

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



Postcard commemorating the opening of the original Memorial Hall
on March 31st 1921

Image courtesy of Cleeve Prior Chroniclers

APRIL 2013

Church Services for April 2013

- 7th 11.00am Parish Eucharist, The Revd Jim Symonds
- 14th 11.00am Parish Eucharist The Revd Jim Symonds
- 21st 11.00am Parish Eucharist The Revd Richard Court
- 28th 11.00am Parish Eucharist The Revd Andrew Mottram

May

- 5th 11.00am Parish Eucharist The Revd Len Burn

During the Interregnum, should you need the ministrations of a Priest or wish to make any enquiries relating to services at the Parish Church, then please contact one of the Churchwardens:

Mr Rod Carless
Arnwood
Mill Lane
Cleeve Prior WR11 8JZ

Mrs Lis Hughes
Japonica Cottage
Main Street
Cleeve Prior WR11 8LG

The Church Electoral Roll is being updated. If you would like your name to be added please ask for an enrolment form and the conditions of enrolment from one of the wardens.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 MAY
BE PART OF OUR CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO HUNGER

If you feel able to help collect envelopes as part of our house to house collection during Christian aid week please contact me .

Lis Hughes

St Andrew's Church
Welcomes you to a
Family Service
On Sunday 7th April at 11.00am

South Cleeve Prior Residents' Group

Thank you to everyone who, following Natalia Brown's recent letter, has cut their speed when driving past the houses in the south of the village. We understand how tempting it is to speed up on a straight stretch of road and your forbearance is much appreciated.

I'm planning an evening road safety quiz/presentation for the end of May or beginning of June and hope we can use the event as a meeting point for the two ends of the village. In the meantime see if you can answer these:

- What is your stopping distance at 30mph?
- What does the amber traffic light mean?
- During what hours is it illegal to sound your horn?

Answers can be found in the Highway Code.

By the way, please watch out for the gorillas in the road at the end of the month.

Anne Milton

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

March 2013

The Council meets the second Wednesday of each month, except for August, at 8:00pm in the War Memorial Hall. If a parishioner has any comments or concerns please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

Chairman Brian Minto

Cllr David Bridgewater: david.c.bridgewater@gmail.com

Cllr Nick Bury: nb@nickbury.go-plus.net

Cllr Peter Howe: sales@thinkjet.co.uk

Cllr Paul Turner: Paul.Turner@virginmedia.co.uk

Cllr Julian Franey: julianfraney@safeman.demon.co.uk

While still very much a work in progress, the Council has successfully launched its new website: <http://www.cleeveprior.org.uk>. To make the site useful and inclusive, the Council need parishioner support and feedback. So please, peruse the site and feel free make suggestions and/or participate. It is the eventual goal that the site will become the centre of information for the parish. With this in mind, the Council would like all parish groups/clubs/organizations to have a presence on the site, perhaps with a separate page each. If there are any questions or comments, please contact the Clerk or Cllr Turner.

Measures to calm traffic through the village and surrounding area have been ongoing these past few months:

1. The flashing sign near the school should be in operation by the start of the next school term.
2. A proposed sign may be installed on Main St to warn drivers of the sharp bend near Hoden Lane.
3. The Council has agreed to contribute toward the cost of estate gates near the houses on Evesham Road. The Council is awaiting Worcestershire CC (WCC) agreement on this project.
4. WCC has agreed to install a sign near the Fish and Anchor Hill junction with Evesham Road to direct lorry traffic toward the A46 via Offenham or Blackminster.
5. After the Council requested Bidford-on-Avon PC to investigate the safety aspects of the B4085/Bidford/Honeybourne junction, the following issues will be explored:

- a. 50mph limit on Honeybourne Rd
- b. Installation of high visibility “Give Way” signs on Welford and CP roads
- c. Consider lowering speed on Welford Road to 40mph near junction
- d. Clear ditches drains/drains to reduce water on road

The Southwest Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) recently held further consultations. The Council responded by requesting the language concerning Traveller Sites be made more specific and to closely follow government guidelines of 15–18 maximum pitches per site. See the parish website for a copy of the letter.

WCC recently appointed a new Parish Paths Warden for Cleeve Prior. Mr Saunders is keen to improve the footpath network in the parish and has already conducted a survey. The report is included in the March Minutes which will be posted on the parish website shortly after the 10 April Council meeting. It is apparent that remedial work will be necessary and volunteers are much appreciated. For anyone interested in helping, please contact Cllr Howe or the Clerk.

The 2013/14 Council budget earmarks available grant money for worthy local groups. If interested, a Grant Application can be downloaded from the website. Please note that Main St will be closed for 8 days commencing on 2 April. Sewage connection work is being carried out for properties near the school. There will be no through access so please plan your car journeys accordingly.

Finally, all parish groups are reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting takes place Wednesday, 8 May. Anybody wishing to submit a report for the meeting should email documents to the Clerk no later than 1 May.

Sean Arble Clerk to the Council
01789 490 501

Advice from the Worcestershire Regulatory Services

Worcestershire residents are being urged to be on their guard against aggressive, high pressure salespeople who are trying to get them to buy security alarms. Following a report of an unwanted telephone call in the Bretforton area, Officers have issued advice to help residents deal with cold callers.

Top tips include:-

- Don't invite a salesperson into your home
- Don't sign any paperwork produced during a cold call
- Don't worry about appearing rude – a polite 'no thank-you' means you can close your door.
- Make it clear you are not interested and want them to leave your property – and not return
- Remember, if you have signed a contract and feel misled, there is a seven-day cooling off period.

With regard to buying security alarm systems

- Get friends and family to help you source the correct one for you
- Get at least three different quotes for different systems before making a decision

WRS Head, Steve Jorden, said “In the past we have heard of rogue alarm companies scaring residents with crime statistics and claiming they were at risk of burglary. Consumers who have security needs should use recommended companies.”

The following organisations publish lists of authorised alarm fitting companies:

National Approval Council for Security Systems: 01628 637 512

Security Systems and Alarm Inspection Board): 0191 296 3242

For more advice contact Worcestershire Regulatory Services via the Citizen Advice Consumer Service on 08454 040506

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

The busy life of the school has continued throughout February and March. We had a visit from Fredy Arbuto, a member of the South American Music Company – Caliche. We all had great fun playing the musical instruments. Class 3 played the pan pipes, Class 2 used different instruments to emulate the sounds of the Rain Forest and Class 1 played VERY large drums and learnt a condor dance .

Just before half term the Key Stage 2 children demonstrated their prowess on the flute in a small concert led by Mrs Butler, their tutor. This signalled the end of the flute lessons for this year. The children are now learning the vile-ole-din – oops sorry – violin!!

Harold the Giraffe paid us his annual visit in the Life Education Caravan – the children really enjoy their lessons about healthy lifestyles and relationships. We look forward to him coming back again next year. Just in case you are unsure about Harold – in the words of one child “It’s a puppet”

Classes 2 and 3 have now completed their term of swimming lessons at Evesham Leisure Centre. We shall be entering the Small Schools Swimming Gala on Thursday 18th April. Class 1 will start their lessons after the Easter holidays. We have been very fortunate to have had a free Tennis After School Club led by Andrew Reynolds. I wonder if we have any budding stars amongst them?

We shall be holding a Bag2School collection next term so if you are having a clear out this is your opportunity to get rid of all that unwanted clothing, bedding, soft toys, shoes, hats, belts or handbags. Our last collection raised about £170 which we used

towards the purchase of our stage. The collection date is Thursday 25th April.

Sarah Newbury



CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

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Saturday 13 April : Bev Pegg, the well-known Black Country musician and comedian. Tickets £10, to include supper.

Friday 17 May: Kevin Grenfell Jazz

Tickets for these events are available from Committee members.

Readers will notice from the front cover picture that the Memorial Hall was opened 92 years ago on 31 March 1921. The building, which had been the Malt House for Peacock House, was purchased from Farmer Sparrow so that there could be a permanent memorial to honour the eleven village residents who lost their lives in the First World War.

COMMUNITY GAMES FOR ALL

COMBINED WITH VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

AFTERNOON & EVENING

FUN AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES.



We enjoyed an interesting and informative talk about the Life of a Buddhist. Nibbhaya explained the threefold path that Buddhists take. How all our actions have consequences that can either be harmful or beneficial. How meditation, with the mind becoming still, increases our awareness of this, thus enabling a feeling of compassion and good will to all.

Nibbhaya said that he meditates for 40/50 minutes every morning. At the end of the evening we spent a few minutes attempting some meditation, which was certainly a very calming time and most of us agreed perhaps worth continuing in the future.

At our next meeting at the War Memorial Hall on 17 April 17 Charlie Homer will talk about Growth for Africa. Meetings start at 7.30 and the speaker at 8pm. New members and guests are welcome.

Rosemary Perl

The coffee morning held on the 6th March was a great success and netted an amount of £330.00. We are so grateful for the continued generosity of this village when there are so many good causes we are asked to support. We now have a good float of money to enable us to purchase more of the cushions and our WI members will continue to make some bright colourful covers to go on them. We have a display board of photos of the first batch, which can be viewed in the Tea Shop or at our WI Meeting on 17 April in the Memorial Hall. The first batch of cushions have now been distributed to Warwick Hospital and we have received a letter of thanks, which is printed below. Once again many thanks for your kind support.

Coral Williams

Letter received from the Breast Care Lead Nurse Specialist, in the Helen Clark Suite, Warwick Hospital, Deborah Enser

“Dear Mrs Colbourne, Just a note to say a very sincere thankyou to you and all your friends in the Cleeve Prior WI for the hard work in producing your heart-shaped pillows for our patients. They are wonderful and very much appreciated by our ladies.

It is clear a lot of thought and hard work went into the pillows. Not only is it the physical comfort the pillows give, but I also think it gives the ladies a sense of fellowship and support from other women, a sense maybe that other people care.

We really do thank you all for your kindness and support. Thank you.”

CLEEVE PRIOR RAMBLERS

Having had to cancel the January walk (snow) and then losing the lunch venue for the rearranged walk In February (kitchen fire), the last thing Chris Nicholson needed was for me to miss the deadline for the publication of this report. For that, many apologies.

However 17 of us with a couple of dogs met on a dry, bright day for an excellent tour of the hills around Ilmington. We enjoyed extensive views both north and south with a variety of terrain, managing to avoid the worst of the residual snow and mud as we skirted Foxcote House and Hidcote. As the Howard Arms could not accommodate us owing the aforementioned fire we adjourned to the Kings Arms in Cleeve for a well-earned lunch.

Thank you Chris for a delightful walk. The March walk had to be cancelled for a very low turnout but in any case would have been almost impassable with the heavy rain that fell that day.

April's walk will be organised by Shirley and Ron Taylor on Saturday 20th. Please let them if you are going to walk by Friday 12th on 490895

Mick Hughes

NWR

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 9 April at 8 pm in the Kings Arms. Please come along with your suggestions for the 2013-14 calendar. Snacks will be provided.

I will be standing down as organiser and Sue Taylor has kindly offered to take my place.

Sheila Jeffries

BIDFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Please join us on **Friday 19th April** at **St. Laurence's Church Hall**, 7.30pm, for our talk on "**Mary, Queen of Scots,**" by Dr. Gillian White.

Innocent victim or wicked woman? For four hundred years Mary, Queen of Scots, has divided opinion. For some she is an innocent victim of all that befalls her, for others she is a murdering adulteress who deserves everything she gets. Undoubtedly, though, her life is a tragedy. This talk retells her story, from infant queen to executed prisoner, and raises questions about how we judge people from the past.

Visitors are most welcome. Our charge is £4.50 each visit for non-members. Free admission for visitors aged 18 or under. For details, contact Lisa Lear or visit www.bidfordhistory.org.uk.

Lisa Lear

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

An enjoyable afternoon was spent decorating chocolate Easter eggs. Meryl had made and brought along tiny adornments such as teddies, bunnies and various flowers beautifully crafted out of icing sugar to help us with our designs. There is a considerable amount of artistic talent in our little group. Thank you Meryl, and also Mary Collins for her hospitality.

We are going to the Regal Cinema in Evesham on 10th April to see Song for Marion. This replaces our usual meeting on the first Tuesday in the month.

Bridgett Walker



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust



Many thanks to everyone who turned out on Sunday 17 March for the Millennium Green “spruce up”. A variety of jobs were undertaken from cleaning up the hedge on the South side after the contractor had finished his job, to clearing brambles, thinning out Blackthorn and spreading more mulch on paths and in gateways.

It was great to see so many villagers, with and without dogs, entering into the spirit and looking after this great village asset. A real difference was made to the North side of the green and sets it up for the summer – assuming we have one!!
VERY MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE



Pruning and Fruit Tree Care Course - 12 March

A dry, very cold Tuesday morning greeted the seventeen volunteers and residents of Cleeve Prior who attended this course led by John Edgeley, horticultural consultant and a past lecturer at Pershore College.

The Trust felt that, with the number of orchards in its care and with the number of private homes in the village with their own orchards, it would be a good idea to offer formal training by an expert to build up a bank of skills within our community that could help towards their care and restoration. (Conservation of old orchards is now beginning to attract more local government support.)

The window for such courses is limited to early Spring or late Autumn, the best periods to give opportunities to put theory into practice. Field Barn with its roaring log fire provided the perfect venue for the theory lesson and the answers to questions raised by participants with particular concerns relating to their own trees.

Armed with essential principles we proceeded to the Community Orchard where Brian Taylor (CPHT Chairman) had identified a varied selection of trees that would benefit from being made guinea pigs, ranging from the very young, recently planted to the more established and some very old trees. We were all invited to contribute to where the cuts could be made and what aspects of tree growth and development needed to be born in mind for future pruning. Hints and tips abounded!

All agreed that the course had been most informative and entertaining. A most valuable three hours!



OUR VERY GRATEFUL THANKS: On Thursday 21 March the Kings Arms held a quiz night. The winners were Heather and Les Bratt, Sue Lasota and Les Evans. On receiving their substantial prize they kindly donated it to the Heritage Trust, in appreciation of work that was carried out by everyone on the Millennium Green the previous Sunday. It is a very generous contribution and is very much appreciated by the Trustees of the Heritage Trust.

**KEEP UP WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING AT THE
HERITAGE TRUST ON THE “NEW” CLEEVE PRIOR VILLAGE
WEBSITE: www.cleeveprior.org.uk**

Bird Song Walks – Diary Dates

Have you ever listened to the birds around you and wondered which bird just sang that lovely song?

I will be doing two early morning walks on Saturdays 13 April and 4 May, starting at 6.15am. These will be approx 2 miles around Cleeve Prior's footpaths. Sorry NO dogs.

This is a walk for a small group (max.8) , and for beginners interested in gaining some further knowledge of bird songs. (Only 3 spaces left for 13 April).

Binoculars and a good small pocket guide book on birds essential!

If you would like to join this small group, please e-mail me asap to book a place.

Peter – pjh@uk2.net



Cleeve Prior Chroniclers

The Chroniclers met on Tuesday 5th March. Following a minute of silence for our late Chairman, Bryn Taylor, we affirmed our commitment to carry on, following his example, researching local history. Our current themes being Farms, Businesses & Quarrying, Childhood & the Village School, the Gertrude Myers Home & the river Avon from Bidford to Offenham, St Andrews Church and the Local Graveyards. If you think you can help in these and other areas of local interest please let us know. We would be very pleased to know if anyone in the village has the ability to produce prints or digital images from old glass negatives. Please contact Peter May if you can help.

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Community oil buying project – We’re OIL in this together!

As you may know, as a charity committed to stronger local communities, we at Community First for Herefordshire and Worcestershire have launched a bulk oil buying scheme across the two counties.

We are well on our way to saving our first £1,000 for customers.

Under the scheme we collate our heating oil orders around the 28th of each month and shop around for the best prices. By ordering large quantities we are able to attract good deals – do our bit for fighting fuel poverty and, by developing efficient clusters of delivery sites, help cut the number of road miles used for the delivery of oil.

The scheme, launched in November 2012, is open to anyone in Herefordshire or Worcestershire and the charity charge a £20 annual administration fee. The biggest savings are for people who order 500 litres but it is not unusual for people to tell us they have saved 5p a litre or more. Our prices since November have been 58.4p 59.5 and 61.4p a litre plus VAT at 5% on a five-day delivery basis.

We should hit our £1,000 saving in April based on our litres delivered matched against the best and the worst prices quoted on the day. Now we want to work towards even bigger savings by increasing our numbers and our bargaining power. That’s where local contacts, existing scheme members, Parish Councils, local shops and village halls can play their part – by spreading the word.

Information about the community oil buying scheme can be found at www.comfirst.org, by calling 01432 262960, or contacting Richard on 01684 312734 or email richardt@comfirst.org.uk

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NEWS FROM THE KINGS ARMS

Thank you all who joined us on Mothering Sunday, what a great day!

And now Easter is here.

Hopefully that means Spring is on its way and we can start getting outside and enjoying a nice cool beer or glass of wine on these longer evenings.

Tuesday 23 April is **St George's Day**, so come down and enjoy a very British beer and one of our British dishes off the Specials Board and menu. All week from Monday 22nd.

Saturday 27 April, Gary's Karoke is back.

Forthcoming events (May onwards):

Eurovision party night

Silent disco

Tributes act, Dusty Springfield and Dolly, back again.

Finally as of Monday 1 April we will be open all day.

See you soon, Chris and Pete (Tel: 773335)

News from The Fleece, Bretforton (01386 831173)

Asparagus Season starts on St.George's Day, 23 April.

Pie & Pint Night: every Wednesday from 6.30 – 8.30 pm.

Folk Night: every Thursday in the Pewter Room, from 8.30/9.00 pm

Fish & Chip Take Away: Monday – Saturday, 12 – 2.30 pm, 6.30 – 9.00 pm
(Sunday: 12 – 4.00 pm and 6.30 – 8.30 pm.)

Check the website for further details: www.thefleeceinn.co.uk

VILLAGE EVENTS

held in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

Date	Event	Time	Organiser
APRIL			
Wed 3	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
Wed 10	Parish Council Meeting	8 pm	Parish Clerk
Sat 13	Bird Song Walk (pjh@uk2.net)	6.15 am	P Howe
Sat 13	Bev Pegg, Music & Comedy	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
Wed 17	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
MAY			
Sat 4	Bird Song Walk (pjh@uk2.net)	6.15 am	P Howe
Wed 8	Annual Parish Meeting		Parish Clerk
12 – 18	Christian Aid Week		
Fri 17	Kevin Grenfell Jazz	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
JUNE			
Sat 8	Community Games and Fete		
JULY			
Fri 5/Sat 6	The Course of True Love	TBC	CP Players
NOV			
Sat 9	Village Life, a celebration in word and song (St.Andrew's)	TBC	CP Players

The WCC Mobile Library calls at two stops in the village on Tuesday 16 April: 11.05 – 11.20: Mill Lane; 11.25 – 11.55: The Close

WANTED

A metal cabinet, with lock, for storage of documents.
Please contact Lis Hughes or Rod Carless



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before Wednesday 24 April please

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The editor, Susan Mortimer, and all contacts named in this Newsletter can
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