



Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Newsletter



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Welcome to the thirty-sixth edition of the Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Newsletter.

The newsletter is now available on the websites www.cliftoncampville.com, www.hauntonvillage.co.uk and on the Parish Council notice boards. Alternatively if you wish to receive the newsletter electronically please send an email quoting your email address and house address to helen.elliott4@btinternet.com

Parish Council Vacancy

Do you fancy a new challenge in the New Year?

We currently have a vacancy for an enthusiastic individual to join the Parish Council in January 2018. Would you like to make a difference and be involved in decisions that affect your community? A Parish Councillor is required to attend six meetings per year in the village hall and have input to projects and matters that affect the community. For more information see the Good Councillors Guide:

www.nalc-good-councillors-guide-2017.pdf

If you would like express an interest please contact helen.elliott4@btinternet.com and be prepared to attend the next meeting on January 9th 2018, 8pm at Clifton Campville village hall.

Telephone Kiosks

Work is on going to the phone box refurbishments in Haunton and Clifton Campville. We have acquired all the necessary materials we just require some extra manpower. If you have some time to spare to assist with the preparation please email helen.elliott4@btinternet.com.

Neighbourhood Watch

You can register on the Staffordshire Smart Alert web site for emails detailing local incidents on <http://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/register.htm>

Speed Awareness Signs

The parish council are currently working to tackle speeding motorists in our parish. We are in the process of purchasing two mobile speed activated signs, which can be sited in four locations around the parish. We are awaiting a response from Matthew Ellis's office regarding a bulk purchase discount in conjunction with other parishes across Staffordshire and expect a response on this on or around 16th December 2017.

Bromford Housing Main Street/Lullington Road - Regeneration

The parish council raised the concerns of parishioners to Lichfield District Council planning department about their proposed development on Main Street/ Lullington Road junction.

Community Volunteers

Do you know that a lot of voluntary work is carried out in the community? In recognition of this we would like to offer our thanks to people who give up their time to improve our community. Who are they? If you know someone who deserves a mention in our newsletter please send a short email to helen.elliott4@btinternet.com

Thank you

Den, Chad & Tia of 125 Main Street, Clifton Campville would like to give their heartfelt thanks to their neighbours and friends for their help, support and meals during Den's recent illness. A special thank you to Chris, Mick, Emma & Buddy for their continuing practical help and support in Den's recovery. Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year to all.

The Parish Council would like to thank David Williamson for his work in clearing the footpath adjacent to Tudor Rise recently.

Following comments to the Parish Council regarding the placing of stones and planters on highway verges we would like to remind people that "whoever places obstructions, without authority, on the Highway could be held responsible/liable for issues caused".

Litter Pick

The date has been set for the 10th March 2018 for the annual litter pick. Further details will be published closer to the time.

Millennium Green Trust

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the recent working party on Saturday 18th November.

We had lots of helpers with between 20 -25 individuals working hard on a variety of tasks. Benches were cleaned, all the brambles were removed from the pond side, the steps down to the well and the steps onto Chestnut Lane were both weeded and some road stone trodden down. Many, many thanks for your help - it makes such a difference.

Thank you also to everyone who has helped us throughout the year including the Phantom Strimmers & mowers - great work.

If you can spare the odd hour or so we have a job for you - you don't have to have specialist knowledge or to have any specialist tools or equipment.

The Green takes a lot of upkeep - to help please contact Liz on 373735 or Clive on 373352

New Fruit & Nut Grove

Plans for our new Fruit and Nut Grove are well underway and we have recently received news that we have been successful with our application for a grant towards the cost of the trees. South Staffs Water 'Pebble Fund' has awarded us £750!! All being well it will include a sweet Chestnut tree, a crab apple tree, a pear tree, a couple of apple trees and a damson tree. ... possibly also a quince tree and an almond tree. The trees are now on order and we are hoping will be planted in the next few weeks.

What's the Red Paint?

Some of you may have noticed that red paint marks have appeared on some trees in the copse and along the hedgerows. These are to be felled this winter - either because of damage/disease or to ensure that overcrowding is controlled whilst taking into account the species of trees. We will also be cutting back the suckers from the cherry trees to ensure that the woodland is not overrun, coppicing about a third of the hazels and removing some of the low branches from other trees.

Loose Dogs on the Green

There have been some concerns raised about dogs wandering loose on the Green without their owners. We have advised anyone confronted with aggressive and threatening loose dogs on the Green to report this to the police. Please also let the Trustees know by contacting our Chairperson Liz Ellis on 373735.

Dates for your diary ...

The Winter Working Party will be on **Saturday 27th January 2018** 10am - 1pm and don't forget to put next year's Country Fair on your calendar - **Saturday 9th June 2018**

Welcome to our two new Trustees - Jason Chandler and Christine Warburton. They have joined the team and have already taken on responsibility for various tasks.

The current Trustees therefore are:

Clive Boydell (Treasurer), Steve Bradley, Jason Chandler, Liz Ellis (Chairman), Debbie Fulbrook (Vice Chairman), David Lodge, Bob Patchett (Communications Officer), Lorna Robinson, Sue Wadham (Secretary), Christine Warburton

2018 Country Fair

Saturday 9th June 2018 ... not to mention all the work that goes in to setting up the marquees etc. and taking them down after the event. So make a note on your calendar now.

Arrangements are already underway for next year's event and we can confirm that there will again be 'Live on the Green' in the evening. The Organising Committee has representatives from the Trustees, the Village Hall Management Committee and the Church making it a truly joint venture for the community.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year or would like to see some changes please contact Sue Wadham on 373814 or suewadham@aol.com

Clifton Campville Village Hall

The recent Thanksgiving Supper was well attended and amidst fluttering American flags a sumptuous meal was served. Vegetable chowder, Turkey and all the trimmings followed by Pumpkin Pie - and a good glass of Bourbon ... all served with a welcoming smile.

Our next Supper Night will be on **Saturday 20th January 2018** when the Hall will be hosting a **Burns Night** event - lots of Scottish tartan, plenty of haggis (including a vegetarian haggis) with neeps and tatties ... and a glass of Scotch

For more information and to book tickets please contact Pat on 373357

Don't forget.....Saturday 16th December - Carol Singing followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall. Starting on the Car Park at the Green Man at 6pm. All proceeds from the buckets to go the Church appeal. ... Santa has promised to support us so come along with the kids and join in.

News from St Andrew's Church - December 2017

Munchkins - a great group for toddlers and their mums or dads

Run by Gemma and Rev. John Grice and helpers, this Tuesday morning activity begun in September has offered a lifeline to mothers, babies and toddlers who come to share in play and activities, breakfast and songs. More news on St Andrew's Facebook page - it also featured in Tamworth Herald as they made angels for - -

St Andrew's Advent Festival - Discovering Angels and Saints

If you haven't yet seen the amazing angels made by children from Saint Andrew's Primary School and lots of other people of all ages, do drop in to church - it's open every day from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm. The Festival weekend was most enjoyable for all concerned, involving different village organisations, and raised money to help the village church meet its financial challenges from its limited resources - see below. Why not join us for the Crib Service at 4.00 pm on Christmas Eve, or our Bethlehem-time Holy Communion at 9.00 pm that evening.

Future use of the church

The church is a regular place of worship and prayer, which offers a warm welcome to visitors from the community and beyond, and quietly responds to a variety of needs. The PCC has received several more requests recently from other organisations to use the Nave and South Aisle for a variety of functions. A safe interim solution at a cost of £390 now means that the church can again be safely lit for evening events, and the threats from water through the roof near the Tower and in the Lady Chapel will be solved when our building work is done! The PCC has agreed to support wider use of these areas and now has a working group to provide helpful guidelines to enable a range of events to take place here, with no charge but donations to church funds.

A year of challenges and appeals

The theft of 90m2 copper at Easter, the loss of a major tree near the churchyard entrance, rising costs with increased usage and electrical problems have left our village church in urgent need of financial help. Our costs still exceed monthly income (all from collections and donations) and limited resources have been stretched to the limit.

Update on Tower Project and Lady Chapel Roof

These projects are now combined and with half the money raised and more bids made to external grant bodies we expect to start the urgent work on the Lady Chapel Roof in spring 2018. Permission and a Faculty have been given to replace not with copper, but with Tern Coated Steel. We are very grateful to the many people who have given what they can afford towards this. If you value this lovely and historic village amenity you can still help by making a donation, or a regular contribution to the running of the church. Gift Aid declaration forms are available which will help maximise your donation.

Offers of help - and thank you to our volunteers

Saint Andrew's Church relies on a number of volunteers who cheerfully give their time and skills to help keep it decorated with flowers and greenery, clean, warm and welcoming. Our gold-star bell ringers have rung bells for every service this year, and other special occasions. If you would like to help with any of these tasks, or keeping our churchyard maintained, please contact Martin on 01827 373533 or email MBrowne526@aol.com

Mease Valley Parish News

To order your copy delivered directly to your door for only £8 per year, to submit an article for publication or to place an advert in the magazine email: measevalleynews@gmail.com

Potholes around the Parish - Contact the Highways Team - The easiest way to report an issue on the roads is to use the online reporting system...

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#top>

Phone: 0300 111 8000 Mon - Thurs 8am - 8pm, Fri 8am - 6pm, Sat 9am - 5pm Calls charged at a local rate. **Email:** highways@staffordshire.gov.uk

Mobile Library (Tuesdays)

Dates of Visits 2017 - 2018

Green Man Clifton Campville 11.30 - 12.30

2018 - 2 January, 23 January, 13 February, 6 March, 27 March

Parish Councillors and contact details 2017

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The Parish Council meeting dates are 9th January, 13th March, 8th May, 10th July, 11th September and 13th November 2018 starting at 8pm at Clifton Campville Village Hall. Full details are always on the parish notice boards in the week before the meetings. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and a part of each meeting is set-aside for you to have your say and ask questions. We welcome your feedback and comments about this newsletter or any other matter you wish to raise. Anyone that has any parish information/news to go in the newsletter can contact the parish clerk. Please address them to: Clerk to Parish Council, Helen Elliott, 85 Main Street, Clifton Campville, Tamworth, Staffs, B79 0AX Tel: 373697
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