

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



Foundations of Cleeve Mill revealed during recent ground clearance at the Parish Wharf

JULY 2017

Church Services at St Andrew's for July 2017

- 2 July 11 am Morning Prayer
- 9 July 11 am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
- 16 July 11 am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leech
- 23 July 11 am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
- 30 July 11 am Benefice Eucharist Guest Preacher
- 6 Aug 11 am Morning Prayer

Please note that the Benefice Eucharist is here at St. Andrew's

Rev'd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey,
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Keeping in Touch

The Benefice now has a new email service. If you would like to keep up to date with events, services and other news within your parish you can subscribe at: www.eastvaleavon.org.uk/outreach

Churchwardens

Rod Carless Lis Hughes

Christian Aid Week 2017

Thanks to additional donations to Christian Aid, we have now raised £335 through your generosity.

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

Dear Friends,

Through June and July, I get to take part in one of my favourite hobbies – bat surveys! Not perhaps one of the more obvious past-times, but since I joined the Bat Conservation Trust in 2012 I have found these little creatures fascinating. And, of course, there is the age-old link between bats and church buildings.

A recent on-going study of medieval churches in Norfolk wanted to see how many churches had evidence of bats in them, and of the two hundred or so surveyed so far, every single one of them had evidence of bats using the churches in some form. This is probably because older churches provide bats with their ideal habitat. These churches have large open spaces in the main body of the church allowing bats to warm up before heading out to look for food, lots of nooks and crannies for the bats to roost in, and churchyards with plenty of trees where flying insects swarm – a bat's favourite food.

The general assumption is that bats in churches must be a nuisance. For some churches where really big roosts live, there can certainly be issues of noise, smell and droppings, but most congregations of churches where bats are present don't even know they are there. And there is a growing understanding that these amazing little animals might be a blessing for a church community. How? you might ask.

Bats are recognised as good habitat indicators. In other words, where bats are thriving the general environment is going to be quite good. They also deal with the issue of large numbers of flying insects in a churchyard. The smallest species of bat in the UK, the Common Pipistrelle, can eat between 2,000 - 3,000 gnats in a single night. Imagine how many gnats would be swarming around if there were no bats to get rid of them!

There are also quite a few misconceptions about bats. Firstly, bats are not blind. In fact, they can see almost as well as we can. But their great skill comes from their use of echolocation. This is where the bat emits a high frequency pulse of sound from their mouth (or nose, depending on species) which then echoes off objects and potential food. The bat hears these echoes and uses them to create an audio 'map' in their brain. This is how they navigate and hunt for food, and it can be done in complete darkness. There is some evidence that a bat's echolocation is so sensitive that they can

distinguish between different textures, and perhaps even different colours, of objects simply by the sound of the echo coming back to them. So there is very little chance of one getting caught in your hair if you are out at night time – another common misconception!

Different species of bats make different sounds when they echolocate, and we can listen in using a bat detector which makes the sounds audible for humans. This is how I first got interested in bats. I went out with a local bat group on a walk with a bat detector and listened to these remarkable calls as bats swooped about above me. I learned how to identify different species by the distinctive sound and frequencies of their calls.

I am very lucky to be vicar of six medieval church buildings, so I went along to the first Bats in Churches conference last year. The conference brought together experts in heritage, ecology, and church members to talk about how we can work together to protect our beautiful church buildings, keep them in a suitable condition as places of worship, and protect our wonderful range of bat species. A recently awarded grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund means that a research project to help with these issues can continue.

All bat species in the UK are protected by law. As such, we are now seeing a slight improvement from the long decline in bat numbers in our country. With this new research taking place and the growing awareness of these amazing animals, we hope to see a return to much healthier numbers of bats in our churchyards and the wider countryside.

If you want to know more about bats and the work of local bat groups, try the Bat Conservation Trust website for more information: www.bats.org.uk

Revd.Fr. Philip Morton

Cleeve Prior Parish Council Important Notice

The Council has decided to amend the Standing Orders and in future the Parish Council meeting will take place on the **Second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm (except August).**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at the Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall on **Monday 10 July at 7.30 pm.**

Details: www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

June 2017

The Council meets the second Monday of each month, except for August, at 7:30pm in the War Memorial Hall. If a parishioner has any comments or concerns please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

Chairman Sue Robinson: sue.robinson333@gmail.com

Cllr Beverly Rhodes: Babybop2010@hotmail.com

Cllr Richard Lasota: richard.lasota@wychavon.net

Cllr Hazel Stewart-Davies: hazelsd1@outlook.com

Cllr Mary Smith: marysmith.message@virgin.net

Cllr Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Due to difficulties for WDC Cllr Lasota and WCC Cllr Adams to attend Council meetings on Wednesdays, the Council resolved to amend its Standing Orders. The Council will now meet on the 2nd Monday of each month except August at 7:30pm.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan and related consultation documents were formally submitted to Wychavon District Council on 20.04.17 for a 6 week consultation which ended on 14 June. The next step is to appoint an Examiner.

There is one Allotment Plot available for 2017. Anyone interested in renting a plot should contact Cllr Rhodes or the Clerk.

The Council launched a new website in April. The site is where all information pertaining to the Council can be found. When you next get an opportunity, please visit the site at www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk. Incidentally, should any local businesses with a website like to be linked to the Council site please forward the company website address to the Clerk.

Please be patient while extensive road and kerb repair is taking place in July. One reason for the severe damage to the blue liase stone, especially near The Green, is due to cars bumping over the kerbs. Not only does parking this way cause damage, but there are times when pavements are not accessible for pedestrian use. It would be appreciated if people were more mindful of where and how cars are parked.

After reaching an agreement with Birmingham Anglers, several volunteers have begun clearing the land adjacent to the wharf with the eventual goal of exposing the ruins of the Mill. The Council is grateful for all the work and dedication of the volunteers.

Finally, the Council is still short one member. Parishioners who are interested in being co-opted onto the Council should contact the Clerk.

Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council
01789 490 501. clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com

Strawberry Tea, Sunday 2 July

To be held in Japonica Cottage Paddock, Quarry Lane,
from 3.00 to 5.30 pm (Memorial Hall if wet)

Bring and Buy Cake and Produce Stall - Raffle

(Donations for the Stall and Raffle will be gratefully received by
Lis Hughes at Japonica Cottage, 772578
and Annette Carless, Arnwood, Mill Lane, 7733357)

Childrens' Lucky Dip Trail / Fun and Activities for all ages

Music from *Shades on Black* Swing Band

Strawberry Tea and Prosecco

Proceeds to St Andrew's Church

This will be our major summer fund-raising event

Friday 14 July

Summer BBQ at Cleeve Prior First
School

From 6.30 pm

Food - Bar - Raffles

Organised sports by



(James Gadsby and Mark Kings!)

Open to all. Please do join in with Bastille Day Festivities



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

SUMMER FAYRE

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to all our loyal supporters who came to Field Barn on **Saturday 10 June**, in spite of the indifferent weather, to make the afternoon such a success. The atmosphere in the Community Garden was relaxed and most enjoyable, everything seemed to go smoothly, not crowded but the various stalls well supported. The net proceeds we estimate at about £950, very impressive, so thanks to all who worked so hard organising and running the stalls, and the catering, and thanks to all who came and spent!!

Saturday 26 August, 2.30 pm, Field Barn, Evesham Road Plum Pick and Pimms

Our next event will be on Saturday 26 August (Bank Holiday weekend). The orchards will be open from 2.30pm for people to pick plums and enjoy the orchards. There will be refreshments, BBQ and Bar laid on in the Community Garden and in the evening there will be a live music event from 7.30pm.

TRUST NEWS

Boules (or Petanque) The Trust and the Bowls Club are meeting for a challenge match of Boules on Wednesday 19 July. The car park at the Barn is large enough for several teams to play at the same time. If anyone is interested in using the car park for a friendly game of Boules at other times, then please contact Brian Taylor to make arrangements.

The Community Orchard is alive with swarms of butterflies in this hot weather, and there are orchids aplenty. The open wing is home to two families of Swallows and the first brood have fledged successfully, so lots of twittering and young swallows chasing about.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

“WEE” PROJECT UPDATE

YES, progress *is* going on apace! The new roof is fitted courtesy of Allen Fabrications in Evesham who donated really high spec insulated sheets to the Trust. We have had a new gate made for the wider disabled entrance. Our electrician has completed the first fix for the wiring. The unit is now fully insulated and the wall boards are fitted. This month (May) we had the work to date passed by the building inspector.



At last we have a water supply as we were connected by Severn Trent on 16 May, which, in addition to us now being on main drains, allows us to be independent and to develop the facilities in the future. In the area immediately around the toilet block we have completed levelling and landscaping where we brought the drains and water to site and have sown the grass seed just ahead of the recent rain.

The Volunteer project group continue to average three days a week and, contrary to popular belief, there is still a lot of work to do. We have now reached the detail stage and it is important that we take our time to “get it right” to be able to produce a top quality finish to the facility for the future benefit of the community.

You can follow the progress on: www.cleevepriorheritagetrust.co.uk



Cleeve Prior Memorial Cricket Match Sunday 16 July

During the anniversary years of the Great War, two Cleeve teams have competed for the Ernest Cooke Trophy. Ernest was one of the two Cleeve men who fell in the War who do not have a known grave, so it is fitting to play this match in his memory.

Come and support your team as Upper and Lower Cleeve battle it out, Lower Cleeve being 2-1 up in the series.

There will be one minute's silence at 2 o'clock before the match begins.

Refreshments will be available.

Ian Robinson

Thank you

Just a quick update on my "Longest Day" Golf challenge on 9 June. For those who missed last month's newsletter, myself and three work colleagues did 72 holes of golf in one day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research - and yes it was indeed a VERY long day! We started at 5am with an hour's break for lunch and finally finished at 10.20 pm, completing over 28 miles of golf. But we made it through, with achy muscles, sore feet and sunburn, and our Just Giving page is currently up to £1,230. All cash donations are going to be added to the sum next week and the money sent off officially on 30 June. A huge THANKYOU to all of you who offered well wishes and donations - your support was greatly appreciated!

Kind Regards,

Iain MacDonald, 1 The Close

Cleeve Prior Golf Society

We held our first full meeting at Stratford Golf Club on 26 May, a beautiful summer's day, when 17 golfers played and afterwards we were joined by seven ladies for dinner.

The whole visit was very well organised by the Club as we had first class hospitality throughout, followed by an excellent meal.

The course itself was immaculate and the competition comprised of Stableford Teams of three where the Best Score counted on the first, the best two scores on the second and all three scores on the third and then repeating the same format for all eighteen holes and the results were:-

Winners with 76 points: Peter Wilson, Mick Hughes and Les Bratt.

There were two "Nearest -the-Pin" competitions won by Iain MacDonald and Brian Taylor.

We now look forward to our next outing on 30 June and we hope to enjoy summer weather and similar hospitality.

Vic Birnie, Hon Sec

Cleeve Prior Newsletter

We need a volunteer to undertake the delivery of the Newsletter to the houses in The Close. This would take about half an hour per month. If you are willing, then please 'phone Rod Carless.

Many thanks.



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Although the inclement weather resulted in us not being able to take full advantage of the lovely settings of Field Barn, it did not affect either the level of attendance or enthusiasm as the meeting attracted a large audience with every seat being taken. We were rewarded with a highly interesting, entertaining, and amusing presentation on the subject of “Perennials from Seed” by Rob Cole.

We learnt that seed sowing should be 3 parts peat based compost/2 parts John Innes/ 1 part horticultural grit. Seeds sown in small pots should have half an inch of crushed horticultural grit in the bottom of the pot for drainage, aeration, and moisture holding, with another thin layer of grit on top of the pot. We were also told that perennial seeds can be sown outdoors from October to March and left there to germinate, with some protection from slugs, mice etc. Maybe Cleeve Prior club members will be inspired to have a go!

8 July is the date for the Garden Club’s trip to Hampton Court Flower Show and tickets have been sent out to everyone who has booked.

As we do not have a meeting in August, the next meeting will be on 6 September in the Memorial Hall when Brian Ellis will be discussing “Roots and Shoots”.

Jan Stewart

Blooming Cleeve

Thanks are due to the three village organisations whose combined efforts have resulted in the beautiful floral display outside the Memorial Hall. The Parish Council has funded the planters and the plants; the Garden Club has undertaken to care for the plants, and the Hall Management has installed an outside tap to provide essential watering facilities.

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

On Saturday in the middle of June nine walkers, dressed for the tropics, met at the car park by the old Avon Bridge south of Pershore. It was to be the hottest day of the year so far but, fortunately, Antony had devised a circular route which included some shade.

We started westward along the river past a dozen or so members of the Birmingham Anglers' Club spaced out at intervals along the bank gazing intently at the slowly moving water. Perhaps they were hypnotising the fish but there seemed to be no evidence of success, the fish sensibly preferring their peaceful deep cool habitat to the excitement of a battle with a fisherman.

After a kilometre or so we left the river, crossed the Defford Road and headed north for another kilometre through the welcome shade of Tiddesley Wood. It is an ancient woodland managed by the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust with the object of maintaining the widest possible variety of native trees, flowers and animals (including all-important insects). The conifer plantations planted by the Forestry Commission, which previously owned the wood, are gradually being replaced by broadleaved trees. The orchards which originally formed part of the wood were the source of the Pershore Plum which was bred here in the early part of the 19th century.

Once through the wood, we turned eastward and made our way back down to the river and thence to the car park. We had walked 8.8 km (5.5 miles) and probably each lost 2litres of water because of the heat.

Lunch was at the Angel in Pershore, where Antony had arranged a private dining room. The welcome, service, ambience and food were superb; thoroughly recommended. Our thanks to Antony for his faultless planning.

Mike Jeffries

This was the last walk of the season and the programme for September onwards will be planned at the Summer barbecue on 22 July to which all rambling group members are invited. Details to follow.

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VILLAGE NOTICES

The WCC Mobile Library service makes one stop in the village on the 4th Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday 27 June it will stop in The Close between 10.15 and 10.35 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall
200 Club winners, June
£100: Diane Walker
£50: John Stanley



Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Constable Jamie Lee

PCSO Bradley Sansom

Collar no.2803

Collar no.40246

PCSO Elliott Wilson, Collar no.40271

The Team will be holding regular informal drop-in sessions in the Police Post every Thursday morning between 10 and 11 am (operational needs permitting). Village residents are invited to call in and meet the team for a chat or to report issues of concern.

Neighbourhood Watch: cleeveneighbourhood@gmail.com is the place to report any suspicious cars or people in the neighbourhood. You will not be required to give your name or details.

Follow Cleeve Prior on facebook at:

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and Twitter: CPPC Cleeve Prior



VILLAGE EVENTS

| Date | Event | Time | Organiser | Ven |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| 2 Jul | Strawberry Tea | | PCC | JapCott |
| 10 Jul | Parish Council Meeting (change of day) | 19.30 | Par.Clerk | Hall |
| 12 Jul | Tea Room & Lending Library | 14.30 | B Walker | Hall |
| 16 Jul | Memorial Cricket Match | | I Robinson | SchField |
| 19 Jul | Boules match | | CPHT | Fld Barn |
| 21 Jul | Term Ends | | | |
| | Golf Society | | V Birnie | |
| 26 Jul | Tea Room & Lending Library | 14.30 | B Walker | Hall |
| | Bridge Club | 20.00 | B Taylor | Hall |
| 25 Aug | Golf Society | | V Birnie | |
| 26 Aug | Plum Pick and evening band | | CPHT | Fld Barn |
| 4 Sep | Term Starts | | | |
| 5 Sep | Women's Fellowship | 14.30 | M Holdbrook | Hall |
| 11 Sep | Parish Council Meeting | 19.30 | Par.Clerk | Hall |
| 13 Sep | Tea Room & Lending Library | 14.30 | B Walker | Hall |
| 22 Sep | Golf Society | | V Birnie | |
| 27 Sep | Tea Room & Lending Library | 14.30 | B Walker | Hall |
| | Bridge Club | 20.00 | B Taylor | Hall |

The CP Bowls Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and evenings and on Thursday evenings, from September to May. Contact: Linda Garnett-Clarke.

A list of events is maintained on the village website: www.cleeveprior.org.uk

Village websites: www.cleeveprior.org.uk

www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

www.cleevepriorchroniclars.com

www.cleevepriorheritagetrust.co.uk

The Rotas, July 2017

Sidesmen

2 July Mrs J Taylor
9 July Mr S Lupton
16 July Mr A Taylor
23 July Mrs E Marshall
30 July Mrs L Hughes

6 Aug Mr C Greenwood

Church Flowers

2 July Mrs D Walker
9 July Mrs G Whitehouse
16 July Mrs A Carless
23 July Mrs S Smith
30 July Mrs N Blakely

6 Aug Mrs L Lupton

Church Cleaning

Mrs S Robinson
Mrs J Baker
Mrs A Heelis
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs M Taylor

Mrs N Blakely

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By Tuesday 25 July please

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