

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



Look Mum, no hands!

MARCH 2017

Church Services for March 2017

5 March

11 am Parish Eucharist

Revd Philip Morton

12 March

11 am Morning Prayer

19 March

11 am Parish Eucharist

Revd Clive Leech

26 March

Mothering Sunday Communion

Revd Philip Morton

2 April

Parish Eucharist (Provisional)

Rev'd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham
Worcs. WR11 7EJ

Email: vicar@ourbenefice.org.uk

Churchwardens

Rod Carless Lis Hughes

From the PCC: The Church Clock

I think that everyone in the village will know by now that the restored clock face is back in place and keeping us aware of the passing time! The work carried out by The Cumbria Clock Company, of the repainting of the face in dark blue and the gilding of the numerals and hands, has been done beautifully and will last for many years. All the gearing linking the clock mechanism to the hands has been refurbished so that the position of the hands and the striking of the quarters and the hour is perfectly synchronised.

Watching the clock engineer and the steeplejacks working together was a privilege, not least the “bravery” of those working suspended on ropes from the top of the tower! The young man pictured on the cover was on his first job as a steeplejack (after training of course!) and the picture records this.

We are indebted to the Parish Council for their large contribution to the cost of the work and we hope that all the village will be pleased with the result.

Rod Carless

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

Dear Friends,

The beginning of March sees the start of the season of Lent. According to tradition, this is the season when we try to think of something to give up – chocolate, cake, meat, favourite TV shows – I've tried all of these over the years with varying success!

Of course, the season itself commemorates the time when Jesus went out into the desert for 40 days and fasted in preparation for the beginnings of His ministry. Since the earliest days of Christianity, believers have used this season in the run up to Easter as a time for prayer, penitence, self-denial and atonement. Part of the self-denial bit is the giving up of luxuries, which I think most people associate with Lent. But it should also be a time for thinking about taking up something – perhaps the discipline of reading some scripture each day, or helping out with a local charity.

This year, once again, there are some excellent Lent talks taking place at All Saints', Evesham, as well as lunches being organised by the Mothers' Union in our benefice churches. In addition to this, there are some groups getting together to read and pray and learn together, so if this interests you please do look at the notices in your local church for more details. It all starts with an Ash Wednesday service on 1 March at 7:00pm in Sts. Mary & Milburgh, Offenham. Please do join us for this reflective and special service.

Lent might be the season self-denial, but it can also be the season of self-discovery. What might God be calling you to do this year?

Rev'd Philip Morton

The new website address for the benefice: www.eastvaleavon.org.uk New email for Wendy Stafford (Benefice administrator): admin@eastvaleavon.org.uk

Women's World Day of Prayer

Our service in the Benefice this year is in North and Middle Littleton Church on Friday 3 March at 2.30 pm. It has been prepared by the women of the

Philippines on the subject of 'Fairness'. All will be made most welcome, including men. It is non-denominational. The service will be preceded by lunch, which is optional, at 12.30 pm in Middle Littleton Village Hall. Tickets at £5 can be obtained from myself. *Bridgett Walker*



News from the School

At last it looks as though spring is finally on its way! The Snowdrops, which were donated and planted by the WI to celebrate our 150th Anniversary in 2008, are looking beautiful at the front of the school.

It has been a busy half term with boat building in class 2 and space exploration in class 3. The weather has been extremely kind to class one, enabling them to explore ice, frost and even snow as part of their 'Frozen' topic.

Everyone took part in our 'Dress Purple for Cancer' day on 2 February and we managed to raise £65.29 for this worthwhile cause.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Hughes and Mrs Carless into our RE lesson on Wednesday 8 February to help the children make Christingles. Father Philip then came into school on Thursday 9 February to lead our Christingle Service.

I would like to remind everyone about our Sainsbury's vouchers collection.

I should like to take this opportunity to advise you that the governors and I share all your concerns regarding parking and the safety of the children and other pedestrians crossing the road. I have sent letters and put articles in our newsletter, but unfortunately these have not been heeded. I have been in contact with PC Lee and he will be in attendance at the times concerned to speak directly with those involved.

Have you seen our Facebook page yet? It is well worth a visit to find out what else we are doing in school.

Sarah Newbury

Your Chance to win **£25 EACH** week with

Cleeve Prior First School PTA

BONUS BALL

All you have to do is choose a number and pay £1 per week or £4.33 per month.
The number used is the Saturday night Lottery Draw bonus ball.

If you are interested please choose a number from below and return to Nicky Marshall or the School Office.

The numbers still available are:

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21 , 22 , 23 , 24 , 25 , 26 , 28 , 29 31 , 33 , 34 , 35 , 36 , 38 , 39 40 , 41
, 42 , 47 , 48 , 49

50 , 51 , 52 , 53 , 54 , 55 , 56 , 57 , 58 , 59

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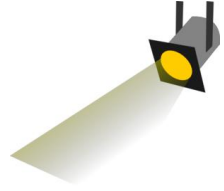
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£1 per week Standing Order

£4.33 per month Cash/Cheque

You have to be in it to win it!



Cleeve Prior Players

Tickets are selling fast for the Players' Old Time Music Hall

Evening on Friday 24 March and Saturday 25 March.

Friday will be a theatre-style seated event and tickets are

£10.00 for adults and £6.00 for under 14's. Doors open at

7.00 with the performance starting at 7.30.

Saturday's performance will include, for your delectation and delight, a two course meal to be served immediately after the show. Tickets are £15.00 per person. Doors will open at 6.30 with the performance starting at 7.00. Please note the

EARLIER starting time on Saturday.

The well-stocked Bar will be available on both nights

All the team are working very hard to put on a splendid show and the audience are cordially invited to add to the atmosphere by wearing items of dress appropriate to the theme and ambience of the evening.

Tickets are available from David Davenport.

Alert to all dog owners

Our cocker spaniel dog, Mickey, has recently been very ill. Unbeknown to us he ate rat poison and, as yet, we have not been able to establish the source. The problem with the poison is that it is tasty and when eaten no obvious symptoms are shown until the blood clotting times are changed and the dog's body is 'shutting down'.

So we ask, please, if you do use rat poison, do so in a safe manner as recommended, using bait stations (rat.bait.co.uk) and check them daily. Mickey has been saved, the vet and hospital team looked after him well for a week. We would not like anyone else to go through this experience, so please take care.

David and Sue Hadrill

Pianothon

On Saturday 4 March I will be attempting to keep her piano played for a full twelve hours to raise money for the two charities that helped her father so much when he was ill last year. She will have some help from pupils on the day, including village students, but has pledged to play a minimum of seven of the hours.

The Reverend from Cotford St Luke went beyond the call of duty to minister to Rod Fulton when he most needed it. Her village has no

dedicated church or spiritual centre. They are trying to raise enough money to build one. www.localgiving.org/charity/stlukescentreX

Without the support and dedication of the nurses from Sue Ryder Hospice, Nettlebed, Rod would not have been able to stay at home as he wanted. They were amazing. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Julie-Fulton2X

There will be a link on the Just Giving site to enable you to listen in on the day (should you want to check up on us!). Many thanks for your support.

Julie Fulton



CLEEVE PRIOR GARDEN CLUB

Meeting on 1 March 2017

in the Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Gardeners' Question Time

with Peter Byrne, Roger Onions and Sharon Stevenson

Teas – Raffle

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

We held our first, and well attended AGM on 1 February. The major points arising were that all current Officers agreed to stand and were unanimously re-elected. Subscriptions for membership remained at £15 per year and visitor's fees will increase in March from £3 to £4 a visit.

Following the AGM, John Arkell gave a very interesting and informative presentation on last year's activities at the Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust. It was very impressive to see how the efforts of the Volunteers help to transform Trust Land and Buildings for the benefit of the village as a whole. Anyone wishing to join the Group on Tuesday mornings, in any capacity, would be welcomed.

We have a full and varied programme for 2017, as detailed in our new membership cards. Meetings will continue to be held in The Memorial Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, with the exception of 3 May and 7 June when the more practical presentations of Hanging Baskets, Containers and growing Perennials from seed will be held at Field Barn.

8 July is the date for our much anticipated trip to the Hampton Court Flower Show. We have had a great deal of interest and now have just a few places left. The cost of the trip is Members £45 and Non Members £50.

Confirmation of the date for members to visit local gardens will be announced nearer the time.

Jan Stewart

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

On Saturday 18 February, a rather grey but dry day, 17 walkers assembled for the start of this month's ramble accompanied by 2 children and 2 dogs. Today our leaders were Bridgett and Mike Walker so we knew we were in very experienced hands. We headed to park up opposite Dorothy's Wood part of the Heart of England Forest just beyond Barton. Boots on and poles in hand we took off into the woodland to find the river path.

This lovely area is part of the Heart of England Forest whose founder was the late Felix Dennis to whom there is a memorial which we passed on our walk. His simple vision was to plant, protect and preserve a huge broadleaf forest – a place of tranquillity and natural beauty that's open to anyone and planted with the help and support of everyone.

The forest stretches across the heart of England – from the ancient Forest of Arden, south to the edge of the Vale of Evesham. This is an area dense in cities, towns and industry, which is why it is being created to provide a place to walk under shady canopies and through airy glades, away from the bustle of city life. And that was just our experience as we walked undisturbed along the riverside and woodland paths. The walk was generally flat with no stiles and only one steep incline on a well maintained path, so this is a walk suitable for families and there are a number of routes so that you can make it as short or long as you like. (Check the website: www.heartofenglandforest.com)

Although quite overcast as we climbed to the highest spot we did get good views over the surrounding hills. A seat beside a small pond provided a suitable half way coffee stop.

So, this walk in numbers: 19 ramblers (one carried on Mum's back); 2 dogs; 7 miles; 3 hours; 16,000 steps – according to a fitbit! - 36 muddy boots and 8

muddy paws. We ended up having lunch at The Cottage of Content all most efficiently delivered, in good time, to hungry walkers ready to sit and enjoy a good lunch and chat - and maybe a little beer – perfect!

Our warm thanks to Mike and Bridgett for leading us through the woodland and introducing some of us to this beautiful area on our doorstep. The next walk will be on Saturday 18 March and will be led by Keith and Sally Ann Richards.

Susan Robinson

News from the Kings Arms

Hi all, we have some great food offers on this month:

Starting **Mondays**, Pies and Pud night: two pie and mash only £10, add a pudding only £2 more, so that's two courses for two, only £12.

Wednesday sees the return of Curry night: choice of curry and a drink, only £9 a head.

Friday night is still Fishtastic Friday: two Haddock and Chips, only £14.

Sunday lunch: two courses of starter and traditional Sunday lunch, £11.

Sunday 26th March treat your mum to lunch with us for Mothering SundayX

Call now. *Chris and Pete, [01789 773335X](tel:01789773335)*

Our February meeting had to be cancelled unfortunately, but we do hope that the Drama Evening will still take place in May, to be confirmed



Due to a lot of interest, we have joined forces with the Management Committee of the Memorial Hall for our meeting on 15 March. It will

be the Gertrude Bell talk by Jan Long, MBE. I have tickets still available at £5 per person (bar available); so please do contact me for tickets and encourage family or friends to come along with you.

Linda Garnett-Clark

Women's Fellowship

The February meeting was reading poems. It was most enjoyable with some favourites, also new ones, finishing with tea and cake.

Our next meeting is on 7 March in the Community Room, 2.15 to 4pm, when we shall be doing games or flower printing with fresh flowers. Please bring some flowers and plain cotton material.

Meryl Holdbrook

WORCESTER
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SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2017 7.30PM

BRAHMS REQUIEM

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

BRAHMS: EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM

DVOŘÁK: SLAVONIC DANCES

**WORCESTER FESTIVAL
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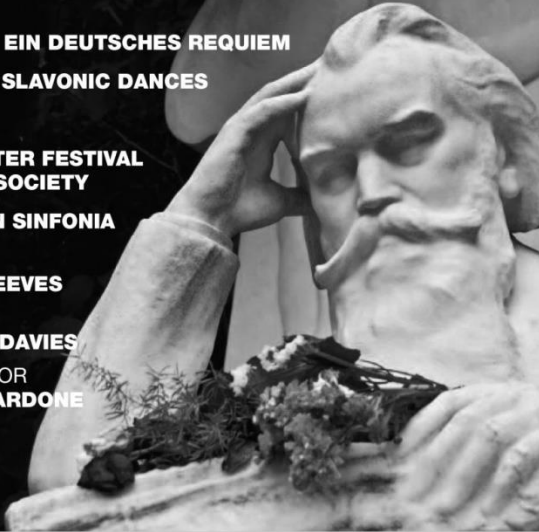
HELEN NEEVES

BARITONE

ANDREW DAVIES

CONDUCTOR

PETER NARDONE



TICKETS £10 - £25 from

WORCESTER LIVE BOX OFFICE

01905 611427 or

worcesterfestivalchoralsociety.org.uk

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 506826

The Boden Clothes Sale returns!

Boden

Saturday 29 April, 10am – 5pm Cleeve Prior Memorial Hall Minimum of 20% discount off new

Spring / Summer '17 range.

More details in the next Newsletter.

Vale Garden Flowers

White Gates, Mill Lane, Cleeve Prior.



Our 2017 season starts with Mothers' Day weekend! We grow beautiful fresh, scented cottage garden flowers right in the village. We can provide you with a special bouquet, a jug full of seasonal flowery loveliness or a weekly

arrangement. We can also do flowers for your (or your children's) wedding, for a party or special event. We will even deliver them for free in the village or within a five mile radius.

Place your order now for a Mothers' Day bouquet or container full of lovely spring flowers. Prices from £12.

Please check our website www.valegardenflowers for more information, follow us at www.facebook.com/valegardenflowers or ring us on 07542 004101 *Jayne and Rob CaithnessX*

VILLAGE NOTICES

The WCC Mobile Library service makes one stop in the village on the 4th Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday 28 March it will stop in The Close between 9.55 and 10.15 am.

Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall

200 Club winner, February

£50: P Wadsworth



Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Constable Jamie Lee

PCSO Bradley Sansom

Collar no.2803 Collar no.40246

PCSO Elliott Wilson, Collar no.40271

The Team will be holding regular informal drop-in sessions in the Police Post every Thursday morning between 10 and 11 am (operational needs permitting). Village residents are invited to call in and meet the team for a chat or to report issues of concern.

Neighbourhood Watch: cleveighbourhood@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.X

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<https://www.facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage> and Twitter: CPPC

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VILLAGE EVENTS

Date

Event

Time

Organiser

Ven

1

Mar

Garden Club

19.30

J Stewart

Hall

7

Mar

Women's Fellowship

14.15

M Holdbrook

Hall

8

Mar

Tea Room & Lending Library

14.30

B Walker

Hall

Parish Council Meeting

20.00

Par Clerk

Hall

15

Mar The Life of Gertrude Bell

19.30
NWR
Hall
22
Mar Tea Room & Lending Library
14.30
B Walker
Hall
24
Mar Old Time Music Hall
19.30
Players
Hall
25
Mar as above
19.00

27
Mar
Chroniclers
19.00
I Robinson
Hall
29
Mar
Bridge Club
20.00
B Taylor
Hall
5
Apr
Garden Club
19.30
J Stewart
Hall
7 Apr
Term Ends

12

Apr

Tea Room & Lending Library

14.30

B Walker

Hall

Parish Council Meeting

20.00

Par Clerk

Hall

15

Apr

Easter Egg Hunt

14.00

CPHT Field Barn

16

Apr

Easter Sunday

21

Apr

Golf Society, The Lenches

V Birnie

24

Apr

Term Starts

Chroniclers

19.00

I Robinson

Hall

29

Apr

Boden Sale

10.00

H Arnold

Hall

3

May

Garden Club

J Stewart Field Barn

4

May

Local Elections

07.00 - 22.00, WDC

Hall

6

May

Kevin Grenfell

19.30

Mgt Cttee

Hall

10

May Tea Room & Lending Library

14.30

B Walker

Hall

Parish Council Meeting

20.00

Par Clerk

Hall

29

May Half Term starts

Chroniclers

19.00

I Robinson

Hall

The CP Bowls Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and evenings and on Thursday evenings, from September to May. Contact: C Bourne, 772382.

A list of events is maintained on the village website: www.cleeveprior.org.uk

The Rotas, March 2017

Sidesmen

5 Mar Mrs A Carless

12 Mar Mrs B Walker

19 Mar Mr R Carless

26 Mar Mrs A Carless

2 Apr Mrs B Walker

Church Flowers

Church Cleaning

5 Mar

No

Mrs S Mortimer

12 Mar

flowers

Mrs D Byrne

19 Mar

during

Mrs L Murphy

26 Mar

Lent

Mrs B Walker

2 Apr

Mrs J Taylor

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By Saturday 25 March please

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