detritus and damage that flooding can bring. The local fishing community face an almost insurmountable task of dealing with the damage left by the flood. They have started a go fund me page, details of which can be found

on the noticeboard and on the village Facebook page. The litter team have also been on the case helping to collect what has been left behind. A big thank you to Alma and the team of litter pickers.

We have of course experienced flooding in the village itself at the usual pinch points along the Nethergate path and across the entrance to the village. I know that some in the village went out to clear the inadequate drain there so a big thank you to them. I have informed our councillors and neighbourhood officer that a better drainage solution needs to be put in place and will send reminders should nothing be seen to be done to remedy the problem. Some residents in

Farriers Green were also affected by water pouring off the fields and into gardens and garages so we have certainly felt the force of the elements in various parts of the village.

Not content with more rain than we could wish for we have also been subject to one named storm after another. We are already on J and that's not J for January! We certainly felt the effects of storm Jocelyn most recently and other storms prior to that. Early storms brought down some of the smaller ivy laden trees along the footpath down to the A453. A big thank you to Dan Garnon and Phil Bull amongst others who went to help push them out of the way.



Residents in certain parts of the village can't fail to have noticed how our area seems to have been overlooked when it comes to clearing the leaves that have lain there since the autumn leaf fall, together with the increasing number of potholes. After several emails to the councillors and those responsible for dealing with those problems, just his week I see that offending potholes have been filled and the leaves have at last been cleared from the gutters. A good result at last! I have now asked for pavements to be swept as well, as I am aware how dangerous wet leaves can be for anyone walking around the village. We have to thank our councillors Andrew Rule and Hayley Spain in particular for pursuing my requests on your behalf. I am aware that there are some potholes that have not been filled in yet they are either awaiting their turn like those on Village Road or they do not quite meet the size criteria yet. Let me know if there are still some larger potholes that have been overlooked.

The other notable event that we have been made aware of thanks to an ITV drama shown recently, concerns all the postmasters who were wrongly accused of taking money from the Post Office. Those of you who moved in to the village less than 15 years ago may not be aware that we once had a post office and village shop. As a result of the Fujitsu system and its faults there was no way our own postmaster could prove that he wasn't at fault and as a result he was sent to prison for 2 years. Kevin McCormick has written an open letter of apology to the postmaster printed in this newsletter. I am sure all of those who lived in the village at the time would want to add their names to his message.

Looking back not quite that far, we need to pass on our thanks to everyone involved with Christmas preparations on the village's behalf. Julie Reid managed to source a different supplier for the Christmas tree which many of us agreed looked perfect and was considerably less expensive than our previous supplier. The usual team came out to help put the tree up and Jonathan Blacknell was on hand to connect the lights to the electricity supply at the bungalow. Thank you to those who helped on the day when the lights were switched on – Clare, Roy and Ruth and Maggie, James and Jill to name a few. Despite the rain it was heartening to see people go along to join in what always seems to be the start of our Christmas celebrations. The Christmas lunch held a week later was well attended and everyone said how much they enjoyed it. Julie and her team put on a marvellous spread. It always involves much planning and hard work so we are really grateful to everyone who was involved both with the food and the drink – we must never forget the bar staff must we!

Looking forward, the CVRA committee have already given some thought to activities for village residents in the coming year. These include a disco in March, the summer garden party in July and an autumn quiz night in early October. Check the dates printed on the front of the newsletter. Of course, we look forward to seeing many of you at these events and hope that you appreciate all the hard work that the committee voluntarily carry out on your behalf. We look forward to everyone rejoining the village resident's association once more in the spring and to enjoying a great time with your village community.

Pat Rice

February 2024

Village Notes

Clifton Village Garden Group

Just a reminder that the village has its own garden club. There is no membership fee, just come along to whatever takes your interest. We meet once a month on the last Monday of the month. In the autumn and winter months we meet for a series of talks given by experts in their field be they gold medal winners at Chelsea, plant collection holders of a specific plant type, specialist nurserymen or personalities of tv or radio.

In the spring and summer, we go on visits to gardens that open occasionally to the public where we have private guided tours for just our group. These visits always end with refreshments including a gorgeous collection of home-made cakes to choose from.

Of course, paying for speakers becomes more expensive year on year, which is why we have a garden trail in the village where we are able to visit some really lovely gardens, one by one, with refreshments at the first and last gardens, which also raises much needed funds. Look out for this year's event, date yet to be decided. Our other major fund raiser is the village calendar. Thank you very much to those who bought one or more of this year's calendar. We have sold 150 to date and still have a few left if you would like to buy one. Money raised from this as well as helping to enable the garden group to continue will also go towards the rebuilding fund for the

village hall extensions, plans which sadly had to be suspended last year.

Our evening talks over the next two months are:

Feb. 26th: Andrew Ward – His talk is about 'Plants of the Borage family'. Andrew and his wife run a successful nursery in Norwell, in the north of the county. Our visit last summer coincided on the same day as a visit from BBC Gardeners World.

Mar 25th: Linda Haywood – Linda and her husband started a collection of Echioms which was based at Thoresby but is now at Renishaw Hall. Linda's talk is about 'Courtyard Gardens'

We meet in the village hall at 7.30pm on the above dates. Join us for occasional plant sales, raffles, advice and refreshments, all for the cost of £5

Pat Rice - Jan 2024

Defibrillator – Training Session at Village Hall

You will hopefully have noted that our Benenden Defibrillator has now been installed and power installed on the wall of 58 Village Road, and the CVRA have organised for a free training session for all villagers at the Village Hall, which is to be hosted at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th April. We are being joined by Marijke van Eerd who provides specialist training for the use of Defibrillators using dummies and other aids. Please do attend this free session that we are supporting if you are able. You never know when it will be useful.

The Dovecote: An update

Following a change in Heritage officer at the council we are still awaiting further progress regarding the required works to prevent further deterioration to the building. A meeting was attended with the local Heritage officers and Historic England Representatives, where they outlined the process required to obtain funding to renovate and make good the building for future generations. They will be consulting further with NCC and the residents in the coming weeks and we will keep you updated on progress.

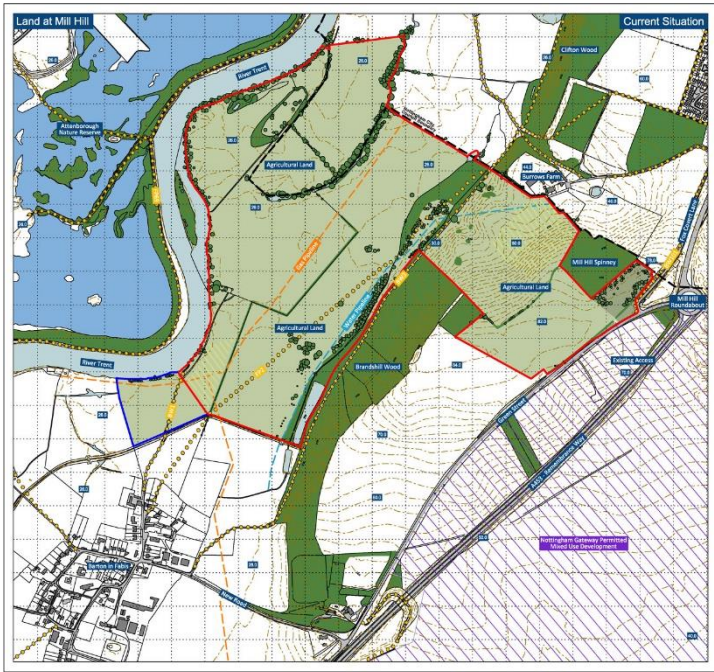
Road Re-surfacing to Village Road

Those who live on Village Road will be conscious that carriageway works are now planned by both the City Council and Cadent (gas) in the coming weeks. We have raised the proximity of these works with the City Council, And Councillor Andrew Rule has now confirmed that the City Council repair works will not be carried out until the Cadent works are completed.

Barton in Fabis – Quarry Application

We have been notified by the residents of Barton in Fabis, that a new planning application has now been lodged. To support this application, the applicants have provided additional information for the proposals on a website. This information can be found at: www.fabisquarry.com.

At first viewing there is significant improvement in the information available, with the presentation much more professional looking than before. The area of the site is shown on the drawing below, where the village to the south is Barton, with the A453 shown to the east. Please do review the information on line and initially pass any comments back to the CVRA, via the secretary Graeme Barker. We have an invite to meet with the Barton in Fabis action group in the coming weeks and will keep you informed of these discussions, and any advice on how to respond to this application that is collectively agreed.



Legend

- Planning Application Boundary
- Other Lands Under the Control of the Assessor
- Woodland, Trees & Hedgerows
- Existing Water Sinks / Courses
- Attainable Nature Reserve - Lakes
- Existing Buildings
- Surrounding Motor Roads
- Gas Pipelines
- Water Pipelines
- Existing Public Rights of Way
- Nottingham City Council Boundary
- Contours On Intervals & Spot Heights (mAOOD)
- Nottingham Gateway Permitted Mixed Use Development
- Agricultural Lanes within the Site
- Areas of Ridge & Furrow
- Scrub

consulting limited
 chartered surveyors

PROJECT: Land at Mill Hill
 DRAWING TITLE: Current Situation
 DATE: December 2023
 SCALE: 1:7,000 @ A3

Drawn by: KD, MHL, 1.D, 002

ISSUED FOR: FINAL

31/08/2023 www.pdsconsulting.co.uk

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. We have now sourced a more cost-effective supplier for printing so will be communicating via newsletter and flyers at least 3 time this 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.

CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 20th May 2024 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, or in hard copy by contacting the Secretary Graeme Barker at 10 Nethergate. Copies of these Minutes and the Agenda for AGM 2024 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

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 Wednesday 15th May 2024

Our Post office

The following article is authored by ex-chair of the CVRA Kevin McCormick, following the recent Post Office enquiry

For many years. Now, I have become more and more concerned about what we now know to be the great injustice. caused by the post office persecution of Postmasters, apparently, simply to save face and protect the image of the institution.

I've also become even more distressed that, due to the way everything was done, I, and probably many villagers, believed that Brian, our postmaster, was indeed guilty of misappropriating. money. Brian was fairly new to the village. No doubt had I known him better and had others, we might have been more supportive. As it was I, for one, believed the worst and blamed him for the loss of the Post office and the village shop.

Over the years, I've become increasingly aware of the fact that hundreds of people. were treated, as was Brian, in the most atrocious and callous, self-serving fashion. How any organisation can suddenly think that, overnight, hundreds of their key employees, suddenly turned to crime. I do not know. I feel that I have paid Brian a great disservice, and that, probably, many of us. share that disturbing thought. Which is why I have asked that this open letter be printed in the newsletter or posted on the notice board, to broadcast my apologies to Brian and my regret that he and so many others suffered such injustice.

I believe that I and probably, many others, others, were totally wrong. He should never have been pilloried. I only hope the post office and those responsible in Fujitsu pay the price, however inadequate it may be. Sorry Brian.

Kevin McCormick - February 2024

Summer Garden Party

Saturday 13th 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 23rd March

7.30pm



Join the CVRA for a night of fun, dine in style with the CVRA signature bangers and mash, before partying the night away accompanied by a cash bar

Tickets £10 for adults and £5 children

Ticket prices include a plate of hearty sausage and mash and two drinks at the bar. Tickets sellers will be calling in the next few weeks.

Clifton Village Hall

We are pleased to report that the Village Hall continues to be very busy, particularly at weekends, with a wide range of activities. The Christmas week was fully booked! The hall is now in use every day of the week, Monday to Sunday.

There have been several new activities since my last report. The Nottingham Dawn Christadelphians are now meeting regularly twice a month and the City of God Church monthly. A Boho Yoga & Relaxation group now runs every Monday morning and Friday evening; a Pelvic floor exercise class will commence on Wednesday mornings from 14th February and a Baby Sensory class on Tuesday mornings from 7th May.

Thank you to all those who bought raffle tickets at the CVRA wine tasting event and the Christmas party – we raised a total of £320 towards the new development.

Following the deferment of the new development last year, the Village Hall Trustees have taken the decision to undertake it during the summer and autumn months this year (new entrance & multiuse room, with extension to the kitchen and improved storage facilities). This is subject to a successful tendering process, which will take place in the Spring, and the availability of sufficient funds.

We are still seeking a secretary and would welcome others to support the work of the Trust. Please do contact me if you are interested in helping in any way. Please note that the AGM of the Trust will be held on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to which you are all invited.

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 24th March

11.00am Morning Worship

Good Friday 29th March

2pm Hour of the Cross

4pm Messy Church (at Holy Trinity with St Francis) – crafts, worship, tea

Easter Day 31st March

'time to be confirmed' **Dawn Service**
(followed by breakfast)

11.00am Holy Communion Easter Service

Easter Monday 1st April

2 – 4pm Open Church

Easter Fun - Tea & cakes, Easter egg hunt, children's trail, church history Fun activities, visit the church tower

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

Since the last newsletter, we have been very pleased to welcome so many people into our church - to our church services, particularly the Clifton Candlelit Community Carol service; to the Easter and August Bank Holiday 'Fun days', visitors wishing to view our historical building; local primary schools; to the CVRA 'Coronation Street party; to our Ceilidh and to the very enjoyable Nottingham Chamber Orchestra, which, besides raising funds for the church, raised £200 for the Suicide Prevention charity. A Macmillan coffee morning, organised by the WI Clifton Doves, helped to raise over £500; and a coffee morning at the beginning of December raised a £100 for Emmanuel House.

Last summer, Sam and Esther Hutchinson moved into St Mary’s House with their dog, Poppy. In July, we were delighted to welcome Esther at her licensing service by Bishop Paul as the new Clifton Parish Team Vicar, with particular responsibility for St Mary’s Church. Esther is currently on maternity leave (but back in May). Sam and Esther have been blessed with a beautiful baby boy, Noah, whose baptism took place recently at St Mary’s. The future looks both exciting and challenging with new activities being planned, including an afternoon tea on Saturday 9th March 2-4pm to celebrate Mother’s day and a new ‘Play and Praise’ group for under 5’s on Tuesdays 1-2.30pm from 16th April (more details to follow). 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?

Unfortunately, the boiler room flooded at the beginning of the year, damaging the boiler. As the parts required to repair it were no longer available, a replacement boiler will be required, which fortunately will be covered by our insurance. Meanwhile, we are using some temporary heating.

Local Police Contacts



**Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant:
Nathan Phipps**



Area Policing Lead: Inspector Stephen Dalby

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Melissa Starmer PCSO1312 melissa.starmer@Notts.police.uk	07814066683
PC David Faulconbridge and PC Jane Gibson	

Your Bin Days 2023-2024

December 2023 to November 2024 Your bin day is: **Monday**

Nottingham recycles

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE



General waste that can't be recycled.

RECYCLING



- Paper & card
- Tins & cans
- Plastic bottles
- Glass

GARDEN WASTE



- Grass cuttings
- Hedge clippings
- Twigs
- Leaves & weeds
- Dead flowers

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OUR NEW
RECYCLING
PHONE APP

- Bin Day Reminders
Never miss bin day!
- Service Updates
Get notified of disruptions
- Recyclopeda
Search any item to learn how to recycle it
- The Binformation Game
Test your knowledge



Visit
www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/recyclingapp

Please put your bins out before 7am and bring back in by 7pm on your collection day.

For information about your bin collections

Visit www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/bins Or call 0115 915 2000.