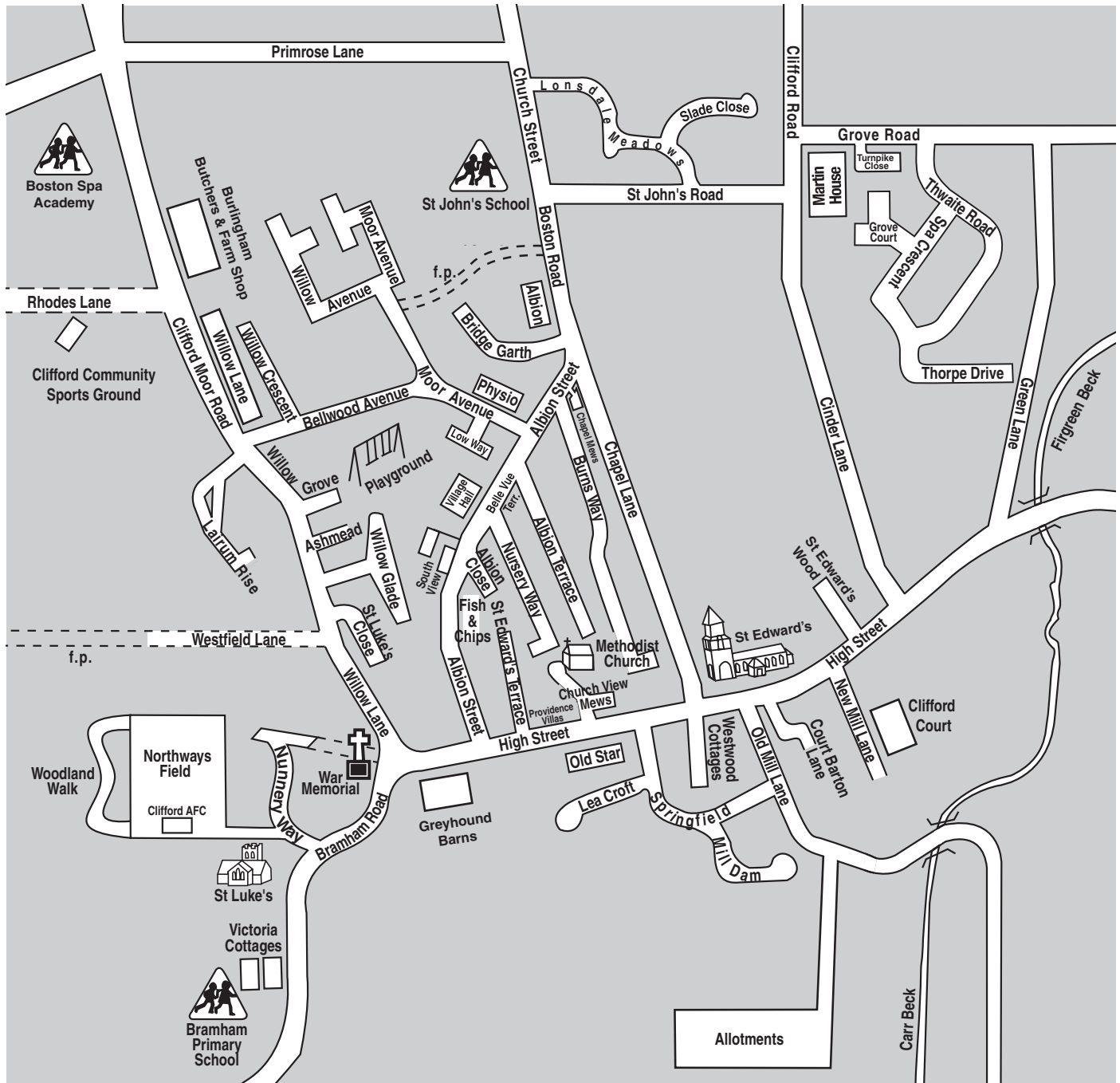


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Pete and Kath Burdall wish our friends and neighbours in Clifford a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Wishing all my friends and colleagues a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas with all good wishes for 2023. From **Joan Dyson.**

Helen and Don Chambers would like to wish their friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Christine Maskill (Lime Cottage) would like to send very warm Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to all friends in Clifford, including neighbours, the local History Group, Clifford Ladies, Pilates and the Book Group.

Season's Greetings to my friends and neighbours. Thank you for your support from **Lyn Parkin.**

Rumour has it, it's nearly Christmas, the season of goodwill.
But for joy and cheer throughout the year, follow **Clifford Rumour Mill.**

A peaceful and safe Christmas to everyone from **Ivor Drake.**

Glennis and Will wish all their friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Liz and Alan send all their friends and neighbours in Clifford Greetings for Christmas, Yuletide and the New Year.

To all my friends and neighbours in Clifford; may you have a wonderful Christmas and everything you wish for in the New Year. All my love, **Sue Park.**

Wishing all our friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from **Molly and Peter.**

I would like to wish all my friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your support. From **Yvonne.**

Wishing our lovely Lairum Rise neighbours and friends in the village a very Happy Christmas. **From Maria and Nick Cameron.**

Chuck and Marg Lindley would like to wish their friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Steve and Sandy at The Albion wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Allen wishes all my friends and neighbours a great Christmas and a happy New Year



*Season's Greetings and all good wishes for the New Year
to all our readers, contributors, distributors and
advertisers.*

From the OUTLOOK editorial team.

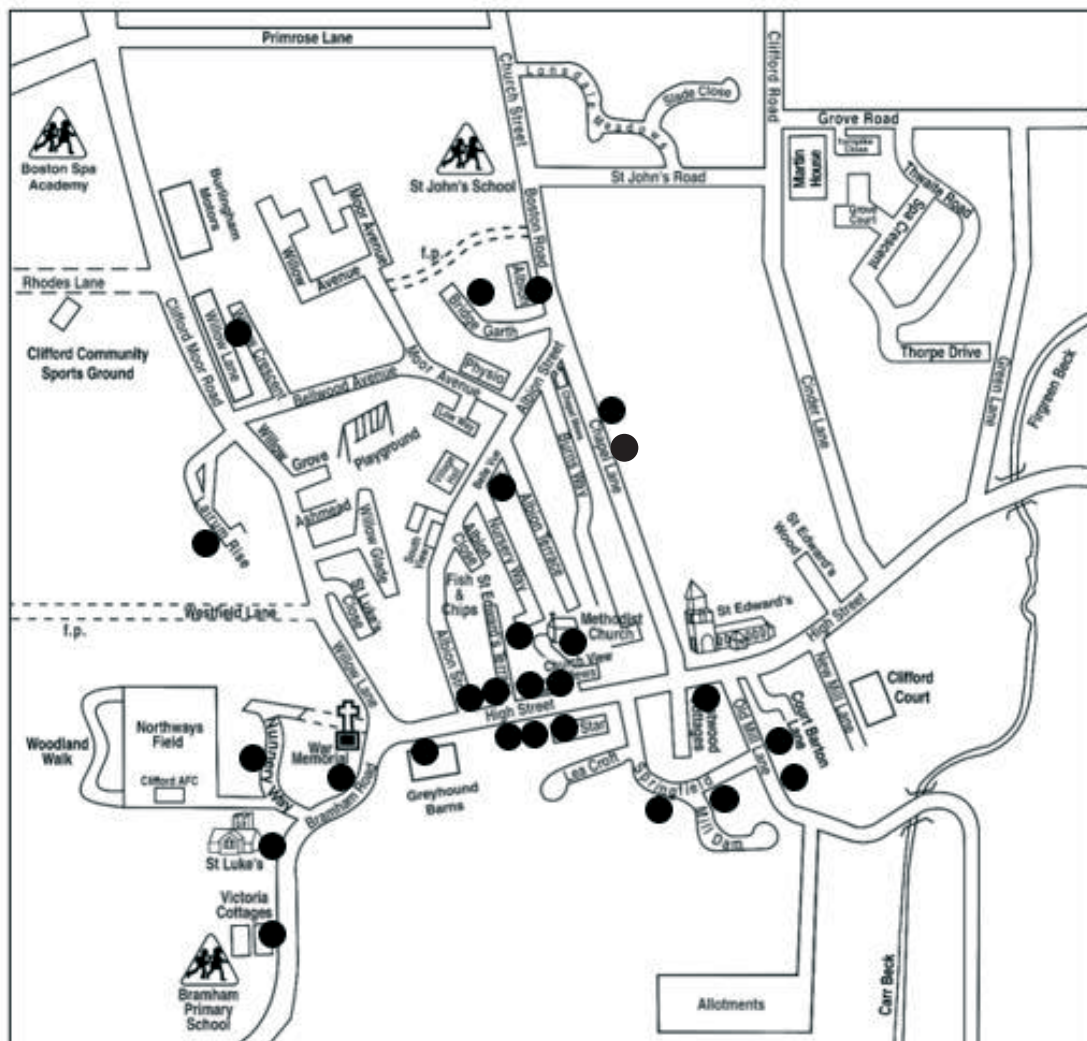


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15 Bridge Garth	Clifford Methodist Church	29 High Street
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4 Greyhound Barn, High Street	2 Willow Cottage, Willow Lane	10 Willow Lane
48 High Street	St Luke's Church	2 Victoria Place
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POLITE NOTICE

**From Clifford Methodist
Church-** As in previous years,
the gate between Nursery Way
and Church View Mews will be
closed from 6:00 pm on 31
December 2022 until 6:00 pm on
1 January 2023 to indicate that it
is not a public right of way.

From the Parish Council October 2022

The Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 at Clifford Village Hall. The meeting dates for 2023 are: January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, April 19th, May 17th, June 21st, July 19th, August – no meeting, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th and December 20th.

New Councillor - Ian Bartlett was co-opted onto the Council at the October meeting. Ian joined the Planning Working Group which considers and responds to all planning applications in Clifford submitted to LCC. There is still one vacancy on the Council, however as there will be local council elections in May 2023 the Council will not be seeking to fill this vacancy by co-option prior to the elections.

School walking route - The Traffic Management Working Group is continuing to work with the Ward Councillors and LCC on plans to establish a safe walking route for children from Clifford going to Bramham Primary School. Vegetation is obstructing the footpath towards the school and the Council will be setting up a working party to 'grub out' the path.

Remembrance Day - The Remembrance Day Service at the Clifford War Memorial on November the 13th was well attended, and the collection raised £348.92 for the Royal British Legion. Cllr Nicholas Fawcett laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the residents of Clifford.

A Village Litter Pick - Will be held on 25th February 2023. Residents are invited to join the litter pick to help improve the appearance of Clifford. Further details will be published on the Council website <https://cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

St Edwards Wood - The Council has decided not to proceed with proposals to install play equipment in St Edwards Wood. Work has been completed to cut back some of the trees in the wood which were overgrown.

Cuts to bus services - Many residents are worried about the recently announced cuts to the X99 and number 7 bus services. Ward Cllr Richard has met with Transdev to set out the concern of residents about the reduction in these vital services. Transdev can be contacted at customer.services@transdev.co.uk, if you want to contact them directly about this issue.

Carols around the Christmas Tree 7pm Thursday 22nd December 2022



Everyone is invited to attend the singing of Christmas Carols around the Christmas tree at the War Memorial. Wrap up warm and join in the singing and enjoy a mince pie.

A collection will be made on behalf of Martin House Children's Hospice which provides family-led care for children and young people with life limiting illnesses

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

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MARIE MURPHY

It is with great sadness that we have to join with many others in mourning the death of Marie. She has been one of our deliverers of the magazine for some time. Most recently, after she moved from the High Street in Clifford to Church Street, she took on sharing the delivery of the magazine to the Shires Grove estate on Grove Road. She saw it as only a small task to walk from her house to carry out her delivering. Not only did she contribute to the work of the magazine; she was active in St. Edward's church, the Girl Guide movement and was a founding member of Clifford walking group and Clifford Local History Group. She was also always willing to help with other activities and through these she came to be known by very many people in the community. She will be sorely missed.

OUT AND ABOUT IN CLIFFORD

Change of beck name

If you look at the village map (not to scale) on the OUTLOOK cover you may have noticed that the beck which flows along the east side of the village has two names on it. This might seem strange but it's not unusual. There are many examples of two settlements on the same stream giving it a different name. Ours comes into the village from Bramham having first passed under the A1(M), or if you prefer, the Great North Road and then through the remains of the mill pond. Carr with a double "r" means waterlogged, wooded ground.

Lots of scaffolding on St. Edward's and elsewhere.

Work on the three sites at the eastern end of the High Street continue at their different paces. St. Edward's Church tower is almost fully obscured by scaffolding so it's difficult to see what's going on. Goodness knows how many pieces and connectors have been used. The church ought to have a competition to raise some money - a bit like 'How many Smarties in the jar?'

At Laburnum cottage the extension is slowly rising on the east side of the existing building. Meanwhile, at 62 High Street, yet more scaffolding is up on the front and new chimney pots have been installed. One wonders whether these will fulfil the intended purpose or are simply being tidied up to preserve the features of this Grade II building. It was encouraging to witness a postman arriving at the front door with mail – an early sign of its being a lived-in house.

Brilliant displays for Hallowe'en

There was a notable increase in the number of displays around the village for the occasion. They all reflect, in various inventive ways, the ideas of ghouls, ghosts etc. It's getting to feel like a prelude to Yuletide the decorations for which seem to appear earlier each year. Will they eventually meet to give us two full months of dressing up our houses?

Annual Remembrance Service

Our LED lit poppy made it clear what time of year it is. This year in particular, we are reminded of other conflicts going on at the moment and that war brings appalling injury to those who are not active participants. Many come out maimed both physically and/or mentally and their life as they knew it no longer exists.

A large crowd gathered on Remembrance Sunday and wreaths were laid by 1st Clifford Beavers, Clifford Girl Guides, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Clifford Parish Council, 1st Clifford Cubs and Clifford Brownies. It's good to see how the younger generation are picking up the importance of this ongoing event.

The Tree at the War Memorial

This has had a substantial treatment – what is called a formative pruning - leaving a nicely shaped crown. The trunk is now relieved of the overload of branches which had accumulated since its planting. It is a fine example of a *Cornus mas* which is loaded with small yellow flowers in late Winter/Spring and small red berries in autumn which lead to the common name of Cornelian Cherry.

Our bus service

On November 7th, the reduction of our Leeds to Harrogate service was worsened to one each hour on weekdays. Yet on the 14th of that month the timetable in the shelter on the corner of Willow Crescent/Bellwood Avenue was still displaying the previous half-hour service. How many folk stood there waiting for a bus which wasn't coming. If we want to encourage people to use public transport instead of their cars this sort of confusion doesn't help!

CLIFFORD WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be our Christmas walk and lunch on Thursday 15th December. Pre-booked lunch will be at The Crooked Billet at 12.30. The walk of about 3½ miles will start at 10.am from the car park of the Crooked Billet and will be led by Liz and Alan Pennington. If you have not booked for the lunch, you are still welcome to come on the walk. For more information ring Pauline on 01937 842768 or email pauline.winterburn@gmail.com

The Walking Group has lost one of our most loyal members - Marie Murphy, who died last month, was part of the inaugural meeting and walk in June 2003. She loved walking and even completed the longer distance walks right up to the end. Marie took over the leadership of the Amblers group, a group formed to encourage walkers who wanted easier walking with less mileage. Marie was a lovely lady, kind and patient and always willing to help. She will be sadly missed.

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2. In the film 'It's a Wonderful Life', what happened every time a bell rang?
3. In which ocean can Christmas Island be found?
4. Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as the god of love?
5. Which former President of the United States makes a cameo appearance in 'Home Alone 2'?
6. What colour was Santa Claus' suit before Coca-Cola dressed him in red for an advertising campaign?
7. How tall is the record holder for the tallest ever snowman?
8. Which British monarch delivered the first ever Christmas message?
9. In which classic novel does the main character set sail for a sea voyage on a cold Christmas day?
10. In 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', what do the Dursleys give Harry for Christmas?
11. What is the best-selling Christmas song of all time?
12. Which 'guiding light' establishment in Clifford, sadly closed at the moment, reminds you most of Christmas?

Answers in next month's edition.

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On behalf of the Village Hall Supporters team, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Helen Chambers, Village Hall Book Sales Organiser (07588 602164)

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Is there a lady down your street old and all alone, no one visits anymore and she has no mobile phone.

Give her ring on her doorbell, a smile is good to share, she might bring you joy as well, if you can show you care.

That nice old man who smiled in summer, brown and fit and well, now only tweaks the curtains of his lonely winter cell.

Give him a knock on his front door, warmth is good to share. He might bring you joy as well if you show you care.

See all the people living rough no roof above their head, why should yuletide mean a thing if the gutter is your bed.

Offer up what you can give, time is good to share.

A kindness cup, a will to live if you show you care.

Someone will be lonely this Christmas, someone needs you to call.

Are you so blind that you can't see, just search your mind and say someone needs me.

CLIFFORD WALKERS - OCTOBER OUTING - KNARESBOROUGH

Seven walkers and a dog met in Conyngham Hall car park on a lovely sunny day in October. We set off up Bond End and then up High Bond End towards Ripley, carefully crossing and re-crossing the road as the footpath changed sides. Further on the large houses with their electric gates provided some interest, before we turned into the estate and some of us decided that the houses might be big and spacious but it was a long way to the shops and other amenities. A footpath took us down into the woodland until we were walking by the river. Here we noticed some brilliantly coloured toadstools, which David and his phone app identified as Fly Agaric. A steep climb up steps and down again brought us in sight of the footbridge. A bench here provided seating for some of the group and we enjoyed a refreshment stop.

After crossing the Burgess Bridge we paused to read the notice telling us that Sally Sterne (late of Boston Spa) the wife of the landowner had opened the bridge in 1988. We continued along the south bank of the river hoping to see kingfishers near the water, but we weren't so lucky. We passed a bench placed in memory of Sue Oliver, who used to live in Clifford. We then proceeded along the riverbank and under the majestic viaduct, built to carry the main railway from Harrogate to Ripon and on to Northallerton, but closed in 1967. From this a branch line went to Pateley Bridge. Climbing up out of the gorge, we took a short detour to stand on the viaduct and admire the scenery in both directions and down below us.

Leaving the river we followed the old railway track to Bilton, where we walked along a pleasant quiet road past Bilton Hall, before going down to the river again and over a wooden bridge. Here our leader offered us a choice of return route and we chose to climb up to Conyngham Hall, now offices, but once owned by the Mackintosh family of Halifax toffee fame. Returning to the car park we enjoyed refreshments at the Ugly Duckling café where we were joined by two other members of our walking group.

Thank you to Lyn for a very interesting and enjoyable walk in lovely autumn sunshine.

Brenda was not an evacuee in the general sense of the word. At the beginning of the war her father and uncle were employed by a construction company contracted by the government to build a munitions factory at Thorp Arch. Due to the conditions in their London home the families decided to remove to Clifford en bloc. The two families totalling 9 people settled in No.2 Belle Vue Terrace. Brenda recalls that there were three rooms upstairs and two down with no bathroom and no kitchen as such. Cooking was done on a kitchen range which had to be lit every day of the year or on a single gas burner adjacent to the sink. There was one cold tap to the sink and another cold tap in the separate washhouse. Baths were taken in the washhouse (using a tin bath) in the summer or in front of the kitchen range in winter. The washhouse also contained a large built-in copper under which a fire had to be lit every washday or for bath water. The toilets were in a row in the common yard at the back of the cottages but at least it was a flush toilet – many dwellings in the village had earth closets.

As the eldest of the four children, Brenda went to Tadcaster Grammar School using the regular service bus while her sister and cousins went to the primary school in Boston Spa. They, the younger children, walked to school every day in all weathers unaccompanied.

Brenda recalls Clifford as a small quiet village with nothing much in the way of amenities. She writes in her memoirs:

“There was a small library which opened once a week but other than this you only met people by going to church or visiting one of the four pubs in the village (The Old Star, The Albion, the Bay Horse and the Greyhound). There were no groups or clubs of any kind. Young people of the village often used to congregate on the street corner in the centre of the village at the weekends simply to meet and chat to their friends. The local residents did not like this much, although we were a bit noisy at times we were never rowdy. A few of us were still at school but most had left school at 14 and were apprentices or were working as agricultural labourers on local farms.

Back in the village at weekends we went on long walks and I still remember my favourite route was to end up on a little wooden bridge over a beck just outside the village. It was a lovely clear stream which made a quiet soothing noise as it flowed gently over the smoothed stones. We used to spend a long time there enjoying the bird songs and the peace of the countryside.

In Yorkshire where it was so quiet it was difficult to realise sometimes that a war was being fought in Europe. We had the newspapers, of course, and an ancient wireless (now called a radio) housed in a large wooden casing with lots of wires. A man came every fortnight to change the battery. There was rationing, of course, but it was often possible to acquire ‘extras’. Sometimes we saw squadrons of Halifax bombers overhead on their way to bomb Germany but that was the extent of our war experiences. My father and uncle joined the Home Guard and they practised every Sunday morning in the car park of the Albion pub. Mother also did her bit by volunteering for duties at an army convalescent hospital at Seacroft.

There were two general stores in the village. One was kept by a Mr Carr and was situated opposite the entrance to the Chapel and primary school. The other was Gibbons in a prominent position in the High Street opposite Albion Street, staffed by a father and son. There was a POW camp in Bramham for repatriated soldiers from all over Europe and they used to go into the shop and gaze at all the merchandise until they found what they wanted. They seldom had an interpreter with them. They were very young and often looked lost and forlorn.

V.E. Day was celebrated with a great bonfire in the car park of the Old Star pub. Dozens of people attended both old and young and there was much merriment.”

Linton Antique Society goes to the Yorkshire seaside

Winter may not be everyone’s preferred time for a visit to the Yorkshire coast but the talk at 8.00pm on Thursday 8 December 2022 at the Linton Memorial Hall by social historian Mike Winterbottom will reveal how seaside towns like Scarborough, Whitby and Saltburn became major seaside resorts and adapted throughout two centuries of social change.

Meetings are open to members of the public – entrance £10, payable at the door. Annual Membership costs £25 for individuals, £45 for two living at the same address, and gives access to all the talks. You can join by downloading the membership form from the membership page of www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk or by contacting the Society’s Membership Secretary on 0113 345 1815.



Clifford Parish Council

Meetings are held in Clifford Village Hall
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attendance by residents is warmly welcomed and contributions
encouraged

Meeting dates for 2022

January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th,
May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August – no meeting, September 21st,
October 19th, November 16th, December 21st.

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Parish Priest: Fr Ken Gabbadon.....☎ 541165
email: kgabba7036@aol.com
For the bookings of Weddings, Baptisms & Confessions,
Please contact:
The Group Administrator at St Mary's Parish Church, Boston Spa
☎ 844402 Monday to Thursday – 09.30 am to 12.30 pm
email: bramhambenefice@outlook.com

St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, Clifford

Mass: Thursday 10am
Saturday Vigil for Sunday. 5pm
Sunday. 11am

PP. Fr Sean Molloy. 01937 833105

Email: pp.stedward@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Clifford Methodist Chapel

Sunday Service 10.30am
Minister: Rev. Steve Jakeman ☎ 842156
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