

# CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



On the Parish Wharf, Summer 1935

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## AUGUST 2013

# **Church Services for August 2013**

4<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Parish Eucharist, The Revd Jim Symonds

11<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Parish Eucharist, The Revd Canon Peter Burch

18<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Family Service, The Revd Jim Symonds

25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Parish Eucharist, The Revd Andrew Mottram

## **September**

1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **COMMUNITY GAMES AND VILLAGE FETE, 8 June**

We are pleased to report that the final total donated to Church funds by the stallholders amounted to a very handsome £823. Thanks again to everyone who contributed in any way.

*Lis Hughes and Rod Carless*

# St. Andrew's Church Cleeve Prior

Rod Carless (Church Warden).  
"Arnwood", Mill Lane, Cleeve Prior, WORCS. WR11 8JZ

The Right Reverend Dr John Inge,  
The Bishop's Office,  
The Old Palace,  
Deansway,  
Worcester, WR1 2JE.

19<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Dear Bishop John,

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Andrew's Church, Cleeve Prior, held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and convened four weeks before that date, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolution A set out in schedule 1 of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 currently in force, namely that "This Parochial Church Council would not accept a woman as the minister who presides at or celebrates the Holy Communion or pronounces the Absolution in the Parish" shall be rescinded: and

That resolution B set out in schedule 1 of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 currently in force, namely that "This Parochial Church Council would not accept a woman as the incumbent or priest in charge of the Benefice or as a team vicar of the Benefice" shall be rescinded:

The meeting was attended by all nine of the councillors and the resolutions were passed by a majority of eight to one.

It is hoped that you find this in order.

Yours sincerely,

W R Carless (Chairman of the PCC and Church Warden)

# **The Neighbourhood Development Plan**

## **Results of Questionnaire**

Thanks to everyone who returned a questionnaire. We had responses from over 190 individuals and many thoughtful and considered comments.

The Neighbour Development Plan is our opportunity to control the size and location of any future development. It does not commit us to anything, but allows us to control where development may take place and limit its scale.

The questionnaires showed that about half of the responders accept that some development will be necessary between now and 2030, although most people, about 75%, do not see an immediate need for development. Almost all of the responses noted that 20 or fewer new houses may be needed between now and 2030.

Highlights from the questionnaires are:

- there was a broad consensus about areas to be protected against development, with the Millennium Green, the school playing field and the field behind it, the areas around Froglands Lane and Quarry Lane, the Manor, churchyard, Main Street, and the village approaches being mentioned repeatedly (basically, everywhere!)
- over 66% of responses agreed that speeding in Main Street was an issue. A number of respondents mentioned that speeding in Evesham Road is also an issue.
- there were some novel and creative suggestions for village projects, with improvements to the paths around the village scoring highly, and a number of suggestions for children's facilities such as more adventurous playground equipment, cycle paths and clubs.
- a defibrillator located in the centre of the village was popular.

Next step for us is to engage a Planning Consultant to help structure the responses into a formal document, and this will be circulated before

production of a final draft. Following that a referendum will be held to ensure that there is agreement over the plan before its final submission.

*The NDP Committee*

St Andrew's PCC is to sponsor participation in  
The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

on 27 September in aid of the

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

More information in next month's Newsletter

### **Conifers, Mill Lane**

What a huge success our open garden, coffee and cake morning turned out to be. Thanks of course to the very many people who turned up. The sun was at its hottest and the garden was looking more than a little frazzled, but everyone ignored the dried-out lawn and enjoyed a chat and a stroll amongst friends. Thanks must go to the cake makers and jewellery traders too of course.

The money raised from this even surpassed our expectations and has totalled up to a fantastic £600. This amount is being donated to Prostate Cancer UK.

*Sandra and Graham George.*

## **Faster Broadband in Cleeve Prior**

A big thank you to the seven households who registered for faster Broadband in May. However, according to the Worcestershire site we need another 70 households to register an interest in faster broadband in order for us to be towards the top of the list.

If you have not done so already please register your interest at <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/researchweb/broadband/fasterbroadband.residents.htm>

Equally important is for businesses to register. So far four have, but if you want to see faster broadband and run a business from the Parish then please register at [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/researchweb/broadband/fasterbroadband\\_business.htm](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/researchweb/broadband/fasterbroadband_business.htm)

*Mike Heelis*

**200 Club winners, July**  
£25, David Bridgewater





## The Course of True Love

I didn't expect my first visit to the "Never Too Late Dating Agency" to be such fun. It began with the agent setting us off on a sort of speed dating, then questioning us on the qualities needed for a successful partnership. As the wine flowed the answers became increasingly honest and revealing. To help us identify our requirements we dipped into examples from literature. George Melly's Vicar gave some nuggets of advice for newlyweds, then guileless Willie Mossop found he was no match for the indomitable Maggie Hobson. Beautifully modulated gems from Shakespeare followed, then Old Man and Old Woman convinced us that love can last for ever.



After the interval spent enjoying the balmy summer's evening air we returned to our second dating game. Then Noel Coward entertained us with a chance meeting of ex lovers and Oscar Wilde amused us with his genteel spat between Gwendoline and Cecily (pictured) over the same young man.

At the bottom of the programme was the following sentence: "We hope you enjoy this first production from the revitalised Cleeve Prior Players!" Well I certainly did. The skilful production, the

accomplished acting and the eye for detail in sets and costumes resulted in an extremely entertaining evening. Congratulations to the whole company and I look forward to the next production.

*Hazel Cross.*



## Cleeve Prior Players

First of all a big thank you to all those who helped to make the Course of True Love a great success for the Players. It was certainly great fun to rehearse and, judging by the laughter and applause, well received by our audiences.

Now it's onwards and hopefully upwards! Our next production on 8 and 9 November will be different in production style again and will focus on the history of Cleeve Prior from around 1913 to post Second World War. We will be using anecdotes and memories along with history in poetry, prose and song, to tell the story. More details of this, together with an early bird ticket voucher, will appear in the September issue of the Newsletter.

Auditions for Joseph will be held in early October – watch out for the date. We will be specifically looking for a number of juveniles, to include the role of Joseph, and adults to take various parts with a range of singing voices. This production does have a large cast and also requires a choir, so folks it's time to have a go!

If you would be interested in taking part or helping with the production in any way please do contact me. I am particularly looking for support backstage with costumes, props, and stage management to support existing staff on productions, especially for Joseph.

I would also like some help with ticket sales – so if you are good at admin and like to get about and meet people please do volunteer.

I look forward to hearing from you!!!

*Gina Carr*



## **CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**

cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

### **ENTERTAINMENT.**

### **A taste of Spain**

Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall would like to announce that on  
7 September 2013 we have the pleasure of hosting

### **Andalus**

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Doors Open 7.30pm  
Late bar & Tapas

Tickets £15, available from any committee member,

Caroline Sheen, Rosemary Perl  
or  
[cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com)



..... and **on Saturday 19 October**, we welcome back  
Mervyn Stutter

This year will be his 27th consecutive year of performing on the Edinburgh Fringe. No wonder the press have christened him “The Fringe Overlord”. He has been making people laugh in folk clubs, comedy clubs, cabaret theatre, radio and TV for over 40 years and now, still convinced that “small is beautiful”, he is back where he is happiest, performing in small intimate venues across the UK.

If you want to learn more about Mervyn please look at his web site on:  
<http://www.mervynstutter.com/site/Home.html>”

## **Cleeve Prior Ramblers**

July saw nine ramblers and one dog set off for Great Walford, Warwickshire, in the rolling hills of the North Cotswolds between Chipping Norton, Shipston on Stour and Moreton in Marsh. Historically the village was once owned by Lord Redesdale of Batsford Park.

Having parked on the forecourt of the Fox & Hounds, our ultimate pit stop, we crossed the road and commenced our ramble through gentle fields of harvested hay, two or three reservoirs, one planted with lilies, fields of cows and sheep and, before the second jungle, a startled deer. I say jungle, there were two or three of them where we felt a Sherpa would have been of help, not a machete in sight, but glorious displays of beautiful grasses to compensate. There were not many stiles and all manageable and the walk took us to the rear of the Fire Service Training Station where evidence of some of their training was seen.

A beautiful breezy day, considering the previous week of heat, ending back at the pub where we were joined by two other members. Many thanks to Nick Bury for organising a lovely walk and eaterie.

The date of the BBQ has been **changed to Sunday 18 August**, at 4pm at Pip & Roy's. The change has been necessary to avoid an unfortunate clash with the Heritage Trust Plum Pick on Saturday (details elsewhere in this Newsletter). Any queries, phone Shirley.

*Annette*



## ***Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust***

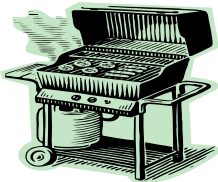
**PLUM PICK AND PIMMS**

**FIELD BARN, EVESHAM ROAD**

**SATURDAY 17 AUGUST, 3pm – 6pm**

THIS YEAR PROMISES TO BE A BUMPER CROP OF PLUMS SO EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE TRUSTEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT FIELD BARN AND THE ORCHARDS ON EVESHAM ROAD. COME AND PICK YOUR OWN PLUMS FOR BOTTLING, FREEZING AND JAM MAKING.

### **THE PLUMS ARE FREE!!**



THERE WILL BE GUIDED TOURS OF THE ORCHARDS, WOODS AND PONDS.

ENJOY THE COMMUNITY GARDEN WHERE THERE WILL BE A B-B-Q (FROM 4.30pm), A PAY BAR WITH SOFT DRINKS FOR THE CHILDREN, AND PIMMS, WINE AND BEER FOR THE ADULTS.

THE TRUST LOOKS AFTER THE ORCHARDS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND WELCOMES THE VILLAGERS PICKING THE FRUIT IN SEASON, BUT PLEASE NOTIFY THE TRUST IN ADVANCE.



## ENTERTAINMENT

### FREE PARKING FOR CARS

**ADMISSION: ADULTS £1.00, CHILDREN 50p**



Our July meeting took place at Claire Dyson Racing at Froglands Stud Farm. On a warm and pleasant evening members and guests gathered on the lawn fronting the stalls to hear Claire (who took out her full training licence in 2007) tell us about the purpose-built training yard established on a derelict farm of 150 acres.

The yard boasts some first-class facilities: a 5.5 Furlong wood chip gallop, grass gallops, an all-weather canter track and stalls. We saw horses turned out for their summer holidays and those inside, racing through the summer. The beautiful horses looked fit and happy and are a credit to Claire, John her father and a dedicated yard and racing staff. We learned of the training routines that keep them in tiptop condition. Thank you, Claire, for showing us an immaculate facility that is a great asset to Cleeve Prior.

No meeting in August. The September meeting will be a discussion of your summer reads at the home of Shirley Taylor.

*Sue Taylor*

## NEWS FROM THE KINGS ARMS

Thank you everyone who attended our First Birthday 80's night, and can I say how much fun it was. I think all enjoyed their evening of fun with the 80's disco and the bouncy castle for the big kid in us

Well, now on to Year Two. August Bank Holiday will soon be here and the return of the Dolly Parton tribute, local girl



Vicky. Sunday 25 August, book your table now. We will be serving food that evening so why not make a night of it.

While the kids are off, remember we are open all day for food and drink Monday to Saturday, and Sunday till 5ish.

Thanks again all.

*Chris and Pete (773335)*

## **CLEEVE PRIOR GOLF SOCIETY**

Meeting at Droitwich, 28 June

We had a most enjoyable outing to this club which is a very attractive venue with well-maintained fairways and greens, although many of our group found some of them difficult to master.

We had twenty players, and six ladies joined us for the evening meal which was excellent.

The competition comprised of teams of four using a Stableford format, with the best score of the four players counting on the first six holes, the two best scores on the second six and the best three scores on the last six.

The winners were:-

Les Bratt , Brian Taylor , John Vernon , Colin Bomford.	74 points
Vic Birnie , Paul Stewert , John Stagg , John Cockburn	70 points

The *Nearest the Pin* prize went to Brian Taylor and the *Longest Drive* to Neil Betteridge

We all missed our Captain, Mick Hughes, who couldn't be with us. But we expect to see him at our next scheduled meeting at Kings Norton

*Vic Birnie Hon.Sec.*

# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

We are now coming to the end of another eventful year in the life of Cleeve Prior School. The Leavers' Service in Church on Tuesday was lovely and well led as usual by Mr Wilderspin, and our Leavers' Assembly today had us laughing and crying by turn.

So we bid a very fond farewell and good luck to our Year 5s – Ella & Scott Curry, Sean Lunnon and Rupert Martin and to Darren Bridges Y3. We look forward to hearing about their achievements in their next schools.

We are also saying farewell to Mr Wilderspin who has made the very difficult decision that it is time for him to commit himself to working in his local church exploring a vocation to work as a Pastor/Minister. His contribution to the school and the education of the pupils who have been taught by him has been enormous

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all those members of the community who support us so well, especially to Sandra Wilson and Rosemary Perl who give so generously of their time to help the children with their reading. I also wish to thank the Governors – Steve Unwin, our Chairman and Lis Hughes , Vice Chair, Stephen Lupton, Colin Greenwood, Kathryn Harvey, Steve Curry, Derek Wilkinson, Alex Williams and Rosemary Perl – the role voluntary and unpaid but the responsibility and accountability enormous. They have my deep and sincere gratitude for their commitment to the school and support for me and all the members of the staff.

Our annual Sports Day was held on 24 June – a day when we considered we were very fortunate not to have rain! The victorious team was Tovey 1. We visited the Cotswold Farm Park on Wednesday 17 July – it was extremely hot but everyone behaved impeccably representing our school beautifully. We

were very fortunate to see Adam Henson himself and some of the older children managed to get his autograph! I was delighted to see Eric the Bull - Adam was a bonus!

Sarah Newbury

## Neighbourhood Watch


You may not be aware that Cleeve Prior has a team of neighbourhood helpers. Our aim is quite simple - to report any suspicious cars, take down their registration number and report any suspicious people in the village. We all think the whole village should be part of neighbourhood watch and should report any crime however small to the local Police.

Crime is very low in our village and we understand it's not always easy to report a crime or a car you have not seen before. Our solution is a plan whereby you can report suspicious cars and people anonymously by email to us and then we can pass on this information. You will not be required to give your name or details.

Please help keep our village safe and report. Keep them peeled!

**[cleeveneighbourhood@gmail.com](mailto:cleeveneighbourhood@gmail.com)**

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## VILLAGE EVENTS

held in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Wed 7	Tea shop & lending library	2.30 pm	
Mon 12	Whist Drive		
Sat 17	Plum Pick, Field Barn	3 pm	H.Trust
Wed 21	Tea shop & lending library	2.30 pm	
Mon 26	Whist Drive		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sat 7	Andalus Band	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
Fri 27	Macmillan Coffee Morning		PCC
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Sat 19	An evening with Mervyn Stutter		Mgt Cttee
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Sat 9	Village Life, a celebration in word and song	TBC	CP Players

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

## The Rotas, August 13

	<b>Sidesmen</b>
Aug 4	Mrs S Robimson
Aug 11	Mr R Dewson
Aug 18	Mrs J Taylor
Aug 25	Mrs E Marshall
Sept 1	Mrs M Greenwood

	<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>
Aug 4	Mrs N Blakely	Mrs M Taylor
Aug 11	Mrs L Lupton	Mrs F Banner
Aug 18	Mrs D Byrne	Mrs J McKay
Aug 25	Mrs A Carless	Mrs A Carless
Sept 1	Mrs L Parry	Mrs H Bratt

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