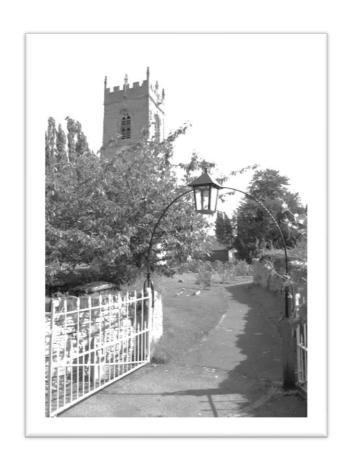
CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2024

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Services at St Andrew's Church October 2024

6 Oct 11.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist Revd Mary Codin 20th 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Jo Fielding

Priest in Charge Revd Joanna Fielding revjo.eastvale@gmail.com Churchwardens Rosemary Roberts 01386 792568 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

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

Dear Friends.

How do you feel about Autumn? For some of us it is a time of celebration, looking back on some holiday time, enjoying days of blue skies and sunshine. Our Ukrainian family staying with us love walking along the footpaths here in the Vale, and we have had several expeditions to Twyford country park, coming home with blackberries to turn into jam or to add to all the apples that grow on the trees in our garden. Yesterday I helped some friends to make bottles of apple juice to see them through the winter; the sun was shining on the boxes of apples making them glow like jewels, crimson, gold and streaks of green against the bright blue boxes on the grass. It was a glorious Autumn day and we had a brilliant time.

But I also know that for many of us, Autumn is a difficult time -beset with worries about the coming winter, with rising costs for food and heating. As the days grow shorter, the air feels colder and the sun disappears behind thick grey cloud for days on end. How will we get through this? How will we manage it all?

One of the (many) things I love about life in our area is the way that all our villages have such strong identities and also that so many of you really value that sense of belonging to a community. By and large, neighbours know each other, keeping an eye on each other and helping when help is needed in some way. You support village events by volunteering or simply turning up to them - and in so many other ways that enable us to feel that we are not alone and don't have to cope by ourselves. There are times when we come together to celebrate - like the vicarage garden party, Offenham Wakes week

with the sports and Maypole dancing, Bretforton Show, the Cleeve cricket match or the Plum pick, and the recent N & M Littletons treasure trail - to name but a few. There are times when we come together to lighten a work load – like the churchyard gardening volunteers who meet each Wednesday morning in Badsey. And there are other times when we come together with family and friends for support when something has happened, to grieve and to remember someone whom we have lost. We do these things together in good times and in bad times, when we are really happy or deep in sadness, remembering that we are not alone.

The Bible tells us exactly the same thing – that God is with us all the time. "Do not be afraid; I am with you always." That promise, those words, are said over and over again in different ways all through from beginning to end – and said to different people in very different circumstances and through the centuries. God is with us always, as the group Siskin Green sings – "whether we are climbing up the mountain or living in the valley, God is with us in the glory and in the grey". God is right there with us when we sit in the sunshine or feel weighed down with sadness and worries - like the kind neighbour knocking at the door offering help and company. All we need to do is to open the door....

God bless you.





Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the first Vicarage Garden Party such a huge success. It was amazing to see so many people of all ages chatting together in the sunshine or sitting in the shade, enjoying the fabulous cakes that were on offer, playing games or trying the croquet

on the front lawn. The Amazing Human Veg Machine was also particularly popular! With the raffle and tombola, together with the proceeds from the ticket sales, we raised well over £1,000 for our two nominated charities, Medical Aid for Palestinians and Caring Hands in the Vale.

Rev. Jo Fielding Tel 07561 823135

Revjo.eastvale@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS October 2024

The Parish Council have welcomed new Clerk, Kerry Williamson. We are all looking forward to working with Kerry. The Parish Council would like to thank Stacey Smith for her work as Parish Clerk over the past few years and we wish her all the best in her new ventures.

Our new Lengthsman, Geoff Powis, has nearly finished his required training and we hope from October he will be fully onboard. You will see him and out about around the village very soon.

Our Community Speed Watch team will start their training in the next few weeks.

Parish Council meetings are now held on the first Monday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm. We allocate time on the agenda for your views, questions, and issues to be raised. Please come along if you have anything to ask or raise. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact the Clerk at clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk. You can find meeting agendas on our website www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk.

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To keep up to date please see www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk, the village website www.cleevepriorvillage.co.uk and the village Facebook page facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage.

Cleeve Prior Parish Council

Mobile phone mast for Cleeve

This is a copy of the comment I've made on the Wychavon District Council Planning Portal in regard to the planning application for a 5G mast to be installed at Froglands Farm - reference number W/24/01605/TC:

"We URGENTLY need a mobile phone mast in Cleeve Prior. Currently the village is ill-served by the existing 3G network - it is sometimes possible to receive a signal when upstairs in various houses in the village or by driving to the river end of Mill Lane.

The last of the existing 3G networks (O2) is due to be ceased in the spring of 2025 which means the village will have no mobile signal whatsoever. Due to technology constraints the 4G network coverage is even worse, so much so that smart meters will not work in Cleeve Prior. Although the existing masts will be upgraded to support 5G, again due to technology constraints the 5G signal will be even worse than the already weak (useless) 3G and 4G network signals.

I am aware of at least two instances where first responders attended incidentsin the village and did not want to talk to the hospital about the patient in front of their partner whilst in their house and so had to step outside to make a call only to have to drive around the village looking for a signal on any of the 3G,4G, and 5G networks - eventually finding a (soon to be ceased) 3G signal in Mill Lane.

I would think the need for a decent 5G mobile phone signal in Cleeve Prior MUST override any outmoded concernments about a mobile phone mast. We need a 5G signal in Cleeve Prior in order to be able to communicate easily, to conduct business simply, to be safe in our houses, streets, tracks and fields, and to be part of the modern world."

FYI - our District Council has already asked for the application to be withdrawn! The Council Landscape Officer (yes, we really do have one!) has raised some concerns about the proposed mast.

Someone has asked if the mast height could be lower - well yes that is possible, but to get the same network coverage TWO masts would be required (and TWO masts do not cost in).

No mast means no mobile phone signal from next spring - I urge everyone concerned about the existing weak (and soon to be ceased) signal to write to Wychavon District Council expressing your support for a 5G mast.

Douglas Carr



SAVE THE KINGS ARMS

Dear Friends of the Kings Arms,

Unfortunately, I have no news to report regarding our outstanding application for grant aid from the Community Ownership Fund.

The Management Committee have agreed to extend the deadline for the Community Share Offer until 31st December.

In the meantime, we are entering into discussions with the Parish Council regarding an application for a Public Works Loan as an alternative source of funding.

> Brian Williams Chair Cleeve Prior Community Pub Limited



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers

We have had an excellent start to our school year. Our pupils have come back looking smart in their uniforms and ready to learn.

As I said last month, this academic year is a really important one in the history of the school. Our numbers are lower than we would like (as is the case nationally) and we are expecting our return visit from Ofsted. Although we are optimistic that our Ofsted will be very successful, we need more children for our school to continue to thrive. As a community, we need to promote our school, so please tell everyone you meet what a wonderful school the village has and that they should send their children to it.

To this end, we will be holding an open morning on Tuesday 15 October from 9.30am-11:30am. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us to come and see our fantastic school in action.

We have a couple of very busy weeks coming up. We are paying a visit to Twycross Zoo; participating in Bikeability; pressing apples at the Heritage Trust, as well as conitnuing our fantastic sessions ar Forest School each week. We look forward to sharing

We will be starting our Stay and Play sessions again on Wednesdays from 9:30 11:30am. please let anyone with small children know they are very welcome to join us. More details will be on our Facebook page and school noticeboard each week.

Thank you again to the entire community for your continued support. Please pop in at any time if you would like to see the fantastic work that is going on in your village school.

Best wishes,

Sarah Laughlin, Head of School



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 frequent 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. These engagement dates will be sent out in advance on Neighbourhood Matters. This is a free service which allows you to receive updates regarding crime in your area and also allows you to message your local officer. Take a look at the website for further information: https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/.

Parish Council

Every 3 months, Parish Councils make us aware of their Parish Priorities. If you are aware of any specific areas of continued concern in your area, please make your Parish Council aware in order for them to pass this over to your local officer.

PC Alex Prentice 21115

Safer Neighbourhood Officer | Evesham Rural North | West Mercia Police

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It's so lovely living in a village like ours and seeing the farmers working the final days of harvest. Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust is very much like running a small farm - without the animals! Up at Field Barn, we have cleared the scrub and grasses that we allow to grow to support nature. Our orchards are really looking beautiful in the Autumn light.

We manage the orchards on behalf of the village, and please feel free to visit them anytime......and talking about visiting, were you able to come to our Annual Plum Pick? It was amazing to see so many villagers sitting out in the walled gardens enjoying the bbq, the music, the bar and of course each other's company. It was a day to meet old and new friends and we had a lot of family fun! The addition of Heart of England Forest, who kindly sponsored the event, with crafts and packets of wildflower seeds for everyone was very well received. Plenty of faces sporting painted bees buzzed around having fun!

The end of September saw a number of our education volunteers running a school visit for a group of neurodiverse children from Birmingham. We had a great morning out in the orchards, exploring the wood and the poetry walk and finished by making apple turnovers. A happy day all round, and three more school visits before the end of the year to come.

Our Trustees and volunteers really are a lovely bunch of people and come from all walks of life. Tuesday is the day we meet, from 9.30am, to do a variety of jobs ranging from grass cutting to equipment maintenance and of course there's always someone ready to put the kettle on! We have a good old natter at 11:00am when we sit down with a cuppa and plan our next work challenges. Coming up on the work front - a major clear in the Sanctuary and Sanctuary Wood and then hedging. If you are competent with a hedge cutter please consider joining us, if only to help with this task.

It's also the time of year for cider pressing. If you can spare a few hours to help with apple picking not necessarily on a Tuesday please get in touch.

Why not come and check us out - sit down with us, have a coffee and see if you too would like to join our team as we strive to maintain natural meadows, ponds and orchards for the benefit of our village.

CLEEVE PRIOR HERITAGE TRUST CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, EDUCATION <u>cleevepriorheritagetrust@gmail.com</u> 07769 967243

Do you know your Village?

At the Memorial Hall. on 11 October, 7.00pm to 9.00pm,
A presentation to help you discover Cleeve Prior,
its history, walks, events, news and organisations, through
access to village websites.

FREE Entry Bar

The Cleeve Prior Millennium Green Trust

The Trustees of the Millennium Green Trust have decided to start recording a diary of flora and fauna seen on the Millennium Green. To this end we are looking for the involvement of the community, and would like you to tell us of any wildlife and plants you may see on your walks around the Green.

We would be grateful if you could send details of any sightings to the email address <u>thecleevepriormillenniumgreen@gmail.com</u> including pictures and the following information:

A description of what you have seen Rough location on the site the time of day.

We would also be grateful if you could use this email address to report any problems and issues that you may see whilst on your walks.

The Trustees

THE CULVERT

Oh where, Oh where,
Does the culvert flow?
A hole appeared in the path
Near Doug Carr's Sharrow home
With the culvert water visible below

Does it run under the road
Or under the old houses?
Good God forbid.
To repair such
Might cost more than a few quid

Recently the local council dug all across the road
To fit a water pipe in a new location,
When all needed was a hole near the wall
Not across the road.
What a crazy situation.

Find me a forked twig
Or a bent piece of wire
As I can water divine
And to find the culvert route I aspire.

I will not charge the council
For advice on the route
But jump for joy when we find it
And give a great hoot.

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Cleeve Prior Golf Society

Final 2024 event at The Vale

The Society tradition of holding the final event of our season at The Vale Golf Club was met on Friday 20 September. On this occasion we compete individually for the Lynwood Cup. The 2023/24 holder of this fine trophy was John Vernon who was participating to defend his title. In previous years, separate trophies have been competed for by Men and Women. With a changing profile of current players and to reflect modern equality we have this year amalgamated the competitions to play for the Lynwood Cup.

The weather decided to defy the gloomy forecast and stayed amenable for our round. Our twelve players started in groups of four to challenge this excellent course which is comprised of many sand and water hazards via the sweeping and lengthy fairways. There are a few higher points with panoramic views over surrounding forested landscapes.

As ever, we have a couple of side competitions. Matt Langmead carried off the 'Longest Drive' and John Yapp drove his ball to be 'Nearest the pin'. Whilst most of the players achieved decent scores in a narrow band, the clear winner for the day was Sandra Langmead who had a fine round. Our day concluded with a most pleasurable dinner at The Bell at Welford.

Congratulations to Sandra and many thanks to the officials who keep the Society running. Tom Carr as Treasurer, Alan Gittings our handicap statistician and our excellent Captain, Gordon Davidson, who has introduced some interesting new playing formats this year.

One final event for 2024 is the 'Past Captain's Competition' for the Jackson Trophy and this is scheduled for 27th September at Puckrup Golf Club. Our AGM will be held in January.

If you are interested in joining the Society please contact me on: 'wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com'

Peter Wilson Hon.Sec. Cleeve Prior Golf Society

Tapas and Music at the Kings Arms

Come and join us on Friday 25 October - from 6.30pm until late!

Louisa and Eve will be performing live music throughout the evening and we will be serving a selection of Spanish inspired tapas dishes to share with friends ...

Book a table early to avoid disappointment: 0330 016 0219 or bookings@kingsarmstavern.co.uk

With the bridge closure, the pub needs your support more than ever ...keep an eye on the specials board for some classic winter warmers that will run alongside our daily menu.

Many thanks

Dave, Steve and the Team

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Ramblers Saturday 21st September I am always rather cynical about our weather forecasts. We all knew about the

constant yellow warnings for the weekend so I was a little concerned. Our walk on Saturday from Beckford Silk defied all those warnings. From a brief walk up the Ashton Road we crossed two very large fields being worked by two enormous tractors to the Grafton road but skirted the village itself. Grafton has three farms, Upper, Middle and Lower (such imagination! on the Ashton Road are 'Roadside Cottages'). We went through Lower; a railway enthusiasts garden with much memorabilia took us out through a lovely old, rather small, metal kissing gate, into farmland; over a tiny brook – we had to tread carefully and needed help getting up through the gate onto a small track and into open farmland and a steep climb up Bredon Hill. Our only company were contented sheep peacefully grazing or resting. They ignored us – they must be so used to people. We rested to look back at hazy views towards the Malverns. It was very warm by now and layers were being removed! On up the hill until we came to a flat grassy track, our summit, to our left along which two or our four dogs enjoyed seeing off the partridge and pheasants. Not much further until we met a farm track where we had our

coffee break leaning against a pile of logs with distant, still very hazy, but nevertheless magnificent, views towards Dumbleton Hill and beyond. The stony and steep farm track led to farm which housed three Airstream caravans. Some years ago one had featured in a film. Soon we entered the Beckford Nature Reserve. There is a good footpath around an idyllic lake and well established trees (and benches; it is well worth a visit). The exit is opposite the drive to Beckford Silk, our starting point. The weather had favoured us – it was warm and sunny, and dry; as I finish this off the rain is torrential and continuous!!

The Star at Ashton catered extremely well for our pre-ordered lunches for 17 of us.

Thank you for Mike for plotting the route and leading us.

Philip and Linda will lead our next ramble on 19th October. Details out soon. For more information about The Ramblers contact Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinernet.com

Bridgett Walker



Cleeve Prior Art Club

The Art Club is now back up and running. We have had two lively and very well attended meetings to launch our new season, with new members joining our group.

Currently we are thinking about activities for the year, who we would like to come to lead painting sessions. It seems

these are enjoyed and give inspiration, as well as helping to develop skills. Our members too have been invited to lead a session if they would like to do so.

We will continue to meet every Thursday at 10am so, if you would like to come along to meet us, please feel free to do so. All are welcome.

Louise Conneeley

Tel: 01789 772749 or 07765 482722



place'.

Every year, NWR groups are given a country and a topic which they should try to incorporate into their regular meetings. This year the country was The Caribbean and the

topic was "Courage Dear Heart."

Covering the Caribbean was not a problem, we had an excellent evening earlier this year but this topic was rather daunting. In the event, the members of Cleeve Prior NWR rose to the challenge. We discussed the meaning of courage and its various manifestations both in humans and in animals. In the words of Lady Macbeth: 'Screw your courage to the sticking

We heard about the adventures of Amy Johnson the pioneering female aviator and her courage on embarking her epic 20-day flight to Australia in spite of the fear she had of flying over open water.

The poems of Rudyard Kipling and the War Poets were cited as being examples of inspiration for courage and examples of the courage required to carry on during the dreadful days of war. The courage of the mothers and wives who stood by and watched their men folk go into battle for this country should not be underestimated. Their lives were so often devastated by their losses.

Present Zelensky's courage in the face of his country's assault by Russia stood out as a very current example of someone who has put his personal life and safety behind him to fight for his country.

There were several personal and emotional contributions which left all of us moved – an example being the story of Violette Szabo – a young Anglo/French woman who worked with the French Resistance. She spoke English and French fluently which struck a chord with one of our members who is also bi-lingual. Violette was executed at Ravensbrück concentration camp after her capture by the Nazis. She was only 23 years old.

People who live with facial disfigurements like Simon Weston must have to dig deep into their own special courage to enable them to carry on with their normal lives knowing that they will be stared and possibly ridiculed.

Then there was a remarkable lady who lived with cancer for 26 years but faced life positively and would probably not agree that she was courageous. Courage can be found in all sorts of places - in the quiet acts of people who go out of their way to support unlikely and unseen causes.

On an historic note, we discovered a member's ancestor who was in charge of the armoury at the Tower of London, stood up to Cromwell and would not issue the weapons when requested. It did not end well.

Our meeting, however, did end well. It was a thoroughly thought-provoking evening – very much in the spirit of NWR. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13 November and is our much-anticipated Telephone Quiz Trail.

Evelyn Wilson

The next Quiz Night

will be held in
The Memorial Hall
on
Sunday 13 October at 7 pm.

Please book your table at <u>cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com</u>





Book and Puzzle swap

Wednesday 2 and Wednesday 16 September 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.

HELP WANTED

to move a load of stones from one side of our garden to another (and stack them as neatly as possible).

I have a couple of sack barrows to help move the stones. However, some are large and heavy, so if you have a pal who could help that would be good.

I'll pay £10 an hour with hours to suit - there are a LOT of stones to move!

It'll be OK to work evenings or weekends if you are at school/college.

Help needed with other jobs too.

Please email me - <u>austin.carr@talk21.com</u> or message me on 07730 302623



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When and Where?

Location: Memorial Hall

Time: Tuesdays at 2pm, Thursdays at 7.30pm

First two sessions are free!

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Contact Information:

For more detals, contact:

Gordon Davidson - 01789 773988



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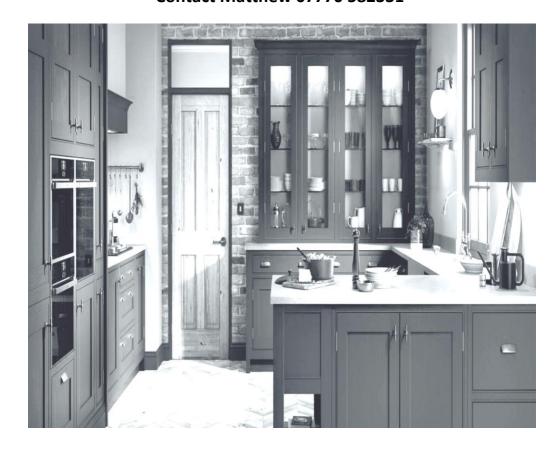
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VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
2 Oct	Book & Puzzle Swap	10 am – 12	Hall
7 October	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
11 Oct	Do you know your village?		
	Free, with Bar	7 – 9 pm	Hall
13 Oct	Quiz Night	7 pm	Hall
(Please email <u>cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com</u> to book table)			
15 October	Open morning	9.30 - 11.30	School
16 Oct	Book & Puzzle Swap	10 am – 12	Hall
25 Oct	Tapas & Music	6.30 pm	Kings Arms

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

Pilates Classes in Cleeve **are suspended** during closure of Bidford Bridge.

The CP Short Mat Bowls Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings from September to May. Contact Gordon Davidson on 01789 773988.

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

Tel: 07774 950411

Useful contact details:

To book the **Memorial Hall** or book for an event: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

To join the **village email list**: <u>cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com</u>

To book **Field Barn**: <u>garnettclarke@btinternet.com</u>

The Kings Arms: 0330 016 0219 or bookings@kingsarmstavern.co.uk

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 October

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6 Oct Mr Colin Greenwood 20 Oct Mr Andrew Taylor

Church Flowers Church Cleaning

6 Oct Mrs A Carless Mrs J Winter
13 Oct Mrs A Carless Mrs M Taylor
20 Oct Mrs A Carless Mrs L Hughes

27 Oct Mrs J Selby Mrs A Copperthwaite

Memorial Hall 200 Club

September, £100: Judy Winter **£50:** Dennis & Margi Brown

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