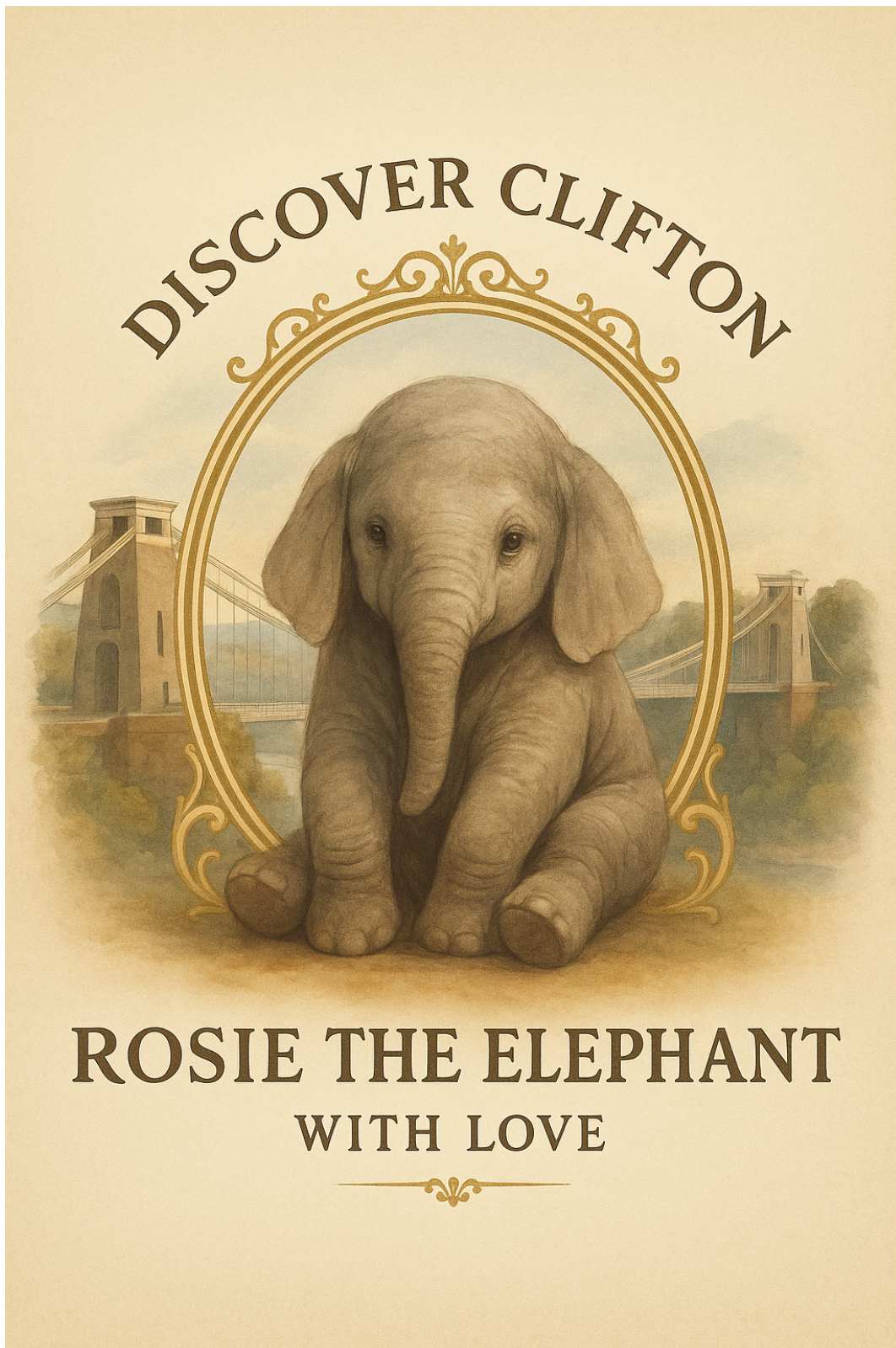


DISCOVER CLIFTON



ROSIE THE ELEPHANT
WITH LOVE

ROSIE THE ELEPHANT'S MAGICAL GUIDE TO CLIFTON VILLAGE.

WELCOME TO CLIFTON — A VILLAGE IN THE CITY!

DID YOU KNOW? THE NAME "CLIFTON" COMES FROM OLD WORDS MEANING "CLIFF TOWN", BECAUSE THE VILLAGE SITS RIGHT NEXT TO THE TALL CLIFFS OF THE AVON GORGE. BACK THEN, EVERYONE KNEW EACH OTHER AND HELPED EACH OTHER — JUST LIKE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY. THAT'S WHY PEOPLE STILL CALL IT CLIFTON VILLAGE!

LONG, LONG AGO...

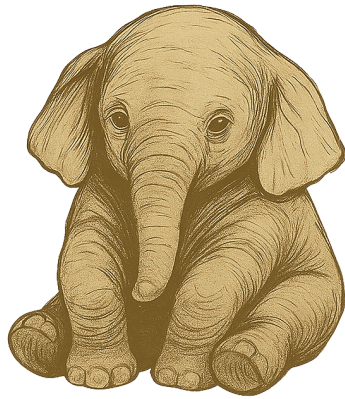
THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, PREHISTORIC PEOPLE LIVED NEAR THE AVON GORGE. THEY HUNTED ANIMALS AND MADE TOOLS FROM STONES.

THE CLIFFS OF CLIFTON HAVE ANCIENT CAVES WHERE THESE EARLY PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE RESTED OR HIDDEN FROM STORMS.

FOSSILS OF MAMMOTHS AND WOOLLY RHINOS HAVE BEEN FOUND NEARBY!

OVER TIME, RIVERS CARVED THE GORGE, FORESTS GREW, AND ANIMALS AND PEOPLE MADE THEIR HOMES HERE.





Meet Rosie — The Legend of Bristol Zoo!

You might be wondering... why an elephant? Well,
I'm not just any elephant —

I'm Rosie, and I am a legend!

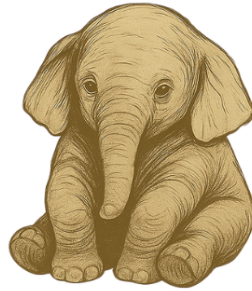
I was born in the wild in 1925 and came to Bristol
from a circus in 1938.

For over 23 years, I lived at Bristol Zoo and gave
rides to 80,000 children during the 1940s and
1950s!

I was gentle and kind-hearted, and families loved
to visit me.

The children of Clifton adored me. Every weekend, I
walked slowly through the streets of the Clifton
Village, giving rides and stopping for treats outside
shops.

All About Me



I am...

Elephants are Super Smart! • We have brilliant memories – we can remember places, people, and even feelings for years. •

Elephants can mourn their loved ones and even visit the place where a friend has passed. • We've been seen using tools, solving puzzles, and comforting each other when sad.

Meet the Elephant Family!

There are three types of elephants in the world: • African Savannah Elephant – The biggest land animal on Earth! •

African Forest Elephant – A little smaller and loves rainforest life. •

Asian Elephant – That's me! We're a bit smaller than African elephants and have cute rounded ears.

Gentle Giants • Even though we're huge, elephants are peaceful and kind animals. • We live in close families, led by the oldest female, called a matriarch. • We love to hug with our trunks, babysit calves, and play in the mud together.

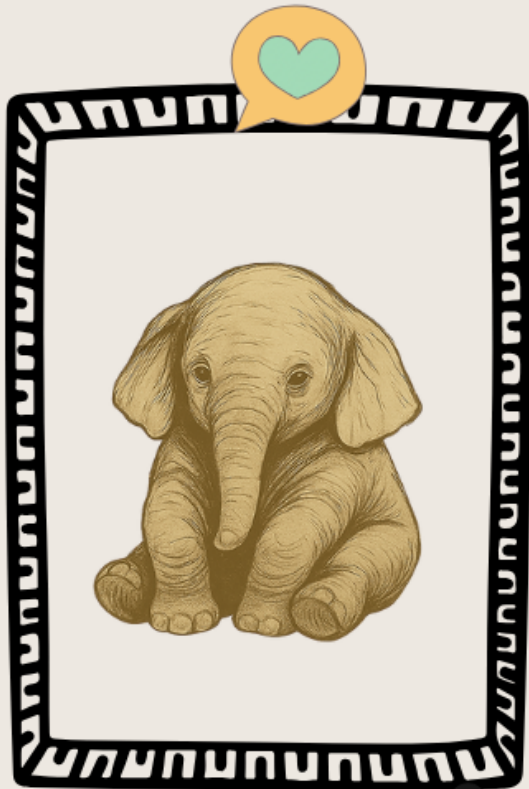
Favorite Food

Elephants eat between 149 and 169 kg (330-375 lb.) of vegetation daily.

Sixteen to eighteen hours, or nearly 80% of an elephant's day is spent feeding.

Elephants consume grasses, small plants, bushes, fruit, twigs, tree bark, and roots.

FUN FACTS



Cool Elephant Tricks
Flap huge ears to stay cool 🌬️
Cover themselves in mud
sunscreen 🌴
Cry when sad 😭
Trumpet when happy or angry 🎺
Mourn their dead 🕯️

Elephants are scared of bees 🐝 and hate ants 🐜!

Amazing Elephant Moves

They cannot jump ❌
Can run up to 25 mph 🏃
Can walk up to 80 miles in a
day! 🦶

Wow Fact: Elephants can even recognize themselves
in mirrors! 🪞



Gentle Giants

Our trunks have over 40,000 muscles — we can pick up a tree branch or a single peanut with it!

A baby elephant is called a calf and can weigh as much as a small car at birth!

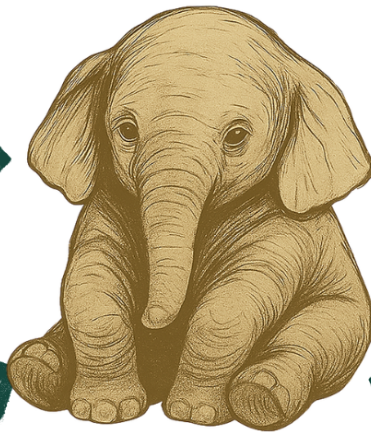
A bath in a river is our idea of heaven. Splash splash!

Elephants only sleep for about 2 hours a day — we're busy wanderers.

Elephants are fantastic swimmers — we use our trunks like snorkels!

Elephants can live up to 60-70 years — we're full of wisdom!

• Our tusks never stop growing. (Only some female Asian elephants have tusks — like me, Rosie!)

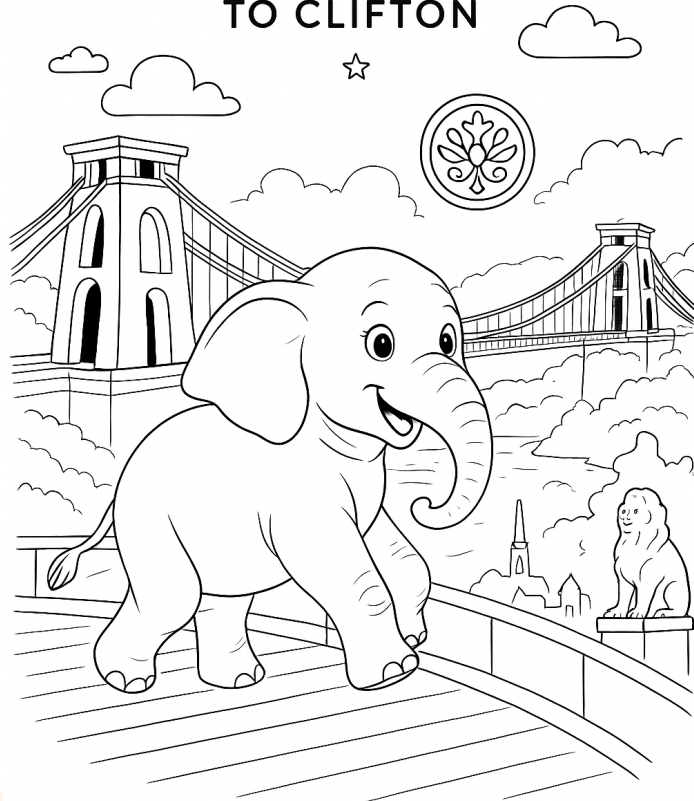


So welcome to

Rosie the Elephant's Magical Guide to Clifton!

No matter how long you have to spend in our village, there's so much to discover — and we simply can't get enough of it! From iconic buildings and the famous bridge to breathtaking views, there's magic around every corner.

ROSIE THE ELEPHANT'S MAGICAL GUIDE TO CLIFTON



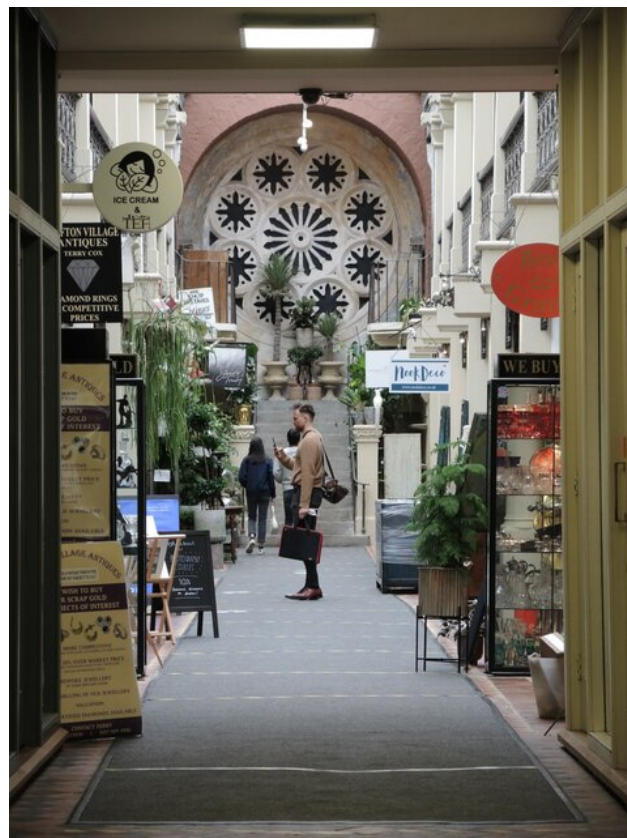
1. Birdcage Walk

Start your adventure at Birdcage Walk – the most enchanting path in all of Bristol! Rosie the Elephant loves it here because the tall trees make a tunnel of green, like stepping into a storybook. Keep your eyes peeled for cheeky squirrels racing along the branches. If you bring a few little treats, they might even come close to say hello!

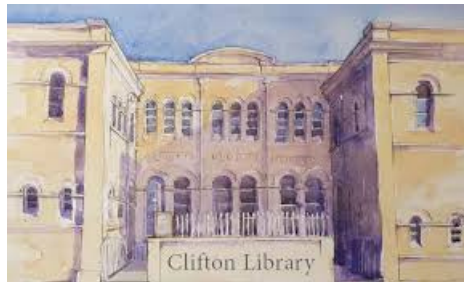


2.Clifton Arcade

Next, pop into Clifton Arcade – a Victorian gem brimming with character. Built in 1878, it feels like stepping back in time. Behind its elegant arches and glass roof, you'll find independent boutiques, antique treasures, and small shops full of curiosities. Rosie says it's like stepping into a secret toy box, where sparkly trinkets, old-fashioned sweets, and curious objects wait to be discovered.



3.Clifton Library



Why not stop by Clifton Library?

Take a break and have a rest—there's so much more here than just books. Our library offers a range of activities and resources for everyone:

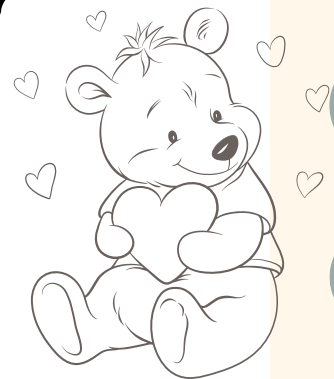
- Table Tennis — Mondays and Wednesdays, fast-paced fun with plenty of laughter.
- Book Group — Last Tuesday of the month, ideal for sharing favourites and discovering new reads.
- Clifton Crafters — Wednesdays, where imagination and hands-on creativity come to life.
- Film Fridays & Wednesday Matinees — Sit back, relax, and enjoy a midweek or weekend movie adventure.

Alongside these events, the library is packed with resources—from books and digital access to research support—and you'll also find a convenient Info Point. Don't forget to check the opening times before you visit to avoid disappointment.

4. Royal York Crescent

Next up is Royal York Crescent! Rosie thinks this row of curvy, giant houses looks like a castle for kings and queens. Long. It's one of the longest terraces in Europe, perfect for a magical stroll along history while spotting all the little details that make it special.

5. Possible Pooh Corner



Now we're heading to Possible Pooh Corner! It's believed that during one of these visits to a teashop that's long gone, the very first sketches of a 'silly old bear' were drawn and talked about by author A.A. Milne and illustrator E.H. Shepard—and that's how Winnie the Pooh was born!

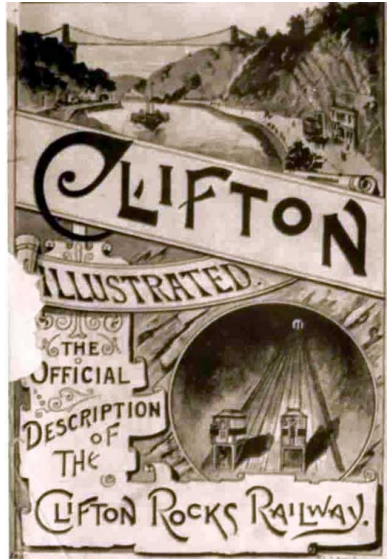
6.Paragon



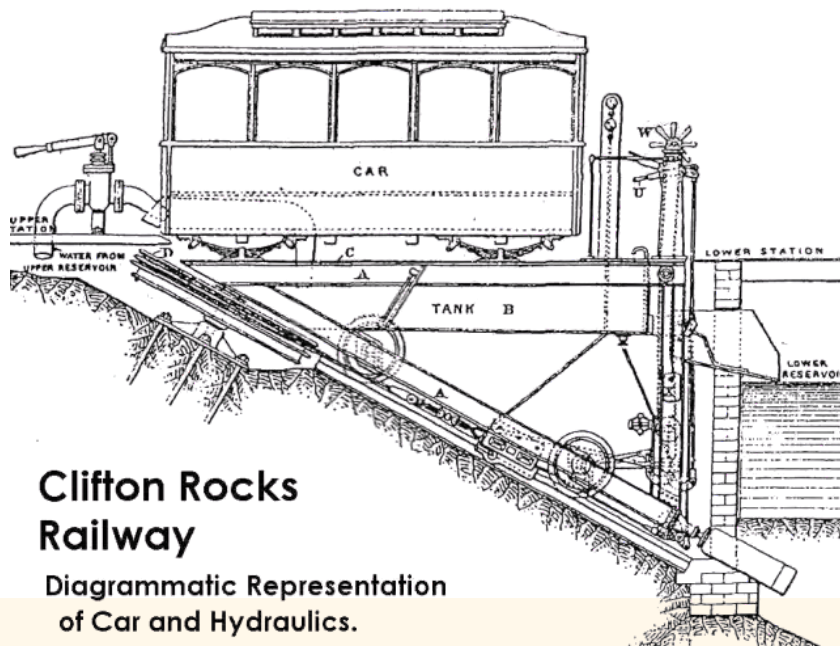
Next, we reach Paragon! Rosie says this street is full of grand, tall houses that could belong to kings, queens, or wizards.

Built hundreds of years ago, many feature carved doors that are sure to make a big impression!

7.Clifton Rocks Railway



Did you know Clifton once had its own funicular railway? Rosie explains it zoomed up and down steep cliffs using strong cables instead of regular tracks. It opened in 1893 and ran through tunnels carved into the Avon Gorge. People used it to travel quickly between Hotwells and Clifton Village. Though it closed in 1934, the tunnels were later used as air raid shelters during World War II, making them full of history and adventure. We can't wait for it to open again to the public!



Clifton Rocks Railway

Diagrammatic Representation
of Car and Hydraulics.

8.Clifton Observatory & Giant's Cave



Nearby, the Clifton Observatory awaits with its Camera Obscura and the mysterious Giant's Cave.

Fun Things to Do:

Climb the observatory for panoramic views of the bridge, gorge, and Bristol.

Explore Giant's Cave, imagining pirates or smugglers hiding treasure.

Try the Camera Obscura – watch the world appear like magic.

Slide and playground fun – zoom down slides, swing, and play.

stop by the 360 Café and rooftop terrace for snacks and amazing views of Clifton Suspension Bridge.

9.Clifton Suspension Bridge

Cross Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge – a bridge so amazing even Rosie can't forget it!

Fun Bridge Facts:

As long as two football fields laid end to end.

Took over 30 years to build due to funding delays.

Designed by 24-year-old Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Chains weigh as much as 60 elephants!

Walking and cycling are free; cars pay a small toll.

Considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World.

Activities at the Bridge & Visitor Centre:

Explore the museum with interactive displays and a short film.

Join guided tours, including weekend tours and underground vault tours (ages 7+).

Outdoor fun: feel the bridge sway, spot peregrine falcons, or walk along the Avon Trail.

Rosie the Elephant Competition!



Grab your pens, pencils, or paints, and
let Rosie take you on a magical
journey through Clifton!

Choose your adventure:

Write a magical story about Rosie and
her exciting adventures

OR

Draw a colourful picture of Rosie
exploring Clifton's amazing landmarks

Prizes:

Honourable mentions: Certificates,
small treats, and your work will be
shared on our website and Instagram
page

Submission:

Email or post entries to:

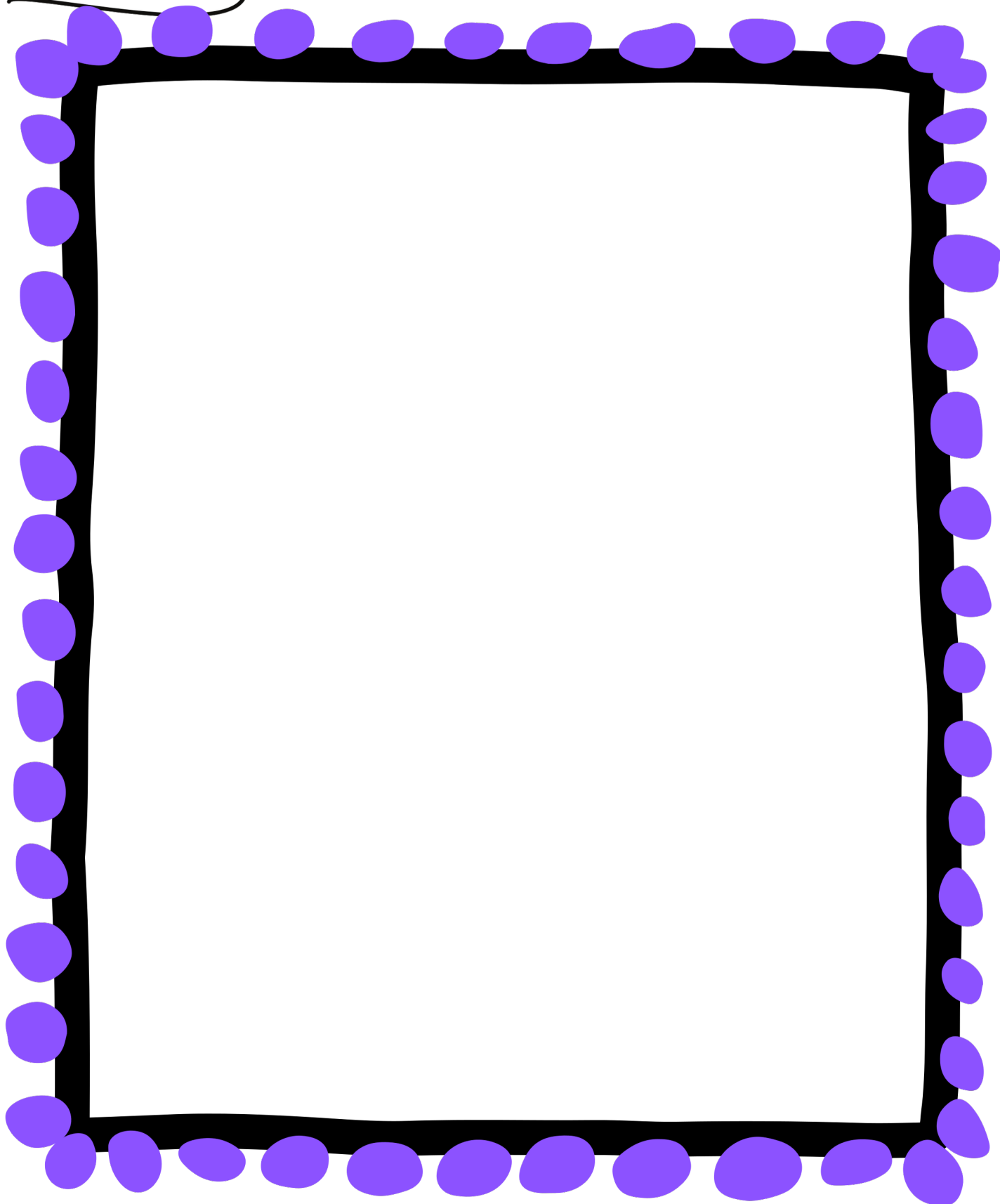
Bidmanager@bidcliftonvillage.co.uk

Deadline: Submissions are accepted all
year round

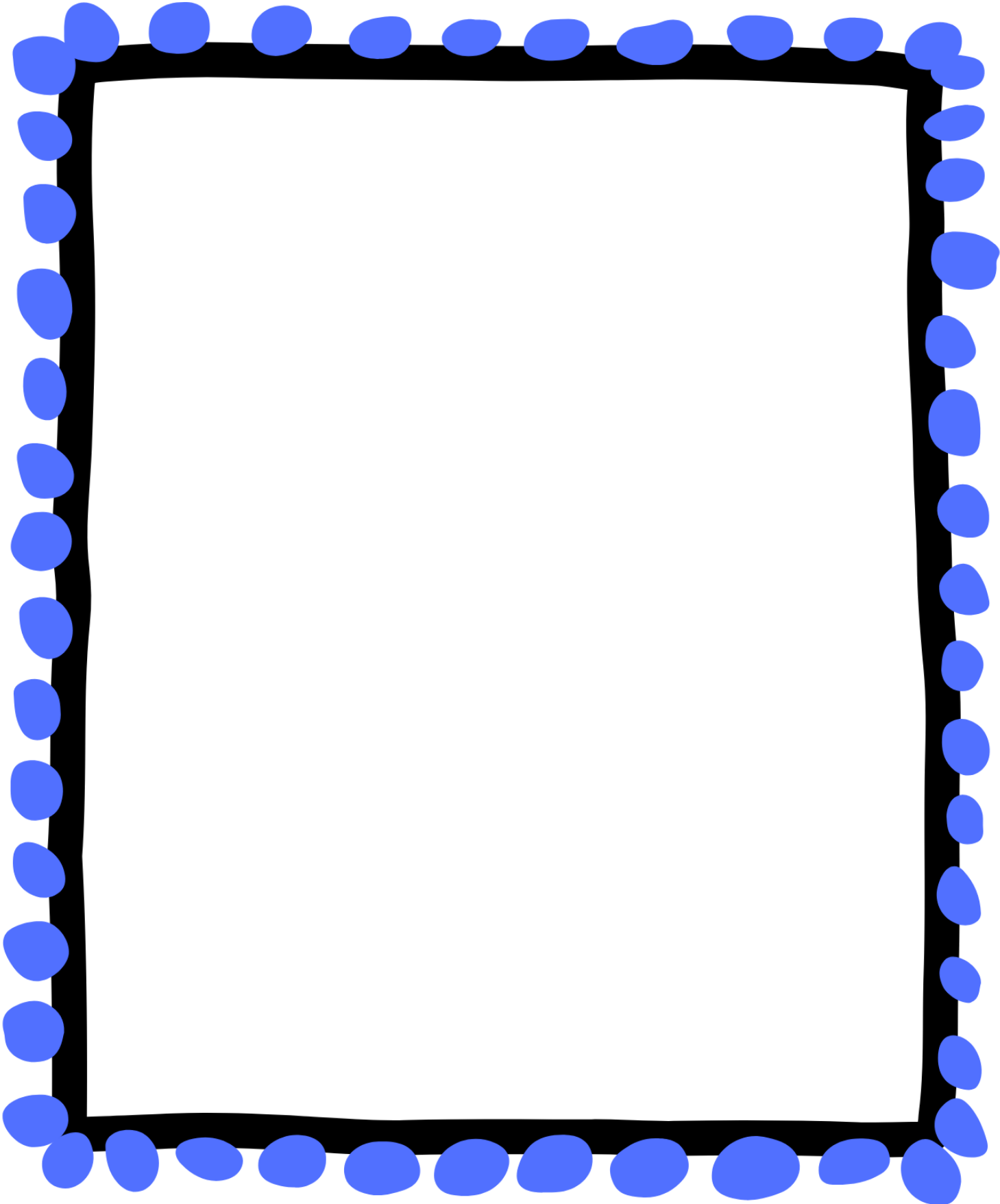
Winners Announcement:

Winners will be invited to a Rosie
Celebration Event and exhibition

DRAW YOUR OWN
ROSIE



Create your own story
about Rosie



Find the words!

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FIND THESE ELEPHANT WORDS:
CALF, COW, BULL, HERD, MATRIARCH, GRASS,
LEAVES, FRUITS, BARK, TWIGS,
TRUNK, TUSKS, POOP, EARS, WATER, FORESTS,
GRASSLANDS, SAVANNAHS, AFRICA, ASIA,
MUD, RUN, WALK, CRY, TRUMPET, BEES, ANTS,
MIRROR, MAMMOTH

Rosie's Elephant Quiz

What is a baby elephant called?

- a) Cub
- b) Calf
- c) Pup

Who leads an elephant herd?

- a) The oldest bull
- b) The matriarch (oldest female)
- c) The youngest calf

How many hours a day do elephants spend eating?

- a) 2 hours
- b) 8 hours
- c) Up to 18 hours

What do elephants eat?

- a) Meat and fish
- b) Grass, leaves, fruits, bark, and twigs
- c) Only bananas

True or False: Elephants can jump.

How fast can elephants run?

- a) 10 mph
- b) 25 mph
- c) 40 mph

What do elephants use their trunks for? (Name at least two things)

What are tusks really made of?

- a) Bones
- b) Teeth
- c) Horns

Elephants are scared of something very small. What is it?

- a) Bees
- b) Mice
- c) Frogs

Where do elephants live in the wild?

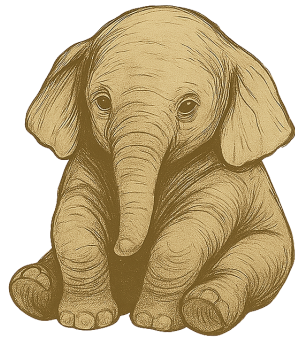
- a) Forests, grasslands, and savannahs in Africa and Asia
- b) Deserts and icebergs
- c) Cities and towns

Bonus Question: How long is an elephant's pregnancy?

- a) 9 months
- b) 12 months
- c) 22 months

Answers:

1-b, 2-b, 3-c, 4-b, 5-False, 6-b, 7-Breathe, drink, eat, smell, hug, snorkel, play, etc., 8-b, 9-a, 10-a, Bonus: c (22 months!)



We hope you had a
fabulous day
exploring
Clifton Village
with
Rosie —
lovingly created
just for you!

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CLIFTON VILLAGE

The Clifton Suspension Bridge

The Clifton Suspension Bridge was designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. For over 150 years this Grade 1 listed structure has attracted visitors from all over the world.

The bridge joins Bristol and North Somerset and is owned and operated by Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust. It is entirely funded by tolls - which have paid for its upkeep since it first opened to the public on 8th December 1864.

It is only a ten minute stroll along the promenade from Bristol to Clifton Village. And with its plenty of trees, it is a lovely walk too.

Stunning views!

Soak up spectacular views from the Observatory

A lovely spot for a picnic and play

Perfect spot for a picnic and play

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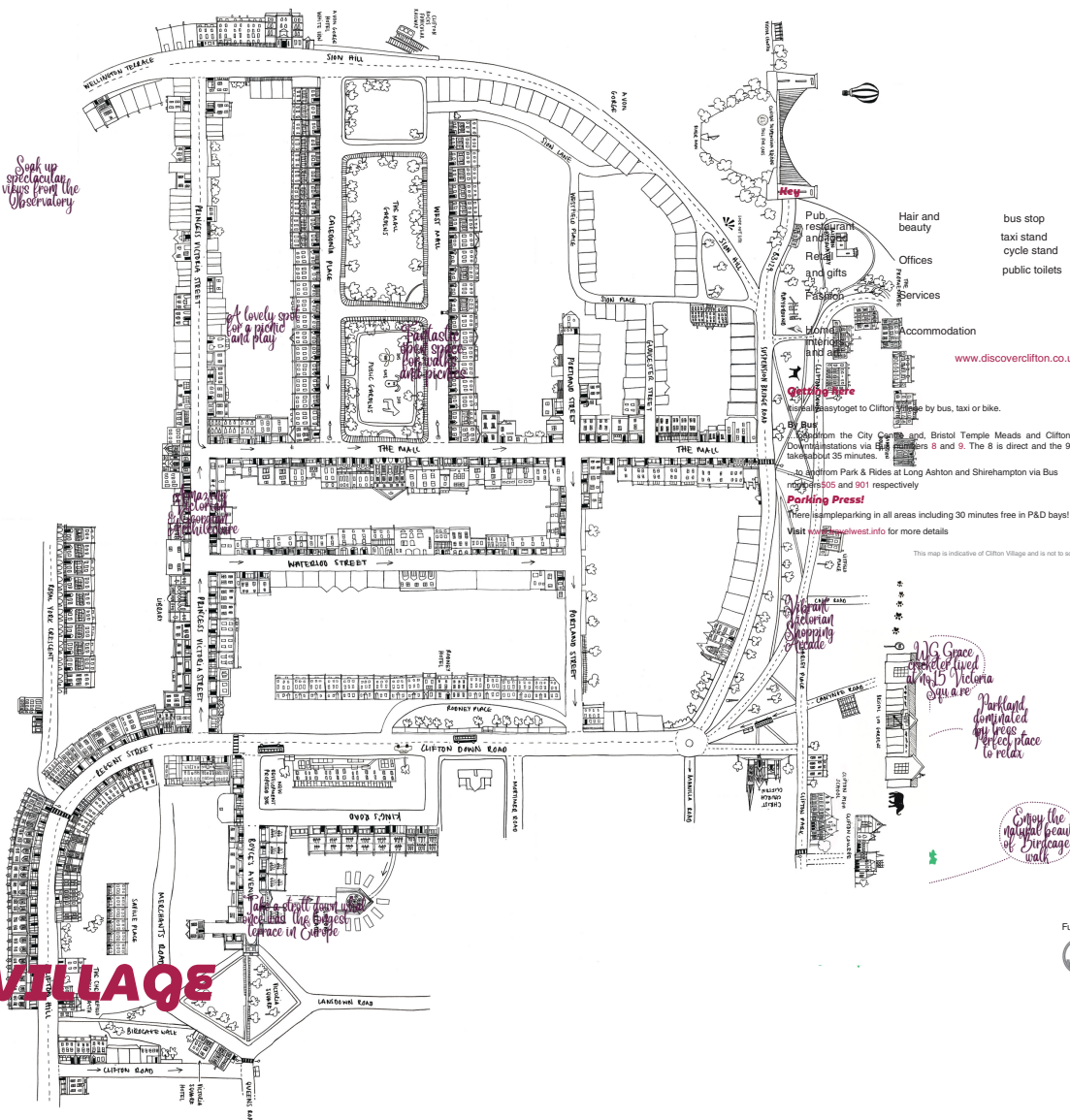
Clifton's secret railway

Kick back and relax in the Mall Gardens

16 Grace Street lived in the 15 Victoria Square

Parkland dominated by trees. Perfect place to relax

Enjoy the natural beauty of Clifton Village



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Getting here
It is easy to get to Clifton by bus, taxi or bike.
From the City Centre and Bristol Temple Meads and Clifton Down stations via bus numbers 8 and 9. The 8 is direct and the 9 takes about 35 minutes.
To Ashton Park & Rides at Long Ashton and Shirehampton via Bus numbers 805 and 801 respectively

Parking Press!
There is ample parking in all areas including 30 minutes free in P&D bays! Visit www.bristol.gov.uk for more details

This map is indicative of Clifton Village and is not to scale.