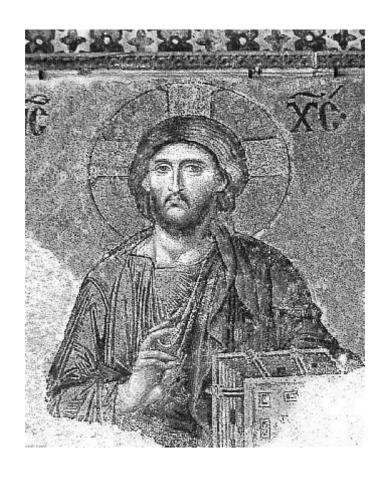
CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2019

Church Services at St Andrews for April 2019

7 April	11 am Morning Praise Joyce Bache		
14 April	11 am Palm Sunday Benefice Eucharist at		
	Offenham Revd Philip Morton		
18 April	7 pm Maundy Thursday Benefice Eucharis		
	at Bretforton Revd Philip Morton		
21April	11 am Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Revd		
	Clive Leach		
28 April	11 am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton		
	(Followed by the Annual Parochial Church		
	Meeting at 12.00 noon approx.)		

Revd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham Worcs WR11 7EJ 01386 832599

Churchwardens

Rod Carless Lis Hughes

Safeguarding in our Benefice

Benefice Safeguarding Officer - Lisa Farmer Tel.01386 40401 Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078

Christian Aid Week

Sunday 12- Saturday 18 May

Once again we will be doing a house-to-house collection in the village. If you are willing to help please could you contact me by email or telephone. The envelopes will be delivered with the May Newsletter.

Lis Hughes

A date for your diaries – The Strawberry Tea will be held on Saturday 29 June on the field behind Japonica Cottage.

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages April 2019

It may be that things have changed enormously by the time this letter is printed, but as I write parliament is facing unprecedented difficulties; the world is still reeling from the terrorist attack in Christchurch, New Zealand; and climate change seems to becoming an ever more urgent issue. It would be so easy to look around, in the news and at the world, and question how things have somehow gone so horribly wrong.

Now that we are getting close to Easter, it reminds me slightly of how the disciples might have felt in the very first Holy Week, with the whirlwind of Jesus entering Jerusalem, getting arrested and dying on the cross. Their teacher, leader and guide was suddenly gone.

How did things go so horribly wrong?

And yet, Holy Week invites us to enter into the story and emotions of Holy Week, and all the events that led up to Jesus' death. Through Jesus God has stood with us, as one of us, sharing in our pain and our difficulties. We also know, however, that is not the end of the story. Mary Magdalene met Jesus again, on that very first Easter Sunday, and he appeared to his disciples in the following days and weeks. Through one message despair was transformed into hope, which spread from one woman to fill the whole world.

The mystery of Easter shows us many things. One key thing is that when all seems messy and worrying and desperate, through God hope can be found. The hope comes not through awful things not happening - though God does not cause suffering – but through the love of God being found in the response to broken relationships. We are urged to respond to our broken world through caring for creation (described by God as 'very good'). We are called to respond to broken relationships with each other by standing up to racism, discrimination and hatred in all its forms. We are invited into a renewed relationship with God - every day, but especially as we prepare for and celebrate Easter.

Fr Timothy Hupfield Assistant Curate

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS March 2019

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.

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Cllr Ron Solomon: ron.priorhouse@gmail.com

A parish Litter Pick is organized for 13 April. In previous years there has been great support for this annual spring rite and it is hoped the same holds true this year. For those interested in volunteering, please contact Chairman Peter Wilson at the above email address or the Clerk.

A parish council election is scheduled this May. There are Nomination Packs and Guidance information down the left hand column of the Parish Council Home Page. www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk. It is almost certainly the case that there will be some current councillors who will not stand again. Should there be questions about the role, please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 13 May. Parishioners and parish groups are welcome to submit written reports via email to the Clerk by 6 May.

Regarding planning application 19/00140/OUT, the Council resolved the following:

If Wychavon District Council considers that there is no need for a Traveller site in Cleeve Prior then the Parish Council does not object, in principle, to this application. However, 80 dwellings is the absolute maximum the Council is prepared to consider. The Parish Council would make the following observations:

- The proposed 80 dwellings would represent a significant increase to Cleeve Prior's current 247 households (2011 census). The Council would prefer a smaller number of dwellings.
- 2. The Parish Council shares police security concerns of high housing density in certain areas of the proposed development.
- 3. The Land shown as 'Village Green', adjacent to the proposed development,

should not be considered part of the open space for this application. This land is owned by Cleeve Prior Parish Council.

- 4. Cleeve Prior 1st School can accommodate 90 students. There are currently 42 students enrolled, a significant percentage of which reside outside Cleeve Prior.
- 5. The site is located in open countryside outside the Cleeve Prior development zone boundary and as such, residential development is not supported by the South Worcestershire Development Plan.
- 6. There are several issues, not for consideration in an outline planning application, which are nevertheless, matters of concern requiring expansion and clarification. These include:
 - A. Drainage and flood control.
 - B. Boundary/hedge issues with neighbouring parishioner.
 - C. Traffic control at entrance to the site e.g. roundabout, visibility splay entrance/exit lane.
 - D. Lay-by for bus stop.
 - E. Pedestrian access and connection to the village centre.
 - F. Street Lighting.
 - G. Design and build compliance with Neighbourhood Plan.
 - H Public consultation

To comment on the application go to https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/ and use the above application number.

The Council resolved to object to planning application 19/00339/HP. To read the comments and post comments, go to https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/ and use the above application number.

The planning application (18/01726/CU) for six caravan pitches off Hayward Lane has not yet been scheduled for a Wychavon DC Planning Committee meeting. Go to https://plan.wychavon.gov.uk/ and use the above application number to seek specific documents related to the application.

If you run a local community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting adams.pebworth@gmail.com.

There will be road restriction on the B4085 commencing 05.04.19 for a maximum of five days. The affected stretch of road is from Hoden Lane for a distance of 837 metres in a northerly direction just beyond Park House. See Public Notice under News and Notices on the Parish Council website www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Cardiac arrest - Defibrillator training.

On Wednesday 13 March, fourteen residents attended a session of training in the use of defibrillators. Cleeve Prior has a defibrillator installed at the front of the school. It is held within a secured container and is maintained on charge with an electricity supply.

This session was hosted by four dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers from the NHS 'First Responders' organisation. They used demonstrations and attendee participation to cover the subjects of:

Initial examination of patients to establish a state of unconsciousness.

Different methods of resuscitation for adults, children & infants.

Contacting emergency services and access to a defibrillator.

Safe use of the defibrillator.

This well-presented session was most educational and suggested to me that this is vital basic knowledge which most people should have. If you would like to have another session arranged in the future please contact the Parish Clerk. (see Parish Council News in this Newsletter).

Peter Wilson

April Village Clear-up

The Parish Council has scheduled a Spring Village Litterpick for Saturday 13 April. Wychavon District Council will supply the necessary equipment such as gloves, bags, high-visibility vests and litter pickers. All we have to do is attract volunteers who will donate a couple of hours to restore our streets and greens to a pristine, litter-free state. We will meet at **10.00am at the Memorial Hall.** Please help out with this if you are able – many hands will make light work.

Cleeve Prior Memorial cricket match

Please make note that this year's village cricket match between upper and lower village will take place on Sunday 21 July. We will soon be in touch with the village charity groups as we want the event to involve as many of the groups to help organise and benefit from fund raising on the day.

The bat, so to speak, has been handed this year from Ian Robinson, who has previously organised the event, to Paul Freeman and David Davenport to organise. We have already made arrangements for the weather to be sunny and hot as before, so please make a note in your calendar to come and support the event.

And, for those wishing to play, please contact either Paul or David.

Pop up Charity Shop In the Memorial Hall

On Saturday 13 April, 2 – 4 pm In aid of the roof appeal, St Andrew's Church, Cleeve Prior

Come and browse our tables and find a bargain
Nearly new clothes and accessories
Recycled treasures
Small items of furniture to upcycle

If you have an item to sell please contact Susan Robinso

Items must be in very good condition and priced You can take 50% or donate 100% to the Church Anything not sold must be taken away by the vendor

Items can be brought to the Hall on Friday 12 April between 2 and 4 pm and from 10 am on Saturday 13 April

Bar open from 2 pm





NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

On Thursday 7 March we celebrated World Book Day. The children dressed as book characters and we all shared our favourite books. We were also very excited to have a visit from Cleeve Prior's own author Julie Fulton who spent time sharing books and doing literacy activities with classes 1 & 2 and Little Chestnuts. She also spent a session with Class 3 (our Year 4, 5 & 6 children) exploring poetry writing. Last year after a similar session with Julie, the children wrote poems which were entered into a National Poetry Competition. We were delighted when we received the results and Caitlin had been placed 3rd out of 25,000 entries! This week we received the news that some of the poems have been published and were extremely proud to discover that out of 40 poems, 5 of them had been written by our pupils. Not a bad achievement for a class of 12 pupils, I'm sure you will agree. A big thank you to Julie for her inspiration and well done to Miss Williams, their class teacher.

We had a lovely morning finding out about Chinese New Year and the children learnt about the traditions and different ways this is celebrated around the world. They especially enjoyed tasting a variety of Chinese food.

On Shrove Tuesday, of course we had to make pancakes and have pancake races to mark the commencement of Lent.

The most exciting event has been the extension of the room for Little Chestnuts. Unfortunately it has meant that we have lost some storage space in school but the little people now have a lovely indoor space for all their exciting activities.

On Friday 15 March it was Comic Relief Day and the school was a sea of red as, for the sum of £1.00, we all abandoned the school uniform and wore something red. We also held a cake sale after school, organised by our School Council. We raised £67.61 overall.

A very big thank you to all that sent in bags of unwanted clothes and household stuff for our Rags2Riches collection. We managed to raise a fantastic £ 116.80, our highest amount yet!

The next collection date has been arranged for Wednesday 19 June.

Sarah Newbury

Messy Church

7 April, 4 pm – 6.30 pm, **Cleeve Prior School**Fun for both children & adults
Crafts, Games, stories, songs and refreshments
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PUBLIC MEETING GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITE EVESHAM ROAD CLEEVE PRIOR 8PM ON MONDAY 1 APRIL IN THE MEMORIAL HALL CLEEVE PRIOR

Representatives of the developer, west country developments, will be in attendance to explain and answer any questions on their proposals to redevelop the site for up to 80 houses currently the subject of planning application ref. No. 19/00140

St Andrew's Church Cleeve Prior

The 2019 Great Potato Challenge Returns by popular Demand!

Grow the largest weight of potatoes in a bucket and win a prize!

We will provide you with the bucket and the seed potato that you plant and nourish. Bring the bucket complete with your crop to the Village Strawberry Tea on Saturday 29th June for the grand weigh in, with a super prize for the biggest crop.

Entries £5 per Bucket (and you keep the bucket and the potatoes)

Rod Carless

All proceeds in aid of St Andrew's Church

10 April, 7pm, Top Farm, Froglands Lane: Jacob's Supper, Discussion and Planning

NWR, "A Meeting Point for Lively Minded Women". Well, our next meeting will encompass all the elements we love in our group: lively debate on a range of topics, humour, food and wine! Please bring a recent article of interest to discuss/amuse. Topics which will be included in the discussion around the table are: devolution, the environment and veganism, the role of regional newspapers, Room 101 and transgender issues amongst others which you might like to raise. Please do some background research on the topics you find of particular interest.

The evening will start at 7pm with supper – please bring a dish to share and a contribution towards the cost of the wine. We hope to plan the following year at the end of the evening so come along with ideas for topics, speakers, and visits which you think the group would enjoy.

Please let Gina know if you are coming, or if not please give your apologies. New Members are always welcome. If you would like to know more please contact Linda or Gina on.

Women's Fellowship

At our March meeting members were asked to bring an unusual object. It turned out to be a most enjoyable and interesting afternoon, with a really good variety of objects all having very personal family memories.

Our next meeting in the Community Room is on Tuesday 2 April, from 2.15 to 4pm. We shall have a quiz. The refreshments are by Carol. Please let know if you can't come.

Meryl Holdbrook



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT FIELD BARN, EVESHAM ROAD SATURDAY 20 APRIL FROM 2.00PM ENTRANCE £1 (50p children)

EASTER EGG HUNT PRE-SCHOOL IN WALLED GARDEN, IN THE ORCHARD FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN

DECORATING EASTER EGGS MATERIALS PROVIDED

RAFFLE, TEAS AND HOT CROSS BUNS

News from Field Barn – April 2019

In the Enclosed Garden

The grass turf laid in the Community Garden is growing well so we should be able to take bookings for the Field Barn Complex from early June. Charges are broadly aligned to those of the Memorial Hall.

Out in the Orchards

The primroses in the Top Wood at Field Barn are a real picture and will look good for 2-3 weeks. We propose to leave the gateway into the Evesham Road car park open at weekends so that people can have easy access to the orchards and wood. Please feel free to take the children up to see one of Nature's little miracles.

We intend to extend the Orchard on Plot 8 this coming winter, mainly Apples and Plums, so if anyone is interested in what varieties should be considered for selection please feel free to contact me with your suggestions.

Events - Sunday 28 April. 10am – 12.30

The Millennium Green Trust would like to have a blitz on the young Hawthorn by the paths before it becomes established and brambles in the wooded areas on the Green. This activity is planned to be well away from bird nesting areas. Please bring your own gloves and protective clothing. The tools, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Coming Up – Dates for your diary!

Sat 20 April, Easter Celebrations Egg Hunt /Egg Decorating. Sunday 28 April, Working Party Millennium Green Sat 1 June, The Food and Craft Fair and Dog Show. Sat 24 August, The Plum Pick.

Earl's Lane Orchard

The gate to the Earl's Lane Orchard is now locked because the owners, Vale Landscape Heritage Trust, do not want it to become a permanent walking area. We will reopen in time for the plum harvest and the apples.

Woodchip Needed

We need more woodchip for spreading round the base of fruit trees to act as a mulch, but also to deter the weeds, so reducing the man hours needed to cut them back.

Volunteers

If you are new to the village or newly retired please do consider coming up to Field Barn on a Tuesday morning to help. Lots of fresh air and laughter promised. We look after 27 acres and there is always plenty to do. Why not come and give it a try?

Brian Taylor



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Meeting, 3 April 2019 in the Memorial Hall @ 7.30pm

Speaker Jez Taylor 'A year into growing cut flowers'

Teas, Plants, Raffle

On 6 March Jeff Soulsby gave a very entertaining and informative talk on "Right place for right plant". To highlight his talk, he brought with him numerous herbaceous perennials which made a very tempting display. We were also challenged to identify some unusual sections of plant material he had brought along. Jeff runs a nursery in Harvington and supplies various National Trust Properties. Many of his plants can be found in the Plant Shop at Hidcote (10% discount to garden club members).

After our group visit to Morton Hall Gardens last summer, much interest was expressed in seeing their Spring Bulb display, so I list below the dates the gardens are open to the public in the Spring for anyone interested in visiting. **Spring Visit: 4 - 6 May,** Morton Hall Garden: Tulip Festival, which includes swathes of naturalised bulbs in the meadows and woodland. Refreshments available in the café, which is showing a display of RSC costumes. Tickets £10. Available from the RSC website.

Summer Visit 4 July, Bourton House Gardens (Bourton on the Hill) Group visit from 2 to 4 pm. Details to follow.

At our next meeting on **3 April** we have, at members' request, a repeat visit from Jez Taylor (son of Brian and Mary of Mill Lane Nurseries). He has recently started growing flowers for cutting for Daylesford, so his first year's experiences should prove to be entertaining.

All unwanted plants/seedlings will be gratefully received for our plant sales table, and all visitors are welcome.

Jan Stewart

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Saturday 16 March: although the weather looked less than propitious, a group of twenty plus three dogs gathered at the Village Green to participate in the March ramble organised by Julie and Paul. We drove to the starting point at the Arrow Mill hotel and restaurant. Leaving the car park we then cut across country, past the attractive buildings of Arrow village, over the dual carriageway footbridge, crossing the River Arrow to Oversley Green near Alcester where they have used their redundant telephone box as a book-exchange.

Another footbridge took us over the A46 towards the main part of the walk which was round Oversley Wood. Here we followed the primary circular track through an undulating landscape, admiring the emerging primroses. This is a fine area for walking with many alternative paths to explore the lovely woodlands and wild flora. The higher parts give fine views over the surrounding countryside.

This circular walk took us back via interesting paths to the River Arrow which we followed, this time under the dual carriageway and back to the starting point. We had completed approximately six miles and escaped the expected rainfall. Our lunch at the Arrow Mill restaurant was a most pleasant reward. Many thanks to Julie and Paul who had taken extra care to find us a good all-weather route.

Peter Wilson



PS Please note that the April walk will be conducted on 19 April which is Bank Holiday Friday, rather than our usual Saturday. Please let David Davenport know by 12 April if you would like to take part.

Alcester Singers

Easter concert, 13 April at 7.30pm St. Nicholas' Church, Alcester. Magnificats by John Rutter, C.P.E. Bach and Pergolesi with professional soloists. Tickets £12 from Bridgett (773440) or on the door

Pershore Choral

Saturday 11 May 2019 at 7.30 pm
Pershore Abbey
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A warm welcome to all visitors

News from the Kings Arms

Cribbage evenings

Do you want to play Cribbage? Come along on Monday evenings. For more information, please ring Dawn or Donna.

There will be an **Easter egg hunt** for village children on Easter Monday (22 April) at 2pm, free of charge



Our **opening hours** are:

Mondays and Tuesdays: 6 pm till close

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 12 till 3 pm, then 6 till close

Saturdays: 12 till close Sundays: 12 till 7 pm

Please note that the pub will be **closed** for private functions on Sunday 7 April and Sunday 28 April

We look forward to seeing you and thank you all for your continued support

Donna, Dawn and the team, 01789 601706



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 on 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.



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Hedgehogs and Fires Do Not Mix





Burnt hedgehog, © Keith Jones Longstanding local bonfire above

Thank you to those who attended my Nature & Wildlife Talk in February. One of my presentation slides was about sparing a thought f or overwintering Hedgehogs that may be hibernating in long-standing built fires. Once they awake in April, they can then go on to use the same location as a nest to give birth to their Hoglets, from June through to September. Many Hedgehogs are killed by bonfires, long-

standing bonfire structures should be resited before lighting. For more information visit www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

Peter Howe, pjhconservation@gmail.com

Bird song walks: 28 April and 12 May: please contact me for details.

VILLAGE NOTICES

The WCC Mobile Library service makes one stop in the village on the 4th Tuesday of each month. It will stop in The Close between 10:15 and 10:35 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall 200 Club winners

March £100: Margaret Paxton £50: Pat Colbourne

VILLAGE EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Contact	Venue
1 Apr	Traveller site development meeting	19.30	WCD	Hall
•	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M.Holdbrook	Hall
3 Apr	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
8 Apr	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
	Tea Room & Lending Library Term ends	14.30	B Walker	Hall
13 Apr	Charity Shop	14.00	S Robinson	Hall
15 Apr	Parish Council Meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
19 Apr	Ramblers Group	09.45	D Davenport	
•	Easter Celebration Easter Sunday	14.00	CPHT Field	Barn
24 Apr	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
1 May	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	
7 May	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
•	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30		Hall
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29 Ma	y Bridge Club	20.00	B Taylor	Hall
1 Jun	Food, Craft Fair & Dog Show		CPHT Field	d Barn
	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30		Hall
	Parish Council Meeting	19.30		
	Ramblers Group	09.30		
29 Jur	Strawberry Tea	TBC	PCC	TBC

The CP Bowls Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and evenings and on Thursday evenings, from September to May. Contact: Les Bratt on 773651.

Exercise classes in the Memorial Hall

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

Mondays, 18:15 – 19:15: Yoga.

Wednesdays 12:00: Tai Chi (not 24 April)

Contact Sue Robinson for full details of Yoga and Tai Chi.

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Mr.	Sidesmen	P - 12 B				
7 Apr	Mrs L Hughes					
14 Apr	No service at Cleeve Prior					
21 Apr	Mrs L Mallett					
28 Apr	Mrs Marshall					
5 May	Mrs J Taylor					
	13.75	Manager 1				
T.	Church Flowers	Church Cleaning				
7Apr	No Flowers	Mrs S Simpson				
14 Apr	During Lent	Mrs S Lasota				
	20 10					
0910	Easter					
21 Apr	Mrs E Marshall	Mrs J Winter				
28 Apr	Mrs D Jackson	Mrs S Robinson				
5 May	Mrs S Taylor	Mrs J Franey				

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