

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



Father Christmas and his Elf visit Cleeve Prior

JANUARY 2013

Church Services for January

January 2013

- 6th 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Robert Jones
13th 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Roger Morris
20th 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Peter Burch
27th 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Roger Morris

February

- 3rd 11.00am Parish Eucharist Revd Roger Morris

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

From early in the new year, we are hoping to introduce a "Family Service" on one Sunday per month. Look out for details!

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

What a year that was! One that will certainly live on in my memories. From the Jubilee celebrations on the school field and in school to London 2012 and my personal proudest moments with my sons as Gamesmakers and Technical Officials for the Olympic and Paralympic games. Not forgetting the torch relay – proudly standing behind the school banner with the children and parents in Evesham cheering our hearts out.

On top of all that we have started Forest School which the children love, had a new heating system installed and refurbished the staffroom. I don't think we will forget 2012 in a hurry!!

One sad note however was the passing away of Mary Molesworth on November 29th. She had been Secretary at the school for 17 years until her retirement in 2005. She was a lovely, kind, gentle lady who will be sadly missed by many.

The year ended at quite a pace. Prior to the Christmas performances the Key Stage 2 children experienced a night to remember when they sang with the Young Voices choir in the LG Arena.

The Christmas productions were played to packed houses and it was lovely to see so many familiar faces returning to watch the children present the Nativity Story and sing their hearts out. The younger children then visited the Smart Trees Grotto, experiencing a ride on a tractor and trailer, feeding the reindeer and finally meeting the man in red himself.

We were delighted to be asked to perform at the Christmas lunch in the Village Hall again this year. The children get a lot of pleasure from this and despite it being their Party Day sang with gusto.

The visit to the Pantomime was enjoyed by all and we ended the term with our Carol Service in St Andrews.

All that is left is to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2013.



Sarah Newbury
**CLEEVE PRIOR WAR
MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**
Entertainment

Arrangements for ZUMBA exercise classes are not yet finalised, but details will be advertised on the Village Notice Board when available.

CABARET EVENING, Saturday, 2nd March - featuring "The Momettes", a three-part harmony group, all with a past, slightly bitter and with issues, but keen to move on and share their musical inspirations. Come and enjoy woman 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).

The **AGM** of the Management Committee will be held on Tuesday 22 January at 7 pm. We are unfortunately losing two valuable members who have both served six years on the Committee, and looking for replacements. If anyone is interested in joining our energetic and friendly team, working together to keep the Memorial Hall at the heart of village life, please contact the Chairman, Lis Hughes or Secretary, Susan Mortimer, for further information.

200 Club Winner, December

£100 Mrs M Smith; £25 Mrs D Toon

cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com



This month our December meeting was a meal at The Bell, Salford Priors to celebrate the festive season. The food was excellent and with relaxed company we had an enjoyable evening. Father Christmas and his helper made an early stop to give out presents which added to the merriment and rounded off the evening beautifully.

Mary Smith handed out the new programme for 2013 - which I have to say is top class and should prove to be a winner - with a variety of speakers and activities for the coming year. In January we welcome Lt.Col. G. Lesinsky whose talk is entitled 'State Ceremonial'. Lt. Col. Lesinsky is a brilliant speaker and has a charismatic persona (he is The Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital) - so we are in for a good evening. We would love to see as many visitors as possible to our meeting. His talk will start at 8.p.m. in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 16 January.
Coral Williams

CLEEVE PRIOR RAMBLERS

The next walk will be led by Marina and Chris Nicholson on 19 January. If you intend to go on this walk, please let Chris know by Friday 11 January .

TEASHOP AND LENDING LIBRARY

This will reopen on Wednesday 9th January: 2.30 – 4.30 pm.
The teashop is open every other Wednesday and the dates are posted on the window near the lower door of the Memorial Hall.
Come and browse through an extensive range of books that can be borrowed for just 20p, have a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of locally made lemon drizzle cake (£1) and meet friends. There are some children's books and squash and biscuits are also served.
Everyone is made welcome and a very happy new year to you all.

Bridgett Walker

BIDFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Please join us on **Friday 18th January** at St. Laurence's Church Hall, 7.30pm, for our talk on "**Compton Verney: The Story of a Great House.**" Our speaker, Dr. Sylvia Pinches, will give an overview of the history of the house and its occupants, including its role as the centre of a great estate, from its medieval origins up to the time it was taken over by the Trust. 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.

NWR

The January meeting will be a trip to the Regal Cinema. However, at the time of going to print, the cinema did not have the programme ready for publication. Notification of the day, the time, the film and method of transport will be done by email or phone nearer the time. Anyone new wishing to join us please contact Sheila Jeffries.

Our thanks go to Diana Hough for being a brilliant hostess at our musical evening with mince pies and mulled wine and, of course, our appreciation goes to Julie Ellis for providing the music, the cheerfulness and encouragement. But without the voices of the 'choir' and the two soloists, the enjoyment would not have been so great! We finished the evening with charades – which could have gone on all night.

Sheila Jeffries

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We had a very pleasant afternoon at Bridgett's.

Our next meeting will be Lunch at The Kings Arms. Please note that it will be on Tuesday 15th January not the 8th. I will let you all know the menu after Christmas.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and Good New Year, Meryl.

Make a difference with Onside Volunteering

Onside is a registered charity providing independent advocacy and mentoring to vulnerable adults facing disadvantage through mental and physical ill health, learning disability and old age, depression, dementia, autism, learning difficulties. We provide our service across Worcestershire and we are currently looking to train more volunteers from your local area.

Advocacy is a way of supporting and empowering people to ensure that they have their voice heard and their wishes made known to others and we are looking for volunteers to provide this support in their local area. It can involve just supporting someone to sort paperwork out or attending hospital appointments with someone.

Mentoring volunteers are needed to provide a supportive and reliable relationship to people who would otherwise be socially isolated. Opportunities are also available for telephone befrienders and to support local groups which focus on gardening, art, walking and social activities. We also have our drop in service which provides help for people with Autism, along with one-to-one support for this project.

Onside's Volunteer Co-ordinator, Claire Watkins, said "Our volunteers provide the support and friendship required by the members of our community who might otherwise be ignored. Our volunteers give their time, their passion and enthusiasm. We need continued help from willing volunteers who would enjoy supporting adults in their local community."

Volunteering with **Onside** is a flexible commitment; as little as two hours a month can be given, with full training and the option to work towards an Open College Network qualification offered.

Volunteers enjoy the flexible aspect of our work along with the chance to join in our local social events we run for volunteers, including quiz nights and coffee mornings. The comment that really sums it up came from one volunteer: "I seem to make a difference every time I visit", she laughs.

We are currently arranging our next training course and places are limited. If you are interested in finding out more, or keen to get started please contact Claire at e mail volunteering@onside-advocacy.org.uk



THE LITTLETONS AND CLEEVE PRIOR BRANCH
The 2012 Poppy Appeal

This year, we have collected the wonderful sum of £2,339.78p which is slightly less than last year's total. I am truly very grateful for the support that has been given by the Community as a whole. There will also be a donation of £5,000 from the Branch Trust Fund.

I should like to express my sincere thanks to all who have supported the Poppy Appeal, especially to all who have carried the cans and knocked on doors. Their help is invaluable.
Peter Brown. Poppy Appeal Organiser

THANK YOU

Once again the Seniors' lunch was a great success and we owe it to all those who work hard to make it happen. What would we do if we didn't have these people who are willing to put themselves out to help?

The children did very well entertaining us: credit to their teachers and three cheers to them.

Spare a thought for our absent friends, especially those who at this time of year did all they could to help get things together for us seniors.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful afternoon. DY.



Bidford Juniors Football Club

Football Fun & Coaching for Under 6's at Dugdale Avenue Park



Year 1 boys and girls are invited to join Under 6's football fun and games.



The sessions are from 10.00am to 11.00am and will take place on all Sunday mornings during term time.

The focus is on skills development and having fun!...your child can be of any standard to play, learn and enjoy football.



As a club Bidford Juniors obtained FA Charter Standard status in 2009 and all coaches are FA qualified, CRB checked and have a basic First Aid qualification.



To register your interest, please contact:

Toby and Emma Chapple or Gareth Williams.

You will be more than welcome at the next Sunday session



VILLAGE EVENTS

held in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

Date	Event	Time	Organiser
JANUARY 2013			
Wed 9	Parish Council meeting	8 pm	Parish Clerk
Sat 19	Evening of Rat Racing	7.30 pm	PCC
Tues 22	Memorial Hall AGM	7 pm	Mgt.Cttee

The WCC Mobile Library calls at two stops in the village on Tuesday 22 January:

11.05 – 11.20: Mill Lane

11.25 – 11.55: The Close

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YOU NAME IT!

For an informal chat, no obligation,
Ring Sue on 01789 772811

The Rotas, January 2013

Sidesmen

Jan 6	Mrs L Marshall
Jan 13	Mrs J Taylor
Jan 20	Mr C Greenwood
Jan 27	Mr B Roberts
Feb 3	Mrs L Hughes

Church Flowers

Jan 6	Mrs J Selby
Jan 13	Mrs A Carless
Jan 20	Mrs L Hughes
Jan 27	Mrs G Carr
Feb 3	Mrs S Jeffries

Church Cleaning

Mrs L Hughes
Mrs B Walker
Mrs N Blakeley
Ms J Winter
Mrs A Carless

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