

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MAY 2018

Church Services at St Andrews for May 2018

- 6 May 11.00 am Morning Prayer
- 13 May 11.00 am Parish Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
- 20 May 11.00 am (Pentecost) Parish Eucharist Revd
Clive Leach
- 27 May 11.00am (Trinity Sunday) Parish Eucharist Revd
Philip Morton
- 3 June 11.00am Morning Prayer

Rev'd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey,
Evesham Worcs. WR11 7E

Churchwardens

Rod Carless Lis Hughes

From The PCC

28 September 2018! Yes, I know its four months away, but the PCC will be organising the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** in the Memorial Hall on that day. If any of the organisations in the village would like to join in, then they would be very welcome. Please contact one of the Church Wardens for further details.

Churchyard rose beds

We are looking for a kind volunteer who would be willing to keep the rose beds in the churchyard tidy, keeping the weeds down and the edges tidy! If you are interested and have the time then please contact one of the church wardens or any member of the PCC. Thanks

Rod Carless

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Village April 2018

Reflections on the “Three Confessions” conference.

Whilst serving in the Royal Air Force in Germany in 1963, I was privileged to listen to three Lutheran Ministers. In the course of the meeting they explained that it was difficult for them to understand how there could be High Church and Low Church under one Anglican Denomination in Britain.

At the “Three Confessions Ecumenism Today and Tomorrow” conference held in April, there were Lutherans, Anglicans and both English and German Roman Catholics and me a retired Free Church minister. How times have changed as we shared the weekend together.

It was good to listen to the ways in which we can share a common concern for our communities around us.

On the Saturday we visited Stourbridge and Stourport to see the work which the combined churches were doing through Food Banks; Debt Counselling; Street Pastors; working with Refugees and Fairtrade activities amongst others. Putting aside any small differences, we enjoyed the times of church services and also showing concern for the world around us as we prayed together.

We live in a divided world but it was so good to hear English and German voices blended together in one accord as we prayed and worshiped the One True God and Jesus Christ His Son, our Saviour and Lord.

Rev. Ralph Bolland

**Benefice, 12 May, St, James, Badsey, 8.30 after IONA short Service
BIG BREKKIE in Aid of CHRISTIAN AID**

Please let Penny know you are coming. 01386 830367. Thank you



Sunday 13 May, 4 pm to 6 pm

Cleeve Prior First School

Free Fun for Families

Crafts Activities Fun Games Free Tea

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

April 2018

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

The Neighbourhood Plan Referendum was a great success and the Council is very appreciative to all those who took the time to vote. The published Plan is now on the website.

The kissing gates on CP559 & CP569 are now installed. Some parishioners have commented on the improved access in the area. The Council thanks all the volunteers who did a marvellous and speedy job!

While on the subject of walking, Co Cllr Adams reported that the new footpath project in The Close is scheduled to commence on 6 June. This new path will hopefully make access to and from The Close much safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Council thanks the many volunteers who helped with the recent litter pick. The village looks much smarter for their effort.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for 7:00pm on 14 May in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome to attend and contribute. Any parishioner or parish group who would like to submit a report should do so by email to the Clerk no later than 10 May.

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



News from the School



We are well into the Summer Term now – not that you would think so by the weather!

I would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to **Paul Robinson, Albert Lees and David Davenport** for the fantastic fence around the covered area at the back of the school. Not only does it look great but it has created a safe play area for the children in Little Chestnuts Preschool and has extended the facilities we can offer.

We are gearing up for an exciting term of sporting activities. Our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be taking part in a Tri golf tournament on Tuesday 1st May and the Year 5 children will be going to try their hand at Basket ball on Friday 4th May. We have an exciting new sports club run by Mr Jack Dempsey, our sports coach. It is called VX and is a gender neutral sport; it has elements of Lacrosse, dodge ball and hockey and the children love it! In June we have our Sports Day with the ever popular and exciting Spoke relay! In addition after the half term break the Year 4 and 5 children will be spending 2 days at Aztec Watersports Centre.

After the Easter break we came back to a bit of a mystery! A very kind Good Samaritan had sorted out our compost bins; a job that desperately needed doing. We would like to thank you in person but we don't know who you are. The area looks so much better and the compost will be much easier to use. Thank you very much!

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the table top sale which raised valuable funds for the benefit of the school.

This year is the 160th anniversary of the school and I am very keen to involve you, the local community. To this end I have organised a meeting on Thursday 3rd May at 7.00 pm in the school hall for anyone who would be interested in a glass of wine and discussing ways of celebrating this event.

Sarah Newbury



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018, 13 - 19 May

Christian Aid and its partnership organisations fight to help the neediest people on earth of any or no creed, by providing the tools and skills through which they can provide their own solutions to poverty. Emergency help is co-ordinated for those whose lives have been affected by crisis, conflict or disaster.

Once again Cleeve Prior will be collecting for this very worthwhile cause. The envelopes have been delivered with this newsletter and during Christian Aid week they will be collected.

New volunteers are needed to help with this collection. If you are able to help please contact me, Lis Hughes.

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church

Quinney's Lane, Bidford on Avon B50 4JL

Times of Mass: 5.30pm Saturday; 11am Sunday

Parish Priest: Canon Garry Byrne

Telephone: 01789 773291 Website: sjtw-bidford.org.uk

A warm welcome to all visitors



***Julie Ellis** would like to thank everyone for their kind words of condolence and support following the death on 9th April of her mother Rose Fulton. They are all very much appreciated.*

***Barrie Banner and family** wish to thank all those who attended Flo's funeral on March 10th. You not only filled the Church and Memorial Hall, but you also filled our hearts with your warm kindness and generosity. Special thanks to Jennie and team for the beautiful flower arrangements, Julia and team for the delicious buffet and Ian for generously providing the beer. Much appreciated.*



Kevin Grenfell's Jazz Giants on Tour

Are coming to Cleeve Prior

On Saturday 9 June 2018

Tickets £11 from

cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com or 01789773805

Doors open 7.30 – Bar

Colin Bomford invites you to the

15th Spring Art Exhibition at Cock Harbour Gallery

*Friday 4 May, 2 pm – 8pm * Saturday 5 May, 11 am – 6 pm*

*Sunday 6 May, 11 am – 6 pm * Monday 7 May, 11 am – 6pm*

Cock Harbour Gallery, South Littleton, Evesham, Worcs WR11 8TS

Tel: 01386 640004 Mobile: 07890 094325

Bird Song Walks – Diary Dates



Do you walk around the village or sit in your garden wondering what that bird is singing that lovely song? This is your opportunity to learn how to ID it for yourself.

I will be doing early morning bird song walks on Saturdays 12 and 19 May starting at 6.15am, these will be approx. 2 miles around Cleeve Prior's footpaths. Sorry NO dogs. This year all donations on the day will be put towards buying bird rings for a ringing project later in the year.

These walks are ideal for beginners or for those interested in gaining some further knowledge of bird songs. Walks are for small groups,(max.5). Binoculars and a good *small* pocket guide book on birds essential!

If you would like to join any of these walks, please e-mail Peter a.s.a.p. to book a place, pjhconservation@gmail.com

Follow me on Twitter: @peterjohnhowe



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Meeting 2 May 2018 in the
CLEEVE PRIOR MEMORIAL HALL 7.30 p.m.

SPEAKER Bob Brown

Renowned plantsman, Speaker and Garden Writer
‘Good Plants for Difficult Spaces’
Teas – Raffle – Plants

A presentation on the amazing re- designing and planting of Bourton House Gardens was given on 4 April by Paul Williams, who was Head Gardener there for 15 years. It is certainly a garden full of unusual design including topiary and knot gardens, and well worth a visit.

Our Summer Programme:

We now have a full Summer Programme with a good list of venues, all of which are within easy reach.

9 June - Tour of Michael Heseltine’s Garden at Thenford

14 July - Introductory talk and tour of Kiftsgate Gardens, Chipping Campden

1 August - Tour and afternoon tea at Morton Hall 7-acre Gardens at Redditch.

Full details of each Outing will be advised nearer the time.

Other Events for your Diaries:

9/12 May - Malvern Spring Show

19/20 May - Feckenham Flower and Garden Festival

13 Aug - National Garden Scheme open day at Bourton House Gardens

19 July - I have been advised that Bidford Garden Club have a few seats available on their coach to Lamport Hall Gardens and Coton Manor Gardens in Northants, if anyone is interested.

Remember, it’s just £15 for annual membership to the Garden Club or £4 for visitors to join us at any of the monthly meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday of each month. Why not come along?

Please remember any surplus plants, seedlings etc. will be gratefully received for our plant table.

Jan Stewart

Cleeve Prior Golf Society, Broadway

What a wonderful way to start this year's activities. The weather was perfect after such a dismal few months and the course was in excellent condition even though there was some criticism of the greens but was that just excuses for failure?

There were fourteen members who not only enjoyed the golf but also the supper of fish, chips and peas. The Winner of the Nine Hole Competition was our Vice-Captain, John Vernon, who just pipped last year's Captain, Alan Gittings, on count back. The rest of the scores were very close but the highlight of the day was the winner of the "Nearest to the Pin" contest —the only lady involved, Sandra Langmead - well done!

We are now looking forward to our next meeting at Ombersley Golf Club on 25 May and hoping that the luck with the weather holds and it will be kind again.

Vic Birnie. Hon. Sec



Cleeve Prior Ramblers, April

We met at the village green usual time with a few white legs showing due to very pleasant warm spring weather.

Set off from Alcester up the High Street then right down Malt Mill Lane very pretty street; then crossing the bridge over the River Arrow into Oversley Green

Village. Due to a footpath being closed we walked up the Stratford Road then onto a footpath skirting Alcester Football club, passed Oversley Hill farm under the A46 and into the very welcome shade of Oversley Wood with a lovely collection of trees and a proper smooth path. After around 1 hours walking we stopped for a much-needed break.

We then left the wood over a stile then skirted the wood along a path that thankfully due to the week's weather was firm and easy; up a farm track towards Oversley Castle; joined the Heart of England Way and passed Lower Oversley Lodge farm then over foot bridge back over the A46, down Primrose Lane passing beautiful thatched houses. Then over the river Arrow along Bleachfield Street back to the car park. We all then had a very enjoyable lunch and cool drinks at the Royal Oak in Alcester.

The next ramble is scheduled for Saturday 19 May. Meet on the Village Green at 9.30 am. It is being organised by Carol and Tony Bourne..



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

Easter Celebrations

What a relief that it did not rain! The sun actually shone at 4.15pm, just as the last person left Field Barn!! It was lovely to see so many families at the 'Barn' and we hope you all enjoyed the occasion-we promise to get more eggs next year - and to make the competition harder! Making the Easter Bonnets and guessing the name of the Bunny, were popular but for the youngsters the chocolate eggs had to be the main event!

Many, many thanks to all the willing helpers and volunteers who made the day run so smoothly. Over 100 people including lots of youngsters came along on the day, so thank you to all who came and made it all worthwhile. Without you all doing your own parts so well it would not have been a successful community event.

Our next event is the **Food and Craft Fair on the 2nd June**. Details elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Out and About

The vile Spring has really hampered us outside, the only consolation that with a late spring the plum blossom is delayed and with the better weather in late April we will get a good 'set' of fruit. We have been busy repairing fences, coppicing Hazel, pruning, and generally tidying up. More recently we have moved the gateway on the Millennium Green (the gate posts were broken) and by bringing them into the field have made access for farm vehicles easier and made better parking on Quarry Lane.

We have spread a load of woodchip round fruit trees to control weed growth and are now running out, so if anyone is still pruning or felling trees, think of us if you have the stuff chipped, the contractor can always dump it on the concrete pad on plot 8.



Flora and Fauna

'Welcome to our Future' (courtesy Severn Waste) have given us some 15 assorted bird boxes, RSPB designed-very posh, so we are busy putting these around the orchards. See if you can spot them when you go for a walk to Top Orchard to admire the thousands of Cowslips and primroses.

Dougal among the primroses in the top orchard

Inside

We now have comfortable chairs, courtesy of the Stratford Bridge Club (they were buying new ones) so when you next visit or come to a 'do' you do not have to bring your own cushion!

Our request for an oven has brought 3 replies (and I thought no one read the Mag.) So, thanks to John Badger for a new Microwave and to one of our residents, Matthew Potter of "Furrows Kitchens" for the standard under-the-counter oven.

Grants

One little wrinkle, our new Stewardship scheme with Natural England has been delayed which means a delay in starting a programme of improvements.

Enjoy this welcome burst of sunshine and remember we always welcome and need volunteers on Tuesday mornings to help maintain and develop this wonderful village space.

Brian Taylor 773075

A polite reminder



if you do have a dog please bag and bin the poo when you are out and about. Thank you.

Women's Fellowship

Our April meeting was very interesting, Carol showed us her wonderful Quilts, really beautiful. She also gave us a short history of quilting, surprisingly the first known quilting in England was in the 1200's.

Having 14 members, we just space is quite cramped, we just managed to fit us all in and make tea!

The May meeting is to be games and a quiz. We always have fun doing them. Anyone who cannot come please let me know.

Meryl Holdbrook



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

FOOD AND CRAFT FAIR

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2: Prettiest bitch

3: Waggiest tail

4: Best veteran (over 8 years old)

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Registration and payment on the day between 1-2 pm**

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Midsummer Fun

for all the family on the Parish Wharf

"Down the hill at the end of Mill Lane"

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE – 2.30pm onwards

Pig Roast - BBQ - Bar

Wychavon Community Department

are bringing to the event

Circus Skills, Batak Wall, Arts Tent, Recycling Challenge, Sports
Challenge

Tug of War, for the children of Lower Cleeve versus Upper Cleeve.

Mummers Play - Music by the Racketts

"Down by the riverside"

Entrance

£2.00 adults

£1.00 children over ten





Vale Garden Flowers
Jayne and Rob Caithness
White Gates, Mill Lane, Cleeve Prior

Would you like to spend an afternoon in the village hall learning how to arrange beautiful British Spring flowers? We are holding our first ever workshops on Sunday 25th March, Saturday 14th April and Saturday 5th May. All workshops £40. Have a look at the Workshop page on our website for more details – small groups, so first come first served!

Find us at www.valegardenflowers.co.uk. Phone: 07542 004101
Email: valegardenflowers@gmail.com

Pilates classes suitable for complete beginners to advanced. Small friendly classes. £6 per session or discounts available for block bookings. All equipment provided.

Monday 9.45am Badsey Remembrance Hall

Friday 7.00pm Littleton Village Hall

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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 24 April it will stop in The Close between 10:15 and 10:35 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall 200 Club

The draw for April and May will take place in May and the results announced in the June Newsletter



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:

<https://www.facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage>

and Twitter: CPPC Cleeve Prior



VILLAGE EVENTS

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| 2 May | Garden Club | 19.30 | J Stewart | Hall |
| 8 May | Women's Fellowship | 14.15 | M Holdbrook | Hall |
| 9 May | Tea Room and Lending Library | 14.30 | B Walker | Hall |
| 12 May | Benefice Big Brekkie | 08.30 | Penny C | Badsey |
| | Bird Song Walk | 06.15 | P Howe | |
| 13 May | Messy Church | 16.00 | PCC | School |
| 14 May | Parish Council Meeting | 19.30 | Par.Clerk | Hall |
| 19 May | Ramblers | 09.30 | T Bourne | |
| | Bird Song Walk | 0615 | P Howe | |
| 23 May | Tea Room and Lending Library | 14.30 | B Walker | Hall |
| 30 May | Bridge Club | 20.00 | B Taylor | Hall |
| 2 June | Food and Craft Fair and Fun Dog Show | 13.00 | B Taylor Phil G- C | CPHT CPHT |
| 9 June | Kevin Grenfell's Jazz Giants | 19.30 | I Robinson | Hall |
| 23 June | Midsummer Fun | 14.30 | J Arkell | Wharf |
| 1 July | Strawberry Tea (tbc) | | PCC | |
| 15 Jul | Memorial Cricket Match | 14.00 | I Robinson | School |

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 on 773287.

Exercise classes in the Memorial Hall

Mondays at 10:30: Circuits Class. Contact Adam on 07860 679031.

Mondays, 18:15 – 19:15: Yoga

Tuesdays, 17:30 – 18:30: Pilates.

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 13:00: Tai Chi

Contact Sue Robinson on 773805 or email sue.robinson333@gmail.com for full details of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi.

Pop-up Bar in the Memorial Hall: Fridays from 18:30 to 20:30, during closure of The Kings Arms.

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| <p>Pershore Choral Spring Concert Saturday 12 May, Pershore Abbey, at 7.30 pm An Evening with Mozart <i>Requiem, Coronation Mass</i> <i>Tantum Ergo in D. Ave Verum Corpus</i> Tickets from Gina Carr</p> |
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The Rotas May 2018

6 May
13 May
20 May
27 May
3 June

Sidesmen

Mrs B Walker
Mrs J Taylor
Mrs E Marshall
Mr J Tamayo
Mr A Taylor

6 May
13 May

Church Flowers

Mrs S Taylor
Mrs J Selby

Church Cleaning

Mrs J Franey
Mrs S Richards

WHITSUN

20 May
27 May
3 June

Mrs L Hughes Mrs M Smith
Mrs P Colbourne Mrs K Harvey
Mrs A Carless Mrs P Chapman

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