

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Edition 2011



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Christmas Tree + Carol Singing -	Sunday	4 th December 2011
Christmas Party	- Sunday	11 th December 2011
New Year Jumble Sale	- Saturday	4 th February 2012
Jubilee Street Party	-	weekend of 2 nd to 5 th June 2012



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STOP PRESS!! STOP PRESS!!

The CVRA's representations to the Highway Authority have resulted in the Village being included on a new grit route this year, called the "Snow Route", that will be run in times of snow, and prolonged bad weather only. The option of grit bins was ruled out as the Council have confirmed that they have no funds available this year but this option will be better for the village as the council will run the service when required.

The council have advised that the treatment would start from the "South" junction of Clifton Lane, running along Village Road to the 2nd turning of Groveside Crescent, then along Groveside Crescent back into and along Village Road, exiting from the "North" entrance back onto Clifton Lane. This route will be operational only in times of prolonged bad weather, ideally before any snow, providing rain does not proceed the snow, as this would wash the salt away, when it would operate the next day if required. In the event of the village area getting into difficulty with the carriage and footways, please telephone 0115-915 2000 and report this, and an inspector will then assess the situation and recommend any action necessary.

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

Hello, Clifton Village,

Welcome once again to the chairman's message, this time for the Autumn issue of the CVRA Newsletter for 2011.

Before writing this message, I was looking through a draft copy of the newsletter that will embody it, and some of those we've sent out over the past few years. I can't help but be impressed with the way the letter has progressed, and feel that now other members of the village are using it to get ideas across, it is really coming into its own as a useful and focal part of village life. On the back of that, I would like to proffer my personal thanks to all contributors who help to make the magazine what it is. To John Spencer for his policing reports, Mavis for her history of Clifton and one off contributions such as that from Rebecca Masserella this month, to those who support us with advertisements and now to Pat Rice for her initiatives on the gardening and art clubs and Mike and Clare for the music festivals, and their contributions in respect of those. Much credit has to go to Lillian Young, for working with me at the beginning of my tenure to increase the content and the value of the newsletter, and subsequently to Graeme Barker, for picking up the baton and running magnificently with it, taking this small publication from strength to strength.

Having said all that, it is nothing without your contributions and it is, as it grows, becoming more expensive to produce, therefore any advertising revenue that you can help us to secure from local businesses would be welcome.

Planning Matters

Having eulogised above, I now have to eat some humble pie because we seem to have stalled on the two main issues in the village- ie The Old Rectory and The Reading Room. Whilst we have received promising comments from various council representatives, we see no change and I intend now to talk to various reporting contacts to see if we can drum up wider support for our cause.

As reported later by Graeme, the original planning application for the Man of Trent was turned down, but. Whilst they have ruled out retail, fast food is still a likelihood.

Parking Matters

Whilst in one respect these come under the umbrella of planning, or certainly planning issues, they are very much a separate item. We have had meetings with police and representatives of the University, and Simon Masserella is ever vigilant on the case, regarding parking, and has worked to get all parties to act together to improve the situation. Suffice to say, we have received great promises of support from the police. We also know that increased parking spaces are being prepared within the University grounds, but we still have a problem, as photographs I took the other day show.

Please be assured that Simon is working tirelessly, on behalf of the committee, to affect a suitable solution.

Travellers

On an evening early in August, a neighbour, in a state of distress, knocked on my door to inform me that we had travellers settling in the village. Whilst perhaps policing the village is outside my remit, I did go down to talk to them. I found one or two of them quite reasonable and several others rather aggressive. It was late in the evening, they had small children running about, and it was evident that they were definitely camped for the night. I then told them that they needed to be away in the morning or we would be taking action. My visit was followed up by one from Darren and his trusty team, who a few days later were seen having a bit of an altercation with the travellers, who, as you might expect, did not leave voluntarily, but were moved on very quickly by the activities of the council and the police. Within 10 days or so, the whole issue was behind us. My thanks to those institutions who worked so effectively on our behalf.

Having said that however, we need to be vigilant and we need to find ways of ensuring that we do not have repeat episodes, year on year. The last time this previously happened was some 10 years ago, so hopefully we will be traveller-less for some time to come.

I should like to add that a number of residents were obviously distressed by the travellers, some making their own comments and suggestions to the powers that be. Whilst I can understand the concern, I have to say that I think the measured and co-ordinated response between the CVRA, the police and the

council, all of whom were immediately on the case and fully aware of what could, couldn't and shouldn't be done, was highly effective and should, perhaps, be left to run its course in any similar events in the future.

Socialising

The Summer Garden Party, which took place on 24th July, once again courtesy of John and Dorothy Woodall, in their wonderful garden, was to my memory one of the best garden parties I have attended in the village.

The attendance was up on previous years and it was nice to see that we had some support from Clifton Hall Drive, all of whom joined in with the general good humour and fun of the day. Hopefully they will report favourably to their neighbours who may join us in future social events.

The food which is always super and a testament to the hard work of so many volunteers, was, if anything, better than ever, and with the complementary weather, it made it a very memorable day indeed, and one which I'm sure we're all looking forward to revisiting in 2012.

The Late Summer Picnic

Another roaring success, this time in the grounds of The Old Rectory Coach House, courtesy of Morris and Diva Bonnie, to whom our thanks.



This year, whilst retaining Stevo's magic, we had a new singer, very much in the style of swing, in the person of Jeff Briggs. Jeff carried the day with his renditions of old favourites, and his cheery and warm personality made the day a really relaxed affair with Jeff, who used to live in the village

many years ago, more than just a visiting entertainer. Thank you Jeff for, a super afternoon.

A certain person brought a candelabra for the table, perhaps we should all dress our tables next time!

Clifton Music Festival

Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend any of the evenings on this occasion, but I do understand that once again, it was a great success.

Forthcoming Events

We have the erection and lighting of the Christmas Tree and the Christmas party to look forward to and rounding of 2011. Next year- it all starts again, with perhaps a few changes.

May Day Celebrations

As many will know, the fish and chip supper was brought about as a need to fill the gap left by the fact that we were unable to run the Mayday celebrations as we previously had. There is a move afoot to try and reinstate the crowning of the May Queen and the Maypole dancing, along with some stalls. However a number of possibilities need to be explored and firm commitments made before we can add this to the calendar. That said, if we proceed, we will need some volunteers to help us organise the day and refreshments in the village hall.

Jubilee Celebrations

We have given notice already that we intend to have a Jubilee Celebration, which would very much follow the line of the street party, held for the millennium. Whilst people will be bringing their own food, and probably making their own fun, we would like volunteers and ideas to help make this a really memorable event, as indeed was the original street party for the millennium.

Looking through this, I seem to have rambled on for even longer than normal. Thank you for bearing with me - please continue to support your Village Residents Association, please support the newsletter and don't forget- if you can encourage any local business to advertise with us, to help cover the costs of producing this magazine, we would be very grateful.

Thank You.

Kevin McCormick

As the poster below clearly states: YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Two CVRA events are currently being discussed, but both will only happen with the support and involvement of villagers.

Jumble Sale. Call it anything from 'recycle a gift', to a good old fashioned 'jumble sale', the idea is to give villagers a method of giving others the benefit of unwanted items, whilst raising funds for the village. We are looking for assistance to run the stalls, sort donations, and possibly sell refreshments on the 4th February next year.

Dorothy Woodall has kindly offered to act as a co-ordinator for the event, so could we therefore ask that anyone who is willing to offer help of any kind, either on the day, or in preparation leading up to it, to contact Dorothy at 31 Village Road (Holly House) on 0115 921 1567. We would also ask that you contact Dorothy if you have a donation and would like to know what to do with it.

The second event is the possible rejuvenation of the May Day celebrations . The intention is not to reassemble the whole May Day paraphernalia of recent years, but to focus on traditional May Day dancing, with the Crowning of a May Queen. We do however also wish to find simple ways, such as selling refreshments in the Village Hall, to raise vital funds for the village. No matter how little time you can give, it will be vital to the success of these events. As ever, please do speak to your local CVRA representative when they knock at your door, or contact Kevin or myself to discuss what help you can offer.

Finally, we can advise villagers that the recent planning application for a 24 hour Mcdonalds to the rear of the 'Old Man of Trent' site on the A453 has been rejected by the Local Authority. We will however keep an eye on developments on this site and others close to the village and make representations where appropriate to ensure that villagers views on this and other sites are properly represented.

Graeme Barker

Clifton Village Residents Page

The CVRA are proud to have been able to assist Rebecca Massarella of the village make her life changing trip to Africa. In return Rebecca has been kind enough to share her experience with us.

My trip of a life time



My trip to Ghana was the most amazing experience I've ever had, and that includes the fundraising and preparation before as well as the reflection on the journey back to England. For me everything about Ghana felt like home, even if we had the very basics in which we had to live with. I found it a

challenge to start with and had to learn to deal with silly little things. Whilst out there I felt God was calling me to do something, to leave my mark on the school. I, with the help of others, designed two out of three classrooms that were to be decorated, these I'm glad to say have been completed to the highest of standards with the help of others on the trip and I have to say I can't take all the credit as the rooms look amazing. We all pulled together to help get them finished on time we worked late into a last night there just to make sure the children could see it finished before we left. Another mark we left on the school was the chance to give them a fully functioning IT room with





Jungle themed



The world is so big

12 new computers for the child to develop the learning further, by use of the internet (which the already had thanks to a satellite phone line).

I had the greatest opportunity of all, to teach a class of 8 to 10 year olds. This was a real privilege for me not only to teach but to be taught as well. I learnt that even when a child like the ones I taught have nothing, they make something of it. Teaching them simple songs that most of us learn in playgroup or nursery like; head, shoulders, knees and toes, was a real laugh and I learnt songs that they learn when they're little. Even though it was a Muslim community and school they still accepted our views and teachings about God and Christianity.



Daily chores



The neighbours

It really was life changing. And some day I hope to return to the same village and school I left there and see how its developed over the time I've be away from it.

Rebecca Massarella – The Nottingham Emmanuel School

Forthcoming Village Events

Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing



4pm on Sunday 4th December

Come and join in the festive celebrations and partake of:

mulled wine roasted chestnuts mince pies

Everyone is welcome

Note: Helpers are welcomed to assist with the preparation of the tree and its decoration on Saturday the 4th December. Please contact Graeme Barker or Kevin McCormick if you are able to help



Christmas Party

Will be held at

Clifton Village Hall

12.30pm, on Sunday 11th December

Adults £5

Children £2

**Buffet Lunch with a complimentary drink
and the promise of good company in the festive season**

Add this important event to your diary. Ticket sellers will call on all households in the village closer to the time.

Summer Garden Party



Many thanks to all of the ladies above for once again providing such splendid catering and from the village to Dorothy and John for providing such a superb venue for this lovely event.



Village Activities

New! New! New! New! New!



Come and join the village's new

Gardening Group

Are you looking for garden advice? Have you got tips to give other gardeners? Enjoy listening to experts? Just curious?

Come along to the first meeting for a -

Bring and buy **plant sale**,

Bring and buy **excess produce**,

And

A slide show on Ireland's Garden Design Centre

Friday October 28th

At

The village hall 8.00pm - 9.30pm

Admission: £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits

Next meeting: Friday November 25th - talk on beekeeping with local expert Rob Jarvie



New New New New New New New New

First Tuesday Art Club



When? Tuesday 8th November from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm and then every first Tuesday of the month onwards.

Who for? Absolute beginners *and* more experienced

Who with? Doreen Hunt, an extremely experienced art teacher

How much? £5 to include all materials plus tea and coffee

Contact for more information: Pat Rice
0115 9140759 or email; patriciabrice@hotmail.com



Nottingham Chamber Orchestra

St Mary's Church, Clifton Village, Nottingham

Saturday 19th November 2011, 7.30 pm

Haydn	Symphony No. 86 in D major
Mozart	Piano Concerto No. 21 in C
Albinoni	Adagio for Organ and Strings
Mozart	Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter)

Tickets £7.50 including refreshments

Children aged 16 and under FREE

For more information or to reserve tickets call

Clare Ashton on 0115 9213937

Profits to St Mary's Church

The Bruce Connection with an Epic Journey



Captain Scott with wife Kathleen

A century ago, a large group of men anticipated the return of the sun, to bring daylight again to Antarctica. They were the Royal Geographical Society's expedition to find the wonders of the southern continent and to reach the South Pole. It was very scientifically orientated with nature, climate, geology, marine and atmosphere all represented as a doctor, photographer, a vet, and naval crews for basic needs to survive in the hostile climate. New, were snow tractors to replace the animals for transport, but they proved to be useless in the low temperatures.

Capt. Robert Falcon Scott R.N. was the leader, having been on the Discovery 1901-4 voyage to map the coastline. He hoped to be the first man to reach the South Pole and proclaim the feat for Great Britain. Scott was a career naval officer, with his best friend, K. Wilfred Bruce, whose brother was Rosslyn Bruce, the Rector of Clifton. He lived at Glebe Cottage before his marriage, and kept his menagerie of birds and animals in the garden. A social hunting, shooting, fishing cleric with uncle as lord of the manor in the hall, he was a character!

After marriage he lived in the Old Rectory, now the dilapidated ruin on Village Road, and maybe that is where his lovely sister Kathleen met Robert, who was twenty years her senior. She was 'quite a girl' and had studied art at the Rodin School of Sculpture in Paris. She was married in 1908 when only twenty years old in Hampton Court chapel.

Their son, Peter Markham Scott was born in September 1909. His godfather was J. M. Barrie of Peter Pan fame. He became a famous painter and ornithologist, and was knighted for his work with the Wildlife Trust that he began at Slimbridge. He also represented Great Britain, rowing in the pre-war Olympics. He died in 1989 having fulfilled his father's last message to his wife:

"Make the boy interested in natural history, if you can, it is better than games; they encourage it at some schools."

Sir Peter's son, Falcon is an ornithologist on Jura and is going to be taken to the Antarctic by the Daily Telegraph, to be at his grandfather's hut for the centennial.

The outcome of the expedition is history, of the trek to the pole, Amundsen broke his promise to go after Scott and instead did a shorter journey with dog sleds to arrive in December, a month before Scott on January 17th 1912.

Work is still being done on the samples brought back and the photos and film by H.G. Ponting is being preserved, and about a quarter of the collection has been made into "The Great White Silence" shown on the BBC.

After ten years of widowhood Kathleen remarried in 1922 1st Lord Kennet, a naval commander (1914-18) and they had a son Wayland. For a time the family lived in J.M. Barrie's house in Bayswater.

Lt Wilfred Bruce married Dorothy Boot and the firm supplied the medical needs of the expedition. He went with C. H. Mears to Vladivostok in Siberia Russia to purchase dogs and ponies and they delivered them to New Zealand, in time for the Terra Nova to sail in November 1910 into the unknown.

Connections were made with Mundella Grammar School, and in the County archives is a letter, sent by Scott, thanking the pupils for money to buy a dog. She had pups and he called two Mundella and Clifton and would come to the school on his return.

Also in the 1970's, a lovely full length engraving, from the sculpture done by his wife, that stood in Waterloo Place in London, was hung in the headmasters office. Maybe it was destroyed when the school was pulled down, so as with the man, has been lost forever.



Lieut. W. Bruce

Mavis Forsyth

St Mary's Church – Services during Christmas and New Year

Sunday 18th December

6.30pm Traditional 'Candlelit' Carol Service

followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm - Christingle

11.30pm - Midnight Eucharist

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

10.00am Service at Holy Trinity Church

Farnborough Road, Clifton

Sunday 1st January New Years Day

10.00am Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For any queries, please contact Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385 or email <mikeandclarea@btinternet.com>

Village Hall Bookings

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

Music at St Marys Church, Clifton Village

The Nottingham Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 19th November 2011 at 7.30pm

Haydn: Symphony No 86 in D
Mozart Piano Concerto no. 21
Albinoni: Adagio: Organ & Strings
Mozart: Symphony No.41 in C Jupiter

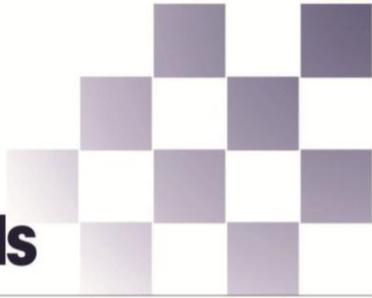
Tickets £7.50 per person (under 16 half price) includes refreshments.

PROGRAMME FOR 2012

March	To be announced
12 th – 14 th July	12 th Clifton Music Festival
17 th November	Radcliffe-on-Trent Male Voice Choir

For tickets or further details, please contact
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Neighbourhood Watch



Dear Residents,

Since joining the team this newsletter is my first opportunity to welcome Sally Joss to the village neighbourhood watch team, Sally who as you know lives on Village Road, a very good viewpoint next to the old shop and one of the first homes as you enter the village.

Regards,

John Spencer, Clifton Village NW Coordinator

Offences in Clifton Village - 01/05/11 – 31/08/11

Here are the latest village crime figures as you can see these are the second quarter of 2011. As usual the figures have been supplied by Pc Darren White.

Initial Offence Category Desc	May	June	July	Aug	Total
ABH	1				1
ARSON			2		2
BURGLARY DWELLING			1	1	2
BURGLARY OTHER - SHED ETC		1			1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE OTHER		1			1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A BUILDING OTHER THAN DWELLING				1	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE				2	2
ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY				1	1
THEFT FROM VEHICLE		1		2	3
THEFT OTHER		1	1		2
Total	1	4	4	7	16

Comparison of Offences in Clifton Village from 2006-11

year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2006	6	5	10	6	3	1	3	6	6	11	4	4	65
2007	3	4	3	9	5	2	3	1	2	5	2	12	51
2008	7	5	11	6	1	5	8	3	1	1	2	4	54
2009	4	1	8	4	4	5	3	4	5	2	2	4	46
2010	3	6	5	9	1	9	7	3	3	2	2	3	53
2011	1	4	4	3	1	4	4	7					28

Notice for adverts

A quick reminder to all, that the advertising section on pages ** 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.

Interested in learning a foreign language but don't want to travel?
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Clifton Village Residents at-a-glance 2011

Gardening Group
Village Hall – Slide Show

Friday
at 8pm

28th October

Nottingham Chamber Orchestra Saturday
St Mary's

at 7.30pm

19th November

Gardening Group
Village Hall – Beekeeping talk

Friday
at 8pm

25th November

Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols

CVRA Event – Village Road

Sunday
at 4pm

4th December

Christmas Party
CVRA Event – Village Hall

Sunday
at 12.30pm

11th December

Jumble Sale
CVRA Event – Village Hall

Saturday
at 2pm

4th February 2012

Jubilee Street Party
Village Event

weekend 2nd to 5th June 2012