

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER



2016

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 3rd July 2016
Holly House Village Rd 12.30pm

CLIFTON VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL 14-16th July 2016
St Mary's Church

LATE SUMMER PICNIC

3rd September 2016
Old Rectory Coach House

CALL MY BLUFF WINE TASTING
Back by popular demand!

29th October 2016
Village Hall

Produced by Clifton Village Residents Association

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee



Chair
Pat Rice



Treasurer
Helen Huffer



Secretary
Graeme Barker

Committee Members: Glenys Blacknell, Philip Bull, Ed Peterson, Viba Ellis, 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:

www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham

Chairman's Message

Welcome to the 2016 summer edition of the newsletter for CVRA members. Amazingly we are already half way through the year with mid-summer's day fast approaching.

As you may be aware Kevin stood down as chairman at the well attended AGM in May. He has to be thanked for all his hard work for over at least 6 years. Sadly he had to come off the committee for pressing personal reasons. Who knew he also did the ironing!

Seriously he did do an enormous amount for the village, listed in his final message in the last newsletter. A huge thanks from all of us Kevin.

That work continues under my watch which thanks to Kevin and the committee is a much lighter load or so they've tried to convince me.

All members of the committee work really hard on your behalf whether it is delivering newsletters, selling tickets or dealing with contentious village matters. They are post AGM: Graeme Barker, aided by Ed Peterson, who look after all things secretarial which is no mean feat, Helen Huffer our treasurer, ably supported by: John Woodall our long standing committee member who keeps us on the straight and narrow, James Royston who looks after anything high (he's tall) and liquid, Glenys Blacknell who makes sure we are all well fed, Phil Bull who looks after the facebook page and our newest committee member Viba Ellis. We have yet to discover her talents! The committee are also aided by many other regular helpers which all goes to make the village the place it is, our thanks to you all.





On other matters the Old Reading Room continues to develop. Behind the boards are some rather fine windows and we can all see the new fencing that has gone up recently.

Likewise the Old Rectory is recovering week by week from the abject misery that it had descended into. Anthony Trickett and his team are slowly bringing it back into what is

looking like an interesting property, which when finished, will make the entrance to the village a more pleasant experience, even if currently he's trying to convince us that pretend windows are the latest in modern design! Seriously, I am sure we all think he is doing a fantastic job having already converted an unpleasant flat roofed add-on into what looks like becoming a very desirable house.

Regarding the incorrect road signs I have been in touch with Highways England's representative in the last week and he assures me that they will complete the task of correcting the road signs once they have the sign drawings from Laing O'Rourke and can then re-design new plates and get them ordered. Watch this space.

Several of you have mentioned how new visitors to the village are still having great difficulty finding us so in addition to correct highway signs the committee have also asked the council for a Village Road sign and are in the process of designing a heritage sign as a welcoming entrance to the village. A sub-committee has been formed to further this development.

The barriers around the village green are apparently to get the go ahead. Let's hope that we have no more visits from travellers before the council are able to erect them, whenever that will be.



On a different note it is with sadness that we hear that Ron Cooke died recently after a long illness. He was an active member of our community and many of you will have one of the village tea towels with Ron's drawings, of notable village buildings, printed on them. Our condolences go to Betty and her family.

Looking back at recent village social events the fish and chip supper was well supported and deemed to be the best yet! I am sure that is down to both the dancers and the food! Thanks again Mel for what must be a huge task producing such a large order of fish and chips. We don't know how you do it! Thanks must

also go to our resident DJ, Jonathan Blacknell who provides the music to please every one's tastes. Look out for him again at the late summer picnic in September when he will be dusting off all his 60's music for our entertainment.

Before we all start diving into our wardrobes for 60's style clothing, (some of us still have originals), don't forget we have the summer garden party to look forward to at Holly Cottage, thanks yet again to the hospitality of John and Dorothy Woodall. See you there!

On a final note, welcome to all of you who have recently moved into the village and in one case returned. We do hope you will enjoy living here. Our local Pc Darren White advised me on coming to the village to go to all the village functions as a great way of getting to know people. I took his advice and look what happened to me!

Your new chairman: Pat Rice

Village Notes

Bollard Protection for the Green

The CVRA have continued to have close dialogue with the Council over the last few months to try to help clear the way for the agreed bollard protection to be implemented on the green. The logjam has, not for the first time, been created by legal advisors. Some of the hold-up has been caused by the Clifton Family's lawyers in South Africa, with other questions also remaining unresolved at the Council.

The CVRA have made an 80 page written submission to the Council, which included personal letters from those residents most closely affected by the Traveller encampments, and photos of some of the damage and filth they leave behind, to try make all parties understand the gravity of the situation. The Council have promised that this submission will be put to the Council portfolio holder and sent to the Clifton Family abroad to try and make all parties understand what impact their intransigence and clocking up of legal fees is having on real people.

We will continue to campaign on the Village's behalf to resolve this long standing issue once and for all and would note on a positive note that we continue to have the support of our Local Councillors in seeking an end to the situation.

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

School House available to Rent

The Schoolhouse adjacent to the Village Hall has become vacant and is available to rent at a very competitive rate. The rental includes a parking space in the Village Hall Car Park to the rear. If you or someone you know is interested in viewing the property please contact Clare Ashton on 01159 213937 / 07775 902 385 or Francis Buck on 07982 830120.

If anyone would like to book the Village Hall for an event please contact Clare Ashton or Francis Buck on 07982 830120



Late Summer Picnic

Music from the 60's

with our resident DJ

Prizes for the Best Dressed Group

***Mods and Rockers reunite in competition
Dig out those flares from the back of the
wardrobe***

Saturday 3rd September
from 2pm

at

**The Old Rectory Coach House,
Village Road**

(or the Village Hall if wet)

Tickets £3

Ticket sellers will call during August
Please bring you own chairs

Clifton Village Art Group

Sept 6th Sept 20th
Oct 4th Oct 18th
Nov 1st Nov 15th
Nov 29th Dec 6th



Contact Pat for further details:
patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Clifton Village Garden Group

The garden group dates are Mondays at 7.30pm:

Sept. 26th Andrew Ward - "Foliage Plants." Andrew's talk will show how to combine foliage plants in borders to enhance the effects. He will bring plants for sale.

Oct. 25th Linda Smith - "Water in small garden spaces". Linda will have patio ponds and other related products for sale.

Nov.28th tba: Watch this space for something special!

Contact Pat for further details:
patriciabrice@hotmail.com



Garden Group News, a Weeder's Digest!

This is proving to be a punishing month for gardeners, with heavy rain dashing all our colourful blooms but gardeners tend to be an optimistic bunch and our gardens will thrive whatever the weather throws at them.

With 30 plus members the garden group is also thriving. Anyone in the village and beyond can be a member. If you haven't been to any of the talks from visiting experts yet, perhaps the talks in the coming months will whet your appetite. We look forward to visits from experts on garden ponds, cacti, foliage plants and camassias to name a few. The talk about cammasia's is from a Chelsea RHS gold medal winner.

Some of you may have seen the starring role 2 garden group members made at this year's Chelsea having sneaked onto filming behind Monty Don as he spoke about one of the medal winning gardens - fame at last!



Speakers' topics we have had over the last few months have been about ornamental grasses, hardy exotic plants, and a real coop - a talk about roses from the president of the National Rose Society. We also had a talk of a more historical nature about how St. Ann's allotments developed to become Grade 2* listed which linked very nicely with the rose talk as the gardens also had a rose society and produced their very own St. Ann's rose.

Our latest talk was from local nursery growers about how they started their business. They have invited us to visit them on the 29th of this month which we are all looking forward to, not least to coo over the baby alpacas.

The speakers, where possible bring along plants for members to buy at extremely favourable prices. When we have our open garden trail on the 9th of July you will be able to ask gardeners to show you these plants. Many of them are unusual and difficult to buy at normal outlets. The trail will start at 9 Leabrook Close at 2.30 and finish at Glebe cottage visiting many gardens en route. The cost is £5 to include refreshments.

If you miss this you will have another opportunity to join gardening friends when we have a plant swap in August on the 6th starting at 1.30 with a light lunch. The cost is £5 again and if you don't have one or two plants to swap don't worry. You can always buy plants that are also for sale.



When we don't have speakers, in the summer months we go out and about visiting gardens. This year we have been to Long Close gardens in Leicestershire and Coton Manor gardens in Northamptonshire. These two gardens were visited in tandem on our annual coach trip. They both had wild flower meadows in common but there the similarity stopped. Both were wonderful in their different ways: one opening as part of the yellow garden scheme and the other more of a business with attractions



including a parrot and flamingos! They both provided opportunities to buy plants and the bus yet again turned into a mobile greenhouse – a now, annual event.

I mustn't forget to mention the weather which was not particularly kind to us this year. I feel one of our group "should've gone to Specsavers" as it turned out he had picked up the wrong weatherproof on leaving home and had to spend the day wearing his wife's identical but smaller jacket!

If you think you might enjoy some of our activities do come and join us on any of them.

If you are a keen photographer and have taken garden pictures over the last twelve months do email them to me as we need as many people as possible to showcase their talents via our garden group calendar produced for the village. The deadline is just before our September meeting when the group select their favourites which then go on for publication. The funds raised through these extra events go towards garden group costs but more importantly help raise money for the village hall developments which lately have helped contribute to the new car park at the hall and are now needed to go towards providing a new, smarter entrance. We look forward to welcoming some of you to our forthcoming events.



Dates for talks are : 7.30 pm on Sept 26th, Oct 31st and Nov 28th at the village hall.

Pat Rice and the garden group.

Music and other Activities at St Mary's Church, Clifton Village

Clifton Music Festival 14th – 16th July 2016

Thursday 14th

**The Dolce String Quartet
and St Mary's Musicians**

Friday 15th

Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra

Saturday 16th

Bevox Choir

Friday 30th September

Ceilidh – 'Beggar's Belief'

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Saturday 19th November

Nottingham Chamber Orchestra

All events start at 7.30pm

For tickets or further details, please contact

Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385

or email mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

or Lynne Smith on 0115 921 6604 or Beryl Hancock on 0115 984 5330

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Clifton Village, Nottingham NG11 8NH

A classical evening with
The Dolce String Quartet
and St Mary's Musicians
Thursday 14th July at 7.30pm



**Shipstone Street
Jazz Orchestra**
Friday 15th July at
7.30pm

BeVox

Saturday 16th July at 7.30pm



Tickets £10 (half price children) include wine, soft drinks & canapés

For reservations please call 0115 921 3937, 07775 902 385 or 0115 984 5330.

Email: mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Watch

Clifton Police are on Farnborough Road, next door to Holy Trinity Church. If you wish to speak to a member of your Safer Neighbourhood Team or report an incident you can now contact us on 101 ext 801 4560.

Our front counter opening hours remain the same as before:

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

Saturday and Sunday Closed

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/

We are your Local Beat Team

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**FREE
TASTER
SESSION!**

DAY	CLASS	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday (Every other week)	PILATES (Stretch & Relaxing movement)	6– 7 PM (Starting 15th October)	The Chapel @ The Knitters Framework Museum, Ruddington. NG11 6HE
Friday	PILATES	10am –11am (Starting 9th October)	The Chapel @ The Knitters Framework Museum, Ruddington. NG11 6HE
Friday	PILATES	5:15pm -6:15pm	Clifton Village Hall, Clifton Village. NG11 8NE

Louise Gibbs
Freelance Dancer & Pilates Instructor

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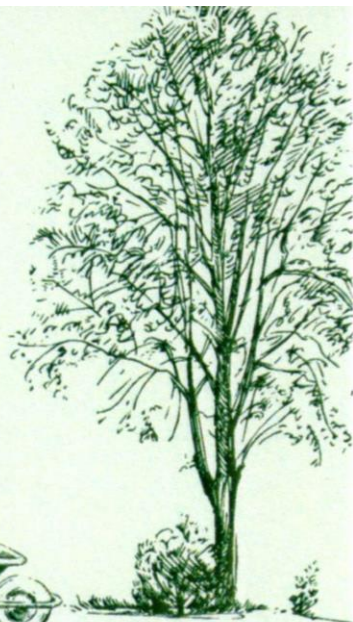
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All Types of Work

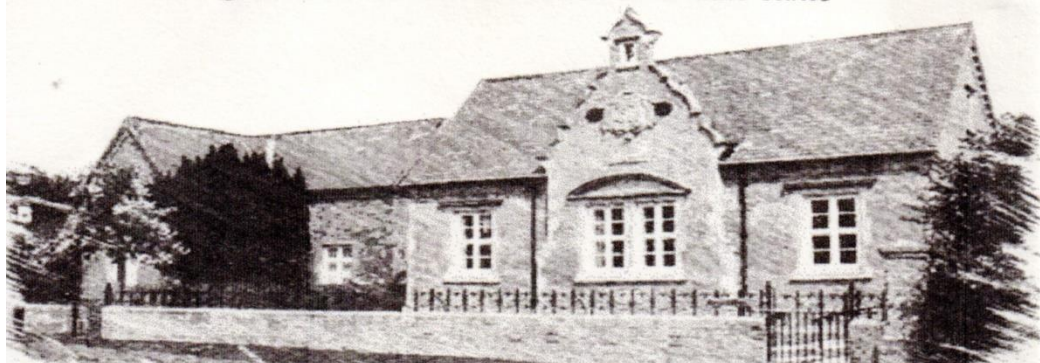


from 10am - 4pm

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pop - up vintage tea room

serving teas, coffee and delicious homemade cakes



See the Village Notice Board on Village road for dates of events

Clifton village hall