



# Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Newsletter



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

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

The newsletter is now 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 and house address to [helen.elliott4@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.elliott4@btinternet.com)

## **Parish Councillor Vacancies**

There are currently two vacancies for parish councillors, if you are interested please contact Helen Elliott - details on back page.

The Parish Council would also like to extend thanks and gratitude to Penny Bennett and particularly to Tony Bryan for all the time and hard work given to the Parish Council during their time as Parish Councillors.

## **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.

## **Staffordshire Smart Alert**

Neighbourhood watch has now moved to an online basis if you are interested in receiving email alerts of suspicious activities within the local and wider community register on the below web site address [www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/](http://www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/)

There have been recent reports of people trespassing in gardens and sheds. This is a timely reminder that now the nights are drawing in to keep valuables safely locked away.

## **Best Kept Allotment**

The annual allotment dinner took place on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016, thanks to Ron James for organising the event. The Green Man Cup was awarded to Catriona Smith and Richard Ratcliffe who won 1<sup>st</sup> place. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Dave Timms and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was awarded to Mr Chalmers. Congratulations to the winners for all their hard work.

**Armistice Day 2016** Thank you to Cllr. Starkey for attending the service in Tamworth and laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **Clifton Campville Village Hall**

Although the Village Hall has had a fairly successful 2016 with events, they have had to cancel a number due to lack of response/support. The Village Hall Management Committee would like to seek the views from Clifton Campville Residents as to what type of events they would like to see held at the village hall and would support. They are looking to improve the current facilities and are

preparing plans; the support of the village is essential to this. Anyone with any comments can contact Steve Riley Tel: 373494

There will be a Burns Supper on Saturday 21st January 2017 at the Village Hall, which will be advertised in the New Year.

### Getting ready for Christmas at St Andrew's Church

#### **2-4 December - Christmas Tree Festival including**

**3 December** Church Cafe lunches, Special Evening Opening 7.00-9.00 pm with Grand Christmas Draw

**4 December** Festival Family Service at 10.15 am; Concert 4.00 pm with Cantabile and Brass Ensemble (in aid of Chilcote church roof)

(for poster, visit Village website diary; for more details, contact Margaret on 373533 or email mbrowne526@aol.com )

#### **Saturday 17 December - Clifton's Christmas Cracker - 7.00 pm**

Supporting Clifton's Millennium Green, Village Hall and St Andrew's Church

**Saturday 24 December** - Family Crib Service at 4.00 pm, Holy Communion at 9.00 pm (Bethlehem Midnight time)

**Sunday 25 December** - Christmas Family Communion 10.15 am at Clifton Campville Christmas Communion at Thorpe Constantine 11.00 am **Sunday 25 December** - There is an invitation to share a Traditional Festive Christmas Lunch for those spending Christmas on their own, or as a couple; please contact 373998 or 373533.

**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](mailto:highways@staffordshire.gov.uk)

### News and Update from the Millennium Green Trustees

Firstly 'Thank You' to everyone who helped us with our Autumn tasks at the recent Working Party and a special thanks to the individuals known as our 'Phantom Strimmers' who selflessly give their time helping keep the area neat and tidy.

Secondly, some of you may have seen an individual undertaking **metal detecting** on the Green. He is an experienced detector undertaking this with the full approval of the Trustees and has the latest high spec detector. If anyone wishes to seek approval for the use of a metal detector on the Green please contact one of the Trustees.

At our request, we have recently had a visit from the **Arboriculture Officer from Lichfield District Council**. He noted a number of trees that need some work including one of the horse chestnuts in the copse that needs to be removed, some saplings requiring removal, hazels in need of coppicing, and cherry trees needing thinning and suckers removed. The work will be undertaken in phases over a period of time and a planned programme of coppicing developed.

We have also recently had a detailed and very positive report on the **state of the pond**. The water quality is good with no signs of any ammonia build up (dead animals, breakdown of fertilizers, etc). This is part of a regular monitoring programme that has been put into place and over the next few years will enable us to look for trends and changes. We are hoping that more water birds will be attracted including duck, moorhens, coots, etc.

The Annual Inspection of the Play Equipment by Lichfield District Council was undertaken in October with no concerns being raised.

In the next couple of months we will be taking delivery of a native oak tree which will be planted to commemorate the Queen's birthday. Keep an eye out for details of this.

For more information about the Trust and its work please speak to one of the Millennium Green Trustees.

The current Trustees are:

John Bainbridge, Clive Boydell, Steve Bradley, Liz Ellis, Debbie Fulbrook, David Lodge, Bob Patchett, Steve Plimmer, Lorna Robinson, Sue Wadham

### **Parish Councillors and contact details 2016/17**

Pam Bostock	373272	Robert Leedham	830240
Robert Pugh	63968	Douglas Clarke	373737
Debbie Fulbrook	07463 702847	Tim Starkey	07740 84063
Nick Ingram	07841 426354		

The Parish Council meeting dates are 10<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> September & 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 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  
Email: [helen.elliott4@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.elliott4@btinternet.com)

### **Parish Plan**

The updated Parish Plan can be viewed on the Parish web site.  
Please have a look at [www.cliftoncampville.com](http://www.cliftoncampville.com)

**Mobile Library (Tuesdays)  
Dates of Visits 2016 - 2017  
Green Man Clifton Campville 11.30 - 12.30**

29<sup>th</sup> November, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 31 January,  
21<sup>st</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March & 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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