

# CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



The Memorial Cricket Match line up,  
15 July 2018

## AUGUST 2018

# **Church Services at St Andrews for August 2018**

5 August 11.00am Morning Prayer. Joyce Bache

12 August 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Philip Morton

19 August 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

26 August 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Philip Morton

2 September 11.00am Morning Prayer

**Rev Philip Morton**, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey,  
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## **Churchwardens**

Rod Carless   Lis Hughes

## **Safeguarding in our Benefice**

Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Lisa Farm

Safeguarding Advocate - Elizabeth Spencer

## **The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages August 2018**

I thought I would talk a little bit this month about some of the roles I do in addition to being a parish priest. These days it is quite common for parish priests to carry out various tasks on behalf of the Diocese alongside their day-to-day ministry. In my case, I do some work on behalf of the Vocations Team, which means I am involved with those who are exploring what types of ministry God might be calling them to.

So, one of my extra roles is working with potential Ordinands. An Ordinand is someone who is training for the priesthood, and my role is to help people who are exploring possible vocations to be priests. This process is called Discernment, and usually takes between 12-24 months. The person in charge

of this process is called the Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO) and I am one of the Associate Directors who helps the DDO with candidates.

The last stage of the discernment process is a 3 day residential called a Bishop's Advisory Panel (BAP), where the candidates are assessed through interviews, written work, presentations and group work by Bishop's Advisors for Selection. So, this is one of my other roles – I am a Bishop's Advisor for Worcester Diocese, which means I assess groups of candidates once or twice a year.

Although the work is quite demanding, it is highly important. A recent study showed that as many as 40% of paid clergy could be retiring by 2025, and we need new priests in training to help meet demand. The good news is that I often meet really good new candidates, which means the future of the Church of England is in good hands! God calls all sorts of people to all kinds of ministry, some lay and some ordained. So, if you have ever thought about exploring a possible vocation, please do get in touch.

*Rev Philip Morton*

## **Ragwort in Cleeve Prior.**

A number of people have mentioned to me that they are worried about the spread of ragwort in the village. Ragwort is a very common plant with bright yellow flowers that spreads easily. Whilst it is part of the beneficial habitat for bees, many moths and other insects, the major concern is that it can be poisonous to grazing animals, so in a village with many horses, it is important to keep it under control. Horses will not voluntarily eat ragwort but in very dry conditions when grazing is in short supply or if the ragwort gets into bales of hay or silage, the damage will be done.

Please inspect your own property for the spread of ragwort and, particularly if you live in close proximity to where horses are kept, keep it well under control.

There are many websites that describe the plant and how to dispose of it.

Thank you,

Peter Wilson. Cleeve Prior Parish Council

Email: [peterwilson545@btinternet.com](mailto:peterwilson545@btinternet.com) Tel: 01789 772814

## **Cleeve Prior Street Lights**

Cleeve Prior Parish Council proposes to replace the outdated sodium street lights over the next couple of years and money has been put into the budget specifically for this purpose. There are 19 lights in total of which 16 are the responsibility of the Parish Council, the remaining 3 are owned and maintained by Western Power. The majority of the lights are on wooden columns either on a public highway or private land.

Sodium bulbs are no longer made so it is proposed to replace with LEDs. LED lighting is more cost-effective and produces minimal light pollution.

We would like to know your thoughts on street lighting in the village.

- Do you think we have too many lights?
- Would you like the lights to be on timers? The lights used to go off at midnight before being replaced with second hand lighting thirty years ago.
- Would you rather no street lighting? There are villages that prefer not to pollute the night sky, Ashton under Hill & Sedgeberrow are an example.

You may have other ideas so please let us know.

If you would like more information or would like to give your views on this matter please contact

Cllr Hazel Stewart Davies - [hazelsd1@outlook.com](mailto:hazelsd1@outlook.com)

Cllr Mary Smith - [marysmith.message@virgin.net](mailto:marysmith.message@virgin.net)



## **CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB**

On 14 July we visited Kiftsgate Gardens, which started with an introductory talk by the owner, Anne Chambers. Despite the extremely hot spell, the gardens still looked amazing. Unfortunately, the flowers on the famous Kiftsgate Rose were just over, due to the extreme heat, but we were still able to see its massive span.

The pond and bathing pool made cool, tranquil areas to linger in whilst admiring the views.

Our next meeting will be on 5 September and once again will be held at Field Barn. Gilly Boyle, a senior gardener at Hidcote will be talking on The Kitchen Gardens at Hidcote.

New members and non-members are welcomed at any of our meetings or visits.

*Jan Stewart*

## **The 2018 Cleeve Prior Memorial Cricket Match for the Ernest Cook Trophy**

We were treated to a quintessential village scene this month, when the two sides of Upper and Lower Cleeve batted it out again for the Ernest Cook Trophy. The teams were supported by a large crowd despite the clash with the World Cup and Wimbledon finals.

This year the Trophy was won by Lower Cleeve, but it was a close run battle, with victory only coming on the penultimate ball? We wish to give our thanks to all those who took part, prepared the pitch and those who helped throughout the day.

It was the original intention to play the matches throughout the centenary of the First World War. However, due to its popularity, it has been decided to make the cricket match an ongoing annual village event. We are pleased to announce that a new team has volunteered to organise the event next year and we know you will give them the support that you have given to us over the last five years.

*Simon Davies & Ian Robinson*

## **Cleeve Prior Golf Society**

### **Stratford Oaks, 22 June**

The day started with wall- to- wall sunshine which continued well into the evening so both the golf and the subsequent BBQ were blessed with outstanding weather resulting in a most enjoyable time for the 16 golfers and the 35 diners.

The winner of the Stableford competition was John Stagg with 37 points and ‘nearest the pin’ was won by Brian Taylor.

Additional prizes were awarded to hidden partners resulting in the following taking home a sleeve of balls: John Arkell & Malcolm Mawer, Jules Franey & Paul Stewart, Sue Simpson & Tony MacNaughtan, and Peter Wilson & Nick Bury.

The presentation of prizes was made after an excellent meal was enjoyed at The Heritage Trust (an ideal venue for a Summer BBQ). This was provided by Fayreways Event Catering, who are resident caterers at Broadway Golf Club.

### **Ombersley Golf Club, 6 July**

This meeting was rescheduled from 25th May as the course was at the time closed due to heavy rain. What a contrast this time when we were exposed to hot sunshine with temperatures reaching 30 degrees. We all enjoyed our visit on a bone hard course with shots running distances we only dream about so the Stableford scoring was exceptionally high.

Five teams competed a “Waltz” format where on the first hole the best score counts, on the second the two best scores count and all three scores count on the third with the sequence repeated for the round.

The winners were : 1st Tony MacNaughtan, Tom Carr and Jules Franey, with 88 pts; Runner up Our Captain Nick Bury, last year’s Captain Alan Gittings and Jeremy Ryan-Bell, with 81 Pts. “Nearest the Pin”. Peter Wilson. We were joined by three of our wives for dinner and the presentation of prizes.

### **Fulford Heath, 20 July**

After all the very hot weather we were lucky to experience a cooler afternoon and it actually rained towards the end of the rounds which was enjoyed by fifteen golfers.

The competition comprised of teams of three playing Stableford where the best score was recorded on the Par Fives, the two best on the Par Fours and all three on the Par Threes.

The winners were the team comprising Paul Stewart, John Cockburn and Alan Gittings with 79 points, and the Captain's team (Nick, Wendy Towers and Tom Carr) being second with 78 points. There were two "Nearest the Pin" prizes won by Tom Carr and Rob Forster.

Our next outing is scheduled for 24 August at Feldon Valley (used to be referred to as Braille's ).

*Vic Birnie Hon Sec.*

## **Cleevefile Summer 2018**

Despite a late start the birds seem to be having a good breeding season, there are many nests around and will be until the end of August with them now starting their second or even third broods. Nests we've had so far in our garden, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Blackbird (3), House Sparrow (4), Dunnock (2), Robin (3), Blue Tit (2), Three quarters the way through the nesting season. 16 is a good count, and that's just the ones we know about! Unfortunately many Swallows suffered when we had the late, second cold blast of weather. They were just arriving after a very warm week, when the cold set in again meaning there were no insects for them when they arrived. Some may simply have stayed abroad? Whatever their situation, it reflected badly on our usual 4-5 breeding pairs not being around, let's hope we have them back next year.

Our count of 16 nests isn't counting the hedgerows which will undoubtedly have many more, including Greenfinch, Whitethroat, Blackcap, Yellowhammer and many others. The hedgerows should not be cut during the British Bird Breeding Season, which runs from 28 February - 31 August. This is why you will see farmers frantically finishing the cutting of them during February!



This female Blackbird was busy building her nest this week, it's just one example of birds nesting now, her young will not be leaving their nest until week commencing 20 August.

The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, WCA, protects all birds in the UK by law from intentional harm. Under

this Act, any active nest, including nest building or a nest with eggs in, is protected from intentional destruction or removal and you cannot block access to any active nest. It is the home/land owner's responsibility to carry out a stringent nest survey of an area before any hedge pruning, a good rule of thumb would be at least 6m in each direction. Most gardens with hedges, shrubs, lawns & flowers are likely to be a perfect choice for nesting birds, without the owner's knowledge, even right outside their door or window! So if you see birds carrying nesting material or food into an area, this would indicate that there is an active nest there. The RSPB advises felling of trees or pruning is done between September and February. With our warm and wetter springs and summers, hedges become overgrown at this time of year. Felling trees or pruning hedges can be done, for instance, if a path desperately needs a cut, it's all about common sense. The use of electric or petrol hedge cutters should always be avoided, as these cause the greatest disturbance not only in the direct area being cut but also to the immediate vicinity. Hand sheers or secateurs should be used to minimise any disturbance, and trim off the most minimal amount and then come back and give it a proper cut in the autumn/winter. Stay in an area for no more than 10-15 mins, come back 2-3 times throughout the day if necessary to finish the job, giving birds as much time as possible to keep their eggs warm or to feed their chicks. If you do accidentally disturb an adult bird from their nest, by taking these measures she/he is likely to return fairly soon when you leave the area.

If you are aware of an active nest and you see someone about to do some work, let them know so they can avoid that area, as they may be unaware of the nest. If they are felling a tree, again let them know so they can come back to do it when the fledgelings have left. As all species of bird are protected by the WCA, if they continue and destroy the nest they have committed a criminal offence, which is a police matter. If you suspect a Wildlife Crime, contact your local WC Officer for West Mercia WCO Paul Lambon on 101

One other thing, The Big Butterfly Count 2018 is now underway, 20/7 – 12/8. The largest insect survey in the world. Your sightings are needed to find out how different species are faring across the UK. Surely everyone can spare just 15 minutes to complete the survey? Record your sightings at [www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org)

*Peter Howe*

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## *Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust*

It has never been so hot since 1976! Our poor volunteers were sweltering whilst strimming and mowing. We even had to put up a parasol for the team laying the slabs round the well area which I am delighted to say is finished and looking good. Now we need some nice top soil so that we can level the area and seed it with grass, this will finish the job off nicely – one for the September list!

### **Orchard update**

We are intending to put a pedestrian gate in the fence between the Millennium Wood (Earl's Lane Wood) and the Earl's Lane Orchard, so that parishioners can easily access the orchards to pick the fruit. The plums have set well and will be early this year, even if a bit small. Some apple varieties have no fruit on at all this year and we can only think that the wind chill, The Beast from the East, caught the blossom just at the wrong time. The later flowering, eg Golden Delicious, are loaded.

### **It is Cider time**

We have new season Cider for sale. This has been bottled by Pershore College, they have a professional bottling plant, sweetened to medium sweet, gassed and in 500 ml. bottles, it retails at £3.00 per bottle. or £15.00 for a pack of 6. Available from FB on a Tuesday or BT at other times.

### **PLUM PICK AND EVENING WITH THE RACKETTS! 25 AUGUST!! – full details in the advert – do come along**

### **The community enjoy Field Barn**

We are pleased that the Field Barn facilities are being used by the community. To date we have had three group visits and two children's parties in the Community Garden. Thank you all for your support.

**Advice Wanted on Development of the Community Garden** - I know we have some very knowledgeable and talented gardeners in Cleeve and **advice** on how to plant it for the best effect would be really welcomed. Easy to maintain and attractive to butterflies, bees and other insects – preferably not slugs!!! - is our aim.

### **Ride-On Tractor Mower Wanted.**

If you have one that you no longer use and would like to donate it to the Trust we would be happy to rehome it.

### **Volunteers Needed**

If you would like to join our band of volunteers on Tuesday mornings for a few hours we would love to see you. For more details contact me.

*Brian Taylor – Trustee*



## ***Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust*** **PLUM PICK PICNIC**

**AT FIELD BARN, EVESHAM ROAD**

**SATURDAY 25 AUGUST**

**ORCHARDS OPEN FROM 2.00PM**

Pick your fill of plums from the orchards for FREE then join us in the Community Garden at Field Barn for refreshments

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## Cleeve Prior Ramblers

July is the month when the Ramblers hold their annual barbecue and, in the past, this gathering has replaced the monthly walk. This year it was agreed that we should undertake a short walk around some of our own local paths with a view to arriving at The Heritage Trust Field Barn for the barbecue.

This was duly undertaken by around twenty five of us who, after leaving Field Barn, walked one path to Littleton, visiting the Ivy public house for an 'inspection' of the renovated premises, and returning by a different path to Hoden Lane, through the school field and across Millennium Green back to Field Barn. The walk was most enjoyable with the landscape looking so different with the various mature crops.

We also had the opportunity to review all the new 'kissing gates' which have replaced the old stiles. The excellent maintenance of the paths and the new gates served as a reminder of the work undertaken by our own paths wardens. Many thanks to them for all their hard work.

The weather was kind which enabled us to enjoy an excellent barbecue in the Memorial Garden at Field Barn.



*Peter Wilson.*

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## Hen Harrier Day

It may be that you know all about Hen Harrier Day (HHD) events, which have the full support of Birders Against Wildlife Crime (BAWC). In case you don't, let me give you a very brief background, as it is a complex issue that cannot be fitted onto a couple of paragraphs. Hen Harriers are persecuted along with all other Raptors on and around Driven Grouse Moors in the UK, for one reason only, to protect Red Grouse from being eaten, so that shooting estates can charge huge sums of money (in the region of £34,000 for 8 persons per day) to shoot Red Grouse for fun.

Last year there were only three successful Hen Harrier nests in England fledging 10 youngsters. All were satellite tagged, enabling us to know exactly where they travel. At least 5 of these have since disappeared in 'suspicious circumstances'. These tags are extremely reliable, and from the data received when a bird goes missing, we are able to tell if there may have been an extremely rare tag malfunction or if more sinister foul play is suspected. If the bird had died of natural causes the tag would still be able to transmit and the tag and corpse could be recovered. 'Disappeared in suspicious circumstances' would normally mean the bird is likely to have succumbed to foul play, probably trapped or shot, as the tags stop transmitting instantly and the bird and tag are rarely, if ever found.

The first HHD was in 2014, organised by Dr Mark Avery, well known for his campaigning against Driven Grouse Shooting and for his book 'Inglorious – Conflict in the Uplands'. Since then, BAWC have promoted the HHD events in many areas and the first Midlands HHD is being organised by Peter Howe on Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>, the start of the Grouse Shooting season, in Stratford-upon-Avon. This is an event for everyone, is FREE to attend and is supported by the RSPB.

All Birds of Prey are protected under the Protection Of Wild Birds Act 1954. I believe if we don't make a stand now, we could lose one of our most iconic birds in England, for no fault other than they like to eat Red Grouse chicks! So you may be reading this as someone who is already well versed about the challenge we face to stop the illegal poisoning, trapping & shooting of our magnificent Birds of Prey. I reach out to anyone that cares about our wildlife to come and show your solidarity on the day, you are the already converted on this subject, and by showing your support at such a rally we can send a strong message to the perpetrators of these crimes, that we are watching, fighting back and in the end We Will Win. The tide is turning with the general public,

as they find out more and understand what is happening in our National Parks and Uplands, and they are recognising that there is a strong movement standing up and willing to do something about it. So please come to this first Hen Harrier Day in the Midlands, show your strength of feeling and I hope you will leave having learnt something new and maybe inspired enough to help take this fight to the next stage.

If you are able to help with door to door leaflet distribution in Stratford-upon-Avon between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August please email Peter Howe – [henharriedaymidlands@gmail.com](mailto:henharriedaymidlands@gmail.com) You can find more details of the event & speakers on Facebook “Hen Harrier Day Midlands 2018” or Twitter: @HHDMidlands.

<h2><b>Hen Harrier Day MIDLANDS</b></h2> <p>Speaker event to raise awareness of the illegal persecution of our Raptors</p>	 <p><small>Photo Gordon Yates</small></p>
<p><b>Guest Speakers:</b> <b>Nick Miles from Emmerdale, David Lindo (The Urban Birder)</b> <b>Natalie Bennett Former Green Party Leader,</b> <b>Emma Marsh - RSPB Midlands Director and</b> <b>Conservationist Peter Howe</b></p>	
	<p><b>Sunday August 12th</b> <b>Swans Nest, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 7LS</b> <b>11am-2.30pm</b></p> <p>Make it a whole day out, plenty of local attractions renowned Butterfly Farm next to event</p>

We look forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

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## VILLAGE NOTICES

The WCC Mobile Library service makes one stop in the village on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall**  
**200 Club winner, July**  
**£50: A Ellis**



### **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 on 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](mailto: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.

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## VILLAGE EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Contact	Venue
No Parish Council Meeting or Tea Room in August				
25 Aug	Plum Pick		CPHT	Field Barn
29 Aug	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
3 Sep	Term starts			
4 Sep	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
10 Sep	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
12 Sep	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
26 Sep	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
28 Sep	Macmillan Coffee Morning		PCC	Hall
2 Oct	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
3 Oct	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
8 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
10 Oct	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
24 Oct	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	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 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, Pilates: 16:30 – 17:30

No Tai Chi in August

Contact Sue Robinson 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.*

## The Rotas August 2018

### Sidesmen

5 August	Mrs S Robinson
12 August	Mr C Greenwood
19 August	Mr A Taylor
26 August	Mrs L Tamayo
2 September	Mr S Lupton

### Church Flowers

5 August	Mrs D Walker
12 August	Mrs D Byrne
19 August	Mrs A Carless
26 August	Mrs L Parry
2 September	Mrs J Stewart

### Church Cleaning

Mrs N Blakely
Mrs J McKay
Mrs A Carless
Mrs J Winter
Mrs H Bratt

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