

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER



2019

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Holly House - Village Road

29th June 2019

12.30pm

CLIFTON VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

See Garden Group Page for details

13th July 2019

WINE TASTING / QUIZ EVENING

Village Hall

AUTUMN EVENT

Date to be confirmed

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Village Hall

15th December 2019

12.30pm

CVRA AGM – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Hall

18th May 2020

7.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee



Chair
Pat Rice



Treasurer
Helen Huffer

**IMAGE WITH
AIRBRUSH
SPECIALISTS**

Secretary
Ed Peterson

Committee Members: Glenys Blacknell, Philip Bull, Kath Kay, James Royston and John Woodall

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www.facebook.com/cliftonvillagenottingham

Chairwoman's Message

Well here we are in what we hoped was going to be summer but appears to be fast becoming the wettest June on record! It will be some time before we need to water the gardens again or fill up water butts.

Let's hope that things dry out sufficiently for the summer garden party on Sat. 29th June. We hope that you will be able to join us at Holly House on Village Road at our popular annual summer get together in John and Dorothy's lovely garden. The superb catering team are already in action ensuring that there will be enough food for everyone and the bar staff are busy stocking up on a variety of beverages. The committee all look forward to meeting up with everyone once again.



It has been a while since the fish and chip supper back in April. We had to make a quick change of venue back to the village hall, as lights at the church decided to cause problems. Residents who were able to go along said that it was one of the best yet. Mel's fish and chips were fantastic and even

the mushy peas proved more popular than normal and I should know as I had to wash out the near empty cauldron! After the food, the evening's entertainment continued with the fabulous disco provided by the ever-popular JB. Plenty of disco divas in this village!



Last month we held our AGM which was well attended. Thank you to those who were able to come along. The AGM is our annual report on events affecting us in the village. The local police gave us an update on the crime statistics which as

many of you may be aware have seen a sharp spike due to many garden sheds being targeted recently. If you haven't updated your security, we would strongly advise you to do so as the miscreants seem very sophisticated.

The meeting was also attended by our new councillors, Roger Steel and Andrew Rule. They intend to hold a surgery on the first Wednesday of the month in the village hall, from 5.15 to 7.30 pm. If there should there be any issues that you would like them to help you with, do go along.

This year at the AGM we had one change to the committee. Graeme Barker, who has been our secretary for around ten years, has had to stand down due to time commitments. This led to much consternation as Graeme has taken on a huge workload over the years and we weren't sure who could fulfil the role but with some great relief, Ed Peterson has offered to take over and was voted in at the meeting. Graeme will still help producing the newsletters but other issues are now being taken over by Ed. We would like to thank Graeme for all that he has done as secretary over such a long period of time. Other committee members remain the same.

What is so great in this village is that so many of you offer to help in many ways throughout the year which is what communities are all about. Sadly, this year we lost two village stalwarts within hours of one another, Lilian Young and Barry Stevens both from Village Road.

Lilian, over fifteen years ago, ran the Christmas party and the summer garden party. Being the sociable lady, she was, in true Scandinavian style, at the end of the garden party, Lilian invited all the helpers back to her house for the evening as a great way to use up the leftover food. Lilian also took over as secretary for a year when Kevin McCormick was the chairman. I know that she was a great help to him and produced the newsletter that Graeme subsequently took over. Stepping down from that role, Lilian continued to offer help whenever and wherever it was needed.

Barry, a close neighbour of Lilian's was another really valuable member of our village community. When he first retired Barry used to offer a lift service to those going on holiday, taking them to the airport and railway station for just the petrol money.

Barry, along with Graham, Lilian's husband carried out the major upgrade to the village hall. Together they fitted the donated kitchen which involved many hours adjusting it to fit. They also sanded the hall floor spending many hours again bringing it back to a usable condition. Not content with that Barry spent many hours with John Hooley in the city library gathering together information about charities that made donations for further upgrades to the hall. For many years Barry took on the role of village caretaker being responsible for booking the hall out with all the responsibilities that entails, as well as its cleaning and upkeep with his wife Eve's help. Eve would like to thank all those who donated to the so generously to the dementia charity with a total of £301.90 being collected.

The committee are in the process of updating a list of people who can offer help of any kind at whatever time of year. If you feel that you can offer help please let your committee member know when they call round with tickets and newsletters. Generally, people offer help with catering, heavy lifting jobs and at Christmas putting up the tree on Cross Hill just to give you an idea of some of the roles that you may be able to help with.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the garden party and hopefully by then we will be able to call it our summer garden party.

Pat Rice

June 12th 2019

Village Notes

The Old Rectory

It will not have escaped anyone's attention that nothing has happened at the Old Rectory site. This is due to the presence of bats in the main building. As a protected species a licence is needed in order to remove them safely to a nearby area. Bat experts have visited the site and recorded a low count. At the next count later this month if the same low count is recorded then a licence can be applied for, following which, those allowed to handle bats will remove them to special bat boxes that will be attached to trees in the grounds. It is hoped that work will then be able to commence probably by late summer.

Housing Development behind Barton Green

Following on from the meeting held by Corall Jenkins with residents from Barton Green, the strength of feeling was sufficient for Lilian Greenwood MP to invite myself and two residents from Barton Green to meet with herself and Councillor Linda Woodings, portfolio holder for Planning, Housing and Heritage. I was able to reiterate how concerned we were over the effect on the ancient woodland, the effect on the historic environment of our village plus the need to consult with Historic England before deciding on numbers of houses. If they do not then the council are failing to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework.



More crucially, thanks to the depth of knowledge of planning restrictions that Graeme Barker is familiar with, it was pointed out that currently the planning had been taken in isolation for the new housing area. When the new estate is considered in addition to the existing Barton Green it becomes sufficiently large enough to require two points of access,

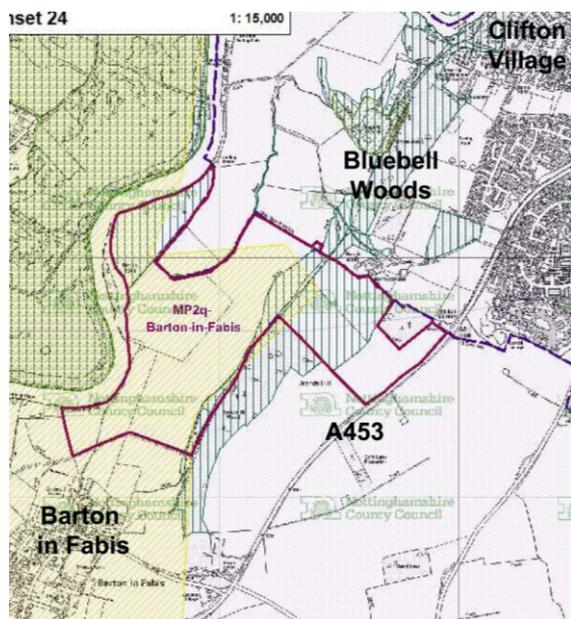
not one as it currently has from the Crusader Roundabout. One of the two access points can be for emergency access only. Thanks to Graeme, I was able to point out that including the existing housing would render the whole estate against highways guidance, as the number of houses would be in excess of 300 homes and as such would require two access roads for the whole area. This, judging by the looks of surprise and consternation had not been considered. I subsequently sent them the relevant documents that Graeme had supplied me with. If two access roads cannot be supplied then the development should not go ahead. Barton Green residents have already experienced difficulty accessing their area following on from at least two serious events, which highlighted how important the provision of an extra access road is already.

Since that meeting there have obviously been changes to our councillors but all our new ones are behind the residents, with one of the independent councillors

having a place on the new planning committee. There has been no further news regarding the development since then other than James Brokenshire MP has rejected the call in of the plans, that was mentioned in the last newsletter.

Proposed Sand and gravel Extraction at Barton in Fabis

As you are aware, we have been supporting Barton in Fabis in their campaign to fight the planning application for sand and gravel extraction. To date their detailed responses have been successful in delaying the proposal's progress. This month myself and a Clifton resident were asked to observe a meeting at County Hall, of the Communities and Place Committee. The new minerals plan was presented to the council by the county planners and the proposals to extract sand and gravel were passed. This is not to say that the gravel extraction will definitely go ahead but it is not a positive sign. There will be a period of consultation with residents so we must be prepared to write in against the proposals yet again and go to any meetings held in the area. Then we must hope that H.M. Inspector rejects the plans.



As a reminder, with the support of our MP and councillors we were against the plans in part because of the effects the proposal will have on the health of so many residents in close proximity to the workings. Part of the quarry included an area of land within the city boundary. Our councillors had voted against allowing city land to be included which will considerably reduce the amount of sand and gravel that would otherwise be available. We hope that this will have a negative effect on the

proposals. Further County Council meetings are due to take place next month.

Our Front Gardens



Walking around our village it is great to see so many beautiful front gardens. Many are absolutely stunning. A huge thank you to everyone for helping to make our village look so neat, tidy and attractive.

However, there are a few issues that spoil the overall effect. It is so easy for us to jump into our cars and drive away without really appreciating what affect our plantings are having on those in the village who need to walk by on foot, particularly after the current spell of torrential rain. Some of our shrubs are getting so out of hand



that instead of being able to continue on the pavement, it is necessary to go onto the road with the inherent dangers that could lead to.

Whether you own or rent your property *please* check your boundaries for overhanging plants, be a good, considerate neighbour and *please* cut them back. Hopefully we will be back to perfect gardening weather before long so please find those secateurs and get clipping!

Pat Rice

June 17th

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

Thank you to all those who attended our AGM in May. During the last year, more detailed plans for our next development - for a new main entrance; an extended kitchen; a multi-use room (between the kitchen & the ladies toilets); and alterations to the storeroom (at the end of the ladies toilets) – have been produced. This work has been undertaken by our Honorary Architect, & Trustee, Graeme Barker, assisted by an architecture student. It is hoped to submit these for planning approval soon. Once approved, further applications to appropriate charitable organisations and Trust funds will be made to assist with funding the development.



As many of you are aware, the hall has been considerably improved as a result of the new floor laid at the beginning of 2018. Secondary glazing has also now been installed to reduce heating costs & it is planned to increase the depth of the insulation in the roof. The bar will be smartened up with a new top and surroundings - taking place during the last week in June.

As with any Grade 2 listed building, regular maintenance is essential. There have been some

problems, particularly with the toilets & sewage drainage, where the pipes are shared with the School House. Cracks have appeared in the hall walls & continued to widen, probably due to the close proximity of the trees & the very hot weather.

Following discussion with Nottingham Trent University, some of the trees were pruned and they have agreed to remove some of the closest trees. However, as the weather cooled, the cracks reduced in size & were filled in – but will be closely monitored. The potholes in the access road through the Village Green have been filled in & the ruts in the access road to the car park have been filled with gravel. Unfortunately, part of the

fence between the School House & the Hall was blown down in the strong winds. As the wooden fence was found to be rotten, it has been replaced.

The hall continues to be used most days. Regular users now include Clifton Doves WI; karate; pilates; tai chi; adult ballroom & latin dancing sessions; Rainbows, Brownies, & Guides; church groups (Graceful Voices & Heavenly Feast), as well as our Village Art & Gardening groups. It is also used for parties, meetings, workshops, wedding receptions, photography etc & by local School Academies, and as a Polling Station.

Our thanks are due to our hardworking Village Trustees - Francis Buck for organising & supervising the maintenance for both the Hall & School House; Joe Rice, our Treasurer; John Hooley, for searching for funds & applying for grants; Glenys Blacknell, our Secretary & for banking the hall takings; & Graeme Barker, our Architect. The hall is also cleaned weekly by Marie Marshall, who does an excellent job.



If you wish to book the Village Hall at any time, you are advised to do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as the hall gets booked up well in advance, by ringing or texting the Hall mobile number 07982 830120 – thank you.

Finally, thanks are due to all those supporting our continuing fundraising efforts, which are much appreciated, enabling the Trust to build up funds for our next development.

Clare Ashton
Chairman, Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust
Caretaker, Clifton Village Hall

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 29th June 12.30pm

**HOLLY HOUSE ON
VILLAGE ROAD**
(Village Hall if bad weather)

Adults £7

Children £3.50

***COMPLIMENTARY DRINK AND BUFFET
LUNCH IN PICTURESQUE SURROUNDINGS
TICKET SELLERS WILL BE CALLING ON ALL
HOUSEHOLDS - PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
GARDEN CHAIRS***

Clifton Village Garden Group

The garden group meets on the last Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall
Cost £5 to include refreshments and the possibility to win a raffle prize.



Forthcoming Talks:

- Sept 30th** "A Labour of Love" with Rob Potterton
The story of developing the family nursery
Plants for sale from Rob's nursery in
Lincolnshire
- Oct 28th** "Have Garden Will travel" with Steffie Shields
Stories of the gardens she has developed
around the world
- Nov 25th** "A Home Grown Christmas" with Jo Dyer
Tips on growing plants for seasonal decoration
with a practical demonstration

July 13th Open Garden Trail 2pm £5pp

Come and join us on our trail around some of our village gardens with up to 4 new gardens to visit this year!

A superb afternoon with refreshments included at the start and end of the trail.

Clifton Village Art Group



July 9th July 23rd
Sept 10th Sept 24th
Oct 8th Oct 22nd

The group meet on Tuesdays at 2 pm

Cost £5 with all materials provided plus refreshments.

Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

St Mary's Church – Update

Many of you will be aware that the Rector of the Clifton Parish, Rev Owen Page, & his wife, the Rev Gill Page, Associate Priest, retired in March earlier this year. During our interregnum, the Rev Wendy Bradley, a curate from Aspley, is currently supporting the Parish on a part-time basis until the end of September. However, it is hoped that a new appointment will be made in the coming months. Services are continuing in the Parish as before including baptisms, weddings, funerals & internment of ashes in the Garden of Rest, with the help of Wendy, our lay readers & visiting priests. Our Parish Office at Holy Trinity with St Francis Church is open every Tuesday evening 6-7pm for any enquiries, or telephone 0115 984 1563 or email <cliftonparishoffice@gmail.com>

During the last year, the main gates at St Mary's have been repaired and a roof alarm installed, which is continuously monitored. Most of the internal & external lights are now LED, including those in the church tower. Following a drainage survey 2 years ago, our architect has produced detailed requirements prior to producing a specification to go out to tender. It is hoped this will take place later in the year. A recent electrical survey, required every 5 years, has indicated that some urgent work is required to ensure compliance, and this will be undertaken soon.

Thank you to all those who support St Mary's in any way - through your prayers, church attendance, regular giving or by attending our musical events.

Clare Ashton Churchwarden, St Mary's Church

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

PROGRAMME FOR 2019

CEILIDH Saturday 28th September at 7.30pm With 'Beggars Belief'

Tickets £10 (half price under 14's) – Includes ploughman's
but bring your own wine, beer, other drinks

**BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY TO ENSURE
YOUR PLACE!**

**CONCERT on Saturday 8th June 2019 A 'Light Hearted' Summer
Concert'.**

Many thanks to everyone who attended this concert & to Jill Barker &
her friends, Madeleine Leverton, Rein Ove Sikveland & Andrew
Milledge, who played a wide range of music. With your generosity &
that of the musicians, who gave their time freely, we raised £705
towards the Church Tower fund.

*For tickets or further details, please contact
Clare Ashton on 07775 902385
or email <clare31337@btinternet.com>
or Beryl Hancock on 0115 921 984 5330*

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

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant: Sgt 1083 Nigel Bradley

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Please see the website for further contact details for your local beat team

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Good Companions was established in December 2001 in response to a survey carried out within the Clifton, Wilford & Silverdale areas of Nottingham in 1999 by the Social Action Research Project. The survey identified a large number of older people living alone and socially isolated due to lack of available support from family, friends, statutory or voluntary services.

A Home Visiting Service was first set up followed by a weekly Friendship Group, which now meets at Rivergreen Methodist Church, with a further group at Lakehead House in 2009. Within the last year, Friendship Groups at both Highbank & Parkgate Community Centres have been set up as part of the Clifton Friendship Project, funded for 2 years through the People's Health Trust.

Good Companions is co-ordinated by a part time 'lead' co-ordinator, Beth Brown, & a part-time co-ordinator for the Clifton Friendship Project, Sarah Cox. Volunteers undertake home visiting & support the Friendship Groups as well as helping with fundraising events (street collections, bag packing, etc). Last year, we undertook an envelope collection in Clifton including Clifton Village – we raised the magnificent sum of £368 – 22p in the Village & a big thank-you to all who contributed. We will be undertaking another envelope collection in August & hope you will be as generous as last year.

Several Villagers already support Good Companions in different ways – Christine Breeton as Treasurer; Alma Davies at Rivergreen Friendship Group & with marketing; and Anne Massarella, Sandra Bull & Kath Kay at the annual Christmas party for older people in Clifton – all very much appreciated & which makes a significant difference to those older people we are involved with.

If anyone would like to help or volunteer in anyway, please do contact me on my mobile 07775 902385 or email clare31337@btinternet.com You can also contact Good Companions by phone, email or Facebook (see details below).

Clare Ashton - *Chairman, Good Companions Management Committee*

Reducing Loneliness and Isolation for Older People in Clifton, Wilford and Silverdale

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