

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



Father Christmas and his helper call in at the Fayre

JANUARY 2014

Church Services for January 2014

5 th	Christmas 2	11.00am	Parish Eucharist Revd Peter Burch
12 th	Baptism of Christ, Epiphany 1	11.00am	Parish Eucharist Revd Jim Symonds
19 th	Epiphany 2	11.00am	Parish Eucharist Revd Canon Peter Burch
26 th	Epiphany 3	11.00am	Parish Eucharist Revd Canon Dr Georgina Byrne

A Special Visitor

We particularly welcome Revd Canon Dr Georgina Byrne on 26 January to celebrate Eucharist at 11.00am. She is the Dean of Women's Ministry at Worcester and we look forward to her visit.

Rod and Lis

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



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

The year has passed very quickly – I can't believe we are really at the end of 2013 – the main highlight(?) being the issues with the tree!

Once again the Christmas productions were played to packed houses. I don't know how many Nativity Plays I have watched and help organise over the years but it is quite a few. Each one is a gem and this year has been no exception. The Key Stage 1 children performed the traditional story beautifully and sang their hearts out. The Key Stage 2 children treated us to their own version of the Twelve Days of Christmas and it was the ideal opportunity to showcase their talents. I am extremely grateful to all the staff for their hard work in making Christmas 2013 so lovely.

We were very disappointed not to be able to provide some entertainment for the Christmas lunch in the village. Unfortunately we had booked our annual trip to the pantomime on the same day – oh yes we had!!

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their trip to The Swan in Worcester to see Aladdin and we were delighted that Steve Wilderspin was able to lead our Carol Service.

We all wish you a very happy and healthy 2014.

Sarah Newbury

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS, December 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 Peter Howe: pjh@uk2.net

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

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

Cllr Natalia Brown: natalia@first-breath.co.uk

Cllr Kevin Mellor: kmellor@jaguarlandrover.com

The Council is now short two councillors. Any parishioner interested in becoming a member of the Council should contact the Clerk for an application or download one from the Parish Council page on the website <http://www.cleeveprior.org.uk/> under Council Procedures.

The Council set aside a budget of £500 for local donations. Parishioners interested in applying for a donation should contact the Clerk or download a Grant Application from the website under Parish Council – Procedures.

At the 8 January 2014 Meeting, the Council will consider **Planning Application W/13/02508/PN - Froglands Farm, Froglands Lane: Erection of 1 wind turbine with 40 metre tower height and associated works. All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and** The application and associated documents can be viewed via the website below. It is also possible to comment on the application and the Council urges parishioners to do so. http://www.e-wychavon.org.uk/wychavon/plan_search/search.html

Some parishioners will recall permission for a 15 metre tower was granted in 2011 on the same site as outlined above, however, the turbine was not erected. The application number, **W/11/02547/PN**, can also be viewed by using the above website.

Cleeve Prior Parish Council invites expressions of interest from self-employed persons or contractors interested in applying for the role of **Internal Auditor** for Cleeve Prior Parish Council. The Council members are responsible for ensuring the Council maintains proper accounting records together with an appropriate system of internal control. The Council is also responsible for the preparation of annual accounts and the completion of the “Local Councils in England – Annual Return”.

The Internal auditor is responsible for reporting to the Council on the adequacy of the systems of internal control. In addition to this work, the Council requires the internal auditor to:

Complete and sign section 4 of the Annual Return; and

Provide the Council with a written report of your findings upon completion of the audit.

There is a small stipend available, but the role best suits a parishioner who wants to give back to the community. Any interested parties are welcome to contact one of the following:

Cllr K Mellor: kmellor@jaguarlandrover.com

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

S Arble, Clerk: sean.arble@gmail.com

Sean Arble

Clerk to the Council, 01789 490501

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM WYCHAVON

FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS

In their Winter 2013 Newsletter, Wychavon District Council announced that separate food waste collections would be withdrawn from 10 January 2014. “Respondents, after completing our budget consultation, said that when faced with the tough choices about our budget, they felt a separate food waste collection was a service they could live without.”

Please do not leave grey food bins out after that date. They will not be emptied.

You will find information about composting at www.hw.getcomposting.com
Otherwise, food waste should be put into your black bins and will be collected
once a fortnight.



CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

Email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

At the Hall AGM on 14 January we will sadly be saying goodbye to our Chairman, Lis Hughes, who will be taking a well-earned retirement from the Committee. Lis has worked tirelessly for the village for seven years (three as Chairman), ably and generously supported by Mick. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well, hoping she will enjoy the unfamiliar free time on her hands!

As we enter the new year, the management committee is looking forward to putting on a series of events throughout 2014 to entertain all tastes in the community.

We are starting off on **28 January** with a quiz (which will be the first in a series of village quizzes, alternately hosted by the Memorial Hall and the Kings Arms). To book a table for up to 6 players, please contact Ian Robinson or Susan Mortimer, or the Hall email address above. There will be a charge per person, collected on the night.

This will be followed on **22 February** by Rob Heron & the Tea Pad Orchestra, a versatile six-piece band mixing Western Swing, Gypsy Jazz, Hokum Blues and Ragtime Cajun.

March will see us working with the Players on their next production, which will take us in to April with an evening of comedy and music with Billy Connelly 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

MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTMAS - a THANK YOU from the Chairman

A very special thank you to everyone who helped to make all the Christmas activities such a success. The committee worked hard but so did many friends and village residents. Your support is so much appreciated.

A Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year to you all.
Lis Hughes

The Seniors' Lunch

How lucky we Cleeve Prior Seniors are to be offered a superb Christmas lunch in the Memorial Hall each year. This year was no exception. The welcome was warm, the meal delicious, the hospitality generous, the entertainment – featuring some welcome new faces - excellent, the teamwork exceptional.

On behalf of all those who enjoyed this splendid occasion, I would like to thank the Management Committee and all the other generous helpers.

Vic Birnie

(This year a record number of Christmas meals were delivered to Seniors at home. One couple especially appreciated what they described as ‘the posh meals on wheels’ service and complimented the smartly-dressed driver and assistant.)

A request

Is the maker of the delicious blackberry gin, won by the Pre-School mums from the bottle stall at the Fayre, willing to divulge their identity and/or the recipe?

A brief message to the Editor will suffice, and be treated with the utmost discretion.

Thank you.



Our December meeting was a meal at The Star, Ashton-Under-Hill to celebrate the festive season. Father Christmas sent his helper to give us our present after having an excellent meal in very relaxed company.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15 January when members will be able to discuss the future of our WI, followed by a Beetle Drive.

Happy New Year to you all.

Meryl Holdbrook

NWR

December being pantomime season, the group spent an interesting evening at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see *Wendy and Peter Pan*. This is a 'magical' new version of J M Barrie's classic children's story. In an enthusiastic and energetic production, Wendy flies to Neverland where she gives the Lost Boys a run for their money, defeats Captain Hook and his pirate crew, and ultimately learns what it means to grow up. Thank you Lis for arranging the visit, which we very much enjoyed.

Our January meeting will be hosted by Hazel at Orchard Lodge. Susan Robinson will speak of her role as the Development Manager, Health Watch England: 14 January 2014 at 8 pm. Visitors welcome. Apologies to Hazel or Sue.

Sue Taylor

THE KINGS ARMS

Happy New Year . Thank you all for your continued support. It's been a great Christmas and we look forward to a wonderful 2014.

We will keep you all posted with events for 2014 next month. First thing –

Valentine's Day will be here soon.

Thanks again,

Chris and Pete, 01789 773335

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

January's ramble will be on Saturday 18 January. Please let Ron Taylor know if you will be walking by Friday 10th .

¡Venga, vamos a hablar español!

Spanish classes for adults at Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall starting in January. For more information, contact Liz Mallett de Tamayo.

Dear Cleeve Prior,

We would like to thank all of the village for making our five years here special.

We have been humbled by how we have been accepted into this small community and, while we hoped for this, we did not expect the generosity of spirit that we have received.

A particular “thank you” to those of you who made our farewell evening at the pub. It stands as one of the greatest nights of our life.

Every experience changes you and you have changed us forever. We will never be the same again and shall miss you all terribly and hope that you occasionally will reflect on those strangers from below.

Fondest thoughts from

Peter and Sandra



CLEEVE PRIOR HONOURS DEAD FROM TWO WORLD WARS

Village historians, writers and actors brought the history of Cleeve Prior to life in 'Broadcast Reminiscences' from Cleeve

Prior Memorial Hall on 8 and 9 November.

The malt barn at the centre of the village was bought by subscription and opened in 1921 as a War Memorial to the eleven soldiers who gave their lives in the Great War and the two soldiers who were killed in the 2nd World War. Stories of village life from the early 1900s through to more modern times entertained packed houses on both nights. The writers of the show used village newsletters, and interviews with long standing village families as their primary sources. A range of music, poetry and recordings of Churchill's speeches helped to transport people back through the years. Names of the dead were read as the last post was played, which was a moving tribute. The audience learnt that soldiers were billeted at Cleeve Prior before being posted overseas in both World Wars and that in 1940 soldiers were evacuated to the village from Dunkirk. Just what the hospitality of the village meant to these young men was summed up by this postcard from one of those soldiers:-

*To Mrs Roberts, the Smithy, Cleeve Prior, Evesham, England
From: Harry Laidlaw, 150th Field Ambulance, France 1 March 1940
Dear Mrs Roberts, the kindness and love you showed me at the time I most needed it will forever remain a lovely memory that will never die, and as time goes on may God's blessing be forever with you my Fairy Godmother.*

Harry Laidlaw was evacuated from Dunkirk and later posted to Egypt, where he was killed aged 21.

Members of the 'Broadcast Reminiscences' Company and Crew presented Col. Tony Ward OBE with a cheque for £1,500 which they felt a fitting memorial to honour those young village men who had paid the ultimate price.

Gina Carr, Chair of Cleeve Prior Players, received a certificate from Col. Ward thanking the players for their generous donation.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

Well it's Christmas again and another year has gone by. We feel that things are now moving forward and everyone can see a difference in what we are doing at Field Barn and the surrounding land.

The feedback from those who use the facilities as well as the Millennium Green seems to be favourable.

All this is down to the great support we are building with the Volunteers. We have a great team that has developed over the last few years from the foundation laid in the past. The Trustees are extremely grateful for the commitment and efforts of the Volunteers who every week, come rain or shine, put so much into making sure that the wonderful assets around our village are maintained and developed in such a positive way.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the various activities that the Trust organised during the last year, we are hoping for even more events in 2014.

A very big thank you goes to the winners of the last "Pub Quiz" who donated their winnings to the Heritage Trust. It was the second such contribution this year and really helps with our funding, it is much appreciated.

If anyone wishes to join us on a Tuesday (or any other day of the week if it is more convenient - by prior arrangement) from 10.00 am until

1.00 pm you would be very welcome. We have a lot of plans for the
New Year. So if you enjoy the outdoors and good company.

We are THE place to be!!

John Arkell

Brian Taylor

Cleeve Prior Golf Society

The AGM has been arranged at 7.30 pm on Monday 6 January at The Kings Arms when the Agenda will include the Retiring Captain, Mick Hughes, and our Treasurer Ron Taylor, reports, followed by election of officers and announcement of the proposed programme for 2014 meetings.

It is anticipated that it will be well attended by current members, and anyone interested in joining our thriving Society will be most welcome.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all our members a very Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year in our forthcoming Golf Competitions.

Vic Birnie, Hon.Sec.

Tearoom and Lending Library

This will resume on Wednesday 15 January, 2.30 – 4.30 pm, then fortnightly.

Come and enjoy a cup of tea amongst friends and a piece of locally baked cake or a biscuit, and browse through our huge selection of books which can be borrowed for just 20p per book.

If anyone can spare some time to help in the Tearoom, please contact me.

A very Happy New Year to you all.

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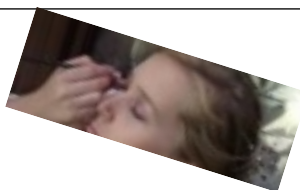
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VILLAGE EVENTS

held in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

Date	Event	Time	Organiser
JANUARY			
14 Jan	Hall AGM	7 pm	Mgt Cttee
15 Jan	Tearoom & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
	Parish Council Meeting	8 pm	Par.Clerk
28 Jan	Quiz night	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
29 Jan	Tearoom & Lending Library	2.30 pm	

FEBRUARY

12 Feb	Parish Council Meeting	8 pm	Par.Clerk
22 Feb	Rob Heron Tea-Pad Orch.	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee

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

200 Club winner, December

£100, Kevin Mellor £25, L. Hunter

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 Saturday 25 January please

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village or other images which would be suitable as cover pictures for the
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