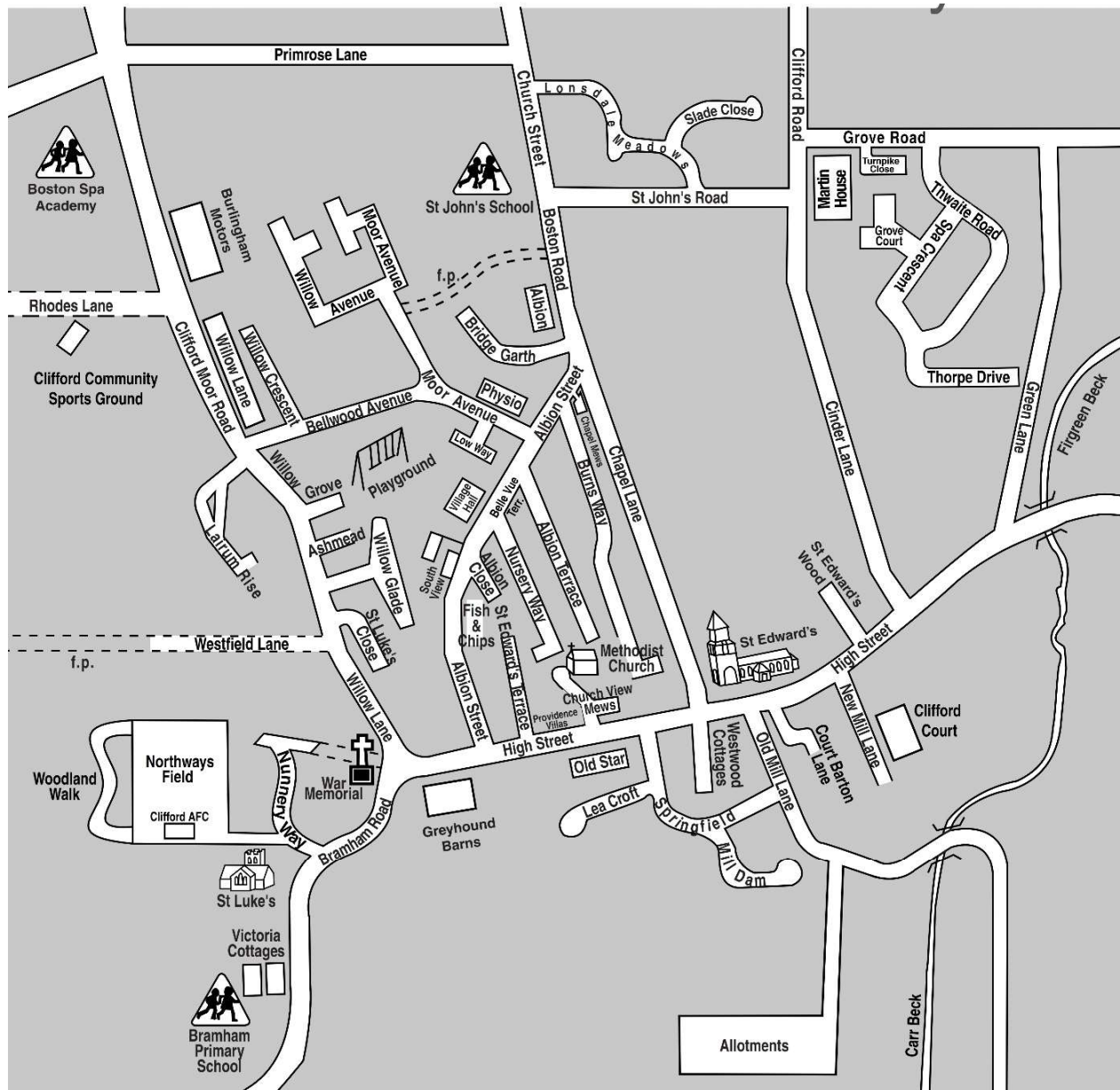


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Meetings are normally held in Clifford Village Hall normally commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in place Meetings will take place via Zoom. Go to www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.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

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 17 FEBRUARY 2021

Public Participation The public are entitled to be present at any 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.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk Meetings will continue to take place via zoom until further notice. Please email clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk for further information or go to www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk As soon as it is safe to do so public meetings will resume in the Village Hall

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Proposed parking restrictions on High Street Leeds City Council are considering introducing parking restrictions, double yellow lines, on the High Street from the junction with Willow Lane to 22 High Street. This is in response to a complaint about large vehicles mounting the pavement when passing parked cars. The council has objected to the proposal on the following grounds and is waiting to hear further from LCC.

- The parked cars act as a traffic calming measure.
- If cars are not allowed to park on this section of the High Street they may be parked at the end of Willow Lane which will cause a hazard
- If there are no parked cars there will be two-way moving traffic with vehicles heading towards Bramham being further out into the road which may increase the risk of oncoming traffic mounting the pavement

Speeding on the High Street Residents have raised concerns about speeding on the High Street despite this being in the 20mph zone. The 2021/2022 budget includes funds for Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) to act as a traffic calming measure. At the March meeting the council will be considering a request from Bramham Parish council to jointly purchase a mobile SID which can be used at various locations throughout Clifford. When the Neighbourhood Plan is reviewed the option of including a Traffic Plan for Clifford will be considered.

History Interpretation Board The council has agreed to contribute £3000 towards the cost of replacing the interpretation board by the War Memorial. The new board will be installed in the next few months.

War Memorial Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions it is unlikely that the planned event to mark the centenary on 15 May 2021 will go ahead.

Litter Picking During lockdown many people have been spending more time walking locally, especially now the weather has improved. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in littering along pavements and public rights of way in Clifford. It is not possible to organise a community litter pick now due to Covid restrictions. However, several residents have offered to do individual litter picks. The Parish Council has purchased litter picking equipment including litter grabbers, Hi-Viz tabards and waste bag holders. If you would like to borrow some equipment to do a local litter pick email clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any questions or comments for the Parish Council, please contact the part-time clerk

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Subscribe to the website to receive news updates and the meeting agenda each month.

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL!

The editorial team is very pleased to announce that at the time of going to press for this edition, it is planned that Outlook will revert to printed form from the **MAY** issue onwards.

COVID19 INFORMATION IN LEEDS

The NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group liaises closely with GPs, hospitals, Leeds City Council and others to pull together helpful information about covid-19 for people living in the Leeds area. This page on the NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) web site is the best source of information on Covid19 in the Leeds area:

<https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/>

For Covid-19 vaccination information please visit

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For a link to a survey on people's experience of the vaccination please visit

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HEDGEHOG NEWS!

Hi Everyone,

As we're moving into a beautiful Springtime in our lovely village, we wanted to share a bit of exciting, good news.....we've got a hedgehog visiting our garden. We started putting food out, making a couple of really easy changes in our garden - and guess what? Very shortly, our shuffling, hungry, cheeky, visitor arrived. It was such a buzz to see him/her for the first time! So many of us love these spiny, secret, gentle creatures. Not only are they cute, they help us in the garden by eating slugs and snails and add to the wildlife footprint in our neighbourhoods. But, it's a sad fact that their numbers are rapidly declining, and the time for us to help them is NOW!

Below, I've put together some info that we hope you'll find interesting and includes some ways we can help them, just by being aware and taking a few easy steps in our gardens and surrounding. Hope you enjoy reading it :)

This is a superb, friendly, interesting charity dedicated to all Hedgehog related www.hedgehogstreet.org

and some good tips to get us started

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/>

This is an introduction to how you can help hedgehogs. Once you have helped in your garden, you can [register as a Hedgehog Champion](#) and take it to the next level. Then become an ambassador for hedgehogs in your community, and get your friends and neighbours involved too. No one garden is enough. Hedgehogs need neighbourhoods of linked-up gardens to survive.

Please do get in touch via 'Outlook' or by emailing me ; jeannie@laluzproperty.com if you've got Hedgie stories/advice to share. It'd be great to work together to make Clifford a more 'hedgehog friendly' village. I'll even share footage on my Hedge Cam of our first visitor ;)

Thanks for reading, and here's to a happy Springtime in this lovely part of the world,

Best wishes

Jeannie and Dave

Clifford Local History Group

ONCE UPON A TIME IN CLIFFORD

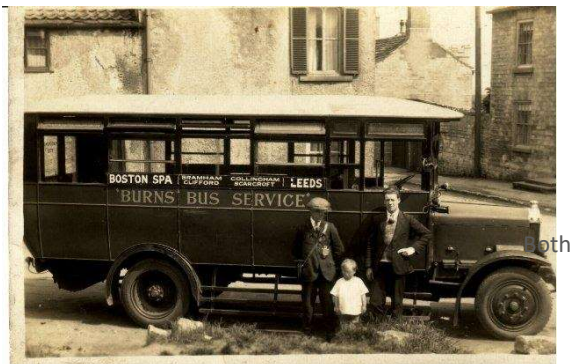
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Jammie Burns later sold the company to the West Yorkshire Bus Company. The registration plate of the bus in the second photograph, WT, is for Leeds. This format of registration plate was issued between 1903 and the 1930's.



These photographs are taken at the end of Chapel Lane at the junction with the High street. In the first photograph the corner of No 62 High Street can be seen across the road. The cottages seen in front of St Edwards church were demolished about 1935 for road widening of the junction to occur.

There was a Bus Garage slightly further along the High Street, which later became the Beehive Garage and is now where the Church View Mews apartments are.



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OUT AND ABOUT IN CLIFFORD - SOME OF THE WILD PARTS

The Northways woodland walk at the west end of the playing field is coming to life again. Anyone recently joining the path from the south has been greeted by a profuse display of catkins in the hazel trees with snowdrops beneath. As this is being written it is supposed to be Spring but it feels anything but. After a warmish spell in the second half of February we have been plunged again into wet and cold. However, we were nevertheless blessed by swathes of snowdrops with daffodils now coming out almost everywhere. A few were out to mark St. David's Day, the national day of celebration in Wales.

The area on each side of the path is more or less left to its own devices. The policy was set to have a 'light touch' management so that it develops naturally. There has been some planting including native wild daffodils (posh name: *Narcissus pseudonarcissus*). These are quite distinctive in being smaller and having darker trumpets than the surrounding petals. They are the ones which inspired William Wordsworth to write his famous poem and can be seen in profusion in Farndale, north Yorkshire moors. However, the present restrictions again prevent us from going to see them this Spring. Among the group of big trees near on the Nunnery Way side of the field there is a good display of what might be called horticultural daffodils – the sort you buy in garden centres and which decorate roadside verges. They certainly cheer things up. Elsewhere in the wooded area there are some celandines, definitely wild, and a few crocuses. Whether the latter have arrived as garden escapes or someone has planted them is not clear.

A substantial area near the south end is covered in a swathe of one type of leaf. These are of petasites, common name butterbur. This is a known 'thug' and has been spreading under the poplars for some years now by means of its rhizomes. The poplars had already been in that corner for several decades when the new trees were planted in 2006. Nothing much else grows there as the petasites quickly smothers any other plants.



There is another wild area lying between Bramham Road and Windmill Road. Thanks to the owners of Willow Garth there is a permissive path connecting the two. The beck separating the two parishes of Bramham and Clifford runs through it and is known there as Carr Beck. The name means a watery area so it can be a muddy walk at times but it is a very natural space. There is a good deal of woodland there largely left to get on with its life. There are many fallen trees seemingly left to make their contribution to the natural cycle of growth and decay. The beck goes on downstream to flow at the side of the now former millpond known as Mill Dam which was filled with water from the beck. This used to supply water for the flax mill and has become a very watery wild area but on private land. Its origins mean that it fills up very easily during the winter rainy spells. This year, looking down into the area from Windmill Road you could be forgiven for thinking the mill pond had been re-instated. At this time of year it is possible to make out the empty head race which delivered water from the beck to the millpond.

That whole privately owned area is now much left alone and it must be developing into an interesting habitat with a distinctive ecology. It also contains industrial archaeology left from the mill pond. Remnants of the sluice mechanism which controlled the flow of water can also be picked out. It controlled the flow of water into the

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These areas in Clifford are in keeping with the current trend for 'wilding'. Have you thought about a wild area in your garden?

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