

*The Clifton and Spalford  
Newsletter  
Spring 2023*



*SPRING HAS SPRUNG!*

*Thank you to Katie Griffiths for this beautiful cover photo.*

OPEN GARDEN, IVY BANK COTTAGE, SOUTH CLIFTON  
SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY - 1-5 pm

For the seventh year, we are opening our garden to raise money for the National Garden Scheme, which donates the funds to Nursing Charities such as Marie Curie and Macmillan.

There are several interesting features, such as a Troughery, a Chimney Pottery, and a Peacockery, as well as original pigsties and an old double privy.

Special for this year will be live music, and not forgetting Ann's amazing selection of scrumptious cakes!  
Plants and books for sale.

Entry £3.50      School children free  
Ruth and David Hollands



**Bike Ride 2022 - 600 Miles in September**

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored my bike ride for Marie Curie this year. Almost every day in September I got on my bike and went out for a ride. The aim was to ride 600 miles in September. I had good weather most days and rode between 10 and 42 miles a day. Newfield and Thaymar Ice cream parlours, along with Tillbridge Tastery and a nice little café in Sutton on Trent were very pleasant coffee and cake stops on the way.

Once again, I was raising money for Marie Curie, an amazing charity that provides care and support for terminally ill people and their families in their own home. So far, I have raised £320.00. My Just Giving page is still open (Ann's 600 miles in September) if anyone wants to contribute, or donations can be dropped through my letterbox (Trentside Lodge, Trent Lane, South Clifton).

This is my 17<sup>th</sup> sponsored bike ride for Marie Curie and up to this year I had raised £26,662 for the charity, so would love to pass the £27,000 mark this year.

Thank you once again for all the support the village has given me over the years.

Ann Akrell



# Your early morning call is back!

As the days lengthen and winter recedes, the blackbird's back to full voice in the dawn chorus. The male bird is resplendent in full-throated song and he is a joy to see and hear. The reality is they sing to claim and defend territory and to broadcast the fact that they are fit and healthy.



Let's not underestimate the subtly dappled, earth brown female who can be more than a match for the flirty male at this time of year. Blackbirds don't yield their ground easily and they dare us, with cocked heads and bright gold-ringed eyes, to allow us to live alongside them where we are part of the same nature, but, pause in awe at their beautiful springtime songs.

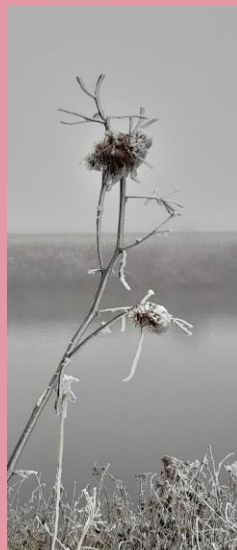


The transformation to spring is a reminder that our countryside is awakening and so too is this lovely community we are blessed to live in. There is plenty to look forward to over the next few months and details can be found throughout this newsletter and the summary calendar on the back page.

History will be made in early May as we are all encouraged to join in the celebrations for King Charles III Coronation. A packed long weekend of community activities has been planned (see pages 13 & 17) and you are cordially invited to join in the fun whenever you would like to!



Finally, a few gorgeous photos taken in North Clifton, South Clifton and Thorney highlighting the joys and beauty of Spring,  
Enjoy.  
Gill





# SOUTH CLIFTON Open Gardens

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE 2023

10AM - 4PM

£3 Entry

Pay entry and get your map from  
outside The Rectory, Front Street,  
NG237AA

Plant Sale

Tombola

Raffle

Refreshments

All payments cash only  
Under 12's free



# *The Red Lion Bar @ the Ron Beat Pavilion*

As we seem to be moving quite quickly into spring take a look at the snowdrops and daffodils making an appearance on Coalyard Lane next to the sports field. It is the season of greatest change and, if you've been into the Red Lion Bar recently, you will see some amazing changes in there too!

- We have a new sound system which can operate inside and outside the building
- We have completely refreshed our inside furniture
- The lighting has been upgraded in the bar area
- Our new monthly quiz has proved a great success (3rd Tuesday each month)
- Food vans now visit every fortnight (see schedule) and are proving to be a hit with many of you

In the near future watch out for: -

- Improvements to the bar floor
- The instillation of electric charging points in the car park
- The siting of a defibrillator to further enhance the wellbeing of our youth football teams (Collingham U/15 and U/16's) as well as all our many visitors
- Brand new signage to welcome visitors
- Significant work in the summer on the playing field
- A regular darts and dominoes evening – look out for further information

It is fantastic to see this change taking place and we are very proud to be working alongside our partners at The Refill Station and Collingham FC. None of this can happen without the dedication of our growing band of volunteers, so, a great big thank you to them and also to you for supporting us as we strive to make the necessary progress that will benefit all of us!



The Sports Committee



# SOUTH CLIFTON REFILL STATION

Gosh, and in the blink of an eye, it's March already...!!

The Refill Station continues to grow from strength to strength and we are delighted to have noticed an increasing number of regulars that don't even live in the Cliftonite area!!

This, off course, could never have been done without all your continued support. Whether that is buying our recycled, locally (where possible) sourced stock, beautifully made 'free from' beauty and cleaning products, to baking cakes, eating cakes, and sometimes both... the refill committee are truly grateful.

We continue to try out new products. If you have seen something that you think would fit in with our ethos please get in touch or better still pop over to the cafe on a Saturday morning... perhaps indulge yourself with a slice of loveliness?

Just so you know, here is where the committee have donated some of last years' hard-earned cake eating and refill monies raised from our Saturday mornings.

£408.00 donated towards Defibrillator

£52.00 donated to Air Ambulance

£300.00 donated to Clifton and Spalford Newsletter

£375.00 donated to St George the Martyr Church

£160.00 donated to the Platinum Jubilee.

The Committee have also donated refill products to seven raffle prizes for village fund raising events.



We have just taken delivery of some fabulous new products from our friends at The Soap Shack. Why not pop in and check them out?



If you are new to the area, or not, and would like to get involved, we'd love to see you so please get in touch. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

The Refill Committee.

South Clifton Refill Station

Chair - Gill Cobham

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# *St. George the Martyr Church*

## *North & South Clifton*



The church grounds look really special as I write this in February, with a marvellous display of snowdrops. On these lovely crisp mornings everything in the world seems perfect. But, unfortunately listening to the news suddenly everything changes. Our prayers this year are already dominated by tragedies, be it Ukraine or the dreadful earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The response to help has been incredible with both financial and practical assistance immediately on offer. In this country we have our own problems with food-banks still much needed for many and growing unrest about inflation and wages not matching the rising cost of living.

With all this going on around us our problems are in some way put into a different perspective. Led by Revd Mandy our church and services continue much as before. It was very special to hold a Christmas morning service, which was well attended, and the school put on a lovely event in the church for us all to enjoy. At these times the church continues to be a reassuring reminder of family times past and the journey of life.

The PCC continues to plan ahead and face the challenge of maintaining our beautiful church in these difficult times. For the last few years our income has taken a big hit due to the cancellation of fund-raising activities through the pandemic. Our small reserves have been used for the essential payment of utilities and insurance, which as for everyone else has seen a rise in cost. However, we are incredibly appreciative of the support given to our raffles and other initiatives which have been essential in meeting these day-to-day essential expenses. A number of people also give an amount each month as a direct debit and this was particularly appreciated when the church was closed throughout the pandemic. If you would like to give a regular donation this way there is information at the church or please speak to one of the churchwardens. The church also does rely on many people giving their time freely to maintain fabric and ensure the building is always available for services and special occasions and we are very grateful for that.



This year, with the Kings' Coronation, and his focus on using that as an opportunity to help local causes, we are hoping that the church can feature as one such initiative. Please keep a lookout for further information through the usual communication channels.

Like you and your property, we have a list of plans of things that we would love to achieve but realistically at this time it is very much ensuring that we, as the guardians of this beautiful heritage, must ensure that we do all we can to ensure the current and future residents of our communities have the availability of a parish church and all that entails

Looking forward to meeting you at a future service or event and as ever sincere thanks for all your support.

Granville Daniels & Michael Cobham (Churchwarden's) and all PCC Members.

Contact: Granville 01522 778919. Michael: 01522 778914



## *Reflection by Revd Mandy*

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but occasionally (well everyday actually), unexpected, unwanted and even unwelcome emails drop into my inbox. Lately I've been getting some considerate ones from online flower, card and gift companies, asking me if I want to opt out of adverts for Mother's Day goods. This is thoughtful really, because Mother's Day can be a challenging time which might conjure up sad or painful thoughts and memories. We haven't all had good experiences of being mothered, some of us are grieving for our mothers or our children and some of us feel that we've missed out on the whole thing. That's why I like to concentrate on the idea of Mothering, which is something we can all be part of. Men, women and children can all work to care for and nurture others and I'd like to thank everyone who works to make our community a good place to live. So happy Mothering Sunday everyone and here are some roses for you all!



I wonder if those considerate companies will send out warning emails about their Easter products. Maybe we will be challenged by the thought of someone arrested and falsely accused, pronounced innocent but sentenced to death anyway? It's the stuff of thriller films, but it really happened. Happily, that's not the end of the story. Jesus really rose again from the dead and lives to help us now. At St George's this year, we've got Easter services and on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, there'll be a celebration of St George. I wonder if I'll get any opt out options for St. George's Day?

Have a very Happy Easter. Here are some Easter eggs for you. I'm sure some tastier ones will arrive at church!



**Did you know?**

**South Clifton has its' own website.**

**Visit for village information, notices from the council, forthcoming events and much, much more!**

**[www.south-clifton.co.uk](http://www.south-clifton.co.uk)**

**Thank you to Geoff Goring for keeping us up to date!**

## Burton Water to Brayford Pool & Back

Distance – approx. 6 miles (10 kms)

(2.5 – 3 hours)

OS Explorer Map 272

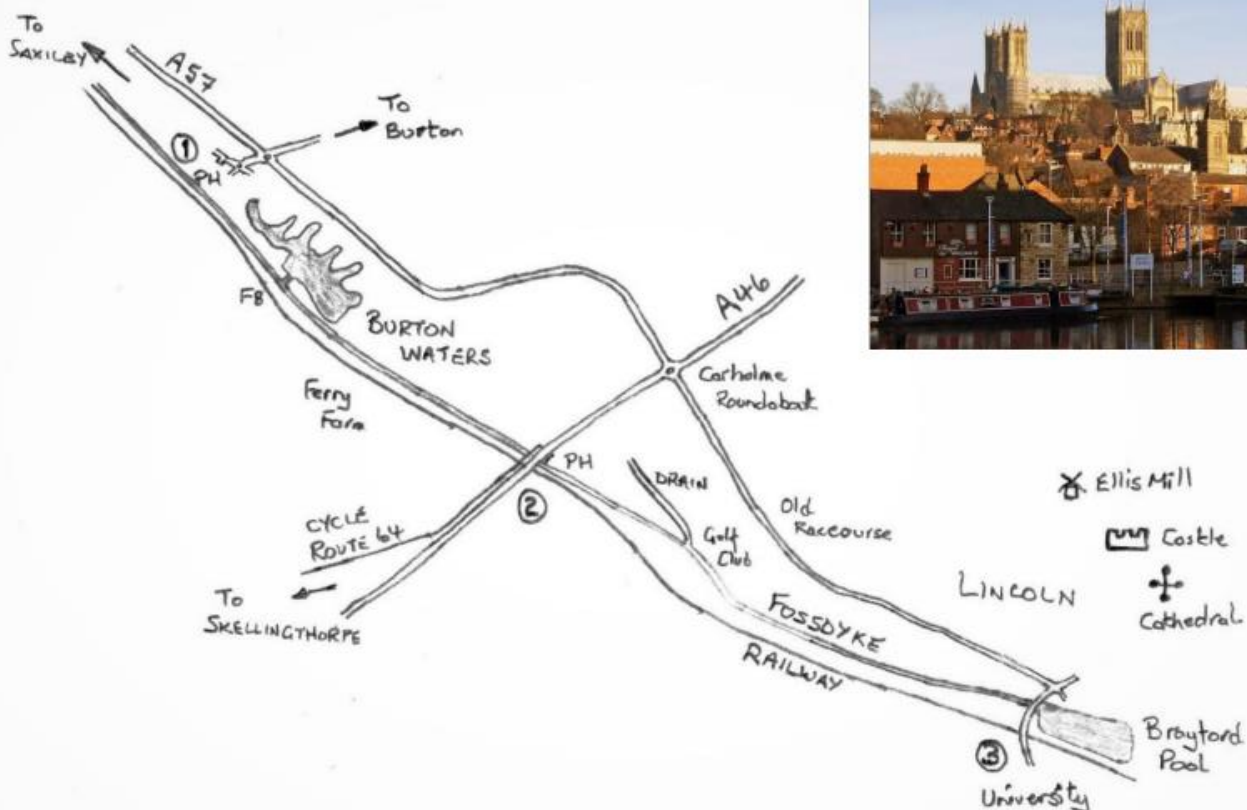
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1. Starting from the car park of the Woodcocks Pub & Motel, with the pub behind you turn right away from the A57 and head towards the canal between the motel and children's play area. Go through a wooden gate and climb the steps onto the canal towpath, turn left and walk along the canal bank. After a few yards you will find an information board about the Fossdyke canal trail, continue along the path crossing over a footbridge allowing boats passage onto the canal from the marina. Continue along the path which provides good views of Lincoln cathedral and castle, until you arrive at the A46 bridge. At this point the path continues under the bridge and in front of the Pyewipe pub. If there has been a lot of rain then it would be better to turn left before the bridge and follow the cycle path route 64 down, and turn right under the bridge taking care on the road and walk through the pub car park instead.

2. Either way the paths joins again and continue alongside the canal ignoring the paths on your left. You will notice a golf course to your left. As the area becomes residential a mix of old and new buildings, the path will finish and continue along a pavement towards Lincoln, when the road turns to the left, cross the road and continue along a footpath and continue under the bridge and you will reach Brayford.

3. From here you can further explore Lincoln, take a rest at one of the many cafes or make your return following the above directions in reverse!







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**Coronation Hall South Clifton**  
**35<sup>th</sup> Produce Show - Saturday 9th September 2023**  
**Schedule**

**Vegetables**

- 1 Home grown vegetable collection
- 2 Home grown fruit bowl selection
- 3 Four runner beans
- 4 Four potatoes
- 5 Four tomatoes - any variety
- 6 The heaviest tomato
- 7 The longest runner bean
- 8 Four eggs (exhibitor's own birds)
- 9 Most comical vegetable/fruit
- 10 Four cooking apples
- 11 Four eating apples
- 12 Four onions
- 13 Four carrots
- 14 Four plums
- 15 Biggest marrow
- 16 Any unscheduled vegetable/fruit

**Flowers**

- 17 1 specimen rose
- 18 3 roses
- 19 A vase or jug of garden flowers
- 20 3 flowers of your choice (same variety)
- 21 Arrangement in a basket

**Cooking/home produce**

- 22 Jar of jam
- 23 Jar of chutney or pickle
- 24 4 decorated gingerbread people
- 25 Battenburg Cake
- 26 Red Velvet Cake (see recipe)
- 27 Quiche
- 28 Loaf of Bread
- 29 Homemade wine
- 30 Flavoured spirit

**Handicrafts and hobbies**

- 31 Photograph: Landscape
- 32 Photograph: Animal
- 33 Any craft item
- 34 Painted/sketched picture

**Young Artist (for any age up to 21)**

- 35 Picture (any medium)

**Children's classes**

- 36 4 decorated cupcakes
- 37 Vegetable or flower grown by entrant

Please mark the age of the child on all exhibits so that judges can take age into account.

The receipt setting and entry form will be in the next newsletter issue.

**RULES**

- The judge's decision is final.
- All items must have been grown, created or produced by the exhibitor and, in the craft section, made by the exhibitor during the last year. Flowers for the flower arrangements may be bought.
- Exhibits to be staged between 10.00 – 11.30am.
- Judging will take place between 12.00 – 2.15pm.
- **Exhibits open for viewing, plus tea, coffee and biscuit from 2.30 – 4.00 pm.**
- Entry fee 50p per entry, children's classes free.
- Exhibits may not be removed before 3.45 pm.
- Exhibits not collected or otherwise advised to the committee will be disposed of after the show.
- Four Trophies will be awarded for the highest number of points scored across the following classes:
  - Classes 1 to 16
  - Classes 17 to 21
  - Classes 22 to 34
  - Class 35
- A separate prize will be awarded in the children's classes.





Coronation Hall invites you to celebrate

**King Charles III**

**Coronation Ball**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**7pm – 11pm**

**£17.50 per person**

which includes a buffet, dessert  
and dance the night away.

**Red Lion Bar**

To book your tickets please contact Adam or Tom at Red Lion  
or Mike/Debbie Coleman on 01522 778262 or

[mikeanddebchsc@gmail.com](mailto:mikeanddebchsc@gmail.com)

Visit Coronation Hall website ~ [southcliftonhall.org](http://southcliftonhall.org)

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**Mike & Deb's  
Cream Teas are back!**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
2pm to 4.30pm**

Homemade plain or fruit scone with  
butter, cream and jam with tea or coffee  
Quiz, Raffle, Pimm's & Various Stalls  
Holly House, Front Street,  
South Clifton  
**Everyone Welcome**



**BACK TO THE EIGHTIES**

**80s**

**80s Fancy Dress  
BBQ & Disco**  
at **Coronation Hall**  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023**  
**6pm to 11pm**  
**Ticket £10 each**  
Includes one burger or equivalent  
**Red Lion Bar**  
Limited number of tickets available  
from Adam or Tom at Red Lion or Mike and  
Debbie Coleman 01522 778262 or  
[mikeanddebchsc@gmail.com](mailto:mikeanddebchsc@gmail.com)





# Fundraising Fashion Show

*The Coronation Hall,  
South Clifton, NG23 7AN  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April*

*Doors open 2.15pm  
for a 2.30pm start.*

*Clothing from High Street Brands at  
reduced prices.*

*Tickets £6 (includes  
Tea/Coffee and cake)*

*Tickets available from  
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All proceeds of tickets and raffle to Coronation Hall  
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# Coronation Hall News and Updates

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Dinner Dance. 70 people joined us for a night of eating, dancing and raffling!



The Coronation Hall ready for the Christmas Dinner Dance!

Dancing the night away!



## Forthcoming Events at The Coronation Hall

- **Fundraising Fashion Show** by Complete Clothing- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April (2.15pm for 2.30pm start) –Please see Flyer on Page 15.
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Polling Station at Coronation Hall (6.15am – 10pm)
- **Coronation Ball** to celebrate the King's Coronation - 6<sup>th</sup> May (7pm - 11pm)–. Please see advertisement on Page 13.
- **Open Day** - Late May (Date to be confirmed). A chance for everyone to see the facilities the Hall has to offer.
- **Annual General Meeting** - 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm
- **Cream Teas at Holly House** - 15<sup>th</sup> July – see Page 14.
- **80s Fancy Dress BBQ Disco** - 19<sup>th</sup> August (6-11pm) for more details see the advert on Page 14.
- **Produce Show** – 9<sup>th</sup> September – Schedule on Page 12.
- **Christmas Dinner Dance** – 9<sup>th</sup> December

The Committee is keen to hear from members of the Community on ideas for events or uses of the Hall that would help keep this valuable resource open in these current challenging times. Please see any of the Committee members below if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Also, we would love to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering on the Committee- please contact any of the members – John Ford (Chairman), Jan Ford (Bookings Clerk), Debbie Coleman (Treasurer), Debbie Jackson (Secretary), Mike Coleman, Andrew Jackson, Alison Coverdale.

# *The Kings' Coronation*

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May will see the Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort*



*Plans are underway to follow this historic event and have a community celebration involving North Clifton, South Clifton and Spalford.*

*The planning group had their initial meeting recently and have decided on the following format for the Coronation weekend and Bank Holiday Monday.*

## *Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

*Coronation Day, Royal Procession and Balcony Appearance followed by The Coronation Ball*

*We will be screening the days events in the South Clifton Sports Pavilion. The Refill Station Café will be open serving refreshments.*

*In the evening, everyone is invited to The Coronation Ball in the Coronation Hall. See Page 13 for more details.*

## *Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

*Open Church, The Big Lunch and Celebration Concert*

*St George the Martyr Church will be open in the morning. Come and enjoy a moments reflection and admire the flower displays.*

*The sports field in South Clifton will be set up for a community Big Lunch. Bring your own picnic and join in the fun. The Red Lion Bar will be open.*

*An outside big screen (we hope) will show the Concert from Buckingham Palace during the evening. We are hoping to get a food van to call.*

## *Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

*The Big Help Day*

*The actual activities for the day are undecided as yet. The idea is to encourage communities to come together and create a lasting legacy. Several ideas were discussed and more research is needed before a decision can be made.*

*This is the basic structure of the three days, obviously more planning is needed and more details will be published as we get nearer to the time. Watch out on Cliftonites or the three villages email communication. If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.*

*Thank you to those villagers that came to the first planning meeting - the next one is on 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the Sports Pavilion. Please come along and get involved.*

*Gill Cobham*





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We need more volunteers – if you are over 16, have some spare time, like a challenge, enjoy helping people, learning new skills making new friends then please get in contact with us for more details. There is no cost to you – all training is provided. Volunteering is good for you – join us and find out more.

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Every Friday at 8am

Coronation Hall, South Clifton

This is a mat based class for all abilities although you must be able to get up and down from the floor unaided to participate safely.

The exercises are yoga and pilates based movements that will help your strength, stamina and flexibility, with an emphasis on breathing and relaxation.

Classes are £3

Please ring Gill on 01522 778914 for more information or just turn up at the hall ready to start at 9.10am. You will need a yoga mat and comfortable, stretchy clothing.



## PATCH

### Poetry at the Coronation Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

at 7.15pm

Bring along any poems to share or just come and listen



BYO wine



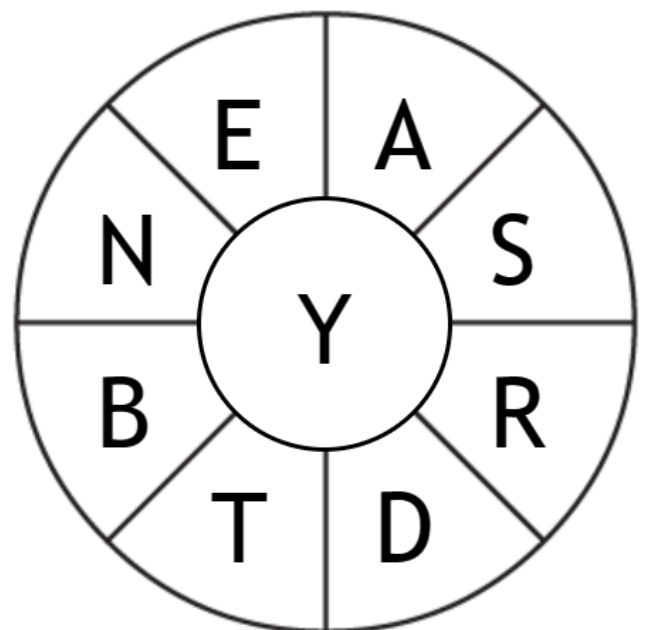
£2 per person per session proceeds to the Village Hall

For more information contact

Trevor Noble 01522 778587

## WORD WHEEL

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?  
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted



# North Clifton Parish Meeting

The final Parish meeting of 2022 took place in the Sports Pavilion on Coalyard Lane on December 1<sup>st</sup>. A healthy turnout of parishioners discussed topics including the following.

**Setting the Parish precept for 2023/24.** The villages finances remain healthy so after going through this year's outgoings and the likely expenditure for next year it was agreed to keep the precept at the same level as this current year.

**Seats/benches.** The meeting decided to provide seats/benches at the following locations, Recycled plastic benches at Church bends and the copse at the A1133/Mill Lane junction, a wooden Jubilee seat on the Green and a wooden seat at the junction on Back Lane and Trent Lane. The existing bench on the Green will be taken away over the winter and cleaned and treated ready for going back in the spring. Thanks to Pete Croft and Dave Sanders for arranging this.

**Grass cutting on the Green.** Parishioners had noticed that the green hadn't looked as good in 2022 as previous years. The grass was often longer than people expected to see it. This was due to health issues and transport problems and will hopefully resolve itself before next summer. We were grateful that it had been cut before the Carols on the Green event.

**Broadband.** Maggie Firth has been liaising with Open Reach and trying to get the next phase of fibre broadband brought into the village. At the time of the meeting the outcome was undecided but since then we have learnt that the village now has enough "vouchers" to enable the scheme to go ahead and certainly Openreach employees have been seen in the village doing survey work. No time scales for work starting on the ground yet, but progress is being made. I know Maggie has been beavering away in the background for quite sometime on the village's behalf so well-done Maggie, it will be nice to see our small village finally catching up with its larger neighbours.



**North Clifton What's app group.** The meeting thought that Jen Heppell's suggestion of setting up a WhatsApp group, just for North Clifton Parish, was a good idea and agreed to support the initiative. The WhatsApp group has now been set up to act a little like a Neighbourhood watch. If people see suspicious activity or disturb something going on the first call should always be the Police either through 999 or 101, but a message can also be sent out through the group to alert others in the village about what is happening. The message content should focus on fact, not gossip or chit chat,

so that the information is taken seriously. Anyone with a mobile phone and the WhatsApp, app, can be included. Just send your name, mobile phone number, and address to the parish email, which is [n.c.parish.meeting@gmail.co.uk](mailto:n.c.parish.meeting@gmail.co.uk).

The evening was concluded with a social event in the pavilion, which appeared to be well received by those that attended.

There is no doubt that the bitterly cold temperatures and a mini flu pandemic affecting North and South affected the number of people attending this year's **Carols on the Green**. However, despite that a determined group of Carollers from both North and South did turn out on 13<sup>th</sup> December and enjoyed mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine whilst singing a selection of well-known Carols. Some people even managed to put the correct words to the correct Carol! It was nice to see some new faces as well as welcome some of the old stalwarts.

## Future dates.

### Parish meeting

7.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March in the Pavilion, Coalyard Lane, South Clifton. There is a pay bar after the meeting and people are welcome to stay and socialise if they wish. If anyone is having difficulty getting there, please let us know and a lift will be arranged.

The Parish AGM is being held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 in the Coronation Hall.



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# North Clifton Primary School



Another busy term here at North Clifton Primary. We have recently taken part in some themed weeks: Children's Mental Health week, Safer Internet Week and National School's Football week. Our School Council and Mental Health Champions led assemblies to introduce these events and also planned activities for the rest of the school to take part in.

We raised money for the NSPCC with our 'Dress for Digits' Number Day and had a fun day solving number challenges. Denise Wong also came in to talk to us about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated in Hong Kong. She very kindly made everyone Red Pockets and we all got to try some Chinese candy and chocolate.



The Owls class have joined in with some Zoom sessions, including Jorvik Schools Week, to support our work on Anglo Saxons and Vikings and a reading and writing for pleasure session led by author Abi Elphinstone.

We had a visit from the Planetarium, to support and consolidate work around Earth and Space, which was an amazing experience.



Some children in school have recently started piano lessons with Sara from Lincolnshire Music Services, which they have really enjoyed. We definitely have some budding musicians in our midst!





As well as our 3 core values, we have focussed on the values of patience, equality, and tolerance so far this term. We had a go at some activities that really tested our patience but then learned some strategies to help us become more patient.



All of these exciting events, on top of lots of really focussed work, has kept us very busy this half term. We are looking forward to getting out in the Secret Garden next half term. After achieving level 3 in our school gardening awards, we are looking forward to learning all about compost and planning our vegetable patches for the spring.

# Colouring Competition to win a Book Voucher

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Entries to be handed in to Meadow View Cottage, Coalyard Lane, South Clifton by the end of April. Please put your name and age on the back.



# Community Notices

## **Recycling Update**

The Refill Station in South Clifton continues to collect **soft plastic, medicine blister packs, named printer cartridges and stamps**. Batteries can now be put in a clear bag on top of your green bin for collection and plastic bottle tops can now be put back on the cleaned, squashed bottle and put into your recycling grey bin. Please do not bring them to the Refill Station.

## **Jubilee Profits**

Our Jubilee events last summer were so successful that we managed to make a profit which was divided between the three communities. South Clifton have yet to spend their share and would like to know if there is anything particular that the villagers would like to see the money being used for? Please contact any South Clifton Councillor or contact the Editor if you have any ideas.

## **Donations for Collingham Foodbank**

We had a very successful collection a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to Adam Faux for organizing this. We have decided to make this an ongoing request. If you would like to donate food, please bring it to the Sports Pavilion on a Friday night or Saturday morning, or give to Adam at The Vicarage on Front Street any other time.

## **Mill Field**

Adam Cormack and his team have submitted the groups plans for a multi-use green area in South Clifton. We are awaiting Newark and Sherwoods' decision as to whether this can go ahead. Watch this space!

## **Are you on our Email List?**

Many residents of our three villages, that are not on Facebook, have joined the Cliftonites email list to ensure they are kept up to date with events and important announcements that affect our community. If you would like to be included, please contact Gill on 01522 778914 or email – [cliftonandspalfordnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonandspalfordnewsletter@gmail.com)

**Please get in touch if you wish to post a notice on this page in the next issue.**

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# South Clifton Parish Council

*Bindy Dadswell, on behalf of SCPC, has been attending meetings and keeping up to date with the new plans that J G Pears has submitted to Bassetlaw District Council. This is her report.*

## **This Impacts Our Community.....Please read on**

JG Pears the food processing giant has submitted plans to build a large packing plant and storage facility for poultry by-products on the former Low Marnham Power Station site. Pears acquired the decommissioned High Marnham Power Station in 2020 which is just up the road from their existing rendering facility on Low Marnham. The new facility will operate 24-7 and includes machines to crush and freeze product.

As the planning application is with Bassetlaw District Council our community is not a group that would normally be consulted on the project.

I feel strongly that it will have a significant impact on our community; increased noise and light pollution and not least the potential for more pong! There will be floodlight lighting on the outside of buildings and increased noise from machinery and vehicles. I am fairly sure that all in our community have experienced the smell at one time or another, it is likely that the new facility will increase the risk of strong odours.

Back in February I attended a meeting of 'Parishes Together' a group of parishes neighbouring the proposed development. We discussed the site, how it might impact us and how we would like Pears to consider our concerns.

There is no question this development will go ahead, we need to share our concerns with Pears and ask them to consider options to lessen the impact, communication is key. If as a community we stay silent without voicing our concerns as loudly as possible it will be too late!

You can view the detailed plans online, just Google "Bassetlaw planning portal". There are a number of other online resources you can access to understand the plans and what other communities are doing, search J G Pears Low Marnham and will find JG Pears own website which describes the plans as well as independent reports from Lincolnshire Live. There is also information on the Frampton Town Planning website, they are the consultants managing the planning application for Pears. Finally, there is a Facebook group J G Pear Campaign Group.

If you want to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Bindy Dadswell**

**Want to know more and have your say?**

**SCPC are planning to hold a meeting to discuss the way forward and invite all villagers to attend.**

**Please register your interest by contacting Bindy Dadswell**

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# Spring dates for your diary

There are regular weekly events in The Coronation Hall – see individual adverts in this newsletter. Here are details of the other events being held over the next three months. They are in the Coronation Hall unless stated otherwise.



## March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Barbell Burger at The Red Lion
- 8<sup>th</sup> – South Clifton Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Morning Worship 10.30am, St George the Martyr
- 14<sup>th</sup> – PATCH 7.15pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> – North Clifton Parish Meeting, Sports Pavilion, South Clifton 7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Paddock and Pitchfork Pizza at The Red Lion
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Quiz Night at The Red Lion 7pm for 8pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Holy Communion 9am, St George the Martyr
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Chow Pizza at The Red Lion



## April

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Coronation planning meeting 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Week Service 7.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday Service 10.30am, St George the Martyr
- 11<sup>th</sup> – PATCH 7.15pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Gourmazin at The Red Lion
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Fundraising Fashion Show at 2.15pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – South Clifton Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Said Holy Communion 10.30am, St George the Martyr
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Morning Worship 10.30am, St George the Martyr
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Paddock and Pitchfork Pizza at The Red Lion



## May

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Local Elections
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Kings Coronation events including The Coronation Ball 7pm-11pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Kings Coronation events including Coronation Big Lunch, Concert and Open Church
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Kings Coronation events including The Big Help Out
- 9<sup>th</sup> – PATCH 7.15pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Barbell Burger Van at The Red Lion
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Morning Worship 10.30am, St George the Martyr
- 17<sup>th</sup> – South Clifton Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Open Garden at Ivy Bank Cottage, South Clifton 1pm-5pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Coronation Hall AGM 7pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – BanZai That at The Red Lion
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Holy Communion 9am, St George the Martyr

## Future Events

- 4<sup>th</sup> June - Village Open Gardens 10am – 4pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – North Clifton Parish Meeting AGM 7.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Cream Teas, Holly House 2pm - 4.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> August – 80's Disco 6pm – 11pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> September – Annual Produce Show

