

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



Waiting for the customers at Wilshaw's Café, Cleeve Mill
Image courtesy of Cleeve Prior Chroniclers

MAY 2013

Church Services for May 2013

5th 11.00am Parish Eucharist The Revd Len Burn

12th 11.00am Parish Eucharist The Revd Jim Symonds

19th 11.00am Family Service The Revd Jim Symonds

26th 11.00am Parish Eucharist The Revd Len Burn

June

2nd 11.00am Parish Eucharist The Revd Len Burn

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

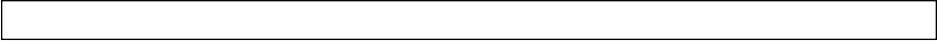
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**St Andrew's Church
welcomes you to a Family Service
On Sunday 19 May at 11.00am**

Help Needed

We are looking for some young people (5yrs – 15 yrs) to help at the Family Services. To hand out the Hymn Books and Service Sheets as the congregation arrives, to collect the offerings and collect the Hymn Books and Service Sheets at the end of the service.

If you think you can help,
please call either Lis or Rod



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013 MAY 12-18

You will find your red Christian Aid envelope inside this newsletter. Please use it if you wish to give a donation. It will be collected by a volunteer. Christian Aid's vision is to bring an end to poverty around the world by tackling its root causes as well as its effects. It helps people of all faiths and none.

Lis Hughes

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A visit to The Regal cinema in Evesham is always a pleasure, and normally puts a smile on any face, for the experience alone. However, on this occasion, the film selected was *Song for Marion*. Everyone cried into their afternoon tea, there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Vanessa Redgrave and Terence Stamp made a wonderful couple, coping with the effects of cancer, and the benefits of communal singing..

Our next meeting will be at Conifers, Mill Lane, home of Sandra George, where we shall enjoy a home cooked meal. Tuesday 7 May, 1.30 for 2 pm.

Maggie Steadman

200 Club winners March

£ 100, Mrs Sheila Smith £25, Mrs Turrell
The April and May draws will be done together in May.
Annual subscriptions are currently being collected

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

April 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.

Cllr David Bridgewater: david.c.bridgewater@gmail.com

Cllr Nick Bury: nb@nickbury.go-plus.net

Cllr Peter Howe: sales@thinkjet.co.uk

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

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

While still very much a work in progress, the Council has successfully launched its new website: <http://www.cleeveprior.org.uk>. To make the site useful and inclusive, the Council need parishioner support and feedback. So please, peruse the site and feel free make suggestions and/or participate. Current issues which may be of interest are surveys for broadband speed and the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Council and NDP Committee request that parishioners please take the time to complete these surveys.

Not long after the April meeting, Cllr Brian Minto resigned as Chair and as a member of the Council. Brian's effort these past many months is greatly appreciated and he will be sorely missed. The Council now has two vacant seats. Any parishioner wishing to join the Council or explore the idea should contact the Clerk or cllr.

The 2012/13 Year End Accounts are now internally audited. Parishioners are invited to make an appointment with the Clerk to inspect the accounts.

District Councillor A Adams attended the April meeting with a view toward gathering additional information to present to the Police & Crime Commissioner, Mr Bill Longmore, when he attends a Worcestershire Council Meeting. The question to be presented in the meeting is as follows:

Can I first of all thank you for taking the time to come to our Council meeting today. My question relates to one of the largest gypsy and traveller sites in your police force area at Cleeve Prior and it will be well known to the Chief Constable and the local policing teams. For some time, residents, walkers and horse riders have been attacked and/or intimidated by Japanese Akita dogs owned by residents of the site. These dogs

are allowed to roam freely in the vicinity, most notably the woodland and amenity area adjacent to the site.

Naturally this is a serious worry and a major concern for the local residents, and my colleague who represents this ward, Councillor Richard Lasota (who would have posed this question to you but is on holiday this week), would like to meet you at the site with representatives of the local Parish Council to discuss this problem.

I appreciate this may seem like a specific policing issue in part of your police area, but I cannot underestimate the impact on individuals and the community of "dangerous" dogs and the threat they pose. In the wider context, where dogs are creating serious risks to individuals, animals and communities in the police force area what will be your policy about dealing with them?

Finally, all parish groups are reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting takes place Wednesday, 8 May at 7:30pm. The Annual Parish Council will commence at approximately 8:00pm. Anybody wishing to submit a report for the meeting should email documents to the Clerk no later than 1 May.

Sean Arble Clerk to the Council
01789 490

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sean.arble@gmail.com



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

FOLLOW THE HERITAGE TRUST ON THE NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE – CLEEVE PRIOR.ORG.UK

The Heritage Trust goes posh!! Introduced for the Easter Celebrations we now have a “super loo” at Field Barn. This will be a permanent fixture for all future events.



The Easter Celebrations went very well raising over £95.00 and, considering the cold weather, we had a very good turnout. The event itself was a great success with many children enjoying making baskets and hats before venturing up into the Community Orchard to look for the eggs. At the same time there was a competition for the older children to identify

pictures and collate an anagram.



The usual taxi service from Hoden Lane was once again kindly provided by Bernard and Gwen Whitehouse. We thank them for their generosity in providing their unique contribution to the event.

We much appreciated the WI's contribution in providing wonderful cream teas and cakes - most welcome!! The ladies really did add to the occasion, particularly as it was so cold in the kitchen.



Many thanks to everyone who made the event such a success.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

There has been interest shown in having volunteer sessions at the **Heritage Trust** at times other than Tuesday mornings. With the warmer weather coming, we are planning to introduce afternoon sessions on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

Anyone who is keen to be involved please contact Brian Taylor

The Proposed Cleeve Prior Neighbourhood Development Plan April Questionnaire – Question number 13

The Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust wish to clear up any misunderstanding caused by the Neighbourhood Development Steering Group in their April Questionnaire.

With regard to Question 13, at no time did any discussions take place with the Trustees relating to the content of the question. The Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust is not planning to develop land for building or the sale of Field Barn.

The Heritage Trust constitution clearly states that land under its control cannot under any circumstances be developed. All the land owned by the Heritage Trust is vested by the Charity Commission, again preventing any building development.

If anyone has doubts or cause for concern please contact Brian Taylor.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire

The Steering Group thank all those who took the time and trouble to complete the questionnaire. What you told us will now be used to formulate the next stage of the Plan.

Regarding question 13, the Steering Group does recognise that there can be no domestic or commercial development on Heritage Trust land.

If you haven't completed the questionnaire and would like to do so, please either phone me or send me an e-mail nb@nickbury.go-plus.net and I will get a copy to you.

Nick Bury, Steering Group Chairman

Look out for the newly launched Healthwatch in Worcestershire, the consumer champion for health and social care.



So what is Healthwatch all about ?

LISTENING SIGNPOSTING INFLUENCING

Worcestershire Healthwatch will collect and present the views and experiences of local service users to local managers and decision makers in the Health and Social Care settings . It will take an active part in the decision making process of the Health and Well Being Board and work closely with the three new Clinical Commissioning Groups, local NHS Trusts and the Voluntary sector to ensure the decisions about priorities and services are based on the needs and experiences of local people.

It will champion high quality choice and equality of access to health and social care for the people of Worcestershire and will liaise with Healthwatch England and the Care Quality Commission on matters that are of concern about specific care providers, health or social care matters.

Healthwatch will be responsible to Worcestershire people, and all interested groups, stakeholders and individuals will be encouraged to take part. It will build on and add to the already excellent networks and relationships that have been developed here in Worcestershire. Share your views, aspirations or experiences and have a real influence on the future of your local services.

Contact us on
Tel 01386 550264, or E mail: healthwatchworcestershire@gmail.com

Or write to
Healthwatch Worcestershire
Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

As I write the children have just returned from the Primary Languages Festival held at Prince Henry's High School. Unfortunately as I was teaching I was unable to accompany them but I am reliably informed that they performed superbly. Well done Class 3 and Madame Kathryn Harvey.

I am also very proud of Sean, Scott, Ella, Lily, Jack, Daniel & Tomos who competed in the Small School Swimming Gala; their behaviour, attitude and team spirit were exemplary. Unfortunately we didn't win, however they did bring back the Achievement Trophy.

Rehearsals are now underway for our production of Wind in the Willows. Performances will be on Tuesday 21 May at 1.30 pm and 6pm, and on Wednesday 22 May at 6pm. You are all most welcome to come and watch.

After the half-term break the Key Stage 2 children will go on their annual outdoor education trip to Aztec Watersports. This is something they look forward to every year – let's hope the weather improves for them!

Sarah Newbury

NEWS FROM THE KINGS ARMS

Spring is finally here, well fingers crossed! With this in mind, remember we have a great beer garden for you all to enjoy a refreshing drink in a great location.

New season's menu coming soon and refreshing summer drinks, such as Lemon Hooch over ice, great on a sunny day.

We have loads of events coming up in the coming months. Come and enjoy a fun evening for the Eurovision song contest on **18 May**. Let's see how we do this year (nil points, we hope not!) Fun night will include a fun short quiz, full coverage of Eurovision, plus other fun games, etc. Why not try our Eurovision-based menu?

Also, May has two Bank Holidays to enjoy with us.

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 8 June: Dusty Springfield Tribute night;

Sunday 16 June: Fathers' day

Saturday 29 June: fun day, all day, includes live music, pig roast, and finally: The Slient Disco is back

Call now to book or just pop in.

Chris and Pete (773335)

CLEEVE PRIOR CHRONICLERS

We are looking for someone who would be willing to spend a few hours a month interviewing an elderly resident, to record their reminiscences of village life from 1922 to the present day.

For more information, please contact Lis Hughes.



**CLEEVE PRIOR WAR
MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**

cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

Entertainment

Friday 17 May: Kevin Grenfell, Slide by Side Tickets £10 to include light supper.

Tickets are available from Committee members, and by email:
cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

**COMMUNITY GAMES AND VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 8 JUNE, 2 PM**

FUN AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

STALLS AND SIDE SHOWS

BEER TENT, BARBECUE AND CREAM TEAS

**Please support the legacy of
last year's Jubilee celebrations**

**Donations of cakes, books, bric a brac,
toys and games welcome.**

Round off the day with a visit to the Kings Arms for a Dusty Springfield Tribute Night.



We enjoyed an interesting and informative talk at our April meeting by Charlie Homer, on Growth for Africa. Charlie's education started in Play Group in the Village Hall, and he then went on to the Village School. He left University six years ago and, after spending a year at home, went to South Africa where he became a project manager working with children. Africa is facing some of the biggest challenges of this Century. It is rich in culture and heritage, but torn apart by issues which in the future can be prevented. Poverty strikes at the heart of thousands of communities, affecting health, education, stability and growth. In South Africa, 5.6 million people are living with HIV and AIDS.

The next WI meeting is on Wednesday 15 May, when we will discuss resolutions and have a Jacob's Supper. New members and guests are always welcome.

Jean M Ryley



Our AGM at The Kings Arms was well attended. We are very grateful to Sue Taylor for agreeing to be elected as organiser to replace Sheila Jeffries, and we offer our sincere thanks to Sheila for leading the group so efficiently and good naturedly for a number of years. Thanks are also due to everyone who contributed in any way to the events of the last year, either by hosting a meeting, organising a trip, or engaging a speaker, and particularly to Jayne for looking after the finances.

Our next meeting on 14 May will be hosted by Jan Arkell , when we will find out what interesting facts have come to light in researching our names.

If any newcomers to the village would like more information about this friendly women's group, please contact the organiser, Sue Taylor. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month.

Susan Mortimer

CLEEVE PRIOR RAMBLERS

Seventeen of us plus three dogs set off on a five and a half mile walk from the Norman Knight pub in the pretty village of Whichford on a beautiful sunny day, so warm that fairly shortly after a steepish climb into some woods we had to stop when many of us removed a layer or two.

The woods should have been carpeted with bluebells – Ron is known for his love of a bluebell walk – everything is late this year, but we did have lots of delicate white wood anemones instead and some primroses under the bare trees.

We were following the Macmillan Way, which took us over fields, very pleasant as there was very little mud, to Long Compton, another attractive village with some large houses built in the local honey coloured stone. Here we had our coffee break in a courtyard beside an unusual Lych Gate. Constructed of timber, brick, stone and thatch, it was built around 1600 and was originally the end of a row of thatched cottages which were finally pulled down in the 1920s leaving the Lych Gate standing alone. It was re-thatched in 2010 with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the local school children did a thatching project. Pictures show that methods of re- thatching have changed little since 1955. Today the upstairs houses the Compton District History Society archives, occasionally open to the public.

We returned, having left the Macmillan Way, over gently sloping hills, beside fields of varying shades of golden to brown back into Whichford Woods and the pub for well-earned drinks and a good meal. Thank you Ron and Shirley for guiding us.

The next ramble on 18 May will be led by Mick and Lis Hughes. Please contact them by Friday 10 May if you intend to walk and have lunch. Anyone interested in joining the Ramblers should contact either the above or Shirley Taylor.

Bridgett Walker

CLEEVE PRIOR PLAYERS – Latest news

Eat, drink and be Merry – that is our intent in the next production – The Course of True Love.....!, directed by Jayne Caithness.

Whilst you enjoy sitting with your friends, eating mezze and drinking wine, the drama will unfold around you. So put the date on your calendars Friday 5 and Saturday 6 July, 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of June - full details will be in the June Newsletter.

Research for our History of Cleeve Prior which will be performed in Poetry, Prose and Song on Saturday 9 November is proving most entertaining. It is amazing how many stories and memories our researchers are coming up with! We can promise you a really interesting and enjoyable evening of entertainment. If you have any stories/memories particularly of the 1940s onwards please let me know. For example we would like to find out where people went dancing during the 2nd World War as we know dances were held in neighbouring villages but not in Cleeve as far as we know.

Next March, Cleeve Prior Players are planning a joint production with Cleeve Prior School of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, directed by Richard Warner. As you will see our AGM is coming up on Wednesday 22 May in the Kings Arms, if you would like to know more about this small band of players, come along. We are always seeking new members not just to act or sing, but to help back stage with catering and front of house. The general plan is to have fun and provide entertainment for the Village!

If you would like any more information about how you could support the players please contact me.

Gina Carr

The Annual General Meeting of the Cleeve Prior Players will be held at the Kings Arms pub on **Wednesday 22 May**. at 7.00pm. All members are welcome.

It will be followed by the first meeting of the newly-elected committee, at 7.30pm.

Chris Nicholson, CPP Liaison

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If there is anyone who has a cat which has been prescribed Metacam (Meloxicam), I have an unopened bottle of it, which is in date until September 2014.

This was prescribed for my cat, who sadly no longer has need of it. You are welcome to it, to save a small fortune next time you need a

prescription renewal.
Just phone Andrea Bury.

BIDFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Please join us on **Friday 17th May** at **St. Laurence's Church Hall**, 7.30pm, for our talk by "Bowstringer Present" on **"The Life and Times of English and Welsh Archers in the 14th and 15th Centuries."**

Master Peter, Captain of Archers in the retinue of Sir John de Vere, the 13th Earl of Oxford, will assess the effect the "Great Pestilence," the "100 Years War with France," the "Slump of the 15th Century" and the "Wars of the Plantagenet Family" had on the population as a whole. He will also explain how armies were financed, raised, equipped and fed.

Master Peter will be accompanied by his wife, Mistress Joan. Both will wear authentic 15th century clothes and will bring reproductions of clothing, weapons and equipment for you to look at and handle.

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 01789 773391 or visit www.bidfordhistory.org.uk.

Can you help....


On the 17th March an incident took place in Froglands Lane when someone in the village noticed a fence panel on fire in one of the gardens. Their prompt action in putting the fire out obviously saved the fire from spreading and we are grateful for their neighbourly intervention.


The person involved, a white tall male with greying hair and speaking in a foreign accent, who apparently wished to remain anonymous, should be made aware that a reward has been put behind the bar for him at the Kings Arms. ...

Littleton Village Hall


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SATURDAY 18 MAY
10.30 am to 2.00 pm

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Plus Haydn Trumpet Concerto

*Six local people sing in the Choir and have enjoyed preparing
this beautiful music.*

Tickets (£15) available from Ron Taylor

ROAD WORKS AHEAD

Earlier this month the circus arrived in Lower Cleeve in the shape of a road closure to enable sewer works. The resulting behaviour of the traffic afforded enormous entertainment to the adjacent residents.

Cars, vans, lorries, their drivers incapable of reading notices set up weeks ahead, arrived bemused and frustrated right up to the barriers. Somehow they thought it didn't apply to them. The temptation to ask "what part of *road closed* don't you understand?" was high. Roadside seats and drinks would have been provided outside Mulberry House if it had not been so cold. Some drivers risked their paintwork, squeezing between barriers and a telegraph pole, threatening the village broadband supply - would we have noticed?

I witnessed a first for Cleeve Prior, Road Hole Rage or was it Trench Fever, as a van man fumed and cursed at this restriction to his liberty, taking nearly as much time inspecting the hole and blaspheming as it would have to go via the Littletons.

A Spanish artic driver, one of several, had to perform at least a 20 point turn into Quarry Lane getting rather close to the village hall. (He was from Barcelona!)

The climax of this wonderful street theatre was the sight of three of Cleeve's finest pushing a double-decker bus backwards into Hoden Lane, because its driver could not find reverse gear - bless her.

So if you are bored and in need of free amusement, get digging!

Mick Hughes

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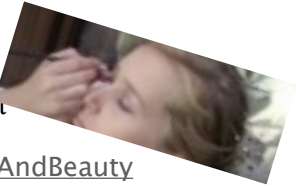
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VILLAGE EVENTS

held in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

Date	Event	Time	Organiser
MAY			
Wed 1	Tea shop & lending library	2.30 pm	
Sat 4	Bird Song Walk (pjh@uk2.net)	6.15 am	P Howe
Wed 8	Annual Parish Meeting Parish Council Meeting Clerk		Parish Clerk Parish
12 – 18			
Wed 15	Tea shop & lending library	2.30 pm	
Fri 17	Kevin Grenfell Jazz	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
Wed 22	CP Players AGM	7 pm	
Wed 29	Tea shop & lending library	2.30 pm	
JUNE			
Sat 8	Community Games and Fete		
JULY			
Fri 5/Sat 6	The Course of True Love	TBC	CP Players
NOV			
Sat 9	Village Life, a celebration in word and song	TBC	CP Players

The WCC Mobile Library calls at two stops in the village on Tuesday 7 and 28 May: 11.05 – 11.20: Mill Lane; 11.25 – 11.55: The Close

WANTED

A metal cabinet, with lock, for storage of documents.
Please contact Lis Hughes 772578 or Rod Carless 773357



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before Friday 24 May please

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