

Front Garden Transformation...see Nature Notes page 2

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS **Your PC needs you!**

Recent events have seen the number of councillors on the Parish Council drop to five – we really should have nine villagers on the PC, whose remit is to represent our community on planning applications, highways, traffic, community safety, housing, street lighting, allotments, cemeteries, playing fields, community centres, litter, war memorials, seats and shelters, rights of way... In particular, no offence to current councillors, it would be good to have some younger people on

the PC as they are currently seriously under-represented. Interested? Contact Chairman Jean McCartney on 01900 61180 or Parish Clerk, the Rev'd Judith Morgan at littlecliftonpc@outlook.com for more details.

PARTY IN THE PUB

The Last Fling, a charity event at the beginning of June in memory of Ian Elliott, was a huge success, the pub packed out and almost drunk dry, people spilling out onto the roadside in the evening sunshine. Carol hopes to repeat the event this autumn, with

all proceeds going to Maryport Rescue and Cockermouth Mountain Rescue.



General Election July 4th 2024

Whoever you plan to vote for, don't forget to take a photo ID to the polling station with you – eg. passport, driving licence, blue badge or bus pass.

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FARESHARE

Change of time and venue

From the small green shoots of the pilot scheme at Bridgefoot Village Hall, FareShare foodsharing has become an established part of Sunday afternoon.

A local community group, *Friends of Bridgefoot and Little Clifton*, has been formed to put the running of the foodshare scheme, now called Village Larder, onto a more formal footing.

The Village Larder, as it now is, will run for now on a Friday afternoon from 3:00 until 5:00pm, at Great Clifton village hall.

Anyone who wants to collect food pays an annual membership fee of just £1. Members may then come along and pay a small contribution to collect some of what is available on the day.

Anyone who would like to volunteer their help would be welcomed....contact us at the Village Larder via Village WhatsApp.

HISTORY CORNER



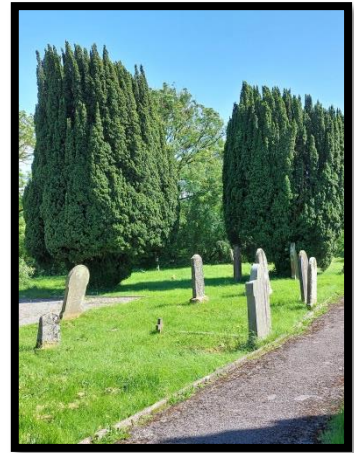
Thanks to Carol Elliott for spotting that the wall protecting the 'new' graveyard of St Luke's Church is 100 years old this year. It was presented to the church by W.H. and M.

Richmond of Clifton Hall, Gt. Clifton in 1924.

Although the site of St Luke's dates back to Norman times, the current church was built around 1901. The surrounding graveyard is much older, with one of the oldest graves, that of Mary Anne Jackson, dated 1784.

There are four war-graves in the cemetery – Eric McFarland, age 22, a Flying Officer with the RAF Reserve regiment, John Hodgson, a Royal Navy stoker, Edward Armstrong Brown, age

26, a Private in the Border Regiment, and Alan Everard Dixon, Leading Aircraftman in the RAF Volunteer Reserve, age just 19. The churchyard also contains several mighty Irish yew trees, which are worth a visit in their own right.



Environmental TOP TIP

According to the BBC Radio 4 programme *Sliced Bread*, using a dishwasher is, on average, better for the planet than washing-up by hand. A dishwasher uses marginally less power to heat the water needed for cleaning pots and pans, and significantly less water than conventional dish-washing.

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NEWS FROM ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Our fortnightly services continue – we celebrate Holy Communion on the second Sunday of each month and Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday, both at 9.30am. Do come and join us if you can, you will be very welcome.

Thank you to everyone who supports our fortnightly 'Coffee and Crack' coffee mornings at the village hall. During Christian Aid week our coffee morning raised £140 for the charity – a great result!

Future of Clifton Church

The Church Warden and PCC of St Luke's Church Clifton would like to invite residents of Great and Little Clifton and other interested parties to an open consultation about the future of the church, to be held on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

St Luke's Church has had a long and faithful history. Although the present building dates from only 1901 we think that worship has been offered on that site from around 1080. The church remains in demand for baptisms, weddings and funerals and many villagers have family members laid to rest in its peaceful

churchyard. We work in partnership with Great Clifton Methodist Church and we also have a warm relationship with Derwent Vale School, bringing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ to a new generation of children. However, the present congregation is now smaller and older and can no longer sustain all the responsibilities of maintaining the church and its life on our own. We have reached the point of needing to make some important decisions about the future.

To help us do this in a way that serves the best interests of our village community **we need to hear your views and ideas** so do come along and have your say. The meeting will be chaired by Archdeacon Stewart Fyfe and he and members of the PCC will help us to explore possible next steps. Meanwhile if you have any immediate questions please feel free to contact Sue Shaw (Church Warden) on shawbeckside@aol.com or Revd Jane Charman (Grasmoor Mission Community Leader) on jane.charman@grasmoormc.church.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Warmest congratulations this month go to Emma and Jono, Sarah and Don, and Brohagan and Dan on their respective weddings or forthcoming weddings. Congratulations too, to Brohagan and Dan on the birth of their baby daughter Amber.

Abigail, youngest daughter of Gail and Tony Dixon and granddaughter of Betty and the late Robinson (Rob) Dixon, all of Marron Lane, Bridgefoot, has become engaged to Elliot Pearson, formerly of Brigham, younger son of Karen and David Pearson. Congratulations and best wishes to them both.



Alphabet prints by Fliss Watts (see page 4)

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NATURE NOTES

Regular passers-by will have noticed a transformation in the front garden of one of the houses in Sycamore Garth facing the main road. With help from family and friends, Nicola Roguski has built a garden pond, complete with water and marginal plants and a rockery (see photos on page 1). The new pond contrasts sharply with the traditional idea of a front garden, and will be of much greater value to wildlife than the lawn it replaced, providing drinking and bathing water for birds, a home for frogs and other amphibians, and encouraging butterflies and other insects to visit.

COOKERY CORNER

Villagers at the Litter Pick in April were treated to coffee and cake after their hard work. Here is Fiona's recipe for Boiled Fruit Cake, adapted from a recipe by Delia Smith, and much praised by all who sampled it...

Ingredients:
110g raisins
225g chopped dates

285g sultanas
275g margarine
275ml water
1 large tin condensed milk
150g plain flour
150g wholemeal flour
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
A pinch of salt
1 generous tablespoon chunky marmalade

Method:

Preheat oven to gas 3, 170C
Place fruits, marg, water and condensed milk in a saucepan, bring to the boil and simmer for 3 minutes. Allow to cool, then stir in the flour, salt, bicarb and marmalade. Spoon the mixture into a prepared cake tin and bake for 2½ - 3 hours (cover lightly with a piece of greaseproof paper to prevent over-browning on the top).
Allow cake to cool for a few minutes before removing from tin onto a wire rack. The cake will keep well for several weeks, providing the litter pickers don't get to it first!

If you've a recipe you'd like to share, or anything else you'd like to contribute, please email the Newsletter editor on stkp@sky.com

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Work by Little Clifton artist **Fliss Watts** is on show this summer in Venice (Palazzo Bembo, April–November) and Leith, Edinburgh (1-15 June) as part of Proseed Collective, a group organised by artist Daniel Ibbotson. Fliss's work includes painting, printmaking, drawing and sculpture. Her solo exhibition, 'Skulduggery', will take place at the People's Gallery, Kendal Museum, Cumbria, from 15 August to 21 September 2024. The museum is open Thur, Fri, Sat, 9:30-4:30. There will be an open evening at the gallery on 16 August, 6pm-8pm – everyone welcome. You can also see Fliss's art at the Bridge Gallery in Cockermouth or by visiting her studio at Corner House, Little Clifton (by appt.)
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