

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2013

Church Services for February 2013

- 3rd 11.00am Parish Eucharist Archdeacon Roger Morris
10th 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Len Burn
17th 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Jim Symonds
24th 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Andrew Mottram

March

- 3rd 11.00am Parish Eucharist Canon Peter Burch

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:

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

January 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

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Cllr Peter Howe: sales@thinkjet.co.uk

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

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

It has become apparent to the Council that it could do better at communicating with parishioners. To rectify this shortcoming, the Council is currently investigating methods of creating a website that is the primary source of information in the village. To help the Council in understanding the benefits of Social Media, Ms Helen Coldicott was on hand at the December meeting. The discussion was very informative and Social Media will be an area to explore when the new website is eventually launched.

The Cleeve Prior Parish Council is working on building a new website, but to make it useful and inclusive, the Council need parishioner support and feedback. The existing website can be found at <http://www.cleeveprior.org.uk>. It is the hope of the Council that all parish groups/clubs/organizations have a presence on the site; perhaps with a separate page each.

Social Media platforms such as a Facebook page and a Twitter account are also under consideration. These media platforms would work for our village in many different ways:

Information could be communicated to village residents; whether it is statutory information about local elections, how to buy tickets for an event in the village hall, contacts for local taxi hire companies, where to buy firewood or when the missed bin collection will be!

Village communities are changing. Many people with busy lives are finding there is less opportunity to discover information by 'word of mouth'.

Communication is essential to maintain and promote community spirit. To maintain this vibrant and cohesive community and ensure that everyone has a sense of belonging; we need a more inclusive means of transmitting local news. Efficient communication is needed to respond to emergencies such as flooding, serious weather events, flu epidemics etc.

Although our village can provide a refuge from the world of media and mass communications, there are still times when local groups and organisations may

need to tap into local channels of communication to promote events, publicise opportunities and consult with local residents.

Village websites are a means by which 'ex pats' and others can keep in touch from anywhere in the world.

To discuss how to create a page and/or link to an existing website or to discuss what would be useful for the site, the Council invites any group/club/business to get in touch with Cllr Paul Turner at Paul.turner@virginmedia.co.uk or call 07967389836.

Officers of WCC have indicated that solar powered flashing 20mph signs are to be installed near the school early in the New Year. Hopefully the signs will be effective in calming traffic near the start and end of the school day. Continuing with the theme of traffic calming, the Parish Council agreed in principle to the installation of physical traffic calming measures. Of course, any such action is subject to WCC approval and source funding. The very determined Cllr Franey is leading the effort to convince WCC that on their own, signs and the current speed enforcement regimen are not sufficient in reducing vehicle speed through the village to an acceptable level. The first meeting with WCC/police representatives went very well. Below are the results:

A WCC officer is due to recommend speed reduction measures.
VAS to be inspected to ensure it is triggering at appropriate speed.
Proposed skid resistance test to be carried out at bend near school.
Install flashing sign for school.
Alter speed limit on Evesham Road to 40mph.

Additionally, it has been proposed that a sharp bend sign be installed near the Village Green to warn drivers of severe bend near school.

The Council continues to support local groups. Included in the donations this fiscal are Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust, War Memorial Village Hall Management Committee and the Cleeve Prior Pre-School. In the 2013/14 budget, the Council earmarked a sum of money for worthy local groups. If interested, a Grant Application can be downloaded from the website.

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Proposed Speed Limit Increase in Cleeve Prior prompts new Residents' Group to form



Residents who live on the South side of Cleeve Prior were surprised to discover that the speed awareness initiatives planned for the village would not include their road. The B4085/ Evesham Road is a 30 mph zone, although there is a proposal to increase this to 40 mph at the edge of the village. The Parish Council

supported the decision to increase the speed limit. This prompted residents from the affected area to attend January's Parish Council meeting and ask questions in the open forum.

As a direct result of these developments, an impromptu open meeting of residents took place on Friday 18 January in Field Barn. Neighbours discussed the implications and risks associated with the proposed speed increase. A formal letter of objection was drafted on behalf of these residents and subsequently submitted to Worcestershire County Council to be taken into consideration. A number of other issues which are concerning residents on the South side of Cleeve Prior were also discussed.

Despite the snow and the cold, those present decided that it had been a valuable evening and agreed to schedule a regular open meeting of residents at Field Barn. Notes from the meeting were posted to the Cleeve Prior Residents' Association, with the intention that these two residents groups may be able to support each other. The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Friday 1 February 2013, where residents can share experiences

and hear developments on the proposed speed increase. Copies of the Parish Newsletter will also be available for collection for residents who are not currently having it delivered. All are welcome to attend.

South Cleeve Prior Residents' Group,
c/o The Greenery, Evesham Road, Cleeve Prior

Julie Lamb, a resident of the Traveller Site, writes:

“I run a steam cleaning business for upholstery and carpets from my home at the Cleeve Prior site. I enjoy offering an honest and professional service and I would like to connect with everyone in the community of Cleeve Prior. We all face the same challenge of how to make a living.

Some of the residents of the caravan site, including me, want the chance to change the view that others have of us, so we can move towards equal respect. We don't want people to drive past and think 'Oh my God, don't go up there'. We think if we were given a chance, then people might realize it's not that bad, and maybe we can all benefit from each other if we offer a little support to help one another.

These points and issues in my letter, also have the support of others from the site who want to help things improve.”

Bryn Taylor

It was with great sadness that we heard of the untimely death of Bryn Taylor. Bryn played a part in so much of village life. He was a true character with a wry sense of humour. Anyone who attended one of his informative but hilarious History of Cleeve Prior evenings would agree. He also made a major but quiet contribution to the success of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

But there was more. Who can forget his part as a worker for the Friends of Cleeve Prior, as Chairman of the Cleeve Prior Chroniclers or – last but not least – as proud founder of both the Cleeve Prior Pork Pie Appreciation Society and the Worcestershire Real Sausage Assessment Group?

Bryn was a man of energy, goodwill and diverse interests. We will all miss him, and our deepest sympathies go at this sad time to his wife Sue and her family.

Thank you

I would like to thank sincerely everyone who sent their kind condolences to me and the family and expressed their love and affection for Bryn in the many, many cards and telephone calls following his death on 3rd January 2013. On Monday 21st of January St. Andrews Church looked beautiful with flowers arranged by his friends. The Service led by the Ven. Ron Hesketh and attended by so many people from near and far was a great comfort to me, as were the many acts of kindness shown to me during a very sad and difficult time. Thank you.

Sue Taylor



CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

The **AGM** of the Hall Committee was held on 22 January. We were sorry to lose Annette Carless, Berry Marshall, John Badger and Richard Warner, valuable members who have all served several years, and we are pleased to welcome two new members, Mary Sylvester and Kath Robinson. Rosemary Perl is our new Treasurer, with the much appreciated support of Ron Taylor. All other officers have agreed to continue for the forthcoming year, but Lis Hughes will resign as Chairman next January.

There is still room for new members, so if anyone else is interested in joining our energetic and friendly team, please contact Lis Hughes or Secretary, Susan Mortimer.

ZUMBA exercise classes will start in the Hall on Tuesday 5 February at 6.30 pm. The teacher's website is www.hooplatino.com.

Saturday 2 March: CABARET EVENING - featuring "The Momettes", a three-part harmony group, women of a certain age with great harmonies, nice dresses and good hair, singing songs inspired by the likes of The Marvelettes, The Shirelles, The Ronettes etc. AND **Amy Housewine**, the brilliant tribute act to Amy Winehouse (comedy and musical entertainment). Tickets available from Ian Robinson and committee members

Saturday 13 April (TBC): Bev Pegg.

Whist Drives in February: Monday 11th, Monday 25th

The Christmas Draw raised £300, which was donated to the Air Ambulance. I would like to thank all those who supported so generously.

Alf Plummer

200 Club Winner, January: £25, Mrs D Yapp

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CLEEVE PRIOR PLAYERS

Calling all budding actors!

We are planning a production for July 2013 and I'm looking for a group of actors, age fifteen upwards, to take part in a production currently loosely entitled "The Course of True Love..." It will be staged in the Village Hall on 5th and 6th July and will comprise extracts from a variety of plays. Hopefully, it will be funny, sad and lots of fun to rehearse!

If you would like to know more, come along to a workshop/read through at the Village Hall on FRIDAY 22 MARCH at 7.30 pm.

Jayne Caithness, Director

CLEEVE PRIOR GOLF SOCIETY

The AGM took place in The Kings Arms when 15 members attended and a lively discussion ensued, during which the new committee was elected as follows:

Captain, Mick Hughes; Vice Captain, Jules Franey; Treasurer, Ron Taylor; Secretary, Vic Birnie

The immediate Past Captain, Wendy Towers, reported a very successful year which she enjoyed and, despite some inclement weather, the average attendance at the golf meetings was 18, with 38 people supporting the Xmas Dinner in the Kings Arms. Ron Taylor gave his Financial Report which indicates a healthy situation, with deposits paid for all but one of our 2013 venues. These are as follows:

April 26, The Vale - Lenches Course

May 10, Chipping Norton

June 26, Droitwich

August 23 (Still Pending)

September 20, Broadway.

It was also decided that we should try to arrange an Away Trip in October. Our new Captain is investigating options.

Our current membership is 27 and we are happy to welcome any prospective new people who would like to join us. Please contact any committee member if you are interested.

Vic Birnie, Secretary



Lt.Col. Gerald Lesinsky, late of the Grenadier Guards, and now Master of the historic Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick, gave us a fascinating insight into the ceremonial role of the armed forces. At the outset he emphasised that all troops are, firstly, 'Operational'; their 'Ceremonial' duties always take second place.

Lt.Col. Lesinsky is a gifted speaker, and his accounts of the behind-the-scenes organisation of State Visits by foreign dignitaries were riveting; only for one visiting nation had it been necessary to re-arrange this time-honoured ceremony. Her Majesty the Queen's traditional invitation to her guests to inspect the Guard of Honour on Horse Guards Parade was refused by the White House. The President would carry out an inspection, but only in the grounds of Buckingham Palace!

At the next meeting, at the War Memorial Hall on Tuesday 20 February, there will be a Quiz kindly devised for us by Mr Les Bratt.

Mary Collins

CLEEVE PRIOR RAMBLERS

Regrettably the weather beat us on 19 January: the chosen route had been very icy and slippery the previous Wednesday, and once it was properly snowing on the Friday, with a foul forecast to boot and very slippery and bumpy underfoot, it was decided to postpone the ramble to February. So I shall still be organising for Saturday the 16th (Mick Hughes will be managing the March excursion). It will be at the Howard Arms again. Let's start the booking-in from scratch, so please get in touch with me if you are coming, preferably by Friday 8 February, and I will circulate menus and information again. 0930 start from the Green.

Chris Nicholson

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Only eight members came to our annual New Year Luncheon this year due to ill health. Our next meeting on 5 February at 2.30pm will be at Mary Collins' house. It will be about members' Collections and Hobbies, so do bring something along.

New members are always welcome. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, 2.30 to 4pm. from September to May.

Meryl Holdbrook.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

To All Dog Lovers And Walkers

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Many thanks for helping to keep the Millennium Green and Earl's Lane Wood so clean and litter free. I know a lot of you take pride in our open spaces and our network of public footpaths.

As you probably know the Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust is responsible for the day to day maintenance of the Green and we are now entering a new phase when we could use some extra help. Several areas are being invaded by brambles and old man's beard and there are one or two large patches of Blackthorn that need to be reduced. We want to organise a working party to bring these areas under control as well as removing unwanted species.

We suggest we get together on Sunday 10 March weather permitting, failing that 17 March, for just two hours in the morning, from 10am to 12am.

The Heritage Trust can provide tools, gloves, coffee and biscuits. If you can kit yourself out in wellies and old gardening gear then we could really make inroads. We can show you what to do, and it should be a bit of fun, especially if the dogs get on well!

We would appreciate your help and ask you to reserve the dates, contact either myself or John Arkell, and we will confirm nearer the day, depending on our glorious weather.

All the best for 2013 and "enjoy walking".

Brian Taylor

ATTENTION ALL KEEN GARDENERS

The Heritage Trust have organised a Fruit Tree Pruning Course on March 12th meeting at Field Barn Evesham Road at 10.00am. The course will be conducted by John Edgeley and will last three hours.

John Edgeley is a former senior lecturer at Pershore Horticultural College and a Past Chairman of the the Pershore Plum Festival. This is an ideal opportunity to get quality advice on how to best look after your fruit trees

Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT FIELD BARN,
EVESHAM ROAD, SATURDAY 30 MARCH
FROM 2.00PM , ENTRANCE 50p

EASTER BONNET COMPETITION FOR THE LADIES
'MAKE YOUR OWN EASTER BASKET' COMPETITION FOR THE
CHILDREN

Bring your own, or use material provided by the
Heritage Trust

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BIDFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Please join us on Friday 15 February at the Methodist Church, Chapel Close, Bidford-on-Avon, at 7.30pm for our talk by Gabrielle Leese on “Lydia Byam’s Journal: Exotic Plants, Jane Austen and Slavery.” Lydia Byam was an artist, born on the Caribbean island of Antigua in 1768. Her paintings of fruit and exotic plants are now the treasured possessions of a few libraries worldwide. She is featured online, but as the wrong Lydia Byam! Gabrielle Leese’s quest to uncover the real story of her 3x great-grandmother began with the discovery of Lydia’s journal, which covers her voyages across the Atlantic, life on a slave plantation and her return to England after her father’s death. Then Gabrielle made some exciting discoveries about aristocratic scandals and a fascinating connection with Jane Austen and her novel Persuasion! 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 on or visit www.bidfordhistory.org.uk.

News from the Kings Arms

Well the new year started with a bang! Thank you all who made New Year’s Eve so successful.

We have loads going on this month:

We now have Crib Night on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 8pm

Valentine’s weekend, Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 February:
Special 3 course menu -

Come as a table of four and get a free bottle of selected wines.

And finally: Chris's Birthday Party night on Saturday 23 February, complete with a Dolly Parton Tribute

See you all soon, Chris and Pete

NWR

Mary Collins will be hosting a drama evening on 12 February at 8pm. Just bring yourselves and loads of enthusiasm. And PLEASE let her know if you can or can't come. Prior to such an evening attention needs to be given to seating arrangements and space for the activities of all the budding Maggie Smiths! Her contact details are 01789 772026, or mary@cleevebarn.co.uk

The January cinema trip was fraught with unforeseen weather conditions. Our heartfelt thanks deservedly go to Diane Minto for the supreme effort that goes into organising a trip out of the village. In this case it was double the normal trouble. Here's what she writes:

"On our programme for 2013 we decided that a trip out in January would be just the ticket to blow away the winter blues. However, with the weather in mind, an afternoon outing seemed more sensible with the comfort and proximity of the Regal Cinema attracting us with a few good films from which to choose. 'Les Miserables' was the overwhelming choice as the reviews had been excellent.

A select few chose to visit the cinema on Friday 18th but the snow beat us and we had to ask the Regal if we could postpone. Although they were open for business, they were very good about giving us a different date. The challenge of getting the ladies to all be available on that date was another matter-what busy lives we lead! We now have 2 select groups going on Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th. Let's hope that Les Miserables will be worth it."

Sheila Jeffries

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Date	Event	Time	Organiser
FEBRUARY 2013			
Tue 5	Zumba Classes (weekly)	6.30 pm	
Wed 13	Parish Council meeting	8 pm	Parish Clerk
MARCH			
Sat 2	Cabaret Evening	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
Sun 10 or 17	Working Party, Millenn Grn	10 am	Heritage Trust
Fri 22	Workshop	7.30 pm	CP Players
Sun 30	Easter at Field Barn	2 pm	Heritage
Trust			
APRIL			
Sat 13	Village Hall Event TBC	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
MAY			
Fri 17	Village Hall Event TBC	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
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

Whist Drives: Monday 11 and Monday 25 February

The WCC Mobile Library calls at two stops in the village on Tuesday 12 February: 11.05 – 11.20: Mill Lane; 11.25 – 11.55: The Close

Tea Shop and Lending Library: Wednesday 6 and Wednesday 20 February



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