

# CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MAY 2024

## The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

Dear Friends,

This Newsletter gets delivered to you in May, but is printed a couple of weeks before, which means that all contributions have to be written before that. So, I am writing this just after Easter. We returned from a holiday in Spain a couple of days ago so my head is still full of the amazing places we saw, the delicious food we ate, and the sights and sounds of the language and signs that we saw and heard as we travelled on the trains, in restaurants, and the different conversations that we had throughout the week. Despite some weeks of regular practice on Duolingo beforehand, my Spanish could not exactly be described as fluent – but I really enjoyed reading menus and street signs and anything else that I saw on the way. One of the things I noticed was the instruction “esperar”, which anyone who has learned a Romance language will know means both “wait” AND “hope”.

In English we use completely different words for these two things but of course we can see that “waiting” and “hoping” are related, once we stop to think about it, because why would we bother waiting for something if we didn’t have hope that it was actually going to happen? We have been waiting and hoping for Spring, waiting and hoping for warmer, drier weather and longer, lighter days all through the winter. All through the forty days of Lent, and especially in the three days from Good Friday until the Sunday morning, the Church waited for Easter, and the good news of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. And we waited, not in despair but in hope and expectation.

What are the things that you hope for? Is there some change, some shift in your own circumstances, or in someone else’s life that you are waiting for, that you hope will happen? Waiting and hoping is all that gets us through bad patches, so often. Jesus talked to his friends about the importance of waiting in hope and expectation for God to act: “Look for the Kingdom of God which is closer than your own hand”, but the Bible also makes it clear that it is also up to us to take action in hope that God is here and is involved with our lives. We have to jump in and help be the change that we want to see (that is one way of loving our neighbour as we love ourselves) to make the world a kinder, better place. But we don’t do that work by ourselves, instead we can reach out and help each other in the knowledge and in the hope that God IS here, and is present among us and continues to call us into a knowledge of God’s love for each of us, day after day, week after week, throughout all the seasons of our years.

God bless you,

*Rev. Jo Fielding*  
[Revjo.eastvale@gmail.com](mailto:Revjo.eastvale@gmail.com) Tel 07561823135

## **Services at St Andrew's Church May 2024**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May 11 am Holy Eucharist Revd Joanna Fielding

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May 11 am Morning Praise Rod Carless. Followed by the  
St Andrews APCM at 12.00 noon

19<sup>th</sup> May 11 am Pentecost Benefice Service at Badsey

26<sup>th</sup> May 11am Matins Rod Carless

2<sup>nd</sup> June 11 am Holy Eucharist Revd Mary Godin

Priest in Charge Revd Joanna Fielding [revjo.eastvale@gmail.com](mailto:revjo.eastvale@gmail.com)

Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes017897725

Safeguarding in our Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer Tel.01386 40401

Safeguarding Advocate –

For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact Faith Quin

[eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com](mailto:eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com)

Please make a note in your diary

St Andrew's PCC Presents

**A Strawberry Supper**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at the Memorial Hall

A Supper with Strawberries and Cream

Musical entertainment by

**“The Moseley Boys”**

Bar

Tickets available early June

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### May 2024

The Council meet on the second Monday of every month at 7.30pm, and we allocate time on the agenda for your views, questions, and issues to be raised. You can see full details on our website [cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](http://cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk).

Cllr Peter Wilson: Chairman

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Cllr Mary Smith: Vice Chair [marysmith@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:marysmith@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)

Cllr Ian Robinson: [ianrobinson@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:ianrobinson@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)

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Cllr Sandra Vincent: [sandravincent@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:sandravincent@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)

Cllr Nicky Marshall: [nickymarshall@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:nickymarshall@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)

As well as the Parish meetings and day-to-day business we have a lot going on in the village, both within the Parish Council such as the upcoming Community Speedwatch, and other community projects. The planning applications for the proposed developments are creating a lot of discussion so do remember to give your voice on the Wychavon planning site. It's great to see the pub open whilst all the work goes on behind the scenes to secure funding. Please do think about how you can spring into action to support our local amenities and events. Engagement with our school, the pub, the church, our Heritage Trust and the various community groups and events is crucial to our village's success. We are also lucky to have our PC Alex Prentice available and working hard on our behalf, look out for the community event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12am.

To keep up to date see [cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](http://cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk), our village website [cleevepriorvillage.co.uk](http://cleevepriorvillage.co.uk) and our village Facebook page [facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage](https://facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage).

Please contact me on the details below with any comments, ideas, or concerns you'd like the Parish Council to address.

*Stacey Smith*

Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council  
[clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **Important Clarification regarding Planning Applications**

Following comments from a number of villagers, there appears to be some confusion regarding the two proposed planning applications on Evesham Road.

Some villagers have confused the recent application for 66 houses on Evesham Road, thinking it is a reduced number of dwellings relating to the travellers site on Evesham Road (known as Wayside Caravan Site). THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

There are two live planning applications on Evesham Road.

1. W/22/02682/OUT. This is the planning application for Wayside Caravan Site for up to 100 dwellings on the current brown-field site used as a travellers site.

2. W/24/00632/FUL. This is a planning application on Evesham Road opposite Mill Lane for 66 dwellings on a current green-field site.

We trust this clarifies any confusion regarding these two separate planning applications.

CPPC

# **Cleeve Prior Annual Parish Meeting**

**All Residents Welcome**

**This meeting is your opportunity to speak about your village!**

**Monday 13th May 2024, 7.00pm**

**Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall**

This meeting is hosted by the Parish Council for the residents of Cleeve Prior to air their views on affairs of the village.

The Parish Council Chairman will host the meeting.

There will be reports from various community groups that work for your benefit and the benefit of the village.

These may include:

Chairman's Report

The Heritage Trust

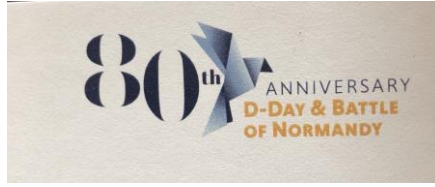
Memorial Village Hall

Safer Neighbourhood Team

There will be an open forum for you to discuss issues that are important to you or to ask questions from others giving reports.

Email : [clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)

Mobile : 07519 473312



Tickets are now available for Cleeve Prior's  
D-Day Evening Event

Saturday 8th June 2024, 7pm until late  
Tickets - £20

To include Ploughman's Supper, Music,  
and a toast to remember those who fought.

For tickets contact:  
[sandravincent@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:sandravincent@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)  
[marysmith@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:marysmith@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)

Proceeds will be going towards a permanent war  
memorial in the village

#### **The Newsletter**

An electronic version of the Newsletter can be found on the village website, [cleevepriorvillage.co.uk](http://cleevepriorvillage.co.uk), and [cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](http://cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk) - Cleeve Prior Village Newsletters.

This is a useful link for former residents who have moved away – so please pass on this information to old village friends if you think they will be interested.

Thank you. Ed.



## SAVE THE KINGS ARMS

Dear Friends of the Kings Arms,

I am delighted to report that we are beginning to make progress. After the disappointment of narrowly failing to be awarded the £300,000 grant in Round 3 of the Community Ownership Fund process, Round 4 was opened immediately. Time is now very short for the Government to meet their target of providing £150million to organisations trying to protect essential assets by taking these into community ownership, (only £71million has been allocated in the first 3 Rounds). This 4th Round of funding was only open for 2 weeks! We were able to rewrite and improve our application and submit before the deadline of 10th April. With ongoing strong support from our MP, Nigel Huddleston we are cautiously optimistic this time around.

In the meantime, we were delighted to learn that we have been successful in receiving a grant from the Architectural Fund for £6,000 which will pay for the independent accreditation of our Community Share Offer prospectus, the detailed Building Condition Surveys and reports we will need to undertake and most of our marketing costs for the launch of the Share Offer below. Our other excellent news is that our Community Share Offer, with its supporting business plan, has now been assessed by an independent accreditor provided by the Plunkett Foundation and has been awarded the Co-operatives UK Standard Quality Mark. This means that you can read this document with confidence. The Community Shares Standard Mark is awarded by the Community Shares Unit to Share Offers that meet national standards of good practice. These standards ensure that:

- the offer document and application form are easy to understand;
- you are provided with all the facts you need to make an informed decision;
- the facts are supported by the annual accounts and/or business plan for the society.

You can find full versions of the Share Offer and Business Plan on our website [www.cleevepriorcommunitypub.co.uk](http://www.cleevepriorcommunitypub.co.uk).



**The Share Offer will open online on 27th April and will close on 30th June 2024. Our optimum target is at least £200,000 towards the total needed to buy, refurbish and open the Kings Arms under our ownership.**

You are invited to the **SAVE THE KINGS ARMS Community Share Offer Launch Presentation** on **Saturday 11th May at 2.00pm** in the Memorial Hall. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. A short presentation followed by a Q & A session will provide information on our progress to-date, our next steps and how to buy shares.

We are printing launch leaflets and flyers to publicise this important launch. **We will need volunteers** to distribute these pamphlets within Cleeve Prior and surrounding towns and villages. If you can help please contact us at [info@cleevepriorcommunitypub.co.uk](mailto:info@cleevepriorcommunitypub.co.uk) or call/WhatsApp me on 07760257325.

Our target for the Share Offer is **£200,000**. We received initial non-binding pledges to the value of £120,000 from only 95 respondents after our Open Day on 10th February so, while there is a gap to be made up, we are confident that this target is achievable. The communities of Norton Lindsey, Loxley, Elmley Castle and Little Malvern raised sums ranging from £232,000 to £400,000 in their campaigns to save their beloved local pubs so there is no reason why we should not be successful. Remember, if we do not buy the pub your investment will be returned to you.

And, while this is not the main reason why anyone should invest in this project to save the Kings Arms as a thriving hub of the village, loss of a village pub has been estimated by Charlie Comber, Partner of Hayman Joyce, Broadway to potentially affect property values by as much as 10%.

Regards and thanks for your ongoing support!

*Brian Williams*  
Chair Cleeve Prior Community Pub Limited



## **An update from your local policing team...**

**Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers for the 'Rural North' area?** Your local Neighbourhood Officer is PC Alex Prentice. The Rural North patch includes: Offenham, Bretforton, Cleeve Prior, Pebworth including Meon Way Gardens, Honeybourne, North, Middle and South Littleton.

The Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team are actively now more than ever involved with our Evesham SNT Facebook page. Please follow Evesham SNT to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/ engagement sessions are.

### **Engagements**

As you may know, we do weekly engagement sessions in each of the villages across the Evesham Rural North patch. We are always open to listening to the public if they believe the engagements with the public should be done differently. Please, if have any ideas on how we can better engage with the public, please let me know by emailing the above email address.

### **Parish Council**

Parish Councils for each of the parishes are emailed monthly reports and an officer will attend a PC meeting if there is a requirement too. Again, this is another way we are trying to engage with the community so please make your Parish Council aware if you have any concerns as it can be passed onto the local officer.

**All of our engagements are sent through Neighbourhood Matters so please sign up to this free service.**

Take a look at the website for further information:

<https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

Kind regards

**PC Alex Prentice 21115**

**Safer Neighbourhood Officer | Evesham Rural North | West Mercia Police**

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# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers,

We've been back in school for a couple of weeks now and all are settled and have hit the ground running! A few months ago, we asked the village to provide us with some plants and flowers to spruce up the front of our school grounds. I am so grateful to those villagers who provided fruit plants and lavender which are now planted in our KS1 garden. I would like to offer a special thanks to Mill Lane Nurseries and Vicky, in particular, for delivering us a huge selection of bedding plants and perennials which will have such an impact. It is so nice to know our community are so supportive of our village school.

In school, our Key Stage 2 pupils are now going to Forest School every Thursday afternoon with Elly (our Forest School leader). So far they have created some fantastic artwork and had the opportunity to revisit the Forest School site after a considerable time away.

Our Play & Stay Sessions will be returning very shortly. These sessions will be on Tuesday mornings. Everyone will be welcome, from small babies up to preschool age. There will be no need to book in advance and there will be no charge so please encourage any young families you know to come along and meet other parents and carers with small children. I will post on the village Facebook page when details are confirmed.

Oak Class are shortly off to Fladbury to take part in our annual Bellboating day. Mrs Millard and Mrs Grace from our KS2 team will be taking the 13 children for a day of fun on the water. Hopefully, the sun will shine for them!

Shortly, we will be taking part in KS2 SATs, our Multiplication Check and Phonics Checks with our Y6, Y4 and Y1 children. We know they will take on these challenges confidently and are excited to see the results of their hard work.

We are beginning to prepare items for the commemorations for D-day in June. We have liaised with Mary Smith to provide decorations for the village phone box which we look forward to sharing with the community very soon.

Best wishes, Mrs Laughlin



**CLEEVE PRIOR  
WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**  
email: [cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com)

## **200 Club**

Subscriptions are due in April, and the collectors have been calling at every house in the village during the month.

For the information of those new to the village, the Cleeve Prior 200 Club is a lottery licensed by Wychavon District Council and provides a valuable source of income to Hall funds. The annual subscription is only £10 and there is a monthly draw for a prize of £50, plus an additional quarterly prize of £100. Results are published each month in the Newsletter.

If you have missed our collectors but would like to join the scheme or renew your subscription, please contact us via the email address above, or by ringing the Treasurer on 773106.

## **Village Mailing List**

The Management Committee maintains an email list of residents which is often used to circulate information, notices, local news, etc. If you are not already on the list, but would like to join it, please email the Hall address above and ask for your details to be added.

Thank you.

## **Quiz Night**

The next Quiz Night will be on Sunday 26 May at 7 pm in the Hall.  
Book your table at [cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com)

Hall Management Committee



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

News from one of our Volunteers – Noel,  
and from Gina, Chair CPHT

[cleevepriorheritagetrust@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriorheritagetrust@gmail.com)

Plans for the Heart of England Forest (HOEF) Heritage Day, based at Field Barn were scuppered by road works and has been re scheduled for **Friday 31 May**. This will be widely advertised and we hope that you will come along with your family and enjoy getting a little bit closer to nature. It will be warmer and there will be plenty to keep everyone entertained.

HOEF will also be organising a BIOBLITZ day on the Thursday 30 May, with a team surveying everything on site, flora, fauna, trees, wild plants, amphibians and giving us the detailed results. We know that we have rare crested newts and equally rare Noble Chaffer Beetle, so it will be interesting to see what else they find. This data will help us to develop information boards to help all our visitors understand the special environment we have. It is this type of exciting project that our fundraising helps to make possible.

Thank you to those who donated snowdrops, several of our volunteers gave up a Saturday morning, with help from a couple of residents, so thank you to them for going above and beyond. Thank you also to Glyn Morris's family and friends whose donations, in his memory, will enable us to purchase a new bench for Sanctuary Wood and hopefully a couple of trees as well. Glyn much enjoyed the Sunshine and walking Trust paths. In the future we will be able to enjoy one of his favourite views whilst taking in the sunshine. It is a lovely way to remember a loved one.

If you would like to know more about our work have a look at our website.  
[www.cleevepriorheritagetrust.co.uk](http://www.cleevepriorheritagetrust.co.uk)

Our wonderful facilities are available to hire for family events, club events at sensible prices. To book Field Barn please contact:-  
[garnettclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:garnettclarke@btinternet.com)

New Volunteers are always welcome. We meet on Tuesdays 9.30 – 1pm.

**CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, EDUCATION**



On a very wet and dismal day, ten intrepid members of Cleeve Prior NWR made their way to Warwick for a visit to Hill Close Trust Gardens. We were given a fascinating insight into the origins and development of these historic “Detached Gardens”. Such gardens were popular amongst the trades people of places like Warwick where the owners of business usually lived above their premises and had little or no access to gardens or green spaces. They bought plots of land just on the outskirts of the town where they created gardens and cultivated flowers, fruit and vegetables.

The Trust has extensive records of who owned the various plots and this provides an insight to the trades and shops operating in Warwick in the late 1800’s. The gardens gradually fell into dereliction as the owners died, moved away and the Council bought up all the plots they could with a view to redevelopment. They were eventually lost under a mass of brambles and undergrowth.

They were under the threat of the bulldozers when a local group decided to try to save them. They “unearthed” one of the brick “Summer Houses” and had it declared a listed building so the site was saved from destruction and now an army of volunteers together with some professional gardeners have stripped back the years of neglect and returned the various plots to their original splendour.

One of the outstanding features of the site are the “summer houses” – brick buildings which served as a base for the families when they spent their days tending the plots. Some have fireplaces and looked very snug. There are also some pig styes – a remnant of the times when a pork butcher owned that plot.

As part of our guided tour, we were provided with tea and very excellent cakes, which were very welcome after our rainy tour round the gardens. Hill Trust Gardens are a hidden gem and definitely worth a visit. All of us are planning a return visit, hopefully without the rain!

*Evelyn Wilson*

## **Cleeve Prior Ramblers**

20 April 2024 – a Bluebell Walk

Following the very wet spring weather, we were fortunate that the day of the ramble was gloriously sunny. Our group of 16 ramblers (and three dogs) set off from the banks of the River Arrow on the outskirts of Oversley Green. and as we walked through this attractive village we admired the pretty thatched cottages and colourful spring gardens. We climbed up Primose Lane and, after crossing the A46 via the footbridge, we took the footpath into Oversley Wood.

We followed the fire road around the wood, pausing frequently to admire the swathes of bluebells and other spring flowers, which were looking glorious in the spring sunshine. Our coffee stop was a little earlier than planned, but we took advantage of a bench in the sunshine.

After completing our circular route through the woods, we retraced our steps to Oversley Green. Our walk then continued through the Centenary Field in Alcester and up the picturesque Malt Mill Lane. Here we signed the visitors book in the small visitors' centre. As we continued to our final destination, The Turks Head in Alcester for an enjoyable lunch, some of our group took an unplanned detour into the model railway shop, where some items were purchased!

The next Ramble will be on Saturday 18 May and details will be circulated nearer the time.

*Julia Davenport*

## **Cleeve Prior Golf Society**

Broadway Golf Club ,19 April 2024

The Golf Society held its first event of the year at the Broadway Club on Friday 19 April.

With the weather having been so changeable recently, some trepidation was felt by the 16 players as they enjoyed coffee and bacon rolls before the start. The views from the Broadway Clubhouse westwards across the Vale of Evesham are spectacular and do enable one to see approaching weather fronts. No comfort there!

Four teams teed off playing a 'team format' game which allows all players to participate in the result for each hole. There were challenges for 'nearest the pin' and 'longest drive' during the round. Apart from a couple of modest showers we were blessed with sunny spells and a refreshing breeze. The course is in splendid condition which always enhances the experience. A most enjoyable day was had by all, including one or two players who had not lifted their clubs for many months but soon recovered their rhythm.

Back in the Clubhouse prizes were awarded to John Vernon for his superb 'nearest the pin' shot, to Ron Harris for his mighty 'longest drive' on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole. The Team prize went to the team led by our Captain, Gordon Davidson and included Alan Gittings, Brian Witheford and Chris Franklin.

An excellent day out which hopefully augurs well for our next event on 17 May at Puckrup Golf Club.

*Peter Wilson* (email: [wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com](mailto:wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com))

## **Did you know?**

Did you know that, after the evacuation of Dunkirk in June 1940, Cleeve Prior paid host to a unit of six RAF meteorologists and their driver attached the Royal Artillery? Their function was to provide secret weather information for the location of German guns and for the optimum efficiency of our own artillery.

There is an article in the Chronickers (found on the village website) where they describe how they were lifted off the mole at Dunkirk, and from Margate were transported to the railway halt at Cleeve Prior. This is described as "a wooden platform about 100yds long with a building of wood in the middle, (presumably the booking office). In the usual railway lettering was the village name Cleeve Prior Halt on top of the wooden building"

Having then been put up in the village hall, eaten and slept for 11 to 12 hours, they started to explore the village and soon discovered the Kings Arms. They recount: "At the entrance there was a double gate where they saw a pretty, well-maintained garden. As we stood by the gate a youngish woman approached, and having discovered who and what we were she invited us into the garden, seating us in a pleasant summer house while she



went in search of her father, the licensee. In a short time, this gentleman appeared with an enormous enamel jug of beer and four pint pots. Having served in France in WW1 he wanted to learn all about our activities, and a pleasant couple of hours were spent with more beer until opening time at 6.00pm. We let the licensee know that what little money we had would almost certainly be French. He seated us in a corner of the bar where the entrance is today. At about 8.30 he told us that his wife had prepared a special meal for us, roast duck, peas, new potatoes, with stewed gooseberries to follow.

The army in its wisdom had declared a curfew in to billets at 9.30 pm and we were somewhat late. The next day we were all charged with being absent. This was ridiculous as the Army had no jurisdiction over RAF personnel. However, after a lot of argument and discussion, each one of us was addressed by the Colonel. I was first. After listening to my explanation, particularly the wonderful meal, he dismissed the charge and said, we had done better than he had”.

The lads were moved to another location soon after. Interesting to note, they saw the sign showing Cleeve Prior at the railway station which I guess was actually Salford Prior station – I wonder if there ever was a sign showing the village?

*Douglas Carr*

Colin Bomford invites you and your friends to his  
**21<sup>st</sup> Spring Art Exhibition at Cock Harbour Gallery**

This year's collection of many 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century artists includes Marcel Dyf, Jacqueline Williams, Neil Cox and the unique talent of the Broadway Arts Festival prize winner, Anneka Reay.

Enjoy a glass of fizz as you stroll through the Gallery.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2pm – 6pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup>: 11am – 6pm

Cock Harbour Gallery, South Littleton, WR11 8TS

Tel: 01386 640004, 07890 094325

[www.cockharbourgallery.co.uk](http://www.cockharbourgallery.co.uk)

**Pershore Choral Spring Concert  
An Evening with Beethoven**

Saturday 11 May 2024, 7.30 pm, Pershore Abbey

Mass in C

Choral Fantasia

Hallelujah Chorus (from The Mount of Olives)

Tickets, £15, from Susan Mortimer, 773453

## **Update From The Kings Arms**

Fish & Chips takeaway available every Friday and Saturday 12-2:30pm / 6-9pm

Roast dinners served 12-3pm every Sunday.

Live Jazz on the last Sunday of every month from 3pm-6pm. First gig 28th April and food served until 5pm.

A reminder of our opening hours:

Monday 12-3pm / 6-9pm

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 12-3pm / 6-9pm [\[if we have customers we will stay open later\]](#)

Friday 12-3pm / 6-11pm

Saturday 12-10pm

Sunday 12-4pm

Please note food service will be

12-2.30pm / 6-9pm daily

Apart from Sunday, 12-3pm

Hope to see you all again soon.

Dave and the team at the Kings Arms

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### **Thank you**

I just want to say what a wonderful day we all had as I ran the London Marathon on 21 April to raise funds for the mental health charity, Mind.

Thank you all so much for your generous donations and lovely comments of support which are so much appreciated. I have raised almost £500 this year towards this fantastic cause.

*Amanda*

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## VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
2 May	Local Elections	7 am-10pm	Hall
11 May	Save the Kings Arms		
	Share offer presentation	2 pm	Hall
13 May	Annual Parish Meeting	7 pm	Hall
	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
26 May	Quiz Night	7 pm	Hall
30 May	HOEF Bioblitz Day		CPHT
31 May	Orchard Heritage Day	11am- 2pm	CPHT
8 June	D Day Anniversary		
29 June	A Strawberry Supper	TBC	Hall

**Cleeve Prior Art Club** meets in the Hall at 10 am on Thursdays.

Contact Louise Conneeley on 01789 772749 and see

[www.theartclubcleeveprior.weebly.com](http://www.theartclubcleeveprior.weebly.com)

**Pilates** classes are held on Friday mornings in the Hall at 9.30 and 10.30 am.

**The CP Bowls Club** meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, Contact Les Bratt on 01789 773651.

**Yoga with Carly** in the Hall, Wednesdays, 6.30 to 7.30 pm

### Useful contact details:

To book the **Memorial Hall**: [cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com)

To join the **village email list**: [cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com)

To book **Field Barn**: [garnettclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:garnettclarke@btinternet.com)

Village website: [cleevepriorvillage.co.uk](http://cleevepriorvillage.co.uk)

## EVESHAM RURAL NORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Up-coming Cleeve Prior Drop-in Sessions with your Local Police Officers at the Village Hall will be posted in the Hall window

PC Alex Prentice 21115

## The Church Rotas for May

### Sidesmen

5 May	Mrs L Hughes
12 May	Mrs J Taylor
19 May	No Service at St Andrew's
26 May	Mrs L Hawkins
2 June	Mr A Taylor

### Church Flowers

5 May	Mrs G Carr
12 May	Mrs R Perle
19 May	Mrs L Hughes
26 May	Mrs J Taylor
2 June	Mrs J Selby

### Church Cleaning

Mrs S Richards
Mrs M Copperthwaite
Mrs M Sylvester
Mrs L G,Clarke
Mrs J Franey

**Memorial Hall 200 Club**  
**The April and May Draws**  
will be announced in the June edition

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