

# CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2013

# Church Services for October 2013

- 6th 11.00am Harvest Festival. Family Service  
Revd Jim Symonds
- 13th 11.00am Parish Eucharist. Revd Jim Symonds
- 20th 11.00am Parish Eucharist. Revd Jim Symonds
- 27th 11.00am Parish Eucharist. Revd Andrew Mottram

## November

- 3rd 11.00am Parish Eucharist. 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

## From the Parish Registers

### Saturday 14 September 2013

**Marriage:** Stephen Edward Banner and Helen Grace Newman  
**Baptism:** Edward Rein Banner

Saskia Grace Banner

# **St Andrews Church**

invites you to join

A Family Service of Thanksgiving

to celebrate

## **Harvest Festival**

on Sunday 6 October

with the Revd Jim Symonds

11.00 am

### **Women's Fellowship**

We had a very good September meeting in the Tea Room and have booked for the rest of our meetings. We managed to agree our programme for this year.

Our next meeting will be Emma Baker on Phoenix cards, on 3 October, starting at our new time of 2.15pm. We would welcome any new members. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, between September and May, from 2.15 to 4pm.

*Meryl Holdbrook*

**CLEEVE PRIOR WAR  
MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**  
cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com



**ENTERTAINMENT.**

To all those who came to the *Taste of Spain* evening in September, thank you for making it a memorable occasion. To those who could not be there, you missed a gem but, be sure, the Andalus Band will return.

In the spirit of providing a variety of entertainment our next event is on: **Saturday 19 October: Mervyn Stutter** ([www.mervynstutter.com](http://www.mervynstutter.com)) Better known as the founder of the Flying Pickets, and “The Fringe Overlord”, he is back where he is happiest, performing in small intimate venues across the UK. Tickets £11, to include light refreshments, available from Ian Robinson, any committee member, or by email: [cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com).

**Feedback:** members of the committee are always pleased to hear your opinions about events, and ideas for future activities.

### **Sound and lighting equipment in the Memorial Hall**

Cleeve Prior Players are looking for a technical assistant to deal with the sound and lighting equipment during their productions, and plan to arrange a training session for users in the near future.

Please contact Gina Carr if you are interested.

## 200 Club winners, September

£25, Julie Ellis

£100, Mrs J Stewart



## News from the School

The new school year is

now well under way and the beautiful summer seems a far distant memory! Of course the major incident of the holidays was the demise of the large branch on the Horse Chestnut tree. I am reliably informed that this was due to 'summer shed' and we are extremely thankful that no one was hurt as a consequence. Over the half term some remedial work will be carried out, along with additional cutting back and cabling. Until this work is carried out please can I ask all of you to avoid standing directly under the tree especially during heavy rain or windy weather.

We are very pleased that 6 children have joined us in Reception and would like to extend a very warm welcome to Evie Rowling, Harry Wilkinson, Mary Doran, Annie Waller, Harmony Walker, Matilda Lunnon and their families.

You may have noticed we are now collecting Morrison vouchers and shall be very grateful for any donations.

I would also like to give you advanced notice of our Open Day which will be on Wednesday 6 November from 9.00am. You are all very welcome to come, look around and see us in action.

*Sarah Newbury*

**CLEEVE PRIOR PRE SCHOOL  
BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION**



**WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2013**

**By 9am**

If you have any unwanted clothing, bedding, soft toys, shoes, hats, belts or handbags – then please bring them (in a bag) to the Preschool from

Tuesday 5 November

*Many thanks in advance for your continued support*

**Saturday 23 November at 7.30.pm**

**in St Andrews Church**

**The LAUDA Chamber Choir**

will perform a programme of CHORAL MUSIC by ALLEGRI,  
VICTORIA, BYRD, PALESTRINA, BRITTEN  
as well as one or two lighter items.

Tickets £15, to include an interval drink and “finger food” in the village hall after the concert, where there will be a cash bar and a chance to meet the choir.

LAUDA includes some of the best choral singers in the West Midlands many of whom also sing with Ex Cathedra. John Cotterill and the choir will be returning for their third appearance in St Andrews following two very successful concerts in 2012.

Tickets (reserved by row) are available from Rod and Annette Carless , Lis Hughes or June Taylor.

**Another date for your diaries**

**Pershore Choral Society**, in conjunction with the  
Worcester Philharmonic Orchestra, will perform  
**Beethoven's Symphony No.9**  
(The Choral Symphony)

On Saturday 16 November in Pershore Abbey  
at **2.30 pm**

(please note, this is an **afternoon** performance)



Several village residents sing in the Choral Society, and Ron Taylor, has kindly offered to handle ticket enquiries



Our September meeting was an informative and extremely lively account of the life of 'Bess of Hardwick', given by Gillian White.

Bess was born in 1527 to 'lower gentry' but by judicious placements was married at 13 to the first of her four husbands, each of whom was richer than the last. Widowed after four years of marriage to Robert Barlow, she then married Sir William Cavendish, 20 years her senior, in 1547. She had eight children, four of whom survived. In 1549 she and William bought Chatsworth for £600, and Bess became lady in waiting to Elizabeth I. Widowed again, she then married Sir William St. Loe, a Captain of the Guard to the Queen. Five years later he died, leaving his estate to Bess and her heirs. The big prize was marrying George Talbot the 6th Earl of Shrewsbury in 1567, a very rich and powerful man. It was not a happy marriage due in part to the fact they were guardians to Mary Queen of Scots and this put a terrific strain on their marriage. Bess left him in 1580 and he subsequently died in 1590. Bess built Hardwick Hall at this time and was considered to be the richest woman in England, second only to the Queen. Many Ambitions to ensure that Bess's grand daughter, Arabella Stuart, whom she raised at Hardwick, may be in line to the throne, came to nothing. Bess remained at Hardwick Hall until her death in 1608 at the age of 80.

Our next meeting is on 16 October and the competition is an UNUSUAL SOAP.

*Annette Carless*

## **Missing cat**

George, 18 month old black and white neutered cat went missing from Mill Lane in June. He is chipped and we still hope he will be found

Call 07967389836 any time. Reward for safe return

He has a black chin and a black smudge on his nose.

**RADIO STATION CLEEVE PRIOR PRESENTS**  
**Stories of Cleeve Prior, from the 1900s to the**  
**1950s and beyond!**

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**Broadcast dates Friday 8 and Saturday 9**  
**November 7.30pm in Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall.**

Reporters for Cleeve Prior Radio Station have been hard at work interviewing people who have lived in the village for many years to seek out true stories (well most of them) about bygone times. Do you know how many village ghosts there are? Our presenters will tell the stories, and present a range of poetry and music to give you a flavour of life in Cleeve Prior in days gone by.

Refreshments, Cash Bar and Raffle - Tickets £10  
Cheques payable to Cleeve Prior Players please.

The Players' profits will be donated to the Worcestershire branch of the Soldiers Sailors Airforce Families Association, SSAFA. More than 7,000 volunteer caseworkers help over 85,000 people each year. Caseworkers are professionally trained, highly regarded and often called in by other organisations. SSAFA exists today to help serving, and ex-service men, women and their families, from the Armed Forces, The Territorial Army and certain war veterans from the Merchant Navy. They can call upon SSAFA for the rest of their lives. It is estimated that more than 14 million people may be eligible for assistance from SSAFA and need is expected to increase. In Worcestershire in 2012, SSAFA helped almost 400 families, and raised a third of a million pounds to assist their clients.

Contact Gina Carr for more information. If you are going to be away but would still like to make a donation just let me know.



## **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**

This production by the Cleeve Prior Players is scheduled for the end of March next year. Auditions will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on **Friday 4 October**.

There are parts for adult males, females, juveniles and youngsters. There will be an adult choir, and help will be needed backstage with costumes, scenery, makeup, props, stage management, sound, lights and catering.

Please come along to the auditions on 4 October, or contact the Director, Richard Warner for further information.

## **South Cleeve Prior Residents Association**

The South Cleeve Prior Residents' Group meets in Field Barn on the first Friday of every month. It's a great opportunity to meet socially as well as to talk about local concerns and plans over a cup of tea or glass of wine (bring to share). Dates for the next three months are:

Friday 4 October

Friday 1 November

Friday 6 December

All Cleeve Prior residents are welcome. It is advisable to bring a torch for the walk back to the car. A £1 donation per person is requested as a thank you to Heritage Trust for allowing us use of the building, and for fuel costs.

*Anne Milton*



The South Cleeve Story Board is now in place and the story has begun. Look for the blackboard at the entrance to the orchard opposite the terrace for a new instalment each week. As well as providing something unique to Cleeve Prior we hope that drivers will slow down to read the story as they enter the village.



## *Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust*

The plums have proved a great success with many families taking advantage of this year's bumper crop.

There are still plenty left and the apples and pears coming on stream. You can park in the Field Barn car park and walk along Evesham Road to the second gate opposite the houses and there is an entrance to the Community Orchard.

We are organising another Millennium Green "spruce up" on Sunday 20 October - weather permitting. It will be the same as last time's successful format, two hours from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. We welcome dog walkers and anyone else from the village who would like to come and join in a fun morning with or without dogs..

The Heritage Trust will provide tools, gloves, coffee and biscuits. All you need to do is kit yourself out in "wellies" and old gardening gear. We look forward to good turnout to continue the work established last time and continued by the volunteers through the summer.

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[www.cleeveprior.org.uk](http://www.cleeveprior.org.uk)



After our summer break we met at Manor Mews, where Shirley Taylor led a lively book review of our summer reading. *The Kashmir Shawl* had been enjoyed by all, and *The Blasphemer*, not the most likeable of books, raised a long and interesting discussion. Thank you Shirley for a stimulating evening. Log fires and good wine made an excellent start to our Autumn meetings. At 8 pm on Tuesday 8 October we will meet at Conifers, Mill Lane, where Sandra has kindly agreed to host the evening: 'My world through an object/picture/journey'. Please bring one of these with you to share with us its provenance and sentiment. Apologies to Sandra please, on 490476. Lis Hughes will be taking bookings for our theatre visit on 10 December – payment required!

*Sue Taylor*

**A note from our Treasurer:**

Just a reminder that the National NWR subscriptions are due in October. I would be grateful if members could let me (Jayne) have a cheque for £17 made payable to NWR at the next meeting or, if not attending, could they either put it through my letter box, give it to another member or leave it at School for my attention.

**Thank you**

Julie Fulton (Ellis) would like to thank all those who took the time to vote for her picture book, 'Tabitha Posy Was Ever So Nosy', which was nominated for the People's Book Prize.

She is delighted, and somewhat shocked, to say that it has made it through to the finals which take place next May, when voting will start all over again!

A big thank you to Lis Hughes too, for writing the original article all about the award and including it in the July newsletter.

## **CLEEVE PRIOR GOLF SOCIETY**

### **Meeting at Broadway Golf Club, 20 September**

Our season ended on a high note as we had a record attendance and the weather was brilliant.

Twentyfive golfers played ( almost the entire membership ) for the Annual Trophies: the Linwood Cup which was won by Neil Betteridge and the Carruthers Cup for the ladies which was won by Wendy Towers.

In addition prizes were awarded for the Nearest-the-Pin won by Ron Taylor and the Longest Drives, won by Neil Betteridge for low handicappers, and Keith Richards for the higher handicappers.

In the evening we were joined by our spouses and thirtyseven of us enjoyed an excellent Carvery meal.

Our Captain, Mick Hughes, expressed his thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year which he thoroughly enjoyed and is now looking forward to his organised Golfing trip to France in October with twelve members, and the Annual Christmas Dinner.

*Vic Birnie Hon. Sec.*

## **BIDFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY**

Please join us on **Friday 18 October** at **St. Laurence's Church Hall**, 7.30pm, for our talk by Ned Williams on **"All the Fun of the Fair."** Ned will give an illustrated account of how family life unfolds on the fairground, where "family history" can be as important as the recipe for



candy floss! To find out more, join us for a ride on the swings from the cradle to the grave! 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 [ww.bidfordhistory.org.uk](http://www.bidfordhistory.org.uk).

## **Bidford Area Community Choir**

### ***Wherever you are***

A concert to raise funds for our new GP surgery  
St Laurence's Church

Saturday 16 November, 7.30 pm

Tickets £7.50 on the door or from any choir member  
(Under 16s free)

## **Please support a good cause**

Hi, my name is Sarah and you may have seen me running around the village lately! I am currently training for the Birmingham Half Marathon on 20 October in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

I am well on the way to my £400 target, with thanks to friends and family. If you would like to support Macmillan and me by making a donation, you can visit <http://www.justgiving.com/scarr456>, OR drop by Top Farm, Froglands Lane.

All donations, big and small are much appreciated. Macmillan is a fantastic charity and they work really hard to help those affected by cancer.

Many thanks.

*Sarah Carr*

## Cleeve Prior Ramblers

On 21 September sixteen of us, accompanied by 3 dogs, arrived in Spernall, Studley, parking close by the 12<sup>th</sup> century St Leonard's church. The now redundant church was largely rebuilt in 1844 but, being closed in 1972, it now houses a sculptor and his studio, the churchyard being sadly unkempt.

Walking easterly for 300 yards we went through a kissing gate on our left following a narrow path up rising ground between wire fences, passing a number of sloe trees and bramble bushes laden with juicy blackberries. Reaching the top of the rise, with a view of Studley Castle to the left, we were immediately aware of acres of newly planted broadleaf trees in the open land falling away in front of us. These plantations form part of the project of the local philanthropist, Felix Dennis, to create the new Heart of England Forest, the planting of the millionth tree having just been announced.

Crossing through the corner of St Giles Farm garden, the pathway led through a marshy patch, leading us out into many more acres of newly planted trees, where we passed a wildlife "hide" in a mature oak tree and where we watched a covey of young pheasants. The walk led us across the Morton Bagot lane onwards between the mature trees of Spernall Park Wood and a further young plantation, to continue over the slopes of Round Hill to Upper Spernall Lane where our route continued uphill to a grassy bank for our coffee break.

As we resumed our walk, the overcast sky gave way to warm sunshine. Walking southwards along the edge of a wood lined with dense blackthorn bushes we came to an equestrian centre at Lodge Hill Farm, where we saw race horses exercising on an equestrian treadmill. Following the farm road downhill, we turned right on to Shelfield Green lane, which rose gently over the Alne Hills, subsequently descending to the Great Alne road. Here we crossed to join the Arden Way down to

the footbridge over the River Arrow by the Coughton ford. Being unable to pass through the grounds of Coughton Court, we detoured round the house to resume on the footpath through pastureland to a footbridge over the River Arrow, back to Spernall Church. The walk was about 6 miles, and took 3½ hours. Homeward bound, we stopped to enjoy an excellent lunch at the Broom Tavern in Broom village.

Our thanks go to Liz Lee and Susan Mortimer for organising this walk. The next one is on Saturday 19 October and will be led by Chris and Marina Nicholson. Please let them know on 491236 by 11 October if you wish to take part. Shirley will circulate the new list of forthcoming dates shortly by email.

*Antony Bond*

## **News from The Kings Arms**

Another month has passed and, dare I say, it soon will be Christmas. Book your party night now or enjoy Christmas day, with us taking the hassle out of the cooking.

Thursday 31 October is Halloween and we will once again be doing trick or treat tea for the little ones. Let us know if you are coming. There will be a prize for the best dressed child. All welcome.

On Saturday 2 November, Trisha is back (Dusty Springfield tribute) Book now to get your table.

Wednesday 6 November will be our first PsychiS supper, only £15.00 including main course meal. An enjoyable night with two of the topWestMmidlands mediums.

We hope to see you all soon.

*Chris and Pete, 01789 773335*



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## VILLAGE EVENTS

held in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Wed 2	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
Fri 4	Auditions for "Joseph & ..."	7.30 pm	CP Players
Mon 7	Whist Drive		
Wed 16	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
	Parish Council Meeting	8 pm	Par.Clerk
Sat 19	An evening with Mervyn Stutter	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
Mon 21	Whist Drive		
Wed 30	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Wed 6	Open Day		School
Fri 8 & Sat 9	Stories of Cleeve Prior, from the 1900s to the 1950s	7.30 pm	CP Players
Sat 23	LAUDA Concert in Church	7.30 pm	R Gardener and friends
Sun 24	Bring & Buy for Seniors' lunch	2 – 4 pm	Mgt Cttee
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
14 Dec	Christmas Fayre	2 pm	Mgt Cttee
17 Dec	Seniors' Lunch	12.30 pm	Mgt Cttee

The WCC Mobile Library calls at two stops in the village, on Tuesdays  
1 and 22 October: 11.05 – 11.20: Mill Lane; 11.25 – 11.55: The Close.



## The Rotas, September 13

	<b>Sidesmen</b>
Oct 6	Mr C Greenwood
Oct 13	Mr R Dewson
Oct 20	Mrs E Marshall
Oct 27	Mrs J Taylor
Nov 3	Mrs L Hughes

### **Harvest Festival**

Oct 6	Mrs L Hughes
Oct 13	Mrs L Lee
Oct 20	Mrs N Bolton
Oct 27	Mrs S Robinson
Nov 3	Mrs L Hughes

### **Church Cleaning**

Mrs L Hughes
Mrs B Walker
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs M Taylor
Mrs J Arkell

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