

Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the thirty-fifth 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 and house address to helen.elliott4@btinternet.com

Telephone Kiosks

For those who are not aware the Parish Council has adopted the telephone kiosks in Clifton Campville and Haunton. You may have noticed refurbishment has started on the kiosks. Thanks to the volunteers who are involved in this work. Does anybody have any ideas of what the kiosks can be used for other than moving the defibrillator?

Dog Fouling

A polite reminder to all dog owners to please pick up after your dogs, the dog waste bags can go into any black bin in the village if you are not in the vicinity of a proper dog waste bin. Thank you.

Neighbourhood Watch

There has been an increase in crime in the parish recently. Please report anything suspicious to the police and ensure vehicles and properties are left secure and without valuables on display. Performance cars and tools have been particularly targeted.

You can register on the Staffordshire Smart Alert web site for emails detailing local incidents on <http://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/register.htm>

Matthew Ellis Police & Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire attended the Parish Council meeting on 11th July to hear our concerns regarding rural policing.

Matthew is seeking volunteers for the Safer Neighbourhood Panel if you are interested please look at www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/volunteer

Police and Fire Consultation 10 July - 4 September 2017

Matthew also promoted the following link urging parishioners to have their say on shaping the future of the police and fire service.

Have your say www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/have-your-say

The parish council are currently working in conjunction with Matthew Ellis to tackle speeding motorists in our parish and hope to report some positive steps in our next newsletter.

Bromford Housing Main Street/Lullington Road - Regeneration

The parish council raised the concerns of parishioners to Bromford housing about their proposed development on Main Street/ Lullington Road junction. No formal planning application has been made at this time and we await their response

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

Coneyberry Millennium Green Trust

The background to the Green...

In 1997 the Parish Council took out a loan to purchase land adjacent to Chestnut Lane in Clifton Campville in anticipation of receiving funding to create a millennium green. Grants were secured from the Millennium Commission, the Countryside Commission and several other providers to repay the Parish Council and to carry out groundwork on the site. The whole project cost in excess of £70,000.

In 1998 the Coneyberry Millennium Green Trust, a registered charity, was formed to assume ownership and management of the Green. The founder Trustees were: Beverley Field, Marilyn Davis, Tony Jones, Ray Brisco and Bob Patchett.

The Millennium Greens initiative set out to provide new areas of public open space close to people's homes that could be enjoyed permanently by the local community, in time to mark the start of the third millennium. They were to be breathing spaces - places for relaxation, play and enjoyment of nature and pleasant surroundings. They could be small or large, and in urban or rural locations

Whilst the object of the creation was for the Greens to last in perpetuity, the Greens are reliant on local volunteers to keep going and not all volunteer-run trusts survived.

Our Green...

Our Coneyberry Millennium Green has, over the years, gone from strength to strength - something that should make the whole community proud.

There are many ways in which people can help - **you can become a Trustee** and have a say in the overall development and direction of the Green. The Trustees are currently finalising plans to create a new Fruit and Nut Grove this autumn and are looking at ways of improving the main entrance - both in terms of secure access and visibility splays.

You can **join our 'Friends of the Green'** - receiving a couple of newsletters per year and helping out where you can on Working Parties and maintenance tasks. Four working parties are planned each year - Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The focus of each is different - as an example last winter we worked on the woodland area coppicing some of the hazels, removing low branches, clearing cherry suckers and removing some of the unwanted saplings.

Some of our volunteers prefer to **take responsibility for one particular area** - like regularly mowing the playground area, or strimming a specific area.

If you can spare the odd hour or so we have a job for you - you don't have to have specialist knowledge or to have any specialist tools or equipment.

The Green takes a lot of upkeep - to help please contact Liz on 373735 or Clive on 373352

The Parish Council provide some funding each year but we are heavily reliant on other fund raising activities. The main fund-raising event is the Country Fair, which is run in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee. **You can help by supporting the fair** - lots of roles for volunteers both in the planning and on the days running up to the fair.

Next year's fair will be on Saturday 9th June 2018. If you have any ideas or suggestions for next year or if you would like to be a member of the Organizing Committee please contact Sue Wadham on 373814.

For more information about the Trust and its work please speak to one of the Millennium Green Trustees. If you are interested and would like more specific information about the role of a Trustee please contact the secretary, Sue Wadham, on 373814

The current Trustees are:

Clive Boydell (Treasurer), Steve Bradley, Liz Ellis (Chairman), Debbie Fulbrook (Vice Chairman), David Lodge, Bob Patchett (Communications Officer), Lorna Robinson, Sue Wadham (Secretary)

2017 Country Fair

The final figures are now confirmed - we made over £6,700 profit of which just over £800 has been reinvested in the purchase of a new marquee and some tables. The money is shared equally by the Millennium Green Trust and the Village Hall and both organisations have agreed to donate £300 each from their share towards the Church's current fund raising efforts. A huge effort on the part of everyone involved - thank you to all who helped and supported the event.

The introduction this year of the 'Live on the Green' event in the evening was welcomed by everyone ... with many suggesting not only that this should be repeated next year but that we could run more evening family events like this during the year. We are currently looking at that suggestion but it is very dependent on having volunteers to help out.

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News from St Andrew's Church

Future events

Ride and Stride September 9th - Annual event where walkers/cyclists and riders visit local churches. Sponsorship forms are available for participants, supporting local churches. This year includes a Guided walk from Whittington via Elford, Edingale, Harlaston, and Haunton to Clifton led by Staffs Historic Churches Trust. Mease Valley churches will be open for tea/coffee/biscuits and Clifton will provide tea/cake and lifts back to Whittington late afternoon. Volunteers please!

Harvest Festival and Lunch - Sunday 1 October, following Family Service and Auction of produce for Water Aid. Volunteers needed to cook and serve tasty lunches. Charge of £10 (children/family concessions).

Volunteers needed to help keep the Church and churchyard clean and tidy - contact Martin on 01827 373533 if you can offer any help.

St Andrew's Advent Festival - Discovering Angels and Saints: 1-3 December.

Enjoy Angel Trail displays with make-an-angel workshop activities, and also featuring St Andrew, S Chad etc. plus Queen and Duke's Platinum Wedding Anniversary.

The weekend will include something for all ages, with St Andrew's Church Café lunches; workshops, Special evening opening with wine/food/music to include St. Andrew's Grand Christmas Draw on Saturday 2nd, and on Sunday 3rd - a special patronal family service; plus late afternoon concert to end the Festival.

Following the copper theft, our church is now in very urgent need of financial help, from people to suggest/undertake fund-raising events in 2017/18, and from regular giving. We also welcome more contributions to the **Tower Project Fund** (we are almost halfway there!). However the known costs of repair to the Lady Chapel Roof, which was stripped of copper, pose a serious challenge, which the church's insurer will only meet in part.

Mease Valley Parish News

To order your copy delivered directly to your door for only £8 per year, to submit an article for publication or to place an advert in the magazine email: measevalleynews@gmail.com

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)

Dates of Visits 2017 - 2018

Green Man Clifton Campville 11.30 - 12.30

2017 - 8 August, 29 August, 19 September, 10 October, 31 October, 21 November, 12 December

2018 - 2 January, 23 January, 13 February, 6 March, 27 March

Parish Councillors and contact details 2017

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The Parish Council meeting dates are 12th September & 14th 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

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