

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2013

Church Services for March 2013

- 3rd 11.00am Parish Eucharist, Canon Peter Burch
- 10th 11.00am Mothering Sunday, The Revd J Symonds
- 17th 11.00am Parish Eucharist, The Revd Richard Court
- 24th 11.00am Parish Eucharist, The Revd Andrew Mottram
- 31st 6.00pm Parish Eucharist, The Revd Jim Symonds

April

- 7th 11.00am Parish Eucharist, The Revd Jim Symonds

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

The Church Electoral Roll is being updated. If you would like your name to be added, please ask for an enrolment form and the conditions of enrolment from one of the wardens.

St Andrew's Church

Welcomes you to join us in

a service for all the family in celebration of

Mothering Sunday, 10th March at 11.00am

With The Revd Jim Symonds

And a celebration of Parish Eucharist for

Easter Day Sunday 31st March at 6.00pm

With The Revd Jim Symonds

The PCC would like to thank all those who supported the “Rat Race Night” in January. It was a fun night with a good crowd, with over £500 being raised to help support our beautiful old church.

Rod Carless

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We were delighted this month to welcome a new member to our small group of eight people, gathered at Mary's home to share a couple of hours looking at hobbies that had been of particular interest to us, sometimes for a very long time. These included paintings in various mediums, silver jewellery making, weaving and all stages involved to produce the finished article, tapestry work in great detail and last but not least Phillumery which, to the uninitiated, is Matchbox collecting. All in all a very interesting afternoon.

We plan a visit to the Cinema for our next meeting on 5 March.

Sandra George



CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

Saturday 2 March: CABARET EVENING – featuring “The Momettes” and “Amy Housewine”.

Saturday 13 April : Bev Pegg, the well-known Black Country comedian. Tickets for these events are available from Committee members.

The Committee for the coming year is made up as follows: Lis Hughes (Chairman), Rosemary Perl (Treasurer), Susan Mortimer (Secretary), Vicky Adams, Pat Cooper, Liz Lee, Chris Nicholson, Ian Robinson, Kath Robinson, Caroline Sheen, Mary Smith, Mary Sylvester, and Paul Turner.

200 Club Winner, February: £25, Mr J Badger

Users of the Hall will notice that cleaning and hand-washing equipment has been upgraded and brought into line with modern standards.

Bird Song Walks – Diary Dates

By popular request, I am arranging three Bird Song Walks in the next month or two. They will be on Saturdays 23 March, 13 April and 4 May, starting at 6.15 am on The Green, approximately two miles around the footpaths of Cleeve. Sorry, NO DOGS.

These walks are for a small group (max.8) and for beginners interested in gaining some further knowledge of bird songs. Binoculars and a good small pocket guide book on birds are essential!

If you would like to join this small group, please e-mail me asap to book a place:

Peter – sales@thinkjet.co.uk.

FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING

on

Wednesday 6 March

in the Memorial Hall Tea Shop

from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Cleeve Prior WI members have undertaken to provide small cushions to the Breast Care Unit at Warwick Hospital for post-surgery patients.

We will have some cushions on view during the morning.

Thank you

My sincere thanks go out to all the Cleeve Prior Women's Institute members who gave my wife support during her difficult convalescent period following a breast cancer operation. The discomfort from the underarm lymph gland wound was quickly remedied by supplying a heart-shaped cushion complete with washable loose cover, which gave her instant support and comfort.

It has now been decided by the Cleeve Prior WI to donate fifty such cushions to the Helen Clarke Breast Cancer unit at Warwick Hospital. With the specialist cushions being purchased, the ladies were very quick to machine sew the various range of loose covers from their endless supply of oddment materials.

A Coffee Morning has now been arranged for 10.30 am on 6 March in order to raise funds to purchase more cushions for the hospital (see details above). Your support would be appreciated.

From the grateful husband of a WI member



Les Bratt, Cleeve Prior's popular quizmaster provided us with a most enjoyable and searching evening. Seven teams answered questions about women. The rounds were titled The Women's Institute, Food Drink and Cookery, Famous Mistresses, Ladies Trivia and a picture round where we had to identify famous women both past and present. Most of us fared better identifying mistresses than we did on facts about the WI! Thank you to Les and Heather for researching the interesting topics.

At our next meeting at the War Memorial Hall on March 20th Nibbhaya will talk about the Life of a Buddhist. Meetings start at 7.30 and the speaker at 8pm. New members and guests are welcome.

Lis

Hughes

CLEEVE PRIOR PLAYERS

A reminder for all those budding actors aged fifteen and over....we are staging an exciting production, "The Course of True Love...", in the Village Hall on 5 and 6 July. It will comprise extracts by playwrights such as Alan Ayckbourn, Willy Russell and William Shakespeare - come along to a workshop/read through in the Village Hall on **FRIDAY 22nd MARCH** at 7.30pm if you would like to be involved.

I would be very grateful if you could email me to let me know you're coming so that I can prepare the necessary copies etc. All welcome, old and new faces alike!

Jayne Caithness, Director (email: jayneatcaithnesshouse@sky.com)



Our meeting on 12 March will be at the home of Hazel Cross, Orchard Lodge, at 8pm – prompt! We are having a talk from Pauline Smith on 'My adventures with Macmillan'. Please phone Hazel 01789 772545 with your intentions of attending.

Our thanks go to Mary Collins for hosting the drama evening. Those who braved the weather were divided into teams of two and had much amusement acting – not miming - proverbs for the others to guess. It sounded great fun and I'm sorry I missed it.

Sheila Jeffries

Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

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

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

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Heritage Trust

PRIZES FOR THE BEST IN EACH CATEGORY

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PRE SCHOOL (UNDER 4) CHILDREN

AN EGG HUNT IN THE ORCHARD FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN
BRING YOUR OWN EASTER BUNNY PAINTING

RAFFLE

TEA AND CAKES (COURTESY OF THE WI)

BERNARD AND GWEN'S VINTAGE TRACTOR/TRAILER TAXI
FROM HODEN LANE TO FIELD BARN
FROM 1.30PM

And a reminder of events detailed in the February Newsletter:

Sunday 10 March, or 17 March (depending on the weather), from 10 am to 12 noon, a working party for dog lovers and walkers on the Millennium Green. Check the date with Brian Taylor or John Arkell nearer the time.

Tuesday 12 March: Fruit Tree Pruning Course, at Field Barn on the Evesham Road from 10 am to 1 pm, conducted by John Edgeley, former senior lecturer at Pershore Horticultural College.

Sylvia Grimmett

We were very sad to hear of the death of Sylvia Grimmett, one of the quiet heroes of Cleeve Prior. Probably very few villagers realise what a huge debt is owed to Sylvia. She and her husband Eric were faithful volunteers with the Heritage Trust almost every Tuesday from 1997 onwards. They helped create the Millennium Green, the Community Orchard and the Parish Sanctuary, and to restore Field Barn. The hedges and trees you now see, the gates you walk through, the seats you sit on, were made by Sylvia and Eric with other volunteers.

Sylvia though of slight build was happiest working in the Community Wildlife Garden, but was game for all sorts of other tasks from clearing scrub to creosoting, even art and design! Despite saying that she couldn't do it, she created a nailed leaf design for one of the posts for the Greenlink route.

Serving teas at May Day and other events, posting out Greenlink booklets, putting petals on the Well Dressings, Sylvia was always there making her thoughtful contribution in her quiet way. We hope that the next generation of villagers will continue in her footsteps, and we shall never forget Sylvia or Eric - two pioneers of the Heritage Trust who achieved so much for Cleeve Prior.

Lin and Don Warren

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BIDFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Please join us on **Friday 15 March** at the **Methodist Church**, Chapel Close, Bidford-on-Avon at 7.30pm, for our talk by Prof. Rebecca Probert on “**Iconoclasts and outcasts: illicit love in 19th century England.**” The Victorian era is often portrayed as one of sexual repression, lying between the perceived licentiousness of the eighteenth century and the Regency period on the one hand, and the greater sexual freedom of the twentieth century on the other. Yet births outside marriage were higher in the mid-nineteenth century than they were in the eighteenth or early twentieth, and new challenges to marriage were voiced by radical socialists and feminists. This presentation looks at both the iconoclasts who publicly challenged the existing norms and the outcasts who had flouted them. Drawing on original research, it provides new insights into marriage, illegitimacy and cohabitation. Visitors are most welcome. Our charge is £4.50 each visit for non-members. For details, contact Lisa Lear or visit www.bidfordhistory.org.uk.

News from the Kings Arms

Thank you all for a wonderful evening for my birthday, hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

Well, March is now upon us and we have loads going on.

March 10 is Mothering Sunday and we are offering a 3 course lunch for £15.00, available from 12-7pm, so call now to book a table to treat that special Mum.

Thursday 21 March is Quiz night, so get your team together and come down and join in the fun.

Friday 29 March is Good Friday, so the start of the Easter weekend when, on the Saturday, we will have singer Matt Peplow performing.

Finally, don't forget Crib nights on 1st and 3rd Monday of the month

See you all soon, Chris and Pete.

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VILLAGE EVENTS

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Date	Event	Time	Organiser
MARCH			
Sat 2	Cabaret Evening	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
Wed 6	Fundraising Coffee Morning	10.30 am	WI
Wed 6	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
Sun 10 or 17	Working Party, Millenn Grn	10 am	Heritage Trust
Mon 11	Whist Drive	usual time	
Tue 12	Tree Pruning Course	10 am	Field Barn
Wed 13	Parish Council Meeting	8 pm	Parish Clerk
Wed 20	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
Thur 21	Pub Quiz		Kings Arms
Fri 22	Workshop	7.30 pm	CP Players
Sat 23	Bird Song Walk from the Green	6.15 am	P Howe
Mon 25	Whist Drive	usual time	
Sun 30	Easter at Field Barn	2 pm	Heritage
Trust			
APRIL			
Sat 13	Bird Song Walk from the Green	6.15 am	P Howe
Sat 13	Comedian Bev Pegg	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
MAY			
Sat 4	Bird Song Walk from the Green	6.15 am	P Howe
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

The WCC Mobile Library calls at two stops in the village on Tuesday 5 and Tuesday 26 March: 11.05 – 11.20: Mill Lane; 11.25 – 11.55: The Close



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