

CLIFTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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2026

CVRA VILLAGE DIARY

Banger and Mash Quiz	21st March 7pm for 7.30pm start
Defibrillator – Free Training Refresher	20th April 7.30pm
CVRA AGM Village Hall	18th May 7.30pm
Guest Talk and Spring Social Evening St Marys Church	20th May 7.30pm
Summer Garden Party Holly House, Village Road	4th July 12.30pm
Spanish Themed Wine Tasting Village Hall	10th October 7.30pm

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Clifton Village Residents Association Committee

Chair
Pat Rice

Treasurer
Helen Huffer

Secretary
Graeme Barker

Committee Members: 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

Well, what a wet start we have had to the year! Let us all hope that we see the sun returning before too long. Despite the rain the gardens are beginning to wake up with early daffodils, hellebores and snowdrops giving my garden at least some much needed colour.

So, what has been happening in the village since our last newsletter? Back in November Ed. Peterson organised yet another successful wine tasting evening. John Woodall, Vendela Peterson and David Idoine did a supreme job in trying to persuade their audience to select the wine they were describing. Everyone had a great time with one team coming out on top.

The Remembrance Day service at the Dovecote was well attended although sadly the piper was not able to join this year. Esther ran the service doing her best above the noise of the traffic. Refreshments were laid on in the village hall afterwards.

The Christmas tree for Cross Hill was delivered, as expected, on time and was erected on the Saturday 6th December with the usual helpers there to make sure it was secure while Jonathan Blacknell (JB) sorted out the lighting using the electricity supply from the bungalow's garage with permission from its new owners.

The next day was the tree lighting and Carol singing which was well attended as always although this can be weather affected. The brazier helped to keep people warm along with Ruth Nettleship's mulled wine, the mince pies that Clare Ashton warmed up and Maggie Royston's supply of roasted chestnuts. Julie Reid oversaw these activities ensuring that all jobs were shared out. Jill Barker provided music to accompany the Carol singing, while James Royston led the Carollers around the tree and then by visiting our more housebound residents, who thoroughly appreciated the visit.

A week later following on from the Carol singing we held our village Christmas party. This was the second time we made use of the small hall to lay out food following on from the Swedish evening back in October. This gives more room for dining tables in the large hall ensuring that no-one is as squashed in as had previously been the case. Julie and I had shopped a week before for non-perishable and frozen goods with a further shop closer to the day that Julie organised. Karen and Dan Garnon saw to the deserts, while Sandra Bull helped with sandwiches. Graeme Barker and family provided the ham rolls and brownies while others dealt with remaining jobs which all helped to make a fabulous spread.

James looked after the bar with help and then organised the singing once more with Lulu Harding's help this time. Everyone on the committee pulled together to help along with other committed village helpers who can be relied on to support us. I must mention the younger members of our community who increasingly help with activities – Graeme's boys, James's girls and now Lulu Harding.

A big thank you to everyone involved in all of our social activities! A late addition to the village social agenda happened when David Idoine realised that the hall was available on New Year's Eve for the first time. David sorted out tickets with Graeme's help and then he enlisted Ed who always has ideas tucked up his sleeve to keep everyone entertained while JB was enlisted to provide the music. The short pantomime will long stay in the memory! This time everyone brought along their own food and drink which made for easier organisation. David has booked the hall for New Year's Eve for the next 10 years! We can't wait!

Non social activities

On the 16th of December some of us from the village attended a County Council planning Committee meeting at Oak House near Linby where the fate of the quarry was to be decided. This required some organisation of transport as unlike County Hall, it is nowhere near public transport.

Despite this 7 of us from the village went along and joined forces with Barton in Fabis Village residents and Lark Hill residents. Andrew Rule also went along as well as the Rushcliffe MP, James Naish. The spaces allotted for visitors were completely filled as was the car park with some having to park on the road outside– no surprise there! Julian Coles was allowed to speak for a few minutes as was their local councillor plus Roy Haines - Young from Barton in Fabis and Sheila Eaton from Lark Hill Retirement Village. The applicant was obviously allowed to speak to put forward their reasons for the need for quarry plus one deluded resident from Lark Hill who had been persuaded by the applicant that a quarry was a beneficial idea. There was much discussion and questioning from the councillors on the planning committee. While the County Planner, Joel Marshall put forward the proposals with as much persuasion as he could, this still did not dissuade the majority of councillors to vote against the quarry much to our relief. We had to watch while each councillor in turn was asked which way they were going to vote; talk about a tense time as we silently kept count in our minds and on our fingers. The resulting vote ensured a great cheer went up in the hall. This time we were not threatened with being thrown out!

Now we just need to wait while the applicant decides whether to put in an appeal. We hope not of course. This still leaves the City Council to make a decision on the quarry application on the piece of land owned by the city that comes into one part of the application. Andrew Rule feels that we must write in to the council planners, highlighting to them reasons why planning should not be granted. To date there is no mention of the application on planning committee's agenda. Andrew rule will let us know once it does appear on the list.

On Monday 3rd Jan, I discussed gritting possibilities with Andrew Rule and extra grit bins in order to cope with icy conditions, especially as some residents experienced black ice conditions. The current grit bin is on the corner of Groveside Crescent. It currently has a good supply of grit. It is

down to village residents to take some grit to where the road conditions are deemed to be hazardous.

Andrew mentioned that Graeme Barker had been in touch concerning lighting at the area where Nethergate path meets the pathway from Gervase which is in complete darkness. This will require a petition to be presented to the council, signed by residents particularly those in Gervase Gardens and those off Nethergate supported by the rest of us.

Potholes have been marked for repair, which should have taken place by the end of January. Andrew is following this up as nothing has happened to date. Following a walk he did around the village with head of services, a cleansing team is due to be sent out to clear moss etc off pathways, which are particularly bad on Groveside Crescent and Milldale. This also hasn't been cleared and Andrew has again been in touch with them.

You will have been aware that the drop-down bollard by the village hall has been broken for a considerable length of time. I spoke to Andrew Rule at his surgery on Feb.2nd and it now seems that the bollard is to be replaced with a new one.

Meanwhile the committee has been deciding on social activities for the coming year. Of course, the summer garden party will be taking place once again in July. The rain must surely have stopped by then! We have a bangers and mash quiz evening in March on the 21st, a defibrillator talk on the 20th April, a talk by a renowned sculpture on May 20th at St. Mary's church, a wine tasting evening given by an expert on the 10th October which brings us back to the Carol singing and tree lighting with Christmas party the week after and to complete the year's entertainment the New year's Eve party. So, plenty to look forward to.

Meanwhile a new village website is on its way. Hugh Evans, a resident on Village Road has offered to use his experience in website building to bring our village website up to date. The new website will still contain features

from the current website such as the historical content and old photos of the village but will also become a one stop place for other information that we might need for example bus times, bin collection dates, contact details for our councillors and MP. All the features of the website will be designed in an easy, accessible layout which we hope will encourage more users, along with the already much-frequented Facebook page. Keep a lookout for this new village feature.

Pat Rice, Feb 8th 2026

Village Notes

Barton in Fabis – Quarry Application

As you may have seen through local press and our social media, we are pleased to advise that the planning application for gravel extraction with the County Council was refused permission in late 2025. A huge thank you to all residents that raised objections to the application.

The Barton in Fabis campaign team fully expect the applicants, Land Logical, to dispute this refusal via planning appeal and we will keep you all updated of any further actions or acts on this.

In addition, James Naish MP and Lilian Greenwood MP have jointly written to the County council to request that they take urgent action to put in place a revised minerals plan for the county. This would be an important step as demand has generally dropped over the last 5 years, since the current plan was put in place, and would be likely to see the Barton in Fabis site removed.

CVRA Membership

The cost of membership for the Clifton Village Residents' Association [CVRA] will continue at £5.00 per household and £2.50 where there is just one adult. We hope that you will continue to enjoy the many benefits that membership conveys.

We hope you appreciate the hard work of the committee members who work tirelessly behind the scenes, busy with village matters, liaising along with our

councillors and neighbourhood officer. The work that our committee does and has done in the past is what makes our village a special place to live. Membership subscriptions are due to be collected in early May. Please, please continue to support our Village through subscriptions. We need your help to keep our Village a happy, successful, and supportive community.

CVRA - Annual General Meeting – 18th May 2026 **Clifton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm**

Minutes from last year’s AGM held are available on the CVRA website: www.clifton-village.org.uk, or in hard copy by contacting the Secretary Graeme Barker at 10 Nethergate. Copies of these Minutes and the Agenda for AGM 2026 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, 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:

Secunder:

Please return the form to the Secretary:

Graeme Barker, 10 Nethergate, Clifton Village by Wednesday 13th May 2026

Summer Garden Party

Saturday 4th July 12.30pm

Holly House on Village Road
(Village Hall if bad weather)

Adults £12

Children £6

Complimentary drink and buffet lunch in picturesque surroundings
Ticket Sellers will be calling on all households. Please bring your own garden chairs

Spring Talk and Social Evening at St Marys Church

GRAEME MITCHESON
- ARTIST & SCULPTOR -

Event to raise funds for the Dovecote Restoration and St Marys Church
Wednesday 20th May from 7.30pm

Graeme Mitcheson has been creating stone sculpture since graduating from Loughborough College of Art in 1995. He undertakes a wide variety of work including major public art sculpture, smaller private commissions, memorials and letter-cutting work.

Tickets £5 to include a free drink

A Banger of a Quiz!

Saturday 21st March

7.30pm



Join us for a night of fun and dine in style with the CVRA signature bangers and mash.

Go on – mustard up the courage, get it a roll and link up with us for an entertaining night of good homecooked food and fun challenges.....

Tickets £10 for adults and £5 children

Ticket prices include a plate of hearty sausage and mash and two drinks at the bar. Tickets sellers will be calling in the next few weeks.

Clifton Village Hall

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

St Mary's Church

SUNDAY SERVICES GENERALLY - There are now 4 options on a Sunday:

9.30am – Holy Trinity with St Francis - Communion

9.30am - St Mary's - Traditional Holy Communion

11am - St Mary's - Morning Worship with Shooting Stars group for children AND

4pm - Holy Trinity with St Francis - Fun @ 4 with everyone in together and communion

Services during Holy Week and Easter



DRAW NEAR

WHAT'S ON

Palm Sunday - 29th March - 9am - HTwSF - Joint Breakfast Service

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April
2pm - HTwSF / 6pm jacket spuds & 7pm service - St Mary's

Good Friday - 3rd April - 2pm - St Mary's / 4pm - All Age (inc children) - HTwSF

Holy Saturday - 4th April
10-12noon - SEN Messy Church - HTwSF (Booking Required)
1-4pm - Easter Art Workshop - St Mary's (Booking Required)

Easter Sunday - 5th April
6am - Sunrise Service & Breakfast - St Mary's
9.30am - St Mary's & HTwSF
11am - St Mary's
4pm - HTwSF

Easter Monday - 6th April - 2-4pm - Easter Fun & Egg Hunt - St Mary's

All are most welcome

If you would like to come to the Sunrise Service, would you please let Esther Hutchinson know for catering purposes – thank you.

Contact:- Rev Esther Hutchinson 07305 793858 or email

<rev.estherhutchinson@outlook.com>

Bin Collection Calendar

■ : Garden*
 ■ : General Waste
 ■ : Recycling

March 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

April 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

May 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

June 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

July 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

August 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

September 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

October 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

December 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2