

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2013

Produced by Clifton Village Residents Association

Summer Garden Party	-	Sunday 28th July 2013
Late Summer Picnic	-	Saturday 31st August 2013
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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chairman – Kevin McCormick

Treasurer – Helen Huffer

Secretary – Graeme Barker

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Committee Members:

Glenys Blacknell, Terry Kay, Simon Massarella,

Ed Peterson, Pat Rice and John Woodall

The yearly Subscription for CVRA membership for 2013-14 has been held at £1 per adult. Subscriptions have been collected recently, but don't despair if you've missed your committee member. You can join when your committee member visits selling tickets, or by calling the Secretary, Graeme Barker at 10 Nethergate, 01159 844866

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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The CVRA would like to encourage contributions from the Village for this 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.



Clifton Grove Evening Review with Notts Wildlife Trust – see Page 7 for details. Cankerous tree marked for proposed works

Chairman's Message

Hello and welcome to the summer edition of the CVRA Newsletter.

Before I go any further, I must apologise for a sin of omission. At the A.G.M., and thank you to those who attended, I failed to mention the Jubilee Street Party. I thanked pretty much everybody for everything except the Jubilee Celebrations.

So please now let me thank all those who made it possible. It was a fabulous event which took a fair bit of organising, but it was all made worthwhile by the great attendance and support from you, as well as a little help from a seemingly Royal person half way through the day.



Thank you to all who let us hang bunting from their windows. Thanks for the loan of several drives, for barbeques and sound systems. Thanks to Mike A for his impact on the day, including his masterly preparation and delivery of the proclamation, as well as "Pimms" by way of the delightful Pimms Girls.

Thanks to everyone who helped erect marquees and set out tables, subsequently removing the same in double quick time.

Thanks to Graeme and Simon for sourcing a great band, they really were excellent. I think Graeme deserves special thanks for the mugs and tea towels. A lot of work went into sourcing products, getting quotes and arranging delivery. The day was a resounding success with far more people joining in than we at first expected.

Having dealt with my omission let's move on.

The Fish and Chip Supper was an even bigger success than last year, to such an extent we may have to restrict tickets in the future. Music, once again courtesy of J.B., had nearly everybody on the dance floor and Mel maintained his excellent record for the delivery of vast numbers of fish and chips – hot, delicious and bang on time. Thanks to all who helped to make the evening a success.

Then we have the A.G.M. A good meeting well supported and not without its moments of mayhem. Think fertiliser for spent daffodils.

Unfortunately, Alex Norris was not able to attend to discuss the travellers on the green, but hopefully, continued pressure may lead to some positive results.

The meeting was informed that John Spencer was standing down, although retaining his role with the neighbourhood watch. Ed Peterson of Farriers Green expressed an interest and was duly voted onto the committee, with no objections. At this point I wish to thank my committee for all their hard work throughout this and previous years. I don't think people are aware of the effort involved in fighting to protect our village environment or indeed, the background work necessary to maintain the social calendar.

On this front many thanks to the continued work of Simon Massarella and Mick Huffer which has resulted in the village parking protection measures that are helping to keep the village free of Nottingham Trent University traffic during the academic year.

Thanks to Graeme, who, as Secretary, shoulders a heavy responsibility. Finally to John Spencer our outgoing committee member. He has given unstintingly to the community for a great many years and continues in his capacity of neighbourhood watch liaison. Thank you John.

As you are all aware the A453 work is now in progress and we can probably look forward to quite a disruptive period.

With regard to other planning issues, there is little else to report, although we have picked up on some matters regarding the all weather sports pitch, planned by the university.

The coppicing of the woodland along and above the river has caused some concerns, but close liaison with Notts Wildlife Trust is tending to allay our fears. Please do read the articles in this edition which will help to bring all villagers up to date with the latest Nottingham Wildlife Trust proposals.

Socially, we are still busy. Mike and Clare's fund raising Coronation Party, for the Village Hall car park, was, I am told by many, a resounding success and in keeping with the entertaining and organisation we have come to expect from the house of Ashton. As many will know, Mike is not very well at the moment and he and Clare must be commended for putting on such a splendid day in spite of their own concerns. Just wish Sam and I had been there.

It is fantastic news to hear that the obstacles that have delayed legal agreement of access across Trent University land to reach the rear of the Village Hall have now been cleared. Mike Ashton has been instrumental in concluding these obstacles and the village will now need to throw our weight behind the project to make it happen. The CVRA would welcome any thoughts for fund-raising that we could co-ordinate to help make this huge improvement to the village hall a reality.

Next on the agenda is the Summer Garden Party. This too, seems to go from strength to strength. Get your tickets early and be prepared to have a lovely time, in a lovely setting, courtesy of John and Dorothy.

Finally, please keep the date open for the late summer picnic. A little earlier this year so, fingers crossed for some sun!!

Look forward to seeing you all at as many events as you can attend. Have a wonderful summer.

Chairman - Kevin McCormick

Village Notes

Proposed works to Clifton Grove and Clifton Woods

You may or may not know but the City Council has awarded the contract for management of the Grove, Holme Pit and Clifton woods to the Nott's Wildlife Trust. Additionally Nott's Wildlife Trust has secured a grant to do some extra management on the site.

So far so good, however now it starts to get controversial and people have some very strong views on the impact of the work that is to be carried out. The original management plan created for the Council detailed the removal of 35-40% of the trees. Now it's true that it has been a neglected space for many years but the impact on our environment would have been extreme. Nott's Wildlife Trust have reduced the amount of trees they are to cut but it still numbers around 700 in total.

The Trust didn't really engage with local residents until the Public meeting earlier in the year in the Village Hall which was a little "heated" in parts especially as many of us were bemused by the little pink dots and circles that had appeared on the trees up until that point. Since then they have held another smaller meeting and a guided walk to show some of the areas particularly affected and explain what they are doing. *So what are they doing?*

On the evening of June 12th a group of interested villagers joined Chris Kennedy of Nott's Wildlife Trust on a fact finding walk around Clifton Grove, Holme Pit and Clifton Wood. As the walk progressed Chris explained why particular trees had been marked for attention and patiently answered the many questions asked by concerned residents.

Starting at the Fisherman's car park Chris explained that the intention was to thin out the trees in the adjacent woodland as there were more specimens than were needed. The Trust plan to cut a huge number of these trees and let them regrow from the base, while leaving a few tall trees to spread out above. There is no two ways about it this is going to massively alter this area but this is also a traditional way of managing woodland and is known to aid woodland flowers and birds – eventually.

They should have been gradually thinned out in the past to prevent the current situation, where the trees are tall, thin and in danger of eventually falling over. The thinning will enable remaining trees to grow stronger.

As part of the woodland management programme some will be coppiced and open pockets of grassland created to be more beneficial to birdlife.

A 7% thinning over the whole site will result in an increase in the variety of wild flowers such as bluebells and hawthorn. There are already many more buttercups. Further along the ride wildflowers have already been planted, including trefoils and bedstraw all aimed at increasing the variety and numbers of butterflies and other insects.

The stand of larches close to the properties on Milldale Close will mostly be felled particularly those that are leaning at an unsafe angle. To create privacy and an element of security for these residents, it was suggested planting a species rich hedgerow of native species that will be maintained by the Trust. Some standing deadwood will also be retained to increase the diversity of wildlife. This will be done following guidelines set out by the Nature Conservancy Council.

Further along the Grove the Trust plan to create an area where there is a succession of habitat from grassland to shrubs and then to trees at the edges. There will be a programme of widening the grass area to make it a wildflower meadow and The Trust have already planted £1000 worth of wildflowers to start this off. This will necessitate the removal of some trees particularly where they are diseased, as in the horse chestnuts affected by canker or where they are in danger of falling across the areas of access for walkers.

Following requests from villagers present, the current area of grass mown for the benefit of users will be widened. However, there are still concerns over the uneven terrain caused by horses feet in wet weather and hidden by the now longer grass, creating hazards for walkers and joggers alike.

Alongside the river path similar work will take place to remove diseased trees and to coppice others to allow in more light for the benefit of a greater diversity of plant life. A natural succession will then be similarly created of grassland, to shrubs, to trees.

At one point, alongside the river path, there is a memorial to Poppy and Maurice Baker against one of the trees needing attention. Does anyone know who they were and who to contact? Do let us know if you are aware of any relatives living in the area.

Arriving at the area below Clifton Hall, Chris pointed out that the Italian walled garden is to be retained and that although they would like to reinstate the steps funds are not sufficient. To prevent further erosion created by the youngsters, the trees here will be removed as there are signs that the roots are already pulling up. This will allow the small saplings and undergrowth, that in places is already there, to have a chance to grow and become established. This will also have the effect of making it more difficult for damage to take place.

The stream across the path was to be culverted once more but the consensus was that the water, from the spring, running over the path was not a problem but was in fact an attractive feature of the area much enjoyed by walkers and dogs alike and hadn't altered from its current size over many years. This was the value of the evening where our local knowledge and input enabled the Trusts plans to be modified.

Towards Holme Pit, the important area of Special Scientific Interest will also see changes that will enhance and diversify the habitat. To the right of the path the marsh, fen habitat is to be improved by removing and coppicing the willow to allow in more light.

At Holme Pit itself trees will be cut back to allow light in for regeneration of the reed beds. Those to the left of the path will be coppiced to add additional light onto the reed beds. This will also benefit the many dragonfly species. The Trust have already created two large floating fish refuges in the open water. The boardwalk has been repaired and once a year they intend to cut back the reed beds on the far side to prevent encroachment of willow.

In Clifton Woods, the Trust have already planted numerous small saplings. A large tree at the top, has been felled because it was in danger of falling into neighbouring properties on Clifton Hall Drive. This has been left where it was felled to naturally decay for the benefit of invertebrates.

Last but certainly not least they are putting in a forest road at the far end of Clifton wood. It will be a 4m wide road that will replace the muddy, slippy slope and allow access for safe tree work but once again it will change the character of that area permanently. The paths through the woods will be enhanced and log edged to make their route more obvious.

I think it's fair to say that not a single part of the Notts Wildlife Trust's management plan pleased everyone but one question we have to ask ourselves is – is further neglect preferable to a management plan which will alter what we have? Whether we agree with all the management activities or not it's true to say that we will be seeing some of the biggest changes to our green spaces since Dutch Elm disease struck. The Grove certainly won't look the same again but maybe it'll be much richer for wildlife and that's one of the main reasons we feel so attached to it.

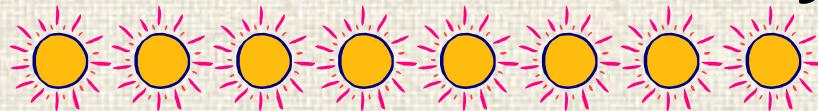
www.wildlifeinthecity.org/green-space/holme-pit/

Pat Rice and Tim Harding - June 2013

Forthcoming Village Events



Summer Garden Party



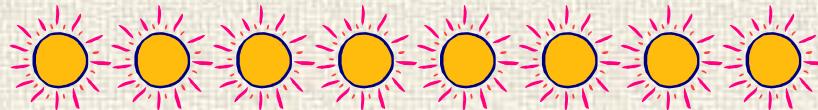
Sunday 28th July – 12.30pm

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 31ST AUGUST

From 2pm

at The Old Rectory Coach House,
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(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!!)***

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Clifton Village, Nottingham NG11 8NH

Blackwood Clarinet Choir

Guest singer Simon Theobald

Tickets £10

Thursday 11th July at 7.30pm



Bill Bailey's Jazz Band

Traditional Jazz

Tickets £10

Friday 12th July at 7.30pm

Helix Ensemble

Classical Concert

Conductor & Trombonist Chris Houlding

Tickets £10

Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm



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

For reservations please call 0115 921 3937, 07775 902 385 or 0115 921 6604

Email: mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

Clifton Village Art Group

Dates for Summer 2013

Tues. Jun 25th

Tues. July 9th

Tues. July 23rd

We meet in the village hall at 2pm until 4pm
approx. Cost £5 to include materials and
refreshments.



Not tried us yet?

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Email: patriciabrice@hotmail.com for further details

Or call 01159140759

Clifton Village Garden Group

Summer activities with the garden group

Come and join us on any of
the following dates.

Everyone is welcome.



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| June 29 th | The village garden trail. 3pm onwards
If you would like to include your garden on this trail
please contact Pat or Clare |
| July 17 th | Evening visit to Mike Davey's garden, Ruddington |
| July 26 th | Evening visit to Cornerstones in Radcliffe |
| Sept 7 th | All day coach trip to Trentham Gardens. |

If you would like to be included on any of the above or
for further details please contact: Clare Ashton or Pat Rice.

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

Events at St Mary's Church, Clifton Village

PROGRAMME FOR 2013

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thursday 11 th July	Blackwood Clarinet Choir
Friday 12 th July	Billy Bailey's Jazz Band
Saturday 13th July	Helix Ensemble - Classical Concert directed by Chris Houlding (trombonist/conductor) & including Beethoven's 'Prometheus Overture', Albrechtsberger's 'Concerto for Alto Trombone' Gounod's 'Petite Symphonie for Wind' & Mozart's 'Symphony No 31 'Paris''
Sunday 14 th July	Choral Festival Service with St Mary's Singers & String Quartet at 10.45am

OPEN CHURCHES WEEKEND

Saturday 20 th July	Visit your local church – See the bells ringing via a video; learn about its history; enjoy a cream tea; children's corner, lots of stalls & much more!
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CEILIDH (Barn Dance)

Friday 4 th October	Beggars Belief – Returning again by popular demand (Supper provided but please bring your own drinks)
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CONCERT

Sat. 30 th November	Nottingham Chamber Orchestra
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All evenings start at 7.30pm

All tickets for Concerts, Music Festival & Ceilidh £10 per person (under 16 half price) includes refreshments except where stated.

For tickets or further details, please contact
Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385
or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

CORONATION JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 2nd June 2013

The Trustees of Clifton Village Hall & School House were delighted to welcome everyone who supported their initiative to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty the Queen at the Garden Party held recently at the home of Mike & Clare Ashton.



Unlike the day of the actual Coronation in 1953, the weather was almost perfect and the festivities started with a glass of Pimms which quickly had everyone in party mood. After a formal welcome, the Village Volunteers – you know who you are! – sprang into action and a fabulous spread appeared like magic from the kitchen. The centre piece was a wonderfully decorated cake depicting the St Edward's Crown worn by the Queen during the actual ceremony – and it tasted wonderful!

Musical entertainment was performed by our village musicians on the piano and violin with a rousing 'God Save the Queen' on the bagpipes prior to a loyal toast in champagne and three cheers to Her Majesty.

The event signalled the start of fund raising for the proposed development of car parking at the rear of the Hall. This can now take place thanks to a favourable agreement with Nottingham Trent University that provides essential access for the project. We are delighted to report that £665.00 will be credited to the Car Park Fund with the intention of the money being used to buy a suitable gate to protect the site. The suggestion for this to be called 'The Coronation Gate' was warmly received.



Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the event and we hope you will support our future fund raising events to complete the car park facility.

Mike Ashton - Chairman, Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

Village Hall Car Park Proposals

Proposals for a permanent and secure parking area for the Village Hall were recently presented at the Village Hall and Schoolhouse Trust AGM on the 13th May 2013. Access rights have been negotiated with Nottingham Trent University to allow grounds to the rear of the Village Hall be reached from the green so that this space can be upgraded to provide a permanent parking solution for the village and wider users. This should eliminate parking on the green and provide a far better village resource for the benefit of the local community. It is hoped that around 15-20 parking spaces can be accommodated on the site, and planning consultation has started on the proposals.



This upgrade will however require significant financial commitment by the village and many fund raising events like the Coronation Party noted above will be needed to make these proposals a reality. For further details on how you can help please contact Mike or Clare Ashton at Glebe Cottage.

To book the Village Hall please contact Barry Stevens on 07982 820130

We are your Local Beat Team

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Neighbourhood Watch



Dear Residents,

Many of you will have noted the ongoing presence of police on the village green carrying out traffic inspections of vehicles from the nearby A453. The police have advised that this operation is part of a 'Fatal 4 Operation' that is being carried out to target speeding, mobile phone use, seat belts (or lack of), and drink driving.

Villagers concerns regarding damage to the green and general obstruction have been raised with the police, and they have ceased pulling off articulated lorries, as these were perceived to be causing the vast majority of damage. The general operation has however been a great success and the police have confirmed that over 250 traffic notices have been issued on the A453

approach to Nottingham and it is therefore very important that their work continues.

We are aware that there is an ongoing issue in Clifton & Wilford/Silverdale with off-road bikes, mini-motos and quad bikes causing a nuisance to residents in the area.

Three quad bikes have been seized from an address in Clifton this morning (20/6/13) and the off-road police team have been patrolling the area in an attempt to tackle this issue.

We have made it one of our main neighbourhood priorities to tackle these bikes however, we need your help to enable us to locate the rest of them and deal with the riders accordingly.

If you see any off-road bikes, mini-motos or quad bikes in the area please make a note of any vehicle registration numbers and call us immediately on 101.

Remember in an emergency always dial 999.

Thank you - The Clifton Safer Neighbourhood Team

Clifton Area Police Station: Farnborough Road, next door to Holy Trinity Church. Our front counter opening hours remain the same as before:

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

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.

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/

Summary of offences in Clifton Village

March 13th to 1st June 2013

The Clifton Police team have confirmed that there has been no reported crime in the village over the last three months. Great news for all!

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Clifton Village Diary

Village Garden Trail	-	29 th June 2013 – 3pm onwards Garden Group – Pat Rice
St Mary's Music Festival	-	11-13 th July 2013 – 7.30pm St Mary's Church
St Mary's Open Churches		20 th July St Mary's Church
Summer Garden Party	-	Sunday 28 th July 2013 - 12.30pm Holly House Village Rd
Late Summer Picnic	-	Saturday 31 st August 2013 Old Rectory Coach House -2pm
Christmas Tree and Carols		Sunday 8 th December 2013 4pm
Christmas Party	-	Sunday 15 th December 2013 Village Hall – 12.30pm

A quick reminder to all, that the advertising section on page 19 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.