

NEWSLETTER

Early Edition 2011



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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Fish/Pies & Chips Disco	-	Saturday	14th May 2011
AGM	-	Thursday	19th May 2011
Summer Ploughman's	-	Sunday	24th July 2011
Late Summer Picnic	-	Saturday	3rd September 2011



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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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Subscriptions

Following a comprehensive spending review the yearly Subscription for CVRA membership for 2011 is to be held at £1 per adult.

Subscriptions will be due for collection in spring, and CVRA members will be round in March to allow you to join for the period 1st April 2011 till 31st March 2012.

CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 19th May 2011

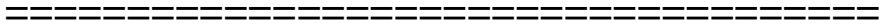
The AGM will be in Clifton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Minutes from last year’s AGM held are still available on the CVRA website: www.clifton-village.org.uk, or in hard copy by contacting the Secretary, Graeme Barker at 62 Village Road on 01159 844 866. Copies of these Minutes and the Agenda for AGM 2011 will be available at the meeting.

You will find below a Nomination Form for any CVRA members who would like to put themselves forward for nomination for any of the positions mentioned.

The committee is looking forward to your attendance.

Graeme Barker, Secretary
The Clifton Village Residents Association



Nomination Form

I wish to be nominated to join the
Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Position:
(i.e. Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member)

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Proposer:

Seconder:

Please return the form to the Secretary:
Graeme Barker, 62 Village Road, Clifton Village by Monday 16th May 2010

Chairman's Message

Hello, everybody and a happy and prosperous New Year to you all. I trust that you've all had a happy and entertaining Christmas and although it seems sometime in the past now, certainly some of the village events still linger fondly in our memories because of them being such a success.

Christmas tree

The annual process of erecting the Christmas tree was once again being undertaken by the regular crew, supported and sustained by the kind efforts of Mike and Claire Ashton, who, traditionally, provide coffee and spirited drinks. Most welcome.

The tree lighting ceremony took place on Sunday 5 December as is customary and was very well attended. It was particularly nice to see a number of our newer neighbours from Clifton Hall Drive, joining in.

I would like to think that it was the pleasure of joining in the carol singing that attracted everybody, but I am sure that the mulled wine and mince pies, greatly helped to encourage people to turn up, and join those of us who walked round the village singing carols, hopefully bringing a little bit of Christmas cheer to some of the villagers not enjoying the best of health.



Our Chairman leads the Carol Singing in hearty voice around the Christmas Tree.

As ever especial thanks to Mike and Clare Ashton and Lillian for providing warmth and sustenance for this enjoyable village event.

Particular thanks to Sandy Wells, for making my task a little bit easier by leading us, unfortunately, both she and Jill Barker have a tendency to start playing and singing falsetto just to hear me struggle, but they were not too cruel on this occasion.

Thanks also to Lillian for stepping in with the mulled wine and for Mike and Claire, as usual, for providing the brazier, mince pies etc.

Christmas Party



The Christmas party was a great success, once again we had in excess of 100 people attending. The mulled wine on this occasion was the product of the efforts of Fran Buck, ably assisted by Jonathan Blacknell who would appear to have endless talents, thank you once again Jonathan. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and I was delighted to find that the response to my enquiries regarding the Christmas card list, produced a number of takers, resulting in it raising £150 this year. Thanks must go, as usual to Glenys, her team and all who contributed to the wonderful buffet that we enjoyed.

Demise of the Christmas tree

Going back to the village Christmas tree for a moment, I would like to thank all who assisted at the dismantling ceremony on Saturday 8 January. Once again we were supported with hot drinks and spirits, where they were wanted, by Mike and Claire, thank you very much, and the team worked well to bring the tree down in record time, chopping it up and putting it in a number of wheelie bins. I have to say that as I walked along village road,

trailing 2 wheelie bins from Sam's house, looking at the site before me on the green, it made me think of the aftermath of Christmas, in Santa's workshop (little elves and things!).

As a final note, I would like to thank so many of you for your lovely comments, extolling the quality of the Christmas tree this year. They were much appreciated by the team, who do put in quite a bit of hard work to ensure that the spectacle is there, year on year.

Future events

Details of future events including details of the AGM and the much requested repeat of the May fish and chip disco, are included later in this letter, as are the usual Summer Ploughman's and hopefully, with the cooperation of Diva and Bonnie, the Late Summer Picnic, once again.



Fish and Chip Disco – Over 80 members of Clifton Village take part in an evening of fun at the Village Hall – come and join us at this fun event in 2011!

Having said that, we are open to offers for other entertainments to draw the village together and contribute to the spirit of community and would appreciate having some ideas. In light of that, Mike and Clare Ashton are organising a function, to coincide with the Royal Wedding, and details of this are published on page 16. There are also mutterings about a jubilee year celebration for 2012. I and the committee will be looking into that, in forthcoming meetings.

Some of you will have noted that we don't normally have a newsletter at this time, however, your Chairman and Secretary, having got their heads together, felt that it was perfectly feasible and would give more continuity to have a newsletter, every 4 months or so, rather than just twice a year, bearing in mind the spacing of our functions. In that vein we are still looking for contributions, your comments, letters and thoughts are more than welcome and hopefully Mavis will find enough material to keep us occupied with the history of the village, in all 3 yearly editions.

Planning matters

I have checked with the Council regarding the situation of The Old Rectory. As you will be aware, planning permission has been granted for a number of apartments within the main building, however the Council is still awaiting an enabling planning request, which will involve the construction of one or more buildings within its curtilage. Once approved, to help fund the overall development, work will go ahead, but the Council is at this point in time, waiting for the developers.

With regard to the Reading Room, there are still one or two anomalies here, which need to be resolved, but we have had offers to cosmetically enhance the Reading Room and there are alternative suggestions within the Council that subject to a guarantee of repair and restoration for either offices or additional dwelling space, the property could be let at a peppercorn rent.

Village Green

We have had instances of notes placed on villagers' cars parked in front of the reading room, presumably under the impression that they were a result of the influx of student parking, which has become a problem in some areas and will be covered later.

An anonymous note was also placed on the notice board, with particular reference to the churning up of the green, when the weather is bad, the ground is soft and it is used by those hiring out the hall, as additional car parking. Whilst sympathising with the sentiment behind the comments regarding parking on the green, I would think that anyone wishing to make

an effective point, would be better served contacting the CVRA or The Village Hall committee, in person. That said, I have looked into the situation. Neither the CVRA nor the Village Hall can do much more than ask the hirers of the hall and their respective parties not to park on the grass when wet. Neither have any authority or permission to manage or control the green. It belongs to and is the responsibility of the City Council. On behalf of the Village and the CVRA I shall be talking to the council to encourage them to repair and come up with a solution.

We are always happy to receive genuine concerns, raised in way which opens the door to constructive consideration. Having said that we are going to ask that hirers are requested to take more care when parking in wet weather and propose that appropriate notices are placed inside and outside the hall, accordingly.

Whilst on the subject, I must once again remind everyone that the notice board is for village issues arising through or with the consent of the CVRA or the wardens of St. Mary's church. Please, if you have anything for the notice board, contact me or Graeme Barker, who will see that is included or if it is contentious, seek a decision from CVRA. It is intended to enhance the notice board in due course and a more secure locking mechanism will be fitted.

[Student Parking](#)

Following on from the previous comments; there are genuine concerns regarding the level of student parking. The committee shall be taking this up with the campus managers, and shall be asking, committee member Dr Roy Smith to present our concerns to the appropriate people.

[The committee](#)

As you will all be aware, there has been a hardcore nucleus of people over the past 10 or 15 years, who have worked, pretty tirelessly, for the village. I was co-opted a couple of years ago and have enjoyed my tenure, but sometimes feel that the organisation and the remedial processes that the committee sometimes get involved in, fall on too few of the members. We have had great support from non-members but we would like to ask those

of you, who feel that you could offer some support, however limited, maybe just one afternoon a year or a couple of days, or a few evenings, or more, to get in touch, either with a view to joining the committee or just offering your services to be part of any team, created to run the functions. This needn't be onerous and can be very rewarding.

Kevin McCormick

Secretaries Note

Happy 2011 to one and all. This issue will hopefully be first of three for the year, with the intention being that the newsletters be published prior to Easter (this issue), summer (May/June) and Christmas (autumn) in order to better publicise the events that the village enjoy. It will also hopefully allow us to update you more regularly on other important aspects of village life.

As noted in last year's edition, the CVRA continues to operate as a well oiled machine, and will therefore be retaining the price of membership at only £1 per person. Your local area CVRA representative will be coming round in March to collect subscriptions, and we look forward to you continued support. Your membership is vital to us being able to co-ordinate and host our successful calendar of village events and publish this newsletter.

Looking further ahead, the AGM will be held on the 19th May in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Nomination forms are enclosed for anyone who wants to contribute to village life by assisting on the committee, but do make contact with any committee member if you want to offer your time more informally to assist with the events we hold.

Finally, as a simple reminder of all that is happening in the village we have taken created an 'at a glance' diary on the back page. This encompasses all of the events published in this newsletter, not only the CVRA led ones.

We look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming events in the village. Do remember if you have any queries or suggestions regarding village life, or if you wish to publicise events, either in this publication, or on the village notice board, please do call either Kevin or myself.

Graeme Barker

Clifton Village Residents Page



Roy and Debs Smith of Gervase Gardens are members and of the World Owl Trust and will be tackling a 5 peak challenge in the mountains of Spain to raise money for the organisation. On 29 March they will be walking 25 km on rough terrain with a total of 1570 meters of ascent. Each of the peaks is higher than anything in the UK. The walkers will aim to raise £5 to build 100 new Barn Owl nest boxes throughout the UK. Each walker will be paying

all their own travel and accommodation expenses. Therefore every penny raised will go directly to the Trust. Details of the walk and how to donate can be found at www.justgiving.com/royanddebs-smith/



The Sabre Charitable Trust - Please Sponsor me to help School Children in GHANA

12 year 11 and 12 Students and 2 Staff from The Nottingham Emmanuel School) will be renovating a classroom and playground at a school in a Ghanaian Village during July 2011.

As a part of this once in a lifetime expedition, we will also trek through the Kakum National Park and traverse a canopy walk, as well trying new foods (jollof rice, Inu, etc) and try our hands at traditional dancing and drumming.

We need to raise £1700 each and with this, help less fortunate children.

Thank you for your generosity.

www.school-adventures.co.uk

Rebecca Massarella (16) of Leabrook Close, is currently studying at The Nottingham Emmanuel School. She is planning to go out to Ghana at the start of July 2011 to take part in "Project Ghana", which will enable her to make a genuine contribution to the sustainable development of education in Africa.

Rebecca will be participating in a community project through The Sabre Charitable Trust, which will

involve the renovation of a classroom and the building of a playground at a school in a Ghanaian Village. The trip will last a total of ten days, and as part of the journey she will be trekking through the rain forests of the Kakum National Park. As part of the visit the group will learn about the impact of the

slave trade in Africa and visit one of the historic forts along the picturesque coast overlooking the Gulf of Guinea.

The expedition is being organised by World Challenge, with 14 of us taking part in the expedition, Rebecca, two teachers, six post 16 students and 5 other year 11 students.

Rebecca needs to raise £1700.00 in order for World Challenge to accept her on this trip of a life time, and she has been undertaking many fundraising activities to help her achieve this figure. Rebecca is hoping that you may be able to help her, either in funding or in other ways. The CVRA is pledging support for this trip, but if you would wish to make a more personal donation then either visit the World Challenge website at www.school-adventures.co.uk, or contact Rebecca at 5 Leabrook Close, (Tel: 0115 984808)

Resident Notices

Sally, Swain and William Joss would like to say a big thank-you to our friends in the village. Their many kind and caring comments have helped to sustain us during a very difficult time after the death of our dear, gentle Tim.

The Joss family

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 Clifton Village.

Please send any letters or suggested contributions for inclusion in the Spring edition to Graeme Barker, 62 Village Rd, Clifton Village

What Visitors Come to See in St. Marys Church, Clifton

Alabaster, the softer marble, was mined locally, and in medieval times was a European business. Many local churches have examples of the craft, and St Mary's in Clifton is amongst those that have a share of these treasures. We have pearl white, an effigy of Lady Alice, wife of a Sir Gervase. Her hands and headdress are so beautiful. On the floor nearby is the brass of her husband c. 1491. This man benefitted from being a knight, loyal to Richard III, and was given for his services, lands of the Dukes of Buckingham and Exeter at the Coronation. The knight in stylish repose, is Sir John, the only one so named, who died at the battle of Shrewsbury, fighting with Henry IV in the Scots and Welsh rebellion wars of 1403.

The Main alter tomb is Sir Gervase, known as the Gentle and his two wives. He is depicted in full tudor dress, 1564, and his ladies are identical with ruffs, jewellery and clothes. They are Mary Neville and Winifred Thwaites. He was a courtier during the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth I. He was also Constable of Doncaster Castle at the Rising of the North when the Catholics marched for relaxation of the Protestant Church Liturgy. He was the Queens Champion on state occasions. He died in 1587 leaving a four month old grandson as his heir, as his only son George had died before the birth, aged 29. He was looked after by his maternal grandmother, Lady Anne Thorold, and there is a black and white marble slab, telling of her virtues. The brass of the Elizabethan young people are his parents. This baby was Sir Gervase 1st Baronet who had seven wives. He lived until the age of 80, dying in 1666 after living through the reigns of Elizabeth I, James I, Charles I, the Civil War and Charles II.

The monument in the transept to his three wives is unique with time, body interpretations and marital crests. The coffin is Jacobean in shape. There is another plaque and bust in the chancel to him and all of his wives. The bust is similar to the style of Bellini's Charles I. Family plaques to the last family of true Cliftons and the bright memorial windows to Sir Jukes 8th Baronet are large features. Lady Marianne, his daughter, married Sir Henry Bruce and began the present lineage of the family, but that is another story.

Mavis Forsyth

Forthcoming Village Events



Fish / Pie and Chips Disco



will be held at

Clifton Village Hall
7.30pm, on Saturday 14th May

Adults £5

Children £2

**Ticket Price includes choice of Fish or Pie and Chips, and
a complimentary glass of wine or beer**

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

Christmas Party 2010



YOUR ROYAL WEDDING DAY INVITATION



Friday 29th April 2011

**MISSED OFF THE OFFICIAL LIST?
FEELING FORGOTTEN? DON'T DESPAIR!**

Let us mark this important moment in our history by coming together as a community to celebrate the marriage of HRH Prince William to Miss Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey. You are invited to the occasion being organised in the Village at Glebe Cottage by courtesy of Mike and Clare Ashton. You will be able to watch the wedding on TV whilst enjoying an 'all day' wedding breakfast with the fellowship of your neighbours and friends. There will be entertainment throughout the day to suit the occasion.

**LADIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO LOOK GLAMOROUS –
GENTLEMEN AS ONE MIGHT EXPECT!**



Gates open at 10.00am.



*There will be a charge of £10 per adult
Proceeds will be passed to the Village Hall Trust.*

*Tickets reserved by ringing asap Mike or Clare Ashton on 0115 921 3937 or
07775 902400 – first come, first served.*

St Mary's Church, Clifton Village Services during Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Service & Sedar meal *

Maundy Thursday 21st April - 7 pm

Hour at the Cross

Good Friday 22nd April - 2-3 pm

Dawn Service followed by breakfast * (5.30 am)

Easter Sunday 23rd April

Parish Eucharist (10.45 am)

Easter Sunday 23rd April

All are most welcome.

*Please let Clare Ashton know if you are planning to attend for catering purposes on 0115 921 3937 or 07775 902385 or email: mikeandclarea@btinternet.com

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will take place on Monday, 16th May 2011 at 7.30pm. There are important moves afoot which the Trustees wish to share with everyone who has concern for the appearance of the Village Green that was so badly affected during the recent winter. There will be updates on Hall usage, improvements to School House and the accounts for 2010. Refreshments provided. We look forward to your attendance.

Mike Ashton, Chairman

Village Hall Bookings

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

Music at St Marys Church, Clifton Village

The Carlton Male Voice Choir

Saturday 5th March 2011 – at 7pm

(Tickets £10 each including refreshments)

Clifton Music Festival 2011

‘The Hugh Pascall Quintet’

Thursday 7th July 7.30pm

‘Flossie Malavialle’

Friday 8th July 7.30pm

‘The Helix Ensemble’

Saturday 9th July 7.30pm

On Sunday 10th July there will be a
**Choral Festival Service at 10.45am with:
The St Mary’s Singers & a String Ensemble**

The Nottingham Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 19th November 2011 at 7.30pm

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

safer neighbourhoods



We are your Local Beat Team

Clifton Green Lane



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CLIFTON POLICE STATION OPENING TIMES

MON 08.00-16.00

TUES-FRI 08.00-18.00

SAT 10.00- 15.00



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Visit us online www.nottinghamshire.police.uk



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Neighbourhood Watch



Regarding crime figures the police have launched a new web-site where you can see the reported crime figures for any area or street in the country, you can find this at:

www.police.uk

Also you might find of interest the following web sites:

www.police.homeoffice.gov.uk/useful-links A list of links to useful police or police- related websites that you might find helpful.

www.cisonline.gov.uk If you have come into contact with the Criminal Justice System then this site can help give you information about victim support, being a witness and attending court etc. It will also let you find out about the police authority in your area.

www.moj.coionline.tv/viseos/goingtocourtvideo A video about going to court to be a witness.

If I could finish by asking all the residents to report immediately any crimes or suspicious activity they see to the police, *thank you.*

Regards

John Spencer
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Summary of Offences in Clifton Village 01/10/10 – 31/12/10

Here are the latest village crime figures as you can see these are the last quarter for 2010. As usual the figures have been supplied by Pc Darren White.

Initial Offence Category Description	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
BURGLARY DWELLING			1	1
DOMESTIC INCIDENT			1	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE	1			1
THEFT FROM VEHICLE		1	1	2
Total	1	1	3	5

Here you will see the comparison for the previous year's corresponding months.

Summary of Offences in Clifton Village 1/10/09 – 31/12/09	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total Crimes	2	2	4	8

Notice for adverts

A quick reminder to all, that the advertising section on page 22 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.

Handyman Matt

For all types of jobs!



Kitchens, bathrooms etc.
Painting and decorating
Plumbing, tiling
Laminate floors
Fascia and guttering
Garden work and fencing etc.



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2010/2011 bin collection calendar

MAY 2011

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Clifton Village Residents at-a-glance 2011

Carlton Male Voice Choir - St Marys Church Event	Saturday 7pm	5th March
Royal Wedding Celebrations - Glebe Cottage	Friday 10am	29th April
Fish/Pies & Chips Disco - CVRA Event – Village Hall	Saturday 7.30pm	14th May
Clifton Village Hall Trust AGM Village Hall	Monday 7.30pm	16th May
CVRA Annual General Meeting CVRA Event – Village Hall	Thursday 7.30pm	19th May
Clifton Music Festival - St Marys at 7.30pm each evening	Thursday, Friday, Saturday 7th, 8th and 9th July 2011	
Choral Festival Service St Mary's	Sunday at 10.45am	10th July
Summer Ploughman's - CVRA Event – Holly House, Village Rd	Sunday at 12pm	24th July
Late Summer Picnic - CVRA Event – location tbc	Saturday at 2pm	3rd Sept.
Nottingham Chamber Orchestra St Mary's	Saturday at 7.30pm	19th November