

Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the thirty-seventh 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

Working Party

We are organising a working party Sunday 22nd April at 11am to tackle some of the odd jobs around the parish. To volunteer your services if you can spare a few hours please contact helen.elliott4@btinternet.com or let one of the parish councillors know. This will be followed with a well-earned drink in the pub afterwards. There will be a range of jobs suitable for all capabilities.

Neighbourhood Watch

Please be extra vigilant as there has been an increase in break ins recently please report any suspicious activity immediately to Staffordshire police on 101 or 999 in the case of an emergency.

Also a reminder to residents, please do not leave any unwanted items outside your property in the 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.

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

Speed Awareness Signs

The Parish Council are currently working to tackle speeding motorists in our parish. We are in the process of purchasing two mobile speed activated signs, which can be sited in four locations around the parish. We now have permission from the council on the agreed locations for the signs and have received quotes from approved contractors for the ground works. We are currently negotiating the cost of the signs and will update parishioners as soon as we have finalised this.

Community Speedwatch

The Parish Council would like to thank Clive Boydell for his hard work organising the speed watch over the past years. Clive has now stepped down and Sarah Dawson has taken on the role.

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

Thank you

The parish council would like to offer its gratitude to Louis Cleveley for representing the community at the Lichfield planning committee meeting.

Litter Pick

The annual litter pick took place on Saturday 10th March, many thanks to all those who took part in a very successful event. A large amount of litter was collected including tyres, a microwave and a rubbish bin! All volunteers returned to the village hall afterwards for a well-earned cup of tea and a piece of cake.

Millennium Green Trust

Fruit and Nut Grove

Those of you who have braved the snow and bitter winds to venture up on the Green over the past couple of months will see that the Fruit and Nut Grove has now been planted up against the church hedge. We are now

eagerly awaiting the spring for the leaves and potential blossom to show, making the grove a welcome addition to the green.

Much work has been done on the green over the last few months, with the clearing of the copse by Chestnut Lane, the cutting of the hedges and brambles and the clearing of the hedge up against the churchyard. Many thanks to all who have helped with these tasks. Should anyone wish to get involved with helping maintain the green, or have any ideas for functions and events they would like to see held on the green, please contact a member of the trust and the relevant trust member will get back to you.

The next date for a working party will be on Saturday 14th April between 10am and 1pm. If you're free, bring yourselves and a pair of sturdy garden gloves, - - - there's plenty to do and you would be made very welcome. You don't have to be physically fit, just willing!!

Dogs

The issue around dogs on the green unfortunately has still been causing some concern. It has been noticed recently that the amount of fouling has increased over the winter months. Please can we remind all dog owners to keep your eye on your dog(s) and pick up after them? This way, we can all enjoy the health benefits of the green. Indeed, not just on the green, but throughout the village. There have been several dog related incidents as well on the green recently. We would like to repeat our advice that anyone confronted with aggressive and threatening loose dogs report this to the police as well as letting the trust know by contacting Liz Ellis on 373735. We are now keeping a record of these, to monitor the situation.

Please also remember that if your dog has a tendency to be unfriendly towards other dogs, please keep it under control and on its lead, when others are about. Also, remember that if your dog is involved in an altercation, be civil to the other dog owner. Most of these encounters are accompanied by a lot of noise and bared teeth and look very frightening, but with very little, if any injury to the dogs involved. It's a very emotional and traumatic event for all concerned and should recompense need to be discussed, you will find it easier to resolve the situation without shouting.

AGM

The AGM for the Millennium Green Trust will be held on Wednesday May 23rd 2018 at 7.30pm in the village hall. Members of the public are most welcome to attend and we'd be very pleased to see you there. Cheese and Wine will be provided for afterwards.

The current Trustees are:

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

News from St Andrew's Church - March 2018

Good news the building work is commencing on the Lady Chapel Roof, to replace the copper that was stolen with coated steel week commencing 19th March which is exciting after a year of fundraising and seeking permissions. We are also looking to appoint a new church warden and PCC secretary at the end of April. Martin and Margaret Browne will step down after many years service. We are so very grateful to them and we are looking forward to seeing who would like to work alongside John our Rector as a Church Warden and Deputy Warden (previously, the late Mrs Chris Green served as deputy). Please speak to John (revjohngrice@gmail.com) if you would like to offer any help whatsoever, on Sundays or otherwise.

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

Clifton Campville Village Hall

Clifton Campville Community Coffee Shop



You will see from the attached flyer that the village is to have a coffee shop, which is very exciting. To make this work well we need enough teams of volunteers and cake makers so that everyone only has a turn once every 6 weeks or so.

We need 2 people per week to set up and run the coffee shop and 2/3 people per week to bake a cake (costs can be reclaimed).

We already have some volunteers for both teams but do need some more to make the coffee shop run properly and become a real hub for everyone on Monday mornings.

Please call Pat Moore on 07914377234 or email amoore49@btinternet.com if you can give some time to help.

In any event, we would love to see you in the coffee shop enjoying a Monday morning treat !!
Thank you

Clifton Campville Community Coffee Shop



Join us for a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake, and a friendly chat - all for only £2

Each Monday beginning 9th April - 10am till 12 noon

Everyone welcome

(Dog and family friendly)

Come along to the Village Hall on Church Street and if you're stuck for a lift just call us and we'll try to help out. Pat Green: 01827373357

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 2018

Green Man Clifton Campville 11.30 - 12.30

2018 - 27 March

Parish Councillors and contact details 2018

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Sarah Dawson	373399	Robert Pugh	63968
Debbie Fulbrook	07463 702847		

The Parish Council meeting dates are 8th May AGM at 7.30pm, 10th July, 11th September and 13th November 2018 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.

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