

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2019

Church Services at St Andrews for August 2019

4 Aug	11am Morning Praise Revd Timothy Hupfield
11 Aug	11am Holy Communion Revd Philip Morton
18 Aug	11am Holy Communion Revd Clive Leach.
25 Aug	11am Holy Communion Revd Philip Morton
28 Aug	Wednesday, 10.00am Holy Communion Revd Philip Morton

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Churchwardens

Rod Carless Lis Hughes

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For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact the Benefice administrator, Wendy Stafford. Tel. 01386 424728

Thank you from St Andrews

Strawberry Tea 2019 There are so many people who helped to make this event both financially and personally successful. The total raised was in excess of £1,600 which is the best yet! The strawberries ran out and the cakes and sandwiches were all consumed. I apologise to Shades on Black who played so brilliantly and then did not have their usual refreshments! The first village performance of the Quarter Belles was very well received.

As many of you know my mind was elsewhere that afternoon and I am very grateful to everyone who worked so hard on a very hot day. The relief of that

phone call at the end of the afternoon before everyone departed was overwhelming!

Lost property at Japonica Cottage: A small rectangular tray with dates and writing. A pink and black water bottle and reading glasses found after the cricket match.

St Andrews future events

Saturday 5 October, Harvest Supper

Saturday 26 October, Rat Race evening

Saturday 2 November, upcycling event and activities for children

All these events will take place in the Memorial Hall with details to follow.

Lis Hughes and Rod Carless

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

August is usually a fairly quiet period in the Church calendar, which makes it an ideal time to reflect on the need for proper rest and recuperation. In the busy-ness of daily life we can often overlook the wisdom of just taking some time to stop and rest, to look around us and enjoy being in the present moment.

The Bible is full of examples of this wisdom, starting with the Commandment to make sure we take a proper day off each week (“Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy”), and continuing with the many times Jesus heads off into the wilderness to be alone in prayer. One of my favourite passages from the Old Testament comes from Psalm 127, “It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for the LORD gives sleep to his beloved”. If you ever want an excuse to take a nap, here it is in the Bible!

There is also some good evidence to suggest that making sure we get proper rest and recuperation is good for our mental and physical health as well. So, while some recent articles in the news are encouraging us to work ever harder and longer, the Bible implies that finding a good balance between work, prayer and rest is a good path to a more fulfilling life. I hope this summertime will be a period of good rest and peaceful enjoyment for you all.

Rev Philip Morton

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

July 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
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Cllr Beverly Rhodes: Babybop2010@hotmail.com
Cllr Mary Smith: marysmith.message@virgin.net
Cllr Ron Solomon: ron.priorhouse@gmail.com

There are two seats on the Council. Anybody thinking of becoming a member can do so by co-option. Parishioners interested in becoming a member of the Council should contact the Clerk or a Council member.

The Notice of Public rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return was posted last week. Any parishioner wishing to review the accounts can do so by appointment with the Clerk.

The outline planning application (No. 19/00140/OUT) for up to 80 dwellings to be built on the Travellers' site on Evesham Road was heard on 25th July. The Wychavon Planning Committee meeting was attended by some twenty Cleeve Prior village residents with similar representation by the Travellers.

The planning officer in charge of this outline application had considered the many arguments and concluded that the request for development should be refused primarily on the basis that the site is outside the designated Cleeve Prior development boundary.

The meeting proceeded with representations from various parties followed by debate by the planning committee members. The outcome was that the Planning Committee decided to override the recommendation and voted unanimously to allow the Planning Application to proceed. There is a long process to move from outline permission to commence actual building activity. The Parish Council will be intimately involved in the process.

The streetlights will be a topic of consideration at the September meeting. Anybody wishing to have their views heard is welcome to attend.

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

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Church Questionnaire Feedback.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire.

We had 42 returns which is double the number of regular attendees at the church and represents about 1 in 6 households. You clearly value the church both as a historical building and a quiet place for contemplation, for formal worship or visiting the resting place of loved ones. Links with the school were less well-known about. The church is important to the village community with 32 returns saying it is very important and 7 quite important. Most of you who responded are aware of the church activities and you are most interested in concerts, wine and cheeses evenings, a harvest supper, flower festivals and more children's events. Some of your specific suggestions were for a Christmas family event, outreach for the elderly and less able and possibly a get together in the pub between the weeks that the tea shop is open. Many of you expressed interest in hearing more about our fundraising plans and thought the newsletter was a good way of communicating.

You will notice that there is some fencing around the church at present, this is because we have had an abseiling inspection of the tower and there is some loose mortar, so please take care when in that area.

We have also had a bat survey done and we have three kinds of bats. We will need to do more observation of the bats so will be looking for volunteers to help with a night watch. Most significantly the work on the church will be delayed as the bats are protected and cannot be disturbed during the breeding season April – October.



CHILDREN'S CHARITY SEEKING MENTORS

Could you spare an hour or two a week?

Would you like to help children and young people in the Worcester area?

Local children's charity Mentor Link is recruiting Volunteer Mentors to support children and young people in schools. Owing to a current shortage of mentors, Mentor Link would like to hear from women and men who would like to support children in schools for around an hour each week. Anyone interested should be a good listener, patient and enjoy working with children and young people.

The Mentors are trained to support and encourage young people who are facing issues which are impacting on their education and well-being, with a view to improving their self-esteem and engagement in learning. The charity has an excellent track record of success in achieving positive outcomes with children and young people.

The charity is hoping volunteer mentor Mark Warmington's experience will inspire men in to get involved. Mark joined the charity last year as a Mentor and has supported a number of students during that time. He has commented that:

“Volunteering with Mentor Link gives me an opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life. Each of my mentees know they can speak about anything that is important to them and truly be heard. This helps build their confidence and trust in adults that they won't be judged, that their point of view is important and that they have an outlet to work through the challenges and pressures they are facing in life.”

Mentor Link is a Safer Recruiter and requires two 2 character references and an Enhanced DBS clearance. They will provide induction training, travelling expenses, on-going training, and a dedicated team of staff to support you in your role.

If you can spare an hour or two a week, and you are able to commit to a minimum of 6 months volunteering please contact Claire Quinn on 07973 572768 or email Claire.Quinn@mentorlink.org.uk

We welcome enquiries from schools, parents and organisations in the area who want to hear more about our services.

For further information see our website www.mentorlink.org.uk

Find us on [Facebook](#) Registered charity number 1169026

2019 Cleeve Prior Memorial Cricket and Rounders games

On Sunday 21 July the village held the 6th annual Memorial Cricket Match between Upper and Lower Cleeve, followed by the inaugural Ladies' Rounders match. This year's fundraising was for the Church roof appeal.

The pitch was in perfect condition, following our two expert groundsmen, John Arkell on his tractor and Derek Wilkinson on the roller. Keith and Glenn made sure the pitch was marked to regulation standard. Mike Walker rang the bells 13 times to mark those young soldiers from our village who lost their lives in the two wars, followed by a minute silence. The two umpires Keith Richards and Paul Stewart took up their positions at the wicket to ensure players were kept in check, and Doug Carr and Judy Winter sat down to concentrate on keeping score. Ian Robinson was on the mic providing commentary, motivation and humour.

Lower Cleeve (captained by Sam Bannister) won the toss and put Upper Cleeve (captained by Iain Macdonald) in to bat first. Both teams had a mix of young and younger players and, miraculously, 11 a side. Competition was intense, and Upper Cleeve put on a steady run rate with some fine batting from the youngsters, of whom two carried their bat after scoring 20 and retiring. Upper Cleeve finished their 20 overs with 118 runs on the board. Spectators meanwhile were enjoying the excellent cricket, great weather, fine food and drink.



Next in were Lower Cleeve who had been set a challenging target to beat. It looked almost out of reach when after two overs they were no runs, and 1 wicket down, soon losing another four wickets putting on just 20 runs. Upper felt this was in the bag. A strong middle order batting performance from seasoned Lower Cleeve players saw the run rate rise, and they stemmed the losses and started to build a healthy run rate. In the end they passed the total required with a fine four to win the match.

After a short break, the headline event (the Ladies' Rounders) were preparing themselves for combat. Again, a lovely mix of young and younger players took part. But before battle commenced both teams were briefed on the rules (don't think anyone listened, if indeed the umpires knew them!) but after much deliberation a coin was tossed and Upper were put into bat first.

The noise from the teams and spectators could be heard in the Littleton's. Each player had two turns to bat and before no time at all memories of childhood rounders came flooding back, and the competition became fierce. Finally, after the dust and noise settled Upper Cleeve achieved a very healthy score of 6 rounders and looking forward to fielding, which was more than could be said for the umpires, Glenn, David and Paul.



Now it was Lower Cleeve's turn to bat with the challenge being to win the first Ladies' Rounders match, and the largest trophy ever seen (can you spot it in the picture?). Scoring was tight, and some good hits proved the deciding factor, scoring 7 rounders (two of which were for home runs), giving Lower Cleeve this year's victory. The gauntlet has

been thrown down for next year, a big thanks must go to the ladies and girls who made this a fantastic and fun event.

Now – if you're still reading and haven't fallen asleep - I would like to thank some special people who have not already been mentioned. Donna from the Kings Arms, who not only offered to do the catering and BBQ, also donated the first prize raffle for a meal for two with a bottle of wine in the pub and. as a very special and heart-warming gesture for this great cause, donated all of the food for the event as well. A BIG thank you. Gina Carr and Lis Hughes who got you to buy raffle tickets, raising over £390; Pat who provided teas and coffees, the ladies and gents who helped run the bar, Ian Robinson for stocking the bar. And a huge thanks to the regular volunteers who turned up Sunday morning to set up the event and take it down. The men and boys who made up the upper and lower cricket teams, and of course the ladies and girls who took part in the Rounders, making the day very entertaining. David Davenport and Glenn Humphreys who helped me organise this year's Memorial Cricket and Rounders day, without them it wouldn't have happened. Finally you, the villagers of Cleeve Prior who came out in force and gave generously supporting this wonderful annual village event to remember those who fought and lost their lives in the two world wars and we thank you for raising a record amount of money for village charities with the majority going to the Church roof fund.

Paul Freeman

Last Minute news!

I never fail to wonder at the incredible generosity of the people of Cleeve Prior. Last night Lis and I were delighted to receive the donation to the Church Roof fund of the proceeds of the cricket and rounders afternoon made up to £1,000 by the "Codgers". Our grateful thanks to all those who organised the event or were involved in this in any way!

Thank you again.

*Rod Carless and Lis Hughes
St.Andrews PCC*

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Unfortunately the report of the June Ramble missed the deadline for the Newsletter. However, a highly enjoyable outing on 22 June comprising a circuit from Coughton Court, concluded with lunch at the Throckmorton Arms at Coughton. Many thanks to Philip and Linda for the organisation.

The July outing is traditionally devoted to the Ramblers' summer barbecue and whilst this date coincided with some rather unpredictable weather it did not deter the large group that undertook a local ramble before the al fresco lunch at Field Barn.



We started at Field Barn and walked down to the river bank heading west towards Offenham. The river bank at this point is most pleasant and picturesque and provides easy, enjoyable perambulations before reaching the Fish and Anchor pub. After a refreshing drink, the group tackled the exhilarating climb to the

ridgeway from where we commenced the return leg to the Heritage Trust orchards. Once you attain this path the walking is easy with spectacular views over the river and countryside. Our local environment is looking so good at this time of year with abundant crops, trees and wild flowers. Most uplifting.

The barbecues were soon underway and although a heavy shower intervened, the masterful contingency provisions came into play to ensure our lunch proceeded uninterrupted. How fortunate we are to have access to the excellent facilities at Field Barn. The volunteer group who manage and work for the Heritage Trust are to be applauded.

Many thanks are due to everyone involved and especially to those who maintain our wonderful footpath networks so well.
Peter Wilson.

The Cleeve Prior Ramblers meet every third Saturday in the month, normally at 9.30 on the Village Green. See the Newsletter diary for dates.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust **News from Field Barn –August 2019**

Coming Up – Dates for your diary!

Saturday 24 August - The Plum Pick. See Advert!

Saturday 21 September 11am - 4.00pm: A ‘**Drop In Day**’ organised by the Market Garden Heritage Group to view the Hovel, artefacts and static displays describing the social history derived from the Market Gardeners. There will be a continuous apple pressing demonstration. Teas and refreshments for sale, tours of the orchards and ponds and historical walks into the heart of the Village.

Early Plum Picking in Earls Lane Orchard – from late July

The pedestrian gate is now unlocked to allow villagers entry to pick the plums. The Purple Pershore, two rows of mature old trees, have a good crop. The younger trees, various cultivars, have not set well due to the cold weather at flowering.

Educational Visits

We are focusing on encouraging schools to use the Trust’s land and orchards as Outdoor Classrooms, and are making some headway. Following an initial visit from the Head at Bretforton Village School he returned to bring all his staff and their Forest School Organiser. They were most enthusiastic about Field Barn and the opportunities it presents for outdoor learning. They now have three visits planned, two in October, and one in early summer 2020.

We have to raise a considerable amount of money each year to maintain Field Barn and it is hoped that these visits might make a significant difference. Natural England are currently supporting educational visits through grant aid in order to encourage outdoor learning. So schools can come and visit for free!

We will be trialling our exciting new educational experience, led by our Associate Forest School Professional, Vix Powell, in October and hope that this will be the start of encouraging many more schools to visit.

Volunteers from NFU Mutual

We have now had three groups of volunteers from the NFU Mutual, achieving remarkable things, in extreme weather conditions. Can you spot what they

have been doing? We offer our grateful thanks to them for all their efforts and especially to our own volunteers who led them.

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. 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? We also need volunteers with a keen interest in nature and gardening/horticulture who could help spread the load on me with the occasional orchard tour. So lots of opportunities not just on Tuesdays!

Brian Taylor, Chair of Trustees
773075, briandwtaylor@gmail.com



PLUM PICK

AT FIELD BARN, EVESHAM ROAD

SATURDAY 24TH 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

TEA AND CAKE, BAR AND RAFFLE 2-5PM

This is a major CPHT fundraising event.
We hope you can come and enjoy it with us.
FREE PARKING – PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNS

Local Nature Walk
Saturday 31 August
2pm start

Can you name that butterfly, tree or bird?

An opportunity to put down your mobile phone or tablet and step outside into the natural environment around you. This walk will take in Field Barn and its many features, and The Wildlife Sanctuary which should have plenty of butterflies, providing the weather stays good!

Led by Brian Taylor and Peter Howe, this walk will last for approximately one and half hours and will focus on the flora and fauna we have in our local environment, including tips on what to look out for, and what you can do to help.

For more info. and to reserve your your place,
please email either:

pjhconservation@gmail.com or briandwtaylor@gmail.com

Alf Plummer

We would like to thank everyone who has been so kind during this difficult time, those who came to Alf's funeral, and those who sent cards, gifts and flowers and many offers of help.

We are still waiting to hear how much was raised for the Air Ambulance, but wish to thank everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Thank you, Mary, Julie, Ewan and Gemma



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

10 August, Visit to Highgrove Gardens

On 4 July, seventeen Garden Club Members enjoyed a visit to Bourton House Gardens. Wide herbaceous borders were filled with colour and were a plantsman's delight, with many unusual varieties. There were numerous carefully positioned seats around the gardens, well situated for quiet contemplation of the great views. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards under the trees.

We look forward to our trip to Highgrove on 10 August (do not forget to take ID). Attendees will be contacted with further details.

Our next meeting will be on 4 September, in the Memorial Hall and will feature Ross Barbour, "Flummoxed by Ferns"

Jan Stewart

Cleeve Prior Bowls Club plays Short Mat Bowls at the Memorial Hall during three weekly sessions, Tuesday afternoons, Tuesday evenings and Thursday evenings.

We urgently need additional players particularly to play on Tuesday evenings. So if you fancy playing an interesting and competitive game in a friendly and social atmosphere please let me know.

The new sessions start in September and you would be welcome to come and have a try without obligation.

Les Bratt Secretary

Lost Property: Black Synthetic Insulation Jacket, part of North Face Amplitude Climate Jacket, may have been left in Memorial Hall after Yoga class recently. If anyone has found it, please contact the Editor at cleevepriornewsletter@gmail.com, and you will be rewarded with a generous drink by the grateful owner.

Cleeve Prior Golf Society

Meeting at Stratford Oaks on 28th June 2019

We had an excellent afternoon when sixteen members played a Texas Scramble on an immaculate course under ideal conditions.

The format was teams of four all driving from the tee and the best drive being selected from which each player then takes a shot and again the best shot is selected and so on until the hole is completed and the scores recorded. The gross score is then adjusted by subtracting 10% of the teams' combined handicaps.

The winners were the Captains team comprising John Vernon, Matt Langmead, Keith Richards and Paul Stewart, with the runner up team comprising Brian Taylor, Nick Bury, Malcolm Mawer and Alan Gittings.

Following the competition the players and their partners reassembled at The Heritage Trust to enjoy a superb BBQ in delightful gardens and with a warm summer breeze.

The meeting scheduled for Friday 19 July at Wychwood Golf Club was postponed due to bad weather and has been rescheduled for Friday 2 August.

Vic Birnie, Hon Sec.

Thank you

*Lis and I have been overwhelmed by the tremendous support that we have received following my recent operation. The numerous cards, messages and acts of kindness have in no small way helped my recovery. Once again Cleeve Prior has proved itself a great village.
Thank you everyone*

Mick Hughes



We met at Evelyn's home for our July meeting to recommend/swap books for our summer holidays.

We had a lively discussion, plenty of laughter, super nibbles and wine, and we can now look forward to plenty of recommended options on what to read during our summer breaks.

The books covered several different genres and ranged from the beautifully written, the intriguing, an insightful autobiography, and undemanding beach reads. Some of the recommended 'good reads' were:

Venice. Jan Morris; *Becoming*, Michelle Obama; *Cartes Postales*, Victoria Hislop; *Three Things about Elsie*, Joanna Cannon; *He said/She said*, Erin Kelly; *Bitter Orange*, Claire Fuller; *My Lover's Lover*, Maggie O'Farrell
Sandra also recommended *Educated* by Tara Westover, via an audio books App called the Audible App. Thank you very much Evelyn and Peter for your excellent, and generous, hospitality.

Our next meeting will be at Diana Hough's home, The Dairy, Cleeve Manor, on Wednesday, 21 August at 8 pm. We will have an evening of garden games. Please bring a bottle, and a piece of your favourite cheese – crackers will be provided. Can you let Diana (778 302) have your apologies if you are unable to attend.

If you are interested in coming along to our friendly, informal, meetings please contact Linda Garnett-Clarke.

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We look forward to seeing you and
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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

July, £50: Kurt & Steph Rathbone



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.

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church

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Times of Mass: 5.30pm Saturday; 11am Sunday

Parish Priest: Canon Garry Byrne

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A warm welcome to all visitors

VILLAGE EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Contact	Venue
10 Au	Garden Club visit		J Stewart	
24 Au	Plum Pick	14.00	CPHT	Field Barn
25 Au	BBQ and music	14.00		KingsArms
28 Au	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
31 Au	Local Nature Walk	14.00	P Howe	
There is no Parish Council Meeting or Tea Room in August				
3 Sep	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
4 Sep	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
9 Sep	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
11 Sep	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
15 Sep	Bingo	TBC	Mgt Cttee	Hall
21 Sep	Market Garden Heritage Group	11.00 – 16.00		Field Barn
25 Sep	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
September Ramble date to be advised				
1 Oct	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
2 Oct	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
9 Oct	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
14 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
19 Oct	Ramble	09.30	P Freeman	
23 Oct	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
26 Oct	Rat Racing		PCC	Hall
30 Oct	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**.

Fridays, 09.00: **Pilates** (not 9 August)

Tai Chi returns on 11 September

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

The Rotas August 2019

Sidesmen

4 Aug.	Mrs J Taylor
11 Aug	Mr S Lupton
18 Aug	Mr J Tamayo
25 Aug	Mr A Taylor
1 Sep	Mrs S Robinson

Church Flowers

4 Aug	Mrs L Lupton
11 Aug	Mrs D Byrne
18 Aug	Mrs J Selby
25 Aug	Mrs L Parry
1 Sept	Mrs J Stewart

Church Cleaning

Mrs N Blakeley
Mrs J Mckay
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