



Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Newsletter



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Welcome to the thirty-ninth 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 to helen.elliott4@btinternet.com

Seasons Greetings

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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 2019. 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 8th 2019, 8pm at Clifton Campville village hall.

Clifton Campville Website

The website was launched in 2009 by John Bainbridge who continues to maintain the site.

The Parish Council very kindly funds the hosting of the site.

www.cliftoncampville.com

On the website there is a wealth of information about the village: articles and pictures of bygone days in the 'Rural Life Gallery'; The History Society section includes information and pictures of local families and buildings; a fascinating article about the river Mease and information about the local bat population.

'Village Diary' lists/publishes events in the village for all organisations.

All that is required is to email the date and description of the event, venue, times and prices, together with any posters, to jbainbr944@aol.com

MS Word or pdf files for posters & articles, pictures in .jpg format are required.

I rely upon the organisations to inform me of any changes e.g. committees, so that I can keep on-line details up-to-date because, unless I am informed of any changes, I assume that nothing has changed.

Please email to jbainbr944@aol.com

Seasons Greetings to all

John Bainbridge

Speed Awareness Signs

The ground works have been completed and we now have posts fitted at either ends of Clifton Campville and Haunton. We are in possession of two mobile solar powered speed activated signs, which can be moved between the four locations and these will be fitted in the very near future.

Community Speedwatch

The Community Speed Watch are still looking for volunteers to join them if you are interested please contact Linda.buckingham1955@gmail.com or 01827 373882

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

Telephone Box

Work is on-going to complete refurbishment of the phone box on Main Street, Clifton Campville. We have given it a coat of undercoat to protect it through the winter and will complete the project in the spring with new glass and a traditional red finish. We welcome ideas on a suitable use for the phone box as it no longer has a functioning phone line.

Mease Valley Parish News

To order your copy delivered directly to your door for only £10 per year, to submit an article for publication or to place an advert in the magazine email: measevalleynews@gmail.com

Dog Fouling

We have been asked to mention this again; there has been an increase in dog fouling around the parish. Please pick up after your dog and make sure you dispose of it in the bins provided either on the Millennium Green or in the general waste bins. Also please ensure your dogs are under control and remain on designated footpaths when crossing fields containing crops to ensure crops are not damaged and food chains are not contaminated. Thank you.

Millennium Green

Despite the weather extremes this year, The Millennium Green has had a good year. The newly planted fruit and nut grove has mainly thrived. Out of the thirteen trees planted, eleven are doing well, one was lost to the "Beast from the east" and the other was damaged during maintenance on the green. We are hoping to replace these in the spring. Some of these immature trees even fruited this year, boding very well for the future.

We have received much help in maintaining the green from the villagers in Clifton Campville and beyond. Many, many thanks to all these volunteers, without whose help the green would not look as good as it does today. If anybody is interested in joining our "Friends of the green" group, please contact one of the trustees, a list can be found on the noticeboard on the green.

The green is intended for all to use and enjoy, including our doggy friends. However, there has been an increase in dog fouling noted recently. Please could we ask that you keep your eye on your dog, what its doing and where its doing it and bag and bin it. This way, we can keep the green a healthy place we can all enjoy. - Liz Ellis

In winter many plants and creatures shut down, but the work of the Trustees has to continue. Managing an amenity such as the Green is hard work and we rely heavily on the generosity of people who turn out to help. Our Winter Working Party is to be held on **Saturday 19th January**, starting at 10.00am. Please, if you value the Green, come and give us a hand if only for an hour. We will have a variety of light work, the exercise will do you and the family good, you will be with friendly people, and of course will be making a useful contribution to the life of the community. You don't have to have specialist knowledge or to have any specialist tools or equipment.

The Green takes a lot of upkeep - if you can spare an hour or so to help please contact Liz on 373735 or Clive on 373352. For more information about the Trust and its work please speak to one of the Millennium Green Trustees.

We have recently welcomed a new Trustee - Bob Morecock.

The current Trustees are: Clive Boydell (Treasurer), Steve Bradley, Jason Chandler, Liz Ellis (Chairman), Debbie Fulbrook (Vice Chairman), David Lodge, Bob Morecock, Bob Patchett (Communications Officer), Sue Wadham (Secretary) and Christine Warburton.

Clifton Campville Country Fair

Next Year - **Saturday 8th June 2019** - make sure the date is on your 2019 calendar. Organisers are looking for a new exciting main attraction in the arena ...any suggestions? If you have any ideas or suggestions if you would be willing to be a member of the Organising Committee please contact Sue Wadham on 373814.

Clifton Campville Village Hall

The management committee is now fully "staffed" and details of all the officers can be found on the back page of this publication.

The Community Coffee Shop - held every Monday 9 'til 12 - is going from strength to strength. The aroma of Bacon Rolls (first Monday of every month) wafting through the village is mouth-watering! Together with the wide variety of coffees and other drinks, a selection of delicious cakes, crumpets and teacakes, it is proving very popular indeed.

Why not pop in for a chat - and pick up some Christmas cards/presents while you're at it from our bric-a-brac table?

The Skittles 'tournament' was well attended and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Pat Green for organising the Fish & Chip (or battered sausage) supper, which was relished by all.

The children were especially delighted to be bestowed with trophies (kindly donated by Sue Wadham). What a great night that was! Roll on the 2019 tournament.

Do not be alarmed if you hear creaking from the village hall on Wednesdays, between the hours of 1pm and 2pm, it could well be from the weekly Yoga class, which continues to thrive and provide us with our weekly workout. Beginners welcome and its not as hard as you think! So, why not come along and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and camaraderie.

The 'Arts & Crafts' group on Fridays (1:30 to 3:30) also continues to flourish - who knew we had so many talented people in the village. Everyone welcome to join our social group and work on whatever art & craft project they have. £2.00 per session includes tea/coffee.

Once a month we have special workshops - 2019 schedule below:

January 25th - Silhouetting, February 22nd Acrylic painting, March 22nd Felting and April 28th Crocheting.

Get those Christmas jumpers & earrings out of the loft and round-up your carol singers for 22 December. Look out for Santa as he rounds-up his reindeer at the Green Man at 4:30pm, progressing to St Andrews Church at approx. 6pm for the 'Christmas Cracker' event - with mulled wine, hot chocolate, sausage rolls & mince pies, yummy!

Keep a look out in the 'Diary' listing for future events at the Village Hall.

Wishing a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our village hall volunteers & readers.

Julie Smale

Forthcoming Dates

Saturday 15th December 2018 - American 'Thanksgiving' Themed Meal Night

Saturday 22nd December 2018 - Carol Singing followed by the Christmas Cracker

Saturday 26th January 2019 - Burns Night Supper

Saturday 16th February - Skittles Night with Fish and Chip Supper

Saturday 23rd March 2019 - St Patricks Themed Supper Night

Saturday 20th April 2019 - St George's Themed Supper Night

Saturday 8th June 2019 - Country Fair and 'Live on the Green'

Haunton Best Kept Village

Huge congratulations to all the residents of Haunton who were involved in the preparations for the Staffordshire Best Kept Village competition.

Haunton won the overall prize for the Best Kept Village, which is a remarkable achievement, and well-earned recognition for all the hard work and efforts of those involved.

Village Green - Chestnut Lane

Following concerns of local residents about visibility, lighting, and safety the Parish Council consulted with Lichfield Tree Works on how best to address these concerns whilst preserving the integrity of the Green for future generations.

It was concluded that we should remove a number of conifers and expose the hidden chestnut tree to Chestnut Lane. Work is on going to tidy the crown of the chestnut tree, protect the roots, and remove the stumps.

St Andrews Church Yard

A number of yew trees in the churchyard are causing a potential health and safety hazard for pedestrians. Quotes have been obtained to address the hazard with a process called banding. The PCC are asking for volunteers to assist with this process to minimise the financial cost involved. If you are able to help please contact Bob Patchett Tel: 373305

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)

Green Man Clifton Campville 11.30 - 12.30

Dates of Visits - 2018 - 4 December, (No Service Christmas Day)

2019 - 15 January, 12 February, 5 March

Parish Councillors and contact details 2018

Phillip Bennion	373274	Nick Ingram	373721
Pam Bostock	373272	Naomi Light	373159
Sarah Dawson	373399	Robert Leedham	830240
Debbie Fulbrook	07463 702847	Robert Pugh	63968

The Parish Council meeting dates are 8th January, 12th March, 14th May, 9th July 10th September and 12th November 2019 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, B79 0AX Tel: 01827 373697 or Email: helen.elliott4@btinternet.com

Village Hall Management Committee

Chair	Pat Moore, Pye Barn, Clifton Park	373924
Vice Chair	David Lodge, 89 Main Street	373205
Secretary	Linda Fletcher, 22 St David's Road	373142
Communications	Julie Smaile, 6 Tudor Rise	373524
Treasurer/Bookings	Pat Green, 10 St David's Road	373357