

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2019

Church Services at St Andrews for February 2019

- 3 Feb 11 am Benefice Eucharist at **Bretforton** Revd
Len Burn (**No** service at Cleeve Prior)
10 Feb 11 am Parish Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
17 Feb 11 am Parish Eucharist Revd Clive Leach
24 Feb 11 am Parish Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
27 Feb 10 am (Wednesday) Eucharist Revd Philip Morton

Revd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham
Worcs WR11 7EJ 01386 832599

Churchwardens

Rod Carless Lis Hughes

Safeguarding in our Benefice

Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Lisa Farmer Tel.01386 40401
Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078

Thankyou

The PCC would like to thank all the members of the Ramblers, and those who supported them, for the donation of £206.30, the result of the Carol Singing round the village on 22 December. This is a wonderful sum and we are very grateful for all their efforts, particularly at such a busy time before Christmas!

Rod Carless



Mr Mike Selby

Mike began playing the organ at St Andrew's on his sixteenth birthday in 1959 and has played on almost each Sunday, Festivals, weddings and funerals for the next sixty years. This is an incredible record of some 3,000 services for which the people of Cleeve Prior owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

On 6 January the congregation was able to present Mike with a gift to mark his retirement and share a glass of wine as a celebration, and on the following Sunday the Bishop of Dudley, Bishop Graham Usher, presented Mike with a framed letter from the Bishop of Worcester, Bishop John, offering the thanks of the Diocese for his incredible service to the church.

We look forward to seeing Mike and Julia as members of the congregation and swelling the singing for many years.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously towards the retirement gift presented to me in the form of a cheque by Rod on Sunday 6 January.

I am using it to buy a "serious reader" lamp and a new comfortable armchair, which are both on order. These are things that will really be useful to me in the years to come. I am struggling to read in normal room light and need a certain size and shape of chair to suit my back.

I shall then be able to relax in my chair and, when not reading, just sit and think, watch TV, daydream and remember things that have happened in church and in the village generally over the last sixty years - Happy Days!

Thank you all very much.

Mike Selby

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

February 2019

Last month I went to hear a presentation done by the Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones. His talk was all about the beginning of what the Church calls Ordinary Time. Each year, the Church has two seasons of Ordinary Time; one between Epiphany and Lent, and the second between Pentecost and All Saints' Day. The first period of Ordinary Time always coincides with the month of February, so just as the world (in the Northern Hemisphere) starts to head towards the first signs of Spring, so the Church starts to look towards this new season.

Inside our churches, the altar coverings are changed from white to green, which represents the natural world. The colour green is also meant to represent the period of time that Jesus was here on earth. During his talk, the Archdeacon made the case that even though this new season is called Ordinary, it is actually quite a special time, simply because the Church thinks about Jesus' earthly ministry - His teachings and stories, the wondrous signs that He performed in healing people, and the miracles that He did showing people that He is truly is the Son of God.

So even though the season is called Ordinary Time, there is nothing ordinary about it at all – it truly is a season to rejoice in all the things that Jesus has done for the world.

Rev. Philip Morton

Women's Fellowship

The December meeting seems a while ago now. Members enjoyed an afternoon of cake decorating, all joining in making Christmas roses, holly leaves etc. January was our annual New Year lunch. We went to The Kings Arms and were made very welcome, the service was very good. The meal was enjoyed by all .

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5 February, 2.15 - 4pm in the Community Room. Don will be doing water colour art, which we are looking forward to.

Meryl Holdbrook

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

January 2019

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 Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Cllr 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 Ron Solomon: ron.priorhouse@gmail.com

The Council welcomed a new member, Ron Solomon, who was co-opted at the December meeting. This is the first time in many years the Council has filled all seven seats...thank you Ron!

While on the subject of councillors, there will be a parish council election on 2 May 2019. There are two free seminars open to the public. On 13 February, Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils will hold an Election Process Seminar from 6:30-8:30 in the Lakeview Room of County Hall, Worcester. On 28 February, Wychavon District Council will hold an Election Process Seminar at 6:15 in the Civic Centre, Pershore. Please see flyers for each event on the Council website. www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

There will be defibrillator training in the Memorial Hall on 13 March 2019 at 7pm. Parishioners interested in attending the training should contact the Clerk.

The Council approved funding for a solar powered, radar-activated Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) to be located on the Main St pavement just before Froglands Lane (from the direction of the Littletons). The goal of the VAS is to warn drivers of parked cars just after the bend. At the moment, the Council is seeking alternative funding.

The planning application (18.01726.CU) for six caravan pitches off Hayward Lane has not yet been scheduled for a Wychavon DC Planning Committee meeting. Go to <https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/> and use the above application number to seek specific documents related to the application.

Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council
01789 490501 clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com

Proposal for Car Park in Cleeve Prior

On various occasions in the past, suggestions have been made to the Parish Council for a car park in the village. The reasoning is that this could alleviate the lack of Main Street parking thereby improving road safety and be a useful facility for residents and visitors such as walkers and Cotswold tourists.

An obvious barrier to this has been the availability of a suitable site. Recently a parcel of land has been put on the market and the suggestion has been revived. The land is at the Bidford end of the village almost adjacent to the Kings Arms pub. It is of a sufficient size to accommodate 30 parking spaces. The question is whether there is sufficient support within the Cleeve Prior community for the Parish Council to attempt to raise the finance for the project?

It is proposed to discuss this in conjunction with the next Parish Council meeting on 11 February. There will be an open forum prior to the Parish Council taking a decision whether to proceed. If you have questions or suggestions please lodge them with the Parish Clerk at clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com. All residents are welcome to attend the open forum at the Memorial Hall, 7.30pm on 11 February.

Peter Wilson, Chair Cleeve Prior Parish Council

Free Defibrillator Training

Wednesday 13 March 2019 , 7 to 9 pm in the Memorial Hall



Did you know the parish owns a defibrillator? Yes! It is located on the school front wall near the parking lot. Volunteers from the Vale of Evesham Community First Responders have graciously offered defibrillator training for up to 20 parishioners. This is a great opportunity to learn more about defibrillators and ask questions. Because of limited access, those interested in attending the session should contact the Clerk to have their name placed on the list.



For more information on the Vale of Evesham Community First Responders see the linked website: voecfr.org/

Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council
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CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL HALL VILLAGE HALL

email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

Rural cinema in the Hall: Our experimental showing of a major film in the Hall was a success. The big screen is ideal and the projection of the DVD worked perfectly. In addition we are licensed with the authorities and can show any film at any time.

This is potentially an important new amenity for the village. We can operate the pop-up bar and serve simple refreshments in a comfortable environment at a substantially lower cost than any local competitors. To ensure that we are meeting local demand (to include childrens' parties, for example) we welcome suggestions from residents for future screenings. Please send these to the Hall email address: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com.

Free use of the Memorial Village Hall and facilities

The committee is making the use of the Memorial Hall and its facilities free to villagers, should they decide to utilise the services of the Pop-up Bar for the occasion. If this offer is taken up then it is on the understanding that all the profits from the sale of drinks goes towards the upkeep of the Hall.

Memorial Hall AGM

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 19 February at 6 pm in the Hall. Village residents are welcome to attend.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

News from Field Barn – February 2019

In the Enclosed Garden

The makeover of the enclosed garden at Field Barn is well underway. The paving area is now completed and the lawned areas are being relandscaped. Borders will be replanted in the Spring.

Out in the Orchards

Planting of an additional block of cider apples was completed in November. Further planting will take place next Winter of another 50 trees, however these will not be cider but plum, pear and eating apples. We would love to have suggestions of different varieties you might enjoy harvesting from the Community Orchard. Do Let us know your thoughts.

On the Millennium Green - the pond was cleared of invasive trees and weeds back in November. Many thanks to Mark Rawlings for his help.

Events

Nature and Wildlife Talk, Saturday 16 February, 7.45pm

You will have seen this event posted in the last newsletter and this one. As part of the evening I will be giving an update on the Trust's improvements to Field Barn and education in and around the orchards. I hope you will come and support us. It should be an informative and enjoyable evening learning about our local environment, habitats and environment from our local bird expert Peter Howe.

New to Cleeve Prior?

Then you might be interested in 'Cleeve Stone' a booklet which tells you a lot about the history of the village. They only cost £5 and make a great coffee table read! They will be on sale at the Nature Evening or you can buy directly from me.

Volunteers

Again if you are new to the village or newly retired please do consider coming up to Field Barn on a Tuesday morning to help. Lots of fresh air and laughter promised. We look after 27 acres and there is always plenty to do. Why not come and give it a try?

Brian Taylor

Nature & Wildlife Talk

Saturday 16 February, 7.45pm – 9.45pm



Can you name this caterpillar, flower or bird?

Has your life been taken over by electronic gadgets, Netflix or Sky? Are you disengaged from the natural environment around you?

Our environment is facing unprecedented pressures being placed upon it, from pesticides and modern farming practices to pollution, habitat fragmentation and persecution. Engaging people to help nature & wildlife thrive becomes ever more important. Birds in particular, are natural indicators to what is going on around us, and at the moment they are declining at an alarming rate, something that should concern us all. If you care about the environment around you then this talk could be just for you!

The evening will consist of two presentations. One by local conservationist Peter Howe, with a focus on what riches we have in our local environment, habitats and wildlife persecution. Including tips and advice on what to look out for, and what you can do in your own gardens. The other by Brian Taylor from the Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust. Brian will give an update of the Trust's improvements to Field Barn, education in and around the orchards. There will also be an opportunity for some Q&A's.

'Early Bird' (no pun intended) bookings deadline ends 5/2/19 priced at only £4 and will include a glass of wine!

To: pjhconservation@gmail.com or briandwtaylor@gmail.com

Tickets on the night £5

Memorial Hall, Main Street, Cleeve Prior WR11 8LE
Bar Available – Doors open 7.15pm



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

**Meeting
6 February 2019
in the Memorial Hall
@ 7.30pm (Doors open @ 6.30pm)**

**An Evening with Chris Beardshaw
(Pre-purchased tickets only)**

Pop-up bar / Raffle

On 9 January we started the New Year with our AGM. The major points arising were that all current officers agreed to stand for a further year and were unanimously re- elected. Subscriptions for membership remained unchanged at £15 a year and visitors fees at £4 a visit. We were delighted to announce that membership continues to increase and we now have 50 members.

Following the AGM Duncan Coombs from Pershore College, Peter Byrne from Borden Hill Nurseries and Sharon Stevenson from Cotswold Flowers made up the panel for an informative Gardeners Question Time. Considerable helpful information was given on topics from lawns, pruning and mulching.

We look forward with great anticipation to an exciting evening when we welcome Chris Beardshaw to Cleeve Prior Village Hall on 6 February and would remind everyone that this event is tickets only. Tickets can be obtained from Jan Stewart, tel. 772550.

Jan Stewart

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Name a Scottish soft rock band from the 1980s – that’s right, Wet Wet Wet, and that’s what it was like on the Ramble on 19 January! We went to walk at Dorsington Wood in the Heart of England Forest.

Starting from Barton near Dorsington we followed the Family Trail which took us through the growing forest, newly planted saplings, more mature woodland and meandering brooks. We passed the Founder’s Memorial – celebrating the life of the forest founder Felix Dennis – inscribed with his poetry and vision for the Forest. We had a very quick coffee here as we were already soaked. Fortunately our sensible organisers had the foresight to keep the walk mercifully short at 3.5 miles which meant we were soon trudging our way back to the carpark. We decided to go home and change and leave our very wet dogs at home. We all reconvened at the Bell at Welford where we had an excellent meal and felt much better about it all. Thanks to Liz and Mick for organising a lovely walk – well what do you expect from the weather in January!

Sandra Langmead

The next two rambles are on Saturday 16 February, organised by Mike and Bridgett Walker and 16 March, organised by Paul & Julie Freeman. Please let the organisers know one week ahead if you would like to take part.



Eleven members of NWR enjoyed a visit to the Picture House Cinema in Stratford upon Avon. The production of *The Queen of Spades*, the opera by Tchaikovsky, relayed from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, was our choice of entertainment for the first meeting of 2019.

The production had received mixed reviews from the critics but comments from our members were “lovely score, great orchestra and conductor”. We found it interesting and challenging. The Tchaikovsky music was beautiful and the soloists’ performances were exceptional.

The meeting on February 20 is a drama evening to be held at Diana Hough’s home, starting at 8 pm. If you would like further information about this friendly women’s group, contact Linda Garnett Clarke.

Cleeve Prior Golf Society

Annual General Meeting, 14 January 2019

The meeting at The Kings Arms was attended by fourteen members with eight apologies.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the matters arising covered the successful effect of the capping and the increased subscription on our improved financial position, and also the acceptance of the handicap system proposed and conducted by Alan Gittings.

On the review of the membership list, names of several lapsed members were deleted but we welcomed John Yapp's return. Unfortunately Wendy Towers will not be renewing her membership and John Hayward is unable to play golf anymore due to ill health. They will both be sadly missed.

The Captain, Nick Bury and the Treasurer, Tom Carr, gave their respective reports which highlighted the enjoyment of last year's activities and the healthy state of our finances. The Capping will be £45 per meeting and the Annual Subscription will remain at £30

John Vernon was duly elected as Captain for 2019 and Peter Wilson the Vice - Captain with Tom Carr and Vic Birnie retaining their roles of Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

The proposed Meetings for 2019 are scheduled on Fridays as follows:

April 26	Nine Holes at Bidford Grange	TBC
May 31	Puckrup	
June 28	Stratford Oaks	
July 19	Wychwood	
August 29	Boughton Park	Please note this one is a Thursday
Sept 27	Broadway	

There will also be a Captain's Awayday in October and The Jackson Trophy Competition for the Past Captains.

The opportunity was taken to determine whether The Kings Arms can accommodate 40+ diners for our Annual Xmas Dinner and this was confirmed so we can plan accordingly.

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News from the Kings Arms

Dominoes and Cribbage evenings

Do you want to play Cribbage and/or Dominoes? It is the intention to start scheduled evenings at the Pub in February. For more information or if you would like to take part, please ring Dawn or Donna.



Valentine's Day, 14 February

3-course meal with house wine, £50 per couple
Booking essential.

Our **opening hours** during the winter months are:

Mondays and Tuesdays: 5 pm till 11 pm

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 12 till 3 pm and 5 pm till 11 pm

Fridays and Saturdays: 12 till 11 pm, Sundays: 12 till 8 pm

We look forward to seeing you.

Donna, Dawn and the team, 01789 601706

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VILLAGE NOTICES

The WCC Mobile Library service makes one stop in the village on the 4th Tuesday of each month. It will stop in The Close between 10:15 and 10:35 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall

200 Club winners

January £50: Hazel Cross



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 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

Date	Event	Time	Contact	Venue
February				
6 Feb	Garden Club, Chris Beardshaw	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
11 Feb	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
13 Feb	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
16 Feb	Nature & Wildlife talk	19.15	P Howe	Hall
18 Feb	Half Term			
27 Feb	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
6 Mar	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
11 Mar	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
13 Mar	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
	Defibrillator training	19.00	Par.Clerk	Hall
27 Mar	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
3 Apr	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
12 Apr	Term ends			
15 Apr	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
21 Apr	Easter Sunday			

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**. Adam 07860 679031.

Mondays, 18:15 – 19:15: **Yoga**.

Wednesdays 12:00 and Fridays 10:00: **Tai Chi**.

Contact Sue Robinson for full details of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi.

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

The Rotas February 2019

Sidesmen

3 Feb	No service at Cleeve Prior
10 Feb	Mrs L Tamayo
17 Feb	Mr S Lupton
24 Feb	Mrs J Taylor
3 Mar	Mr C Greenwood

Church Flowers

3 Feb	Mrs G Carr
10 Feb	Mrs S Simpson
17 Feb	Mrs R Perle
24 Feb	Mrs S Taylor
3 Mar	Mrs J Stewart

Church Cleaning

Mrs A Carless
Mrs M Sylvester
Mrs J Davenport
Mrs L Tamayo
Mrs S Mortimer

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