



# Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Newsletter



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**WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Welcome to this edition of the Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Newsletter. The newsletter is available on the websites [www.cliftoncampville.com](http://www.cliftoncampville.com), [www.hauntonvillage.co.uk](http://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](mailto:helen.elliott4@btinternet.com)

## **Potholes and Floods around the Parish**

**If anyone notices any pot holes in the road or there is a flood anywhere around the parish please report this to 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.

## **New Defibrillator**

There is a new Defibrillator unit in the refurbished telephone box on Main Street, Clifton Campville at the bottom of St David's Road. This was kindly donated by Terry Warburton - and we are extremely grateful for his potentially life-saving gift. The Parish Council has purchased some defibrillator signs to go around the top the refurbished telephone box. Once they are installed the light will be reinstated, thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project. We are nearly there at last, we just need some shelves and flooring installing inside the telephone box. Is anyone able to offer their services to do this? The telephone box will then become a small library for parishioners to swap books.

## **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. 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 or if you would like to express an interest please contact [helen.elliott4@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.elliott4@btinternet.com) and be prepared to attend the next meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7pm in Haunton Church Hall

## **Scrap Metal**

A note of caution to residents, please do not leave any unwanted items outside your property in hope that the scrap man will come and collect it. This looks untidy and encourages scrap metal dealers to visit the parish who may not be registered or have a licence to do this.

## **Community Speedwatch**

The Community Speed Watch are always looking for volunteers to join them if you are interested please contact [Linda.buckingham1955@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.buckingham1955@gmail.com) or 01827 373882

## **Best Kept Allotment**

The annual allotment dinner took place at the Green Man on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, thanks to Kate Smith for organising the event. The Green Man Cup was awarded to Stephen Webb who won 1<sup>st</sup> place. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was

Kate Smith and Richard Ratcliffe and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was awarded to Mr Timms. Congratulations to the winners for all their hard work.

### **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](mailto:measevalleynews@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:helen.elliott4@btinternet.com)

### **Staffordshire Police - Neighbourhood Officers**

PCSO 17017 Costas Karpi - [costas.karpi@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:costas.karpi@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO 6442 Maggie Griffiths - [Margaret.Griffiths@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Margaret.Griffiths@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

Your Police Community Support Officers exist to help the community to make it a safer place to live. Do not hesitate to contact them if you need assistance with any policing issues or you know someone who does. A community that works together for the good of all its members is a happy community.

Visit Staffordshire Police Website for advice and information on police related issues at [www.staffordshire.police.uk](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk).

Use the 101 number for all non-emergencies and use the 999 number for an emergency or a crime in progress.

All residents can register on the Staffordshire Smart Alert for updates on crime locally in the area via <https://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs>

### **Millennium Green**

The Millennium Green Trust desperately need some volunteers to do a bit of strimming on the Green. The trustees do their best, but are getting a bit long in the tooth and short in the muscle. Volunteers should contact Liz Ellis on 01827 373735.

### **Clifton Campville Village Hall**

**Clifton Campville Community Coffee Shop - Every Monday 9am 'til 12.**

(With Bacon Rolls on the first Monday of every month!) Newcomers always very welcome to visit us for a chat, in friendly, warm & comfortable surroundings. You can even get your blood pressure checked while you are here! New cake-makers & volunteer helpers always very welcome. If interested, please contact Pat Moore or send an email to [ccvhall2018@gmail.com](mailto:ccvhall2018@gmail.com). Our Temporary home at **Haunton Church Hall** is going very well! We had another full-house for December's Bacon Monday. So grab a friend & come along to celebrate our temporary home & try a mouth-watering "Bacon Roll and a drink". Why not try one of our speciality teas or coffees with a slice of delicious cake, every Monday?

"A personal 'Thank You' to all of our wonderful volunteers who make the Coffee Shop happen each Monday morning; the Servers, Kitchen Staff and Star Bakers! Without the delicious cakes, friendly smiles and chat to all our villagers, the Coffee Shop would not be the wonderful, friendly and caring place it is" Very best wishes for the New Year, from Pat M, Sue & Pat G.



### **Village Hall Project**

**New internal Walls are Up!!**

RJK Construction (Midlands) Ltd started work in mid-September and work is progressing steadily, despite the bad weather.

As of mid-December, all of the external & internal walls are now in place - and the new roof is tiled!



Where on earth did all that extra room come from? The amount of new room is astonishing and all on one level - brilliant! It is now getting really hard to remember how it used to look!

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all of our villagers, and supporters from further afield, who have supported the fundraising to rebuild/refurbish the Village Hall. We could not have achieved so much without your continued support. We are still fundraising furiously, so please consider if you can help to fund the new equipment.

Keep an eye out for details of our proposed 'Grand Opening' ceremony. Details to follow in due course - you will not want to miss it!

In the meantime, don't forget to check out our '**Village Hall Rebuild Update**' link on the front page of the Clifton Campville website ([www.cliftoncampville.com](http://www.cliftoncampville.com)), for progress on this historical building's renovation, together with photos.

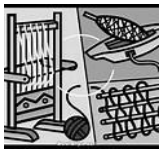
### **Village Hall Events to look forward to:**

- We have already agreed to start a chair-based gymnastics exercise class - 'Love to Move' for all ages, with Karen Wilkinson. Keep a look-out for details on that.
- We are looking forward to re-starting our successful Supper Nights
- The Yoga, Whist Drive & Craft Club will be resuming at our new Hall
- A coach trip to a Flower Show in the Summer
- A Christmas Pudding 'Stir Up' evening and lots, lots more to come once we are back home!

**THANK YOU LIZ!** What a great Karate / self defence class course Liz did in November.

So informative and helpful. Plus we were allowed to "thump" Liz (which you don't get to do legitimately - well not very often!). This class also raised money for her chosen charities. Well done! Liz's new Ninjas now roam free and patrol the lanes of Clifton, keeping us all safe . . . .

**Clifton Art and Craft Club - Every Friday (1:30 to 3:30)** - also featuring monthly sampler workshops on various crafts. The turn-out for these workshops is always very good - so please do book your places to avoid disappointment for these very popular sessions. Next workshop - **24 January - Weave A Decorative Hanging. £3pp + 50p** for Weaving Kit to take home & finish off your hanging. Some wool will be provided. But if you have spare wool - or a specific wool you want - please bring it along. Contact: Kate Smith on 01827 373368 /email



[c.smith284@btinternet.com](mailto:c.smith284@btinternet.com) NB: This club has temporarily relocated to **HAUNTON** Church Hall.

### **The Annual CCVH, Millennium Green Trust & St Andrew's Church Christmas Carol Singing, Tree Festival & Christmas Cracker Concert**

What a splendid and inventive Festive display of trees we had!

Who knew we had such talented people living amongst us? Thank you to all the groups who entered a tree - some truly inspiring ideas! Well done to the Carol Singers - their dulcet tones rang out through the Village on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. What a wonderful sound it was. Perhaps we should think about organising a Choir ???



Thank you Helen for organising this & providing the song sheets. Thank you "Santa" - was it me or did it look a lot like Nigel Wadham....



A fabulous concert followed - hot chocolate, mulled wine & hot mince pies warmed the cockles of our hearts, after a chilly round of Carol Singing in the Village.

Well done & thank you to all the singers who performed for us - Pam & Sarah, Take Two, Emily, Rev Nicky, and children from School. Finishing off with the splendid Tamworth Gospel Choir.

There was great hilarity with comedy skits by Bob & Pam, Nigel & Rev John! Plus readings from Helen & Pat Moore.

Thank you Evie for a wonderful dance & Josh for "drumming" up to the rafters!

What a bunch of talented folks we have in the village!

A festive good-time was had by all - and the Raffle was a resounding success and got us in the mood for Christmas.

So a big **THANK YOU** to all concert contributors, raffle prize and lots of lovely food donators, plus all the volunteers on the night - we couldn't put on these events without you.

### **Chester Christmas Market**

Many thanks to Chris for organising another super trip to a Christmas Market. Chester is a beautiful City and was even more twinkly for Christmas! The Christmas market was excellent & very diverse in its wares. Many a Christmas pressy was purchased & a good time was had by all. Thanks to Phil, our excellent driver from Birmingham International Coaches.



### **Military Whist Drive**

Why not come along to these social gatherings and try your hand at a game of cards? This takes place 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, from 1:30 onwards. Contact Chris on 01827 373522. All proceeds to the very worthy cause of the **RNLI**. **NB** - this club has temporarily relocated to **LULLINGTON** Village Hall.



**Make time to keep fit** - Don't forget the 10-11am class, every Wednesday. Newcomers - of every ability - always welcome! No commitment, just £6 per session. **NB** - this club has temporarily relocated to **Haunton** Church Hall.

**History in the Making:** The Clifton Campville & Haunton History Society has been resurrected. If you have old photos, or any family history languishing in the loft, then please dig them out & contact Helen Pugh (Chairperson) [h2opugh@gmail.com](mailto:h2opugh@gmail.com) for details about copying the items for future generations.

To see all the artefacts & photos unearthed so far, go to the Clifton Campville & Haunton History Society Facebook page. Happy Hunting!

### **Mobile Library Dates - Green Man Car Park (1:55 to 2:45)**

3, 17 & 31 January.



### **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR EXISTING & NEW READERS!**

We look forward to welcoming you all to our new Village Hall in the not too distant future.

### **Parish Councillors and contact details 2019/20**

Phillip Bennion 373274

Debbie Fulbrook 07463 702847

Robert Leedham 830240

Pam Bostock 373272

Roger Nicholls 373169

Calvin Bent -Chairman 07738 170008

Sonia Bent 373183

Steve Lamb 07824 347033

The Parish Council meeting dates are 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 starting at 7pm at Haunton Church Hall until Clifton Campville Village Hall is completed. 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](mailto:helen.elliott4@btinternet.com)