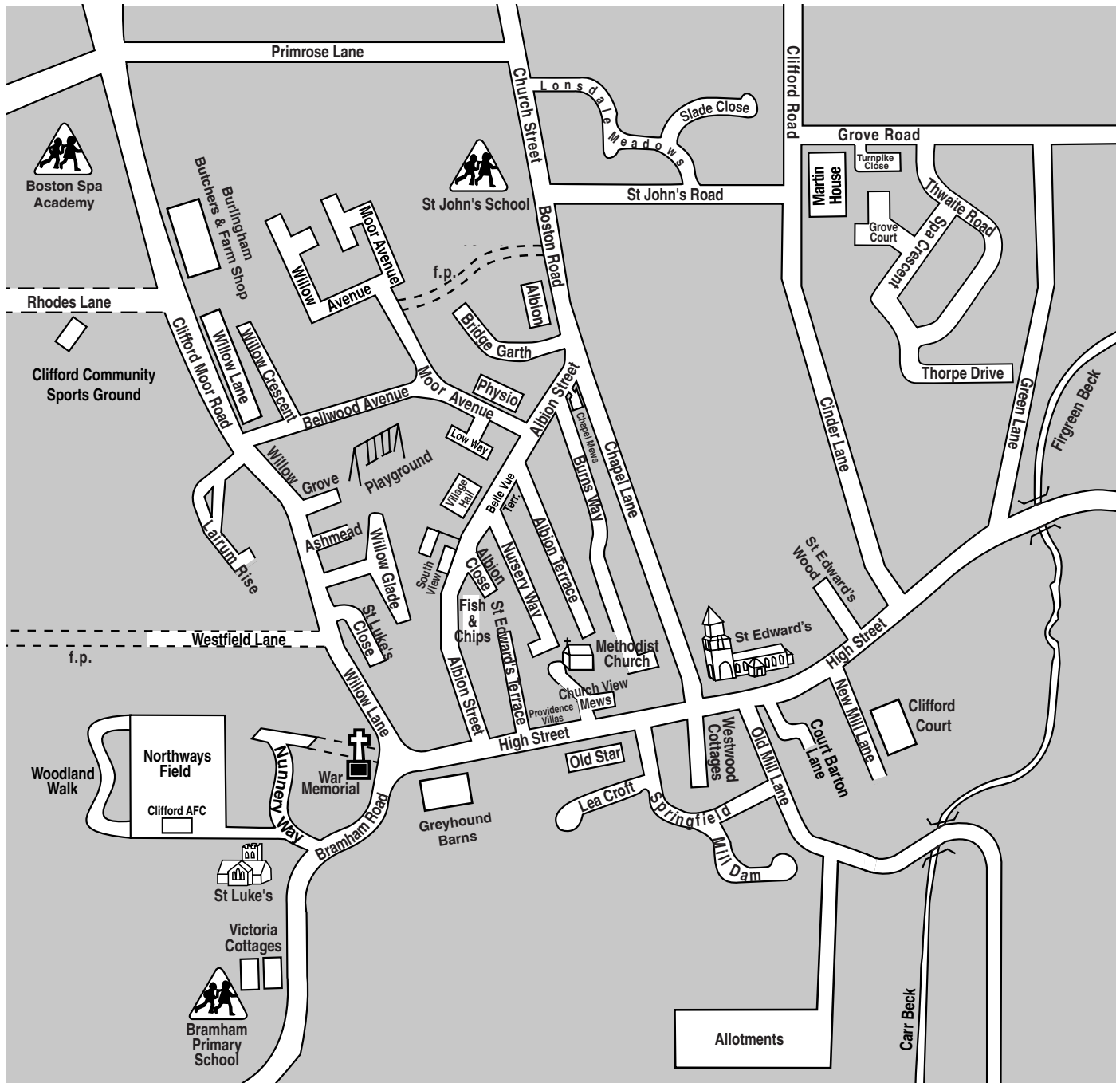


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Whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in place Meetings will take place via Zoom. Go to www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk for full details.

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 SHOW IS BACK FINGERS CROSSED. SATURDAY 3rd September 2022

The Village Hall Supporters Group hope to be able to run the Village Show this year. Early information is below for those who need time to think about what to create, photograph, make or paint. The full schedule of entries will be printed in Outlook soon but if you want a copy sooner, please contact me, Jane Davies. Contact information is below.

Photography Categories: No bigger than A4, 30x21 cm please and simply mounted.

* Trees * Decay * Piles of things

Art and Handicraft Section: Artwork no bigger than 60x60 cm please. [Picture size excludes any mount]

- **Painting, any medium; 'Rooftops'**
- **Artwork using charcoal and/or inks and pencil. [Your choice]. 'Slices of fruit or vegetables'.**
- **A picture using material/ felt and/or thread; 'Bonfire Night'**
- **An item made in wood.**
- **A wreath using soft materials**
- **Embellished Bunting no more than 1 ½ metres in length**
- **A Poem: 'Its Magic'**

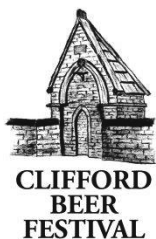
If you are planning to enter the **Chutney** category in the **PRODUCE SECTION** you may want to make it now so it has time to mature! Also, there is a section for Marmalade so you might want to make some this winter to enter in the show.

There is also, as usual, a bottle of **Flavoured Spirit**. You might want to get that steeping!

Please note the Teenagers' Section [Age 11-16] **and** Age group 7-10 will include the same Photography titles as above and the same Poem requirements. Children and teenagers may also enter any of the other above sections. Full show details will be printed in the April Outlook.

Please note we run a plant stall at the show and if you are splitting plants or taking cuttings, please think about donating plants for us to sell.

Enquiries to Jane Davies: janedavies383@btinternet.com/ 01937 842383



Hold the Date! - Saturday 25th June 2022 **The Clifford Beer Festival Returns.... we hope!**

The last beer festival was held in 2019 – we hope you've missed us – but we are keeping our fingers crossed to return this year even better than before.

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Alan Catton

As some of you may already know, Alan, who lived in Albion Street and who was a long-time resident of Clifford, died in December. He was a very generous supporter of the Annual Village Show, specifically the children's Arts and Crafts section to which he donated sufficient funds for the purchase of the winners' medals in the future. He delighted in presenting the winners with their medals on the day and congratulating them individually. Fortunately, we have photographs of these happy occasions. He will be greatly missed.

Alan was a long-standing member of the Clifford Local History Group, though recently he had been unable to attend meetings. He used his photography skills to record life in Clifford and helped to build up our digital archive by imaging old documents. Having lived in Clifford nearly all his life he was able to recall past events and changes to buildings and ways of village life adding to our understandings of our local history.

Clifford Local History Group CLIFFORD'S LISTED BUILDINGS

The Old Star Public House

The building dates from the late 18th century and was rebuilt in the mid 19th century. The walls are rubble and dressed magnesian limestone (now known as dolostone) with a Welsh slate roof. There is a lower wing at the rear to the right, which may have been stabling and WC. The end chimney stack is cement rendered and the central stack is brick. It may originally have been a dwelling as Thomas Mason is the first recorded licensee of the alehouse in 1822, followed by William Walker by 1841.

In 1851 William Gooding was the innkeeper and also the village postman. He lived above the inn with his wife and four children. Edward Greenwood, the licensee in 1871, was also a carpenter, his wife, Jane, taking over the licence by 1881 with her daughter as barmaid. With a number of other public houses in the village it seems as though the licensees either had another job or employed their relatives as barmaids. In 1911 Thomas Watson, the licensee, was also a farm labourer and in 1939 Frederick Wharton had a side line in horse dealing.

There is a large car park and a grassed area where village events have been held in the past. It is evident from old maps that this land extended further to the east and south, but these areas were sold off for housing and roads. The original land totalled 1.5 acres. On the pavement side of the car park wall there is a bench in an alcove. Way back, one of the village water pumps was sited there.



CLIFFORD LADIES

The speaker at our January meeting, Robert Stewart, entertained our members with his fascinating, true stories and recollections of 30 years as a criminal law solicitor.

Our next meeting, which takes place on Thursday 10th February, will take the form of a Social Evening with a quiz.

Here are further dates for your 2022 diary:

10/03/2022 – Talk 'Move the Masses' (Ellen Cameron)

14/4/2022 – Beetle Drive

All of the above will take place in Clifford Village Hall, doors will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and teas and coffees will be served.

Everyone is welcome – membership is £20.00 per year inclusive of entry to our meetings, alternatively you can attend as a visitor for £3.00.

If you require any further information please contact:

Christine Truman (01937 541163)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



From the Parish Council Meeting on 15 December 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

The Parish Council meets at 7.30 at Clifford Village Hall The meeting dates for 2022 are: 16th February 16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, August – no meeting, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November and 21st December.

Traffic Management

The Traffic Management Working Group has had an initial meeting to consider ideas for the Clifford Traffic Management Plan. In addition to Cllrs Andy Poulter, Tony Blackmore and Ryan Bray, two residents have been co-opted onto the group.

The Council has agreed to purchase 4 fixed Speed Indication Devices (SIDs). Leeds City Council has agreed that these can be sited at the following locations:

- adjacent to the Albion Pub
- at the end of St John's Road by the school
- Clifford Moor Road by the Village Green
- the end of the High Street by St Edwards Wood

Volunteers are still needed to help with the operation of the SID which continues to be used in various locations throughout Clifford. Please email clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk if you can help or if there are any locations where you think the SID should be used.

Leeds City Council Leeds Festival Working Group

Cllr Andy Poulter attended the initial meeting of the Leeds Festival Working Group. Festival Republic has accepted that there were problems with their communication with residents in the run up to the 2021 festival.

If you have any issues would like to raise in relation to the Leeds Festival, please email clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk and the council will ensure that your comments are passed on to the Leeds Festival Working Group.

Carols around the Christmas Tree

Cllr Fawcett thanked the volunteers who helped to install and decorate the Christmas tree by the War Memorial. With the addition of the new Christmas lights, purchased by the Parish Council, the tree was a festive centre piece for the village.

Many residents enjoyed singing Christmas carols around the tree on the 20th of December. Money raised from the collection has been donated to the Rob Burrow Centre for Motor Neurone Disease at Seacroft Hospital, Leeds.

Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any questions or comments for the Parish Council, please contact the clerk at clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

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



CLIFFORD WALKERS

Twenty-one walkers set off from the Anchor Inn at Whixley on a cool December morning. Three drove through the village and started their shorter walk by the church. The rest soon joined them and we set off across the fields over Whixley Moor towards Manor Farm. Though in an elevated position the mist prevented views of the North York Moors to the east. After a break for coffee we headed west along a muddy track which slowed progress. Turning south we joined a farm access road where walking was easier and our speed increased as we anticipated the meal to come. Back at The Anchor we were joined by two more members and enjoyed a carvery lunch and a chat. Thanks were expressed to Pauline for all the work she does in arranging the meal, co-ordinating the walks and sending out details and reminders.

Interested in joining our group outings? Keep a lookout in OUTLOOK for details printed every month or phone Pauline on 842768

Clifford Walking Group – FEBRUARY WALK

The February walk, led by Lyn Parkin is on Thursday 17th and will start at 10.00am. The walk is 7 miles long and will cover Temple Newsam, River Aire/Canal and surroundings, trying to avoid as much mud as possible at this time of year.

The start is in Temple Newsam – Approach Temple Newsam from Whitkirk, turn left on entering the park and free parking is available at the side of the road and near play area. Meet up near Go Ape For more information ring 01937 842768

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Clifford dog walking diaries

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

Clifford, over the A1, Thorner Lane, and Bramham – on a cold winter day in December

Our lively black Labrador Retriever cross called Tommy is still not showing any signs of calming down despite his four and a half years. He's completed stretches of the Cleveland Way, The Wolds Way, and the Dales Way, so a short trot around the village is definitely not enough for him. One of our favourite longer local walks is a circular route over the A1 and back round via Thorner Lane and Bramham, involving woods, ditches, and paths through open countryside. It's about a two hour walk, and a bit muddy at this time of the year, but it's a good way to blow away the cobwebs. Make sure you've got a good pair of boots on.

From the war memorial walk down Willow Lane and turn left onto Westfield Lane. Go through a gate and you're on to a narrow footpath, already in open countryside. There are stables on the right, and usually sheep on the left. This path bends round and then drops down to a made-up path which eventually leads to the motorway. There's a footbridge over the A1, and it feels a bit strange watching cars, vans, and lorries hurtle past beneath you. At the other side, turn right and walk along a path running alongside the motorway (it's fenced in), then bear left and cross the road running parallel to the motorway. Turn right, then bear left along the path. That's the tricky bit out of the way, and now it's open countryside for a long stretch.

You are now on a path at the edge of fields, which are used for growing a variety of crops in the spring and summer. Keep going for about ten minutes (roughly heading towards Compton) and you'll come to a sort of skewed crossroads of tracks. Basically turn left here and you're on a path with bushes and trees arching over the top. I don't know why, but this feels like a very, very old path. Tommy usually charges ahead at this point. Eventually the track opens out and there is managed woodland on either side, usually with some pheasants trying to take off in that non aerodynamic way. It's really muddy here, with ditches either side and you have to pick a path through the mud.

The path starts to get easier under foot, with fields on either side again, and comes out at Thorner Lane. Turn left and be careful crossing the road at the awkward T-junction. There 's a permissive path at the other side which runs along the edge of the fields roughly parallel to the road. Eventually this brings you back to Bramham, and you can take whichever route back to Clifford that you want to.

Kick off your muddy boots when you get home, and rub the muddy dog down with an old towel, before enjoying a well-earned cup of tea or coffee.

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?



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Winter Heliotrope at Northways

At the end of the curvy path nearest to the church (the south end) is a group of poplar trees which have been there for about 50 years. One or two have had to be felled for safety reasons. For many years there has been a thick bed of a large-leaved plant growing between and even beyond them almost all year round. In late autumn it wasn't easy to see but since December fresh growth has been appearing. It is known as Winter Heliotrope and sometimes Butterbur so called because in 'olden days' people would wrap their butter in its leaves (no cling film then!). Its botanical name is Petasites and it has spread prolifically under the trees over the years. During the summer months it is less noticeable; it seems to be dead but it is just 'die back'. It has begun to show itself in recent weeks so it is still active. The conditions provided by the trees are ideal for its growth. It is thought to be beneficial as low-level cover for wildlife but you wouldn't want it in a domestic garden – it would soon take over.

Advent windows and other decoration

The village had another splendid collection of advent windows during December. It was good to see folk taking a look at them. As well as being an interesting feature for the festive season, it encouraged people to walk around and get to know the village more intimately. Years ago, residents would be regularly seen walking up and down to the shops on the High Street and the post office in Albion Street. That's all gone, of course, and the main reason for going around the village nowadays seems to be walking the dog.

Besides those houses where owners had decided to join in the advent event many other homes had their Christmas trees or other displays in their windows and/or embellishing their hedges and fences. All of this served to light up the village in that most dreary of times around the winter solstice.

All in all, our lovely village showed tremendous community spirit to keep us looking festive at the end of what had been a difficult year for many of us.

A new piece of fencing.

On Albion Street near to its junction with Boston Road is a length of bright new wooden fencing put there late last summer. It took the place of some red plastic traffic barriers put there 'temporarily' by Leeds Council about 7 years ago. It's not generally known that this stretch of fencing is the responsibility of Leeds City Council to maintain. It butts up to a length of wall which is the parapet of a bridge, not readily identifiable as such. The other parapet, almost completely covered in ivy, is on the other side of Boston Road near the end house of Chapel Lane. They belong to a bridge which carries traffic over the road junction under which is a culvert. This carries water draining from the Great North Road, now more prosaically called the A1(M), to Fir Green beck on the other side of the village. You can pick out the bridge if you look carefully for a minute or so and it explains the origin of the name of the nearby street next to the Albion pub - Bridge Garth.

While we are in Bridge Garth....

On its corner with Boston Road is the Albion pub which has been there a very long time. A notice went up at the pub in early January advertising it as a FANTASTIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. The present management are not renewing their contract with Enterprise Inns and so new publicans are being sought.

SANTA SLEIGH COLLECTION

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the generous residents of Clifford who supported 1st Clifford Scout Group's Santa Sleigh in December. We are delighted to share that Santa's visits in Clifford and Bramham raised a wonderful £1,327. From this sum, we are pleased to be able to donate £1,000 to St George's Crypt, the homeless charity in Leeds. The other £327 will help the Scout Group continue to organise exciting weekly sessions and camp activities for local boys and girls. Sending you happy 2022 wishes from everyone in 1st Clifford.

ANSWERS TO CLIFFORD JANUARY QUIZ

1. Elizabeth 1
2. Mad Men
3. Samuel Pepys
4. Let it Be
5. Charles I
6. Aquarius
7. The Snowdrop
8. The iPhone
9. Frank Sinatra
10. Rio de Janeiro
11. Janus
12. She was the first female artist to be inducted

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