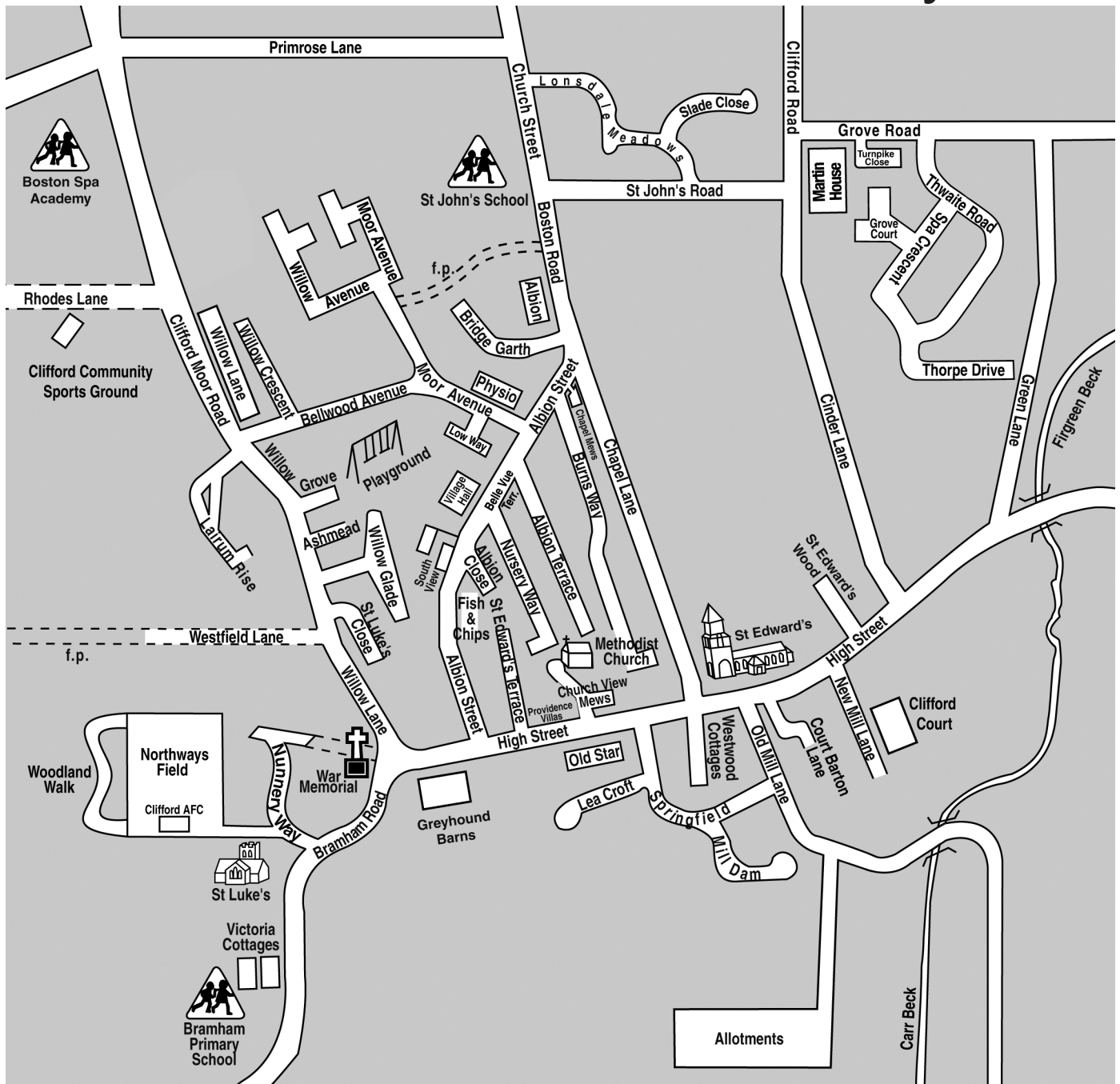


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Clifford Outlook 50th Year

Continuing our theme of 50 years of the Outlook Magazine...

The memories, below, which were published in the June 1985 issue of the magazine seem pertinent as we commemorate 80 years of VE Day.

MEMORIES

The V.E. Day celebrations last month brought back my own memories of that day.

The previous evening, we went to a concert in Watford Town Hall and though, like everyone else, we knew that the end of the war in Europe was imminent, we hadn't heard any official announcement. No statement was made from the platform and in the bus back to Bushey Heath, nobody said anything - no sign of excitement at all. However, the noise in our church canteen (which was in the basement of the Methodist Church (an ecumenical gesture?) where we had decided to go for a cup of coffee, soon gave us the great news. It was pandemonium - a group round the piano bawling out "There'll always be an England", another crowd round a man belting out "The White Cliffs of Dover" on a mouthorgan, a group of Polish airmen singing and dancing and everyone else laughing, talking, crying. Eventually we went back to our billet, but no one could sleep, so we put on greatcoats over our pyjamas and went for a long walk, then gathered in the kitchen, making cocoa and talking until the early hours.

We were given the day off on May 8th and made a beeline for London. The excitement was intense, and we made our way (with difficulty) through the crowded streets to Downing Street, chanting "We want Churchill", then to the Palace and joined the crowds yelling for the King, and yelled even louder when the Royal Family came on to the balcony. Oh, the sights and sounds of that memorable day - one RAF officer hanging upside down from a window, his friends showering him with champagne - we danced with Australians to "Waltzing Matilda", were kissed by a French sailor, pushed and shoved our way to Trafalgar Square and helped to throw an American G.I. into a fountain; back again to Downing Street, where we caught a glimpse of Mr. Churchill in his car - so many impressions, so much excitement - what a day it was, a day I'll never forget.

E. Rogers

Outlooks in the Attic?

Do you have a pile of old Outlook Magazines?



As part of our 50th year celebrations we are scanning all past copies of the Outlook to form a comprehensive, searchable archive. Unfortunately, we are missing a few issues - particularly from the 1990s. We are hoping that some people in the village have old copies squirrelled away in attics, basements, garages etc and may be happy to donate, or loan, them to us.

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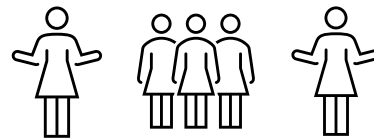


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Clifford Village Hall AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Clifford Village Hall Management Committee will take place on Tuesday 13th May at 1.30pm in the Meeting room of Clifford Village Hall. Three trustees of long standing are stepping down and new Trustees will be welcomed to the Committee. This is a meeting open to all Clifford villagers.



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OUT AND ABOUT IN CLIFFORD

Wonderful display The lovely sunny days, though cold but not with heavy frosts, in late March and early April have been excellent conditions for Magnolias. The village has several trees of different sizes in a number of gardens, and they have displayed wonderfully. Very often in early spring, just as they come into full flower, their petals, very susceptible to cold, have been severely browned by frost but not this year. A stroll through a few streets revealed a splendid and rare picture of their contribution to the appearance of our lovely village.

Water repair Early in April there was a substantial burst of a water main in Clifford Moor Road between Willow Crescent/Bellwood Avenue and the Academy. Closure of the road was necessary for several days. A closure of the road between it required that the No. 7 bus (Leeds-Wetherby-Harrogate) be diverted between Boston Spa and Clifford – both ways, of course, via the High Street and Chapel Lane. This is a much-used service by many people including those needing to get to Harrogate hospital. Although this is understood to have been an emergency, very little information was provided. It seemed there were no notices at the bus shelters. The digitised flags at the War Memorial stops gave the same information as usual – times were OK, but it was not made clear that the bus was stopping across the road from the Memorial outside Corner Cottage going on along the High Street. Surely, there could have been a temporary bus stop sign in place – they do exist! People at other normal stops could be found standing at them not knowing that the service had been diverted.

Of course, it was all on Facebook and other social media services but not everyone has access to that or wishes to use the facility. One young lady found waiting at the stop near Rhodes Lane turned to her mobile where the appropriate app did not offer accurate information. It gave a time but not the diversion. All these digital systems don't always provide the information you want.



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Clifford Local History Group

Clifford War Memorial – World War II

May sees the 80th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War in Europe. To mark the occasion, it is appropriate to remember those men from Clifford who made the ultimate sacrifice, and whose names are included on the village War Memorial. There are five names in total, but only two are buried locally. In addition there are two war graves commemorating non-residents.

Rowland Britton, the son of Thomas and Mabel from Harrogate, was a Lance Corporal in the Royal Engineers. He died on the 12th January 1946 aged 24 and is buried in Clifford at St Luke's churchyard.

The other burial at St Luke's is that of Gunner **William Hope** of the Royal Artillery. He was a member of 280 Battalion, the 49th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, an air defence unit. At the time of his death, on the 9th November 1941, the battalion was split between two locations in Suffolk.

Guardsman **Albert Kidd** served with the 1st Battalion Irish Guards, and died, aged 27, on the 8th February 1944, during the Battle of Monte Cassino. He is commemorated on the CWGC Cassino Memorial in Italy. He left behind a wife, Mrs E Kidd living in Clifford, and parents Frank and Lily Kidd.

Clifford resident **Alfred Lazenby** was the husband of Mary Lazenby. A Sapper in the 116 Road Construction Company of the Royal Engineers. On the 17th June 1940, he was part of between 5,000 and 7,000 troops and civilians aboard HMT Lancastria being evacuated from St Nazaire in France as part of "Operation Aerial". Shortly after leaving the port the ship was bombed by the Luftwaffe and sank soon afterwards. Around 4,000 people drowned that day. Alfred is one of 62 casualties commemorated on the CWGC wall panel at Les Moutiers-En-Retz Communal Cemetery. He was 34 years old. (Note: More people died on the Lancastria than the combined total from the sinking of the Titanic and the Lusitania).

Another Clifford resident was Sergeant **Leslie Riley**, the husband of Edith, and son of George and Alice Riley. A member of the 1/5 Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). The battalion had a home defence role and were based in Iceland, where on the 13th February 1942, Leslie and 16 others were drowned whilst crossing the Hrútafjörður in assault boats. He was 23 years old and is commemorated on the CWGC Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial at Pirbright in Surrey.

The first of two burials at St Edwards's churchyard is that of **Thomas Rafferty**. At the time of his death on the 15th July 1945 Thomas was a Private in the Army Air Corps and appears to have been attached to the Parachute Regiment Depot and School. Although it is not clear the exact connection Thomas and his wife Edith Lovinia had to Clifford, the grave next to Thomas commemorates his daughter Patricia Ann, who died in 1942 and more recently his wife.

The final burial is that of Air Gunner, Sergeant **Erwin Szkandera**, a Polish national. Having joined the Polish Air Force in 1939, Erwin moved to the UK to continue his training at Church Fenton. Towards the end a training flight, the aircraft flew into the ground just short of the airfield. Erwin was seriously injured and died two days later, on the 21st April 1941. He was just 20. Unusually, Erwin's grave was originally marked with a propeller blade, but the headstone now features the Polish military designation.

Much of the information in this article was obtained from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) website.

CLIFFORD WALKING GROUP

The May walk will be led by David and Ann Hovell in the Addingham area. It is a distance of 6.5 miles with an Ice Cream opportunity. The walk starts by Ferryman's Cottage in Addingham just beyond the Parish Church at the east end of the village. Church Street becomes North Street and then Bark Lane. There is a large lay-by at the start of Bark Lane and roadside parking in North Street. Afternoon refreshments in Moss & Moor Garden centre after the walk.

If you are interested in joining the group, please ring 019367 842768 in case of changes.

Clifford Parish Council Chairman's Report 2025

Clifford was the first parish council within Leeds City Council area to have its neighborhood plan officially 'made' (approved). The time has now come to start a review of the plan and see what has worked, what has not worked, what has been delivered and what is still to be delivered from that original plan. A group has been formed of several parish councillors who will be joined by residents to undertake this review. This is no short-term project it is likely to take a year or more, but it gives the opportunity to update in line with the ever-changing times we live in. Any resident who may be interested in helping with the update or has specialist knowledge on traffic management, planning or environmental to name a couple of points and would be willing to help please can I encourage you to contact the clerk or any member of the council.

After a number of promised start dates, finally work started on safety improvements around Bramham School. A new ramp and railings have been installed on the Clifford side to allow children access into the playground and stopping them from having to walk further round to the main entrance avoiding the nasty bend and traffic which passes close by. Only one problem, someone forgot about the need to install a gate at the top of the ramp to allow access to the school grounds! We await the installation in the very near future. Whilst total funding for the scheme had been promised by LCC highways they failed to deliver, and the shortfall was made up by both Bramham and Clifford Parish Councils to the tune of £10,000 each. Further safety improvements are being considered but due to the school's location and lack of verge and land there are very limited opportunities to undertake major improvements. We still await the go ahead for an assisted crossing point near the war memorial as part of a safe walking route for children walking to school.

Frustration continues with the lack of improvements outside Boston Spa Academy. This is partly due to the original planning permission expiring due to time and changes the school wishes to make. A new planning application has been submitted and hopefully we will see work commencing soon to alleviate cars parked outside the school and the introduction of a pedestrian crossing making it safer for all to cross this busy road.

The four fixed speed indicator devices (SIDs) your parish council agreed to purchase several years ago were finally installed by LCC highways last summer. These will record traffic details and speeds and after some technical problems to start with this information is being downloaded and thanks go to Councillors Ryan Bray, Tony Blackmoor and Laura Softly who are compiling the data and will in future forward it onto LCC Highways and the police backing up our case for further speed reduction measures in the parish. Thanks go to these Councillors for undertaking this task. Speeding is one of the top subjects brought to the attention of the council and it does take the matter seriously and presses for action and takes what action it can and the purchase of the SIDs at considerable expense I believe shows that commitment.

Complaints about dog fouling is probably on a par with speeding. During the winter months when it is dark both early morning and early evenings the problem seems to get worst. Irresponsible dog owners seem to think they do not need to pick up after their dog as its dark and they cannot be seen. It is inconsiderate and anti-social, and these owners should be ashamed of themselves. The footpaths in and around the village are regularly littered with piles and in recent months the community sports ground on Rhodes Lane and Northways playing field have experienced increased problems with some owners exercising dogs on the fields and failing to clear up after their dogs. This is totally unacceptable, and the parish council will keep under review the situation and in the worst-case scenario dogs will not be allowed on these playing field. Sadly, this is a case once again where the minority spoil it for the majority. To encourage dog owners to clear up after their dog, the parish council has purchased four dog poo bag dispensers which have been installed around the village. Very kindly Councillor Laura Softly has agreed to keep these topped up with bags, but should you find any of the dispensers empty please email the clerk and we will aim to get it stocked again very quickly.

The parish council once again organized a village litter pick earlier this year and thanks go to those residents who turned up and helped on the day. Thanks also go to those residents who regularly go out litter picking throughout the year to help keep our community litter free. The parish council also organized both the annual service of remembrance at the war memorial in November and the singing of carols around the Christmas tree a week before the big day. This time warm mulled wine and hot chocolate was served along with warm mince pies and thanks go to all those who helped serving the refreshments.

Thursday 8th May 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, with 80th anniversary of VJ Day following on the 15th of August. 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 at 6.30pm. The beacon will be lit at 9.30pm at Northways Playing Field with His Majesty's representative, the Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire in attendance along with representatives from our local branch of The Royal British Legion including the standard bearer.

Some initial work has been carried out to clear and make safe the parcel of land your parish council purchased to the side of the village hall. No long-term plans have been made yet to its future use, but the community will be asked for ideas in due course. Thanks go to Councillors Bray, Wills, Park and Lund for undertaking this work and several residents. The parish council also continues to work with the trustees of the village hall in the joint long-term aspiration to provide a new playground for the village. New playgrounds are extremely expensive and whilst the parish council has some allocated funds to go towards this project the awarding of grant funding will be the key in delivering a new playground.

Now I would like to put on record my personal thanks to all your councillors who sit on your parish council. You can be assured that you have a team who really work well together to get the jobs done. Not only do they attend the monthly meetings of the council, but they also attend a whole host of meetings where your council is represented on external bodies or meeting with contractors who undertake work on behalf of the council or researching information on a subject to help with the smooth running of your council. I sometimes wonder if residents realise just quite how much time they give freely and without any financial reward in undertaking their roles. I should also thank their partners, families, and employers for being so understanding and allowing them to undertake their role.

Your council would probably not run as smoothly as it does if it was not for the tremendous amount of work the Clerk, Nancy Fairbairn, undertakes. Not only do I thank her personally but also on behalf of all your councillors and on behalf of the residents of the parish. I am sure many residents have, over the years had contact with Nancy and will have experience the professional way she deals with all that is brought to her. Thank you, Nancy, for all that you do. Finally I would like to thank all those residents of the parish who undertake so many and varied tasks which makes this village the community it is.

Thank you.

Councillor Nicholas P. P. Fawcett – Chairman of Clifford Parish Council 2024/2025

Financial Statement 2024-2025 (Unaudited figures)

Balance as at 31 st March 2024	455,359
Add total income	66,564
Total	521,923
Less total expenditure	60,219
Balance as at 31 March 2025	461,704
<i>Represented by</i>	
Unity Trust Current Account	56,411
CCLA Account 1	317,815
CCLA Account 2	59,995
Santander Business Bond Maturity Account	27,483
Total	461,704
Less uncleared payments	0
Plus, uncleared deposits	0
The balances include the following in earmarked funds:	
Northways Field maintenance and development	19,915
Playground maintenance and development	46,557
Parish Repairs and Improvements	7,334
St Edwards green space	22,826
Allotment bonds	2,050
Allotment fund	3,131
CIL Funds	39,969
Election expenses	475
Clifford Community Sports Ground	25,000
Land off South View	25,000
Legacy fund (estate of Richard Alan Dunnington)	219,259
Total earmarked funds	411,516
General reserve	50,188
Public Works Loan Board The outstanding balance on 31 March 2025 is Repayable by 2031 at 4.7% fixed rate	18,137.00

Any elector may inspect the full accounts during office hours by arrangement with the clerk
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Clifford Women's Football Team - Who we are

Did you know that here in Clifford we have a thriving women's football team?

Like many other local parents, I've spent countless hours at Clifford Juniors FC since my eldest son was in reception. I've watched, I've coached, and I've spent most weekends between September and May freezing on the sidelines. Having played a bit of football in the past, I was itching to get back on the pitch (if nothing else, just to keep warm). So, in September 2019 I put the word out to see if any other mums would like to join me after the kids training had finished. And it was as if the secret was finally out. Women could play football too.

The first week there were 8 of us, then the next, 12, and soon after 20... and since then, we have never looked back. Training is now on a Tuesday night, and we are enjoying our 4th season in a Sunday afternoon women's league. We are lucky to have a very patient and committed coach in Rob Foster who has shaped us into a team since he joined us in 2020. This is no mean feat as most hadn't ever kicked a ball before.

We laugh a lot, we support each other, and teammates soon become friends. We are women from all walks of life whose ages span around 2 and half decades. It's definitely true that you are never too old or too young to learn life lessons from the football pitch.

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The talk by Adam Toole on *Yorkshire Ceramics* postponed from April will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 15 May at Linton Memorial Hall.

From the March 2025 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 2025 are: January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August – no meeting, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th. 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

Highways

- Residents have raised concerns about the condition of Rhodes Lane and the safety of pedestrians and horse riders who use it. It has been agreed to arrange a meeting with LCC Highways, the Parish Council, concerned residents, Clifford FC and the riding stables to discuss the issue.
- Plans for the assisted crossing by the War Memorial are still awaited from LCC
- Funding has now been obtained to install a gate to access the new path at the rear of Bramham School.
- It was agreed to send the data from the Speed Indication Devices to LCC Highways who will analyse it and, if appropriate, ask the police to undertake enforcement action in the area.

Wetherby Police and Communities Together Meetings Also known as PACT meetings, these meetings give residents the chance to meet the local Neighbourhood Policing Team to discuss policing issues and concerns. PACT meeting take place on the first Tuesday of the month a 6.30 pm at the Methodist Church, Bank Street, Wetherby, LS22 6NQ and all residents are welcome to attend. Overall, the number of offences reported in Clifford remains low, but the police are keen to ensure that residents are aware of any relevant issues.

Leeds Local Plan Review Leeds City Council will be undertaking a further consultation in June 2025 about the review of the Leeds Local Plan. The Local Plan guides the amount and location of development throughout the LCC area. The focus of the review is the provision of affordable housing. Further information will be published on the council website when received from LCC.

Tree Works at Northways The council has approved some further tree works as Northways playing field to cutback overgrown saplings

Land off South View The council is continuing work to clear vegetation and disused structure from the site. A further working party will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday 10th May 2025 to continue work on clearing the site. Please email clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would like to help with the project.

VE Day 80 on Thursday 8th May

Church bells will ring out for peace at St Luke's and St Edwards starting at 6.30 pm and the beacon will be lit at Northways at 9.30pm. His majesty's deputy lieutenant for West Yorkshire will be in attendance along with the standard from the local royal British Legion.

Contacting the Parish Council

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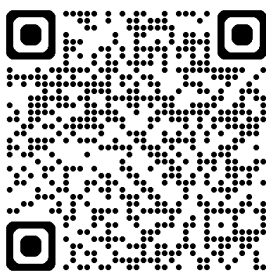
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As many readers may know, the long-established Clifford Drama Group’s Patrons’ Programme is a great way for our loyal audiences to get value-for-money. Patrons benefit from a guaranteed ticket for each performance at a discounted price, as well as an online newsletter and invitations to Group events throughout the year.

For 2025/6, we are holding the Patrons’ subscription at just £14 for the year, but we are adding a little extra incentive. Each Patron will now also receive a complimentary drink of their choice from the Village Hall bar at each performance. So, if you are not already a Patron, this would be a perfect time to join us to ensure you get a whole year’s benefits. Contact our treasurer at cdgtreasurer2022@gmail.com to sign up. We look forward to welcoming you.

And, in case you missed the last Outlook, a reminder that there will be a play-reading evening on Sunday 18th May at 7.00pm in Clifford Village Hall.

This is a light-hearted evening for Group members and Patrons to take part in a play reading or just listen to others. If you’ve ever thought you might like to ‘have a go’, why not join us and find out? There’ll be tea/coffee and biscuits

to welcome you! And don’t worry if you can’t make this one, we’ll be announcing further dates later in the year.

Contact us at:
cdgsecretary67@outlook.com if you are interested (just so we know how many biscuits to get ☺).



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Gardeners corner

Spring pruning

- **Question:** Is the '**Chelsea chop**' a strange ritual that only takes part in a rather smart area of London?
- **Answer:** funnily enough no, it **is** a ritual but is **not** strange and **can** happen in gardens anywhere!

Here is a useful guide to pruning perennials taken from the RHS Garden magazine

SPRING

***April:** reduce stems of woody perennials to a framework (such as Salvia), always go back to leave some green growth

***Late May/early June:** the '**Chelsea chop**': cut back upright foliage stems of perennials by a third to delay flowering e.g. Phlox **or** to encourage bushy growth and prevent flopping e.g. sedum (now called Hylotelephium)

SUMMER:

***June to August-** shear back untidy foliage after flowering e.g. pulmonaria, geranium

***June to September:** deadhead flower heads as necessary- lupins, dahlia's, Gaillardia, Helenium, Knautia, Penstemon

AUTUMN

***October:** cut back soft foliage and stems as they die back such as Hemerocallis (day lily), Hosta, Monarda, Paeonia, and Rogersia

WINTER

***Late Jan/ early Feb:** remove foliage from hellebores and epimediums so that you can see the flowers coming through underneath.

***February** cut back perennial grasses and perennials that have had attractive seed heads over the winter

Plan ahead

Think about where you like to sit (see mindful moment below) and look into finding some seating to place here

Mindful moment

Walk around your garden/ any garden or look at your plant pots.

Think of how you might be able to enjoy them for longer than a fleeting glance.

It's important to stop and appreciate either your work, or someone else's efforts, in making the garden/pot look beautiful and keeping it healthy.

Justine Incoll

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Quiz Night

St Mary's Church
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Other regular features in the coming months include.... "**Fun Bingo**" which will be free to play with prizes.... and "**Meet Your Ward Councillor**" as all three councillors will be holding regular "surgeries", where you can talk to them about any local issues that concern you. Later in the summer, Mark Dobson, WiSE's Chief Operating Officer, will be joining us to tell us about the community-based activities, services, information, help and support WiSE offers to improve the quality of life for over 60s in the Wetherby area.

Clifford Walking Group, Thursday 13 March 2025

Another Walk around Ripon!

On a breezy, cold day 13 of us left the far outskirts of Ripon having parked near the confluence of the rivers Skell and Laver. Crossing the main road that goes to Fountains Abbey, we walked through the delightful suburb of Bishopton, with lovely cottages and interesting older houses. We shortly walked up another road where Yvonne pointed out the houses where the officers from the Claro Barracks lived. These were originally established during the World War 1 as a convalescent camp for Northern Command. The poet Wilfred Owen wrote many of his poems when stationed here in spring 1918.

Proceeding onto Clothholme Rd, we could see the Grammar School in the distance which still requires passing an 11 plus or similar. After skirting Ripon cemetery, along a few fields and crossing the main road to Lightwater Valley, we came to Ripon Golf Club and Tennis Centre a little further on, where another walker joined us.

By now we were well to the north of Ripon and could see the North York Moors with a scattering of snow. We eventually joined the river Ure and came across a blank, brick wall. Yvonne told us of the history of this area which used to be known as Little Studley, just upstream from North Bridge.

Trains ran daily from Northallerton to Ripon and on Sundays working people arrived for a day out to swim in the Ure, together with the locals. The wall is all that remains of a Victorian Bathing Pavilion (opened June 1848)) where bathing huts could be hired for 1 penny per day! They were neglected during the 1940's and eventually demolished in the early 1950's.

We carried on following the river Ure through pleasant countryside, looking at the Cathedral on the right (so we worked out just where we were) until we joined the river Skell where it flows into the Ure and recognised where we'd walked along on the other side on last year's walk. We carried on along a very pleasant walkway and path along the river, crossing various bridges and admiring the old industrial buildings now converted into flats, eventually arriving back at the cars and driving up to Tates Garden Centre for well-earned refreshments.

Many thanks to Yvonne for a very interesting 7-mile winter walk.

Artists Around Wetherby – Taster Exhibition

Saturday 10 May, 10am – 4pm, Wetherby Town Hall, Market Place, Wetherby.

Get a pre-view of Artists Around Wetherby 2025 at their Taster Exhibition in Wetherby Town Hall. This one-day event will showcase a selection of artists taking part in this year's Open Studios, offering a chance to see their work up close, chat with the artists and discover what inspires them.

It's also the perfect opportunity to pick up your Artists Around Wetherby guide, featuring artists' profiles and a map to help plan your route for the main Open Studios weekends in June.

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