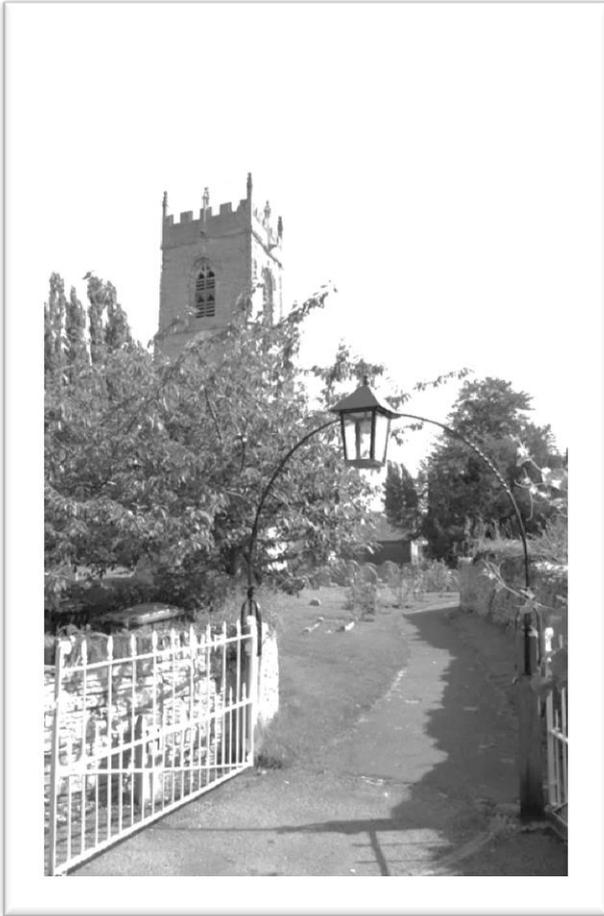


CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



St Andrew's Church, open for prayer

JULY 2020

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

July this year was supposed to have a full calendar of events, from fundraising at the various churches to our hosting of the Knitted Bible exhibition at Badsey. Instead, we are cautiously re-opening our church buildings for private prayer for a few days a week, and hoping that services will begin again at some point in the near future.

It is a reminder that life is full of unexpected twists and turns, and we have to be ready to adapt to changing circumstances quickly. During this time, I have been reflecting on the story of Noah and his Ark, a popular story with school children but also one that has profound meaning for adults. Sometimes it can feel like everything we have known has been ‘swept away’ in tragedy or difficult circumstances, almost to the point where it can feel that God has abandoned us. With the churches closed over the past few months, this feeling is perhaps even more common than ever.

But there is always a life raft somewhere, an Ark that can carry us through. It is no accident that a lot of medieval churches were built so that the roof looks like an up-turned boat put on top of the walls. The area where the congregation sits is called the Nave, from the same word we where get ‘Navy’. The building itself is meant to remind us of Noah and his Ark, a safe refuge in times of trouble, when everything feels like it is being swept away.

Now that church buildings can re-open for a few days a week, and where we have sufficient resources to keep them clean and safe, we can take a few moments to sit in the peace and quiet and remember that God never abandons us: even in the bleakest of times, God is sitting there with us, carrying us through.

Revd. Philip Morton

Church Opening at St Andrew's for July 2020

The first steps out of the long lockdown can now take place. From 21 June the church is to be open for private prayer and meditation for two short periods each week. On Sundays and Wednesdays the church will be unlocked from 11.00am until 12.00pm.

If you do take advantage of this, please read carefully and observe the instructions in the church which are designed to keep everyone safe. An area of the church has been cordoned off to enable the sanitising and cleaning to be done effectively.

We are not yet able to organise any services, other than those on line, but as soon as this changes everyone will be informed,

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

Churchwardens

Rod Carless 01789 773357

Lis Hughes 01789 772578

Safeguarding in our Benefice

Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer Tel.01386 40401 ,

Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078

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

From the Parish Registers

The Faithful Departed

1 June 2020 Gwendoline Patricia Mitchell

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

June 2020

Until further notice the Council will meet the second Monday of each month, except for August, at 7:30pm **via Zoom**. The Zoom link will be provided on each agenda which posted on the Council website prior to meetings. If a parishioner has any comments or concerns please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

Chairman Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Cllr Ian Robinson: irobinson773805@gmail.com

Cllr Mary Smith: marysmith.message@virgin.net

Cllr Ron Solomon: ron.priorhouse@gmail.com

Cllr Kevin Mellor: kevinjohnmellor@gmail.com

Cllr Douglas Carr: austin.carr@talk21.com

Cllr Iain MacDonald: ismacdonald@yahoo.co.uk

The Parish Council is aware that there has been an unusual number of anti-social incidents in recent weeks. Some of this may be as a result of the ‘lockdown’ restrictions, but some of these actions appear to be coinciding with the negotiations regarding development of the Evesham Road Traveller site. Whilst it is clear the Parish Council has very limited powers in these circumstances, please be assured that the Council is communicating with the District Council, local police and the West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner as well as liaising with anyone who might have insights into those responsible for this behaviour.

It is important that all of us stay alert to unusual behaviour and report urgently to the appropriate authorities.

Due to flood damage the Parish Wharf facilities such as the steps to the river and the seat are dangerous. Please avoid using these parts of the Wharf and any other sections deemed unsafe as determined by personal inspection.

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

The Council is aware the Parish Wharf picnic table was stolen. The issue was reported to the police and an insurance claim was filed.

The School Playing Fields playground area is closed until further notice.

For a complete picture of Parish Council activities please see the Minutes on the Council website: www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk/

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



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



A Fond Farewell to Mrs Sarah Newbury

Many of you know that our School Head, Sarah Newbury, retires at the end of this term. 28 years at the school, the last 10 years as Head, a truly remarkable record. Cleeve Prior is deeply appreciative of her service.

Mr Kevin Riley has been appointed Interim Head effective 1 September.

The school has been functioning well during the lockdown, providing education for the vulnerable and children of key workers initially and then at the beginning of June opening its doors in accordance with government guidelines . We are fortunate to have 'can do' staff at all levels.

Our new £100,000 preschool facility is well under way and on schedule to be ready for the start of next term, when we hope that school life will be returning to the 'new normal'.

Stephen Lupton
Vice Chair of Governors

Volunteers, July 2020

We are **still** here to help you.

All volunteers are working to the Government directives so will stay a safe distance from you and collect from or leave items on your doorstep.

To access help from the volunteers please contact either
Susan Robinson: call 01789 491380; text or WhatsApp 07880 493600;
Email – paulj.robinson@btinternet.com
Iain MacDonald: 07826 866775 call, text or WhatsApp
Email – ismacdonald@yahoo.co.uk

This month we are not including the long list of local services that are included on the June Newsletter. However, there is one addition which is a ready-meal supplier, Donald Russell, who has been recommended to me: <https://www.donaldrussell.com>.

If you need a copy of the complete list, please contact Susan Robinson.



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Unfortunately both July outings on the 4th and 28th have had to be cancelled . As we have no meeting booked for August, I am hoping we should be able to resume our monthly meetings on 2 September when social distancing might just be in the dim and distant past.

After wonderful displays of spring flowers benefitting from all the early sunshine, we ended up with a drought. This was followed by a storm with massive hailstones battering all the great displays of roses. The only positive outcome was that the lawns are now green again!

Take care and enjoy your gardens.

Jan Stewart

KEEP OUR VILLAGE DANCING

Come and try our
Salsa and Latin Classes for Beginners
on ZOOM

Tuesdays, 6.30pm

Thursdays, 6.30pm

Fridays, 6.30pm

(new Beginners class starting in July, Tuesday mornings at 9.30am)

To explain the content of the classes and how Zoom works for you:

- They consist of instruction in Latin American, Salsa and Argentinian Tango. We are keeping the routine fairly confined as we are aware that some of you may struggle for space in your homes.
- Instruction will be mostly for solo dancers but we will combine the steps with a partner.
- The session lasts approx. 40 minutes. The waiting room will open 10 minutes before the lesson.
- Zoom gives us the option to turn off your video and sound so, during the class, you can see and hear me but I can't see or hear you.

Please let us know if you would like to join us. You are very welcome .

Margaret and Colin Greenwood

07976958738

www.margaretgreenwood.co.uk



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

Registered Charity Number 1063291

News from Field Barn

Hi everyone. Last month we promised to tell you a little more about The Sanctuary and our plans for a poetry walk in the Top Wood.

The Sanctuary – A bit of history

The Sanctuary was originally land worked by a long term village resident, Reg Taylor. He is still resident but now in a peaceful corner of the churchyard.

When Reg passed away his parcel of land, the south part of Booby's Close became available for sale. Lin Warren described this as "an enchanting little plot, enclosed by trees, off Quarry Lane. Right from the start it stimulated the idea of a sanctuary – a small quiet area set aside for wildlife and people, with a spiritual dimension."

Whilst visiting Reids Reclamation for flagstones they spotted the wonderful curved top gate. The frame was made from railway sleepers and Lin carved the quotation from Revelations around the door "The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations"

"..there was a massive amount of rubbish to deal with and plenty of work for the volunteer team. The collapsing sheds and propped-up lean-to held an odd but interesting assortment of junk and market gardening tools, including an old embroidered "I Will Trust and Not Be Afraid" which we restored and hung in the kitchen of Field Barn."

Over the next few years the Sanctuary was developed, with help from various grants and lots of volunteer hours. The old pond restored and a new central one installed, both attracting different wildlife. A bird hide was installed and native planting of a variety of trees including Dutch-elm resistant trees (see Brian's update on that below.) There are two memorial benches, one for Reg and the other in memory of Eric and Sylvia Grimmett, stalwart supporters of the Trust who had volunteered from the start. In 2007 a number of plaques bearing inspiring quotations about nature and wildlife were installed. Thanks to a grant via the Parish Council they are due for refurbishment this summer.

We are lucky to have Peter Howe looking after the Sanctuary. If you haven't yet visited this beautiful quiet space, do!

Don and Lin Warren have written a fascinating book called Greening the Village, about their time here. This book is full of photos, history and village politics!!! It is £25 for a copy from the Trust. It is a truly inspiring read about two people so passionate about the environment and a testament to their hard work and that of the band of volunteers, many of whom still live in the village. So thank you to all of you for your hard work and for continuing to support the Trust.

New Projects – The Poetry Walk

Last year the Parish Council mentioned a Grant for Arts and Culture available for the Village. Knowing that the plaques in the Sanctuary needed refurbishment, the idea of developing a poetry walk in the Top Wood at the Trust was born. This was partially inspired by school visitors who felt that this area was ideal for encouraging storytelling and creative writing. Again the Top Wood is a beautifully calm enclosed area, where villagers can enjoy a stroll and a moment of reflection. The plan is to use poetry from local poets and we already have permission to use work from Mike Edwards' (RIP) family, Mary Collins, Don Barber and Julie Fulton. All these will be familiar names and how lucky we are to have such local talent.

If you have graphic design/marketing experience I would particularly like some help with promoting our Education Programmes. You can contact me, Gina Carr, on 778051.

Note from Brian on the elm trees in the Sanctuary

The elm trees planted were of several clones of elms. All part of an Elm Conservation scheme from the late 1970's. It is amazing the difference in growth since planting in 2003. Some are 8in thick and 30ft high, others quite puny by comparison. Three are totally dead and another three showing problems, but I am optimistic that we may have resistant clones in Cleeve Prior. This has potential importance for our National Tree Stocks.

Meanwhile the Trustees and Volunteers are working hard to maintain the beautiful landscape and orchards. There is a low flying buzzard that appears in the orchards. The plums will be better for this rain. The dry weather caused some of the excess fruitlets to drop, so thinning the crop. There should be plenty to pick in August and may be early season for Victoria Plums. We are hoping to have a plum pick in August. More news in the August magazine.

Volunteers are always needed for a variety of tasks, so get in touch if you are interested and have a few hours to spare. Safe working practice, with social distancing, is being actively managed.

Brian Taylor, Chairman CPHT, 01789 773075

News from the Kings Arms

We hope to be open Saturday 4 July at 12 noon as long as we are given the go ahead by the government.

Social distancing will be in place and there will be some changes - fewer indoor tables and table service only for food and drink. Please bear with us.

Please follow new signs as we are operating a one way system in and out. We have hand sanitiser stations.

If you would like to book a table for food please call 01789 601706.

We have spent lockdown renovating the flat above the pub and are now residents of Cleeve Prior village.

See you all very soon,
Henry, Donna and the children (Aminata, Sullivan and C.J)



Footcare Plus Mobile

Racquel Gough, Registered Foot Health Practitioner,
DipCFHP, MPS Pract. Mobile: 07434 764221; home: 01386 443189

- *Corns
- *Thickened nails
- *Cracked heels
- *Ingrowing nails
- *Fungal infections
- *Athletes Foot
- *Callus
- *Toenail cutting



Amanda Copperthwaite Select Mortgages

For all your Mortgage and Protection Requirements

Remortgages / Home Movers / Additional Borrowing / First Time Buyers /
Help to Buy / Buy to Lets

There are so many mortgage products available and finding the right one is not easy. Let me do the hard work for you, from the beginning through to completion, liaising with lenders and solicitors on your behalf.

For personal, professional, no obligation mortgage advice from a qualified and experienced “whole of market” mortgage consultant, please call or text me 07785 270217 or email amanda@select-mortgages.com. I do not charge fees for my services.

Select Mortgages UK Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial
Conduct Authority FCA 571378

Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up with repayments on
your mortgage.

Food Fayre

Established 1973, Catering for all occasions

Canapés, Casseroles and Desserts
Cocktail, Lunch and Dinner parties
Freezer food for individuals and families
Buffets, breakfasts, suppers, hampers and cakes

For hire:

China, cutlery, linen and champagne glasses and all you need in your kitchen and for a party

Meals, prices and menus to suit individual requirements can be delivered or cooked and served at your home or venue.

Cairi Dyson, Email: cairid@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 01789 491417, 07803 720184

The Hair Lounge

9 Years salon experience

Home salon based in Evesham and mobile service in Evesham, Bidford on Avon and surrounding villages.

Cuts, colours, perms, blow-dry, sets and hair updos
Wedding & Prom packages available including makeup*

CND Shellac nails

Eyebrow shaping, tinting and Eyelash tinting

Contact 07393 407515



RWH Accountancy Limited

Personal Tax Returns From £95

Sole Trade Accounts From £295

Company Accounts From £495

Other Services: VAT Returns, Bookkeeping, Payroll

Contact Richard: 01386 291007 – richard@rwhaccountancy.co.uk

WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS

OUTSTANDING TAILOR-MADE HOLIDAYS &

EXPERT LED TOURS WORLDWIDE

Safaris : Luxury Holidays : Northern Lights : Winter Activities

Expedition Cruises : Family Adventures

AFRICA : INDIA : LATIN AMERICA : AUSTRALIA :

NEW ZEALAND : CANADA : EUROPE.

CALL US AT OUR BROCKWEIR OFFICE, 01625 838225,
WILDLIFEWILDERNESS.COM. Dr Steve Banner (FRGS)



The Mutt Hut - Cleeve Prior

Professional Dog Grooming

Fully insured, one-to-one treatment, all breeds

and sizes catered for.

25% off first appointment.

Contact Jess, 07964 172 286, The-mutt-hut@outlook.com

The Complete Property Improvement Package



RP JOINERY

Carpentry & Painting service
Bespoke Furniture & Joinery Manufacturing
Fitted Bedroom & Kitchen Installations
Garden & Property Maintenance

Tel: 01905 670637

Visit our **NEW Website**: www.rpjoineryshop.com;

E Mail: rp-joinery@hotmail.com



eezyPC

. . . *is fixing IT*

Computer and Laptop repairs
Microsoft Certified Professional

Wireless * Broadband * Hardware * Software
On-Site * Home Visits * 01386 576132

Creative Hair & Beauty

Blackminster Business Park, Evesham WR11 7RE

Tel: 01386 833397

Email: bookings@creativehairblackminster.co.uk



creativehairblackminster



@ creativehair_1



@ creativehair2



BOOK ONLINE NOW

Consult our website for full information on our hairdressing and beauty treatments: www.creativehairblackminster.co.uk

Window Cleaner

Gutter cleaning, patio jet spraying. Local service.

Jarrad Gavin

42 The Close, Cleeve Prior

01789 490672; mob 07342 965960

MG Roofing Repairs

No job too small.

Slates, tiles, ridge tiles, leadwork, Guttering, Firestone Flat Roof Systems, Chimneys, repointing.

Storm Damage and Insurance work welcome

Stratford upon Avon and surrounding areas

01789 490672, 07799 870848

mgroofingservices@btinternet.com

42 The Close, Cleeve Prior



Cleeve Prior Garage



John Stanley, Hoden Lane, Cleeve Prior, WR11 8LH

Tel: 01789 773795; Mobile: 07977 333719

We offer a full range of garage services at competitive prices:

Brakes, Clutches, Diagnostics, Exhausts, Timing Belts, Tyres, MOT Preparation, MOT Repairs, Servicing, Suspension, Collect & Return Service,

Federation of Small Business - 35 years' experience!

web www.cleevepriorgarage.co.uk

email jcsmotors@yahoo.co.uk

Adika Building & Landscapes
New to the village 12 years' experience
Local references supplied

Brickwork Fencing
Carpentry Driveways
Patios Landscaping
General building work Property maintenance

Contact Adam: 07852 428994
Email: Adikabuildingandlandscapes@outlook.com

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church

Quinney's Lane, Bidford on Avon B50 4JL
Parish Priest: Canon Garry Byrne
Telephone: 01789 773291 Website: sjtw-bidford.org.uk

Copy for inclusion in the **August** edition

By Saturday 23 July please

Please submit copy by email to the following
email address: clevepriornewsletter@gmail.com
or contact the Editor, Susan Mortimer (773453)

Advertising: Please contact the Editor for information.
The Editor would be pleased to receive any photos of local interest for possible inclusion in future Newsletters. Please email them to the above address.

This Newsletter is published by St. Andrew's PCC