

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2014

Church Services for February 2014

2 nd Parish Eucharist	Revd David Hall
9 th Parish Eucharist	Revd Canon Peter Burch
16 th Family Service	Revd Jim Symonds
23 rd Parish Eucharist	Revd Lizzie Shipp
March	
2 nd Parish Eucharist	Revd Canon Pater Burch

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service will take place at
St Andrew's Church on Friday 7 March.
Details to follow in the March Newsletter.

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

On behalf of the PCC may we offer our sincere thanks to the hardy Cleeve Prior Ramblers and friends who braved the miserable weather on the evening of 19 December by singing carols round the village at the start of the Christmas Celebrations? Not only did they sing beautifully but also collected £175 which they have given to the St Andrew's Fabric Fund!
Again many thanks to those who sang and those who gave so generously.

Rod Carless and Liz Hughes



Call My Wine Bluff

7.30 for 8.00pm Friday 28th February 2014

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Roc Carless Tel 01789 773357

Lis Hughes Tel 01789 772578



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Well what a wet and miserable start to 2014! The Spring term is well underway and we are delighted that Miss Sarah Williams has joined our happy band teaching Class 3.

Various topics are underway with Dinosaurs in Class 1, Florence Nightingale in Class 2 and Eco School and Recycling in Class 3.

Since September the Key Stage 2 children have been learning the clarinet and on Friday 7th February at 11.30 am they will be performing a school concert to which you are all very welcome. They will change to the violin after half term.

I would like to remind you that if your child is due to start school in September you can apply online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Whilst we do hold regular publicised Open Days we like to consider that every day is an Open Day so please feel free to pop in to look around and find out about all that we do.

Over the years you have been very generous with your support with collections of various vouchers and I am extremely grateful to you. The first of the 2014 collections has now started with Sainsbury's vouchers being issued. All donations VERY gratefully received.

Sarah Newbury

Cleeve Prior First School and Cleeve Prior Preschool

would like to invite you to their

Valentine's Disco

Thursday, 13 February at Cleeve Prior First School, 5 – 6.30 pm

Admission £2.50 also includes a glow stick and a drink

Tuck Shop and Refreshments available



Blackminster Middle School News

I am proud to introduce myself to the community as the Headteacher of Blackminster Middle School. I regard myself as privileged to lead a talented and dedicated staff and to work with such wonderful children within a beautiful rural setting.

It is my aim to achieve an outstanding judgement for the school in the near future because I am passionate about providing the best possible education for the young people in our community to ensure that every single child experiences success. Blackminster was judged to be a 'Good' school by Ofsted in November 2013 and we were delighted to achieve this under the new, even tougher framework: however we can do better – and we will!

This year, Blackminster Middle School is counting down to an important landmark in its history as it will be seventy five years since the school opened in September 1939. We are planning a series of events to celebrate seventy five years of service to our community over the whole year, culminating in a garden party at the school. The details will be shared later in the year.

We would like to produce a commemorative book to include the history of the school alongside anecdotes and memories from ex-staff and pupils. So if you or a relative spent some of your school days or working life at Blackminster and have something to share, please get in touch by phone on 01386 830311 or by email at office@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk.

We will also be saying goodbye to Assistant Headteacher, Phil Nosworthy, in February. Phil has been an integral part of Blackminster for 39 years and will be a huge loss. His departure will mark the end of an era in many ways. We wish him a long and happy retirement and, if you are an ex-pupil or colleague and would like to send him a message, please contact us in the usual way and we will pass this on.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to visit the school to see what we can offer. Just get in touch to arrange an appointment; we are always pleased to receive visitors.

Lorna Button, Executive Headteacher

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Update



“What do you want Cleeve Prior to look like in 2030?”

The **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** is gathering pace and over the next few months we are planning a series of events.

First of all, quick reminder about what the NDP is.

1. A NDP will establish general planning policies up to 2030 so that residents can influence new development proposals within the village. It can also do much more than this.
2. The Plan is developed by village residents, guided by a Steering Group appointed by the Parish Council.
3. The plan will only come into force after extensive consultation and following a referendum, so that everyone who lives in the village can vote to either accept or reject the plan.

The NDP is not just about what development should be allowed and where. Consultation with residents and village groups so far has established four pillars upon which various issues important to the community might be set out, just like headings and sub-headings on a content page. These pillars are Housing & Development, Employment, Education and Infrastructure. Below these will be a variety of sub headings intended to address those areas that are important to residents. What do you think is important?

As part of the continued consultation with residents a number of events are about to be held to ensure that you have a say in what the Plan content will be; to have a say on what you think is important.

The Plan will be a statutory planning policy document but it will not over rule Wychavon District Council's planning policies. Adopting a NDP does not mean that development will or will not take place. It will however allow us to influence the decision process and set out some criteria against which new development is considered. It can control the look, location, and to a certain extent the type of any development.

As time goes on the number of "obvious" sites for new development decreases and so the risk of speculative planning applications and unsympathetic development increases. We do not have the ability to simply prevent development but we can set out criteria against which new development should be considered;

- Which views, walls, fields and green spaces should be protected?
- Should any development include commercial business space?
- What could development look like, in terms of materials and ecological impact?
- How might developers contribute to other aspects of village life?

Development should be seen as a possible means to an end, and not just an end in itself. How do you want any future development to positively influence other aspects of village life? For instance some communities want particularly to attract younger families to help maintain the viability of the village school, and so tune their NDP to help to achieve this. What do you think could be done to attract more families to the village? Where would they live?

The Steering Group is a small group of village volunteers. We come from a range of backgrounds, but we have one thing in common – we all care deeply about Cleeve Prior. We want and need everyone to have a say on how life in our village will evolve. The NDP process is everyone's opportunity to declare what is important, what should be safeguarded and to have some control over what the village will look like in the future. Can we afford to miss this opportunity?

We will be asking parishioners, village clubs, societies and businesses for their views over the coming weeks at a series of free public drop-in sessions, at different times and locations, where every villager will be able to contribute.

Each resident of the village can suggest areas that should be safeguarded and other areas that might be better suited for development. We'll also be asking questions to prompt views and ideas on a range of other issues affecting village life.

Details of venues, dates and times will be publicised through the village newsletter, village website and the dedicated NDP web site.

Please get involved in creating the village that you want!

Contact us through the following websites:

<http://www.cleeveprior.org.uk> ; <http://cleevepriorndp.wordpress.com/>

We look forward to working with you on this exciting co-creative plan for the future.

Cleeve Prior Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Group

Cleeve Prior Residents Group

Wishing you all happy returns of the Season! 2014 has arrived – and with it, the first of our monthly neighbours meetings. Here is a quick reminder what neighbours meetings are for...

- We meet on the **first Friday of the month**, to informally raise / resolve local issues which affect us all.
- To **decide what kind of neighbourhood we want** and start to create it for ourselves.
- To **offer each other support** where needed.
- To **enjoy each other's company**...to be neighbourly!

This year we will see movement on the Neighbourhood Development Plan from the Parish Council, which will recommend where housing development / facilities could go in our village. It would be good for us to start to think about these questions – our contribution is very important to the plan because it is about **including everyone's views**.

The BIG question is - **What could we add, to make our life in the village even better?**

At the meetings, we will look at any local issues which are yet to be resolved – ie, how are we progressing on the dog roaming issue? The bikes/quads? Is the bus stopping at the bus stop or still driving past the waiting passengers? How about speeding traffic – has it improved? Are there any other concerns we can resolve?

In 2013, we met every month and we focused on important issues:

- Maintaining the speed limit on Evesham Road to 30 mph
- Helping to get gates up by the village sign
- Positioning an official bus stop with sign on Evesham Road
- Inviting school children to create speed awareness posters
- Maintaining good connections with neighbours from the traveller site and the main part of the village
- Inviting PC Julie de Paris to talk about issues in our area
- Gorilla gardening around Evesham Rd – voluntarily clipping back the hedges – litter picking the verges and clearing the paths from obstructions
- Attending monthly meetings with the Parish Council to make sure our needs are taken into account during decision making
- Having some residents from the Evesham rd area on the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Development Plan

We think it is very important to stay in good connection with neighbours so we can sort our local challenges in a friendly and easy way.

So, what can you do to create a better neighbourhood?

- You could help by **coming to a meeting**, adding your views and **meeting your neighbours**.
- You could help by **inviting a neighbour** to come to the meeting.
- You could help by **writing to the group** and letting us know your **suggestions for an improved neighbourhood**.
- **You could help by getting involved** in the Neighbourhood Development Plan / Parish Council meetings and shaping Cleeve Prior for the future.

Together, we can create a community we feel proud of. Thank you for considering our invitation to get involved and a BIG thank you if you are already involved and came to the meetings in 2013.

Kind regards from your neighbours,



Cleeve Prior Residents Group

CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

email:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

The new committee is now in place and will elect a Chairman at their next meeting in February.

We intend to produce a consolidated list of entertainments for the website, showing events planned by the Hall, Church, PTA, Heritage Trust, Players, the Kings Arms, and the Village as a whole. We hope this will prevent unfortunate clashes, and also give everyone a chance to enjoy the wide range of activities on offer. There are already many items on the list, but please make sure that Ian Robinson knows if you would like an event included (irobinson@uk.att.com).

The next Hall event will be on Saturday **22 February**, with entertainment by Rob Heron & the Tea Pad Orchestra, a versatile six-piece band mixing Western Swing, Gypsy Jazz, Hokum Blues and Ragtime Cajun. Check their website at <http://www.teapadorchestra.co.uk/music-tester/>. Hot food will be served, and tickets will cost £15 each.
Apply to: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com.

The last weekend in March will see us working with the Players on their next production, followed on 26 April by an evening of comedy and music with Billy Connearly and Matt Woosey.

We will be continuing to promote the 2014 events with internet links and information about the artists through regular emails. We would be grateful if anyone not on the current mailing list, but who wishes to join, could send their details to cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com.

Susan Mortimer, Secretary

Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall

Most of us in the village have attended the Memorial Hall for various events or functions over the years and with the passing of time it has almost become just a name of a communal building that appears in villages throughout the Commonwealth. As we approach the centenary of the start of the First World War perhaps we should reflect on those people from the village who went off to foreign shores to fight for both King and Country and, for some, pay the ultimate sacrifice and never to return.

The eleven men listed on the Memorial Hall board and the one man buried in St. Andrews Church graveyard, yet strangely is not listed on the board, are as follows:

Albert Adams	Edwin Nicholls	Arthur Sisam
George Brookes	Harry Nicholls	William Slaney
Ernest Cook	George Oakley	James Spiers
Harry Haywood	Cecil Perkins	Raymond Stanley

Two of the above are buried in the village churchyard, with William Slaney being referred to as Samuel Slaney, and Raymond Stanley who is listed as a mechanic 2nd class in the Royal Flying Corps being referred to as a pilot. Arthur Sisam sadly is buried in a mental asylum in Woking and eight others are buried or have memorial plaques in the Pas de Calais region of France.

This leaves us one mystery man in Cecil Perkins whom we simply cannot trace through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission or on the Cleeve Prior census of 1911. If anyone has any information on any of the above, where they lived in the village or even better still some photographs, we would love to hear from you. Our intention is to find us much information as possible about these men from the village and document them for future generations.

Memorial Cricket Match, 12 July

With this World War I theme in mind, we are also organising a village cricket match to commemorate the start of the war. Through the good auspices of Don Barber we are being allowed to use the field at the rear of the Kings Arms

pub, on which we will prepare the wicket. This will take place on Saturday 12 July with hopefully a barbecue in the pub car park if the weather is good.

We wish this to be a village event and field two teams representing Upper and Lower Cleeve with players and supporting cast in period dress. If you wish to take part as a player or help to organise the event we would be grateful if you could let us know.

For more information please contact Ian Robinson or Simon Davies.

NEWS FROM THE KINGS ARMS

We can't believe that January has passed already - onward to the Spring!
We have loads going on over the next few months, starting with:

Friday 14 February, Valentine's Day - why not treat that special someone to our three-course menu, only £19.95 a head. Come as a table of four or more and get a bottle of house wine free.

Tuesday 4 March is Pancake Day

Tuesday 11 March: Quiz night. Book your table now to avoid disappointment.

Tuesday – Friday, 11 - 14 March is Cheltenham Gold Cup. We are open for Breakfast from 9am, book now.

Saturday 15 March: Neil Diamond Tribute, Rock 'n'Roll to Country, book a table now.

Thursday 27 March, Psychic Supper is back from 7pm. £18.00 for a two-course dinner.

Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday. Book now, 3 course lunch £18.00.

18 - 21 April is Easter Bank Holiday Weekend.

Sunday 4 May - Back by popular demand, Cleeve Prior's very own Dolly Parton. Book early.

Chris and Pete, 01789 773335

PSST..... Missing Strictly?
Watch this space for
Strictly comes Cleeve Prior !



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust



If you have been passing Field Barn recently you would have seen a lot of activity. We have enlarged, cleaned up and re laid the Main Car Park. It was long overdue and is a vast improvement for those who use it. We are also in the middle of a long awaited rewiring of Field Barn. This will ensure we meet all

the latest legal requirements for the future.

We unfortunately have to report the theft of a substantial amount of timber from the Community Orchard. This means that the Heritage Trust are unable to supply logs to its customers in the village for the time being and will lose valuable income that would have resulted from the sales. We are obviously sorry for any inconvenience, but it is beyond our control.

FIELD BARN DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2014

March (date to be advised) A lecture and demonstration on grafting fruit trees. Please let us know if you are interested.

Saturday 19 April: Easter Celebrations – Egg hunt, Easter bonnet Competition and more!!

Saturday 7 June: Throughout the afternoon a **Food and Craft Fair** (1.00pm to 5.00pm) focusing on local producers and featuring a wide range of goods and produce. There will also be a variety of activities for all ages. If you or someone you know would like to book a table inside or a pitch outside (Price £10) please contact Brian Taylor 773 075 or briantaylor1454@btinternet.com
In the evening, **Live Music with a Bar and Barbecue.** (more details will follow)

Saturday 21 June: A Midsummer Event – an evening of Music and Entertainment. (A joint event with the Village Hall Committee)

Mid August: Plum Pick and Pimms.

John Arkell

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

As we drove into the carpark of the Plough at Ford a string of horses rode by, presumably from Jackdaws Castle, the stables of Jonjo O'Neil. We were in racing country.

Nine of us, plus Candy, set off up the road and climbed upwards over a field. The walk was through pastureland and minor roads (to avoid mud!). Strip Lynchetts were pointed out across a small valley (medieval hill terraces). At Farmcote we visited the Chapel of Ease dedicated to St. Faith. This tiny chapel is early Norman or, possibly, Saxon and has some magnificent medieval roof timbers and a little 17th century pulpit, with sounding board, next to the clerk's desk – not far for the clergyman to go and preach! Leaving Farmcote there was a shout of joy as Ron saw the view he had been unable to show us when he led the same walk in January 2005 when there was thick fog, described in the write up as 'like cauliflower soup'. We could see the Malverns in the distance over the Vale of Evesham bathed in a shaft of very pale sunlight.

Our coffee break was taken on a high spot amongst beech trees with views of Toddington, Winchcombe and beyond. Here is a monument where Cromwell is said to have watched Hailes Abbey being destroyed. Below us were curious sheep with black and white striped faces. Past the Beckbury hillfort and a splendid newish double row of trees stretching from where we were right down to the lake and fountain at Stanway House. We crossed a very windy field where a Tilley hat suddenly took off whirling and turning to be chased by two remarkably fit men – and caught.

Ron and Shirley always manage to find something of interest to show us and we had a small detour to a beautifully constructed 19th century stone sheepwash at Cutsdean. Sheep were very dirty and it became the custom to dunk the sheep in water before shearing as a cleaner fleece commanded a better price. This was done by either damming up a stream or, as here, in a specially built pool. Then back to The Plough for a delicious hot meal and a pint. Thank you Ron and Shirley for a really good five and a half mile walk – full of interest.

We are leading the next ramble on 15th February. Please let us know by Friday 7th February if you intend to come, and have lunch.

Mike and Bridgett Walker



The first meeting of 2014 was held on 15 January, where Mary Smith had organised a Beetle Drive which was great fun and enjoyed by everyone - thank you Mary.

Discussion was had concerning the future of our WI, and Coral and Maggie reminded us that they would be standing down from the committee at the AGM in May this year. As no-one had put their names forward to take over as President and Secretary, the outcome would be that the Cleeve Prior WI would cease to exist. Is that what members want? If there is anyone willing to be President and Secretary could they please contact Coral or Maggie.

The next meeting will be on 19th February when our speaker will be Des Wright on *Humans and other animals I have met*.

Carol Bourne

NWR

Hazel hosted a large group of us to hear a stimulating talk from Susan Robinson of Healthwatch England and the manager of Healthwatch Worcestershire. If you are interested in forwarding any concerns about health and social care on a national or local level, please visit www.healthwatch.co.uk or www.healthwatchworcestershire.co.uk Thank you Hazel for coping with such a large group.

Our February meeting will be held at the home of Julie Ellis. Julie will talk to us about the Vegan diet. She proposes to give us samples to taste, so it is essential that she knows the number of members attending. Please let Julie know by 7 February.

For other meetings please give your apologies to the hostess. It will be assumed that everyone who has not submitted apologies will attend meetings and this will be a great help in terms of seating and refreshments.

Sue Taylor.

Women's Fellowship

The Christmas crackers we made in December were a great success with our families.

Our January meeting was a very nice lunch at The Kings Arms. Everyone enjoyed it, the food was very good and we were looked after very well.

The February meeting will be at the Regal cinema to see the film 'August: Osage County'.

Meryl Holdbrook

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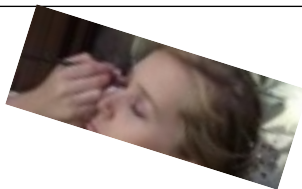
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VILLAGE EVENTS

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Date	Event	Time	Organiser
FEBRUARY			
10 Feb	Whist		
12 Feb	Tearoom & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
	Parish Council Meeting	8 pm	Par.Clerk
22 Feb	Rob Heron Tea-Pad Orch.	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
24 Feb	Whist		
26 Feb	Tearoom & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
28 Feb	Call my Wine Bluff	7.30 pm	PCC
MARCH			
12 Mar	Parish Council Meeting	8 pm	Par.Clerk

Whist Charity Collection: Alf Plummer would like to thank all who helped raise £130 for the Air Ambulance recently.

The WCC Mobile Library calls at two stops in the village on Tuesday 4 February and 25 February: 11.05 – 11.20: Mill Lane; 11.25 – 11.55: The Close.

200 Club winner, January

£25, Julia Dean

Neighbourhood Watch

cleeveneighbourhood@gmail.com is the place to report any suspicious cars or people in the neighbourhood. You will not be required to give your name or details.



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Before **Monday 24 February** please**

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The Editor and all persons named in this Newsletter can be contacted at this address.

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