

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER 2012

Produced by Clifton Village Residents Association

Summer Garden Party	-	Sunday	22 nd July 2012
Late Summer Picnic	-	Saturday	1 st September
CVRA AGM	-	Thursday	16 th May 2013



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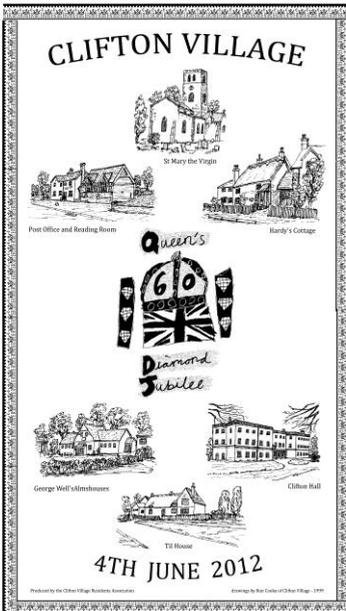
John Woodall

Clifton Village Website
www.clifton-village.org.uk

The Clifton Village Residents Website contains links to items including the Neighbourhood Watch, AGM Minutes and committee minutes, links to local newspapers, bus timetables as well as a Picture Gallery and other photos of events and more! The site is regularly updated – so do pay us a visit!

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Clifton Village Tea Towels

Did you forget to buy a Clifton Village Tea Towel at the recent Street Party? Maybe you would like more as gifts for other family members or friends? These are still available from the CVRA, priced £5 each. Just ask your CVRA representative or contact the Secretary Graeme Barker to order yours.

The CVRA would like to encourage contributions from the Village for this fine publication. We welcome any letters or features that could be included in the next issue, be they informative, educational, or of particular interest to the residents of the Village. Please send any letters or suggested contributions for inclusion in the next edition to Graeme Barker, 10 Nethergate.

Chairman's Message

Welcome to the summer edition of the CVRA newsletter.

We have increased the number of newsletters that we issue each year, but still struggle because it seems that there are an ever increasing number of events and occurrences in between each issue.

The AGM took place on the 17th May. It was a good meeting and I would like to thank all who attended and all the committee for offering to continue with their efforts, on behalf of the CVRA. Welcome also to Terry Kay who has joined us and already proved a committed member of the team.

Social Events



Superb. Once again, hats off to Mel and the Clifton Fish Bar for producing 90 portions of wonderful hot food, on time.

Socially, we are going through a very busy time. I am delighted to report that the Fish and Chip Disco, on Saturday 28th April was, in my opinion, and that of many who attended, the best so far. The atmosphere of the evening and the conviviality, supported of course by JB and the Disco King of Clifton Village, was

The major social event, of 2012 has to be the Jubilee, Celebration Street party. It was a truly splendid day, blessed with fine weather. We had a phenomenal turn out of about 250 people, with good support from Clifton Hall Drive. Hopefully the word will get back that these events can be fun and are enjoyable for all.





Whilst on the subject, I must thank the Committee for all their work leading up to the event and particularly for the support of Mike Ashton and his running commentary throughout the day. That said, we are truly appreciative of all the people who turned out on the evening of the Sunday, to help erect the Marquees, returning early on the Monday, to complete the task, finally helping us, to take everything down and put

it away in the evening. This truly was a Village event, from start to finish.

Thanks to the efforts of Graeme and Simon, we secured an absolutely first class Brass Band, who made most of the atmosphere. That said, the Royal procession was excellent, the fancy dress, varied and imaginative and the Pimms truly splendid. Thank you one and all for your support in arranging and attending this fabulous and memorable day.



Summer Garden Party

We must now all make the most of the intervening few weeks to prepare ourselves for the festivities of the summer garden party. Once again this is courtesy of John and Dorothy at Holly House, Village Road, on Sunday the 22nd July. I am sure this will be yet another memorable gathering. Fingers crossed for the weather.

Travellers

On Wednesday the 6th of June, I was informed that we were once again, blessed with Travellers on the Green. After communications with Ian Malcolm and Darren White, a 24 hour notice to quit was served on Thursday. The Travellers left on Tuesday 12th, after a visit from Darren and an educational welfare officer. Many thanks to Darren and Ian Malcolm. Now we have to find a way of securing the Green so that it cannot be invaded on an annual basis.



Planning Issues

The Reading Room

We are awaiting the Council's efforts here, to make it look less unsightly, but pressure is being brought to bear as often as possible.

The Old Man of Trent

There has been a delay in respect of the planning permission for this and we are watching closely, to try and minimise the possibility of 24 hour fast food provision.

The Old Rectory

A lot of progress has been made on this, but unfortunately there is a delay due to intervention by the Clifton family, necessitating additional planning permission, before matters can proceed. Hopefully, things will be under way shortly.

Residents' Unrest

One of the most disturbing issues that I have come across, has been brought to my attention over the past few weeks and is gathering momentum. That is the situation regarding commercial vehicles and the properties covered by the Gascoines Covenants. As I understand it, all properties constructed by Gascoines are encumbered with a perpetual covenant, forbidding businesses being run from the premises and commercial vehicles being operated from them, kept on the premises and parked on drives. I and many of the committee members, have been lobbied by an increasing number of residents, concerned because these covenants appear to be flouted, by some of the neighbours.

We as the CVRA, are being asked to intervene, but I have to say that such intervention is not within our remit as I understand it. The CVRA works for the community and the interests of the Village, in respect of planning issues and insurgents, as well as to promote the community aspect of our environment, with social events and support for Village institutions such as the Village Hall. We have no role or influence in respect of neighbourly disputes, or the adherence to contractual undertakings. Whilst we all sympathise with anyone who has such problems, we can only advise individuals to try to resolve issues on a one to one basis, or alternatively go to the source of the covenant to request action. Appropriate details are available later on in the newsletter. Hopefully, this issue will be resolved and all parties will be able to come together at the forthcoming social functions, including the Summer Garden Party and the Late Summer Picnic.

Thank you once again for all your support and for putting up with me for a further year.

Kevin McCormick



Village Notes

Restrictive Covenants

Your Deeds to your own house will quite clearly advise you what Covenants you are restricted by. These may include parking of commercial vehicles or caravans on your property, and also works to your house (new windows) where you may well not only require Planning Permission, but also the permission of the party noted in your deeds.

For many properties in the village (Leabrook Close, Groveside Crescent etc. are known to us) this is Gascoines. If this is the case, and you require your Covenant to be varied, or need approval for restricted works this can only be done with the permission of Gascoines. If you have any concerns that covenants are not being adhered to within your area these can also be taken up with Gascoines as the legal enforcer of the terms.

- Address: Gascoines, 1 Church Street, Southwell NG25 0HQ Tel:01636 813245 Fax:01636 815342
- Email: southwell@gascoines.co.uk

Written confirmation from Gascoines must be lodged with your Deeds for any agreed changes. Failure to do this could: 1) Create difficulties when you sell your property; 2) Create planning difficulties and you “may” be required to take down and start again! 3) Create financial difficulties and Gascoines are within their rights to charge as they see fit.

Use of Roads and Pathway

Parking of vehicles (including Caravans, Trailers, etc) on the public highway is restricted by traffic and highways laws, and also, in some areas, the Restrictive Covenants noted above. All - especially Business Owners – SHOULD CHECK their obligations.

- If any resident witnesses, or is inconvenienced by indiscriminate parking, poor parking, parking as an obstruction etc. in the public realm they should contact Police on tel: 0115 940 0999 or 101
- If any problems are found with Roads or Pathways – (e.g. Faulty Lighting, Blocked Gulleys, etc) please phone: 0115 915 2000 – Council Highway Maintenance Team

New Parking Restrictions (Phase I, interim and Phase II)

Phase 1 is now up and running, but we are aware from feedback that there are a number of issues that have arisen from this, from tickets being issued to residents, to student parking being pushed beyond the permit boundaries. In order to ensure your concerns are being listened to you should make contact with both of the parties listed below. Martin Bee has 6 months to take on board any comments and change Phase 1, and also to consider whether Phase 2 is needed. Simon is acting on behalf of the CVRA to communicate any concerns back to the council collectively.

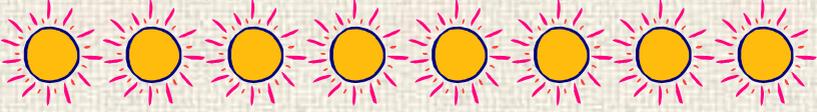
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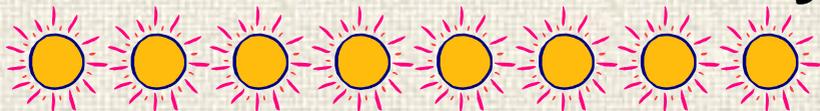
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Forthcoming Village Events



Summer Garden Party



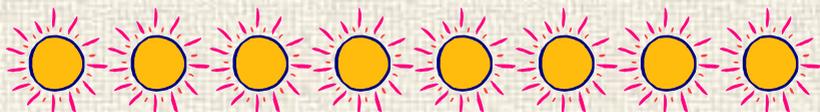
Sunday 22th July 2012 – 12.30pm

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

Adults £5

Children £3

**Ticket Sellers will be calling on all households
Please bring your own garden chairs**



Late Summer Picnic

**With Live Music
On Saturday 1st September**

**From 2pm at The Old Rectory Coach House, Village Road
(or the Village Hall if wet)**

Tickets £3

Ticket sellers will call on
all during August



*Bring your own chair, picnic hamper (complete with food, drinks
and crockery)*

Art Group dates for the coming months

We meet at 2pm on the following dates:

July 10th July 24th



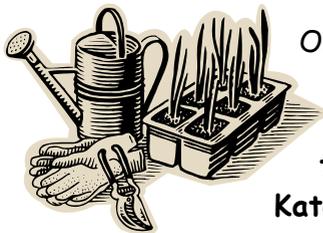
Following the summer break the first date in September will be on the 11th

If you have not been before do come along and give it a try. The cost is £5 which includes all materials and refreshments.

Garden group activities

In May Garden group members opened their gardens for other members to look around. We hope to make this an annual event following the success of the afternoon.

On the 28th of July members of the group are off on a coach trip to Renishaw Hall. This promises to be a good day out looking around the wonderful gardens, museum and art gallery.



Our next meeting in the village hall will be on Friday Sept 28th at 8pm when we have the first of our guest speakers for the autumn season.

Kate Foale will be giving us a talk about plant combinations plus will be demonstrating how to take cuttings.

Hope to see you there!

Not tried us yet? Come along on any of the above dates. You won't be disappointed! Email: patriciabrice@hotmail.com for further details or call 01159 140759



THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED SET UP FOR THE DAY



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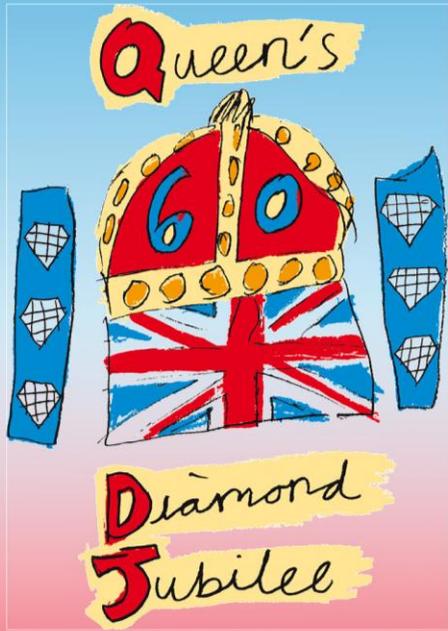


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OUR REGAL COMPERE



BESTWOOD BLACK DIAMONDS WELFARE BAND





WE HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED THE DAY AS MUCH AS WE DID!





Origins of Community Spirit – Part 2

The Growth of the Residents Association

In the early days of the Residents Association it was not possible to use the Village Hall for activities requiring black-out. For example when Dr. Gordon Bowra showed slides of his time serving the Antarctic Survey we met in the church. Moreover the facilities in the Hall for social occasions were poor. At Christmas 1971 a party had been organised by Bill Middlebrook who lived in one of the first infill-houses on Village road and was then Head of Geography at the College. He was able to book the then Students' union building together with its catering facilities on the campus. He was already interested in the history of the Cliftons and had access to the research done by the then headmistress, Miss Heron, of Clifton Hall School. When people gathered socially in private houses the desire of others to learn about this renowned family and village led to the formation of a Village History Society which was inaugurated in Clifton Hall School though by this time Miss Heron was too ill to participate. The society prospered for a number of years even producing a pamphlet analysing the information about villagers contained in the Censuses of the decades then available. By 1973 therefore the atmosphere was ripe for the creation of a Residents' Committee when the announcement came as a great blow to all that the relatively quiet A648 was to be redesignated the A453.

Legally the Rector continued to preside and the church wardens were committee members but some of the new villagers were particularly active in renovating the old Village School and in recording private bookings for parties. To the dismay of the community, the Rector became very seriously ill so for a short time John Jenkins became Acting president. A general meeting was subsequently called and Peter Thomas was elected Chairman of the CVRA. For twelve years he not only chaired the meetings of a very able committee which continued to make some major improvements to the building but he also valiantly nursed the ailing boiler which would have died without his care!

The May Day Fair which had been revived in 1972 and then faded away was once again resurrected during this time.

The Rector ultimately recovered and retained the legal responsibility until 1986 though he was fully occupied with completing the restoration of the church and setting up his sub-committee for organising the celebration of the Commemoration of the reference to St. Mary's church in the Domesday book 900 Years before. *Son et Lumiere* and a Village



supper in the dining rooms of Clifton Hall, which was then part of Trent Polytechnic, were major events in the life of the community. At that point Wilf officially was retired and the Rev'd John Harding was acting as incumbent.

Later the Rev'd Alan Heaton was appointed Rector. It obviously came as a shock to him to find that he was supposed to be Chairman of the trustees for both the Almshouses and the Village Hall with the School House. He asked Eileen Small to join the Almshouses board of trustees as well as the two Church wardens and a local politician and he left the Residents' Association to continue looking after the Hall.

In the mid-1990's the Rev'd Canon Dr. Eric Forshaw was made Rector of Clifton and he asked to live on the estate near Holy Trinity since most of his flock lived there instead of in the traditional rectory on Village Road. As soon as he read his official responsibilities for village buildings as well as his spiritual curacy he was determined to get the system changed. He made enquiries from one or two who had lived here for almost 30 years and set about creating a better structure for running the village buildings. First of all, he involved Nottingham Community Housing Association as agents for the Almshouses but the few remaining original trustees remained in control eventually without any church wardens. On his death, the lay chairman, with the agreement of the newly - installed Rector Revd. Stephen Jarratt, sought other members of the community to assist in the completion of her negotiations for the total transfer of responsibility for the historic Wells Almshouses to the Nottingham Community Housing Association, a government registered charity. The new arrangement was finally accepted by the Charity Commissioners in August 2006

Clarifying the position with respect to the Village Hall and School House was more complex. The CVRA had always refused the responsibility for maintaining the fabric of these buildings so Canon Forshaw established that he could legally expand the number of trustees. The Board soon consisted of six long standing "new" villagers who had already served the community but was still chaired by the Rector and still contained a church warden. Because it became apparent that desperate measures were required to bring the Hall up to standard for the C21st a working party of volunteers with appropriate skills was appointed. Over a number of years, led by John Hooley, they worked indefatigably to raise funds and to modify the building with their own labour too. At last a stage has been reached where the Village Hall can serve the community properly. The holder of the office of Rector retains a titular link because the Trustees of the Village Hall are listed by the Charity Commissioners as the body responsible for it but the clergy no longer take an active part in the administration.



Without it we could not enjoy the wonderful parties nor could we debate any of the issues that affect the community. For these reasons the story of the Residents' Association has always been interlocked with the running of the Village Hall. It behoves all villagers to be members of the Residents' Association and to attend the AGM of each organisation in order to preserve the facilities which have been so hard won.

Eileen Small

The CVRA are indebted to Eileen for kindly putting forward these memories of early village life for publication. Eileen and the CVRA would welcome any comments / contributions on the history of the village for future editions.

Village Hall

Clifton Village Hall Coffee Mornings

Our coffee mornings are attracting a good number of people, so we will continue to organise them. These events take place in the Village Hall on the morning of the second Thursday in each month, starting at 10.30 am. Some will be quizzes, some will have other entertainment.

The next six coffee mornings will be held on:-

Thursday 12th July 2012

Thursday 9th August 2012

Thursday 13th September 2012

Thursday 11th October 2012

Thursday 8th November 2012

Thursday 13th December 2012

ALL ARE WELCOME.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

£1 entrance fee includes refreshments.

CLIFTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT GROUP

To book the Village Hall please contact Barry Stevens on 07982 820120

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2012

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Clifton Village, Nottingham NG11 8NH

Lace City Chorus

Barbershop Harmony

Tickets £10

Thursday 12th July at 7.30pm



The Melody Room
Jazz Band

Dixie Jazz

Tickets £10

Friday 13th July at 7.30pm

The Trent Piano Trio

Classical Concert

Tickets £10

Saturday 14th July at 7.30pm



Tickets (half price Children) include wine, soft drinks & canapés

For reservations please call 0115 921 6604, 07775 902 400 or 0115 921 3937

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Music at St Marys Church, Clifton Village

PROGRAMME FOR 2012

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday 12th July

The Lace City Singers

return to Clifton Village – welcome back!

Friday 13th July

The Melody Room Jazz Band

from Oxford make their first appearance at the Clifton Festival

Saturday 14th July

Classical Concert

featuring **Beate Toyka (piano)** with her friends **Sarah (violin)** and **Clair (cello)**. They will perform a Mozart Trio (B flat) and the Mendelssohn D minor Trio followed by especially commissioned Olympic themed pieces

All evenings start at 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 per person (under 16 half price) including refreshments

Sunday 15th July

Choral Festival Service

with St Mary's Singers & String Quartet at 10.45am.

Radcliffe-on-Trent Male Voice Choir

Saturday 17th November 2012 at 7.30pm

Tickets £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



Neighbourhood Watch

Summer crime reduction advice



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Clifton Green Lane



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SAT 10.00- 15.00



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As the weather improves we recommend you consider your security methods to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime. It can only take a moment to be targeted by an opportunist thief. Offenders are after items that they can pass on quickly & without being traced. Money is the most desirable, so make sure you keep it safe, but anything of value that can be carried away is a target.



Home Security

It can be devastating to be burgled and may cost more to fix the damage during the burglary than the value of the items taken.

- Ensure that all windows and doors are closed and locked when you are out. Even if you are in, lock any windows and doors that are not directly observed.
- Small windows, letter boxes and cat flap may be big enough to reach through or property taken using fishing or hooking techniques, so don't leave anything of value nearby.
- If you want to leave windows open while you sleep, fit window restrictors so they cannot be fully opened, or make sure they are not large enough to allow access to a burglar.
- When out in your garden ensure that windows and doors to the front of the house are fully secure.
- Do not leave valuables on display in reach of open windows or doors, or in front of a window that may be smashed and your possessions taken.
- Ensure all barbecue, garden equipment and tools are securely locked up in a shed and out of sight. Tools can be used by the potential offender to break in to your home.
- Consider fitting outside security lighting or a visible alarm to help deter burglars. Even using pea shingle or gravel on a driveway and spiky plants in garden beds can help.
- Ensure any internal handle operated locks on UPVC doors are fully secured with a key. Take the key out & put it safe to stop the offender using it to gain access after smashing a door window or panel.
- Post-code or indelibly mark all property such as TVs, computers, jewellery and ornaments using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA or Smartwater, or engravers. This makes any recovered stolen property easier to return to the owner.

Shed Security

Sheds & outbuildings can be seen as easy pickings because they are often unprotected and lack basic security measures. They often contain property that can be sold on or contain tools that can be used to force entry into the owner's or neighbour's home.

- Make sure the shed is of good construction and will resist the offender using a screwdriver or crowbar on the door, windows or shed panelling.
- Make sure the door hinge screws or lock screws can't be undone easily. By using tamper proof screws or coach bolts together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- It is also a good idea to bond any window glass in with mastic to prevent easy removal. Windows can be fitted with a grille or, as a cheaper alternative, chicken wire, to slow a thief down.

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- Ensure all tools and equipment is locked away when not in use.
 - Shed alarm can be installed. These can be battery operated so mains power isn't required.
 - Post-code or indelibly mark all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA or Smartwater, or engravers.
 - Install security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
 - When positioning a shed, put it where it is most visible to you and neighbours, with the door facing you.
 - Any large items like big power tools, bikes & motorbikes consider a fixed ground anchor where they can be chained to securely.

Going on Holiday

If you are going away for any length of time please consider how your house appears to an opportunist thief. Try to make your home look occupied so it isn't an easy target.

- Ask a trusted neighbour or relative to open and close your curtains for you.
- Ask a neighbour if they don't mind parking their car on your driveway and trimming your garden to make your home look occupied.
- Cut the front and back lawns before you go away and trim any plants that burglars could hide behind.
- Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries.
- Before you go don't advertise that you are going away on social media sites like Facebook or Twitter.
- Register for the Royal Mail 'Keepsafe' service where they will keep your mail for up to two months.
- Leave important documents and valuable personal items with other family members or a bank.
- Double-check that you've locked all outside windows and doors.
- Set your burglar alarm.
- Use timer units on plug in lights or even radios to make it seem that someone is in.
- Don't put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination. A house number and postcode will suffice if you want to label your luggage.

If you would like any further advice contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team who will be happy to discuss security techniques with you. Your team can be contacted on 101 or through the website at:

www.nottinghamshire.police.uk.

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Clifton Village Residents at-a-glance 2012

The Lace City Singers St Marys Church – Music Festival		Thursday at 7.30pm	12th July
The Melody Room Jazz Band St Marys Church – Music Festival		Friday at 7.30pm	13th July
Classical Concert St Marys Church – Music Festival		Saturday at 7.30pm	14th July
Choral Festival Service St Marys Church		Sunday at 10.45am	15th July
Summer Garden Party - CVRA Event – Holly House, Village Rd (village hall if wet)		Sunday at 12.30pm	22nd July
Late Summer Picnic -		Saturday	1st September
CVRA AGM -		Thursday	16th May 2013

A quick reminder to all, that the advertising section on page 23 is open to all Clifton Village members, or their friends or professional contacts.

In return for a donation of £25 we will carry your advertisement in all our issues for one whole year. If you offer a local service, or know anyone who does, who may wish to promote it in our area, please ask them to contact Graeme Barker, the CVRA Secretary.