



Cleeve Prior Chroniclers

Records From the Evesham Journal

April 21st 1866

An Inquest was held at the Kings Arms Inn on the body of George Cannaway, baker of Cleeve Prior, whose body was found in the River Avon on April 12th. Charles Newman of Cleeve Prior, said he knew the deceased & worked for him. He last saw him alive between 8 & 9 o'clock on 12th April. He was leaving the yard and going in the direction of the house. The deceased had been low spirited for 4 – 5 week but the witness did not know the cause of it. About 2 o'clock the witness went to look for the deceased thinking it strange that he did not come home for dinner. The witness went to the Mill and thence along the river side about 200yd where the witness found a hat which led him to believe that the deceased was in the water. The witness then got assistance from the village. Mathew Vicarage, wagoner, deposed to finding the body after a search of about an hour and assisted to carry it home. John Careless of Cleeve Prior, Maltster, said the deceased was brought home and his pockets searched and were found to contain £49.8s.2d and some trifling articles which he now held. The Jury returned a verdict that the deceased droned himself while in a temporary fit of insanity.

July 1866

Married at Cleeve Prior on 17th July by the rev Robert Lunn Vicar of Marton cum Grafton, York's, brother of the bridegroom Charles Lunn of Edgbaston to Amelia Sophia, only daughter of Henry Adkins of Cleeve Prior

September 15 1866

'To be sold at Auction on 21st September the abundant crop of choice fruit growing in the orchards known by 'Nursery' and 'Upper Orchard' by order of H Adkins, Cleeve prior. Sale at 5 o'clock.'

June 1st 1867

'Grass & seed keeping for sale. Apply John Rock, Cleeve Prior.'



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June 1st 1867

'To be sold b auction on Wednesday June 12th 1867, the abundant crop of Cherries and early peas now growing in the orchard adjoining the farm building of John Rock, Cleeve Prior. Sale at 4.o'clock.'

September 28th 1867

'To be sold at auction 6 acres of mangold wurzel [to go off] a capital crop and in convenient loads as staked out now growing in far ground adjoining the Evesham Turnpike Road, a rick of wee ended hay, to go off, about 15 tons now standing at fox hill, also the fruit and walnuts growing in the Home orchard, by order of Mr J Rock.

June 28th 1919

Fleet of canoes & boats with new craft "Aurora" christened on board, from Broom t Cleeve Mill [constructed by G.Hurst of Broom]

July 5th 1919

Bloore Pitt. July 2nd at Cleeve Prior parish church by Rev James Knipe, Thomas Bloore of Saltley, Birmingham, to Kate daughter of Charles Pitt, Cleeve Prior.

July 5th 1919

Alexandra Day Celebrations, Balance Sheet Cleeve Prior via Miss K Sheaf, £6.6s.0d

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'Sugar for preserving autumn fruit.



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Apply to your grocer. Local Food Authorities call attention to the sugar allowance from your registered grocer and to sign for your allotted amount.'

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Will, Mr Joseph Willey Suffield of Froglands Cottage, Cleeve Prior, left £640.

Local News

Correction in our report last week of the sale of a Cleeve Prior property. We stated lot 8 was bought by Mrs Harris, this was an error it was bought by Mr George Adams of Cleeve Prior.

Cleeve Prior

The Village presented a gay appearance with flags flying from numerous houses, whilst church Bells were rung joyfully to proclaim the happy celebration of peace, the weather was bad for outdoor games. This did not prevent a merry time being spent by the children for whom a sumptuous tea was provided under the management of Miss Smithin, Miss K Sheaf, and Miss Gull in Mr Smithin's Barn which was hastily prepared for the occasion. The children assembled at the school and marched up the village bearing flags which had been given to them by Mrs Perkins. A goodly number of ladies assisted with the tea & games which followed, when some gentlemen came to enliven the party.

Mr Mayer brought a splendid gramophone and some dance music, Miss Newton gave gifts to every child, and each child dispersed bearing a little basket of cakes and a sixpence which had been given by Mrs T Mayer



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Jan 3rd 1920

Christmas night entertainment. A capital musical programme was presented

Feb 28th 1920

Double Military wedding. Smithin-Mayer and Ball- Sheaf

July 24th 1920

‘The Event of the Season’

Cleeve Prior Village Fete Sat August 7th to include athletic sports, great funfair, and Evesham Military Band. Proceeds to fund the building of the Village Hall.

August 14th 1920

Continued mention of the Village Hall

‘Mr Fred White who has been actively involved, has offered the old Malt House on very reasonable terms. This offer was greatly accepted by the committee. Messrs Espley & Co. Ltd. Of Evesham will commence to carry out reservation works starting next week’

Oct 2nd 1920



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Harvest Festival, Thanksgiving in Cleeve Prior Church. Preacher Rev H.J.Saunders.

Dec 4th 1920

Unveiling the Memorial Hall Tablet erected in the memory of those members of the parish who perished in the Great War.