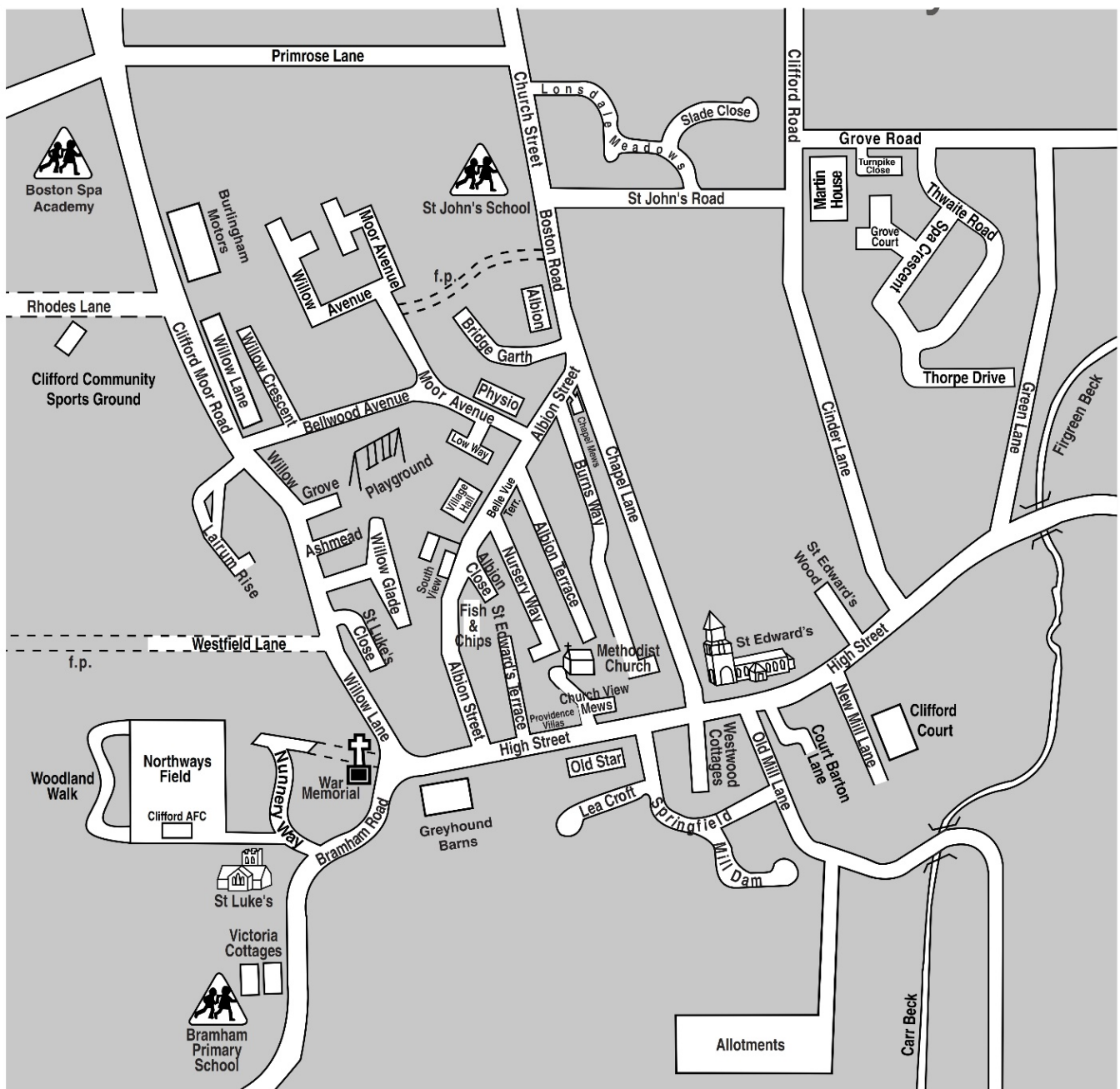


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Clifford Parish Council

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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From the Parish Council Meeting on 16 June 2021

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Meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: 28 July, August- no meeting, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November and 15 December.

History Interpretation Board



The new History Interpretation Board has now been installed by Clifford War Memorial. Unfortunately, the event planned for the 27 June 2021 to mark the centenary of the installation of the War Memorial and the unveiling of the history board had to be cancelled due to the extended covid restrictions.

If you have not already done so, why not take a look and find out more about the history of Clifford.

Thank you to the Clifford History Group of all their hard work on the project.

Outdoor Gym Equipment

Would you like access to an outdoor gym in Clifford? A local resident has proposed the installation of a 'trim trail' at Northways where people could get fit for free. The equipment would be for a range of people from beginners to fitness fanatics. It would enable people to complete strength and conditioning exercises locally, and even provide additional workout options for those already using the field for sport. Contact clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk to let the council know what you think about the suggestion.

Speeding

Despite the 20mph speed limits, speeding continues to be a concern in Clifford and the surrounding villages. There has been a delay in the manufacture of the mobile Speed Indication Device (SID) purchased jointly with Bramham Parish Council, but this should be in action by the end of the summer. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to assist with operating the SID. Training sessions will be arranged as soon as the SID arrives. If you would like to get involved contact the clerk.

Litter Picking

The council received a grant of £180 from Leeds City Council to purchase more litter picking equipment. If you would like to borrow some litter picking equipment, contact 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 Nancy Fairbairn email clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk Website: www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk
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Clifford Local History Group

CLIFFORD VILLAGE HALL A short history

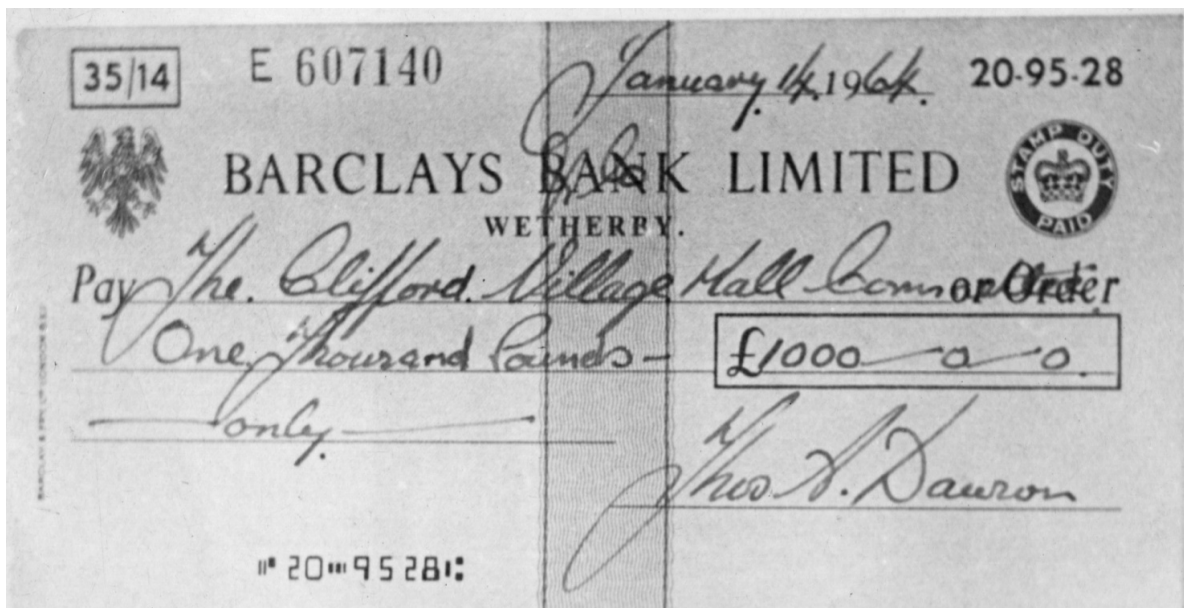
The starting point was the Queen's coronation on 2nd June 1953.

Clifford had set up a committee to organise coronation celebrations. At a Public Meeting in July 1953 it was decided to use the residual balance in the coronation fund thought to be about £15 (that is approximately £430 today) to build the:

'Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Memorial Hall'

A village hall committee was set up in September 1953. There are records of fund-raising events and activities continuing into the early 1960s. Read more about fund-raising for the Village Hall then and now in Outlook next month.

Several substantial grants were obtained and donations were received including from the Clifford Drama Group, annual grants from Clifford Parish Council and £1,000 (approximately £20,800 today) from Tom Dawson, a local farmer and past Chairman of the Parish Council. This gift in 1964 enabled building to commence very soon afterwards.



The land had been purchased in 1960 for the sum of £250 (approximately £5,900 today).

The hall has been developed in five stages:

The original build commenced July 1965 consisting of the main hall, toilets, kitchen and a committee room. By this time, the building had become known simply as **Clifford Village Hall**.

The first addition in 1970 added the stage and its basement.

A further extension in 1978 enlarged the kitchen and added a larger meeting room, known as the back (supper) room.

In 2006 the original flat roofs were replaced with a pitched roof.

Land at the rear was laid out as a Community Park

The first children's play area was installed in 1975 on a portion of the land at the rear of the site.

A new play area funded by a Lottery grant replaced the, by then, dilapidated equipment in 2000. Further replacement equipment has been installed in the last few years. The upkeep of the children's play area is provided by Clifford Parish Council, who have given great support to the Village Hall Management Committee during the life of the hall.

In 2013 a decision was made to undertake a feasibility study to further extend the hall. Plans were drawn up to include a bigger and fully modernised kitchen, and extended and up to date toilet facilities, including a toilet for the disabled, which includes baby changing facilities.

Following a fund-raising campaign and applications for grants, the plans were approved in 2019 and building work commenced in January 2020. Despite lengthy delays due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the work was completed by the end of 2020.

Further lockdowns have delayed full utilisation of the facilities. However, by the time you are reading this article the official reopening of the Village Hall, hopefully, has already taken place on Saturday 24 July 2021.

BOOK SALES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Book sales have recommenced at the Village Hall, all adult paperbacks are 50p and all children's books are 25p.

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

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has kindly donated books, but due to the lockdown we have built up a very considerable stock, so I would ask that anyone who would like to donate some books to hold on to them for now. I will keep you updated via Outlook.

In the meantime, please go to the Hall to browse the books to find a good read.

Thank-you for all your support.

Helen Chambers
Village Hall Book Sales Organiser

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Go for a walk! take part in our local geocache trail .	Only walk, cycle and scoot for seven days.	
Find out who provides the energy in your home and change to a renewable provider . If you already have, get three friends or family members to switch or explore installation of solar panels.	Join our Community Group and help with our next litter pick or do your own litter pick in your local park.	
Cook and eat a vegetarian meal once a week for 6 weeks in a row. If you already do this, cook a vegan meal. If you already do this, get three friends or family members on board.	If you have outside space, make a log pile or a bug hotel . If you've a lawn, let an area of grass grow and only cut it in September.	
Make your next car purchase an electric one, if you need an extra car at all?	Let the train take the strain and fly less.	
Make your own compost to grow your own lettuce so you don't have to buy plastic wrapped salad.	Recycle 100 crisp packets at our local collection points	
Build a wildlife pond (or a container pond) from sustainable materials. It's one of the most beneficial things you can do for wildlife at home!	Watch at least one of these documentaries - A Life On Our Planet , Beavers Without Borders , The People vs Climate Change, 2040 , Kiss The Ground .	
Take part in a fun citizen science project e.g. CEH	Learn how to make EcoBricks and teach a friend how to too.	
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OUT AND ABOUT IN CLIFFORD

Nature surprises

It was quite a surprise to know that bee orchids have been found growing in a domestic garden in one of our modern developments. They were seen in a small patch of ground alongside a tarmac driveway. These beautiful 'wildflowers' are more usually encountered in the countryside. Of course, we do all sorts of things in looking after our gardens that don't encourage them – mowing, fertilizing, weed control etc.

Much of the soil in Clifford is calcareous and sometimes parts of our garden can nevertheless mimic the conditions of the countryside in which these lovely flowers thrive. Many of our homes have been built on what was once open countryside so perhaps the orchids have grown from seeds long dormant.

However they have turned up they are a pleasure to see. In some gardens which were once orchards, genuine English bluebells turn up. The appearance of both of these reminds us that the village retains its rural character surrounded by lovely countryside.

Digital bus timetables

Some, but not all, of our bus stops on the No. 7 Leeds – Wetherby – Harrogate route have recently been equipped with the new style digital displays. They are at the War Memorial and Boston Spa academy stops. They are intended to display the actual number of minutes before the bus is due to arrive for either the Harrogate or Leeds direction. A chance opportunity to test came up when passing by one of them. It showed that, at least, it 'does what it says on the tin'. The slightly puzzling aspect is why they have not been installed on the two bus shelters at the Lairum Rise and Willow Crescent stops. In the spirit of providing consumer choice it seems you can either decide to know when the bus is due and get wet or keep dry and not know when it will arrive. They have been provided only on our main route. Anyone using the 174/175 service will be disappointed not to have the same facility.

The great puddle

Once again, substantial rainfall in early July left us with the Great Puddle at the bottom of Bar Lane just before Fir Green bridge. This has been happening for years and no-one seems to be bothered. Most folk see it as a temporary irritation but it could have some potential for a collision. The road is narrow at that point and a car swerving to avoid the water could result in a collision.

Only last month a long-forgotten system of drains was rediscovered in Old Mill Lane by Yorkshire Water and a flood problem solved. Surely, between them, Leeds City Council, Yorkshire Water and perhaps involving the Environment Agency could identify the cause of the Great Puddle and provide some drainage. Or is it all part of the excitement of living in our village?!

Scarecrows

The Boston Spa Festival's Scarecrows event includes Clifford as it did last year. It has been entertaining to see scarecrows of familiar and not so familiar characters popping up in Clifford again. The modelling was very inventive. Thanks to all who contributed to the 17 scarecrows around the parish. Thorp Arch was also involved again. It's good to see that residents of the three villages can join together for the fun.

CLIFFORD LADIES



We are very pleased to announce that Clifford Ladies is starting up again so please put the date in your diary.

Thursday 9 September at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall meeting room.

This is a ladies' group who meet once a month for social evenings.

Everyone is welcome so please come along on that date.

If you require any more information please contact Christine Truman - 01937 541163

Clifford Walkers

After a drive up the motorway and then negotiating lots of minor country lanes seven walkers reached the forestry commission car park near Nether Silton. The sun was shining as we set off up the track through woodland where we stopped frequently to admire and identify the various wildflowers and butterflies along the way. There were Ragged Robin and two different shades of Orchid. On reaching the Cleveland Way we stopped for coffee and to take in the view across the Vale of York to the Dales. Walking south on the edge of the North York Moors we enjoyed our elevated position to view the countryside below us. Just as we turned to descend we stopped for lunch and watched a rain cloud form in the valley and gradually get nearer. Fortunately, we had finished our sandwiches before we needed to don our waterproofs and head downhill. It was only light rain and soon stopped and the sun reappeared. The last section of our walk was through a variety of fields, where we encountered tricky stiles, deep mud, lively cattle and a friendly farmer who told us how to bypass a problem.

We arrived at Thirsk Garden centre just too late for afternoon tea in their café, but enjoyed ice-creams instead.

OUR NEXT WALK will be on Thursday 19 August. If you are not on the group's emailing list, look out for details via the Parish Council website or ☎ 01937 842768.

Clifford Amblers

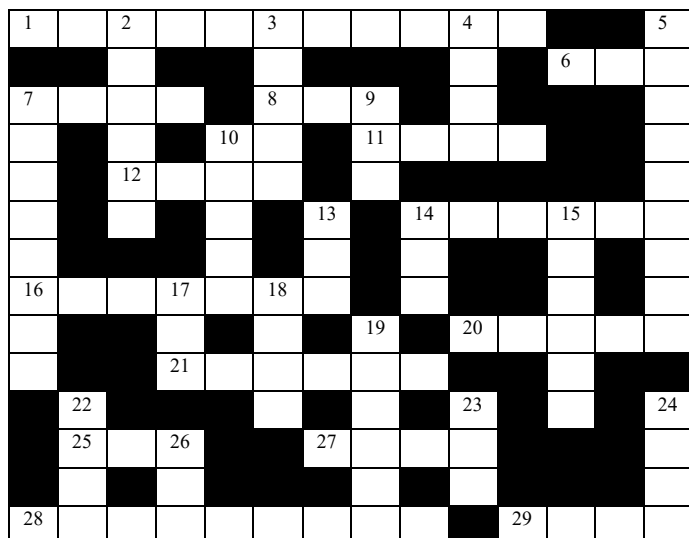
The June Amble was again local just down the road around Tadcaster fields. As always, each month we meet up outside Clifford Village Hall around 9:45 am to offer lifts to one another especially for those who don't drive; so no excuse to come along to the Village friendly community of amblers. These walks are always short, slow and enjoyable.

The Tadcaster walk was a lovely day, we'd only been walking about 10 mins when we stop for a lovely photo opportunity of a colourful array of beautiful red poppies edging the fields. After another stop to enjoy our coffee we start the return wander along the river, yes, another photo opportunity, as we watch the sand Martin's flying in and out their sandy bankside homes - the wonder of nature. Another lovely morning spent in great company.

Dates for your diary - Please feel free to meet up with us outside the Village Hall at 9:45 am on 29th July, 19th August or 16th September, all will be welcomed. Bring a drink and a snack. We don't walk far or walk fast but enjoy the countryside looking at nature and interesting features.

CLIFFORD CROSSWORD

Around 2/3 of the clues are about Clifford. It might help to have a look at the front page of the Outlook!



Across	Down
1 Homer's home (11)	2 Controversial Brit in Africa (6)
6 A stock cube and a tower (3)	3 Colour of old pub reptile (5)
7 Not iron (golf) (4)	4 One of the saints (4)
8 Cricket's governing body (3)	5 Follow up the compass (9)
10 Little old (2)	7 Direction of forest (8)
11 The noes don't have it (4)	9 The old horse (3)
12 Number 1 garden (4)	10 Intended (5)
14 Bendy wood (6)	13 Rocky peak – one at Glastonbury (3)
16 Ancient sun (3)	14 Amazing! (3)
20 A Scottish poet (5)	15 Comes up in the morning? (6)
21 Up and down the computer screen (6)	17 Third after Waterloo – Swedish pop (3)
25 Clifford - - - (3)	18 A chain times a furlong (4)
27 There used to be 2 (4)	19 Roman name for England (6)
28 Mix a black and white dog (9)	22 Mis-spelt vehicle (4)
29 Another saint (4)	23 Not the new one (3)
	24 A few of these around Clifford (4)
	26 A bit shy (3)

[Answers in next month's Outlook, and in "We are Clifford" Facebook page next week].

OUTDOOR GYM ANYONE?

I love exercising outdoors and we are so fortunate in Clifford to have lots of lovely countryside on our doorstep.

One thing we don't have easy access to, is a gym, which is why I'm proposing that we invest in some simple outdoor gym equipment to be installed at Northways. A set of outdoor gym equipment would give local residents an opportunity to exercise outdoors, free of charge, and make the most out of this lovely outdoor space.

With a background in fitness myself, I'd love to run some free sessions to show people how to use the equipment safely whilst getting a good workout.

There are small outdoor gym facilities in both Bramham and Boston Spa so it's definitely time we had some in Clifford too!

The first step is to gather interest, so if you think it would be a brilliant idea and support it (or are totally against it!) please do drop a quick email/note to the Parish Council Clerk.

Ellen Cameron

Green Clifford

It's great to see bee orchids back again in Clifford this summer. After an absence in 2020 they are now showing themselves in the shorter grass at the edge of the footpath that runs alongside the A1(M) just north of Rhodes Lane. Rumoured to be shooting up in a garden in Willow Glade too. These lovely pink and purple flowers like calciferous soils so Clifford is ideal. Let's hope they spread.

June and July are great months for wildflowers in Clifford.

The hedgerows are full of elderflowers, dog rose and the last hawthorn flowers. Heygate and the footpath towards the A1M off Willow Lane have pink campion, white campion, yellow birdsfoot trefoil, germander speedwell (little blue flower) and dark purple devil's bit scabious. Yellow and purple vetch are winding their tendrils around the other lush plants. A large patch of green alkanet (blue flowers, related to borage the flowers of which are often found in Pimms drinks) has found its home at the bus stop on Willow Lane just past Lairum Rise. The odd blue flax flower is appearing in the horses' fields off Rhodes Lane. Lovely purple thistles are attracting lots of new small tortoiseshell butterflies and we can see them fluttering in great numbers especially when the wind drops.

If you are interested in biodiversity (or natural history as it used to be called!), take part in the Big Butterfly Count which is organised by the charity Butterfly Conservation and runs from 16 July to 8 August 2021. You only need 15 minutes in a sunny sheltered spot and you then record your sightings at www.bigbutterflycount.org or there's an app for your mobile phone. You can do it once or several times and in any location you like. We had a few submissions from Clifford last year.

If anyone would like to recycle their printer ink cartridges for Christian Aid, please put them in the special recycling box in St Marys church Boston Spa. The box is on the floor on the right-hand side of church almost under the organ loft (near the Mother's Union banner). I will be sending the box off when it's a little bit fuller.

Does anyone share my view that it would be good for the village to have an electric car charging point? Perhaps we could make use of the village hall car park for this important facility?

Judith Dahlgreen

Yorkshire Building Society, Wetherby is now collecting for Terracycle

Now that COVID lockdowns have been somewhat loosened, **Yorkshire Building Society, Wetherby** are offering to collect the following items for the Terracycle Scheme helping to 'recycle the non-recyclable',

- **empty crisp packets (min 30, flattened),**
- **used pens and markers,**
- **used toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes,**
- **empty, clean and dry coffee pods (see notes below).**

So far we've prevented at least 160kgs of single use waste from going to landfill or incineration

Please note, be mindful that we still need to protect the health of the staff in our local businesses and our volunteers, so we recommend you;

- **store your recycling at home until you've got a good quantity to drop off e.g. minimum 30 crisp packets,**
- **handover in a used plastic bag (which we will recycle),**
- **all items must be empty, clean and dry.**

Look out for the recycling collection signs in their shop windows, and please spread the word.

Do, flatten & wrap your crisp packets with an elastic band, we have to get 15kgs of crisp packets in a box to send to Terracycle, this saves us a huge amount of time & helps with storage.

Do, make sure all items are empty, clean and dry.

Yorkshire Building Society are also collecting for the RSPCA used, clean & dried coffee pods; including Tassimo T discs (pods), L'Or capsules, Kenco foil refill packs and Lavazza Eco caps.

The Terracycle initiative will not only turn your waste into useful things like outdoor benches, fence posts and watering cans, but will raise funds for the local Community Green Group (so we can plant more trees for example), and keep this type of waste out of landfill, incinerators and the environment.

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St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, Clifford

Mass: Monday – Friday 09.30 am

Saturday Vigil for Sunday 06.00 pm

Sunday 11.00 am

Fr. John Newman ☎ 01937 833105

Emeritus Priest : Fr. Michael Ingwell

Clifford Methodist Chapel

Sunday Service and Junior Church 10.30 am

3rd Sunday service is followed by Fair Trade Stall

Minister: Rev. Steve Jakeman ☎ 842156

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