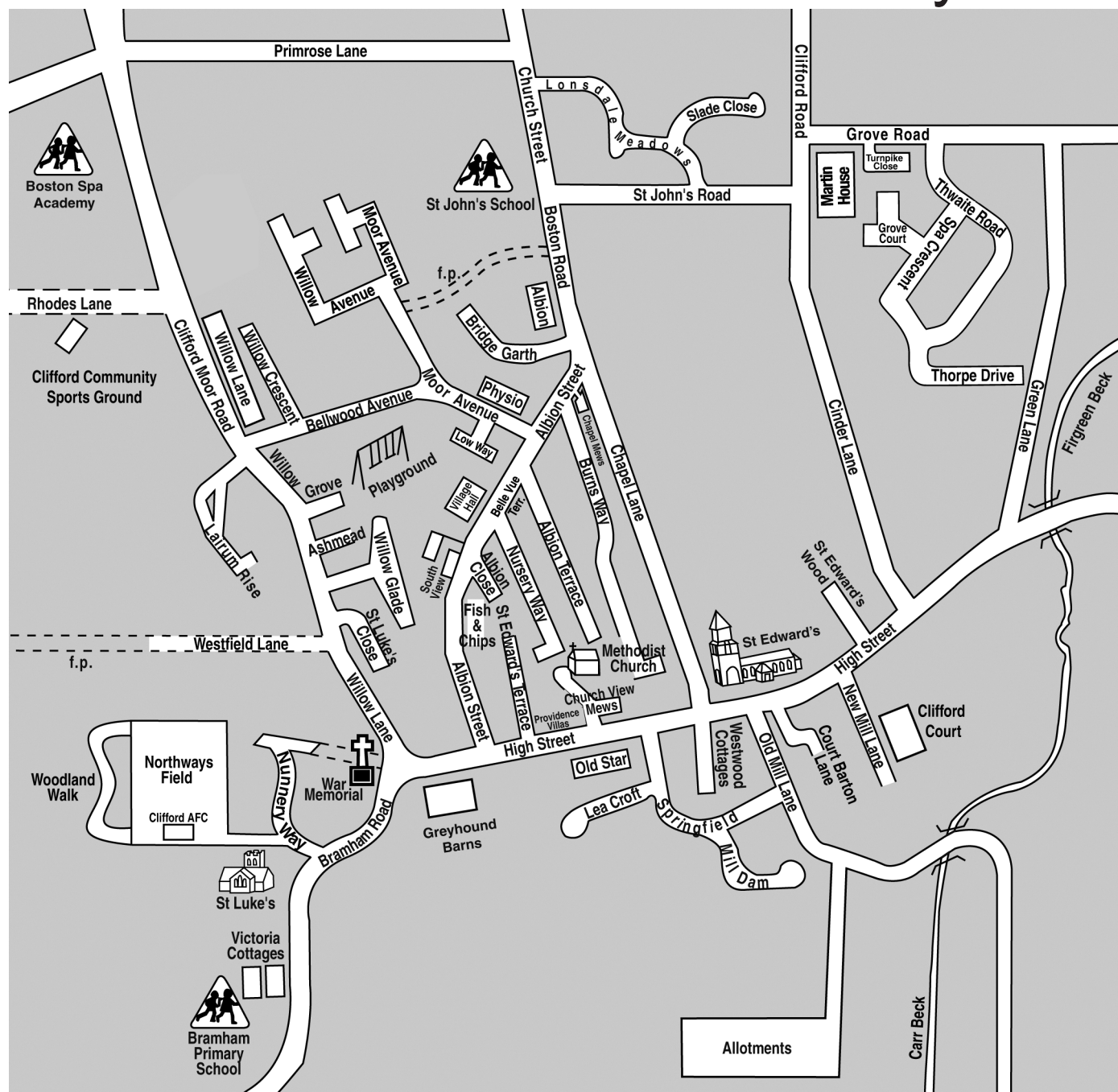


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Boston Spa Gala Returns

On behalf of everyone involved in organising this year's village Gala, it gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to a fun-filled day at our permanent home, on the school field at **St John's Catholic School for the Deaf** on **Saturday 8th June from 12pm to 5pm.**

The Gala is a fun and entertaining way for surrounding villages to join forces, and by doing so, generate money for local organisations and charities. After the success of the 2022 Gala, we were pleased to receive several reports from

stall holders, charities, and local school PTA's on how it had helped them to generate substantial funds.

We are delighted that this year's gala will host a record number of market stalls; a newly improved beer tent; a Funfair and multiple food vendors. In addition, a large, covered stage area will be hosting a variety of performance acts from local groups including: TLA, Willis Academy of Dance, The Big Red Curtain, Art Form Leeds, Clifford Drama Group, and music from local band HUSK. Furthermore, St Marys Primary school will defend their 2022 title in the annual Gala 'inter-school football tournament' which will be taking place as usual, back at St John's.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful hosts, St John's Catholic School for the Deaf, not only for allowing us to make their field our new permanent home, but for their longstanding support of this fantastic event. Our thanks also extend to Steve Tyson for his incredible work helping to design the programme and gala banners; our main sponsor, Furnell Residential and to the Scouts for use of their tent and for the fun activities they host on the day! A final 'Thank You' to all the volunteers who help us either on the day, or in the run up to the gala and to those who support us through advertising or servicing a stall on the day, we could not do it without you.

Finally, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who attends the Boston Spa Gala year in, year out, come rain or shine. Without your continued support we would not be able to host this wonderful community tradition. **THANK YOU.**

We are now inviting local organisations and charities to request donations from the funds we will generate from this year's gala. To request a fund application form, please send an email to bostonspagala@gmail.com and submit the completed form before the 30th August 2024.

I hope you have a fantastic day!

Dan Hellewell
2024 Gala Chairman



Clifford Champion Beer Festival

Clifford Village Hall

Saturday 29th June 2024 (from 12noon)

Entrance price: £6 (cash or card)

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Drink: Beer, Lager, Cider, Prosecco, Wine, Gin, Soft Drinks

Food: Pie & Peas, Pizza, American Diner, Snacks

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Clifford Parish Council Chairman's Report 2024

2023 was an election year for your parish council. The election was uncontested so no poll was held but there were three vacant seats left to be filled. Under these circumstances your parish council can fill the vacancies by co-option and this was the route taken. The vacancies were advertised in Outlook, on the council's website and on local social media. It was encouraging that five residents put their names forward to be considered and after the votes were counted the council welcomed Tim Sykes, Laura Softly and Angela Wills as councillors. I warmly welcome them to the council and thank them for their contribution to the work of the council already made and I look forward to continuing to work with them over the coming years.

Saturday 6th May 2023 saw their Majesty's King Charles and Queen Camilla crowned and your parish council offered a gift of a celebrational pin badge to mark the occasion to all children in the parish aged 18 and below. Around 250 were given out and joined previous gifts presented by your parish council to commemorate similar occasions. Once again Elizabeth Franklin and Alex Caley along with a team of volunteers organised and ran a coronation party at the village hall with face painting, china painting, colouring in, soft play and plenty of cake and tea! The event was funded by the parish council but it would not have happened without the tremendous help of Elizabeth and Alex and I thank them most sincerely for all the work they did, not forgetting their helpers in putting on a great event for the village to enjoy.

Thursday 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Your parish council has registered to light the village beacon as part of a national and international chain to mark the event. Church bells will also take part in the ringing out for Peace earlier in the evening. There was suggestion of some social event to take place over the following weekend but when asked there was very little support to go ahead with such an event so the decision was taken to only undertake the above.

Your parish council continues to work with Ward Councillor Alan Lamb and Leeds City Council Highways in trying to deliver safety improvements around Bramham Primary School. Councillor Lamb took over this task from previous Ward Councillor Linda Richards who had undertaken a great deal of background work on the project. LCC highway engineers have drawn up a plan which includes reopening the gate to the school playing field at the Clifford side of the school along with footpath upgrades. The stumbling block was funding but Councillor Lamb worked with officers at LCC to secure £64,000 to undertake the work with a planned start and completion time during the school summer holidays. The traffic management group made up of parish councillors and residents have also been spending a great deal of time looking at improving the safety of children who walk to the school. Sadly, very little can be done to the actual footways between Victoria Cottages and the school itself due to lack of land/verge but working with highways an improved crossing by the war memorial is planned to assist with crossing at this very busy junction.

This has been a long running project with several false starts and whilst we hold our breath, I am confident that the scheme will be delivered this year. Recently there has been an increase in the number of school buses travelling through the village. Councillor Sykes has been working with the academy and Wetherby High School to establish which school buses should be coming through the village and which are using the village as a short cut instead of using the approved routes. The bus operators have been spoken to by the schools to remind them which routes they should use. Monitoring of the school buses will continue to ensure only the correct buses travel through the village.

Councillor Lamb has also brought together a group consisting of himself, Parish Council Chairmen of both Clifford and Boston Spa, Planning Officers, Highway Officers, and Boston Spa Academy managers to deliver highway improvements around that school entrance which will include widening the footpath, installing two new road crossings, one on Clifford Moor Road and one on Winnow Lane, and improved car parking on site. All these improvements will be funded by the school as part of the planning approval they gained for their new performing arts studio. Again, the highway improvements are planned to be undertaken during the school's summer holidays.

Several years ago, your parish council had agreed to purchase four fixed speed indicator devices (SID's) to be fixed to lamp posts around the village. These will record traffic details and speeds so providing information needed to press for action from Leeds City Council and the police. These must be purchased through LCC and due to several delays with the overseas manufacturers and change of staffing at LCC this project has been delayed but as I write this report the council has received the invoice for the SID's which has been paid with an installation date penciled in for about 2 months' time. These will be installed on Clifford Moor Road, Boston Road, and the lower end of the High Street. Although they are classed as fixed, they can in fact be moved to other areas of the village once a suitable connection has been fitted to a lamp post. Your council has still been deploying the mobile SID and thanks go to Councillors Ryan Bray and Tony Blackmoor for undertaking this task and collecting the information from it. Speeding is one of the top subjects brought to the attention of the council and it does take the matter seriously, so much so that it agreed the £12500 funding for the SID's.

A working group has been established consisting of parish councillors, village hall trustees and a resident of the village to look at the possibility of replacing the playground equipment located to the rear of the village hall. The current playground has been in place since 2000 and is owned by the village hall but maintained by the parish council. The cost to maintain the playground is now getting to the stage where it makes sense to look at replacing it. Your parish council has been allocating some funds towards a replacement in their annual budget for many years but other funding will be required to deliver a new playground. The group are looking at playground equipment suppliers, costings and funding streams and consultations will take place with residents before any final decision is taken.

Your council has very recently concluded the purchase of a piece of land formerly used as an allotment garden to the side of the village hall community park. The council had previously looked to purchase the land but were unsuccessful. Last year the owner placed the land on the open market and after the first 'sale' fell through the council were able to bid on the site once again. Whilst a use of the site has not been finalised and will not be until views are

sought from residents, your council thought it was important to secure the land so not to have a repeat of a situation similar to another plot of land in the village a few years ago. The main difference this time was that your council were in a position where it had funds available for purchase of land from the very generous legacy gifted to it by the late Richard Alan Dunnington. Having spoken to one of Alan's relatives about the purchase I am sure Alan would have approved of this.

The planning working group have had an extremely busy year considering many planning applications, attending plans panel meetings to speak up for the village on applications and dealing with several planning enforcement cases. LCC planning department is in the process of updating their local plan and several sites in the village have been put forward by landowners for possible development. Not all these sites will be acceptable to be included in the updated plan, but I can assure you that the planning group and your council will monitor and respond to any planning application which comes forward.

My attention now turns to my fellow councillors and the clerk, Ms Nancy Fairbairn. I personally thank Nancy for all the work she has undertaken over the last year, it certainly makes my job as Chairman a lot easier and the running of your council so much smoother. Your councillors carry out a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes which largely goes unnoticed, this could be studying all the planning applications which are submitted in the parish, work on the traffic management plan, meetings with contractors to discuss planned or future work, attending seminars, training events, or representing your council on a wide range of outside bodies as well as the monthly meetings whose outcome seems always to increase their workloads. I wish to put on record my grateful thanks and appreciation to my fellow councillors for all the work they undertake and the support they have given to me during the year.

Also, once again thank you to you the residents of Clifford for the support you also give to your parish council and councillors.

Thank you.

Councillor Nicholas P. P. Fawcett – Chairman of Clifford Parish Council 2023/2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023 to 2024 (UNAUDITED FIGURES, E. & O.E.)

Balance at 31st March 2023	552,370
Add total income	64,189
Total income	616,559
Deduct total expenditure	161,200
Balance at 31st March 2024	455,359
represented by:	
Unity Trust Account	68,298
Santander reserve account	57,378
Santander Bond Maturity Account	27,305
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Account	302,378
Total Cash	455,359
less uncleared payments	<u>0</u>
plus, uncleared deposits	<u>455,359</u>

The balance includes the following amounts in earmarked funds:

Northways field maintenance & development	9,915
Play area repairs & maintenance	25,557
Parish repairs & improvements	22,238
Legacy (estate of the late Richard Alan Dunnington incl dividends on investment	294,814
St Edward's Wood Greenspace	12,826
Allotments incl. retained deposit	6,358
CIL Funds (Shires Grove)	44,947
Total of Earmarked Funds	416,655
General Development & Contingency Fund	38,704
Public Works Loan Board	
The outstanding principal on 31st March 2024 is repayable by 2031 at 4.7% (fixed rate)	20,928

Any elector may inspect the full accounts during office hours by arrangement with the clerk
clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

CLIFFORD WALKING GROUP

MARCH OUTING - Brandishing their bus passes, twelve members caught the 9:56 No. 7 bus at the War Memorial to take us to the start of our walk in Thorner. We alighted at the church and made our way to the footpath opposite. This took us alongside Mill Beck and eventually under the railway bridge which carried the Wetherby to Leeds line until Dr Beeching came along in 1964. Further along the road was the Victory Hall, built as a memorial to Thorner men killed in the First World War. We took the footpath alongside which proved to be one of the worst stretches of mud we have encountered on our outings during the many months of this watery winter. We joined a section of the Leeds Country Way to find ourselves at Thorner Lane. After a short stretch of road walking we joined another path across fields where we enjoyed the song of a skylark. They are usually difficult to see in a bright sky but this one was visible as a silhouette against the bright clouds.

Having passed under a second redundant railway bridge we recognised the relics of a mill to find ourselves at Pompopali, that rather strange set of humps and lumps neighbouring Hetchell Wood. Over the years there has been much imaginative speculation as to their origin. A very knowledgeable Leeds geologist has told us definitively that they are the spoil from a quarry in the hillside above. We then climbed up to Milner Lane, crossing it to the well-defined bridleway which took us towards and above Terry Lug and Wothersome Lake. (The stream leaving this runs through the countryside to become our village's Carr Beck.) We used permissive paths to reach the corner of the field opposite the group of cottages near Hope Hall.

Bramham Park has been generous in recent years in creating permissive paths. Crossing the road to another we eventually reached the bridge over the A1(M) or Great North Road to give its historical name. Using the footway alongside the very noisy motorway we quickly reached the familiar, nearly mud-free footpath to Willow Lane. Here we turned right and joyfully found our way to the Methodist meeting room where we enjoyed tea and cake. All in all an enjoyable day with the lovely cakes erasing the memories of the mud!

Thank you David and Ann for taking us through a combination of paths, new to some of us, which generated a very interesting route.

The MAY WALK will commence at 10.30am from the Sutton Bank Centre car park at the top of Sutton Bank (six miles East of Thirsk) on Thursday 16th May 2024. Parking is £5.50 for the day.

The walk is 8 miles long with no hills. The first 5 miles will follow a route overlooking Lake Gormire returning to the centre for packed lunch then a further 3 miles after lunch passing the gliding centre and the White Horse, giving walkers a choice of distances.

Refreshments after the walk will be at Thirsk Garden Centre

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OUTLOOK QUIZ – IT HAPPENED IN MAY

Some questions about events that happened in May of a particular year.

1. In May 1994 which 3 times World Formula 1 champion was killed at the San Marino Grand Prix?
2. In May 1969 this iconic British ocean liner set off on its maiden voyage to New York. What was it called?
3. Workers of the UK went on general strike in May of which year?
4. In May 1961, who was the first American to travel into outer space?
5. Roger Bannister was the first man to run the mile in under 4 minutes in May of which year?
6. In May 1821, who died in exile on the island of St Helena?
7. On 1st May 1851, Queen Victoria opened what in London?
8. In May 1960 the Anne Frank House museum opened in which European city?
9. In May 1707 the Act of Union joined which 2 kingdoms together?
10. In May 1682 which 'Sun King' moved his court to the Palace of Versailles?

Answers in next month's edition.

FESTIVAL REPUBLIC LEEDS FESTIVAL 2024

The Leeds Festival takes place from Thursday 22 August to Sunday 25 August 2024, in Bramham Park, and we once again have been fortunate in obtaining 50 residents' tickets. These tickets, which are for the entire weekend, will be available for a donation of £65 each. The money raised will be placed in the Clifford Community fund to be shared among groups in Clifford. There are strict measures, imposed by Festival Republic, regarding the allocation of the tickets.

1. The tickets are only to be sold to and used by residents of Clifford, whose names appear on the Electoral Register. Applications will be checked against the Roll.
2. Tickets cannot be bought for friends or relatives who live outside Clifford.
3. Proof of residence will be required when tickets are collected.
4. Proof of residence will be required when ticket holders arrive at the Festival
5. A ticket must be used by the same person throughout the Festival. Wrist bands are invalid once removed.
6. Names and addresses of applicants will appear on the tickets.

Each household may apply for a maximum of **2 tickets**.

Please use the application form in this copy of the Outlook.

In the event that there are more than 50 applications, a draw will be made in **Clifford Village Hall on Monday 20 May 2024 at 6.00pm**. All tickets will be issued as **e-tickets**, so please include **your email address, clearly written**, on the application form.

You will be required to adhere to Leeds Festival terms and conditions of use.

Please do not contact the Clerk to the Parish Council as this is not a Council initiative. Thank you.
ONLY WINNING APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED within a few days of the draw. If you have not heard within a week you have not been successful. A reserve list will be kept in the event of a successful applicant being unable to attend. Once tickets have been distributed do not give unwanted tickets to anyone else: they **MUST** be returned to Glennis or Sue.

APPLICATION FORM FOR LEEDS FESTIVAL 2024

Full Name Please PRINT and include Title		
Address Please PRINT and include POSTCODE Age and Date of Birth if under 18 EMAIL ADDRESS Clearly written		
Telephone		

I apply for the free resident's tickets for the above-named residents of Clifford and I agree to make a contribution of £65 per ticket to the Clifford Community Fund.
 I understand that:

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- I must be resident in Clifford and the tickets applied for are for residents of Clifford whose names appear on the electoral role (if over 18)
- The distributors of the tickets are in no way involved in the Leeds Festival and their participation in this scheme does not convey any liability.
- All e-tickets will be supplied by the Promoter, for the use of the named applicants who will be required to adhere to their terms and conditions of use.

Signed	Date
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This form should be returned to
 Glennis Allan, 7 St Luke's Close or Sue Park, Green Dragon Cottage, Willow Lane
 no later than Saturday 11 May 2024. **Please do not enclose any money with this form.** Thank you

From the March 2024 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 2024 are: January 17th, February 21st, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August – no meeting, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th. The agenda and minutes are published at www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and there is a public participation session at before the Council meeting starts. If there are any issues you would like to raise with the council, but you are not able to attend the meeting, please contact clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Traffic Management

At the request of a resident the mobile Speed Indication Device (SID) was used at the east end of the High Street. The device acts both as a deterrent to speeding and as a way of monitoring speeds and traffic volume. Please contact the clerk if there are any locations where you think the mobile SID should be used. It is anticipated that the 4 static SIDs, funded by the Parish Council, will be installed by LCC in early summer 2024.

The council is in contact with the Boston Spa Academy and Wetherby High School about the number of school buses travelling through Clifford. Whilst some services are permitted in the village it is understood that other services are not following the agreed routes. The council will continue to monitor this issue.

Low Mills Farm Development The council is aware of the proposed development of a retirement community and care home on a 20 acre site on the edge of Boston Spa. Although not within Clifford, the development would border Green Lane and impact Clifford. The council will comment on any planning application that is submitted to LCC and will consider the view of residents before doing so. A link to any application will be published on the council's website as soon as it is received.

Clifford Community Sports Ground The council has approved repairs to the pavilion, including replacing guttering and fascia boards. The cost will be met from Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

Leeds Festival 21st – 25 August 2024 The LCC Leeds Festival Working Group has met to consider the arrangements for this year's festival. No significant changes are planned to the Traffic Management Plan that was in place last year. The Working Group will be meeting again in May. Please contact the clerk if there are any issues you would like the Working Group to consider.

Land off South View The purchase of this land has been completed. The council will be consulting residents on potential uses of the plot in due course.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 15th May 2024. The Chairman of the Council will present his annual report at the meeting.

D Day was the largest naval, air and land operation in history. Clifford will be joining in the events to mark the 80th anniversary. The bells of St Luke's Church, along with churches across the country, will be ringing out at 6.30 pm on 6th June 2024. Later that evening at 6.30 pm, the Beacon at Northways will be lit. There will be a collection for the Normandy Memorial Trust.

LCC is encouraging residents **that don't use gas central heating** to check whether they are eligible to receive support for energy efficiency upgrades, such as electric heat pumps Go to www.leeds.gov.uk/homeenergy for more information.

Contacting the Parish Council

Email if you have any questions or comments for the Council, clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

As I'm writing this, we are still experiencing rain almost every day, so I'm very much hoping that, by the time you are reading this, we've had some drier sunny weather.

This will have then given us a chance to mow the lawns, send the slugs and snails into the crevices and away from spring flowers and leaves, and perhaps, dare I suggest it, even a chance to sit outside for more than 5 minutes to appreciate it all!

The month of May also starts the season for flower shows and more and more gardens will be opening for us to visit. Look out for the "**Yellow book**" – this is produced by **The National Garden Scheme** and lists gardens open to the public in aid of charity. These gardens are a great place to get inspiration and see what can be grown in your area of the country. You can often buy cuttings or seedlings and in many cases have a cuppa into the bargain.

As you may know, I'm a volunteer gardener at **Goddards**, a National Trust house and garden on Tadcaster road in York. It's the former home of the Terry family who were confectioners, particularly of chocolate orange fame. Their factory was on the opposite side of the racecourse, and the clocktower is still there behind the stands.

Please come for a visit- it has beautiful gardens which were laid out in the 1920's and has an Arts and Crafts style with garden rooms, terrace, orchard meadow, original greenhouse (currently undergoing extensive renovation) and woodland ponds and rockery. Light lunches and cakes, including chocolate orange cake, can be had with outdoor seating area on the terrace. Many call it a hidden gem and, as a totally smitten volunteer, I'd say it's not to be missed. It's open weekends in May and then opens Thursday and Fridays too from June to September. Check the National Trust website for more details as parking on site is limited.



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Prune spring flowering shrubs once they have finished, such as forsythia and ornamental currants. **Protect tender plants**, such as young annuals from frosts. Delay putting them outdoors, or cover in fleece or polythene if a frost is predicted.

Put in stakes or plant supports for herbaceous perennials that tend to flop- for example peony's, delphinium's, Achillea(yarrow), asters and phlox.

Time to give a first trim to those evergreen hedges or shapes in your garden - privet, box, Lonicera nitida.

Plant out Dahlia's at the end of the month.

Sow and plant out your tender veg and do some succession sowing to prolong your crops.

Start planting out your pots and hanging baskets with your own plants or some plug plants from a local nursery.

Keep on top of weeds. Try to pull out annuals like cleavers, chick weed and hairy bittercress before they flower and seed. The seeds can germinate and spread very quickly even in a matter of weeks.

Future proofing

Introduce herbs to use for cooking- most herbs are very attractive to insects and so good for wildlife too. Create a space in the ground near your back door or put some in pots. The key is to make sure its well-drained so add some grit into the compost. Most herbs also like a good amount of sunshine.

Mindful moment

This is a lovely time of year to look at all the different colours around, and even all the different greens popping out! **Find 5 different things that are colourful** and notice their colour, texture, and any patterns that you can see.

Justine Incoll Grow&Bloom Private Gardener in Clifford, Boston Spa and surrounding villages.

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Clifford Local History Group

Clifford Moor Farmhouse aka Clifford Manor

Built around 1830, said to be one of four farmhouses built in this style for the Lane-Fox family of Bramham Park. Constructed of ashlar magnesian limestone, Welsh slate roof, two storeys with cellars, 3 bays. Main house has a central 6 panel door and fanlight with radial glazing bars flanked by sashes with glazing bars with projected stone sills and flat arches. Overhanging eaves to hipped roof with stone stacks.

The house was built adjacent to the old coaching road of the Great North road, built on top of Clifford moor, facing south and having its entrance from the Great North road. A dirt track at the rear of the house lead onto Bracken Hill road now Rhodes lane. Its earliest known occupier, taken from the 1831 register of electors for Clifford, was William Wilks from Bramham a local farmer and his wife Sarah. In the census of 1851 he is recorded as farming 160 acres and employing 2 labourers. He left the farm in 1852 which left it unoccupied until 1855. William Wilks died in August 1858. A newspaper article of the time stated that "he was well respected and for many years a Surveyor on the Boroughbridge and Ferrybridge Turnpike Road". In 1855 the farm was occupied by Henry Thomas Clark, born at Beverly, and his wife Mary. The census of 1861 records he was farming 404 acres, employing 11 men, 4 boys and 5 women. The census records no children. Henry and Mary were still at the farm in 1871. Henry died in 1879 and is buried in St Luke's graveyard. The property stood empty until early 1881 when John N. Middlebrough and his wife Rachel move in. They too had no children. John was born in South Milford and Rachel was from Ryther. Rachel died early 1910. John left the farm shortly afterwards when he moved to Askham Bryan with his second wife whom he married later that year. John died in 1912. In 1911 the farm was occupied by John Francis Holdsworth a 28 year old single man from Wilmslow, Cheshire, and a housekeeper. In October of 1911 John Francis married a Lucy Marriage from Buriston, Hampshire.

During the 1930's Clifford Moor Farm became home to the Clifford Polo team with Mr Holdsworth being its Captain.

PLEASE NOTE – The previous Outlook article (April 2024) stated "St John's Institution moved to Boston Spa in 1875 from Sheffield". The building is halfway between Clifford village and Boston Spa, but is actually in the boundaries of Clifford Parish (with a Boston Spa postal address). Apologies for any confusion.

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OUT AND ABOUT FOR MAY

An invader? The highest crane ever seen at work in the village is on the building site at Martin House. At first sight from a distance it looks a bit like something out of 'War of the Worlds'! Fantasy: Are the Martians here or is our imaginative Drama Group preparing a play version of the book? Reality - the steel framework it has been working on gives us an idea of the size of the extension to Martin House being built. Let's be grateful that funding has been found for major development of their wonderful work.

Wall work There's a lot of work on walls going on at the moment in Willow Lane. There is a new length of wall at a house that recently changed hands. It has been constructed in a style which fits well with the surrounding stonework. Along Willow Lane itself the wall of the old school house is being extensively re-pointed keeping this long-established and historical wall in good condition. Walls in this village are hugely important in preserving its character. Across

the road from the school house is the 'dwarf wall' which is essential to the character of this street in the village. Seeing that in comparison to the wall opposite, it looks it could do with a similar re-pointing. Leeds City councillors -are you reading this?

Spring has arrived (sort of!) Looking around in early April we have enjoyed a wonderful display of flowering trees. In particular, you could get the impression that we have more magnolias than in past years. There are no more in number, so maybe it's just because there has been no sharp frost coinciding with their coming into flower. So they haven't had the frost scorching which immediately damages the delicate flowers.

The corner of Northways field area nearest to the church where the group of poplar trees thrive has undergrowth almost entirely composed of Winter Heliotrope, otherwise known as Petasites. It has spread prolifically under the trees over many years. It multiplies and spreads vigorously by rhizomes and roots. It is unseen in the winter, flowering in the spring though not this year it seems. However, it has separate male and female plants with the vast majority being male. So not many seeds are produced. In olden days, large leaves of the plants were used to wrap up butter hence another name for it – Butterbur.

Change a name? The heavy and frequent rain has seen Old Mill Lane becoming a bit of a stream. Fortunately, the water running out of the adjacent field swerved away from properties. With the almost non-stop rain lately, Muddy Lane off Old Mill Lane alongside the beck has been more like 'Puddle Lane' but hopefully it won't be permanent! Our geology – limestone – helps to provide good drainage.

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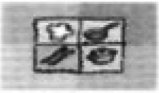
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