

# CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MAY 2019

# Church Services at St Andrews for May 2019

5 May 11am Morning Praise Margaret Pye  
12 May 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton  
19 May 11am Holy Eucharist Revd David Hall  
22 May (Wednesday) 10am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton  
26 May 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton  
30 May 7.30 pm Ascension Benefice 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  
Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer

## From the PCC

The Macmillan Coffee morning, 27 September 2019

I have registered St Andrew's with the Macmillan Coffee morning to host the event on 27 September We would like this to be a community event, so would like to ask that any society, club or group that would like to join in should contact us.

*Rod Carless*

The PCC would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who helped at, contributed to, bought from or donated to our pop up Charity event for the Church roof on 13 April. We took just under £800 pounds on the day and there are still items to sell at local auctions and events – we hope to make our first £1,000 which is fantastic – thank you all again.

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

**May 2019**

At the end of last month, at the beginning of Holy Week, we witnessed the disastrous fire at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. As the roof burned and the spire fell, the residents of Paris gathered on the banks of the Seine to watch and mourn the destruction of one of the most famous churches in the world. As one by-stander commented, "It's like watching the heart of Paris being ripped out".

Those watching were not just Christians, but people of all faiths and none, demonstrating the emotional power a church building can have on people from every faith background and every walk of life. This terrible event served as a dramatic reminder that church buildings have a far wider emotional connection to a community than just the worshipping congregation. They stand as places of community connection where countless generations of people have been married, have had their children baptised, and have said farewell to loved ones. They are monuments of history and tradition, connecting us to centuries of everyday life in our villages. And yet the fire at Notre Dame has also opened our eyes to how vulnerable these buildings can be.

There is sometimes the assumption that something that has stood for centuries will always be there, but the care and up-keep of our church buildings is a never-ending process. Two churches in the Benefice, St. Andrew's in Cleeve Prior and St. Nicholas' in North & Middle Littleton, are undertaking substantial repairs to secure the buildings for the use of future generations. Without the help of the wider community, these vital repairs will not be possible. If you would like to get involved in helping maintain and preserve our churches, keep your eyes open for events and fundraisers over the next few months, or get in touch with us through the website [eastvaleavon.com](http://eastvaleavon.com).

*Rev. Philip Morton*

**Please look out for the enclosed questionnaire about St Andrew's Church which we would like you to complete and return via the four boxes mentioned in it by 17 May.**

The information will be used for future planning. Analysis of the returns will be fed back in the Newsletter later this year.

*Parochial Church Council (PCC)*

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## April 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](mailto:wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com)

Cllr Sue Robinson: [sue.robinson333@gmail.com](mailto:sue.robinson333@gmail.com)

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Cllr Ron Solomon: [ron.priorhouse@gmail.com](mailto:ron.priorhouse@gmail.com)

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 13 May commencing at 6.45pm. Parishioners and parish groups are welcome to submit written reports via email to the Clerk by 6 May.

I believe it is still possible to comment on planning application number 19/00140/OUT. This is for outline permission for a major housing development . To comment on the application go to <https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/> and use the above application number.

The planning application (18/01726/CU) for six caravan pitches off Hayward Lane was refused.

If you run a local community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting [adams.pebworth@gmail.com](mailto:adams.pebworth@gmail.com).

The Council approved a £1741 plus VAT grant for the Memorial Hall Management Committee to install an HDMI wall mounted projector. This upgrade should make it far easier to show films at the Hall and act as an amenity for groups who rent the Hall.

Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council  
01789 490 501, [clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com)



## CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL HALL VILLAGE HALL

email: [cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com)

**200 Club** This is a lottery licensed by Wychavon District Council to raise funds for the Memorial Hall. The subscription is £10 per year per person, with a monthly draw for a £50 prize, plus a quarterly draw for £100. Results of the draw are advertised in this Newsletter each month. The financial year starts on 1 April and our team of volunteers have started calling on current subscribers to collect the yearly payment.

Records show that there are many residents who do not subscribe, perhaps because they are unaware of the scheme or are new to the village. The finances of the Hall would improve significantly if more residents signed up, so members of the Management Committee will be calling on non-subscribers in the coming weeks to ask if they would like to take part. Our Treasurer, Rosemary Perl (tel: 773106), would be pleased to hear from anyone who has already decided to join.

### **Village Youth Club**

The Memorial Hall Committee has been asked whether they would allow a youth club to operate in the Hall. It has been agreed to support this project but we would be grateful if parents would indicate whether their children would possibly be interested, and indeed whether they would be in a position to help with the running of the sessions should it open. The actual details have as yet not been agreed, i.e. the age ranges and the nights it would operate, however an indication of the possible support would help at this stage in the planning. We look forward to the feedback from the village and any responses should be sent to [cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com).

*Ian Robinson*

**Village Clear-Up:** Many thanks to all the people who turned out for the litter-pick on Saturday 13 April. Generally speaking the Village is kept pretty clear of litter so it is always a surprise just how much we collect on these occasions. By looking carefully and inspecting hedges and ditches our operatives accumulated a substantial pile of detritus making the effort well worthwhile. It is greatly appreciated.

*Peter Wilson*

## **More from the PCC**

**Living statues tell the Easter story:** It was my great pleasure to be at our school when the team of volunteers from across the benefice came to act out the Easter story using “living statues” to play the parts of eye-witnesses in the story. The team under the guidance of Revd Philip, who led the tour, told the story through the eyes of five lesser-known characters in the Bible, beginning with Caiaphas’ housekeeper, then a servant at Pilate’s palace, a Roman soldier and finally the gardener who witnesses Jesus and Mary. The children, from Key Stage 2, were enthralled, and so was I! It was a great performance and a lot of hard work had been put into it.

*Rod Carless*

## **ChristianAid**

The Christian Aid week collection takes place from 12 to 18 May. An envelope has been delivered with this newsletter. Please put your donation in the envelope and a volunteer will collect it during that week.

Thank you for supporting a very worthy cause.

*Lis Hughes*

## **Cleeve Prior Ramblers**

As most interested parties know, the customary Cleeve Prior Ramble is always held on the third Saturday of the month, but not this month. To avoid clashing with other Easter events in the village, the ramble was moved to Good Friday, but despite this change, a good turnout of 22 ramblers and numerous dogs set off from the Kings Arms pub in glorious sunshine for a tour of our local pathways.

We left the village via the "Tea Shop" path at the junction with Hoden Lane, climbing up over Green Hill giving us wonderful, if somewhat misty, views towards the Cotswold escarpment and Meon Hill. By the time we reached Hoden farm, the hot sun had burnt off the early mist revealing the panorama of Cleeve set out below. Engaged in lively chatter we made our way down the hill to North Littleton where we stopped on the Green for our refreshment break. Here the party split, with some returning directly to Cleeve Prior, whilst those wanting a longer walk continued up to the Ridgeway bridal-path above

the Fish and Anchor, pausing on the way to admire the old rural craft of a newly-laid hedge. Returning to Cleeve Prior along the bridal path we heard the constant call of a cuckoo, a couple of skylarks, and paused to wander through the thick carpet of cowslips in the "Top Orchard" of the Heritage Trust, before crossing Mill Lane and continuing along the bridal path. After a 6 mile ramble in the most wonderful weather, we returned behind the Manor and through the Churchyard to the Kings Arms for a very welcome lunch.

Many thanks go to David and Julia Davenport for leading a wonderful walk over some of the less well-travelled local byways. The next walk is on May 18 and will be led by Linda and Philip Garnett-Clarke. Please let them know on 773287 by May 11 if you wish to take part.

*Tony Bourne*

## **Cleeve Prior Memorial cricket match**

This year's memorial cricket event is taking place on Sunday 21 July on the school playing fields. This year we are also holding a village Rounders match to be held after the cricket match, to make it inclusive for the ladies – so come on girls be sure to put your name forward and make it a great fun event.

So, if you would like to play cricket or rounders, please e-mail David Davenport. The format will be similar to previous years: Upper vs Lower (both events) and a new trophy will be up for grabs for the ladies' rounders, hopefully making it an annual event.

In order to make the event a success we need help from volunteers especially on the Sunday morning to help set up the marquee, bar, barbeque and table and chairs. And then afterwards to help dismantle and put away.

This year the profits from the event will be shared amongst the main village organisations, including the Memorial Hall, Field Barn, Garden Club, Church and the Village School. We will be in touch with each organisation to discuss further.

Further details to follow in the next Newsletter.

Please keep the day free and support your village.



## *Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust*

### **News from Field Barn, May 2019**

#### **Easter Celebrations**

We really had spectacular day weather wise and it was marvellous to see so many families enjoying the sunshine in the new garden. There were many comments of approval and the children enjoyed jumping off the wall!! Our grateful thanks to the many ladies who worked so tirelessly to support the team effort - without them there would be no teas or cakes, no raffle, or egg painting competition, and no 'name the bunny'.

Thanks also to the stalwart volunteers who prepared for the day and did so much actually on the day as well - without them there would be no show. It really was a super day and thanks also to our guests for supporting us in what we do.

**Lost Property:** a pair of blue Bolle sunglasses were found at the egg decorating table. If they are yours, ring Paul Robinson to claim them.

#### **Out in the Orchards**

Lastly the Cowslips in the Top Orchard at the Trust are a real treat to see, but they will not last as long with this heat, so go along in the holidays and take some photos, you won't regret it.

Work in the Orchards has been greatly assisted with the new Brushwood cutter, a pedestrian heavy duty machine that will cut long grass and brambles and small scrub. Thanks to WCC via Alastair Adams and their grant scheme for supporting us. We also managed to sell the old pedestrian flail on E-Bay, so the final cost to the Trust has been bearable.

#### **Coming Up – Dates for your diary!**

The next major event is not far away - our Food and Craft Fair with Fun Dog Show on Saturday 1st June. We will be advertising by posters in the village- so we will not let you forget!!

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - The Food and Craft Fair and Dog Show.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August** - The Plum Pick.

## **Frogspawn/Toadspawn Needed**

Does anyone have a pond with Frogs or Toads?

We need spawn to establish amphibians in our ponds at the trust, and we cannot locate any in the village. If you have frogs/toads could you let us know, we may be too late for this year but next February/March we would like to seed our ponds with spawn to do our bit to establish colonies of Frogs and Toads, which are under increased threat with loss of habitat.

## **Publications**

Linda Warren has sent me a copy of her book of poems that she wrote mainly during her life here. I will put a copy in the Tea Room so people can read her take on life and times in Cleeve Prior. We also have copies of the Cleeve Stone booklet, also written by the Warrens. This is a very interesting collection of information about the quarrying of stone in Cleeve for hundreds of years, what it was used for and the history of the lime kiln, the wells and a lot more. They are available for £5.00 and will be on sale at the Craft fair.

## **Field Barn For Hire**

Residents are able to hire the Field Barn Complex for family events, subject to agreement by the Trustees. If you are interested in holding an event please contact Philip Garnett Clarke on 773287. Charges are broadly aligned to those of the Memorial Hall.

## **Volunteers**

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*

## **Women's Fellowship**

Our April meeting was a lot of fun working out anagrams of garden flowers and shrubs, finishing with a chat and a cup of tea and lovely home-made cakes .

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7 May in the Community Room when we shall have games, and refreshments by Carol. Please let me know if you can't come.

*Meryl Holdbrook*



# CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Meeting

1 May 2019

in the Memorial Hall @ 7.30pm

Speaker : Richard Fishbourne

(Environmental Design Consultant)

A worm's-eye view of bringing a garden to life

Teas, Raffle, Plants

On 3 April, Jez Taylor (son of Brian and Mary of Mill Lane Nurseries) gave a very entertaining and at times hilarious talk on *A year into growing cut flowers*. Having grown up in the village, Jez then moved away to study horticulture and work within the growing industry. He now has the prestigious role of Head of Market Garden in Oxfordshire, working for Lady Bamford at the beautiful Daylesford Farm. Over recent years at Daylesford, Jez and his team have grown a vast array of seasonal fruit and vegetables, which they have sold on to the Daylesford kitchens for use in the restaurants. Many tonnes of edible produce have been grown. Lady Bamford has now set Jez the challenge of growing cut flowers for selling at Daylesford's floristry shop. Jez has therefore, described himself as having turned out to be 'just like his dad', something which Jez (in jest), said it was something he had always avoided, purely for the reason that he preferred to grow vegetables. Garden Club members all felt it was a great way to turn out!

Jez relayed funny tales of growing flowers for selling to the many Londoners who take the train from Marylebone Station for a weekend visit to Daylesford. The more chipped the plant pot was, the bigger premium the pot sold for, due to it looking more 'rustic'! Jez had brought a range of flowers and branches to demonstrate how different varieties could be grown and arranged in vases for use around the home.

At our next meeting on 1 May, Environmental Design Consultant, Richard Fishbourne, will talk on *A worm's-eye view of bringing a garden to life*. All unwanted plants/seedlings will be gratefully received for our plant sales table, and all visitors are welcome.

*Jan Stewart*

## **Bird Song Walk – Date for your diary**

Do you ever listen to the birds around you and wonder what bird just sung that lovely song?

I will be doing my 2<sup>nd</sup> & final early morning bird song walk for this spring, on Sunday 12 May starting at 6.15am, this will be approx. 2 miles around Cleeve Prior's footpaths. Sorry NO dogs.

This walk is ideal for beginners or 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!

To join this walk, please e-mail Peter a.s.a.p. to book a place.

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### **March Meeting**

What an enjoyable evening our members and one visitor had at the March meeting. We sat enthralled as Kathryn explained the art of hat making; from the designing stage right through to the wearing stage; and some of the ladies had a fun time trying on some of the creations. Fabrics, colours, designs and accessories - we were shown all, and I realised how complicated making a hat really is.

Kathryn then went on to explain her other hobby, the Japanese art of silk flower making; and some of the finished flowers were so life like you almost expected to smell their scent. We all left at the end of the evening feeling we had seen a very dedicated, artistic and passionate person talk about her delightful hobby.

Unfortunately, the April meeting had to be cancelled but will be rescheduled soon after the Easter break and I will let all members know the date and venue when it is organised.

*Linda Garnett-Clarke*

Colin Bomford invites you and your friends to the  
**16<sup>th</sup> Spring Art Exhibition at Cock Harbour  
Gallery**

This year includes works by Colin Froomes, Michael Lyne and John Yardley RI, along with sculptures by Keith Evans.

Also included is an oil painting of **Fir Tree Corner** and part of Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall by de Bréanski and an oil painting of **Cleeve Mill** and footbridge by W P Cartwright, 1903.

Friday 3 May, 2 pm – 8 pm

Saturday 4 May, 11 am – 6 pm

Sunday 5 May, 11 am – 6 pm

Monday 6 May, 11 am – 6 pm

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

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**A warm welcome to all visitors**

## News from the Kings Arms

**Cribbage night** Come along on the second Monday of the month, 8 pm. For more information, please ring Dawn or Donna.

**Curry Night** every Thursday from 6 pm. Full menu also available

**Quiz night** Sunday 9 June: ring to book a table and register a team

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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. It will stop in The Close between 10:15 and 10:35 am.

### **Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall 200 Club winners**

The result of the April and May draws will be published 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 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.

### **Lloyds Bank closure**

Customers of Lloyds Bank in Bidford will have been informed that the branch will close on 19 August 2019. They may not all be aware that much of their business can be transacted at the Post Office in Budgens (or elsewhere). Cash can be withdrawn with a Lloyds card, up to the daily maximum allowed by the card. Cheques and cash can be paid into Lloyds bank accounts at the Post Office counter. Barcoded utility and other bills can be paid at the counter (this does not include Lloyds Bank credit cards).

## VILLAGE EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Contact	Venue
1 May	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
2 May	WDC Council elections	07.00 – 22.00	WDC	Hall
7 May	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
12 May	Bird Song Walk	06.15	P Howe	
8 May	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
13 May	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
18 May	Ramblers Group	09.30	R Solomon	
22 May	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
29 May	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
1 Jun	Food, Craft Fair & Dog Show		CPHT	Field Barn
4 Jun	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
5 Jun	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	
9 Jun	Quiz Night at the Pub		Kings Arms	
10 Jun	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	
12 Jun	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
15 Jun	Ramblers Group	09.30	P G-Clark	
26 Jun	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B.Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
29 Jun	Strawberry Tea	TBC	PCC	Japonica Ct
3 Jul	Garden Club		J Stewart	
8 Jul	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
10 Jul	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
21 Jul	Memorial Cricket Match/Rounders	14.00	D Davenport	Sch.
31 Jul	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: Les Bratt on 773651.

### **Exercise classes in the Memorial Hall.**

Mondays, 18:15 – 19:15: **Yoga**.

Wednesdays 12:00: **Tai Chi**

Should anyone wish to take part in these activities, please book through the trainer at the hall at the appointed time.

## The Rotas May 2019

### Sidesmen

5 May Mrs J Taylor  
12 May Mrs S Robinson  
19 May Mr C Greenwood  
26 May Mr S Lupton  
30 May (7.30pm) Mr A Taylor

2 June Mrs M Greenwood

### Church Flowers

5 May Mrs S Taylor  
12 May Mrs J Selby  
19 May Mrs P Colbourne  
26 May Mrs A Carless

2 June Mrs R Perl

### Church Cleaning

Mrs J Franey  
Mrs L Hughes  
Mrs M Smith  
Mrs K Harvey

Mrs P Chapman

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