

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2018

Church Services at St Andrews for March 2018

- 4 Mar 11.00am Family Service Joyce Bache
- 11 Mar 11.00am **Mothering Sunday** Parish Eucharist
Rev'd Philip Morton
- 18 Mar 11.00am Parish Eucharist Rev'd Clive Leach
- 25 Mar 11.00am **Palm Sunday** Benefice Eucharist.
Rev'd Philip Morton (At St Andrew's)
- 1 April 11.00am **Easter Day** Parish Eucharist

Services for Holy Week in the Benefice

- 26 Mar 7.00pm Compline, **South Littleton**, Revd Philip Morton
- 28 Mar 7.00pm Compline **North & Middle Littleton**,
Revd Philip Morton
- 29 Mar 7.00pm **Maundy Thursday** Benefice Eucharist. At
Bretforton, Revd Philip Morton
- 30 Mar 12.00pm – 3.00pm **Good Friday Meditations at North
and Middle Littleton**

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 8th April, in the church at 12.15pm for the purpose of electing Church Wardens and members of the PCC

Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at St James' Church Badsey on Friday 2 March at 2.30pm followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

Messy Church

Messy Church will take place at Offenham School on Friday 30 March
9.30am – 11.30am

It will take place again on 14 May from 4.00pm till 6.00pm at Cleeve Prior School.

From the Parish Register

Holy Baptism

23 December 2017 Rowan Douglas Brian Grant

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Village

Dear Friends,

This year, as we once again journey through the season of Lent, the churches of the Benefice are thinking about what the future may hold for us. After Easter we are going to be doing some planning for the next five years, to try and see where God is guiding us.

One of our aims is to make the churches more accessible to the wider community, and for people to feel that the churches really do belong to everyone in the villages. This is an important aspect in the life of the Church of England. We believe that just as Jesus came to spread the Good News of God's love to everyone, so it is important that our churches are there to serve the communities to which they belong. Our churches are important guardians of our national traditions as well as being places that are open and responsive to the new things that are happening. In the Benefice we want to bring these two things together.

So, if you have any thoughts or ideas about what the future of our churches might look like, please do get in touch.

Rev'd Phillip Morton

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

February 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: sue.robinson333@gmail.com

Cllr Beverly Rhodes: Babybop2010@hotmail.com

Cllr Richard Lasota: richard.lasota@wychavon.net

Cllr Hazel Stewart-Davies: hazelsd1@outlook.com

Cllr Mary Smith: marysmith.message@virgin.net

Cllr Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

The Neighbourhood Plan Referendum was a great success and the Council is very appreciative to all those who took the time vote. The NP awaits final WDC approval at which time it will be an official planning document that must be **considered** when making planning decisions.

51% voter turn-out

237 ballots cast

230 in favour of the NP

7 not in favour of the NP

Councillor Robinson plans to investigate how the School Playing Field equipment can be improved and invites any parishioner interested in the project to contact her or the Clerk.

Finally.....WCC recently re-surfaced CP553(B), the path which leads from The Close to Quarry Lane.

Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council
01789 490501, clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Next Meeting: **7 March in CLEEVE PRIOR MEMORIAL HALL, 7.30 p.m.**

SPEAKER RACHEL SALISBURY "The Shady Garden"

Teas – Raffle – Plants

On 7 February we held our second AGM which was very well attended. All of the Officers stood again with the exception of our Secretary, Jan Arkell. Thanks to all her efforts in creating and installing the necessary systems on line, we are now very well set up for future years. Jan was presented with a bouquet of flowers and assured us she will still be a part of the Club. Julie Freeman was unanimously voted in and welcomed as our new Secretary. It was pleasing to confirm the subscription would again remain unchanged at £15 a year for members and £4 per meeting for visitors. A further benefit will be that the plant table now becomes an exchange or help-yourself system, which we hope will encourage members to contribute any of their unwanted plants.

Following the AGM Glyn Jones, who joined the Shakespeare's Trust as Head of Gardens in February 2016, after 17 years as Head Gardener at Hidcote Manor, treated us to a very entertaining presentation. We were taken on a journey through the five gardens in and around Stratford, which include New Place, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Halls Croft, Mary Arden's, and of course Shakespeare's Birthplace. Glyn described the situation he found on taking over, and his enthusiasm was evident when he explained the changes and improvements he is planning to implement. He is setting out to create separate style and atmosphere in all the gardens, some of which are already in progress. If you haven't been to any of the properties recently they are certainly worth a visit. An annual ticket is available for all five properties and this gives you as many visits as you like and offers savings against individual visits.

Our next meeting will be on 7 March and, as always, we look forward to seeing Members and Visitors, together with any unwanted plants.

Jan Stewart



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

The Vale Landscape Heritage Trust is running a First Aid course on Sunday 4 March. This is a full day course, free to CPHT volunteers, who just need to bring their own lunch. If you are interested please contact me to see if there are still places available.

It's been a very wet start to the year but Volunteers have been kept busy pruning fruit trees, cutting up logs and carrying out general site maintenance. Preparation of the site of the low mound between ponds has begun, before seeding can take place. Stone picking was likened to penal servitude by volunteers (I am wondering how they knew what it was like!!).

Now is the time of year when the top orchard and wood start to put on their spring show with a carpet of primroses – so why not wander up there for a look. You can always park the car at the Barn. En-route if you are lucky you may spot the Green Woodpeckers in the orchard. If you are a bird lover or in search of a little solitude, bird life in The Sanctuary is seeing increased activity since the pond was cleaned out last Autumn by Peter Howe and Sally Harper. Peter has suggested that visitors to the Sanctuary could bring nuts to fill up the feeders especially in this cold weather.

Logs are still available to *keep the home fires burning* and stock up for next Winter. £40 a builder's bag including a bag of kindling!

Cleeve Stone is a compilation booklet by Don and Lin Warren illustrating the importance of quarrying Cleeve Stone over the centuries and the legacy to the village. The Compilation combines first-hand surveys, oral history and literature research to tell the story of this 200 million year-old stone and its impact on the locality. A copy of this is available to view at the Tea Shop and the Heritage Trust and if sufficient people would like to buy a copy we will make a block order. This is a very readable and instructive booklet with lots of illustrations that every household should have to show visitors.

Easter: Don't forget to dig out your Easter Bonnets for our Easter Celebrations on Saturday 31 March (see the advert on the next page or on our Facebook page and CPHT Website).

Brian Taylor



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

AT FIELD BARN, EVESHAM ROAD

SATURDAY 31st MARCH

FROM 2.00PM

ENTRANCE £1 Adults 50p children

EASTER EGG HUNT

IN FIELD BARN WALLED GARDEN FOR THE

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Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Mercifully there was no rain on Saturday 17 February when we set off from the Great Western Arms in Blockley. There was a steady gradual climb at the start with plenty of muddy patches.

The footpath evened out then descended down towards the pretty village of Batsford. We had a welcome cup of coffee outside the Church in Batsford and then walked on round Batsford Park itself. The estate was once owned by the infamous Mitford family who knocked down the original Georgian mansion and replaced it with a neo-Tudor family home. We passed both the house and a herd of deer in the grounds of the park. WW1 and WW2 took their toll on the park and it fell into disrepair. Lord Dulverton then rescued the garden and turned it once again into a place of beauty creating the bones of the arboretum we see today.



We skirted round the arboretum and joined the Heart of England Way as we headed back down the hill to Blockley where we had a lovely lunch. The walk was 5.5 miles in total with quite hilly terrain. Thanks to Susan and Rob for organising a lovely walk.

Walkers = 12. Dogs = 3.

The next village ramble is on 17 March led by Anthony Bond. Please let him know by 10 March if you would like to take part.

Sandra Langmead

Cleeve Prior Bridge Club

Contract Bridge is a fascinating card game with every hand different in some way. Of course it is unique in that a bidding 'auction' precedes the actual playing, which can be challenging in itself!

The Bridge Club meet monthly in the Memorial Hall, on the last Wednesday, at 8.00pm. We play Party Bridge, where you change partners every four hands, changing tables as well. Each individual keeps their own score, and we usually have a couple of prizes for the top scores. Surprisingly the winners are quite different each month. The whole philosophy behind party bridge is that it is fun, but stimulating. One can learn a lot but, as an introduction to playing the game, it takes some beating.

If you already play and would like to join us on a Wednesday then please get in touch with either David Hadrill or me for more information. If you have not played but want to learn then we can arrange introductory sessions before the evening's play, and you can watch or join in.

Whatever your level of play, be assured of a warm welcome and we will do what we can to further your enjoyment of card games.

Brian Taylor, Joint Organiser

Mervyn Stutter returns to
Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall

Saturday 24th March
Doors open 7.30 pm Bar Tickets £11
please book
through cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com



Mervyn Stutter is a satirical songwriter, comedian, actor and scriptwriter and has been making people laugh in comedy clubs, Radio and TV for 40 years. He was a founding member of the Flying Pickets. and this year celebrates his 31st year at the Edinburgh Fringe and the 26th year of his legendary *Pick of the Fringe Showcase*, making it the longest running show in the history of the Festival



YOGA, PILATES, TAI CHI

in the Memorial Hall

Classes begin at the end of February. There are still a few places, if you haven't already been in touch and fancy giving it a go.....!!

Monday 26 February: 18:15 – 19:15 **YOGA:** instructor is Joanna, cost is £5.00 per class – first one payable on the night, then payable in advance every four weeks.

Tuesday 27 February 17:30 - 18:30 **PILATES:** instructor is Joanna, cost is £5.00 per class – first one payable on the night, then payable in advance every four weeks.

Wednesday 28 February 12:00 – 13:00 **TAI-CHI:** instructor is Gaynor. First class is free as a taster – all subsequent classes are payable, in advance, on line at Worcester Adult Education – details for payment will be given out on the first night.

Any further information, please ring Sue Robinson on 773805 or email sue.robinson333@gmail.com

Mats provided if needed – All ages welcome!!





AN EVENING OF LIVELY DISCUSSION

Wednesday 14 March, 7pm
Top Farm, Froglands Lane.

Has "Me-Too" gone too far?
Is equality for men and women a reality?
Why isn't the NHS working for today's Britain?

The National Women's Register is an international charitable organisation whose purpose is to promote lively debate in informal group meetings. The NWR group in Cleeve Prior was set up about 30 years ago. Our discussions are prompted through a range of activities such as the one advertised above, where members bring along articles to support their points of view, or having speakers, film nights, book readings and theatre outings which are just some other examples of previous meetings. I suppose I should mention the champagne tasting as well!

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

Our meeting on the 14 March will start at 7pm with a Jacob's Supper.

Gina Carr

Women's Fellowship

At our February meeting we learned how to do a landscape in water colours which was very enjoyable. Thank you Don for all your help and advice. We welcomed a new member, June Dewson. This brings us up to 14 members. New members are always welcome. Next month we shall be watching Barbara do an Easter Flower arrangement. There is no need for you to bring anything.

Our meeting March 6th 2.15-4pm in the Community room.

Meryl Holdbrook

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018 7.30PM

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A warm welcome to all visitors



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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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Friday 7.00pm Littleton Village Hall

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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 March it will stop in The Close between 10:15 and 10:35 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall
200 Club winner, February
£50: Mick Hughes



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

6 Mar	Women's Fellowship	14:15	M Holdbrook	Hall
7 Mar	Garden Club	19:30	J Stewart	Hall
11 Mar	Mothers' Day			
12 Mar	Parish Council Meeting	19:30	Par Clerk	Hall
14 Mar	Tea Room & Lending Library	14:30	B Walker	Hall
	NWR	19:00	G Carr	
17 Mar	Ramblers	09:30	A Bond	
24 Mar	Mervyn Stutter	19:30	Mgt Cttee	Hall
28 Mar	Tea Room & Lending Library	14:30	B Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	20:00	B Taylor	Hall
29 Mar	Term ends			
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			
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	

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 for full details of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi.

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

The Rotas March 2018

Sidesmen

4 Mar	Mrs J Taylor
11 Mar	Mrs E Marshall
18 Mar	Mrs A Carless
25 Mar	Mr A Taylor & Mrs S Robinson
1 April	Mrs L Hughes

Church Flowers

4 Mar	No
11 Mar	Flowers
18 Mar	During Lent
1 April	Mrs E Marshall & Pedestal

Church Cleaning

Mrs S Mortimer
Mrs D Byrne
Mrs L Murph
25 Mar Mrs E Wilson
Mrs J Taylor

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