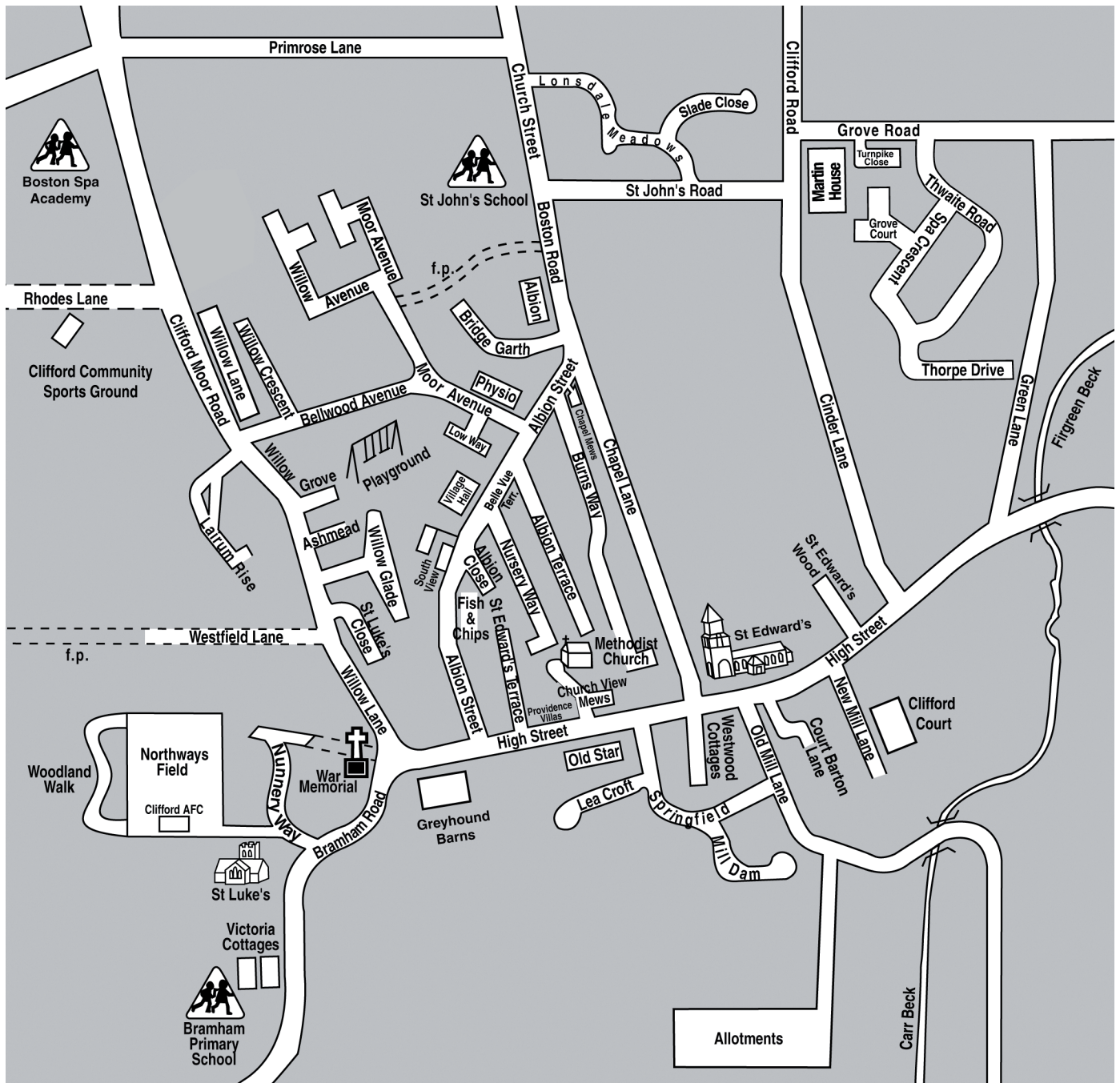


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An afternoon of appealing, tuneful, uplifting music for piano and strings will be held at

**St Luke's Church, Clifford,
on Saturday September 5 at 3pm.**



The compositions are all by David Martin, the organist at St Luke's.

The concert will be free, though it is hoped that attendees will donate money to the church. There will be six pieces of chamber music for varying combinations of six performers, five string players and a pianist. Although the players are amateurs, they are at the top end of amateur performers, and can be counted on to give good performances. The music will occupy 90 minutes, divided by an interval in which tea, cakes and Prosecco wine will be served.

This could be the last concert in St. Luke's. The congregation is small, and no longer able to maintain the building and its services. It would be good if people can make one final effort to attend the church.



Clifford Drama Group – Going back in time!

By the time you read this edition of Outlook, Clifford Drama Group will be almost ready to put on our 'play for radio', to be performed on 4th July 2026 in Clifford Village Hall at 3.00pm.

"Beside the Seaside" takes a light-hearted look at three couples holidaying at a Scarborough guest house in 1948. Faced with a fierce and controlling landlady, they devise a plan to ensure their week's holiday remains relaxing.

Clifford Drama Group is thrilled to be presenting this production in conjunction with the play's author, Brian Oxberry and his daughter Bernie, who together lead the Maltberry Players.

This one-off performance is in memory of Clifford Drama Group's much-missed colleague, Kathryn Whaley. Kathryn was also a leading member of the Maltberry Players, so the two Groups joining for this performance makes it very special. Profits will be going to Martin House in Kathryn's name.

At just £5 per person (including a cream tea!) it's too good to miss. For tickets, contact Ann on 07594 229357, or email cdgtreasurer2022@gmail.com to book your seats. Or you can order tickets online at <https://clifford-drama-group.sumupstore.com/products>

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Clifford Walking Group

Fairburn Walk The group met outside the Three Horse Shoes in Fairburn for a six mile walk led by Caroline Vardy. The walk attracted an unusually high turnout of eighteen participants including two members new to the group.

A steady climb took us out of the village into open fields with extensive views of countryside towards Ferrybridge. After walking through a small wood it was time for coffee and a rest.

We then entered the pretty village of Ledsham and onwards across field paths to Fairburn Ings RSPB reserve where we used the picnic tables to enjoy a leisurely lunch.

The reserve provides a variety of habitats for birds with a number of lakes, the Aire river as well as extensive woodland but we were not fortunate enough to see many species of birds on our way back to Fairburn and the Three Horse Shoes. The pub was very welcoming with a very friendly landlord.

Many thanks to Caroline for providing an interesting and varied walk.

Next Walk The annual summer walk and meal will take place on **Thursday 16th July** led by Yvonne Malthouse.

Meet at The Fox and Hounds, Starbotton BD235HY at 11am for an easy ramble of 6 miles. The pre-ordered meal will be at The Fox and Hounds, Starbotton at about 5pm.

If you are new to the group please contact pauline.winterburn@gmail.com for more information or in case of a change to the walk.

Clifford Amblers – “Not Far – Not Fast”

May Walk Five amblers met at the village hall and discussed the options for the mornings walk. We decided on the slightly longer route that would take us to Thorp Arch. One of the group was new to the village and another new to walking with the group.

We left the village walking past the Albion Pub along Boston Road, onto St John's Road then Grove Road to Boston Spa High Street. There we turned right walking along the High Street until we reached Gas Works Lane that took us down to the path along the river Wharfe. We took the river path as far as the new houses in Newton Kyme. There we walked up to the new path, completed after the houses were built, which runs between the A659 Boston Spa to Tadcaster road and Thorp Arch trading estate.

We used this path to cross the Viaduct over the River Wharfe, walking for a short while until we dropped down onto the path that took us to Thorp Arch Church. Our leader had done some homework and knew there was tea and coffee, and home-made cakes on offer in a small marque outside the Church, proceeds going to support the Church. We stopped for a drink and a cake and had a chat with the people there. The chat led to a visit to the Church where we spent some time looking around.

We headed home along Church Causeway passing Thorp Arch's three vicarages, newest, older, oldest, until we came to the footpath down to the river. We took the bridge back over the Wharfe, turned right to take the path along the river to Holgate Lane and back to Clifford Village Hall.

There had been heavy rain in the days before the walk. Luckily there were no showers while we were walking and not much mud, just the odd incline where it was a bit slippery. We saw some large and interesting fungi on the way round and tried our phone technology to identify each type. One phone told us it was Ivy and to be fair there was a lot of ivy on the tree stump.

Thanks to our leader Liz for a varied and interesting walk.

Our next walk is Wednesday 22nd July 2026. Meet at the Village Hall at 09:30 am for a 3 to 4 mile stroll around the area. An opportunity to meet with others for a stroll and a chat and maybe discover new paths.

All welcome! Contact: Lyn Parkin Tel. 07717 323894 email: lynparkin2@gmail.com



the WiSE owl

Café for the community



Volunteers needed at WiSE Owl Cafe

The WiSE Owl Café is a busy social lifeline to people of all ages in the community. It is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm and Fridays 10am-3pm at Boston Spa Village Hall.

We are now looking for more volunteers to join our team. This is a physical role involving preparing and serving food and drink, clearing tables, washing up and handling money.

We would welcome hearing from people who are able to volunteer from 2+ hours once per week, or fortnight.

For more information, email volunteering@w-ise.org.uk
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Parish Council – May 2026 meeting

The Parish Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at Clifford Village Hall. The remaining meeting dates for 2026 are: July 15th, August – no meeting, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th and December 16th. 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

Parish Council Appointments

At the Annual Meeting on the 20 May 2026, Cllr Nicholas Fawcett was re-elected as Chairman of the Council for 2026/2027 and Cllr Tony Blackmore was re-elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2026/2027. Appointments to the Council's Committees, Working Groups and lead responsibilities were also approved. Details are available at <https://cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk/members-of-clifford-parish-council/>

Help Keep Clifford a Safe and Welcoming Village

Recently, there have been incidents of anti-social behaviour at the playground, including offensive graffiti being painted on items of play equipment. Such behaviour is disappointing and can affect the enjoyment and safety of this important community facility for local children and families. If you are aware of any incidents of anti-social behaviour or criminal damage please report this as soon as possible. Prompt reporting helps the police and other relevant authorities take action.

If you witness anti-social behaviour or criminal damage, please:

- Report criminal activity, vandalism, or incidents in progress to the police by calling **999** in an emergency, or **101** for non-emergency matters. Reports can also be made online via the West Yorkshire Police website at <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/asb>
- Report anti-social behaviour to the Leeds City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team at [www.reportantisocialbehaviour | Leeds.gov.uk](http://www.reportantisocialbehaviour.leeds.gov.uk)
- Contact the Parish Council at clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk so that damage can be addressed promptly and patterns of behaviour can be monitored.

Residents are also encouraged to attend the monthly PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings held at the Methodist Church in Wetherby at 6.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. These meetings provide an opportunity to raise local concerns directly with the police and LCC Ward Councillors and discuss community safety issues, and hear about actions being taken across the area.

Traffic Disruption There will be temporary road closures and diversions in place for the Leeds Ironman competition on 16 August 2026 and the Leeds Festival 27-20 August 2026. Full details will be published on the council website as soon as they are available.

Bridge at the junction of Chapel Lane/Albion Street The council has agreed to pay for vegetation to be removed from this historic bridge. The work will be undertaken after the nesting season is over.

Parish Council Audit 2025/2026 The Annual Governance and Accountability Report has been approved and will be sent to the council's external Auditor, along with the Annual Governance Statement and Financial Statements. For further information about the accounts go to <https://cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk/accounts/>

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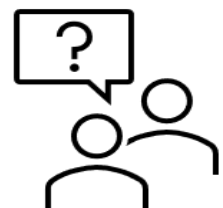
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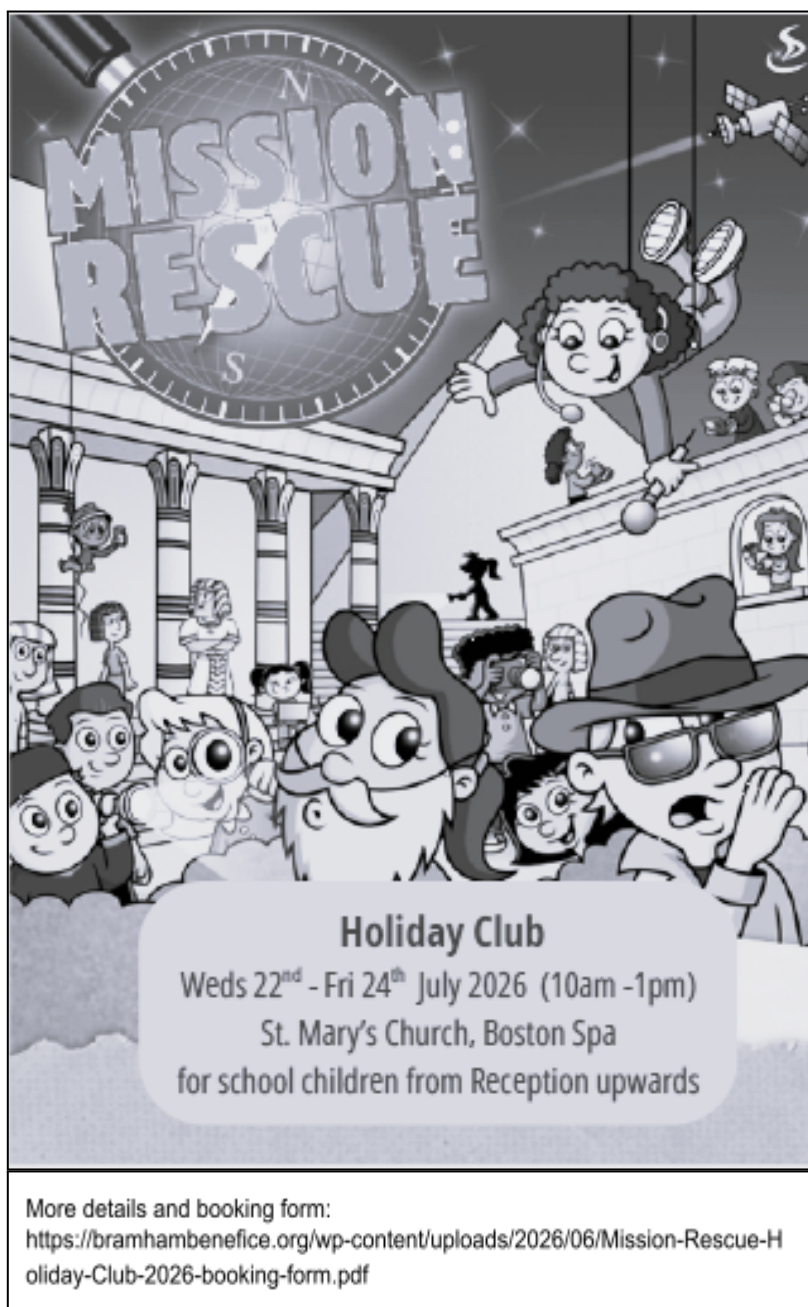
Clifford Mill, or should that be Mills?

How many mills do you think Clifford had? For those who follow the history of Clifford, you will know that there were at least three mills, technically only two.

Recent research has uncovered a surprise. When you walk around the village, look at the interpretation board at the War Memorial, it mentions the first mill being recorded in the Domesday Book of 1068.

Although the actual location is unknown it's likely to have been in the area around Low Mill Farm, Boston Spa, which was still in the parish of Clifford until 1896. Once known as the Paper Mill, it was still operating after the two parishes divided in 1896.

The next mill, which you will know is on Old Mill Lane, (Mill Lane). This is technically in the parish of Bramham, but it seems it's always been called Clifford Mill. It started life as a corn mill, and developed into a Worsted Mill, alongside the corn mill till the late 18c. It ended its working life in the 1970s as a sawmill for the Bramham Park estate.

A cartoon-style poster for a 'Mission Rescue' holiday club. At the top, a large globe with 'N' and 'S' is labeled 'MISSION RESCUE'. Below it, a group of diverse children are shown in various poses, some climbing a building. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a woman with a hat are looking towards the children. A text box at the bottom provides details about the holiday club.

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In 1833 the Grimston's arrived in the village and leased the corn mill from the Lane-Fox family of Bramham Park. After some years the Grimston's purchased land on the opposite side of the beck (now in Clifford) and constructed a purpose made building for the manufacturing of twine and shoe thread, it opened in 1857 and closed 1887. After that it was used for various activities, including a Gelatine factory, storage during the war and finally a Mackintosh factory, finally ceasing operations in the 1980's. It was converted to flats in 1992.

During the 1860's another mill started operating; this was a scutching mill, located at Clifford Moor Farm estate. Scutching is one of the first processes in the making of twine. From an advert in 1868 it was up for sale, maybe it could not compete with the new Mill.

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(Leeds Mercury June 1871 (BNA) Headline)

A previous article mentions that this mill had partially burnt down in 1866, with a loss of £100.00 which was uninsured. Clearly Mr Thackwray had the money to rebuild. How many does that make? Four or Five.

The Armchair Historian.



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- Report suspicious **text messages** by forwarding them to: **7726** (*it's free of charge*)

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JULY WORD SEARCH

Can you find the 14 different words associated with Clifford or July ?

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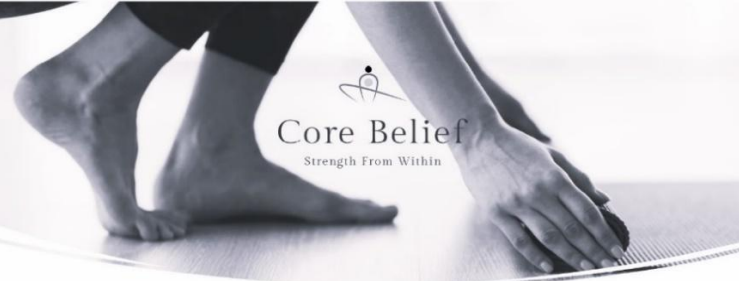


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