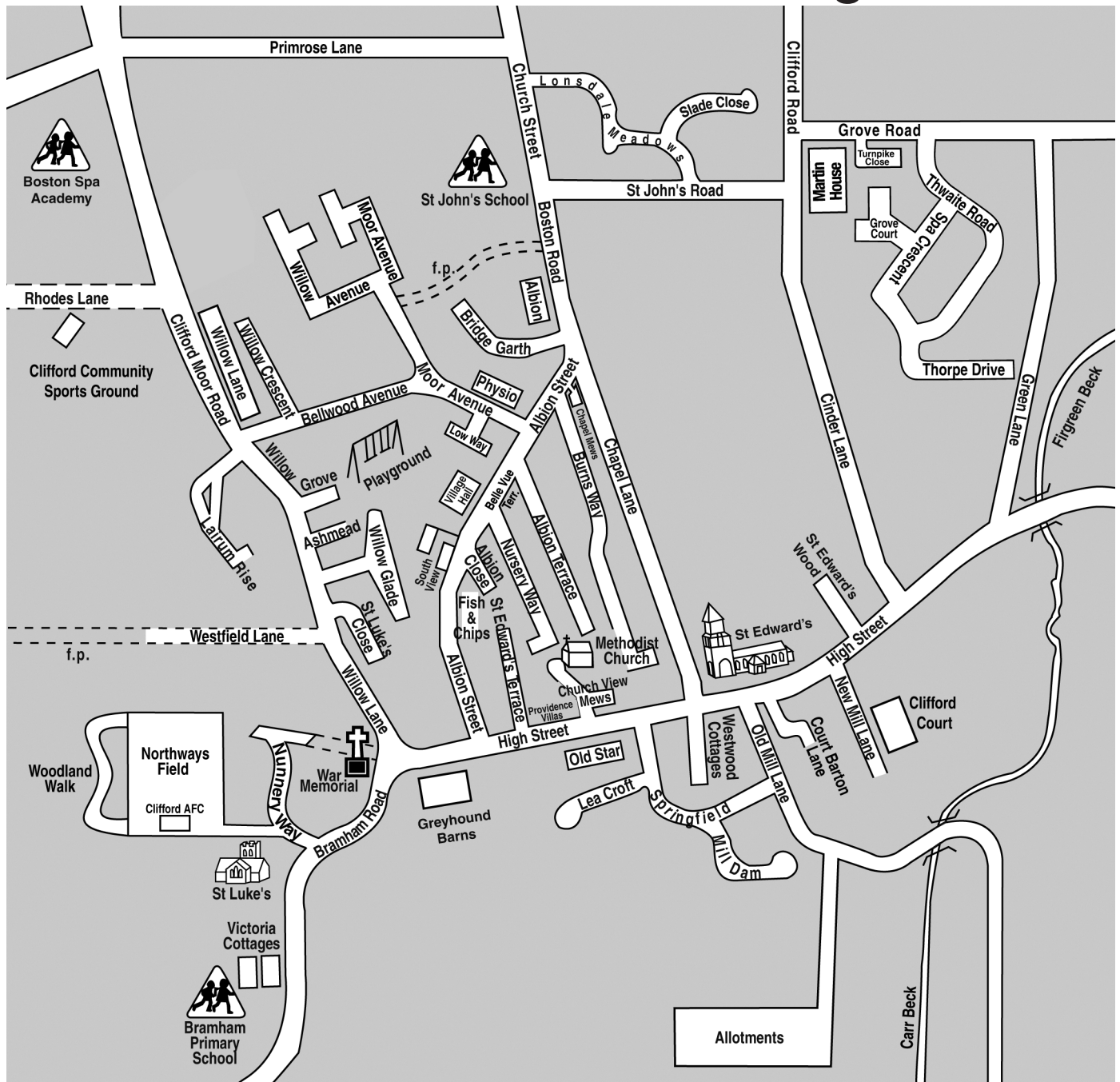


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Clifford Outlook 50th Year

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

In January 1981 the Outlook Team launched a new design for the magazine, with the very first version of the Village Map (there have been several versions of the map with more details added since then) & some new features being trialled in the magazine, as can be seen below:

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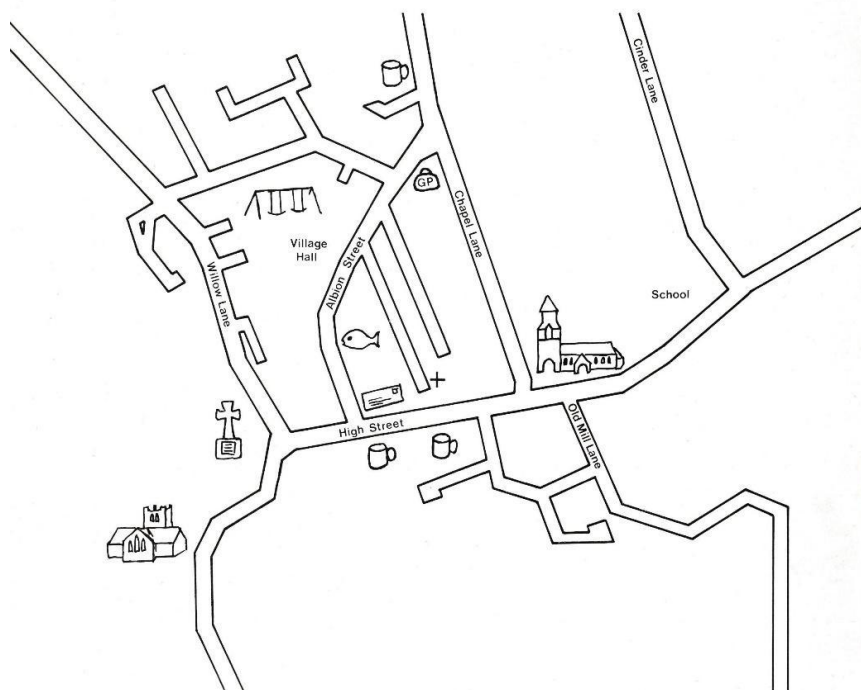
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Welcome to our new image. We hope that you either love it or hate it - let us know. The map should at least help next time you have visitors coming a long distance! The "Young Outlook" feature is on trial and if there is no response we will discontinue it. If you have any ideas about regular features we should be pleased to hear of them.

We would like to thank our regular advertisers for their support and also special thanks to our new advertisers. There are 20 changes to the adverts including the new ones and a prize will be awarded to the first letter opened listing the amendments.

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The August walk will be on the 21st led by Yvonne Malthouse in the Grewelthorpe and Hackfall area. It will start at 10.30am from Grewelthorpe Main Street (parking Ripon side of the Public House)

A nice gentle walk of about 7 miles, with refreshments after to be arranged.

Note -the starting point may have to change, so if you are new to the Group, please contact Pauline on 01937 842768. Members will get an email update

CLIFFORD CHAMPION BEER FESTIVAL

The Clifford Champion Beer Festival Team would like to say a massive thank you to all our supporters, volunteers and festival-attenders. We are grateful to each & every one of you.

The 2025 festival was a great success and a really enjoyable community event.

Proceeds are divided between the Clifford Football Clubs and Clifford Village Hall.

**Clifford Champion Beer Festival will return on:
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Clifford Village Hall

The Village Hall is the social hub of Clifford and, as such, it is the duty of the Trustees to ensure that it is a safe and secure location and environment.

Following a report of anti-social behaviour in the Village Hall car park in the early evening of Saturday July 12, the Trustees would like to reassure Clifford residents that the situation is being monitored, and the upgraded CCTV cameras now cover the internal space of the entrance and every part of the car park and outside areas.

The CCTV system is operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and produces high-definition images, which are available for downloading when needed.

We would appreciate it, if any residents observe any anti-social activity in the vicinity of the Village Hall, that they report it to the police, either by dialling 101, or by reporting it on the Crimestoppers website; please also let the Trustees know.

Contact details for the Trustees of the Village Hall can be found on the noticeboard at the front of the building.

From the June 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 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

Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings and Antisocial Behaviour drop in sessions

The Wetherby PACT meetings are open to all residents and take place at 6.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Methodist Church, Bank Street, Wetherby. The police, Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors attend, and residents can raise any policing issues with them. The police have stressed that all offences should be reported to ensure that resources are targeted appropriately. Non urgent matters should be reported online at <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it>

The Leeds City Council Antisocial Behaviour Team are aiming to make their service more accessible. They will be holding drop-in sessions at the Wetherby Library on the first Tuesday of the month between 1 – 4pm so residents can come and talk to a member of the team if they have any issues or concerns relating to antisocial behaviour.

Domestic Bin Collections

The Council has raised concerns with LCC about a number of missed domestic bin collections.

Residents are advised to report all missed collections online at

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/your-bins/bin-collection-problems> All bins must be out by 6.30 am on the collection day and residents should wait until after 5 pm on the collection day to report any missed collection.

Martin House Hospice Construction

Cllr Fawcett, along with Ward Cllr Lamb, met with the Chief Executive and the Director of Facilities at Martin House Hospice to discuss concerns about contractors' vehicles parking on the streets around the site. Martin House accepted that there have been issues and advised residents to report any concerns to them at reception@martinhouse.org.uk The construction work is scheduled to be completed by December 2025.

Leeds Fest will be on from the 22 to 24 August 2025 at the Bramham Park Estate state. The Traffic Management Plan will be published on the council website as soon as it has been finalised by LCC and Festival Republic. LCC Highways are liaising with Highways England to ensure that any congestion caused by the ongoing work on the A1(M) does not impact on the festival traffic.

Leeds Local Plan Consultation

The City Council has published the **Leeds Local Plan: A Planning Framework for Development (2022–2042) – Issues and Options Document** for public consultation. This Local Plan document outlines Leeds City Council's proposed approach to planning policy and future development across the Leeds district up to 2042. The consultation period runs from **Monday 7th July to Monday 15th September 2025**.

The consultation addresses a wide range of key planning issues, including allocating sites for housing and other development.

Residents can view all consultation materials and submit comments via our dedicated consultation platform: **[Have Your Say today-Leeds Local Plan](#)**

Contacting the Parish Council

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

OUT AND ABOUT

The Beer Festival

Once again, this was a huge success. Aside from the central event – tasting different beers etc. – there were hundreds of people out on the parkland below the village hall enjoying the sunshine and having picnics etc. It continues to be a family and community occasion and, it seemed, not all just for Clifford folk. It's well organised and every year seems to develop from one year to the next with something new. We need to thank all the folk who give their time to make it such a success. A community occasion can only be such a success as long as members of that community get involved. It was noticeable that there were, indeed, new faces at the tables and stands with younger people providing the music. So it seems that things will continue strongly into the future. The July issue of the OUTLOOK said thanks to a group of residents who had given much of their time to running and developing our first-class village hall. Thankfully others have come forward to take their places. Indeed, in this 50th anniversary of this magazine we can appreciate the long line of folk who have kept it going successfully with willing volunteers. Let's look forward to the same happening with the Festival.

Road maintenance

It was pleasing to see the improved road surface on Boston Road. There will be particular appreciation from cyclists. The big tyres of motor vehicles can run much more easily over poor services than can the narrow tyres of bikes, sometimes causing an accident. More elsewhere please.

Collection from post-boxes

There are only two post boxes in the village – one on the High Street opposite the junction with Albion Street and the other near the bus stop at Willow Crescent/Bellwood Avenue . This has been the situation for many years. It seems that more were never installed as new homes were built. People living in Chapel Lane have always had to walk to the box on the High Street which was near the Post Office when we had one.

A conversation with a postman collecting from one of them revealed that, over the last four years, there has been a large drop in the number of envelopes being posted in them. Deliveries of letters and documents to households have reduced in a similar way. Our posties are dealing with many more packages than envelopes.

No war but.....

If, at the right time, you had passed down the High Street and onto Bar Lane you could not have possibly missed the lovely display of red poppies growing on the newly constructed length of the bank. This takes the place of what was once a vehicle entrance to 'The Willows'. It's an example of how the seeds lay dormant until they were disturbed. It's a small scale of the Flanders Fields of the First World war but without any fighting!

Clifford Local History Group Mobile Businesses in Clifford

Following on from previous articles about shops and businesses in Clifford, a local resident compiled the following list of MOBILE businesses she could remember regularly coming through the village.
Note the variety of transport, from bicycles to lorries and wooden carts.

There were two fruit and vegetable vans. One coming from Lakin's shop in Wetherby and one from Cooper's in Boston Spa.

There was a Bread and Cake van, a Fizzy Pop truck, and a Fish and Chip bus.
Kilby's delivered milk with a horse and cart from their farm.

Recently we have heard and seen the return of an Ice Cream van to the village but at one time we had two.

There was a truck selling crockery and 'Old Sam' selling wares from an old brown leather suitcase. Was his name really Sam?

A Coal lorry came round the houses delivering sacks of coal. And a knife sharpener came round on a bicycle.

Coffins were taken to church on a float, which was a wooden cart with large wheels.

And there was a Betting house, not actually a mobile business, which was tucked away off the High Street.
Was this legal??

And there was also a Didlum man.

It seems a *Didlum* was a *savings* scheme in which scheme members deposited a regular sum throughout the year with a nominated treasurer who shared out the money in time for Christmas.

Years ago, didlums were widespread. Apparently, the name is based on the idea that the people running the scheme might cheat on the members ('diddle them').

With these mobile businesses and all the other shops we have heard about in previous articles in the Outlook, Clifford seems to have been fairly self-sufficient in earlier times.

If anyone can remember seeing, hearing about or using any of these businesses and can provide more information, we would love to hear from you. Local knowledge can then be shared in future editions of the Outlook.

**Interested to learn more, got some history to share or wish to get involved as a group member?
Contact us at cliffordhistorygroup@gmail.com**

News from Clifford Drama Group

Well, the Group has been very busy since the Boston Spa Gala on 7th June. We met some lovely people there and our wandering band of panto characters - the Elephant, Mouse, Queen of Hearts, Old Mother Hubbard and Dr Who - hardly got rained on at all!

Our second play reading evening on 15th June featured 'People' by Alan Bennett. This showcased his usual mix of laughter, dry wit and social commentary and was a huge success – in turn, hilarious, thought-provoking, and a bit saucy!

Our attention is now on rehearsals for our autumn production, 'Lucky Sods' by John Godber, which are due to start in August. This play tells the tale of the highs - and lows - of a sudden cash windfall. The play will be performed on 10th October (evening) and 11th October (matinee and evening) at Clifford Village Hall.

Dates for ticket sales will be announced here in Outlook and also through our online Bulletin Board. We very much value continued support from our loyal audiences, so please do come and join us if you can!

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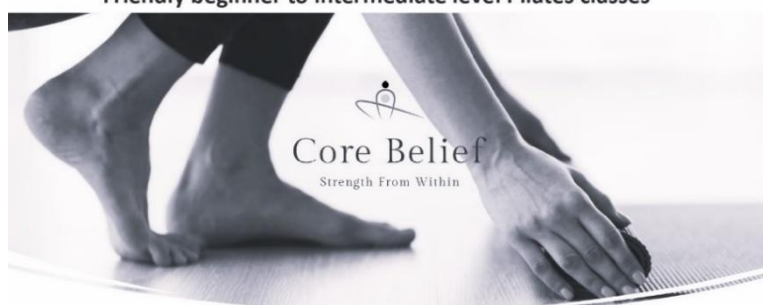
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Are you interested? To arrange an informal chat please email your contact details to: cliffordoutlook@gmail.com and one of us will be in touch.

Thanks.

Tracey, Joan, Souheila, Helen, Nick and Dave

Clifford Walking Group Yorkshire – Hill & Dales

Don't tell anyone outside the village, but we are very fortunate to live in this part of the county. All of the Dales have their own personality and we have plenty to choose from, Nidderdale is one of the most attractive and easily accessible.

Arriving in Pately Bridge at the appointed hour and location, it was a surprise to find the car park entrance closed and the showground area requisitioned for filming of All Creatures Great and Small. Dressed as we were for a countryside walk we could easily have been taken on as film extras.

Some regrouping was needed and finally all 8 walkers met up – apologies if there were others that we never found! Heading west up the valley along footpaths and tracks we progressed uphill with excellent views across the fields until finally reaching an area of historic industrial activity. Although long abandoned there was ample evidence of the lead mining industry which is believed to have dated back to Roman times. The Providence and Precious mines were most active from 1780 for about 50 years after which they became economically unviable. Despite the derelict site one beneficiary was the covering of delicate Spring Sandwort all over the ground.

This was our turning point and time for lunch after crossing over to the north side of the valley. A grassy embankment in warm sunshine was too good to resist and we could have stayed longer, but Liz had a timetable to keep, so we were soon off on the easier return journey via the Nidderdale Way. This is a popular area for static and touring caravans but they did not spoil our enjoyment of more natural things, a Dipper active in the stream and the many Curlews in the fields.

Our route finally joined the abandoned railway line just after passing the Bridge Inn (formerly Watermill Inn) with its 35foot overshot water wheel, but with no time to stop, we had to get back into town for afternoon tea at Wildings Café.

Thanks to Liz for this excellent walk (which we have repeated every 10 years) and we are looking forward to 2035. Before that we hope that Alan recovers in time for the next walk.

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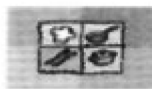
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