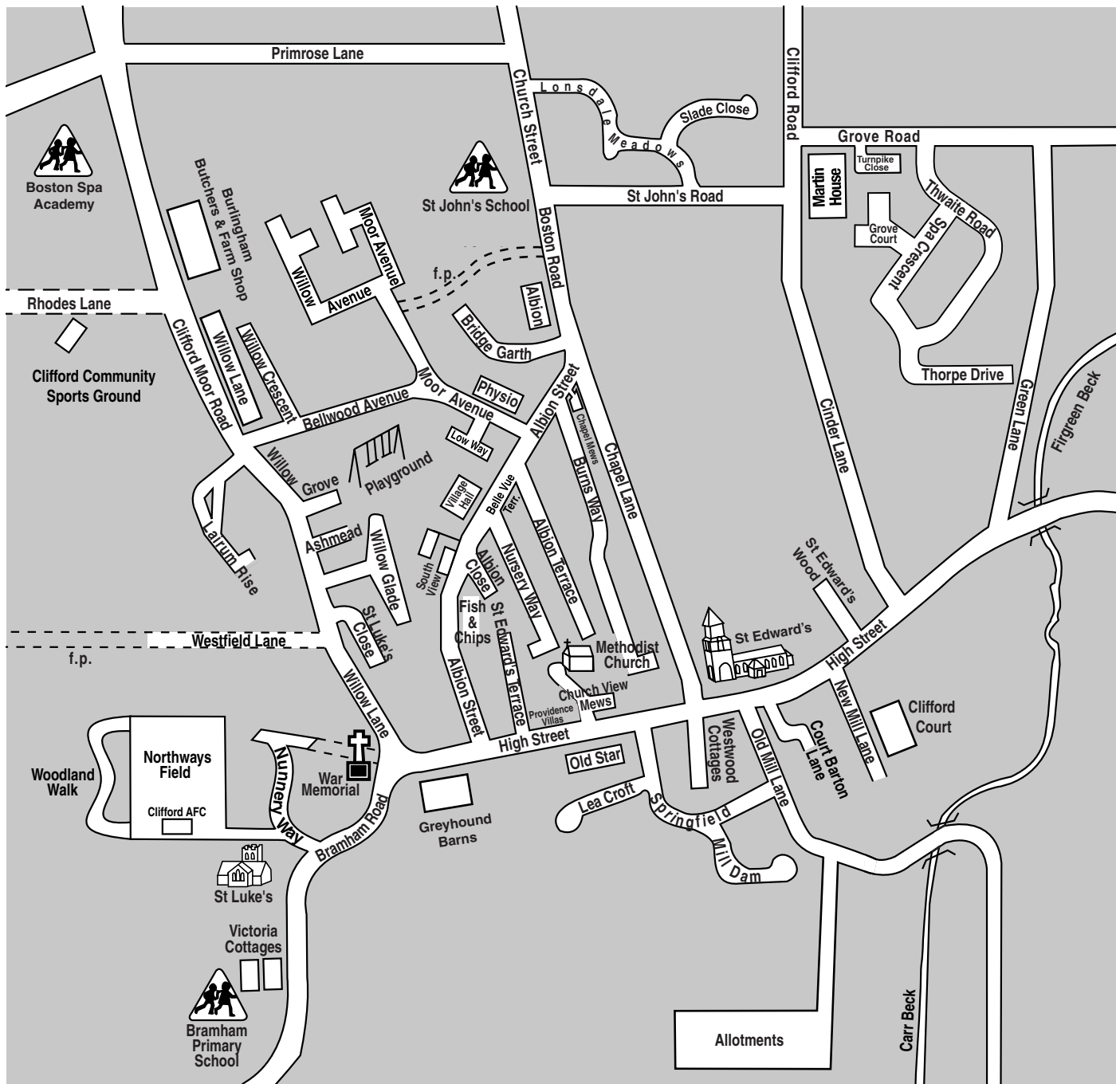


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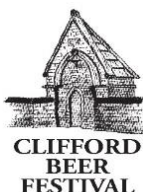
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## Clifford Champion Beer Festival 2023

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

It may seem an age before this year's event takes place, but the Beer Festival Committee have already had several planning meetings to make sure that this year is as successful as the last. In 2022 we had record attendance, and it was pleasing to see so many families joining us. We hope to welcome you all back again this year so **please put the date in your diaries.**

As always, we are in need of volunteers to get involved with the set-up and the clearing away and of course, help on the day. If you think you can spare a few hours on any of the days from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> to help us out, then please go to the Clifford Beer Festival website <http://www.cliffordbeerfestival.co.uk/>

and leave your details, alternatively contact Jane Davies:- email [janedavies383@btinternet.com](mailto:janedavies383@btinternet.com) / Mob 07802 447272.

**SPONSORSHIP:** Much of the event funding comes from sponsorships pledged by local individuals or businesses. If you would like to sponsor a Barrel or a Bar and advertise your business, or just support the community, you can find details on the website or alternatively contact Richard Brough: - [richard.brough@hotmail.com](mailto:richard.brough@hotmail.com)

All event proceeds go to support the Clifford Football Club and Village Hall charities.

## CLIFFORD VILLAGE SHOW SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

**Early information for those of you who need to plan ahead and get creating and making.**

**Photography Categories: No bigger than A4 please and simply mounted.**

\* Flowers in all their Glory \* The Beauty of Water \* Daily Life in Yorkshire

**Art and Handicraft Section: Artwork no bigger than 60x60 cm**

**[Picture size excludes any mount]**

- **Painting, any medium;** 'Where the Wild Things Are.'
- **Drawing/Sketching, with or without colour;** 'A View from my Window'
- **A Picture using Collage/Mixed Media/Thread;** 'A Nautical Theme.'
- **A knitted or Crochet item**
- **An Item of Patchwork.**
- **Recycle items into something new to wear.**
- **A Poem;** 'What Makes My Heart Sing'

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 Jams and 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.**

So, get making!

**Please note** the Teenagers' Section [Age 11-16] and Age group 7-10 will include the same Photography titles as above. Children and Teenagers may also enter any of the other above sections.

The poem title for these two age groups is '**How to be an Eco Hero**'.

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## Trying to grow our own fruit and vegetables – an amateur’s approach

We’re attempting to grow our own fruit and veg in our garden on a non-expert cost-effective basis, using a month-by-month gardening book won at a quiz night.

At the time of writing, we’re still in the winter month of February. There’s been a few sunny days when spring might seem round the corner, and snowdrops are appearing, but we know our weather can lull us into a false sense of security. We’ve been watching how the sun falls on the garden, and we do seem to have got the beds in the right place. We’ve extended one of the beds, and even built a short stretch of low-level fencing weaving coppiced willow into the hazel marker posts. There’s been still more hours of weeding, and we’ve piled on another thick layer of our garden compost. We never got round to cleaning the pots and seed trays. It can wait until next year. The greenhouse looks reasonably tidy.

And we’ve also been to the garden centre to buy some actual things to grow! Early seed potatoes were first on the list. I didn’t realise there was such a range, with some very different names - Lady Christl, Pentland Javelin, Red Duke of York, Caledonian Pearl, Arran Pilot. We plumped for a 2 kg bag of Lady Christl for no good reason, and we’ve placed them in egg boxes in the greenhouse to start the chitting process. We’ve worked out if the chitting process is successful we could well need the whole plot just for potatoes, so we’ll need a bit of a rethink.

We also got some onion sets which need to be planted in March; and some heads of garlic – you need to break these up and then plant the individual cloves in the ground – we’ve done that. We’ve planted some parsley and salad leaf seeds in the greenhouse, and the heads of rhubarb are definitely poking through now if you lift up the pot used for forcing.

We’ve put more compost on the blackcurrant bushes. Reading the book, they’re probably planted too close together, but they’ve been pretty successful over the last few years, so we can’t see a good reason to move them. The redcurrant bushes look devoid of life, so we might need to write those off.

There’ll be more preparation in March, and some planting as well. The book says you might even be able to harvest the first rhubarb, but I’m doubtful in Yorkshire. The book also suggests making runner bean and celery trenches; feeding and mulching fruit trees and bushes; and maybe pollinating apricots if it’s a cool spring. We had a bumper crop of apricots last summer, after years of only one or two fruits, so we might have a go at this.

We’re keeping a watchful eye on the dog to make sure he doesn’t go digging in the beds.

So, a bit more progress, and certainly looking forward to spring and some warmer weather.



## **The Inconsistent Gardener – March 2023**

### **MISS MARY TUMELTY 1934 – 2023**

Those of us who remember Clifford Primary School will be sad to hear of the death of Miss Tumelty who opened the school in 1974 and was Head Teacher until it closed in a few years after her retirement in 1994. A funeral service was held at St Edwards Catholic Church, Clifford on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 followed by refreshments in the Albion Clifford. The church service was well attended by those who knew her.

Mary was born in Leeds 26 March 1934. She was the eldest daughter of Clare and Tom Tumelty, she had a younger sister Jo. Her older brother, John, sadly died aged four.

Mary attended Mount St Mary College, Richmond Hill Leeds where her name is still on a plaque in school corridor indicating her Honours degree in French from Leeds University where she studied from 1951. Mary obtained her teaching qualification from Manchester University deciding she wished to teach Primary Age Pupils. After several years Supply Teaching, where she gained a vast varied experience, Mary was appointed the First Head Teacher at Clifford Primary School when it opened in 1974. The school was purpose built commissioned by LCC when they took over from West Riding. The school was an important part of the Community, it had its own cook, so lunches were cooked on the premises and staff ate with the children creating a “Family Atmosphere”.

Miss Tumelty fought, with the chair of Governors to keep the school open however it finally closed a few years after Mary’s retirement.

Mary loved walking, completing the three Peaks of Yorkshire, weekly swimming and hosted French classes on a regular basis in her own home. Mary was a founder member of the Leeds Branch of UNICEF, working tirelessly for over forty years for the Charity in several roles one of which was holding out collection boxes in the entrance of IKEA Birstall.

# From the January 2023 Parish Council Meeting

**The Parish Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at Clifford Village Hall. The meeting dates for 2023 are:** January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August – no meeting, September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and December 20<sup>th</sup>. Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings. There is a public participation session at the start of each meeting when residents can comment on any items on the agenda or raise issues they would like the Council to consider at a subsequent meeting. If you are not able to attend in person any comments should be sent to [clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk). The agenda, and minutes of past meeting, are available at [www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## 2023/2024 Budget and precept

The Council approved the budget for 2023/2024 and resolved to set the Precept at £38,700. The precept is the Parish Council's share of the council tax. The money is collected by Leeds City Council and passed on the Parish Council. The precept for 2023/2024 equates to £45.64 per year for a band D property, an increase of £4.10 pence per year from 2022/2023. The full budget will be published at <https://cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk/accounts>

The precept is used to maintain most of the public spaces in Clifford, including the Clifford Community Sports Ground, Northways, St Edwards Wood and the playground. It also funds projects to improve road safety and contributions towards community events.

## Footpath Improvements

Mr Chris Proctor, LCC Senior Traffic Engineer, attended the council meeting to provide an update on 2 projects to improve pedestrian safety:

**1. Footpath to Boston Spa Academy.** LCC are proposing to widen the footpath along Clifford Moor Road from Willow Lane to the Academy entrance to a width of 2.5 metres and install new edging to the highway. It is also proposed to install an informal crossing point over Clifford Moor Road with the aim of concentrating pedestrians crossing the road in one location. The work will have to be funded jointly by Clifford Parish Council, Boston Spa Parish Council and the Academy.

Councillors raised concerns about the number of cars parking on Clifford Moor Road and suggested that double yellow lines are installed from Willow Lane to the Old laundry.

**2. Improvements to footpath to Bramham Primary School.** Plans to improve the footpath to the school have evolved into a more complicated two-phase scheme than was originally envisaged. Phase one involves widening the footpath to 2m from the bottle bank to the school entrance at an estimated costs of £46,000. Phase two involves improving the access for pedestrians coming from Clifford to include a new entrance to the school and widening the footpath. The new entrance will require a ramp to comply with the DDA requirements and may need a substantial retaining wall. The estimated cost is £46,000 plus £10,000 if a retaining wall is required. The option of reinstating the old stairway to the rear of the school as a temporary measure was discussed, the estimated cost is £3,000.

LCC have not allocated any funding for the work. Mr Proctor agreed to amend the plans and obtain further quotes to 1. reinstate the stairway 2. Install as new stairway and ramp and 3. Widen the footpath. The council will consider the options once the amended plans and quotes are received.

**Playground** Councillors Nick Fawcett and James Lund have had a preliminary meeting with the Village Hall Trustees to discuss the option of replacing the existing playground equipment. The options will be considered in detail once quotes have been obtained for replacement and installation of new play equipment.

**Allotments** There are some vacancies at the Clifford Allotments. There are 33 plots at the site, some of which are split into half plots. The annual rent is currently £36 plus a refundable bond of £50. If you are interested in having an allotment in Clifford then contact the CAHA Secretary, Jane Davies, on 07802 447272 or at [janedavies383@btinternet.com](mailto:janedavies383@btinternet.com)

## Contacting the Parish Council

Email If you have any questions or comments for Council, [clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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

### **Clifford, beyond Heygate across country towards Tadcaster, and back via Bramham – on a cold winter day in January**

Our lively black Labrador Retriever cross called Tommy is still not showing any signs of calming down despite his five 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 beyond Heygate across country towards Tadcaster then back via 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 the High Street, turn right on Old Mill Lane, then as this turns into Windmill Hill take a sharp left back on yourself onto a narrow-fenced path. Follow this to the bottom of Heygate, but then turn left for a short walk and then right. This takes you along a path bordering open farmland eventually leading to Oglethorpe Hall Farm (you'll see a handwritten sign asking you to keep dogs off the fields). As you see the farm up on your left, take the cart track to your right. Follow this across country for a long stretch. Tommy usually races ahead at this point. Eventually you'll see woods on your right. There's a lot of commercial timber felling going on at the moment, with large pieces of machinery parked and huge tree trunks stacked up ready to be taken away.

This path eventually brings you out onto Toulston Lane running between Bramham and Tadcaster, not far from Tadcaster Grammar School. Be careful crossing the road, then head up Warren Lane. Behind the hedge on your left there's the remnants of some sort of disused aircraft lookout tower from the war (this needs more research!); then a bit further on some large metal gates to a limestone quarry; then on to a hamlet of cottages around Headley Hall. The lane then becomes Spen Common Lane. As it starts to bend to the right, take a marked path off the lane, across countryside. Tommy is particularly interested in the pigs on the field to the left, which we think must be part of Spen Farm, associated with the University of Leeds.

Carry on this path, which leads to Headley Lane, then to the top of the hill at Bramham near the football field and playground. We walk down the steep road Almshouse Hill that brings you into the centre of 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?

### **CLIFFORD WALKING GROUP**

The Amblers section of the walking group is now starting up again under the leadership of Gill Barber. A walk has been planned for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. The starting point is Clifford Village Hall, meeting at 9.45am. The walk will be about 3.5 miles of steady walking. There will be a stop for a drink and a rest along the way. Some cars will be required to give lifts to get to the actual start. If you are new to the group, please ring 01937 842768 in case of changes. New walkers are very welcome.

| CLIFFORD WALKERS - TERRINGTON |                                                                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Leaders                       | - Liz and Alan Pennington                                        |
| Date                          | - Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 a.m.                  |
| Distance                      | - 7 miles                                                        |
| Parking                       | - Terrington Village Hall. There is an honesty box and a toilet. |
| Map                           | - OS Explorer 300 Howardian Hills and Malton Grid ref. 672704    |
| Lunch                         | - Packed                                                         |
| Refreshments                  | - Village shop and café.                                         |

The walk takes us up to the ridge above Slingsby with views over to the North York Moors, before returning through woodland and following parts of the Centenary Way.

Please let us know (01937 845575) if you will be joining us for refreshments by 14<sup>th</sup> March as the café needs to know numbers. Phone contact for the day 07762 627506



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## CLIFFORD MARCH QUIZ

As the first signs of Spring start to appear, here are some quiz questions on the theme of the month of March.

1. The March Hare is a character from which book?
2. Complete the saying 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a ....'.
3. What is the birth flower of March?
4. On the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1946, what did Winston Churchill warn was falling across Europe?
5. The lives of the four March sisters feature in which famous novel? (clue: it was also a 2019 film starring Emma Watson)
6. March is named after Mars. What is Mars the Roman god of?
7. March is called 'Maaliskuu' in which Northern European language?
8. On what date in March is Saint Patrick's Day?
9. On the first Thursday in March every child in full-time education in the UK is given a voucher to spend on what?
10. The Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to which date?
11. Which Canadian singer was born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1994?
12. Which city became the capital of Australia on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1913?

Answers in next month's edition

## Gardener's Corner- for owners of a window ledge, patio or a fully flung outdoor space!

Clifford and Boston Spa have been lovely villages to work in - I've really enjoyed spending the last 2 years building up a gardening service in this area and met some amazing people in the process. I volunteer at a National Trust Garden in York, Goddards, and am studying horticulture with the Royal Horticulture Society.

I'm excited to make an occasional contribution to the 'OUTLOOK' following an invitation by the team. I'm going to aim for the proverbial 'to do' list but will also stretch your minds with a tip or two for your wellbeing.

### To do now

- Last chance to prune your roses -RHS, BBC Gardeners World and National trust have good videos online
- Sow some flower or veg seeds, perhaps on a window ledge- hardy annuals can also be planted in the ground outside
- If you know it's going to be frosty, consider putting fleece on fruit blossoms of early flowering apples, pears, cherries, or plums. This will only be practical with smaller trees or bushes though. I don't want anyone falling off ladders to save a few flowers!
- If you have them, divide any bigger clumps of snowdrops that have finished flowering and replant small clumps elsewhere in your garden or share with someone else

### Future proofing

- Put in or make some supports for herbaceous perennials that can flop later in spring/summer- for example oriental poppies, asters, peonies, dahlia's, delphiniums, yarrow (Achillea)

**Planet friendly tip** Take recently cut willow, dogwood or birch twigs, push them into the ground in a circle around the plant, arch them over and push the tip into the ground, or weave the thinner tips together.

Computer savvy readers could check out YouTube 'How to make plant supports from clippings'

### Mindful moment

Take a moment to look, listen, smell, feel the world around you wherever you are- whether you are feeling relaxed or are stressed up to your eyeballs this is a great habit to get into.

I have changed career over the last 2 years from the NHS to private gardener and this has been one of the things I've learnt to do that has really helped in uncertain times.

- Look up at the sky-colours, shapes, wind movement, birds
- Look out for flower bulbs peeping through, crocus and daffs already in flower, hazel catkins in hedges
- Watch and listen to the busy birds
- Feel the cold air or the wind blowing!! Brrr!!

Justine Incoll at Ginkgo Gardening, Private Gardener in Clifford, Boston Spa and surrounding villages. Passionate about plants and gardens and the benefits of them to all, Queries welcome 07969386997

## ENERGY FAIR January 2023 review

Last year and this year have proved very worrying for many people in our community, with soaring food and energy prices, so the Community Green Group decided to focus time and attention on helping people to reduce their energy use and bills. Following on from our successful Energy Fair in September last year, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January we held a similar event in Wetherby Town Hall. We had taken the feedback from the previous event and made it more informal and interactive. Over 250 people came through the doors, including a steady stream of families with young children, who were entertained free of charge with activities. All those attending were able to listen to short talks by experts in the rooms, on renewable technologies such as Solar PV, heat pumps, batteries and MVHR; as well as retrofitting advice on insulating your home and grants currently available to help reduce bills. The feedback has been very positive and hopefully everyone who attended was either able to get the answers to their questions at the event or be signposted for further help and advice. If you missed the event but would like to know more do take a look at our website: [www.bostongreengroup.co.uk](http://www.bostongreengroup.co.uk) or contact me on: [penny.stables@bostongreengroup.co.uk](mailto:penny.stables@bostongreengroup.co.uk)



**ENERGY SAVING TIP: Thermostatic Radiator Valves** sense the room's temperature and stop the flow of water through the radiator once the room has reached that temperature. If yours are set to their highest they simply cannot work so will be costing you money. In a typical family home, the settings for TRVs should be:

- Sitting room/lounge – #3 (21 degrees)
- Unused rooms – #1 (15 degrees)
- Bedrooms – #2 (18 degrees)
- Bathroom – #3 (21 degrees)

Feel the cold? Turn the setting up by **half a place**. Too warm? Turn the setting down **half a place**. Importantly, give any changes you make, 24 hours to settle to see if the temperature is then as you want it. **Never** turn one up to max (full on).

Look out for information from your energy provider on the new ECO+ scheme to see if you qualify to apply: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/what-is-the-uk-governments-eco-scheme/>

**SAVE THE DATE - Boston Big Clean Up – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10-12.00**

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## Clifford Local History Group A Band of Brothers

In the Victorian days, business owners encouraged their workers to establish a brass band; the owners usually became their benefactors. This could include the supply of instruments, uniforms and even travel costs. Almost every colliery would have its own band. Several are still playing despite their original coal mines having long gone.

With Clifford being very prosperous in those days, at one time employing more than three hundred people in its flax mills, their owners, the Grimston family, became benefactors of the 'Grimston Brass Band'. They owned mills in both Old and New Mill Lane.

Few records survive of who was a member, where they played and which competitions they entered. There are however, several newspaper articles recording some of their activities as shown below.

In 1855, "Amusements at Boston Spa" in the grounds of the Victoria and Albert Assembly room. The Grimston Brass Band played in the grounds, which was lit with gas.

"Celebrate the fall of Sebastopol, Russia" a subscription was secured for a tea. The celebrations were laid on in a field in front of the Dalby Hotel. During the celebrations, the Grimston Brass Band played around the town; under the leadership of Mr Francis Bean, who played a silver instrument.

"Celebration of Victory" the Grimston Brass Band was engaged to play around the town and at the "Yorkshire Jenny", a ball and dancing continued into the early hours.

1860 A gala was held by the "Temperance Society of Clifford" when upwards of 500 sat down for tea.

1862, "Election of King", the Grimston Brass Band headed a procession from Bramham College\* to Bramham, after which they returned to the college for the election of king, some sort of prefect or student official.

\*The college was at Bramham Biggin on Bramham estate on the other side of the Great North Road, now the A1(M).

"Floral & Horticultural Society", the annual exhibition at Boroughbridge. The Grimston Brass Band competed in the band competition against three others. The first prize was awarded to Messrs Grimstons' Clifford Band, Mr H. Noble conductor.

1863, "Annual Public Tea & Gala". The Clifford Brass Band is engaged for the occasion.

1873, "The Sixth Annual Exhibition" in the park at Thorp Arch to take place next Monday, the Clifford Brass Band has been engaged for the evening's entertainment. Later the same week the Brass Band was engaged to play at the gala held at Bramham.

Did the band survive after the Grimstons closed the mills and left the village? It may have for a short while but with no benefactor, travel costs and the replacement of instruments could have been too expensive for many.

Clifford was indeed 'Brassed Off'!

*The history group is grateful to the local resident who provided the information to publish this article*



## **Clifford Walk Thursday 19 January 2023**

A brilliant cold, frosty and sunny morning for our first walk of 2023! Nine of us travelled by bus from Clifford and Boston Spa to Stockeld Park. The bus was full but we squeezed on with rucksacks and walking poles, fortunately most of the other passengers were students who got off at the Academy (or to most of us, still known as 'The Comp'!). We'd hoped for a double-decker.....

We alighted at Stockeld Park and walked through the park along the public bridleway and farm track to Sicklinghall for our coffee stop where there are several very convenient benches near the pond. In front of a wall in a very sheltered position, we admired clumps of snowdrops which were a very welcome sight. Proceeding up the High St, we passed the tree in the triangular garden which has mistletoe growing through it and turned on to a minor road heading towards Woodhall.

The paths around here are notorious for being extremely muddy but our leaders took us around Woodhall itself and apart from one muddy field, we avoided the worst of it.

We walked along the road towards Linton and took the steps down to Linton Common which were unfamiliar to many in the group. Turning left we soon reached Linton Bridge and crossing over, we headed for the path that runs along the old railway line. There's an interpretation board describing the line which ran from Leeds to Wetherby via Crossgates, Thorner, Bardsey, Collingham and Linton. What an asset that would be today! We noticed an old sign saying Collingham next to a large model wooden train which caused great amusement.

Lunch was eaten in Collingham Memorial Gardens where one member decided to walk back to Clifford via Compton and the bridge over the A1, whilst the rest of the group followed the path through Collingham Churchyard to the riverbank. The river was full and debris on the banks showed it had recently been much higher. Wetherby Ings hedges were decorated with catkins and generally dry with one large patch of surface water showing that they had been flooded to some degree in recent weeks. Tea and cakes at the Gourmet café broke a few New Year resolutions; all the Yuletide-gained calories burned up during the outing were readily replaced!

**Many thanks to David and Anne for a lovely winter walk and especially ordering such a beautiful day!**

## **OUT AND ABOUT IN CLIFFORD**

### **Traffic survey?**

For a short while, traffic measuring equipment was set up on Willow Lane a little way down from the War Memorial. The unlit SID screen was still measuring and recording vehicle speeds, the cables laid across the road were counting vehicles. What is the data going to be used for? By the way, doesn't the monument look strangely exposed without the chains? It's only a temporary measure while maintenance is underway.

### **Was your bin left uncollected?**

A substantial number of black bins were not collected on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January in the Willow Lane area. Several residents sent in notification to the city council via the web site. Nothing seemed to happen except being allocated a message number but no explanation of the problem. The bins were left out for several days before a relief collection vehicle arrived on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. This has not been the first time for this to happen. One resident who has lived in Clifford for less than 2 years remarked that he can recall 3 'misses' in that time whereas in the 13 years he lived in Wetherby there hadn't been one. Luck of the draw or what?

### **Every Hour**

Our bus service reduction from half-hourly to hourly service in November last year seems fixed in paint. The buses now carry the legend 'Every Hour' on their bodywork. Does this mean we will never get a better frequency back? What's happened to the intention for better services and greener travel? What about folk who can't drive, others with mobility difficulties and needing a wheelchair? And what about an hour's wait if a bus is cancelled?!

### **Hedges**

It's time to trim hedges before the birds' nesting season gets going in March. The farmers have been out with their big machines slashing their boundary hedges. What a difference this procedure has made to the look of our countryside. Long gone are the days of laying the hedges to give a thick and neat growth. They now look like lines of stalks with brush-heads of growth at the top. It also generates a lot of debris left at the side of the road. Cyclists might have a spate of punctures as a result.

### **St. Edward's Wood**

A good job has been done in tidying up the tangled growth of blackthorn (aka sloes) and other strong growth giving us a more accessible and enjoyable open space. There are cleared pathways and benches have been installed so there are places to sit and watch the wildlife. It offers a quiet place to contemplate. To the east is our remaining ridge and furrow field reminding us of the mediaeval agriculture and peasant farmers of our village. To the west is the churchyard reminding us of their and our own ultimate destination!

### **Stars in the village**

Near to the Old Star pub, sadly still unoccupied, a new star has come to the village. St. Edward's church has recently been upgraded from a Grade 2 listed building to a **Grade 2 \*** Such a splendid piece of 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture surely deserves the accolade.



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*The Society celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with an anniversary lunch on 16 March with guest speaker Sir Thomas Ingleby. For further details see the Special Events page of [www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk](http://www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk) or contact the Membership Secretary on 0113 345 1815.*



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