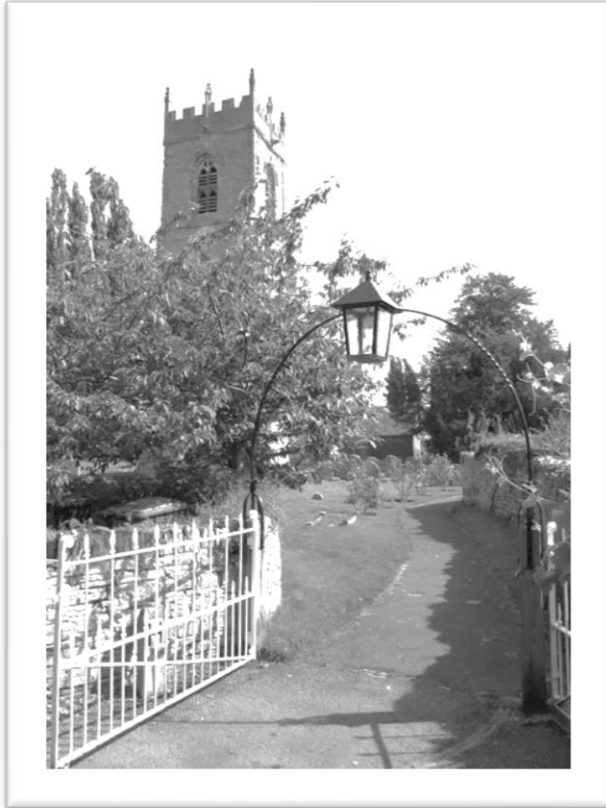


CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



JULY 2024

Services at St Andrew's Church

July 2024

7 July 11 am Holy Eucharist, Revd Susan Renshaw
14 July 11 am Holy Eucharist, Revd Jo Fielding, South Littleton
21 July 11 am Holy Eucharist, Revd Jo Fielding
28 July 11 am Holy Eucharist, Revd Jo Fielding, Bretforton

Priest in Charge Revd Joanna Fielding revjo.eastvale@gmail.com
Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789 7725
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

Working party for the Churchyard

Help required in the churchyard please: there is much that needs doing, tidying up generally, mowing or strimming around the rose beds, cutting back elder and nettles under the yew tree etc, etc. Any help would be much appreciated. Please contact me if you would like to help. Thankyou, Judy.

jpmwinter@gmail.com 01789 491277, 07899 058629.

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

Dear Friends,

How do you feel about change? Are you a big fan of new tech, ahead of the curve with wireless chargers and a phone with a folding screen – or do you find much-needed security in a world changing far more quickly than is comfortable, by doing things carefully in a time-honoured way, with tried and trusted tools and methods? My son is definitely Team Tech – but I am way behind, trailing reluctantly in his wake. I still listen to CDs sometimes, and I finally made it onto Twitter just in time to see everyone departing for other platforms (where IS everyone?)

But I do try to recognise when change needs to happen, especially when I can see that new ways of doing things can help us do a job better, or will bring a fresh viewpoint. We stopped holding Evensong services here in the Vale quite a while before I arrived (in November last year), as very few people wanted to come to them anymore. But we are holding our first “Forest Church” in a couple of weeks, where we will gather in one of the church yards, hoping -

expecting -to find some much-needed peace among the trees, the flowers and the birdsong. We will take time to feel the grass beneath our feet, the sunshine on our faces, and allow the sights and sounds around us to help us breathe freely, or just to sit, quietly, peacefully, in God's presence, and with each other. (If you would like to come to a session, please get in touch and I can send you details.)

I am also a fan of new (or new-ish!) technology when it can solve a current problem that stops us doing the things that we want to continue doing. So in our Sunday morning services, (yes we still have these in at least 2 of our churches in the Vale, most weeks), or any other services (weddings, funerals, baptisms) we often still want to sing -and while our hymns and songs are drawn from old and new material, we sometimes can't get an organist. While we would love to be able to sing along to "live" music **(and if you play a keyboard, or anything else we could sing with, we would love to hear from you!)** – we are able to use Bluetooth speakers and playlists on phones to enable the music to shake the aisles.

I also really love seeing "old" ideas worked out in new ways, with people bringing their own creativity and ideas to church events and special services throughout the year. We have had some really beautiful poems or other texts read alongside the Bible readings in baptisms, weddings and memorial services. Last week I watched as a bride came walking down the aisle towards me, accompanied not only by her dad – but also her (beautifully-behaved) dog who sat carefully between bride and groom, avoiding the dress and flowers, all the way through to the end.

In our changing world, where so many people struggle to get through a day, what are the things (habits, technology, people) that help make your life just that bit easier or which enable you to rise to a particular challenge? And where are the places – or the people that you can turn to when you need some peace, where you can feel welcomed, listened to, and where in turn your voice can be heard and your gifts can be recognised? I hope that anyone could find a reassuring welcome at any of our services or our midweek events, regardless of whether we are using any technology or none, whether we are inside or outside, formal in the pews or relaxing with a coffee on a bench outside in the sunshine. All are welcome in this place.
God bless you,

Rev. Jo Fielding
Revjo.eastvale@gmail.com, Tel 07561823135

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

July 2024

The Council meet on the second Monday of every month at 7.30 pm, 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.

Cllr Bryan Eden: Chairman bryaneden@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Cllr Mary Smith: Vice Chair marysmith@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Cllr Peter Wilson: peterwilson@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Cllr Ian Robinson: ianrobinson@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Cllr Kevin Mellor: kevinmellor@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Cllr Sandra Vincent: sandravincent@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Cllr Nicky Marshall: nickymarshall@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

A big thank you to everyone for making the D-Day events a success including the volunteers and all who attended the day and evening. A special mention to Cllr. Sandra Vincent for all her efforts as well as Cllr. Mary Smith. Details on the overall totals towards the memorial will be circulated.

Our Parish Councillors and Memorial Hall team are all volunteers giving their time to the village and its events and a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes. I'll be taking off the Clerk's hat I have worn for two years this summer to pursue a PhD but I will still be active in the village, adminning the Facebook page and of course, as Chair of Governors, supporting our small but awesome school. Please do support the school's Summer Fayre on Friday 12 July. The sun WILL shine. The annual cricket match is coming up on Sunday 14 July too. Plenty of opportunities to bring the community together.

To keep up to date see cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk, our village website cleevepriorvillage.co.uk and our village Facebook page 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

**Cleeve Prior Parish Council
is currently seeking a
Parish Lengthsman**

The work averages at approximately 10 hours per month but the level of work is variable throughout the year.

Working on a self-employed basis. Training will be provided.

Please contact the Clerk on
clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk
for further details or any questions relating to the position.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers,

We have arrived in our final half term of the year and it's going to be a busy one with school trips, sports day, our summer fair, a music festival for our Willow Class and saying good bye to our leavers as they move onto their next schooling chapter.

Our key stage 2 children are undertaking various transition days to help them settle into their new schools and they are also very busy rehearsing ready for their summer performances later in July. We are hearing lots of lines being rehearsed and lovely singing coming from their classroom.

Willow Class are also working hard and practising their singing ready to attend an Early Years Music Festival later in the month at Badsey First School. It will be really exciting for them to come together and perform with other local first schools. This year's theme is 'All aboard the animal train'.

To support our learning in History, our KS2 class will be visiting the Almonry Museum in Evesham to have a WW2 workshop. We will be seeing real-life uniforms and clothing and even have the chance to handle weapons from the time. We are very much looking forward to the day out!

We hope many of you saw our D-Day display on our fences as you walked / drove by our school. We marked D-day on the 6th of June with a whole school worship and prayers. We also wrote a poem that you can see on the benches in the village and it was read out at the village commemorations.

We have another Rags2Riches collection in July. If you have any old clothing or fabric, please bring any bags into school where we will happily relieve you of them.

On 12th July, we will be holding our Summer Fayre from 2:30-4:30pm on the school grounds. It would be lovely to see members of our village community there to join us. If you would like to donate any items for our raffle or plants for sale, please speak to our lovely office staff.

Best wishes,

Sarah Laughlin
Head of School



SAVE THE KINGS ARMS

The Community Share Offer has, of 19 June, raised £99,200 from over 80 investors from within the village and wider afield. Therefore, with just over one month left to the extended closure date of 31st July, we are £100,000 short of our optimum target.

- You can help us reach this target as follows:
- If you previously pledged but have not invested please do so asap.
- If you have not pledged but are interested in investing please do so.

- If you have doubts or concerns stopping you from investing, please raise these concerns with me directly. I will answer all such queries as best I can.

We also need to broadcast our campaign to as wide a potential investor audience as possible. Share our Save the Kings Arms campaign to your friends and families on Facebook and other social media platforms.

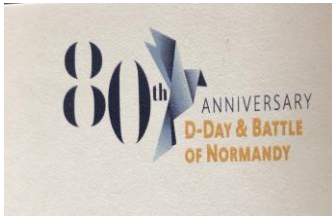
Investments are being held in a separate secure account. After 4 July we will contact our MP (whoever that may be) to understand the situation regarding Government support towards projects such as ours to save assets of community value by transferring them into community ownership. The more support we can demonstrate from the community itself, the stronger our claims will be. So, as the posters say, "YOUR PUB NEEDS YOU!"

Remember, if the project does not result in an offer to purchase the pub all investments will be returned in full.

Finally, can I remind all villagers that the pub is open and Dave has new menus including bar snacks and ciabatta sandwiches with curry specials on Thursday and special steak offers on Mondays.

It is in our interest to keep the pub operational as a going concern before our potential purchase. If the pub closes the fabric of the building will quickly deteriorate and make the transition period far more complex and expensive!

Brian Williams
bwilliamsuk54@gmail.com



Cleeve Prior marked the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings on Saturday 8 June with a number of village events organised by the Parish Council. The events were to commemorate the anniversary and also to raise funds to establish a permanent memorial to all those who fought in all conflicts.

Kicking off the day was a Village Picnic on the School playing field with entertainment by local group 'The Fireflies', who regaled the community with fantastic renditions of popular era tunes. Games and puzzles were available for the children, with the Space Hoppers getting an overwhelming thumbs up! The Bar provided by the Village Hall and supported with delicious Apple Cider from the Heritage Trust went down a storm.

We were joined on the day PC Prentice and PC Stanley who entertained the children and adults with tours of the Police Car and equipment.

The evening event in the Marquee had dancing, food and tributes to commemorate D Day.

A massive thanks to the villagers who helped organise and support on the day, companies who donated service and goods as prizes, and to the school for the use of the playing field. The funds raised totalled £3,800.

I think all who attended will agree it was a great event.

Sandra Vincent



Thank you, children of Cleeve Prior School, for writing this touching poem to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. It was read out at the D-Day evening event put on by the Parish Council on 8 June.

*Across the channel from England they sailed throughout the night,
Landing ships carrying allied troops ready and armed to fight
They landed on the beaches of France, Utah, Juno, Gold & Sword
Brave soldiers, as young as seventeen
Our freedom was their reward.*

*The battle was hard, the day was long
Men battled on and on
Never giving in for our freedom and our future
They gave their all to win*

*Those brave young men who fought that day
with hands and guns
They saved us all from Hitler's plan
Their sacrifice worthwhile*

*So we remember them this bright June day
And thank them with some sorrow
For they bravely gave us their today
To give us our tomorrow.*

We will remember them.

The children have also provided art work which is on display in our village telephone kiosk.

Mary J Smith



Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers for the 'Rural North' area?

Your local Neighbourhood Officer is PC Alex Prentice. She can be contacted by emailing

eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk. 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. We are also aware that as we approach the summer months, there are lots of events going on in the villages, so please if you would like us to attend, please send an email.

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/>

PC Alex Prentice 21115

Safer Neighbourhood Officer | Evesham Rural North | West Mercia Police

Evesham Police Station, Abbey Road, Evesham, WR11 4SS

Direct Dial: 101 or 0300333300

Personal email: alexandra.prentice@westmercia.police.uk

SNT email: eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk



July News from Gina, Trust Chair Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

The rescheduled Bioblitz day welcomed some leading local specialists who spent a happy few hours investigating our Evesham Road site. I am now awaiting a report from the Project Officer, Tom Wood. One plant I found interesting is Broomrape, a parasite of clover. It is a purplish colour (no green because it does not need to photosynthesize). It's also on the Millennium Green so look it up and see if you can spot it. Quaking Grass which is so delicate and pretty and needed some spotting amongst everything else was a delightful find. There are lots of Orchids and I hope that you will take the opportunity to walk through the Orchards for a wander. One unwelcome visitor this year is the Apple Ermine Moth Caterpillar which is damaging the young trees in particular. We are hoping it won't affect the crop.

This year's Cider is now on sale and judging by the amount consumed at the D Day Commemoration is a great success! Volunteers and our last group of ramblers had a tasting session and all agreed that it is jolly good! Please get in touch if you would like a case delivered.

We have the Evesham Festival of Word Poetry in Nature walk at the end of June and a couple of school visits planned, a wedding and a couple of BBQs in July. Don't forget our wonderful facilities are available to hire for family events, club events at sensible prices. To book Field Barn please contact: garnettclarke@btinternet.com

To find out more about our work look at our NEW website. New Volunteers are always welcome we meet on Tuesdays 9.30 – 1pm.
www.cleevepriorheritagetrust.com

Date for the diary – our very popular Plum Pick Event on Sat 24 August. Put the date in your diary now and invite your friends and family. Details next month.

GAS BBQ wanted – Urgent!

If you have a gas BBQ in good condition that is surplus to requirements please consider donating it. Both of ours are on their last legs!

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Cleeve Prior Memorial Cricket Match

Sunday 14 July, 1 pm, School Playing Fields

Every year the village holds a memorial cricket match to remember the 11 village men who lost their lives in the First World War. The match is between Upper and Lower Cleeve Prior.



If you are new to the village or have participated in the past, we would love you to play and make this a memorable and fun day.

Don't worry if you haven't played cricket before, or since you left school, we welcome everyone and, weather permitting, we usually hold a couple of evening practice sessions.

If you would like to play or want more information, please get in touch with me.

Paul Freeman, 07788 437271
1 School Cottages, Main St. CP
Paul@freemanandsons.co.uk



Book and Puzzle swap



Wednesday 3 July and Wednesday 17 July
10 am to 12 noon in the Hall meeting room
Please join us. There will be plenty of
tea, coffee, cake and chat.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Ramblers tackle tricky weather, tall styles, a ford and hills on their June outing.

Just seven brave souls set out from the Neville Arms (on the Ridgeway towards Astwood Bank) with 3 dogs, all geared up for a damp ramble.

These hardy folk were soon rewarded with sunshine and wild flower meadows as they gently descended the west side of the Ridgeway. The recent rain made progress a bit slippery but, as we climbed back up to the Ridgeway through Caldsweil village, all were happy to be on tarmac.

Crossing the main A441 led us to walk down through woodland that gave open views towards Alcester. As we walked towards Coldcomfort woods the threatened rain clouds brought thunder and heavy rain, thankfully only briefly. Revived by our coffee stop, the return route followed Spittlebrook which we crisscrossed, only once requiring use of stepping stones as a ford. The weather had cleared back to sunshine as we enjoyed the quiet, well managed section of the Millennium Way.

Saving the best challenge to last, the walk concluded with a very steep grass bank back up to the Ridgeway. Lovely views over the very peaceful farm land were a reward as breath was gathered to complete the climb. Who mentioned tricky styles? Impressive agility was on show where needed. Dogs were exhausted never mind the ramblers after this 3 hour outing.

We were joined by 5 others for an excellent lunch, in a dog friendly pub, that also offered great value for money. Not altogether a bad way to see part of the local countryside rarely visited.

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Update from The Kings Arms: Food service times (check days below): 12 - 2.30 pm / 6 - 9 pm, Sundays, 12 - 3 pm

Fish & Chips takeaway available every Friday and Saturday (times as above)

Cow Club, Mondays (free glass of wine with beef dish)

Curry Club Thursday nights

Roast dinners served 12 - 3pm every Sunday.

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

A reminder of our **opening hours**:

Monday 12 – 10 pm; Tuesday CLOSED; Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 12 – 10 pm; Friday 12 - 11pm; Saturday 12 - 11pm

Sunday 12 - 4pm

Hope to see you all again soon. Dave and the team at the Kings Arms.

If you are planning to visit the Kings Arms, please ring or email in advance to confirm current hours. 03300 160219, bookings@kingsarmstavern.co.uk
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VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
3 July	Book & Puzzle swap	10 am – 12	Hall
8 July	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
14 July	Memorial Cricket Match	1 pm	School Field
17 July	Book & Puzzle swap	10 am – 12	Hall

Cleeve Prior Art Club will meet in the Hall after the summer break at 10 am on Thursdays, starting on 5 September.

Contact Louise Conneeley on 01789 772749 and see 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
Tel: 07774 950411

Useful contact details:

To book the **Memorial Hall**: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

To join the **village email list**: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

To book **Field Barn**: garnettclarke@btinternet.com

Village website: 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 July

Sidesmen

7 July	Mrs L Hawkins
14 July	No service at Cleeve Prior
21 July	Mr A Taylor
28 July	No service at Cleeve Prior

Church Flowers

7 July	Mrs D Walker
14 July	Mrs A Carless
21 July	Mrs L Lupton
28 July	Mrs N Blakely

Church Cleaning

Mrs M Taylor
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs S Mortimer

Memorial Hall 200 Club

April, £50 John & Sylvia Mills

May, £50 Sandra Vincent

June, £100 Janet Evans **£50** Susan Mortimer

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or contact the Editor, Susan Mortimer (773453)

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