

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2013

Church Services for September 2013

1 st	11.00am	Parish Eucharist
8 th	11.00am	Family Service
15 th	11.00am	Parish Eucharist
22 nd	11.00am	Parish Eucharist
29 th	11.00am	Parish Eucharist

October

6 th	11.00am	Harvest Festival. Family Service
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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 Churchyard

Mr Mike Walker has kindly volunteered to trim the hedges in the churchyard, but would like some help in clearing the debris. If you feel you can help then please phone Mike to arrange the day and time.

Rod Carless

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

Cllr 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 pleased to announce the co-optioin of two additional members; Cllrs Mellor and Brown. Their experience will prove to be invaluable to the parish. Sadly, David Bridgewater made the difficult decision to resign from the Council and he will be missed. There now remains one vacant seat on the Council. Wychavon District Council will soon report if an election has been called. Watch this space.

Mr Alastair Adams was recently elected to the Worcestershire County Council representing Cleeve Prior. He has brought a much needed surge of energy in helping the Council tackle some issues in the parish. He recently took part in an on-site meeting to discuss various matters near the Traveller Site. Others attending the meeting included P Luff MP, Wychavon District Cllr Lasota, West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner B Longmore and Sergeant P Stayte. The main points of the meeting concerned the following:

1. A fence along the bridle path between the Traveller Site and WCC land.
2. A litter pick for the bridle path area.
3. Review rubbish collection options.
4. Repair bridle path.
5. Better control of the Akita dogs and quicker response from police should a 101 call concerning the dogs be placed. Additionally, the Dog Warden, Pip Middleton should be contacted when dogs are roaming freely; 01905 822799 or out of hours 0845 0568035. If the dog(s) are aggressive the police should be called on 101.

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.

Measures to calm traffic through the village and surrounding area have been ongoing for several months:

1. The flashing sign near the school is operational.
2. A proposed sign may be installed on Main St to warn drivers of the sharp bend near Hoden Lane.
3. The Council has agreed to contribute toward the cost of estate gates near the houses on Evesham Road. The Council is awaiting Worcestershire CC (WCC) agreement on this project.
4. A sign near the Fish and Anchor Hill junction with Evesham Road to direct lorry traffic toward the A46 via Offenham or Blackminster was erected.
5. WCC decided not to increase the speed limit on Evesham Rd from 30 to 40mph.

The Council recently contracted a new Lengthsman. Mr Hunt is a highly experienced Lengthsman and brings some fresh ideas as to what

should be done to properly maintain the grips, headwalls etc to best prevent flooding. The Lengthsman's job is not easy and all parishioners are requested to cooperate with Mr Hunt.

Sean Arble,, Clerk to the Council
01789 490 501



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

ENTERTAINMENT.

Saturday, 7 September: Andalus Band (www.andalusband.co.uk)

Tickets for this event have sold well, but there are still a few left.

Doors Open 7.30pm, Late bar & Tapas

Tickets £15, Please contact us **soon** if you would like to attend:

Caroline Sheen , Rosemary Perl

Or email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

If you have already requested tickets, they will be delivered to your door.

Saturday 19 October: Mervyn Stutter (www.mervynstutter.com)

“The Fringe Overlord” is back where he is happiest, performing in small intimate venues across the UK. Tickets on sale late September

Memorial Hall Summer Projects

During the six-week summer holiday several improvements have been made to the Hall. The stage has had a new floor and three coats of varnish applied, and the hall floor has been sanded and revarnished. The committee are very grateful to Ian Robinson and Simon Davies who gave up two weekends to complete this project.

The kitchen has had new electrical equipment fitted in an attempt to make catering and food preparation easier and more hygienic.

Instructions for use of the appliances will be available in the kitchen at all times. Thank you to the planners, suppliers and fitters who helped and advised with this project.

In addition the curtains have been dry cleaned and repaired.

Lis Hughes, Chairman, Memorial Hall Management Committee

**Make a note for your diary: LAUDA Concert
Saturday 23 November 2013, 7.30pm**

The **LAUDA Chamber Choir**, having given two memorable concerts in St Andrews in 2012, will be returning for a third visit in NOVEMBER. There will be a varied programme including works by Allegri, Byrd, Victoria, Palestrina, Britten and others. We can look forward to another evening of superb unaccompanied choral singing.

Tickets, £15, 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. Details next month on when tickets are on sale and how to get them. The previous concerts were both total sellouts!

Roy Gardener

NWR

The next meeting is on 10 September at Manor Mews, Cleeve Manor. Shirley Taylor is hosting this meeting and books read during the summer will be discussed.

These include 'The Blasphemer' by Nigel Farndale and 'The Kashmir Shawl' by Rosie Thomas. Details of any other books that members have enjoyed recently will be welcome.

Meetings start at 8pm. Please phone Shirley or Sue Taylor to confirm attendance.

NWR Theatre outing. Tuesday 10 December, to Stratford to see 'Wendy and Peter Pan'. J.M. Barrie's classic tale of the boy who never grows up is adapted for the RSC by Ella Hickson and directed by Jonathan Munby.

Tickets are £23 each. The performance starts at 7:15pm and transport will be arranged nearer the time. Contact Sue Taylor or Lis Hughes if you would like a ticket..



This year we broke with tradition and held our annual garden party at Hillers, Dunnington. The evening started with Pimms on the patio, followed by an enjoyable buffet supper and delicious sweets, chocolate brownies to die for, and coffee.

It was lovely to see Shirley and Eric Prewitt there. Liz Whiting and Peter made an emotional speech, saying how much they had enjoyed being in the village and the friendship towards them. A lovely evening, enjoyed by all.

Next month, on 18 September, we have Gillian White talking on Bess of Hardwick Hall, at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Be cool, be there!

Diane Walker

CLEEVE PRIOR PLAYERS

Auditions for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat,
Friday 4 October, 7.30PM in the Memorial Hall

There are lots of opportunities for parts in this musical opera - some are non- singing. We need adult males, females, and juveniles age 15+, in addition to a number of youngsters who will play the brothers. Rehearsals will be scheduled to avoid unnecessary hanging around as

far as possible.

We will also need people willing to be in an adult choir so, for those of you singing in choirs elsewhere, it's an opportunity to do something in the village and with minimal rehearsals.

We will also need help backstage with makeup, costume, scenery and props, stage management, sound and lights and catering.

One thing we guarantee is fun and a great sense of achievement for those taking part in helping to put on this production!

For more details, and to offer help backstage, please contact the Director, **Richard Warner**.

Stories of Cleeve Prior from the 1900s to the 1950s

Friday 8 and Saturday 9 November
7.30pm in the Memorial Hall



A world of hard work, a village of dusty narrow roads rutted by hooves and cart-wheels, innocent of oil or petrol – a timeless place on the verge of change. The story told through, anecdotes, reminiscences, poetry and music from this era will give you a flavour of life in Cleeve Prior at this time of turbulent change.

All profits will be donated to a charity related to the Armed Forces.

Refreshments, Cash Bar and Raffle

Tickets £10 - Early Bird Discount of £1 if you purchase before the end of September!

Cheques payable to Cleeve Prior Players please.

Contact **Gina Carr** for more details.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

On Saturday 17 August, contrary to the weather forecast, the Trust had a good turnout of villagers of all ages for the “Plum Pick and Pimms” event at Field Barn and in the Orchards on Evesham Road. It was slightly early for the main crop of plums but folks seemed to find enough fruit on the day. The gates to the Community Orchard and Plot Eight will be kept unlocked for the next two weeks to allow villages to park up and pick the plums, apples and pears.



There have been a number of requests from villagers that the Trust make the Parish Wildlife Sanctuary in Quarry Lane more accessible to village residents. The Trustees have now made arrangements for two keyholders in order to make keys available on a “day basis”. The two stalwarts live on the Village Green and have kindly agreed to be those keyholders:



Anthony Bond, Ashby Cottage.
Bridgett Walker, Green Cottage .

The Millennium Green Trustees are planning to organise another Working Party session for dog walkers and other interested parties on the Millennium Green in October. We are also hoping to plan some interesting activities at the same time – so watch this space in next month’s Newsletter and on the village website.

Follow the Heritage Trust on www.cleeveprior.org.uk

CLEEVE PRIOR GOLF SOCIETY

There are two outings to report on this month:

Kings Norton, 26 July

The weather was perfect, the facilities superb, and we had a good turn-out of 18 players, with 14 for Dinner which was a bit disappointing as we were provided with a private room, so the whole day was an outstanding success. As for the results it was very much a Ladies' Day as all three who played won prizes, whereas some of the men found the course a real challenge. Well done girls!

The winners were :

First Sue Simpson , Wendy Towers and Alan Gittings

Second Neil Betteridge, Bill Ellis and Malcolm Mawer

Third Keith & Sally Ann Richards and Jules Franey

The "Longest Drive" was again won by Neil, and John Stagg's ball finished "Nearest the Pin".

Lilly Brook, 16 August

The day started with heavy rain falling, but fortunately by the time we tee-ed off the sun was shining and the conditions were perfect. The location of the course is in the Cotswolds so the views were spectacular but many of us found the last few holes very onerous as they were somewhat "hilly"! We had an excellent turn-out with 19 golfers and six wives joining us for dinner, which was very good and served in pleasant surroundings.

We played a progressive Stableford competition in teams of four where the best score counted on the first six holes, the best two on the next six and the best three on the last six.

The winners were :

First Brian Taylor, Les Bratt, Jules Franey and Tony Mac Naughtan: 77 pts.

Second Jonn Vernon, Neil Betteridge, John Stagg and Sally Ann Richards: 71 pts.

Third Vic Birnie, Paul Stewert, John Hayward and Alan
 Gittings: 63 pts

The "Longest Drive" was John Arkell and "Nearest-the-Pin "was Brian Taylor.

Our season will conclude with our next meeting at Broadway on 20 September although twelve of our members are travelling to France in October for a two-day golf competition.

We hope the sun will continue to shine on us, and that support for the Society is sustained for this and next year's seasons. New members are most welcome.

Vic Birnie Hon.Sec.

BIDFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Please join us on **Friday 20 September** at **St. Laurence's Church Hall**, 7.30pm, for our talk by Don Cochrane on "**Criminal Ancestors – Transportation to Australia 1787 – 1868**". We will discover how our ancestors were living during that period; a time when "criminals" were punished by being transported to Australia.

It was also a time when most of our ancestors lived in extreme poverty due to low income, large families, no education and a lack of opportunities. Many people committed crimes of a minor nature, which were often related to lack of food and clothing, to supplement their meagre incomes. They found themselves in the criminal courts where they were awarded excessive sentences of a minimum of 7 years up to life imprisonment – of transportation in sailing ships to Australia – a strange, distant land thousands of miles away, a country almost totally unheard of, unexplored and on the other side of the world!

To find out more, come along to our talk. 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.

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Thanks are due to everyone who has organised a walk during the last twelve months, and especially to Pip and Roy for hosting our annual BBQ this month. We shall certainly miss their company on future rambles and wish them well in their new Somerset home. The new list of dates will be circulated shortly, and I hope to hear from one or two more volunteers to lead walks in the new year.

The next ramble will be on Saturday 21 September, led by Liz Lee and Susan Mortimer, leaving from The Green at 9.30 am. Please let Susan know by Friday 13 September if you would like to take part and you will receive a lunch menu by email.

Shirley Taylor

Autumn at the Kings Arms

Hope we are still all enjoying the Summer, and hopefully this Autumn the good weather will continue.

This month we are filled with happiness and sadness, as we say goodbye to Georgie and wish her all the luck in the world in her teaching job, and we also wish Stacey good luck with her wedding this month.

Crib will return on Monday 2 September, and then every other week.

Sorry to have to bring it up, but Christmas is on its way so the menus will be available soon for bookings being taken

Date for the diary: Trisha is returning on Saturday 2 November, so book your table now.

Thanks again for all your support

Chris and Pete, 01789 773335



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, 23 November, 1.30 – 4.00 pm

Gifts you won't find in a shop.

Local produce/crafts to make your Christmas special.

A few tables still available

Large £7.50 Small £5.00

A GREAT NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT with
ASHLEY HUTCHINGS (Steeleye Span & Fairport Convention)
And BLAIR DUNLOP (BBC Folk Guitarist 2013)

Friday, 25 October, 7.30 pm

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RACE NIGHT

Saturday, 12 October, 7.30pm

Great Family Fun Night

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Tickets £4 adults, £1 children (includes refreshments)

Ring Ken Baker for tickets.

CLAIRE DYSON RACING CHARITY OPEN DAY

INVITATION

Froglands Stud Farm
Saturday 15 September 2013

Following our best ever season last year we would like to invite you to come and see all the facilities and watch the horses work.

10.30 - Welcome, coffee and cakes
11.00 - Horse Parade and Charity Auction
12.30 - Horses working on the gallops and tour of the facilities
13.00- Hog Roast

Please arrive promptly, sorry no dogs.

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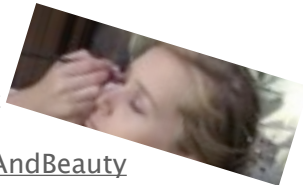
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Crime is very low in our village and we understand it's not always easy to report a crime or a car you have not seen before. Our solution is a plan whereby you can report suspicious cars and people anonymously by email to us and then we can pass on this information. You will not be required to give your name or details.

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VILLAGE EVENTS

held in the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated.

Date	Event	Time	Organiser
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 4	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
Sat 7	Andalus Band	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
Mon 9	Whist Drive		
Wed 11	Parish Council meeting	8 pm	Par.Clerk
Sat 15	Claire Dyson Racing Charity Open Day, Froglands	10.30 am	C Dyson
Wed 18	Tea Shop & Lending Library	2.30 pm	
Mon 23	Whist Drive		
Fri 27	Macmillan Coffee Morning	10.30 am	PCC
OCTOBER			
Fri 4	Auditions for "Joseph & ..."	7.30 pm	CP Players
Sat 19	An evening with Mervyn Stutter	7.30 pm	Mgt Cttee
NOVEMBER			
Fri 8 & Sat 9	Stories of Cleeve Prior, a celebration in word & song	7.30 pm	CP Players
Sat 23	LAUDA Concert in Church	7.30 pm	R Gardener and friends

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

200 Club winners, August
£25, Mrs E Murphy



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before Tuesday 24 September please

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