

THE CLIFTON AND SPALFORD

NEWSLETTER



NEW EDITOR NEEDED

This newsletter is produced, designed and distributed by a team of volunteers amongst the community.

Due to changes in circumstances a new editor is **NOW** needed.

If you, or anyone you know from the community would be interested in taking on this responsibility, please reach out to the Design Team on:

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THOUGHTS OF AUTUMN

In our close-knit community, autumn is more than just a change in the weather—it's a season of reflection, togetherness, and quiet transformation. As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, we find comfort in familiar rituals: sharing stories over steaming mugs, strolling beneath canopies of amber and gold, and gathering for harvest fairs that celebrate the fruits of our labour and the spirit of collaboration that defines village life. The rustle of leaves underfoot and the scent of woodsmoke drifting through the breeze remind us that change, though inevitable, can be gentle, beautiful, and grounding.

This time of year invites us to slow down and take stock—not only of our gardens and pantries, but of our relationships, our rhythms, and the ways we care for one another. Autumn isn't just a time for winding down; it's a season of gratitude and preparation. We'll explore ways to support each other through the colder months

Ahead. Whether it's knitting scarves for neighbours, stacking logs for winter fires, or planting bulbs in anticipation of spring's return, our shared care for this community continues to shape its heart and soul.

As hedgerows blaze with berries and fields settle into their winter rest after the energy of the harvest, let's take time to notice the quiet beauty all around us. Let's gather for bonfire nights, savour homemade soups, and celebrate the season that wraps our world in colour, comfort, and community. Autumn reminds us that even as nature retreats, connection deepens — and in that, there is warmth enough to carry us through.



SOUTH CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

SOUTH CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and making the most of the beautiful surroundings in and around our village. Here are the latest updates from South Clifton Parish Council:

TRENT VALE TRAIL

The Trent Vale Trail is now officially open to the public and has already been enjoyed by many walkers and cyclists. Signage is on the way and we're currently exploring the placement of a new bench along the trail to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Remember to keep safety in mind when using the trail and pay particular attention when exiting onto Coal Yard Lane if cycling as the road is used frequently by vehicles.

ONE EARTH SOLAR FARM

The proposed solar farm is currently in the examination phase. The first round of hearings took place throughout July, and the examining authority has now published their list of questions for Deadline 2, which is 21st August. South Clifton Parish Council will be submitting a response based on the information presented so far. August will also see an accompanied site inspection and several issue-specific hearings. The next phase, Deadline 3, is scheduled for September, offering an opportunity to review and comment on responses to the Deadline 2 questions. We'll continue to keep villagers informed as the process unfolds.

Remember: if you registered as an interested party, you have the right to make your voice heard and we encourage you to submit responses at the various stages should you wish. If you need any advice or support with this, speak to any of the parish councillors (listed alongside our contact details) who will be happy to help.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS GROUP

New "It's 30 for a reason" signs have been requested for the village, as the current ones are showing signs of wear. These will help reinforce safe driving speeds through South Clifton.

MILL FIELD PROJECT

Newark & Sherwood District Council will be taking on the management and maintenance of Mill Field. The included allotment spaces will be overseen by the South Clifton Mill Field group. We'll share further updates as the project progresses.

PEARS SMELL

The smell emitted by Pears can be particularly strong during the summer months. Please remember to report any occurrences to the Environment Agency by calling

0800 80 70 60 or reporting online at gov.uk/report-smell. It only takes a minute, but every report helps ensure the issue is properly recorded.

COAL YARD LANE ROAD CLOSURE

BT will be carrying out work to connect the pavilion to the internet. As a result, Coal Yard Lane will be closed on Thursday 4th September between 9:30am and 3:30pm. We expect access will still be possible for residents, but we'll confirm this closer to the date.

FLOOD RESILIENCE STORE

Thanks to a further grant, our flood resilience store is now well stocked with sandbags and other supplies. It is being actively managed by our village flood wardens.

VILLAGE WHATSAPP GROUP – CRIME & SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

A controlled WhatsApp group has been set up to quickly report any potential crime or suspicious activity. Many residents have already joined. If you'd like to be added, please contact Adam Faux on 07976 099524.

DOG MESS

We're still seeing too many instances of dog mess around the village. With more visitors using the Trent Vale Trail and children playing on the sports field, it's more important than ever to clean up after your dogs. If you walk your dog off-lead, please keep them in sight and monitor them closely. Let's all do our part to keep South Clifton clean and welcoming.

UPCOMING SCPC MEETINGS

Our next meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 9th September

Tuesday 28th October

Tuesday 9th December

All meetings start at 7:30pm in Coronation Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

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NORTH CLIFTON PARISH MEETING

NORTH CLIFTON PARISH UPDATE

The Parish held its annual parish meeting on June 19th at the village hall where 20 people attended. The village chose to re-elect all officers en-bloc, with no one else offering to step in so for the following year they are, Chair, James Radley, Vice Chair Peter Brumpton, Treasurer Jane Radley, Minute taker, Bex Walker, Planning officer, David White, Strategic flood warden, Dr Andy Hughes, Operational flood wardens, Peter Brumpton and Peter Watson, Safer neighbourhoods group rep, Dr Andy Hughes and village fishing Bailiff Terry Baxter. There are also several other roles that whilst not elected are worthy of mention and for which we should thank. Dave Sanders for planting and the upkeep of the planters on the green, and for treating the village seats with wood preserver. John Ravenscroft for diligently keeping the green in order, Maggie Firth and Sharon Rose for door knocking in relation to flooding and adopting the green, Beccy Chell for maintaining the Defibrillator and a hand full of unnamed volunteers who turn out to litter pick, cut bits of grass verge and report issues and generally make the village a nicer place to be. Thank you and well done to all concerned. (I just hope I haven't forgotten anyone)!

Meeting dates and venues for the following year were agreed as follows:

September 18th Parish meeting at the village hall

November 27th Parish meeting/fixing the precept, at the sports pavilion.

November 29th/30th Christmas tree installation

December 16th Carols on the Green

December 18th Fall back date for COTG in case of bad weather

March 19th Parish meeting at the sports pavilion

June 20th Parish AGM

June 27th Provisional Date for the summer party

At the business meeting after the AGM the village agreed to install signs on the fishing pegs at the bottom of Trent lane, indicating the pegs were for villagers only. This has now been done and Terry Baxter and Ian Chell have been monitoring activity. I

understand unauthorised fishing is starting to drop off so maybe we are starting to get the message across.

On 5th July the Arts group held, what is now an annual arts festival. It was estimated that over 400 people visited the event and viewed work from about 20 local artists. A fantastic event for such a small village and a fitting tribute to the talent we have living in our community.

In the evening the venue hosted the annual village party, A slightly different format to last year where the emphasis was on family fun games. This year the format revolved around a band performing some rock a billy style music. It was well attended with about 50 people listening and joining in up to closing time. Thanks to the Arts group for covering the cost of the band, the Red Lion for providing an outside bar and June and Peter Croft for allowing the village to use their land. It should be noted that none of the costs associated with the Arts festival or the party came from the Parish Rates, it was all from stall rents, sponsorship and a couple of grants obtained by the Arts group.



FUTURE EVENTS

September 18th Parish meeting in the village hall

November 27th Parish meeting in the sports pavilion

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR CHURCH – NORTH & SOUTH CLIFTON

ST GEORGE THE MARTYR CHURCH

A great big thank you!

After a record-breaking year of fundraising events, we are very pleased to tell you that, because of your generosity, we will be able to carry out urgent repairs to the listed entrance gate of our beautiful church.

Following the delightful Open Gardens event in South Clifton we were treated to the North Clifton Arts Festival. These events were great successes and both kindly sponsored the church and for this all associated with St George's are really grateful. Not forgetting the Red Lion quiz team winners who have recently donated their prize money to us. Thank you all so much.

We would not be able to stay open without your support so, to say thank you there are two events coming up which you are cordially invited to. On Saturday 13th September we will be opening the church for the day for you to appreciate, first-hand, the fascinating local history of this 13th Century building. Pop in anytime from 10am to 4pm and have a go at our 'Treasure Hunt' designed to unlock the past in a fun way. Refreshments will be available.

Secondly, on 28th September we will be holding our annual 'Harvest Thanksgiving Service'. This year we will follow the service with a brunch, in church, to say a big thank you to all of you who have given your time to support us over the past year. You are all most welcome. The service starts at 10.30am and the brunch will follow immediately afterwards.

Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be on Sunday 9th November 2025 at 10.45am.

Mick Cobham

Church Warden



AUTUMN WALK

NORTH CLIFTON CIRCULAR

Distance – approx. 4 3/4 miles (7.6km)

(2 hours)

OS Explorer Maps 271

Gentle easy walk on flat tracks

and field paths

As this maybe the penultimate walk for the newsletter, we thought we would travel some well walked paths for those newer than us to the villages.

1. The walk starts at the St George the Martyr Church between North and South Clifton.

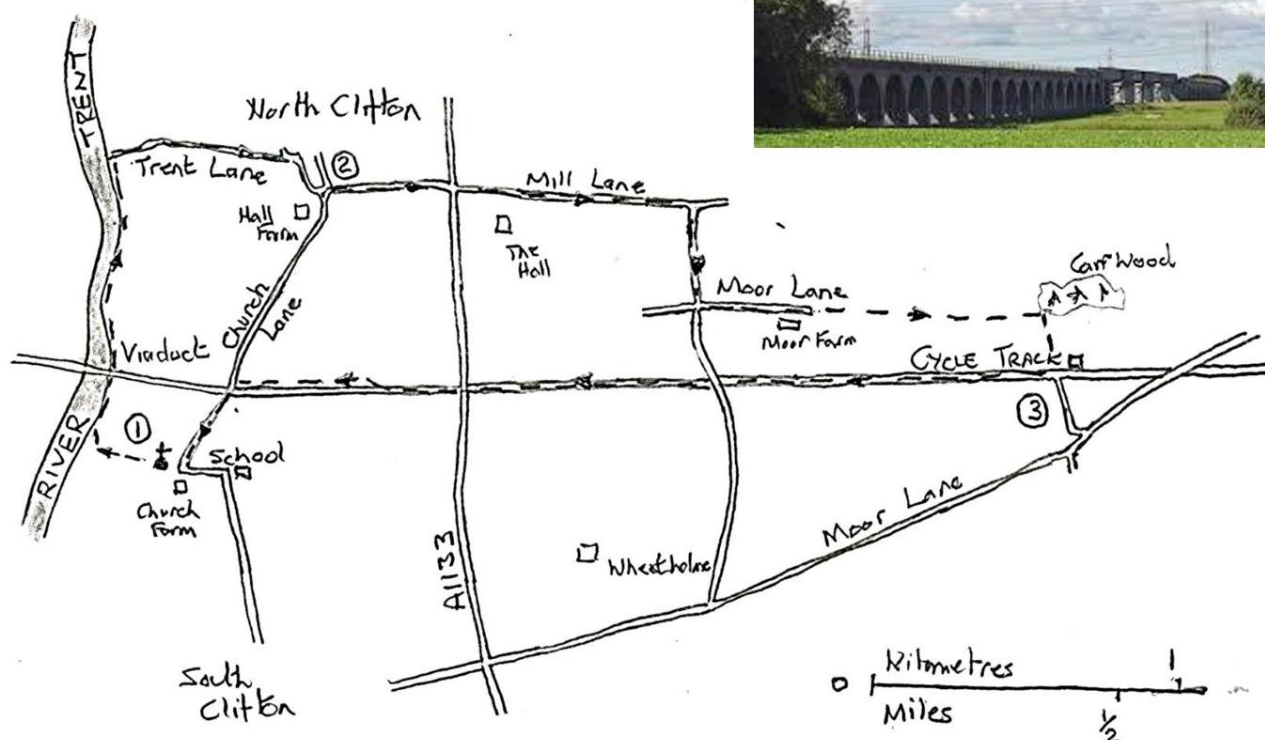
Walk through the iron gates and along the church path, pass the church porch and continue along the grass path, under a couple of trees to meet a kissing gate. Go through the gate and follow the path through a couple of horse paddocks and 2 further kissing gate to arrive at the riverbank. Be aware of any electric fences on route. Climb up the bank, turn right and walk along, passing under the viaduct for about 1/2 mile until reaching a lane on your right. Walk along this lane into North Clifton.



2. Continue along this lane through the village, passing the now closed Japanese

garden, on reaching the village green, go passed the bus stop and head for the main road (A1133). Cross this road with care, continue along this lane, following it as it turns right, at the T junction, turn left passing a farm, the lane will become a field path, continue on this as it turns right, there is a small dwelling on your left and you will meet the Sustrans cycle route 64.

3. Turn right walk about 1 1/4 miles along the track passing under a bridge, then the old Clifton railway station on your left, continue under another bridge (A1133), shortly after there is a signpost and take the path on the right, this runs parallel along the cycle track and slowly descends to Church Lane. Pass through the metal gate (usually open) and turn left back to the Church.





CORONATION HALL

An update on the car park lighting, we have invited some local companies to provide quotes to light up the car park and have applied for grants to assist in funding this project, watch this space!

In scorching July, Mike & Deb opened up their garden to host their annual Cream Teas, borrowing some extra seating and parasols which were needed!

We sold 83 scones, resulting in selling out before the event finished! Deb has promised to make more next year.

The Fun Quiz had 3 joint winners, all getting 100% correct and the final winner's name drawn, was Sara Chambers, with runners up Alison Biddle & Grant and Sue Dickson – well done to all those who had a go.

Total raised was £543 and the committee would like to thank all those who supported us. Hopefully, see you all again next year.

Autumn Market Sunday 12th October ~ 11am to 3pm

Refreshments will be available, bacon or sausage baps, biscuits, tea or coffee.

A chance to purchase from some very local talented people and this year we will have a cake stall too. There is always something for everyone – maybe get that 'Not on the High Street' Christmas present for someone special.....



Christmas Dinner Dance ~ Saturday 6th December 7pm for 7.30pm to 11.30pm

This is a popular event, and we already have 5 booked before we went to press! To make things easier this year there is a booking form, please see details in this newsletter. The committee look forward to seeing you there.



Fashion Show ~ 18th April 2026

The popular fashion show will be returning next year – come along and grab yourself a bargain or two!

Dates

for your diary.



Red Lion Bar
South Clifton

August

15th Rocco BBQ
19th **Pub Quiz**
22nd Time & Plaice
29th Chow Pizza

October

3rd Time & Plaice
10th Fat Eddies
21st **Pub Quiz**
24th Rocco BBQ

December

5th Fat Eddies
16th **Pub Quiz**
19th Time & Plaice

September

12th Fat Eddies
16th **Pub Quiz**
26th George is Cooking

November

7th Mac & Cheese
18th **Pub Quiz**
21st George is Cooking

Bar Opening Times

**Food Van Nights – 5.30pm/Non Food Nights –
6pm**

SOUTH CLIFTON REFILL STATION

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your support, our not-for-profit business continues to go from strength to strength.

We're open every Saturday from 10am to 12 noon with our pop-up cafe and refill station. While you sample our homemade cakes, and have a cup of coffee, we will prepare your refill order – the earlier you arrive, the better the choice of cakes!

We have also introduced a free monthly raffle for all you refillers, every time you buy products from us, we will give you a raffle ticket to be entered into that month's draw for a goody bag of our products – the more times you shop, the more tickets you will receive – good luck!

We wanted to give you a quick update on recycling, there are now so many easy ways to do this: By taking your soft plastic to your local supermarket, putting your old clothes in the clothes bank at Coronation Hall, taking old spectacles and sunglasses to the opticians and for insulin pens, ask for a Pencycle box. Collingham Pharmacist has boxes for recycling too, so why not check them out. Boots will take your blister packs – you need to download the Recycle at Boots app before going to your local store, then when you deposit 5 or more packs in one go, the bonus is you receive 500 advantage card points when you spend over £10 within 3 days off doing your recycling. For electrical goods, check out

www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk.

Don't forget to put your used batteries in a clear bag on top of your green bin when you put it out and we will also continue to take your used stamps in the pavilion too.

We have some new dog pooh bags in stock – they are made from recycled sea plastic waste and oyster shells - £1.60 a roll of 20. They are biodegradable too.

We will have a stall at Collingham Show on Saturday 20th September and also at the Autumn Market in the Coronation Hall on Sunday 12th October, so why not come along and see what we have to offer to help you make one or two simple swaps to reduce your plastic use?

We look forward to seeing you again soon

Best wishes

The Refill Team



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6th December 2025*

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Please take your empties home as the hall no longer has recycling facilities ~ thank you

To book your place contact Mike or Deb Coleman

(01522 778262) or Adam Faux (0797 6099524)

email ~ enquiries@southcliftonhall.org

Booking forms available from above or website

*As this is a popular event, places not confirmed until
payment received, taking payments from 1st September*

*A playlist is compiled for the disco, each person
when booking can request one song.*

Payments can be made by BACS to 'South Clifton Coronation Hall'

Sort code 05-06-22 Account 50376514 or Cash to Deb Coleman (Holly House, Front Street, South Clifton) or Adam Faux (The Rectory, Front Street, South Clifton)

SOUTH CLIFTON CORONATION HALL



Christmas Dinner Dance Booking Form

South Clifton Coronation Hall

*Main Course is Traditional Turkey Roast with all the trimmings
a vegetarian option is available, please let us know when booking.*

Starter options

- 1. Pate with onion relish & melba toast*
- 2. Homemade Vegetable Quiche & salad garnish*

Dessert options - all served with or without cream

- 1. Trillionaire Tart*
- 2. Homemade Lemon Cheesecake*
- 3. Strawberry & Cream Roulade (Gluten free)*
- 4. Homemade Chocolate Brownie*

Dessert choice is optional ~ you can select on the night from what is remaining

<i>Name</i>	<i>Starter Option No.</i>	<i>Dessert Option No.</i>	<i>Optional - Song Request (title and singer/group)</i>

Contact details -

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Please return completed forms to Mike & Deb at Holly House, Front Street, South Clifton or Adam at The Rectory, Front Street, South Clifton or via email enquiries@southcliftonhall.org Thank you

NORTH CLIFTON ARTS FESTIVAL

THE NORTH CLIFTON ARTS FESTIVAL — A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

At the beginning of July North Clifton held its second arts festival. It was a wonderful celebration of local creativity and community spirit. Crofts Meadow is the name we have affectionately given the patch of grass on the corner of Back street and Trent lane, and the event was held here by Kind permission of Mr and Mrs P Croft. It provided the perfect setting for the event, with plenty of space for several marquees, seating areas and play areas for children. Fortunately it was a warm and sunny day, even if the wind was a little challenging.



Visitors enjoyed the 19 interesting and high quality stalls, showcasing the talents of local wood turners, potters, felt and stained glass makers, along with a silver jewellery maker who had a demonstration table. There was of course our very own village talent of pastel, oil and watercolour artists to complete the line

up. This was the starting point for the festival two years ago. The watercolour taster table had a few takers, but a few more pairs of hands to help and hold things down would have helped us against the wind.

The village school provided the fun and games for the younger generation while the Church held a raffle and had an informative display about the stained glass windows. Live music from Magpies and Posted notes added a lively ambience. Local wildlife was the theme for the competition and the results were eagerly



awaited. In some age groups there was a clear winner, but 7 to 11 provided the judges with a greater challenge! Our winners each received gift vouchers from Hills Art shop in Newark, who part sponsored the competition. Congratulations to Bowie, Theo, Matilda and William in the junior categories and Georgia,



NORTH CLIFTON ARTS FESTIVAL

Dreya, Kirsty and Paul in the senior age group. Thank you to everyone who entered.

As the festival concluded it naturally morphed into a summer party which all the locals were invited to join. With a beer and a burger in hand, groups gathered, chatting and singing along to Alex and John's folk tunes. This provided a little breathing space before Drop the Accent upped the anti with a couple of hours of rock music to finish the evening off.



Next year it will be a week earlier, Saturday 27th June. Hope to see you there.

Organising an event like this takes much planning throughout the year and isn't possible without an army of volunteers, who with their families, willingly gave their time over the weekend. We had sponsorship help too from local businesses, organisations and the county council as well as profit from selling sausage rolls and donated cakes. We thank you all who helped or supported us, in any way.



The Collingham Show 2025

Join us for a fantastic celebration of rural life, community spirit, and family fun at this year's Collingham Show!

 **Date:** Saturday, 20th September 2025

 **Location:** Larksfield, Newark Road, Collingham, NG23 7RD by kind permission of the Sheldon family

 **Time:** Gates open from 9:00am

What's On?

-  **Ploughing Competitions** – watch skilled individuals in action
-  **Livestock Displays** – meet cattle, sheep, and more
-  **Equestrian Events** – showjumping, pony classes, and more
-  **Horticulture Tent** – showcasing homegrown and handmade items
-  **Trade Stands & Craft Stalls** – browse local produce, crafts & rural goods
-  **Dog Show** – fun classes for all breeds and their proud owners
-  **Heavy Horses** – majestic displays of working horse power
-  **Vintage Vehicles & Tractors** – classic engines on display
-  **Plashing** – traditional rural skills in action
-  **Food & Drink** – local food vendors, beer tent & refreshments
-  **Family Fun** – children's activities, live entertainment & more!

Main Ring Events

-  **Tug of War** – cheer on the teams in this crowd favourite showdown
-  **Misselchalk Gun Dogs** – thrilling gundog demonstrations
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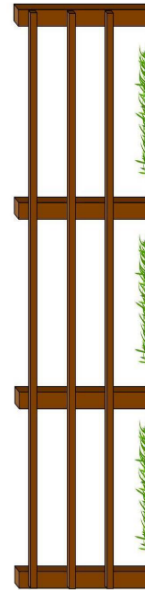
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Due to change in personal circumstances our current Editor has stepped down with immediate effect. This will either be the very last issue of the newsletter, unless anyone would like to step forward to take the Editor's reins. This task is not ominous, as Finance, Printing and Distribution are taken care of by others.

As most will know the newsletter is issued 4 times a year, beginning of March, June, September and December, with the deadline for articles and adverts 2 weeks prior.

A third of the newsletter contains regular advertisers and the remaining is made up of article and adverts from locals, that just need to be copied and pasted into the template. Currently the newsletter is prepared using Word but if somebody would like to change that for alternative software, this would not be a problem.

Anyone interested, training would be given and you will receive support from the existing team members.

Any interested parties, please contact Mike or Deb on villagenewletter@btinternet.com



AUTUMN DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES¹

There are regular weekly events in The Coronation Hall in South Clifton – see individual adverts in this newsletter. Here are details of the other events being held over the Autumn and into Winter. The Coronation Hall at South Clifton is available for hire.

SEPTEMBER

- 09th – 1930hrs – South Clifton Parish Council Meeting – South Clifton Coronation Hall
- 12th – 1700hrs – Fat Eddies Food Van – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 13th – History Day at St. George the Martyr Church
- 16th – Pub Quiz – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 18th – North Clifton Parish Meeting – Village Hall
- 20th – Collingham Show
- 26th – George is Cooking Food Van – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 28th – Harvest Thanksgiving Service – St George the Martyr Church

OCTOBER

- 03rd – Time & Plaice Food Van – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 10th – Fat Eddies Food Van – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 12th – Autumn Craft Market
- 21st – Pub Quiz – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 24th – Rocco BBQ Food Van – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 25th – Autumn Bash
- 28th – 1930hrs – South Clifton Parish Council Meeting – South Clifton Coronation Hall

NOVEMBER

- 07th – Mac & Cheese Food Van – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 09th – Remembrance Sunday Service – St. George the Martyr Church
- 18th Pub Quiz – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 21st – George is Cooking Food Van – Red Lion Bar South Clifton
- 27th – North Clifton Parish Meeting – Sports Pavilion
- 29th / 30th – North Clifton Christmas Tree Installation

FUTURE DATES

- 05th December – Fat Eddies Food Van
- 06th December – Christmas Dinner Dance
- 16th December – Pub Quiz
- 16th December – Carols on the Green – North Clifton
- 18th December – Backup date for Carols on the Green in case of inclement weather
- 19th December – Time & Plaice Food Van

¹ All dates, times and locations correct at time of publication