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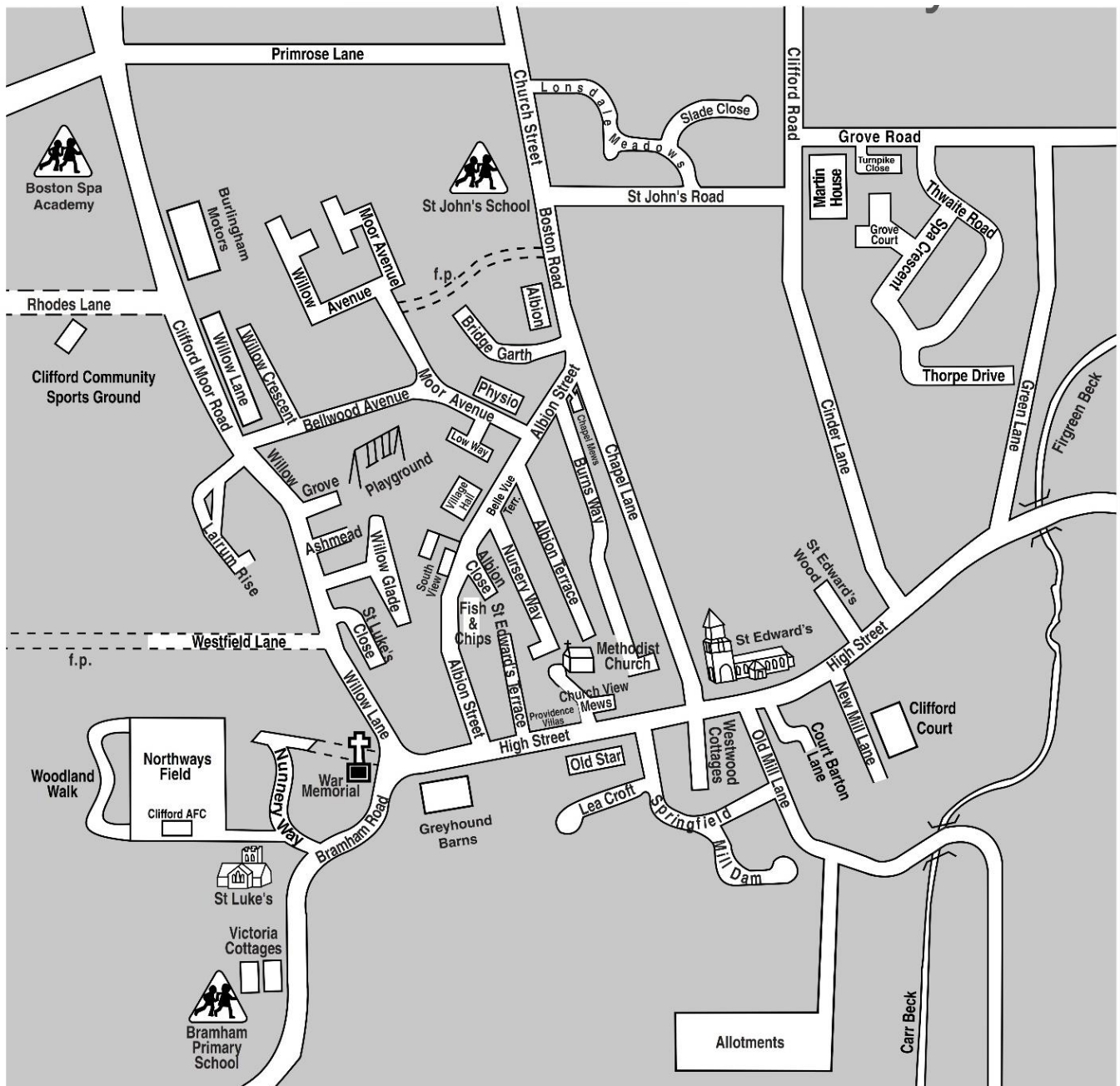
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Clifford Parish Council

Meetings are normally held in Clifford Village Hall
normally commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in place
Meetings will take place via zoom. Go to www.clifford-pc.org.uk for full
details

Members of the public are entitled to be present,
attendance by residents is warmly welcomed and contributions
encouraged

Meeting dates for 2021

20 January, 17 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 21 July,
August – no meeting, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November and 15
December

Any changes to these dates will be published in OUTLOOK.

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From the Parish Council – December 2020 Meeting

Public Participation The public are entitled to be present at Parish Council Meeting and the public participation session allows them to raise any issues about the parish. The agenda, and minutes of past meeting, are available at www.clifford-pc.org.uk Please email clerk@clifford-pc.org.uk for further information or go to www.clifford-pc.org.uk

Meetings will take place via zoom, once it is safe to do so public meetings will resume in the Village Hall. Meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: 17 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 21 July, August- no meeting, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November, and 15 December

Clifford War Memorial was erected in May 1921. It is Grade II listed and is a focal point in Clifford. Subject to permission from Leeds City Council, the Parish Council plans to improve the site in time for its centenary. The improvements will include installing a footpath in front of the memorial and returfing the area.



2021/2022 Budget The council considered the draft budget for 2021/2022. It is proposed that £15,000 is spend on improving the facilities at St Edwards Wood to include seating, additional planting and a slide. The Parish Council is committed to improving road safety in Clifford. It is proposed that £10,000 is allocated to purchase 3 more Speed Indication Devices. Suggested locations are Clifford Moor Road near the end of Rhodes Lane, Boston Road near the junction with St John's Road and the Albion Pub. These projects will be funded by money from the Shires Grove Community Infrastructure Levy. The budget will be reviewed and approved at the January meeting of the council.

Removal of BT phone kiosk Residents may have noticed that the phone box on the High Street has been removed. The Parish Council were not notified of the application but understands BT applied for it to be removed on the grounds of low usage. The Parish Council is establishing who will be responsible for maintaining the site.

Tree Survey The council has commissioned a survey of the trees at Northways and St Edwards wood to identify any work required to ensure that the trees are safe.

Contacting the Parish Council

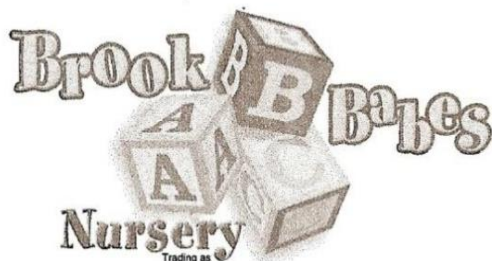
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Clifford Local History Group

Clifford Mill Pond or Mill Dam

The mill pond was created in the 1850s to provide a source of power for the high breast-shot millwheel which still stands beside the road in Old Mill Lane. It was used to power the saw mill until 1952.

Villagers skated on the frozen pond in severe winters.



1912



1936

More recently there were swans on the mill pond.



1950s The sluice gate operated the water flow under the road to the millwheel.

Intriguing tales of 18th century silverware and their owners

Linton Antique Society's Zoom presentation on Thursday 11 February at 8.00pm is by Ralph Hoyle who will talk about various mid-eighteenth century pieces of silverware and reveal the adventures of their owners.

Join the Society to get access to this meeting and the rest of this season's programme, which goes on until May. Visit www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk and apply for membership using the online application form.

NEXT MEETING: 11 March, 8.00pm *Antique Road Show's* Lars Tharp on *Harlots, Rakes and Crashing China*.



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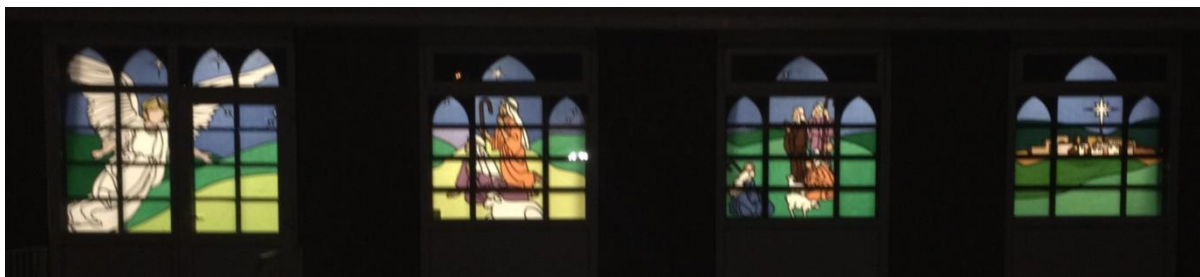
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OUT AND ABOUT IN CLIFFORD

ADVENT WINDOWS



What a splendid display we had in the village over the festive season. The village responded in good numbers to the call for displaying advent windows. The largest display was in the windows of the schoolroom at the Methodist church (above). Individual householders were very inventive in their displays including, at one stop, a video of a family's preparations for Christmas itself. There were lots more in a wide variety of displays but it would be invidious to pick out only one or two of them. They ranged from nativity scenes with angels, shepherds and wise men in abundance, lots of snowy landscapes, snowmen, winter sports, Santa Clauses, reindeers (some with prominent red noses), astronomy and druids.

There were displays in Old Mill Lane, Springfield, Mill Dam, High Street, Chapel Lane, Bridge Garth, Bell Vue Terrace, Chapel Mews, Nursery Way, Bowcliffe Mews, Nunnery Way, Albion Street, Willow Lane, Glade and Crescent.

Outside of the organised display, it was wonderful to walk down these and other streets and see how many trees, hedges and railings in front gardens were adorned with lights. People were clearly keen to share their festive lighting with everyone and brighten up the village as a whole. One house where the new occupants arrived only a few weeks beforehand was taking part; they were obviously feeling part of our community very quickly. It all helped to brighten up what was inevitably going to be a rather dull December with all the effects of Covid taking the shine off the normal festivities. We can truly say that, in Clifford, the virus didn't completely stop our celebrations.

Huge thanks are due to Elizabeth Reading and Emma Maughan for their hard work and success inspiring so many people to take part.

NEW YEAR

Restrictions meant that there were very few gatherings to welcome in 2021. In one or two streets neighbours gathered in the street (obeying social distancing protocol) to be with each other briefly and raise a glass or two in hope of a better year to come. There were sounds and sightings of a few fireworks to welcome in the first year of the new decade. Yes! – that's right: the new decade starts on 1st January of the year with a 1 in it. Although many of us will remember the wonderful party we had at the Village Hall starting on 31st December 1999 and ending in the early hours of 1st January 2000, we were actually a year early in celebrating the start of the new Millennium. We were really just marking the use of the number 2 as the first digit in our year dates. So writes a pedant.



THE ORIGIN OF DOUBLE GLAZING?

Passing by one of the older buildings in the village, recently changed hands, it was noticed that the new occupants were closing wooden shutters inside the windows. Whether the previous owner had used them is not certain but it is interesting to know that one property in the village has survived into the 21st century with the traditional fixtures for keeping out the cold winter winds. These are made of narrow panels which obviously fold neatly to each side. They are a wonderful reminder of life in the

village centuries ago. Are there any other homes with these fittings still in place?

SPEEDING



In the December issue of OUTLOOK, the Parish Council reported that:

‘A Speed Indication Device (SID) has been installed by Bramham Primary School, at the request of Bramham Parish Council. Clifford Parish Council is considering whether to fund additional SIDs in the village.’ This measures and displays your speed very noticeably, flashing a grumpy face in red if a car exceeds the limit.



Walking back recently from Bramham along Clifford road towards our village, several cars were obviously breaking the 20 mph limit in that zone (e.g. see left). Not only that, but as they approached the SID it was clearly being ignored. No brake lights came on so the device clearly makes little difference to some people's behaviour. Perhaps our parish council needs to take note of this. A few fines or points on licences are needed before many drivers are going to take notice.

There is a 20 mph zone as you enter Tadcaster on the road from Boston Spa. The North Yorkshire highway authority has installed 'sleeping policemen' on the stretch which is outside a school. That works as a speed restrictor.

LOCK-DOWN AGAIN



As we enter a third lock-down, residents will be once again taking up the opportunities to exercise and enjoy the countryside which we can access so easily from our village. It is, of course, most important that when we are out walking we all keep to the precautions to prevent transmission of the virus. It's even more important than the previous lock-downs as we are now dealing with the variant virus which is much more easily passed on. It has become responsible for the majority of new cases.

Of the three precautions, the spacing is particularly important when you are out walking. If you see other walkers approaching you in the distance do make sure that you can keep **at least** (and ideally more than) the required 2 metres apart. In some places where the footpaths are narrow, possibly even fenced on both sides, this can be tricky and groups will need to get into single files and find passing places. In such a situation, putting a mask on as you pass by is a sensible extra precaution.

Close Encounters of the Mask Kind!

YOUR HELPFUL MAGAZINE

It's great to know that local social media – Facebook etc. – have been pointing out to village newcomers that a convenient and useful map of the village is always available on the front cover of OUTLOOK. The 2021 editions carry one that is fully up to date.

Vacant Allotment in Clifford. February 2021

We are a community of 33 tenants and currently have a vacant allotment. If you are interested please contact the Secretary at janedavies383@btinternet.com / 01937 842383.

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