

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER



2017

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 8th July 2017
Holly House Village Rd 12.30pm

CLIFTON VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL 13th – 16th July 2017
St Mary's Church

VILLAGE MYSTERY EVENING
.....to be revealed.....

11th November 2017
Village Hall

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee



Chair
Pat Rice



Treasurer
Helen Huffer



Secretary
Graeme Barker

Committee Members: Glenys Blacknell, Philip Bull, Kath Kay, Ed Peterson, 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 Summer Report

Now that summer has arrived at last with the promise of warmer weather we can all look forward to spending more time out and about or in our gardens. It won't be long before the CVRA Summer Garden Party is held once more in the gardens of Holly Cottage. The day has been changed this year to Saturday but the venue is still the same. Make a note in your diaries for July 8th. Committee members will no doubt have already been out selling tickets.



The last CVRA event was the fish and chip supper which was obviously a good evening thanks to some quality fish and chips followed by the opportunity to dance off all those calories to music provided by Jonathan Blacknell.

Pictures of the evening placed on the village facebook page have apparently received numerous "likes."

With the music festival at St Mary's in July starting on the 13th and the garden group buffet lunch and plant swap in August on the 19th there is plenty to look forward to throughout the summer months.



We can also look forward to fewer visits from the travellers now that the bollards are going to be put in place in late June. Why only on one section of the green you must be asking? We agree it does not make sense when we all know that the last group of travellers were so numerous that they parked on all areas of the green and what a horrendously disgusting mess they left again! Our councillors feel that it is more cost effective to continue with the original plan and should this not “work” then go to the expense of protecting the remainder of the green as and when necessary. We hope they are right and that we won’t need any additional bollards! Thanks to Graeme Barker who has gone to great lengths to compile a dossier of evidence provided by some of us in the village, in particular Simon Massarella, the councillors and police over the intervening years, we now have a wealth of evidence that can be presented to the Clifton family to make them realise what an enormous blight the travellers place on village life.

You may have noticed some further work taking place at the Old Rectory. This was to comply with an order placed by the council to further secure the building and make the whole plot tidier. The committee are in regular contact with councillors to remind them to instruct the owner of his obligations under the planning laws. The owner is currently in negotiation with the council to vary the original sale agreement. If successful to both parties’ satisfaction then further work will continue led by a team of successful professional builders. More fingers crossed! No travellers, a completed Rectory! We can only keep hoping but all looks a little closer.

At the CVRA AGM held back in May the committee were re- elected and welcomed Kath Kay to the team. We know how hard working she is and were so pleased that she was persuaded to step in to the vacant position on the committee. Supporting the committee is a group of residents who regularly give of their time when they are able. We thank you all because the committee on its own would struggle to complete all the tasks needed to keep the village the vibrant place it is. A perfect example of this is when I sent out a call for help to plant up the village planters with summer bedding. This had to be delayed due to the presence of the travellers but the call for help was responded to once they had gone, so many thanks to Kath Kay and Karen Garnon who helped Clare Ashton to complete the task. We also had offers from Ed Peterson, Dan Garnon

and Ann Hooley so thanks to all of you for your offers of help. It is always much appreciated.

You may have noticed a large number of us walking around the village on the 10th of June. This was the garden groups open garden trail which is always open to anyone to join in. The afternoon is a great opportunity to socialise as well as view some great gardens. Events such as this enable us to get to know residents who we might not normally meet and on this occasion it was fantastic to make the acquaintance of the new residents of Hardy's Cottage, Kate and David and to welcome new residents from further afield, Miguel, Marta and their children Enrique and Berta from Madrid. We hope you will all enjoy living here. Oh and I almost forgot our new youngest resident, Atticus, son to Robin and Sophie. Welcome to our world!

Pat Rice

June 15th 2017

Village Notes

Protection of the Village Green

As Pat has outlined in her report work is soon to start on the much awaited bollards to protect the village green from travellers. The CVRA has however been keen to ensure that we don't leave the work 'half done' and has made a further representation to the Council to seek immediate support to extend the proposed barriers to rest of the green that will remain unprotected. Having our position on file will allow the council to move more quickly if the travellers simply move to the other side of the green after the bollards are erected.

The Old Rectory

Continuing with matters that don't seem to go away, the CVRA has requested an urgent meeting with the Council to understand what the latest delay is to the works on the Rectory, and to seek clarification on why the council hasn't sought legal enforcement with the owner for non completion of the urgent works which were agreed in early 2016. We know there are developers who are interested in completing the works and we believe that the council has the right to compulsorily purchase the property to allow the works to take place. Our question is why is this not being progressed? We will update everyone on the outcome of this once it has taken place.

Barton in Fabis Gravel Pit Planning Application

We continue to keep in touch with our neighbours in Barton in Fabis regarding the Gravel pit application. The latest position we have is that the County Council have rejected the original submission as incomplete and asked the gravel pit owners to complete further technical reports on issues such as noise and dust before any re-submission is made. Compilation of these reports will take some time but it is expected that there will be a re-submission in a matter of weeks. We will keep in contact with the Barton in Fabis councillors and inform the village when any new application goes live that we need to respond to.

Ward Walk – 19th June 2017

Many of the villagers, including representatives of the CVRA attended a Councillor Ward walk on the 19th June 2017. A number of issues were discussed, many of which have been outlined above, but in addition:

- Overgrown trees - a number of overgrown trees were highlighted, many around the green. Many have already been removed or trimmed.
- Dovecote – The village reiterated their concerns about the deteriorating state of the Dovecote. NCC are going to review their latest Condition Report and let the village know the findings of this.
- State of the Village Green – The tatty and overgrown state of the green was highlighted. It was requested that this be cut more often as it is currently unusable for any ball games or similar.

AND FINALLY..... Would you be interested in attending the

Barton in Fabis Beer and Cider Festival on Friday 29th Sept

If there is sufficient interest in 'supporting' our neighbours transportation may be provided..... speak to your CVRA committee member or let Graeme know - graemebarker@greenbee.net / 01159 844866

Clifton Village Hall & School House Trust

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

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 8th July - 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 Open
Garden



10th June
2017

Clifton Village Art Group

July 4th July 18th
Sept 5th Sept 19th



The group meet on Tuesdays at 2 pm
Cost £5 with all materials provided plus refreshments.
Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

Clifton Village Garden Group

Aug 19th Village plant swap and buffet
lunch 1.30 pm £5

Bring and swap a plant or just come
and buy.



**The garden group meets on Mondays at 7.30pm
in the village hall Cost £5**

Sept 25th. "Love your Bugs" with Sally Cunningham

Oct 30th. tba with a Chelsea medal winner

Dec 4th Don Witton - "A Hardy Planters Winter
Survival Kit"

Contact Pat for further details: patriciabrice@hotmail.com

The Village Garden Group 2017

The garden group in the village is still going strong with many quality speakers visiting us in the village hall during the winter months. We have had a talk on roses from a past chairwoman of the National Rose Society Ann Bird. We have listened to interesting talks from our two local Radio Nottingham gardening experts one of whom Stuart Dixon has invited us to visit his own garden at the beginning of July. Most recently we have had a stimulating talk from Stella Exley who has recently appeared on the BBC being interviewed at RHS Chelsea flower show because she holds the national collection of Camassias, bulbs that flower in late spring with tall spires of star like flowers in colours of usually blue or white.



During the summer months we organise outside activities. We have already had our annual coach trip this year to the excellent Ashwood nursery near to Dudley in the West Midlands. We had arranged to see the private garden of the

nursery owner that runs alongside the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal. We felt incredibly privileged to have the owner John himself show us round and share his amazing knowledge of the plants he chooses to grow there and cultivate to sell in his nursery. Alongside the nursery is an excellent cafe completing everything anyone could need for a successful day out. As is the norm the coach on the way back became a floral display rivalling many a flower show.

In addition to visiting Stuart's garden we will also have visited two other local gardens at the end of June; one on what was the bed of a railway track with a railway bridge to boot, the other on the side of what would have been the cutting. As always with garden visits refreshments are laid on and plants can be bought for extremely reasonable prices.

With the quality of the speakers we book the costs need to be covered by additional fund raising. One of these events the garden trail has just taken place. This has become a regular feature in the village summer activities.

Thank you very much for all those who agreed to open their gardens this year. We were particularly pleased to have new gardens to visit on the trail this year. If you would like to consider opening your garden next year we would love to hear from you.



Our next fund raiser will be our plant swap with buffet lunch on August 19th. Look out for notices giving details of this event posted on the village notice board and facebook page. Everyone is welcome but we will need to know if you would like to come so that we have enough refreshments.

Throughout the year some of us have been out and about taking photographs that may be chosen to go into the garden group calendar for 2018. These are usually of views around the village or of gardens or of specific plants that have caught our eye. If you think you have something worth considering do send them to me. During September the selection takes place so that I and then the printers have time to prepare the calendar for sales in the run up to Christmas. They make great presents for family and friends. Thank you to all who submitted pictures last year and to all of you who supported us by purchasing them. I feel that the quality of the calendar goes from strength to strength each year.

If this has whetted your appetite for coming along to any of the talks or other events we organise, we would love to see you. We can assure you of amazing speakers, great days out and fun activities with just a short walk away.

Pat Rice June 16th 2017

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

PROGRAMME FOR 2017

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

- Thursday 13th July String Quartet with Jill Barker & Friends
featuring music from baroque to romantic
tango
- Friday 14th July 'The Gypsy Trio' (Traditional Jazz)
- Saturday 15th July 'Helix' Orchestra with Clare Ehabra, Leader of
the Nottingham Philharmonic Orchestra
- Sunday 16th July Choral Festival Service with St Mary's Singers &
String Quartet at 10.45am.

CEILIDH

Friday 29th September
With 'Beggars Belief'

'HELIX' ORCHESTRA

Saturday 25th November

with David Greed from Opera North - programme will include:-

Mozart's 'Sinfonia Concertante', Symphony No 9
Haydn's 'Philosopher' Symphony

Concerts start at 7.30pm

All tickets for the Concerts and Music Festival are £10 per person (under
16 half price) includes refreshments

For tickets or further details, please contact Julie Ashton on 0115 921 3937

CLIFTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

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

A light hearted musical
journey with
Jill Barker & Friends
Thursday 13th July
at 7.30pm



The Gypsy Trio
Traditional Jazz
Friday 14th July at
7.30pm

Helix Ensemble
Summer Sinfonietta
Directed & lead by Clare Bhabra, Leader of the
Nottingham Philharmonic Orchestra
Saturday 15th July at 7.30pm



Thursday & Friday Tickets £10 • Saturday Tickets £12
(Children half price) includes refreshments

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

Email: clare31337@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Watch



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



Our front counter opening hours remain the same as before:

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

Saturday and Sunday Closed

**Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant:
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Call us: 101

Visit us online www.nottinghamshire.police.uk

Local Crime Notice

The local police have highlighted that there has been a recent spate of shed and outbuilding burglary in the Clifton Area. The police are urging local residents to secure their outbuildings, especially during the hot summer months, and be vigilant in reporting any suspicious behaviour to the police as soon as it occurs.

If you see a crime in progress or where offenders are on scene, please call immediately using 999 giving as much detail as possible including location, description of persons involved, where they were last seen etc. If you have information and wish to report it anonymously, you can do so via CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Village appeal for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Having had an active Neighbourhood Watch throughout the village for over a decade, we are unfortunately without a village co-ordinator at present. Villagers including John Spencer, Terry Kay and Simon Massarella have helped the village community by taking on this role over a number of years, but we now are in need of someone new if our connection to the local police, and them to us, is not to diminish.

The co-ordinator performs a vital voluntary role in helping villagers find appropriate police resources, as well as supporting the police and community by communicating live issues between the two parties, and helping to solve problems where there are community concerns like the travellers and off road motorbiking.

Could you help your community?

If you are interested in helping your local community by acting as this key point of contact between the village and our local police please do make yourself known to your local CVRA committee member, or by emailing Graeme Barker at graemebarker@greenbee.net

Fitness Suite at Lark Hill Village



Joining the gym at Lark Hill Retirement Village allows you access to a qualified fitness instructor who can devise a free personalised fitness program to suit your individual needs. Free fitness/health assessments are also completed when you join.

- User friendly equipment
- Treadmills
- Bikes (both recumbent and upright)
- Cross trainers
- Rowing machines
- Resistances machines
- Free weights
- and much more.....



With Membership you'll also have the benefit of using the Jacuzzi pool and Steam room. There's also a changing room with shower.

Concessions for over 55

To arrange a one to one induction or book a free consultation Contact Chris on 0115 9695000 (option 5) or email chris.kemsley@extracare.or.uk

[Lark Hill Village, New Rise, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8BF](#)

