CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2018

Church Services at St Andrews For February 2018

4 Feb 11am Family service Margaret Pye

11 Feb 11am Parish Eucharist Revd Philip Morton

18 Feb 11am Parish Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

25 Feb 11am Benefice Eucharist at **Offenham**. Revd Philip Morton

Note! There is no service in Cleeve Prior on 25 February. 14 February, Ash Wednesday, there will be a Benefice Eucharist service at South Littleton at 7.00pm

Rev'd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham WORCS. WR11 7E

Churchwardens Rod Carless Lis Hughes

From the Parish Register

Holy Baptism17 December 2017, Elodie Kate Holmes23 December 2017, Rowan Douglas Brian Carr

CAN YOU HELP?

The church has a very willing, enthusiastic group of friends who help by cleaning the church and arranging flowers. We are very grateful to them but inevitably some have retired or moved away. If you felt you could join the rota in either or both of these activities please could you contact one of us:

Annette Carless 773357, Lis Hughes.

From the PCC

We are very thankful to the Cleeve Prior Ramblers who sang carols round he village just before Christmas, and to all those who gave to their collection which amounted to over £225. They have generously given this to St Andrew's which will be well used in the maintenance of this old church.

Many in the village have expressed their appreciation of the floodlighting of the church tower over the Christmas period. However this appreciation has not been universal and sadly the switch gear was tampered with, leaving the tower in darkness on several nights. If anyone has a problem with the lights, we are here to listen.

Rod Carless

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Village

Dear Friends,

It may seem a little early in the year to be talking about churchyards and their up-keep, but Spring is just around the corner and snowdrops are already beginning to appear.

Churchyards are one of the great gifts a church can offer to the wider community, not just in terms of suitable space to lay our departed loved ones to rest, but also somewhere everyone can enjoy as a place of peace and quiet. It will come as no surprise that churchyards need a lot of care and attention throughout the year to keep them looking nice, and all the churchyards in our Benefice are blessed with hard-working volunteers that carry out all sorts of tasks to achieve this. Last year, some of the churchyards did very well in the Best Kept Churchyard Competition, and I think our volunteers can rightly feel proud of this recognition of their work. Often the volunteers are not members of the church congregation (although some are), but are interested local folk who want to give something back to their community. In Badsey, we are very lucky to have help from the Freedom Group who come each week to do some amazing work.

As we head towards Spring, I want to thank all the churchyard volunteers for their hard work which makes such a big difference to our churches and our villages. And if this sounds like something you might want to get involved with, please do get in touch. *Rev'd Phillip Morton*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS January 2018

The Council meets the second Monday of each month, except for August, at 7:30pm in the War Memorial Hall. If a parishioner has any comments or concerns please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

Chairman Sue Robinson: <u>sue.robinson333@gmail.com</u> Cllr Beverly Rhodes: <u>Babybop2010@hotmail.com</u> Cllr Richard Lasota: <u>richard.lasota@wychavon.net</u> Cllr Hazel Stewart-Davies: <u>hazelsd1@outlook.com</u> Cllr Mary Smith: <u>marysmith.message@virgin.net</u> Cllr Peter Wilson: <u>wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com</u>

Due to the Council registering the Kings Arms as an Asset of Community Value this made it possible for the Council to register its interest as a potential bidder to purchase the Kings Arms as an Asset of Community Value. The Council did register an interest with WDC and appointed the Parish Projects Working Party to investigate the feasibility of such an action and identifying the necessary actions. More information is available in the Draft January Minutes posted on the Council website at

<u>http://www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk/</u> As the situation unfolds the Council will provide updates.

WCC confirmed that this year a new footway will be built leading from Main St to the current footway across from the first parking area (closest to Main St) in The Close. While on the subject of The Close, there are currently plans being developed to re-surface CP553(B), the path which leads from The Close to Quarry Lane. Hopefully a plan will be approved.

Currently there is a relatively small amount (£1600) of New Homes Bonus available to Cleeve Prior for a project of our choosing. This note is to request suggestions of how this sum might be used in the parish, but with a wider aim of seeking suggestions that would also meet with the criteria below. As we know, there are many government sponsored agencies that can dispense funds for community projects, so suggestions for wider ranging projects for the future would also be welcome. The criteria, quoted by WDC, for allocation of NHB funds are:

'Innovative projects which have a clear community benefit and community support. Projects should be well thought through and of a scale that ensures

that the monies create a legacy and benefit for communities. ' The emphasis seems to be placed on producing something with lasting impact and benefit to the community. If you have any ideas, please pass them to the Clerk.

The complete 2018-19 budget can be viewed on the Council website. Now that there are sufficient reserves built up the Council plans to initiate the process of improving the playground equipment and 19 street lights owned by the Council.

Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council 01789 490501, <u>clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com</u>

Cleeve Prior Neighbourhood Plan A final reminder



Referendum Thursday 1 February 2018



News from the School

We are all now settled back into the Spring term following the Christmas break, and are busy making plans for the Language Festival and Swimming Gala both of which are in the last week of term.

February marks the beginning of our fourth month of "Little Chestnuts Preschool" and this has, by no means, been an easy time. As you are probably aware Poppy Roads, our preschool manager, was involved in a very nasty road accident before Christmas. She is making a steady but slow recovery and we send her and her partner all our very best wishes. We are extremely grateful to Miss McEwan for stepping into the manager's position with no preparation and Emma Carr and Lissy Roberts for their commitment to the preschool which has enabled us to remain open.

I should also like to thank all parents and the school staff for all their support during this difficult time. Everyone is working hard to improve the facilities and ensure that the children have a high quality start to their education.

Please help us to raise money for the school by having a clear out! Rags2Riches4Schools are a company who come out and collect all our unwanted items in exchange for cash. They collect unwanted clothing , bedding, household linen & towels, cuddly toys, shoes, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, purses, wallets, tights, ties & handbags. You can use any household bin bag or garden bag which you can then bring into school by Friday 9th February.

Thank you.

Sarah Newbury

School Governor vacancy

There are two vacancies for governors: one to represent the community and the other to represent the parents at our village school (do look at the school website, www.cleevepriorschool.ik.org and the Facebook page).

If you are interested and feel you would be able to support the school in this invaluable way, please contact the Clerk to the Governors at the school office on 01789 772276 / Elizabeth Spencer on 01789 720078 / Lis Hughes on 01789 772578.



CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

email:<u>cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com</u>

The AGM will take place in the Hall on Tuesday 13 February at 6 pm. Village residents are welcome to attend

Bookings Secretary The Management Committee is pleased to announce that Sally Anne Richards has been appointed Bookings Secretary. Anyone wishing to book the Hall should contact her via the Hall email address above.

Circuit Training

In the Hall on Monday mornings, 10.30 – 11.30 am. Only £5 per session! Contact for more info: Adam – 07860 679031

Pilates / Yoga in the Memorial Hall

There has been a lot of interest in the proposed fitness classes in the Hall. There is still time to register your interest by contacting Sue Robinson.



Meeting on 7 February 2018 In CLEEVE PRIOR MEMORIAL HALL 7.30 p.m. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by Glyn Jones - Head of Gardens Shakespeare's Birthplace Gardens

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

Snowdrops appearing in our gardens and all gardeners smiling and busily preparing for the welcome start of Spring!

Simon Gulliver's presentation on The History and Practicalities of Rose Growing was our first meeting of 2018 and heralded the start of our 3rd year as Cleeve Prior Garden Club. We were taken on a journey back to the first appearance of Roses to the end of the 18th Century when repeat flowering roses were introduced, and then bringing us up to date with disease-free roses. We were shown some delightful pictures of roses in situ and heard of their many uses from ground cover, mixed beds, hedging and growing up Pergolas and trees. The subjects of pruning and diseases were also covered. Cleeve Prior should maybe grow lots of roses as they do love heavy soil, although not waterlogged. Simon dealt with many questions afterwards with the assistance of his wife who was herself also very knowledgeable on the subject.

7 February at 7.30pm is our AGM which will immediately be followed by a talk by Glyn Jones who is in charge of Shakespeare's Birthplace Gardens, after many years as Head Gardener of Hidcote.

Subscriptions for the year will be due and the 2018/19 programme will be available to Members, the highlight of which will be a presentation by a very special guest speaker, namely Chris Beardshaw, of TV and Chelsea fame. This will be on 6 February 2019 - a date not to be missed!

Jan Stewart

Cleeve Prior Golf Society AGM

The meeting was held in the Memorial Hall Community Room on 15 January and was attended by 16 members.

Those who attended received an enthusiastic and comprehensive report from the outgoing Captain, Alan Gittings, who identified a number of "Firsts" namely visits to Fulford Heath and Kenilworth GCs, a post- event BBQ at Mill Nurseries, the introduction of the Jackson Trophy for Past Captains, and the Xmas Dinner in the Memorial Hall. All events were well attended and enjoyed by the participants.

Our Treasurer, Tom Carr, reluctantly reported that our financial position has deteriorated over the year due mainly to meetings costing significantly more, such that he proposed that the capping of members' contributions for future meetings will have to increase to £45 and annual subscriptions to increase to £30. He backed his proposals with figures which were unanimously accepted by those present.

Nick Bury was duly elected as our Captain for 2018 with John Vernon as Vice-Captain and the positions of Treasurer and Secretary remaining unchanged.

Our programme for 2018 is as follows:

20 April Broadway; 25 May Ombersley; 22 June Stratford Oaks; 20 July Fulford Heath; 24 August Feldon Valley, and 21 September The Vale.

Following the very successful Captain's Away Day at Bleasedale, it was agreed to arrange another in October which Nick will organise.

In AOB, proposals were tabled for methods of adjusting individual Handicaps and possibly having Nine Hole Alternatives for some meetings, and these will be investigated..

Should any Cleeve Prior Residents be interested in joining us, please contact me or any current member

Looking forward to some good golf and favourable weather! Best Regards

Vic Birnie, Hon Sec.



Volunteers and sponsors celebrated the end of the year with a thank-you lunch attended by 45 people back in December, which now seems a long time ago. The first Trustee meeting took place on Thursday 11 January at which two new Trustees, Gina Carr and Philip Garnett Clarke were formally co-opted.

Trustees identified a number of projects for the early part of the year including:

- widening the path inside the Community Garden to enable access to the main barn and new loo facilities for wheelchairs, prams, etc. It was hoped that this would be completed by the Summer Fayre on 2 June 2018.
- Tidying up the area round the Well incorporating the carved stone we have.
- Development of a wild flower meadow in the area between the ponds will be trialled. Natural England stipulates what types of seed can be planted. It will be in a ratio of 80% grass seed and 20% wild flower. It was recognised that a wild flower meadow can take years to establish and does need perseverance. However it was thought worth having a go. The planting needs to be done by the third week in March
- Sharing, by putting on the website and facebook pages, an old recording taken when the Trust was being set up. It shows the Barn as it was and several of the original Trustees.

Volunteer activities this month have included spreading wood chip on the muddy path areas and round gates. There is more foot traffic than five years ago when we took on responsibility for maintaining the Millennium Green. It would be appreciated if people could try and walk on the grassy areas just off the paths where possible whilst it so wet and muddy. If you are planning any tree work , we always need woodchip so please do get in touch.

The Green Gym - The Trust have always got projects large and small in the pipeline so, if you enjoy working out in the fresh air with good company and could spare a few hours on a Tuesday morning, volunteers are always welcome. Just come along at 9.30am with warm clothing and robust gloves and you will be set to work. Scrub clearance, pruning, log chopping and putting up rabbit guards on the apple trees in the orchards are typical jobs that need doing.

Free to good home: the old portaloo (suit builders or farmers with picking gangs) is now surplus to requirements and taking up space, so it is free on collection. Not heavy.

CPHT Dates for your Diary, Easter Celebrations 31 March, Summer Fayre and Dog Show 2 June, Plum pick and evening gig 25 August. More details will be published nearer the time – put the dates in your diary now!

Happy New Year to everyone from the Heritage Trust

Brian Taylor

Cleeve Prior Ramblers, January 2018

At 9.30 a.m. on 20 January, twelve hardy souls and four dogs met at the Memorial Hall to tackle the first ramble of 2018. In defiance of the low temperatures and forecasts of sleet and rain, the group set out for the start point at Jubilee Bridge at Fladbury.

Shortly after we set off, we passed the fine sight of the Fladbury and Cropthorne mills with their weirs in full flow, then across fields to Charlton Village. The tower-less church here is interesting as it was a tithe barn until 1872/73. We then took a long path to Hampton on the outskirts of Evesham. With views to the other side of the Avon, there were interesting glimpses (through the mist) of Wood Norton, once the seat of Duc d'Orleans, subsequently a training centre for the BBC, a hotel, and now the development of the surrounds to a large retirement village. We also had a good view of Greenhill which was the site of the Battle of Evesham.

After Hampton, the path became more varied with some moderately difficult and muddy parts which eventually lead to the Village of Cropthorne. This village was given to the Priory of Worcester by Offa, the King of Mercia and is recorded in the Domesday Book. It has a wealth of thatched, timber-framed buildings and is most attractive.

The walk, which is about five miles, was undertaken with typical January wet and cold conditions which were ameliorated by a most convivial lunch at the Chequers Inn at Fladbury.

PS Although the walkers completed five miles, the dogs must have done at least fifteen!

The next ramble will be on Saturday 17 February, leaving the Green at 9.30 am. Please let Susan Mortimer know if you are coming by Friday 9 February. *Peter Wilson*



Cleeve Prior Ramblers – Christmas Carol Singing Traditionally, in December, the Village Ramblers forego their usual countryside adventure and instead ramble round the Village singing Christmas Carols. This Christmas, the carol singing took place on Friday 22 December, much closer

to Christmas Day than usual, and so we were all feeling a bit more festive.

A fine band of songsters met at the Nurseries in Mill Lane and processed round the Village singing at various places and being sustained by delicious mulled wine and mince pies curtesy of the Colbournes and super sausage rolls supplied by the Arkells. It has been suggested that it is these refreshments which entice some of the Ramblers to come out!

Whilst in Froglands, we went to sing for Gina and Tom who had all their family staying for the Christening of their grandchild. We sang "Away in a Manger" whilst the babies and children were brought down to hear us. It was very moving to sing that carol whilst the little ones looked on.

We had a special request to sing in the Close and whilst there, someone else came out and asked us to sing at their house! This was followed by a quick visit to the Pop Up Pub where some of our number availed themselves of the refreshments on sale there, then on to sing on the corner of Hoden Lane. We were greeted with great enthusiasm by Joanne and Tom from Rose Cottage who had her parents staying from Poland. They were thrilled to be able to take part in something so very English. Joanne's father was most gallant and kissed the ladies on the hand!

We sang round the village from Mill Lane to The Manor and I think we all enjoyed ourselves. We raised £250.00 for the Church which was an excellent result. Thanks to all who opened their doors to us, joined in the singing and donated to the Church Funds and to Julia and David Davenport who rounded off the evening by entertaining us all to supper in their lovely home.

Evelyn Wilson

The Bells of St Andrew's,

The bell ringers at St Andrew's are, with one exception, getting a bit ancient! So, in order to keep the custom alive, we are looking to recruit learners of any age from young teenagers upwards (you are never too old!) to this fascinating craft. No musical skills are needed and anyone fit enough to climb the few steps to the ringing room should find it no problem, and it keeps the mind and eyes active!

If you are interested in finding out more, or would just like to see what is involved ring the Rod Carless, or come along on one of the practice nights, Mondays at 8.00pm.

Women's Fellowship

Our January meeting was a very nice New Year lunch at The Fish & Anchor which we all enjoyed.

Our next meeting will be on 6 February in the community room, 2.15 - 4pm, when Don Wilson will be giving us an art demonstration in water colours. If you want to join in, bring your own brushes etc., or you can just watch and learn and enjoy tea and cakes afterwards.

Meryl Holdbrook

Breast Cancer charity bags

I would like to make the village aware that when I put out the Breast Cancer Charity Bag for pick up on 9 January 2018, I saw a car stop outside my house at about 8.15 am and a woman got out from the passenger side, took the bag, rushed back in and the car drove off.

I reported this to the helpline number given on the bag and was informed that the collection vehicle is usually a white Transit van with magnetic signs on the side with the Breast Charity logo on, and comes to Cleeve Prior between 10.30 and 11 am, with one male driver and no passengers.

The Charity would be grateful for reports from anyone else who experiences this situation. The number to ring is 0330 380 0319.

Denise Langley



Vale Garden Flowers Jayne and Rob Caithness White Gates, Mill Lane, Cleeve Prior

Would you like to spend a couple of hours in the Memorial Hall learning how to arrange beautiful

British Spring flowers? We are holding our first ever workshops on Sunday 25 March, Saturday 14 April and Saturday 5 May. Have a look at the Workshop page on our website for more details – small groups, so first-come first-served!

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VILLAGE NOTICES

The WCC Mobile Library service makes one stop in the village on the 4th Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday 27 February it will stop in The Close between 10.15 and 10.35 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall 200 Club winner, January £50: Tom Carr



Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Constable Jamie LeePCSO Bradley SansomCollar no.2803Collar no.40246PCSO Elliott Wilson, Collar no.40271

The Team will be holding regular informal drop-in sessions in the Police Post every Thursday morning between 10 and 11 am (operational needs permitting). Village residents are invited to call in and meet the team for a chat or to report issues of concern.

Neighbourhood Watch: <u>cleeveneighbourhood@gmail.com</u> is the place to report any suspicious cars or people in the neighbourhood. You will not be required to give your name or details.

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VILLAGE EVENTS

2018

6 Feb 7 Feb 12 Feb 13 Feb 14 Feb 17 Feb	Referendum on NDP Women's Fellowship Garden Club Parish Council Meeting Hall AGM Tea Room & Lending Library Ramblers Half Term week	14.15 19.30	J Stewart Par Clerk Mgt.Cttee B Walker	Hall Hall Hall Hall Hall Hall
	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
7 Mar 12 Mar 14 Mar 17 Mar 28 Mar	Women's Fellowship Garden Club Parish Council Meeting Tea Room & Lending Library Ramblers Tea Room & Lending Library Bridge Club Term ends	14.15 19.30 19.30 14.30 09.30 14.30 20.00	M Holdbrook J Stewart Par Clerk B Walker A Bond B Walker B Taylor	Hall Hall Hall Hall Hall Hall
9 Apr 10 Apr 11 Apr	Easter Sunday Parish Council Meeting Women's Fellowship Tea Room and Lending Library Term starts	17.30 14.15 14.30	Par Clerk M Holdbrook B Walker	Hall Hall Hall
21 Apr	Ramblers Tea Room and Lending Library Bridge Club	09.30 14.30 20.00	P G-Clarke B Walker B Taylor	Hall

The CP Bowls Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and evenings and on Thursday evenings, from September to May. Contact: Linda Garnett-Clarke on 773287.

The Circuits Class* will take place every Monday at 10.30 am, starting on 15 January 2018. Contact Adam on 07860 679031.

Pop-up Bar in the Community Room, Fridays from 6.30 to 8.30 pm, during closure of The Kings Arms.

The Rotas February 2018

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4 Feb	Mr S Lupton
11 Feb	Mrs L Hughes
18 Feb	Mrs S Robinson
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4 Mar

Mrs J Taylor

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Church Cleaning Mrs A Carless Mrs M Sylvester Mrs J Davenport Mrs S George Mrs S Mortimer

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