

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

Call My Bluff Wine Tasting Village Hall	8th November 7.30pm
Remembrance Day Dovecote	11th November 10.45am for 11am start
Christmas Carols and Tree Lighting Cross Hill	7th December 4.00pm
Village Christmas Party Village Hall	14th December 1.00pm
CVRA AGM 2026 Village Hall	18th May 2026 7.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chair
Pat Rice

Treasurer
Helen Huffer

Secretary
Graeme Barker

Committee Members: Ed Peterson, Philip Bull, Christine Dalby, Julie Reid, 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

Chairwoman's Message

We hope that you have all enjoyed our hottest, driest summer on record and don't mind the much welcome rain over the last month. Those who are keen gardeners now know which plants are drought survivors and which aren't. It is a relief to see that our brown lawns have pretty much recovered and we are back to lawn mowing.

Our summer garden party held at the beginning of August was again a successful occasion. The wonderful hot summer weather helped but mostly the company; a chance for village residents to get together and meet new residents and their families. Of course, everyone enjoyed the food put together by Glenys Blacknell and Kath Spencer, with help from their regular team, cooking and preparing a fabulous spread. We must also thank Mick Huffer for his fishing skills and Helen for preparing it to add as an extra treat. Our thanks to everyone else who helped the committee in setting up, putting away and manning the bar. We must also thank John and Dorothy for letting us use their garden once again. Speaking of gardens, Julie Reid and I had a walk around the village with Andrew Rule, one of our councillors recently. We couldn't help noticing that here and there the odd front and side gardens were spilling out over the pavements making it difficult to walk past. It is so easy to overlook this when some of us are so used to getting into our cars and driving off without realising what state our boundaries are in. Please check them, especially if yours is on a corner. This way our village will stay tidy and enable push chairs and wheelchair users to get by without having to go on the road.

I had invited Andrew to look around with us because there are a few other elements that I felt needed attention due to health and safety issues. Some of the pavements are uneven over years of being dug up or affected by tree roots. Those lined by trees are covered in moss and debris. I hope that the extra money that has come the council's way can be put to good use! We also pointed out several dead trees that need to be removed before any more fall over like the one near to the village hall did last month. We also pointed out further potholes that have appeared. Andrew took photographs for evidence of all these issues.

Some of you may have noticed that the noticeboard has had a refurbishment, this time by Simon Masserella who was looking for a project. I am sure that you will agree with me that it is once again looking smart thanks to his skills and effort. Simon has also offered to fix the broken drop-down bollard by the village hall but unfortunately the key for it cannot currently be found so sadly it remains in the down position until the key turns up.

Ed Peterson has been persistent in his efforts to get something done to the dovecote before it deteriorates any further. Read his report on this further in the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who wrote in once again to the county council and councillors on the county planning committee to object to the latest application concerning the quarry. It is vital that we continue to support the campaign. The county planning committee are due to discuss this at their next meeting in November.

Some of you may have heard that our defibrillator needed to be put to good use for the first time recently and helped to save the person affected. Phil Bull swiftly ordered a new set of pads so that it took only a couple of days for it to be usable again. Just another way that our CVRA subs are put to good use. We were so lucky to be given the kit in the first place by Benenden Health Care. The CVRA have put together two events for this autumn so we do hope that many of you will be able to come along and also join us for the Christmas tree lighting and carol singing on Cross Hill in December as well as the Christmas buffet party.

Finally, a big thanks to James Royston and helpers for organising a fantastic event apple pressing at the hall. It was great to see so many people there, and the village surplus 'produce' being put to such good use, whilst fund raising at the same time. We look forward to seeing many of you at these events and send a warm welcome to any new residents who have recently moved into the village.

Pat Rice

September 2025

Village Notes

PARKING PERMITS

A short reminder to residents that your parking permits could be due to run out shortly depending on when the current one was taken out. The first permit is still free but if you want additional permits it will cost you extra. The cost is £35 for the first additional permit and a further £50 if you want another.

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/transport-parking-and-streets/badges-and-permits/parking-permits/resident-parking-permits/>

Barton in Fabis / Mill Hill Quarry Update

Since the last newsletter we have heard that the quarry application is likely to be heard at the county council planning committee meeting on December 16th with the city council planning committee due to meet the day after on the 17th to discuss the quarry application. Our councillor Hayley Spain has asked to speak at the city meeting to emphasise the negative effects a quarry would have on our area in particular health issues. Hayley will highlight to the public health officer that the Health Impact Assessment needs changing. The city planning committee are likely to vote in the same way as the county but this isn't always the case.

At a meeting I attended in Barton, on Oct 2nd, there was a suggestion that a request be made to record the city meeting. Only full council meetings are viewable in the city whereas in the county all meetings are recorded and can be viewed online.

The SAVE campaign leaders have managed to get the county council planners to visit the site. This is important as following the local elections there are a new set of councillors on the committee who are not necessarily familiar with the area.

We were informed that a petition has been sent to the county council, signed by local residents living in Rushcliffe. The petition was pointing out that the minerals plan is outdated and needs reviewing in light of the current situation of oversupply and an increase in the population surrounding the Barton Mill Hill quarry. Hopefully this will be considered at the next full council meeting on November 20th.

The media savvy representatives at the meeting are going to produce a new video for You Tube, using interviews already done, particularly using the Lark Hill interviews that were so successful last time, with some updates. These will be linked to other social media. The idea is to raise the profile of the quarry application after months of things being quiet so that hopefully the press will cover the issue. One of the updates proposed was to have another walk, nearer to the committee meeting, to highlight the footpath that goes over the area and to emphasise how many walkers, cyclists and horse riders use the area. Check the SAVE campaign website and the Facebook pages for further information.

<https://www.savecampaign.net/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Campaign2SAVE/>

We must also thank our MP Lilian Greenwood for her active involvement in writing to the Environment Agency and to Natural England to encourage them to correct their information re our SSSI Holme Pit where they reported inaccurate information on flooding affecting the site.

Pat Rice

3rd October 2025

Clifton Village Dovecote

The last owner of Clifton Hall and estates was Lt-Col. Peter Thomas Clifton (1911-1996) In 1947 he sold 944 acres in Clifton to Nottingham City Council for the housing estate. In 1953 and finally 1958 sold the remainder of the estate in Clifton. The family joined in a long-term lease arrangement with the City for the Village Green which includes the Dovecote. The City is responsible for the Dovecote through this long-term Lease.

Councillor Chris Gibson first put it to the village, at a meeting in the Village Hall in 2019, that we take on responsibility for the Dovecote through a trust arrangement.

The idea of being legally responsible for the building was not one the CVRA could ever counter.

Successive Nottingham Officers, responsible for Heritage buildings, have considered our requests for help with repairs to no avail. In 2021 the CVRA forced a response from the City by declaring the rendering on the Dovecote gable ends a danger. Scaffolding was erected the rendering removed and metal safety barriers placed around the building.

The efforts by the CVRA to attend to the roof, with other works, and meet heritage requirements have been exhaustive, too long to list. We have, finally, this summer had a written response to a question put to the Council about funding repairs. The answer from Councillor Sam Lux, whose portfolio is “property’ was polite but simple: ‘There is no money’. The CVRA has sought funding from various organisations, the Heritage Lottery fund being one. The response, with more restricted funding than years ago, is that no money can be made available directly and would only be made to a Trust, with Trustees.

The CVRA is now seeking co-operation with the City in forming a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) Such a structure is similar to a limited liability company in providing protection for trustees from financial liability. Legal advice has been sought from a specialist lawyer and we are very aware of the steps that would need to be cautiously taken. The City would always own the building but a Trust structure could be responsible for the use of the building for educational and wider social benefit. Very much the same as the Wollaton Dovecote mentioned in a previous note. This would be a major step towards meeting the requirements of charitable funding agencies.

The message is simple, if the village wishes to save the Dovecote we need to start raising money ourselves through raffles, sale of jam and cakes, events etc to demonstrate local support and real purpose and commitment to the project. With proof of intent and willingness we will succeed in maintaining the building and we will attract larger sums from funding such as the Heritage Lottery. The alternative is a developing eyesore on the Green, not representing the cohesive community we are.

We will make every effort to keep you updated.

Ed Peterson

Clifton Village Calendar 2026

The 2026 Village calendars are now collected from the printers. We have kept the price the same as last year at £7 each. Ticket sellers for your area will have calendars for you to buy either for yourself, useful to record all those appointments for family members to avoid clashes or to give as a gift to friends and family. This year we have photographs from 7 contributors in the calendar all taken recently in and around



the village. If you would like to have a photograph considered for the 2027 calendar start snapping now. All photos must be landscape and of good quality, although our printers Adlard Printers in Ruddington are very good at tweaking here and there to produce the quality calendar that we are all proud of.

Photo on the front cover taken by Francis Buck.

Clifton Village Hall New Extension Sponsorship



For more than 60 years, Clifton Village Hall has provided quality meeting space for a wide and diverse range of groups and individuals to undertake many and varied activities. It was bequeathed in 1962 to a Charitable Trust, to be run for the benefit of the local community.

It is operated on a not-for-profit basis, with every surplus pound re-invested in the facilities. All the Trustees are volunteers. In 2024 the Hall underwent a significant expansion. Based on strong demand from users, the Trustees commissioned a building extension which now provides a new, additional meeting room; an enlarged kitchen; more storage space and a bold new entrance.

Small Meeting Room



New Kitchen



In order to finance this extension, the Trustees have invested funds accumulated over many years and in addition have provided personal loans to the Trust rather than taking on a bank loan in order to finish the build. The Trustees plan to repay these loans as reserves build and to this end a number of Fund-Raising initiatives are being undertaken.

The first of these is to invite interested parties to act as Sponsors of the Hall New Extension. We are inviting individuals, families, user groups and others to consider becoming a sponsor. There are four categories of sponsorship, and each participant will have a plaque with their name and category of sponsorship placed on a Donations Wall within the Hall. You may have seen similar sponsorship lists in theatres, museums, libraries and other public places after fund raising drives.

The Donations Wall will also have room for other donations to be recorded, which could range from one off donations all the way up to Legacies left in Wills. It will remain in the Hall for the foreseeable future.

Village Hall New Extension Sponsorship Categories

The four categories of sponsorship, and their associated costs, are:-

- 1 New Extension Sponsor: £60
- 2 Silver New Extension Sponsor: £200

- 3 Gold New Extension Sponsor: £500 (or more)
- 4 Amount not specified: a donation of any amount, where the donor is willing to have their name on a plaque, but does not want the amount given to be known (a semi-anonymous donation).

There will be a different style of plaque for each donations.

If you would like to donate to the future of your village hall please complete the form below, and return it to Joe Rice as soon as possible. If you have any questions on this matter please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Trustees of the Village Hall: Clare Ashton, Glenys Blacknell, Joe Rice, Francis Buck, John Hooley, Dan Garnon, Graeme Barker or Gary Dykes.

**I/We would like to be a Sponsor for the New Extension to Clifton Village Hall
Name of individual or Group**

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Wording for Plaque on Sponsor Wall (max 80 letters including spaces).....

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Category of

Sponsorship.....

Bank Transfer or

Cheque.....

**Contact details (phone or email
address).....**

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You can donate by bank transfer to account: Clifton Village Hall Trust, NatWest Bank, sort code: 54-21-07, account number: 21440379, (please give your name as a reference) or by cheque made out to Clifton Village Hall Trust. Please send the completed Sponsorship Form and any cheques to: Joe Rice, Treasurer, Clifton Village Hall Trust, 9 Leabrook Close, Clifton Village, Nottingham NG11 8NW

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – single donation

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ to:

Name of Charity _____

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

Full Home address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and Carol Singing



4pm on Sunday 7th December

Come and join in the festive celebrations and partake of:

mulled wine roasted chestnuts mince pies

Everyone is welcome

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! *If you are able to come and help erect the Christmas Tree on Saturday 6th December you would be most welcome. We will be there from 9.00 for about an hour.*



Christmas Party

Will be held at

Clifton Village Hall

1pm on Sunday 14th December

Adults £10 Children £5

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

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

Clifton Village Hall

For future bookings or enquiries - please contact Clare on the Village Hall mobile number 07982 830120. See also Village noticeboard, Facebook page, or website for more up-to-date details.

St Mary's Church

The year continues to pass at great speed and so much happens between each newsletter that comes around. As a Church community we have continued to gather for worship at St Mary's each week at 11am, these services are services of Morning Worship or Holy Communion. Within these services there is provision for children ages 3-11 years in their group Shooting Stars, we also have a toddler area within the main body of the church for our youngest members to enjoy. Anyone can come and join in with the services on a Sunday no matter what age, whether you've been to church before or not, or even if you're unsure of the whole thing...All are welcome!

We have continued to serve the community through a variety of services including, funerals, baptisms and through September we have had a couple of weddings at St Mary's. It has been wonderful to welcome the families and friends of those getting married into the church. These have been great occasions filled with love and joy. St Mary's is available for funerals, weddings and baptisms, even for those who are not regular church goers.

We have continued to hold our monthly Coffee Mornings, these take place on the last Friday of each month with a lovely cuppa tea or coffee, and yummy cake available. A big thank you to anyone who came and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning in September where £154.80 was made that will go towards supporting those who are battling cancer.

You may have noticed a big change within the churchyard as we have a wonderful band of volunteers who have started to look after and care for the churchyard, with flowers planted, grass mown and lots of TLC given to the churchyard. A massive thankyou to all those who have given their time and

efforts to make our churchyard so beautiful and a space to be enjoyed by so many. If you would like to get involved do get in touch.

On the 15th of November we will welcome back, the Nottingham Chamber Orchestra for a concert, this will take place at 7:30pm, do come along and enjoy some amazing music.

Now I can't quite believe I am writing these words, but Christmas will soon be around the corner, which means as a church community we will be welcoming schools into St Mary's for visits, we will hold a Christmas Coffee Morning, the walking Nativity will be back, as well as our Carols by candle light, not forgetting of course the Christingle service at 4pm on Christmas eve. Whether you are wanting a bit of Christmas fun or a quiet moment to reflect, there will be something for everyone this Christmas season. Please do take a look at the Christmas dates for across the parish at Holy Trinity with St Francis and at St Mary's. We'd love to see you there!

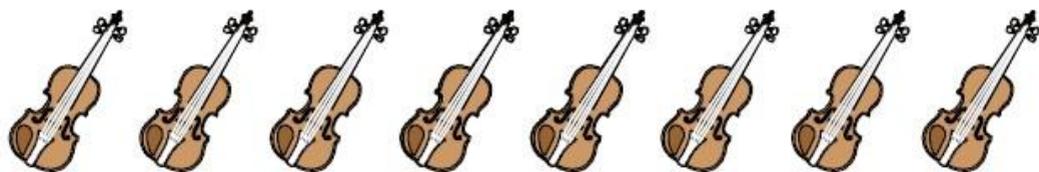
For any more information please contact Rev Esther Hutchinson – rev.estherhutchinson@outlook.com

Police Contact Details

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.

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PC David Faulconbridge and PC Jane Gibson	



Nottingham Chamber Orchestra

Leader: Sarah Foxley Conductor: Andrew Foxley



HAYDN

Symphony No. 99 in E flat



FAURE

Masques et Bergamasques



VIVALDI

Concert for two violins RV565



MENDELSSOHN

Symphony No. 4 (ITALIAN)

Saturday 15th November 2025, 7.30 pm

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Clifton Village, NG11 8NH

Adults £12 / Concessions £10 / Under 16s FREE

Tickets: 0115 9289771



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<http://nottinghamchamberorchestra.co.uk>

St Mary's Church

Services during December & Christmas

Christmas Dates 2025...

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Free Christmas crafts, free visit to Santa, tombola

Sat 6th Dec – 2–4pm – Holy Trinity with St Francis

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Fri 19th Dec – 10am – 12 noon – St Mary's

WALKING NATIVITY

Explore the Christmas story in an active way

Sun 21st Dec – 11am – Village Hall to St Mary's

CAROL SERVICES

Sun 21st Dec – 9.30am – Holy Trinity with St Francis

7pm – St Mary's (Carols by Candlelight)

CHRISTMAS MOVIE AFTERNOON

Mon 22nd Dec – 3pm – Holy Trinity with St Francis

A TIME TO REMEMBER

*Light a candle and put a name on the tree
to remember loved ones this Christmas*

Wed 24th Dec – 11am–1pm

BOTH St Mary's & Holy Trinity with St Francis

(with services of remembrance at 12.30pm)

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

Wed 24th Dec – 4pm – St Mary's

Wed. 24th Dec – 6pm – Holy Trinity with St Francis

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

Wed 24th Dec – 11pm – St Mary's

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

Thurs 25th Dec – 10am – Holy Trinity with St Francis