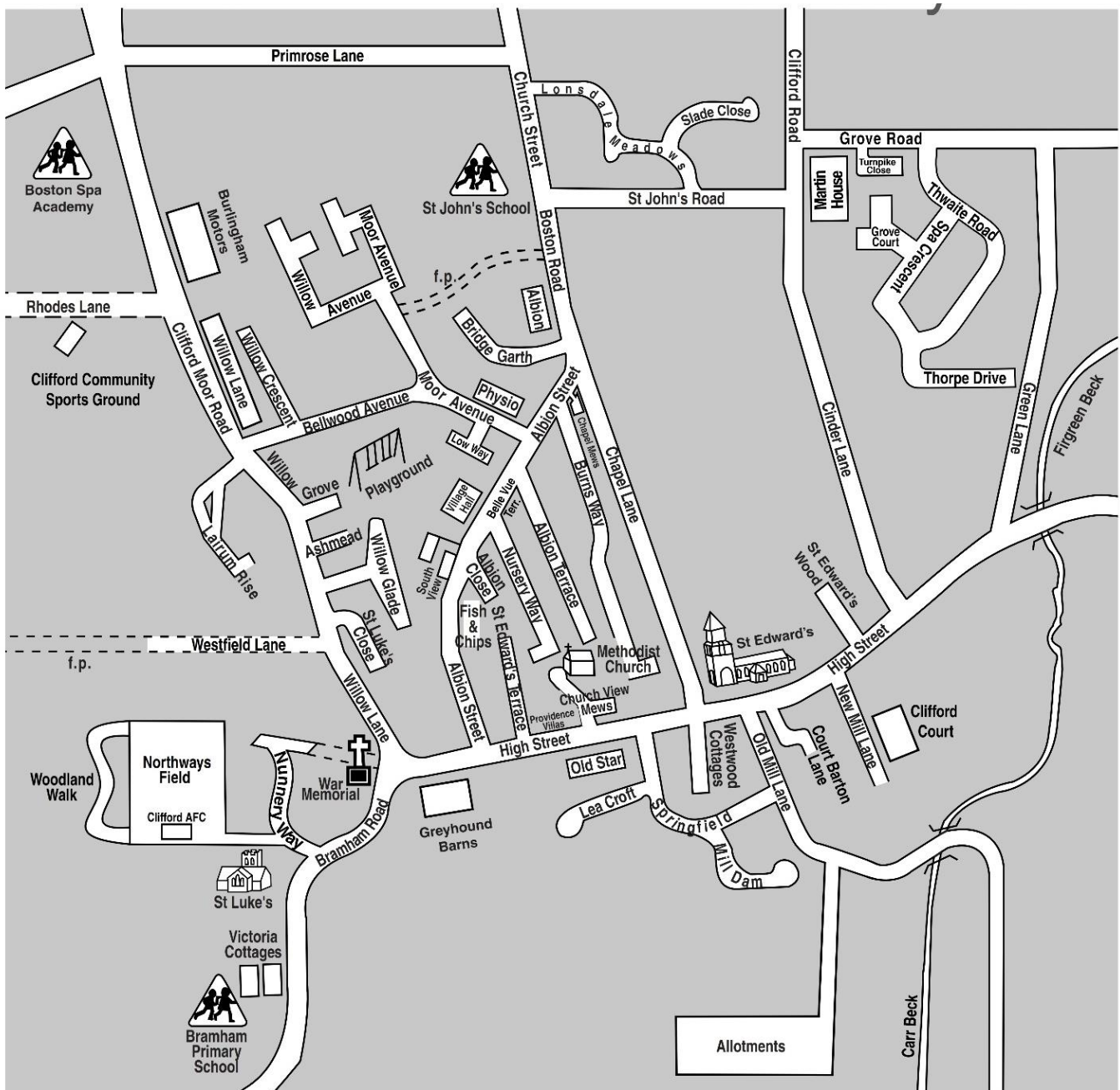


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Clifford Parish Council

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.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

Any changes to these dates will be published in OUTLOOK.

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CLIFFORD VILLAGE HALL

Official Opening of the Refurbished Hall

24 July 2021

The Village Hall Committee is very pleased to be able to invite you to the reopening of the Hall.

It has been a long wait, far longer than we could ever have imagined when the work began, but Covid caused many problems. Now we are free to welcome you all to share in celebrating the completion and to show you what has been achieved.

From 11.00am onwards the hall will be open and you are welcome to come and see the amazing new, enlarged kitchen, the refurbished toilets and the change of colour scheme throughout.

There will be plenty to look at! We have photographs showing the progress of the building work during the long construction process and local groups will be setting out their stalls to show you what they do.

At 12.00noon Christine Talbot has kindly agreed to officially declare the Hall open!

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Looking forward to welcoming you!

Clifford Village Hall Committee

We are planning to restart book sales at the Village Hall when it reopens on Saturday 24th July.

On that day, we will be holding a bargain book stall, but after that date all adult paperbacks will again be 50 pence and children's books 25 pence.

All the proceeds from the sale of the books help fund the Village Hall.

If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact me on :
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Thank you for all your support.

Happy reading,

Helen Chambers Village Hall book sales organiser



Clifford Local History Group

Walking the Village Bounds on Sunday 18th July 2021

- Find out how big Clifford parish really is
- Explore some of its heritage
- Meet fellow villagers for a chat

You can do this by joining the Local History Group for a walk following as closely as possible the parish boundary. We will avoid the bit down the middle of the A1 !

Meet outside St Edward's Church at 1.00 p.m. (At junction of Chapel Lane and High Street)

The Walk is about 6 miles mostly on level paths and tracks with a couple of stiles towards the end of the walk and the only climb being up the steps of the bridge over the A1. There are opportunities to return to the village at several points along the route if 6 miles is too far for you.

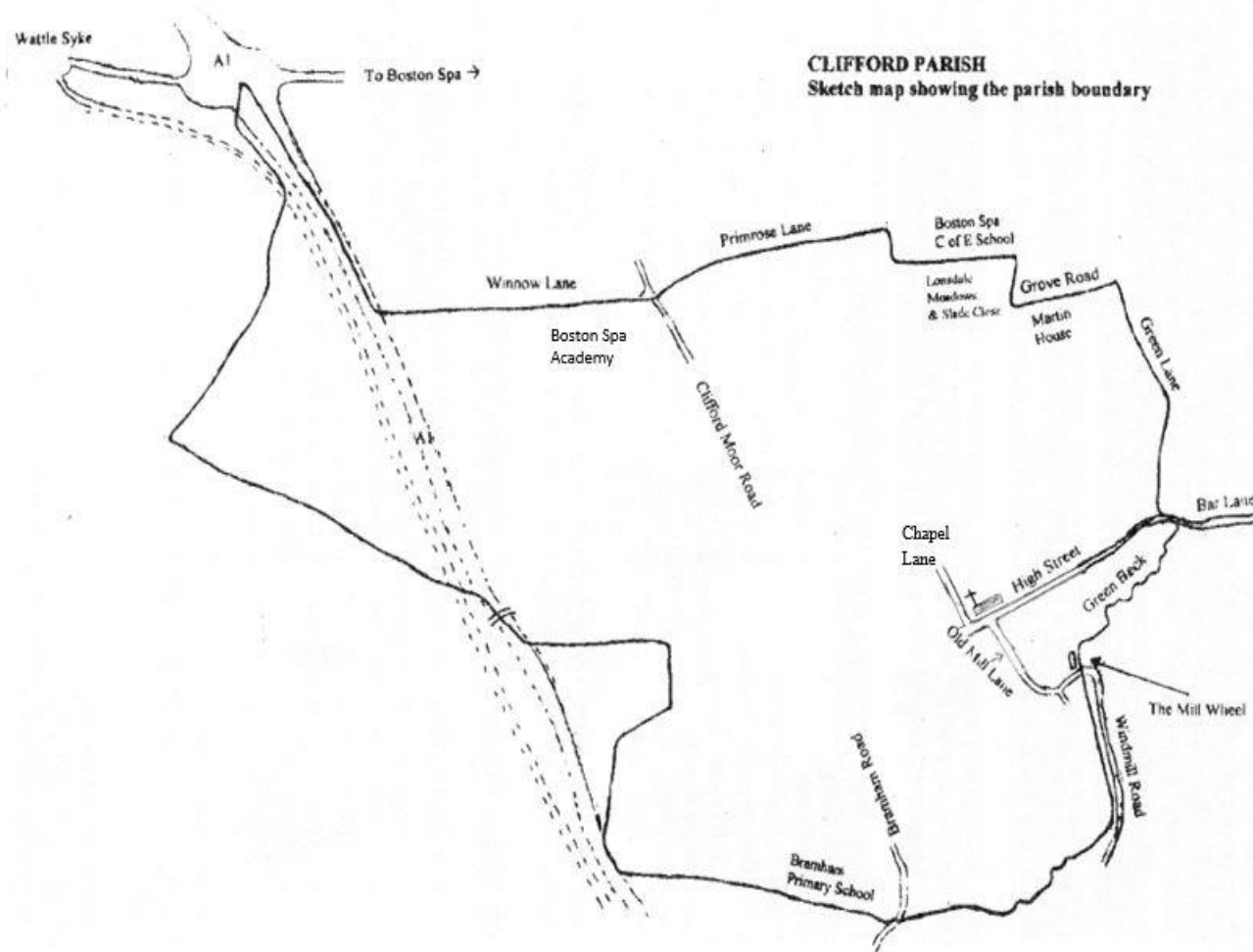
Wear sensible footwear, bring a waterproof just in case and refreshments for a break on the way round.

The map shows the actual boundary. A detailed version of the walk itself will be provided on the day.

Well behaved dogs welcome.

The Local History Group wishes to make it clear that all participants on the walk take part at their own risk. The Group cannot be responsible for the condition of any part of the route.

Ring Helen Hesketh 07595 754198 for more details.



THANK YOU

As we return to printing and delivering the magazine to every household once a month, we must not forget that the important link in all this process – our distributors. As we resume, we want to say 'Thank You' to them all especially those who left the team when we temporarily stopped delivering last year.

Owen Milligan had been a distributor for many years and looked after one of the two largest rounds in our system comprising over 70 households. Geographically it stretched between our northernmost and southernmost boundaries. That is from Gypsy Lane (alongside Bramham Primary School) to Helmsley Farmhouse on the corner of Primrose Lane and Clifford Moor Road. We know he enjoyed doing it and hope he won't miss it too much. We wish him well in his 'retirement'.

Charles and Barbara Marsh finally completed the sale of Loretto House on the High Street and moved to Acton near Ealing. They were dedicated deliverers of the OUTLOOK magazine for 20 years or so and both served on the editorial committee at different times. For some while Charles also took on the role of Treasurer. We wish them well in their new home much closer to their family.

Victoria Sharpe looked after the round in Lonsdale Meadows/Slade Close while she was living there. She has now moved to another part of the village. We wish her well in her new home, and pleased that she will still be receiving and, we trust, reading her magazine.

We would also like to say welcome to our new distributors who have kindly volunteered to take on delivery rounds.

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Do you remember when you were a lad,
The things you did?
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When you were a lad.
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Clifford Amblers

Our outing on 13th May was to Gallows Hill, Otley. Six Cliffordians set out on a very pleasant walk through the Nature Reserve along by the side of the River Wharfe. We found seats in the gardens to enjoy our coffee with very pleasant views on the sunshine. After a rest and refreshments we decided to venture into the town to view an historical site. In Otley is the only memorial to all the navies who built all Britain's canals and railways. The memorial is an ornate tunnel, a smaller copy of the Bramhope Rail Tunnel.

A very interesting, enjoyable morning out. All folks (any age) very welcome to join us. Amblers walks are generally slow and short and very friendly. Give it a try.

Clifford dog walking diaries – an occasional series of the favourite dog walks of the residents of our village

Carr Beck and Heygate – on a wonderful summer day in early June

Our dog Tommy is a very lively black Labrador Retriever cross, who needs two good walks a day to help keep him in check. He's nearly four years old, but not showing any signs of calming down yet. One of our favourite walks is along Carr Beck and Heygate, involving woods, a stream, and paths through open countryside. It's about three miles or five kilometres, and reminds us of how lucky we are living in a village with access to the Yorkshire countryside within a couple of minutes.

From the war memorial head out on the Bramham Road until you get to the primary school. On the opposite side of the road to the school (be careful crossing the road), there's a gap in the hedge with a slope down to a narrow trail that runs through woods alongside a stream – Carr Beck. This is one of Tommy's favourite spots, and he usually plunges into the stream, whatever the weather, and generally charges around the woods with his nose to the ground tracking scents. At this time of the year it's incredibly green, and we've occasionally heard (but not managed to see) a woodpecker. The trail bends round, you cross a small bridge over the stream, and then come out on Windmill Road through a gate. Turn left onto the road, walk a short distance, and then cross the road and turn right at the public footpath sign through a gap in the hedge.

Now you're walking slightly uphill on a narrow path across open fields, with a variety of crops growing depending on the time of year. Currently it looks like a cereal crop. Tommy takes the opportunity to charge up the hill, hopefully expending more energy. At the end of the field go through a gap in the hedge, and turn left onto Heygate Lane, a wider track with hedges on both sides in front of farmland and grassland. On Heygate at this time of year you can usually spot a skylark rising almost vertically into the air, then hovering and singing from a great height, before descending back to earth. Also, lapwings wavering above the hedgerows, with black and white colouring, rounded wings, and the distinctive "peewit" call. There are great views across open countryside, and to more woods in the distance. Almost at the end of Heygate, turn left onto a narrow path fenced at both sides.

This path takes you back to the edge of Clifford, and there's a great variety of animal life to see, protected by fencing. Sheep and lambs, a field with alpacas, and a field with hens and goats – all of great interest to Tommy. At the end of this path turn sharp right onto Old Mill Lane, and then left at the T-junction onto the High Street and back up to the War Memorial to finish the walk.

Nick Dahlgreen, and Tommy the dog

Note: - we keep Tommy on the lead at all times on the road, and then have a mix of on-lead and off-lead in the countryside to try to give him enough exercise, but respect other dog walkers wherever possible, farmers' needs with livestock and crops, and wildlife.

Perhaps other readers have their own favourite dog walk that they'd like to share?

From the Parish Council Meeting on 19 May 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
Meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: 28 July, August- no meeting, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November and 15 December.

The council has returned to face-to-face meetings

The council met for the first time in person since 18th March 2020. The council continued to meet monthly since then, via zoom, which enabled the work of the council to continue relatively uninterrupted. However, it was good to return to the Village Hall especially following the recent refurbishments. Members of the public are entitled to attend meetings however, as some form of social distancing may still be in place over the next few months, please notify the clerk in advance if you are planning to attend to ensure that there is sufficient room available.

History Interpretation Board

A new History Interpretation Board is being installed by Clifford War Memorial. The unveiling coincides, (almost!) with the centenary of the unveiling of the War Memorial. To mark this a joint event involving the Clifford History Group, church and the Parish Council will be held at 3 pm on 27 June 2021 at the War Memorial. All details will be on the council website.

STOP PRESS: This event has been postponed due to the extension of the Covid restrictions

Speed Indication Device

In the next few weeks residents will start to see a mobile Speed Indication Device (SID) in various locations around Clifford. The device will notify drivers of their speed and act as a traffic calming measure. It will also gather data about vehicle speeds and traffic volume which will help inform decisions about any further traffic calming measures that are needed.

Volunteers are needed to help operate the SID. Contact clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would like to get involved.

Litter Picking

Many residents continue to be busy litter picking and the council is purchasing more litter picking equipment to meet demand. If you would like to borrow some litter picking equipment, contact clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Village Hall Open Day

The Village Hall is holding an Open Day on 24 July 2021 to officially mark the re-opening of the Hall following the major refurbishment and extension that took place in 2020. Many local groups and organisations, including the Parish Council, will have a stall. Why not come along and have a chat with some of your Parish Councillors as well as having a look at the improved facilities.

Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any questions or comments for the Parish Council, please contact the part-time clerk Nancy Fairbairn email clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk Website: www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subscribe to the website to receive news updates and the meeting agenda each month.

OUT AND ABOUT IN CLIFFORD

The downpours

The heavy and persistent rain in May revealed a problem in Old Mill Lane. On a number of occasions, water could be seen spouting upwards out of a grid near the junction with Muddy Lane (the track alongside the beck). The force was strong enough to break the cast-iron cover.

The water running down the road caused flooding for a property nearby. It was enough to bring Leeds City Council out to put out a 'Flood' notice. After some delay it was discovered that the grid is part of a surface water management system in the care of Yorkshire Water. It seems that a pipe from below the grid is connected to a similar drain a few yards down the road. The pipe had become blocked and a team from YW soon cleared it. It was revealed that the broken grid covers a junction chamber for a number of pipes bringing surface water from the village to the beck.

New digital tech for Clifford bus users

Early in June, two digital display boards appeared on the bus stops at the War Memorial, one for each direction of travel. They display how long it is before the next bus is due to arrive at the stops. It's a big improvement on the details of how to get information. At the moment it is also displaying how many seats are available on the bus.

A Holiday Village

It is surprising to find out that we have at least four holiday lets in Clifford. It's uplifting to think that our village is attractive enough for folk to holiday with us. Anyone interested in history and architecture will find plenty to look at aided by our Interpretation board at the War Memorial. There is pleasant and undemanding countryside walking on hand with other attractions and eating places not too far away. In the recent summer weather, the rural scene of sheep and their lambs in the field off Old Mill Lane with the animals cooling off in the shadow of the lone large Wellingtonia tree has been idyllic.

More tatties

A reminder of our rural and agricultural situation is the mechanised planting of potatoes on the field at the corner of Primrose Lane and Church Street opposite the entry to Lonsdale Meadows. Yes – it is in Clifford Parish; the boundary comes along Primrose Lane and turns into a short length of Church Street before turning into Lonsdale Meadows. As this is written the potato leaves are emerging from the ridges.



A reader writes:

I spotted a paragraph in the June Clifford outlook about the gang of 4 ducks.

These are my pet ducks, one that I rescued as a duckling (the mallard) who is named Hoisin and his 3 pals Plum, Pingu and Pom.

Pom the black male duck in question is in-fact a Cayuga crossed with a crested runner duck. The other two ladies are a runner and a khaki Campbell.

They don't have any chicks as they lay in their run at our house but do like to adventure down the beck together during the day (sometimes a bit too far)!

Clifford Walkers

Setting out from Weardley the magnificent seven enter Harewood from a different entrance. We wander past all the deer in their paddocks and walk on to the amazing carpets of bluebells in the woods.

We stop near the entrance to 'Emmerdale' to enjoy our coffee break. Then as we move on it starts to rain so we all gear up, this weather will not stop us. However, as we head near to Eccup the rain really begins to fall, so it's decided to cut the walk to a slightly shorter walk. No matter what the weather throws at us we are a happy group and had a huge laugh when one of our group just climbed over a stile to be completely showered when a car passes by and throws up a huge puddle all over her. No harm done as we are all quite wet as we returned to the cars.

We enjoyed our wet walk (better than staying home dusting) and thank Liz and Alan for leading it. If you want to explore beautiful Yorkshire countryside alongside your friendly neighbours and other Clifford villagers please come and join us. Keep the amazing Clifford Community alive.

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