

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2018

Church Services at St Andrews for April 2018

- 1 April 11.00am **Easter Day** Parish Eucharist Revd Jim Symonds
- 8 April 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
- 15 April 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Clive Leach
- 22 April 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Philip Morton
- 29 April 11.00am **Benefice Eucharist** Revd Philip Morton
at **Badsey**
- 6 May 11.00am Morning Prayer

Please note that there is no service at Cleeve Prior on 29 April.

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

Churchwardens

Rod Carless Lis Hughes

Notices

The Annual General Meeting of St Andrew's PCC will be held on 8 April, in the church at 12.15pm for the purpose of electing Church Wardens and members of the PCC

From the Parish Registers

Funeral: 10 March Florence Cecily (Flo) Banner

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Village April 2018

This month marks the beginning of Easter and during this season the Church celebrates the most important day in the Christian year, when Jesus rose again from the grave and showed us that the Kingdom of Heaven has indeed come near. Christians believe that the message of Easter has universal importance for every single person, and this idea underpins the commitment of the Church of England to have a presence in every community as a sign of God's love to all people.

This is my third Easter since my start here in the Benefice, and over these last couple of years one thing I have often heard people ask is about how busy I must be, looking after six churches. While it is true that there are a lot of exciting things taking place, I am still your parish priest at the end of the day. So, in this month's message I wanted to re-affirm that I am never too busy to visit people who need to see their Vicar, or who want to talk about spiritual matters. After all, if I'm not here for the people of the parishes, what I am here for?? My hope is that this Easter season will be a blessing for everyone in our communities, for people of all faiths and none, and I am here for everyone equally. My contact details are in this magazine, so please do get in touch if you would like.

Rev'd Phillip Morton



Sunday 13 May, 4 pm to 6 pm

Cleeve Prior First School

Free Fun for Families

Crafts Activities Fun Games Free Tea

Contact messy@eastvaleavon.org.uk

PARISH GAMES 40th ANNIVERSARY

The Wychavon Parish Games started in 1978, and the aim of the Games remains the same today: *To offer all residents of the Wychavon District the opportunity to participate in active sports and pub games.* The competitive spirit is strongly combined with community spirit; be that through developing relationships *within* the teams created in a Parish or the local derby atmosphere *between* teams from near or neighbouring Parishes. This is why there is a strict rule about participants having to reside within the Parish that they represent

The Games combine a series of inter-Parish/Ward competitions where individual Parishes compete against one another to win individual events and to produce overall winners. The Games offer participants the opportunity to visit other Parishes, experience the hospitality and therein develop relationships and build and broaden communities. For example; the One Day Events are held within a variety of appropriate locations around the District with the Knock-Out Events being held on a Home-and-Away basis, predominantly in Pubs and Clubs, thus enabling a broad scope of venues to be enjoyed.

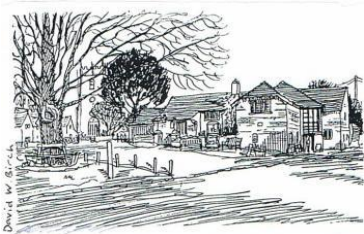
There are two types of competition:

One Day Events: Angling (22.09.18); Bell Boating (23.06.18); Bowls (16.09.18); Cross Country (18/07/18); Men's 5-a-Side Football (01/07/18); Petanque (22/07/18); Rounders (08/07/18); Junior and Senior Table Tennis (07.10.18).

Knock-Out Events: Crib; Ladies' Darts; Men's Darts; Dominoes; Pool; Skittles. These start in August and continue through to their Finals which are held in the autumn.

Engraved Trophies, many of which have been in existence since the start of the Games, are awarded to the Winners and Runners Up in each Event with the much-coveted Silver Salver being awarded to the overall Winning Parish. These Trophies, as well as a number of others, are given out at the annual Presentation Night hosted by the previous year's overall Winning Parish; this year, this will be held at Bretforton Sports Club in November.

Further Details of the individual events are available on the website www.wychavongames.org or from the Secretary Sue Collinson 01905 841269 or susan.collins483@btinternet.com



**CLEEVE PRIOR WAR
MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**
email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

200 Club

Subscriptions are due in April, and the collectors will be calling round 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.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to join the scheme and will arrange for your subscription to be collected. You can contact us via the email address above, or by ringing the Treasurer, Rosemary Perl..

The Management Committee

Cleeve Prior Spring Clean!!

In the next few weeks volunteer parishioners from the gypsy traveller site, along with Wychavon and the Parish Council, are going to make a concerted effort at tidying up the site, but we are always glad to have additional help! If you are interested in helping please let Sue Robinson know.

In addition we would like to organise a village litter pick along the road from the village entrance at Evesham Road to the village entrance by the Manor. This will be on Saturday 7 April at 10am, assembling at the Village Green. Wychavon will provide the pickers, gloves, visibility jackets and black bin liners. Adults and children are welcome – the more the merrier. The “Pop up Bar” will be open after the litter pick for refreshments. Contact Sue Robinson if you need more information.



News from the School

Well what a term this has been – let's hope we have seen the last of the snow and that Spring can arrive in all its colourful glory.

We celebrated World Book Day a week late due to the snow. The children showed their literacy work in Achievement Assembly followed by a book swap after which mums and dads came in to share books with us in class. There was great excitement and delight when our very own Cleeve Prior author, Julie Fulton, paid us a visit. She shared her stories and her experiences of being an author. She also challenged Class 3 to write a rhyming poem – no easy task!

Thank you to everyone who sent donations for a Rags2Riches collection. I'm delighted to report that £76 was raised for school funds. We are also enjoyed a Big Breakfast hosted by the PTA and we are extremely grateful to Budgens for the donation of the food.

On Friday 23 March, we decorated t shirts, wore sports clothes and took part in various sporting activities in order to raise funds for Sport Relief.

We were delighted that Father Phillip was able to lead our Easter Service on Thursday 29th March. A very fitting end to the Spring Term! Roll on Summer!

The Preschool is flourishing since it moved into school despite the limited accommodation and is now known as Little Chestnuts Preschool which is in recognition of our beautiful tree.

Everyone is looking forward to welcoming Poppy Roads back now she is fully recovered following her ordeal. However, Alysha McEwan, Emma Carr & Lissy Roberts have done a wonderful job in her absence. We shall be actively pursuing all funding streams to reach the target of £80,000 in order to build a purpose built, permanent home for them. Watch this space for fund raising activities!

Thank you

Sarah Newbury

Footpath News March 2018

Thanks to some helpful people, your friendly footpath wardens have been able to respond to residents' requests to make access easier along some of our parish paths.

It is now possible to walk all the way to Littleton, starting at Quarry Lane, without having to cross a stile. A new bridge and kissing gate has been installed along the definitive line of this path CP559C.

Also two kissing gates have been installed, one at either end of the path that goes across the lovely meadow on the right as you walk along Hoden Lane. This has the appealing title of CP569C for all of you that would like to use the link below of the Worcestershire County countryside mapping.

These projects open up some circular walks that may have previously been less popular, especially for dog walking and 'those of an age' whose limbs are not as flexible as they were.

If you bump into any of the following people who helped with the installation please pass on your thanks: Mike Walker, Phil Garnett Clarke, Keith Richards, David Davenport, Matt Langmead, Peter Howe, and from Littleton Alan Saunders, Derek Williams, Dennis Skelcher, not forgetting to mention your parish councillors for the funding.

We are surrounded by beautiful countryside just waiting to be explored and enjoyed. So come rain or shine, put down the ipad, let's go outdoors!

Tom Carr, Path Warden

PS All the path network can be seen on a map at:
<https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/Countryside/>
Use the 'menu' tab, then 'search', then 'place', to find Cleeve Prior.



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

**Meeting on 4 April 2018 in the
CLEEVE PRIOR MEMORIAL HALL
7.30 p.m.**

**SPEAKER Paul Williams
A presentation on 'Bourton House Gardens'**

Teas - Raffle - Plants

On 7 March the Garden Club welcomed Rachel Salisbury who gave us a very informative presentation on 'The Shady Garden'.

Rachel covered a large selection of plants suitable for shade through all the seasons. This included many flowering plants, some scented, plus a large selection of non-flowering plants and shrubs, a very useful addition to the garden for their varying greens and textures. We now have no excuse for not finding a plant for a shady area.

A date for your diaries is May 19/20th 11am to 5 pm, when The Feckenham Flower and Garden Festival will be held. This takes place every three years and thirty gardens will be open plus a Flower display in the historic church, numerous plant stalls, pig roast, local history display and homemade teas. Well worth a visit.

Paul Williams will be giving a presentation on Bourton House Gardens for our April meeting. Please remember any surplus plants, seedlings etc., will be gratefully received for our plant table.

Jan Stewart



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

What's been happening at the Heritage Trust?

Despite the cold and miserable February/March, volunteers have been kept busy and almost warm doing maintenance work in the car parks, garden, and in the Barn. We've tidied the garden, pruned shrubs and apple trees and used the tractor flail to clear a large area on Plot 8 in preparation for tree planting in 18 months' time, if our new stewardship scheme is accepted.

The building team have finished a roof extension to the new loos, to keep people dry, and are completing a stud wall to create a separate office to house the paper archives. We have harvested a fair bit of willow, so if anyone is keen to have a go at willow weaving, making hurdles, obelisks or raised bed edging let me know and we will arrange a day in April/May. Peter Howe has kindly spent a day up a ladder boxing in the Barn Owl nesting box we have in the main barn. With luck we may have residents this year!!

First Aid

The Outdoor First Aid course planned for early March by Vale Landscape Heritage Trust has been rescheduled for Sunday 22 April. This will start at 10am (bring packed lunch), is free and focuses on the outdoor accident situation, what to do in an emergency. Contact me to book a place.

Wanted – Electric Oven.

We would like to install an oven in the kitchen at Field Barn, so if anyone is thinking of revamping their kitchen can we please have first refusal.

Diary Date.

The Food and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday the 2 June this year. We intend to hold another Dog Show later in the afternoon, so watch this space for more details in May, but stick the date in the diary now. This is one of our fund-raising events so please support us.

Field Barn Potential Summer Venue for Events

Now that we have our wonderful toilet facilities, the final checks to ensure that we comply with fire regulations and health and safety are in hand. When the Trustees are clear that the complex meets all standards required, we hope to let out the Field Barn complex, as a summer venue for small private functions to **village residents only**. (Note that this is the kitchen, meetings room and Walled Community Garden and does not include the pond and orchard areas.)

If you might be interested in hiring the Field Barn Complex and would like to know more, please contact me.

Brian Taylor

Cleeve Prior (and a Fieldfare) in the snow



Thanks to those of you who sent in pictures

Women's Fellowship

Our March meeting was a flower demonstration by Barbara who did a beautiful Easter arrangement which was raffled and won by Nora.

The next meeting is later due to Easter - Tuesday 10 April in the Tea Room, 2.15-3.45pm and Carol will be talking about quilting.

Meryl Holdbrook

Cleeve Prior Extreme Ramblers

Even the threat of a second bashing from “the beast from the east” was not enough to deter 15 stalwarts from setting out on this memorable walk on a Saturday morning in March. We drove to Himbleton, just east of Worcester and embarked on a walk through the lovely meadows alongside the Bow Brook. We soon came to Huddington Court, a fine 16C moated manor house, home of the Wintour family of which the Gunpowder Plot conspirators Robert, Thomas and John Wintour are the most notorious. Following the arrest of Guy Fawkes, the plotters fled London to Huddington Court. They were all later executed. Our leaders had negotiated a temporary rite of passage across the manor house lawn to get to the adjoining church, the timber roof of which was very striking



After another mile, interrupted by an encounter between one of the dogs and a rabbit, we turned east and realised why we had been enjoying the walk so far. Heavy cloud, a biting wind and driving snow in our faces made the next mile or so unpleasant, but the squall was soon over and conditions improved. Perhaps the highlight of this part of the walk was our unfortunate encounter with a flooded stream. One enterprising individual hurled a heavy log into the middle of the stream to act as a stepping stone. Without the benefit of risk assessment, he stepped on the log which shifted under his weight. Although everyone was generally sympathetic, questions were asked why this person had not remained in the prone position long enough to facilitate safe crossing by others.

Lunch afterwards in the Flyford Arms was a jolly occasion. Our thanks to Antony and Linda for organising such a delightful walk and to Peter Wilson for the photograph of Huddington Court.

Walk = 5.7 miles; Walkers = 15; Dogs = 2

The next ramble will be on 21 April, led by Philip and Linda Garnett-Clarke. Please let them know by 13 April if you would like to take part.

Rob Forster



The National Women's Register is an international charitable organisation whose purpose is to promote lively debate in informal group meetings. The March meeting did exactly that discussing Has "Me-Too" gone too far? Is equality for men and women a reality? Why isn't the NHS working for today's Britain?

We really did not have enough time as these are very big subjects but there were plenty of articles and other references to stimulate a good discussion. The meeting started with a Jacobs supper and new members were warmly welcomed.

We are back to our usual slot on Wednesday 18 April, 8 pm at Lilac Cottage, Froglands Lane where Sue Taylor will give us reminiscences of a Suffragette from letters written by Bryn's aunt. This will be followed by planning for this year's meetings. Please come along with lots of good ideas.

If you would like to come and find out more about NWR please contact Linda Garnett Clarke or Gina Carr.

Susan Robinson

RIDE THE NIGHT 2018

So last summer I said that I would join 3 other Pony Club Mums and attempt to do the Ride the Night 2018, for 3 amazing charities - Breast Cancer Care, Ovarian Cancer Action and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust. This is a 100km cycle from Windsor into London, taking in a few sights as we cycle past them and then back to Windsor – and all of this at night!

If you are able to make a donation we would be very, very grateful and I know that when it is the middle of the night and the legs are weary your support will very definitely keep us going!

To donate you can do this via Just giving:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/seemedlikeagreatideaatthetime>

Thank you very much for your support. All that is needed now is some more training and dry weather on the night!

With love, *Pippa Wilkinson*, The Upper House, Nightingale Lane.

Pershore Choral Spring Concert
Saturday 12 May
Pershore Abbey, at 7.30 pm

An Evening with Mozart

Requiem

Coronation Mass

Tantum Ergo in D

Ave Verum Corpus

Tickets from Gina Carr

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A warm welcome to all visitors



Vale Garden Flowers
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Would you like to spend an afternoon in the village hall learning how to arrange beautiful British Spring flowers? We are holding our first ever workshops on Sunday 25th March, Saturday 14th April and Saturday 5th May. All workshops £40. 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 24 April it will stop in The Close between 10:15 and 10:35 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall

200 Club winners, March

£100: John Arkell

£50: Andrea Bury



Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Constable Jamie Lee

PCSO Bradley Sansom

Collar no.2803

Collar no.40246

PCSO 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: cleeveneighbourhood@gmail.com is the place to report any suspicious cars or people in the neighbourhood. You will not be required to give your name or details.

Follow Cleeve Prior on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage>

and Twitter: CPPC Cleeve Prior



VILLAGE EVENTS

1 Apr	Easter Sunday			
4 Apr	Garden Club	19:30	J Stewart	
9 Apr	Parish Council Meeting	19:30	Par Clerk	Hall
10 Apr	Women's Fellowship	14:15	M Holdbrook	Hall
11 Apr	Tea Room and Lending Library	14:30	B Walker	Hall
16 Apr	Term starts			
18 Apr	NWR	8.00	Linda Garnett Clarke	
21 Apr	Ramblers	09:30	P G-Clarke	
25 Apr	Tea Room and Lending Library	14:30	B Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	20:00	B Taylor	
2 May	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
8 May	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
9 May	Tea Room and Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
13 May	Messy Church	16.00-18.00		School
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19 May	Ramblers	09.30		
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30 May	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
2 June	Heritage Trust Food and Craft Fair		B Taylor	CPHT

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.

Exercise classes in the Memorial Hall

Mondays at 10:30: Circuits Class. Contact Adam on 07860 679031.

Mondays, 18:15 – 19:15: Yoga

Tuesdays, 17:30 – 18:30: Pilates.

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 13:00: Tai Chi

Contact Sue Robinson on 773805 for full details of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi.

Pop-up Bar in the Memorial Hall: Fridays from 18:30 to 20:30, during closure of The Kings Arms.



The Rotas April 2018 Sidesmen

1 April	Mrs L Hughes
8 April	Mr S Lupton
15 April	Mr C Greenwood
22 April	Mrs L Tamayo
6 May	Mrs B Walker

Church Flowers

1 April	Mrs E Marshall & Pedestal
8 April	Mrs R Perle
15 April	Mrs S Taylor
22 April	Mrs J Stewart
29 April	Mrs D Jackson
6 May	Mrs S Taylor

Church Cleaning

Mrs J Taylor
Mrs S Simpson
Mrs S Lasota
Mrs J Winter
Mrs S Robinson
Mrs J Franey

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