

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MAY 2021

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

Thoughts for May

May is my special month, because we celebrate our wedding anniversary, my sister and I celebrate our birthdays and, added to these personal celebrations, is the bonus of two Bank Holidays.

Growing up in Derbyshire, Ascension Day was also special because we got a half-day holiday after going to church in the morning, and it was also the day the Well Dressing Festivals began. Tissington is the first of the Derbyshire villages to open this annual festival. The tradition started after another pandemic, the wells where clean fresh water is drawn were 'dressed' with bunches of spring flowers and blessed as a thank you to God for coming through the Black Death. Over centuries and revived in the 1800s it has developed into the present form of highly skilled and beautiful decorated frames covered in clay. Patterns and pictures are made up by pressing flower petals into the damp clay. As children we helped, and gradually over the years we learned all the 'tools' of this particular trade to be able to carry on the tradition.

Sadly, last year we were not able to share any time together celebrating, as events like the Well Dressings and everything else was cancelled. There has been too much heartache endured during this pandemic so, as we go forward to happier times, let us not forget to continue to be thankful for those who kept things going for us whilst we waited for better days to come.

Enjoy your celebrations when they arrive, I know I will.

Margaret Pye

(a Licensed Lay Minister with the Benefice of East Vale and Avon Villages)

St Andrew's Church

Services at St Andrew's for May

Sunday 2 May 11.00am Holy Eucharist

Revd Philip Morton

Followed at 12.00noon by the APCM for the receipt of reports and the election of Church Wardens and members of the PCC

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

There is a service of Morning Prayer via Zoom every Sunday morning at 9.30am. If you would like to join that, I can let you have the link (01789 773357)

There will be a Eucharist service at Badsey church every Sunday at 11.00am., online services of Holy Communion will continue as normal, and sermons will be published on the website.

Revd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham
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Safeguarding in our Benefice:

Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer Tel.01386 40401 ,
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For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact the
Benefice administrator, Wendy Stafford. Tel. 01386 424728

From the Parish Registers

The faithful departed: 31 March 2021, Betty Joyce Vickeridge

From the PCC

The Church Clock!

Frustration, Frustration, Frustration

I had hoped that by now the work on the clock would be well underway. We have, thanks to the generous donations, the money to pay for it and the Cumbria Clock Company waiting for the go-ahead. However we await a signature!

To undertake any major work or alterations to the church fabric we have to obtain permission from the diocese, this is known as a “Faculty”. This was applied for at the beginning of the year and we were informed two months ago that it was awaiting the signature. We continue to wait for information!

During this waiting time some important work has been done, with thanks to Paul Freeman and Adam Sanders the belfry and clock room have been cleared of several years’ accumulation of bird mess. They spent a Saturday undertaking very hard work in difficult surroundings, under and over the bells and removed a very large quantity of debris. Our thanks again to them for undertaking such a dirty and heavy operation!

During this time great work has been carried out in the churchyard with the rose beds. Please see below for an appreciation.

Rod Carless

A village thank you

If you have walked through the churchyard of late, it will have been obvious that a huge amount of work has been undertaken in removing old and worn out roses and replacing with new healthy plants, together with the creation of a Peace Garden near the Priest’s Door.

An enormous thank you is due to Lis Hughes for organising the purchasing of the new roses and to Mick Hughes for the labour involved, together with his helpers, David Davenport, Nick Stephens

and Mike Walker. The complexity of replanting roses is breathtaking, suffice to say a mammoth task. Thank you also to everyone who has sponsored a new rose, a special way to remember a loved one.

Judy Winter

Interim Church Cleaning Rota for May

2 May	Evelyn Wilson, 772814
23 May	Bridgett Walker, 773440
30 May	Heather Bratt, 773651

Until the Church opens fully for services, the cleaning rota will be issued on a monthly basis.

Lis Hughes, 772578

Services in the Benefice in May

Date	Time	Service	Church	
Sun 2 May	11 am	Communion	Cleeve Prior	
Sun 9 May	11 am	Communion	Badsey	
Thur 13 May	7 pm	Communion	Badsey	Ascension Day
Sun 16 May	11 am	Communion	Badsey	
Sun 23 May	11 am	Communion	Bretforton	Pentecost
Sun 30 May	11 am	Benefice Communion	Badsey	

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who has been kind enough to send me cards and condolences on the death of my dear wife Betty Vickeridge, who died peacefully at home on the 12th March. Betty was very much an active member of the community, sitting on the Parish Council and the School Governors throughout the 1980s. She will be greatly missed by all her family.

Robin Vickeridge

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

April 2021

The Council meets the second Monday of each month, except for August, at 7:30pm **at the War Memorial Hall, Cleeve Prior**. 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 will meet in the Memorial Hall on 10 May for its Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. All reports for the Annual Parish Meeting should be emailed to the Clerk by 7 May.

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. Repair of the bottom step is planned.

It is expected that another large caravan will be transported to the Traveller Site off Haywood Way in May. The transport will be much quicker if there are no cars parked on the route. With this in mind the transport company and site owner have been requested to give plenty of notice so the exact date and time can be included in the May edition of the parish magazine. The Clerk also requested the land owner to deliver flyers to the critical households.

BT has been installing full fibre to Cleeve Prior homes. This upgrade will allow for much faster broadband download speeds. Parishioners can find out more information by visiting the BT site or calling 0800 587 4787.

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

Dog waste in Cleeve Prior.

Once again it is necessary to remind certain dog owners that it is totally unacceptable to leave dog waste behind you on your walk or to leave the bag hanging in the hedge. Someone has to collect it eventually.

You are responsible for your pet in all respects, so please do not neglect this waste disposal issue.

Cleeve Prior Parish Council



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear villagers,

It's been a lovely week since we returned to school after the Easter break. The children have returned in good spirits and I am delighted to say that we have been able to resume some of the usual activities we would take part in, such as swimming.

Since my last letter, we celebrated Easter at St Andrew's Church and it was lovely to be back in church to reinforce the message of the Easter story. We also held an Easter Egg hunt on the school grounds which was very energetic - the teams had to find 40 eggs that had been hidden. No team managed to find all of the eggs and the children were absolutely worn out by the time we finished!

On Friday 23 April we celebrated St George's Day, where the children learned about the story of England's patron saint and his importance as a symbol for our country. As a school, we are proud to teach the children about the history of England and its many and varied traditions.

One of the most cheering things about this time of year is the beautiful flowers that are blooming across the village. We would love to develop our school grounds to make more of a feature of them and so Miss Williams has asked if anyone has any spare, larger, bedding plants that we could have, to plant at the front of the school. She is restarting the school gardening club and it would be wonderful if the local community could support this by providing some plants that could go into the beds at the front. If you are able to contribute any, please drop them in to the school office - all donations will be very gratefully received.

I look forward to the further easing of restrictions in the coming weeks and hope that, as a school, we will be able to invite parents in more than has been possible for the past year.

Warm regards

Kevin Riley, Interim Head of School

Cleeve Prior Golf Society

After a long hiatus the Golf Society has started its programme for 2021. Our first event this year was held under partial lockdown rules at Bidford Grange golf course on 28 April. This note has been written before the event so results will appear in future Newsletters.

We are a sociable group with members of varying golfing abilities and we play at various courses in the area. If you are interested in learning more, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Secretary Vic Birnie (email:john-birnie@sky.com).

Our programme for the remainder of the year includes these courses:

May, Evesham Golf Club

June, Stratford Oaks Club

July, The Welcombe Course

August, Naunton Downs Club

September, The Vale Club

Peter Wilson

(email: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com)



**CLEEVE PRIOR
WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**

email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

The Hall will be used by Wychavon District Council as a Polling Station for local elections, with appropriate Covid safeguards in place, on Thursday 6 May.

Bookings are now being taken for regular Hall activities from September onwards. If you wish to book the Hall, please contact our Bookings Secretary, Sally-Anne Richards, via the email address above.

**The Cleeve Prior Volunteers
are still here to help during lockdown.**

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

Volunteers follow Government guidance and practise social distancing so will support you safely. Stay safe.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

News from Field Barn May 2021

First of all many thanks to those of you who donated and came up to the Trust to plant snowdrops in the Top Orchard and Woodland area. We were lucky with the weather which stayed fine and the ground, despite the lack of rain, proved easy to plant in.

You will notice that we have a new logo and would like to thank Don Wilson for his artistic skills in producing the drawing of Field Barn as seen from the Old Rickyard entrance. This 250 year old Threshing Barn, build of lias stone, was originally part of Cleeve Manor Farm and in the autumn would have been full of stacks of wheat sheaves on staddle stones waiting to be threshed.

The cold weather in April may have affected pollination of the plums but we shan't know for a few weeks, fingers crossed on that one. The trees planted last March are doing well despite the hot dry spring last year; we have only lost three. There are sheep going back into Earls Lane Orchard so dog walkers are asked to be aware when walking in the adjacent Earls Lane Wood. This year's cider is proving very popular and comes highly recommended. We have just had a second batch bottled. If you would like to purchase contact either Brian on 773075 or Phil Garnett Clarke on 773287 for details.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Brian to see how you can help, on 773075. All our work is outside and there is a wide range of jobs all of which enable socially distancing. Trustees have been busy ensuring that we make Field Barn a covid safe working environment.

The Trustees would like to say a big thank you to Peter Howe who for the last 3 + years has been looking after the Sanctuary. We wish him and his family every success in their move to pastures new!

Gina Carr , Trustee
Registered Charity Number 1063291



Our topic for the April Meeting was The Ethics of Fashion – a wide ranging and fascinating subject. We were still Zooming but, despite this, we had a most informative evening. The topic was suggested by Sue Robinson and with Sue's and her daughter Jo's help and research, we had a list of subjects to choose from and investigate.

Our discussions ranged over topics like synthetic fabrics, regular cotton vs. organic, animal farming for clothing, through to the ethical consumer. Coincidentally our meeting tied in with the celebration of Earth Day when we are encouraged to think of our environment and what we personally can do to live our lives in a more sustainable fashion.

We learnt so many interesting and disturbing facts about water use, soil erosion, landfill issues and many other aspects of the fashion industry's impact on our planet.

It wasn't all doom and gloom. We discovered that there are many companies and individuals involved in creating inspiring projects, making lovely garments and providing much needed employment for marginal communities as well as being kind to the environment.

I really hope that this will be our last Zoom session and that we will be able to gather in person for our May meeting. We are proposing to have a lunch time picnic at Field Barn on Thursday 20 May. I will be in touch with all NWR members – past and present – with more details. It will be great to see everyone again.

I would like to thank everyone for their forbearance during the lockdown period and for keeping the spirit of NWR alive in Cleeve Prior.

Evelyn Wilson, 722814

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Our last outing has become a distant memory but with the easing of Covid restrictions I think we can re-commence our programme of walks. The Ramblers Group meets once a month, usually on the third Saturday.

I would hope that the date for our first walk of 2021 will be Saturday 22 May and will be working towards that.

If you have not joined us before and would like more information please contact me at email: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Peter Wilson

Charity vegetable plants.

For those of you interested in growing your own vegetables, I am growing a range of vegetable plants again this year to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer charity. Diane and I are taking part in the Macmillan Mighty Hike in September for the same reason.

From mid April I will have a range of brassica plants, lettuce and leeks available, and from early May I will have tomatoes, peppers and chillies also.

The full list is on the village Facebook page.

Anybody interested can contact me by text or WhatsApp on 07801172251, or email peterthomasbyrne@gmail.com

News from the Kings Arms

We are opening on **Wednesday 19 May** and looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Thankyou all for your continued support with our takeaways during these tough times.



Takeaways will still be available once we open on 19 May however, as we are having work done on the kitchen between 1 and 19 May, there will be no takeaways during this period.

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Friday

Saturday night and

Sunday lunchtime.

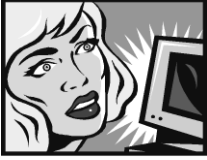
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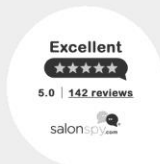
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