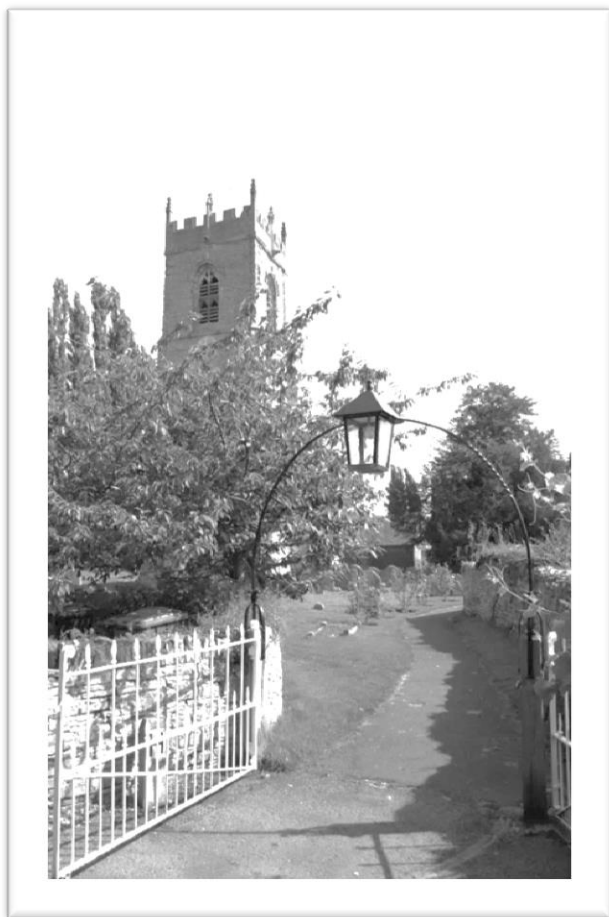


CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2020

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

August 2020

As the lockdown restrictions start to be relaxed, we have been able to open most of our churches again. This is an occasion of joy as it's been lovely to see people attending worship on Sunday mornings, and most of the churches are open two days a week for private prayer (please see the noticeboards of each church for further details of opening times). But it is also a cause of some anxiety as we try to make sure that people are kept safe and that we do whatever we can to avoid any spread of infection.

For this reason, the usual rota of services is much reduced at present. However, we have been able to commit to two services every Sunday: a 9:30am morning prayer service and an 11:00am Eucharist. Those churches that have opted to re-open are taking it in turns to host worship, and the rota for August is available on church noticeboards and on the website eastvaleavon.com.

It is really great to be back together for worship again, as we tentatively look forward to the future. This has been a time of enormous change and things are likely to be different for quite some time, but it is a sign that things are gradually improving. Our online services will continue for those who are not yet ready to return to church, and the lessons we have learnt over the past few months will help shape our communities in the months to come. My prayer is that the good things we have gained will continue on as we learn to adapt to our new 'normal'.

Revd. Philip Morton

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

St Andrew's Church

Services at St Andrew's for August

As we strive to return to some normality we are able to announce the following services for August:

Sunday 9th at **9.30am** Morning Prayer Rod Carless

Sunday 23rd at 11.00 am Holy Eucharist Revd Philip Morton

As we try to keep within the guidelines we will be adhering to the rules on social distancing, which means that seating will be limited to 20 maximum, so be sure to arrive early.

Please note that the service on 9th August will start at 9.30 am

Please refer to the Benefice notice of where other services are being held during the month

For private prayer and meditation, the church will be open from 11.00am until 1.00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays

For the time being the rotas for church cleaning and church flowers are suspended

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

Churchwardens

Rod Carless 01789 773357

Lis Hughes 01789 772578

Notice

The delayed Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 9th August in St Andrew's Church at 12.00 noon for the election of Church Wardens, PCC members and to receive the annual reports.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

July 2020

Until further notice the Council will meet the second Monday of each month, except for August, at 7:30pm **via Zoom**. The Zoom link will be provided on each agenda which posted on the Council website prior to meetings. 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

It is a great shame the bus shelter was burned to the ground. However, the Council received the insurance money and will likely consider building a new shelter.

The Council is now in possession of the S106 Agreement for the Evesham Rd Traveller Site development and has instructed its solicitor to negotiate terms concerning the CPO Land adjacent to the site. It is hoped matters will be concluded in fairly soon.

Due to flood damage the 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.

The School Playing Fields playground area is closed until further notice.

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



The local policing team have recommenced their weekly sessions in the village, for anyone wishing to see them with a query or problem.

As the Memorial Hall is still closed, they will be available in their car outside, next to the Green, every Thursday between 10 am and 11 am.

Volunteers, August 2020

Message of thanks from the Lord-Lieutenant of Worcestershire



The innovation, collaboration, courage and selflessness shown by so many across the County during the COVID-19 pandemic has been truly inspirational and uplifting.

As Her Majesty The Queen's representative, I would like to thank you for the wonderful contribution you have made to the County during these extraordinary and challenging times.

Lt Col Patrick Holcroft LVO OBE
Lord-Lieutenant of Worcestershire

The volunteers are still here to help you although demand now is extremely low as we are all trying to return to some degree of normality. We are aware that there are lots of informal arrangements throughout the village and people are well supported.

If however you need help please do not hesitate to contact us as before.

To access help from the volunteers please contact either
Susan Robinson: call 01789 491380; text or WhatsApp 07880 493600;
Email – paulj.robinson@btinternet.com
Iain MacDonald: 07826 866775 call, text or WhatsApp
Email – ismacdonald@yahoo.co.uk

We need your help...!

Cleeve Prior food drive

collecting for Evesham Food Bank, Friday 7 August

In these post lockdown times food banks have become lifelines for more and more people who are struggling to make ends meet due to losing their jobs or being furloughed. The number of people needing to use food banks has quadrupled since the lockdown started. Donations to food banks have suffered due to the lockdown, social distancing and limitations of what can be purchased in shops and supermarkets. People are eating through their store cupboards faster than usual because they are spending more time at home.

A group of volunteers are looking for donations of long life / non-perishable goods to collect from your doorstep and deliver to the Evesham Food Bank on **Friday 7 August**. These will be added to other donations from local companies and people.

If you have any items you would like to donate, can you please leave in a prominent position (door step, garden wall, etc.) **by 10am on Friday 7 August**. Collecting from Bidford Road, The Manor, Hoden Lane, The Close, Froglands, Nightingale & Back Lane and Mill Lane. Donations will be delivered to the foodbank by 2pm the same day

If you have any queries or your donation has not been collected by 11am, please contact Gordon Davidson on 01789 773988 or message 07854 106888.

Every item counts so, even if it is one tin of soup, please donate. When you think of donating, empathy is key, this means not just dredging mystery tins from the back of your cupboard; if you didn't want to eat it over the last two years, chances are no one else will either. It's about thinking of the groceries you couldn't live without – be that food or something else.

An idea of items they are short of are listed below. **No beans please, they have plenty!**

- Long life fruit juices
- UHT Milk
- Cereal
- Tinned cold meats
- Tinned Fruit / sponge puddings
- Tinned meats, e.g. stew, mince
- Tinned potatoes / packet mash
- Tinned fish
- Jams & Honey
- Tea Sugar
- Pasta (other than spaghetti)
- Shower gel
- Small boxes of washing powder
- Toilet rolls
- Etc, etc.

Thank you.

Gordon Davidson



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

What to do in the Garden in August

- Water pots and tomatoes with a high potash feed.
- Pinch out the tops of tomato plants and leave 5 or six trusses per plant.
- Deadhead any flowers that are past their best to encourage new growth.
- Prune wisteria by removing any of the long whippy growth.
- Pot up strawberry runners to propagate new plants.
- Trim lavender plant after the flowers have died back to keep the plants compact.
- Top up ponds as necessary.
- Harvest early potatoes as the leaves begin to turn yellow
- Pick runner and French beans regularly to prevent them from going to seed and stringy.
- Sharpen the blade of your hoe with a file; it will be easier to use to keep down the weeds.
- Finally remember the old proverb: "One year's seeding is seven years weeding"

Happy Gardening,

Roger



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News from Field Barn

It's Plum Picking Time! Time to eat, jam, bake plum pies or pickle those plums!!

Those of you on the Memorial Hall email list will already have been invited to go and pick the early variety plums. The main car park by the Orchard will be open to allow free access for the plum picking on the weekends of 15/16 August and 22/23 August. At other times visitors can park in the Field Barn car park and walk round by the main road.

Volunteers are always needed for a variety of tasks, so get in touch if you are interested and have a few hours to spare. Safe working practices with social distancing is being actively managed.

Brian Taylor, Chairman CPHT, 01789 773075

A Message of Thanks

The donations to the Bidford Dementia Café in memory of Gwen Mitchell have reached £1,000 to date.

Many thanks for your cards of sympathy and words of kindness.

Allan Mitchell and family

News from the Kings Arms

Opening hours, August

Monday 6 till 10pm

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 6 till 10pm

Thursday 6 till 11pm

Friday 12noon till 3pm lunch, then 5 till
11pm

Saturday 12 noon till 11pm

Sunday 12noon till 5pm



We will be doing the *Eat out to help out*, 50% off food and soft drinks up to £10 per person, Monday and Wednesday nights from 6pm, for four weeks starting 3 August

If you would like to book a table for food, please call 01789 601706.

See you all very soon,
Donna, Henry and the team

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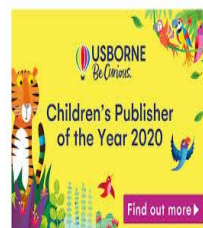
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