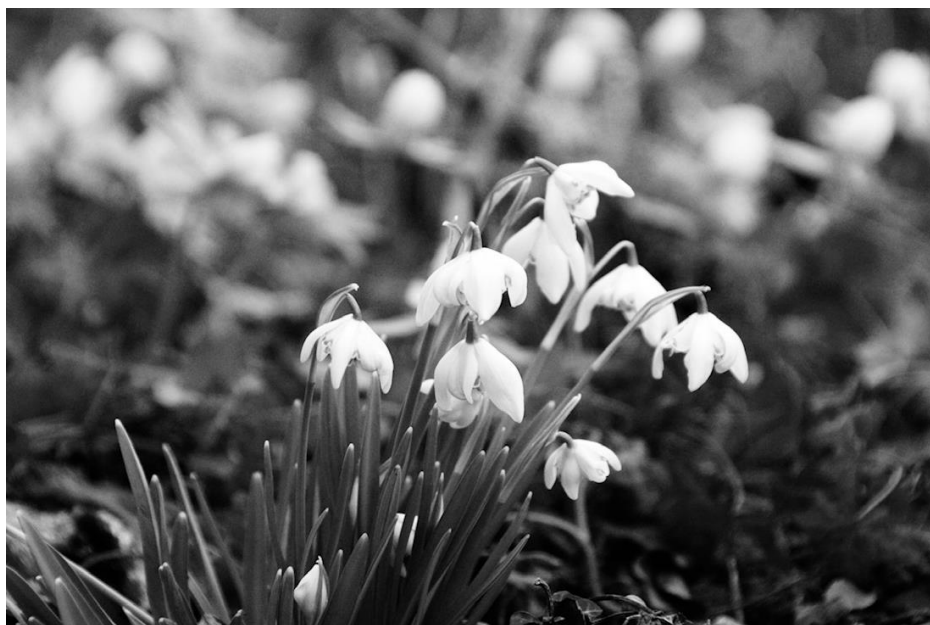


CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2020

Church Services at St Andrews For March 2020

1 Mar **1st Sunday of Lent** 11am Morning Praise

Rod Carless

8 Mar 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton

15 Mar 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

22 Mar **Mothering Sunday** 11am Holy Eucharist

Revd Timothy Hupfield

25 Mar Wednesday 10am Holy Eucharist

Revd Timothy Hupfield

29 Mar 11am **Benefice Eucharist** Revd Timothy Hupfield at

Bretforton

5 Apr Palm Sunday 11am **Benefice Eucharist**

Revd Philip Morton at **South Littleton**

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

For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact the
Benefice administrator, Wendy Stafford. Tel. 01386 424728

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

The beginning of March sees the start of the season of Lent. According to tradition, this is the season when we try to think of something to give up – chocolate, cake, meat, favourite TV shows – I've tried all of these over the years with varying success!

Of course, the season itself commemorates the time when Jesus went out into the desert for 40 days and fasted in preparation for the beginnings of His ministry. Since the earliest days of Christianity, believers have used this season in the run up to Easter as a time for prayer, penitence, self-denial and atonement. Part of the self-denial bit is the giving up of luxuries, which I think most people associate with Lent. But it should also be a time for thinking about taking up something – perhaps the discipline of reading some scripture each day, or helping out with a local charity.

This year, once again we have some Lent groups meeting in various places in the Benefice. This year we're exploring the musical 'Jesus Christ Superstar' so if this interests you please do look at the notices in your local church for more details. It all starts with an Ash Wednesday service on 26th February at 7:00pm in Sts. Mary & Milburgh, Offenham. Please do join us for this reflective and special service.

Lent might be the season self-denial, but it can also be the season of self-discovery. What might God be calling you to do this year?

Revd. Philip Morton

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

February 2020

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 Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Cllr Ian Robinson: irobinson773805@gmail.com

Cllr Mary Smith: marysmith.message@virgin.net

Cllr Ron Solomon: ron.priorhouse@gmail.com

Cllr Kevin Mellor: kevinjohnmellor@gmail.com

Cllr Douglas Carr: austin.carr@talk21.com

Cllr Iain MacDonald: ismacdonald@yahoo.co.uk

The Council welcomed a newly co-opted member Mr Iain MacDonald during the February meeting. This is the first time in several years that all seven seats on the Council have been filled.

The Council has been working closely with WDC officers in an effort to uphold the local authority decision to refuse permission for planning application *18/01727/CU – Land off Haywood Way: Proposed change of use as a residential caravan site for 6 gypsy/traveller families each with two caravans, including no more than one static caravan, together with laying of hardstanding and erection of 6 utility buildings.* The hearing for the appeal took place on 18.02.20 and many parishioners were notified via email about the hearing. There is no set time for the Inspector's decision, but WDC officers have indicated that it may take over a month.

Cllr Lasota reported at the February meeting that S106 negotiations for the Evesham Rd Traveller site housing development have been progressing. However, due to confidentiality issues, details were not released.

The new streetlights were installed during the week starting 3 February. The two that were not replaced are the Hoden Lane light across from Meadowview and the wall light on Fir Tree Cottage. The verge was too wet to access the Hoden Lane light. It will likely be some time before the area is dry enough to install the new light. The Council decided not to replace the Fir Tree Cottage wall light and it was subsequently removed. The contractor inspected the lights twice and confirmed they are working as planned.

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

Due to recent flooding Parish Wharf facilities such as the steps to the river and the seat are dangerous. Please avoid using these parts of the Wharf and any other sections deemed unsafe as determined by personal inspection.

For a complete picture of Parish Council activities please see the Minutes on the Council website: www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk/

*.Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council
01789 490 501 clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com*

Cleeve Prior Players

Cleeve Prior Players have been performing plays, concerts, revues and pantomimes for at least thirty years. Sadly, new membership is at a level that new productions will prove almost impossible to stage. This year the Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman are to stand down so, for the company to survive, we need new enthusiastic members.

Please, if you are interested in amateur dramatics and can contribute as a player, singer, pianist, organist, narrator, front of house organiser, back stage and costume maker, come forward and breathe fresh life into this aging and diminishing organisation. If you are an existing member of the Players, please register your intention to continue. A meeting will be arranged this month. Please contact me by email or phone (details below).

Thank you.

Sue Taylor, retiring Chairman



CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL HALL VILLAGE HALL

email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

200 Club: For the information of those new to the village, this is a lottery licensed by Wychavon District Council to raise funds for the Memorial Hall. The subscription is £10 per year per person, with a monthly draw for a £50 prize, plus a quarterly draw for £100. Results of the draw are advertised in this Newsletter each month. The financial year starts on 1 April and our team of volunteers will soon start calling on current subscribers to collect the yearly payment.

The finances of the Hall would improve significantly if more residents signed up, so members of the Management Committee will be calling on non-subscribers in the coming weeks to ask if they would like to take part. In case you miss their call and wish to subscribe, please contact our Treasurer, Rosemary Perl, so that your name will be added to the list for the coming year.

May Bank Holiday

The early May Bank Holiday has been moved this year to Friday 8 May, to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. If any village group wants to take this opportunity to organise a party in the Hall, please email the Management Committee at the address above.



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm
on 4 March 2020

Duncan Coombs - Ponds, Marginals and Bog Gardens

Neil Cook, the Head Gardener from Hanbury Hall, gave an excellent presentation to a well-attended Garden Club on 5 February. He told how he took on the challenge restoring the gardens of Hanbury Hall which were originally designed in the 1700s. His talk was accompanied by superb slides. The National Trust took over in 1953 and the gardens and house are well worth a visit, attracting a record number of visitors in 2019.

Our next meeting will feature Duncan Coombs "Ponds, Marginals and Bog gardens. Duncan is a passionate plantsman and plant hunter and an advisor to the RHS at Pershore College.

Any unwanted plants/seedlings will be gladly accepted for our plant sales table and, as always, visitors will be welcomed.

Jan Stewart

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

After postponing our walk for February due to high winds and rain, the intrepid Ramblers set off a week later on 22 February to Elmley Castle. Still very gusty with lowering skies but at least a non-rain and mild day.

We had a five mile target which looped around the delightful villages of Bricklehampton and Little Comberton, returning to Elmley Castle. Inevitably, given the weather patterns of recent months, there was mostly soft ground underfoot turning to a creamy, sticky constitution at well-trodden parts of the trail. As expected of the hardy regular ramblers, everyone was fully equipped to deal with these conditions and the accompanying dogs didn't seem to care!

The walks from Elmley can be challenging if one takes the paths up and round Bredon Hill, This walk was routed around the plain below the hill which gave us easy walking and some fine open views of surrounding

landscape with Bredon Hill as backdrop. Our lunch at the Queen Elizabeth Inn was a most convivial affair as usual.

The next ramble will be on Saturday 21 March, led by Rob and Susan. If you wish to take part, please let them know by 13 March.

Peter Wilson

NWR

Wednesday 18 March, 8pm A Spanish-Themed Evening

Our next meeting will be led and hosted by Sue Robinson, at Bushells Barn, in the Manor.

Sue will give us an insight into Spanish history, language, food and culture. Members will be invited to bring a bottle of their favourite Spanish wine or a dish of tapas to share.

Please let Evelyn Wilson know whether you plan to bring wine or tapas so that she can adjust accordingly.

A big thank you goes to NWR member Margaret Ball who, at our February meeting, instructed a small group in the art of origami paper flower making. She also told us about the background history. However I think we were concentrating so hard on our endeavours that I am not sure how much we could recall! It was a most enjoyable evening.

NWR (National Women's Register) is a friendly group which meets every third Wednesday for lively discussion and a variety of different types of activities. If you would like to know more about your local NWR group get in touch and come and give it a try!

Call Evelyn Wilson.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust **News from Field Barn**

Tree Planting Day Saturday 7 March, 10am start

We have 80 apple trees to plant on Saturday 7 March. Volunteers are needed to assist with planting. The holes have already been done but it will still take about 10 minutes per tree. To achieve this in two and a half hours we will need 24 volunteers. So please do get in touch to offer your help. It's a great opportunity to bring along your children or grandchildren to enjoy the outdoors and have the excitement of planting a tree which they can then come back and pick fruit from! There will be a variety of tasks which include siting the tree, soil moving, firming in, more soil moving, levelling, fixing matting, fixing tree guard. So there are a range of tasks for different people.

Bring cold /wet weather gear, welly boots, gloves and your favourite spade or fork, we have some tools but it's often easier to use your own.

Refreshments will be provided.

The Ponds

Please keep an eye out for frogspawn in your ponds and let us know if you can donate some for our ponds. Simon Davies is keen to develop our pollution free ponds as amphibious breeding grounds as they are under threat elsewhere.

Education Visits

If you are interested in promoting education using the outdoor environment and would be willing to help out on days when we have school visits please contact Gina Carr on 778051.

Volunteers

If you would be interested in becoming one of our Tuesday morning volunteers, please give me a ring for details. If you read last month's

magazine you will understand how important volunteers are to the continuing success of our community resources in the Village.

Wood Chip Wanted – if you are having a tree felled please consider donating the wood chip to the Trust.

As I write the primroses are coming into flower in the Top Wood. There will be a marvellous show in March. Do come for a walk through the community orchard and see the early plum blossom and see the show in the Top Wood, a truly lovely sight and its free!! You may see a Green Woodpecker there as well.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 7 March: Tree Planting Day

Saturday 11 April: Easter Celebrations and Egg Hunt

Saturday 6 June: Craft Fair. David Davenport will again be organising this popular event. Please contact him if you are interested in booking a table. On 507205 or email ddavenport999@tiscali.co.uk.

Brian Taylor, Chairman

WANTED Large Screen TV and Laptop

As part of our education days at the Heritage Trust we need to be able to play Powerpoint presentations. The easiest way is to use a laptop and connect to a TV screen.

If you have either item which you no longer need, please get in touch with me. Maybe your company might sponsor the Trust and donate the items. Please help if you can. Many thanks

Gina Carr, Trustee

A Brief History of the Millennium Green.

In 1999 Don and Lin Warren obtained a £30,000 grant from Severn Waste as part of the landfill payments scheme, to purchase then farm land on Quarry Lane and establish a new village green as part of the Millennium Celebrations. The idea being that the land would be held in perpetuity for the benefit of parishioners, for recreation and education.

They set up a separate trust, The Cleeve Prior Millennium Green Trust (CPMGT), to administer the charity, and the land was vested with the Charities Commission as an extra safeguard. The CPMGT have, since the inauguration, devolved the maintenance of the 'Green' to the Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust, because they had a body of volunteers necessary to do the physical work.

As you can appreciate from the recent furore about our public parks in the towns, looking after land costs money. There is grass to be cut, frequently, hedges to maintain, gates to be painted and repaired or replaced when vandalised, wood chip to be spread when paths get muddy, and the crescent mound and Lime Kiln to be strimmed. Each year there is cow parsley to eradicate, paths to be kept clear of brambles and briars, and a pond to maintain.

The Warrens were very astute and what money they had left over from the round of fund raising they invested in an ethical growth fund, the proceeds of which have partly paid for the maintenance. We do not make any demands on the Parish Precept.

There is an increasing awareness of the environment and the need to look after it. However this does not always translate into positive action. We have limited resources so when you see a request for help with maintenance a couple of days a year, please do put the date in your diary and come and help. Dog walkers please continue to keep the green clean and walk with a pair of secateurs and snip back the brambles as you walk!

Don't forget the tree planting on Saturday 7 March at 10am. You will be planting fruit that villagers will be picking and using for generations to come.

Brian Taylor, Trustee

News from the Kings Arms

Apologies for being closed longer than expected.

Mothers' Day, 22 March: taking bookings.
Pie night will be Wednesdays through March.

No food Mondays through March.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Lunch Special, 12 till 2pm,
2 meals for £12 through **March**

Our **opening hours**:

Mondays, Tuesdays: 6 pm till 11 pm.

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 12 noon – 2.30 pm, then 6 pm till 11 pm.

Saturdays: 12 noon till 11 pm. Food served 12 noon till 8.30 pm.

Sundays: 12 noon till 6 pm. Food served 12 noon till 5 pm.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you all for your continued support, *.Donna, Henry and the team*

All enquiries to 01789 601706



Worcester Festival Choral Society

Meridien Sinfonia

Saturday 21 March, 7.30 pm, Worcester Cathedral

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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
February, £50: Nick and 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 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.

OFFENHAM BARN DANCE FUNDRAISING EVENT

In aid of BLISS for babies born premature or sick

14 March, 6pm-10pm

Family fun event at Offenham Village Hall

Raffle prizes; traditional fish/sausage and chips

(special dietary requirements catered for.

BRING YOUR OWN DRINK

Ticket prices to include food - adults £15; children £8

Contact Zoe

VILLAGE EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Contact	Venue
3 Mar	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
4 Mar	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
7 Mar	Tree Planting	10.00	CPHT	Field Barn
11 Mar	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
9 Mar	Parish Council meeting	19.30	Par.Clerk	Hall
18 Mar	Lunch Table	12.30	PCC	Kings Arms
25 Mar	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
	Bridge Club	19.30	B Taylor	Hall
1 Apr	Garden Club	19.30	J Stewart	Hall
7 Apr	Women's Fellowship	14.15	M Holdbrook	Hall
8 Apr	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall
11 Apr	Easter Celebrations & Egg Hunt		CPHT	Field Barn
22 Apr	Tea Room & Lending Library	14.30	B Walker	Hall

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

Weekly exercise classes in the Memorial Hall.

Mondays, 18:15 – 19:15, **Yoga**.

Wednesdays, 10:00, **Tai Chi** (not 19 February)

Wednesdays, 11.30, **Movement to Music** (starting 26 February)

Fridays, 09:15 and 10.30 am, **Pilates**

Should anyone wish to take part in these activities, please book through the trainer at the Hall at the appointed time.

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church

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Times of Mass: 5.30pm Saturday; 11am Sunday

Parish Priest: Canon Garry Byrne

Telephone: 01789 773291 Website: sjtw-bidford.org.uk

A warm welcome to all visitors

The Rotas, March

Sidesmen

1 Mar	Mrs B Walker
8 Mar	Mrs A Carless
15 Mar	Mr R Carless
22 Mar	Mrs B Walker
29 Mar	No service at Cleeve Prior
5 Apr	No service at Cleeve Prior

Church Flowers

1 Mar	
8 Mar	No
15 Mar	Flowers
22 Mar	During Lent
29 Mar	
5 Apr	

Church Cleaning

Mrs S Mortimer
Mrs D Byrne
Mrs L Murphy
Mrs E Wilson
Mrs J Taylor
Mrs S Simpson

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