

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2022

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

‘LENT’ or ‘lent’ to us.

From Wednesday, 2 March to Thursday 14 April is the ‘Season of Lent’ as celebrated in the Christian Church worldwide. Looking in the dictionary, we find the word ‘lent’ is also the past tense of the verb to ‘lend’. Thinking about this, it occurred to me that the word ‘lent’ could also be used in this context with reference to this period in the Christian Church.

God ‘lent’ Jesus Christ to us here on earth for a period of time, with special emphasis on the forty days leading up to His death on the cross. All that God is, was embodied in His Son, who lived amongst people like us, and shared that reality so that we could know Him as Lord and Saviour.

As we enjoy our chocolate eggs and hot cross buns, let us think about the real meaning of Easter and realise what it can mean to each one of us in our present-day situations.

Rev. Ralph Bolland

Services elsewhere in the Benefice in March

Date	Time	Service	Church
Wed 2 Mar	7 pm	Holy Communion (Ash Wed)	Sth Littleton
Sun 6 Mar	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Sth Littleton
	11 am	Holy Communion	Badsey
Sun 27 Mar	11 am	Holy Communion	Bretforton

St Andrew's Church

Services for March

Sun 6 Mar 6.30pm Evensong Rod Carless
Sun 13 Mar 11.00am Holy Communion Revd Philip Morton
Sun 20 Mar 11.00am Holy Communion Revd Susan Renshaw
Sun 27 Mar 11.00am Service for **Mothering Sunday** Rod Carless
Sun April 6.30pm Evensong Rod Carless

Please note the times of the services

Revd Philip Morton, The Vicarage, High Street, Badsey, Evesham Worcs
WR11 7EJ 01386 832599

Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789772578

Safeguarding in our Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer Tel.01386
4040, Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078. For
enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact the Vicar
Revd Philip Morton tel. 01386 832599.

St Andrew's Church

A Celebration of

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 27 March, 11.00am

A service for all the Family

Posies

Coffee

**Save the Date
9 April**

Please save the date for the next fundraising event
for St Andrew's Church.

This will be a plant and seedlings stall and
upcycling of nearly new items – details to follow.

It will be an opportunity to contribute items and
join the community for coffee, chat and a bargain or two!

WORLD DAY OR PRAYER

4 March at 2.30 pm

At Offenham Church

“I know the plans I have made for you”

This service has been prepared by the Christian Women of
England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

All are welcome to join the service

Lending library and book exchange in the Hall

The Lending Library will be opening again on a trial basis in March. Come and check out the selection of books. There is no charge for borrowing, and you can also bring one or two of your own to exchange. The lower committee room will be open between 2 and 3 pm on two Tuesdays in March, the 8th and 22nd, and the arrangement will be reviewed at the end of the month. Teas are not available at this time.

From the Parish Council

Traveller site update, 15 February 2022

Many residents have enquired about the status of development at the Cleeve Prior Traveller site on Evesham Road.

An application for outline planning permission was submitted to Wychavon District Council (WDC) on 15 January 2019 and subsequently approved. Since then the negotiations between the developers, the plot owners on the site and WDC have been complex and slow. These negotiations appeared to have stalled in 2021.

We have now heard of an alternative property developer becoming involved last year and who has approached many of the plot owners on the site with new offers. The Parish Council invited this developer to a meeting to discuss the situation as it stands now.

Mr. David Rahal of Malvern Homes came to a meeting of all the Parish Councillors on 3 February. He explained his background and his company's approach to development. He talked about where he stands with the parties involved including WDC. He expects to have a new plan for the housing development to submit to WDC within the next few months. When this is ready, he is prepared to address a public meeting with the proposal. The meeting would be hosted by the Parish Council. At that time we will have the opportunity to understand the numbers and type of housing proposed for the site. The subsequent detailed planning application would be subject to all the usual procedures.

Further updates will be provided as information becomes available.

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The School playground

The Parish Council wishes to thank the 23 Volunteers who have helped with the tidying of the land around the playground and the erection of the fence. This project is being funded by the parish council and installed by the village. The Parish Council will be installing more equipment into the now secure area and it will enable the preschool children to use the area during school hours.



Helping communities to stop crime and report it – anonymously

Crimestoppers is an independent charity to help communities by allowing anyone to report a crime anonymously. They guarantee they will not pass any of your personal details to the police. You can ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 any time day or night, or report a crime online by going to their website: www.crime-stoppers.org.uk

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EVESHAM RURAL NORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Up-coming Cleeve Prior Drop-in Sessions with your Local Police Officers at the Village Hall:

Thursday, 3 March 2022 @ 7pm

Thursday, 10 March 2022 @ 10am

Friday, 18 March 2022 @ 10am

Thursday, 24 March 2022 @ 7pm

Thursday, 31 March 2022 @ 10am

Thursday, 7 April 2022 @ 7pm

PC 3838 Matt Beards / PCSO 40246 Bradley Sansom



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers,

We have reached the end of this half term, just in time to watch our beautiful snowdrops emerge!

As you know, we held an open day in our Pre-School on 9 February and were very pleased to welcome members of our village community as well as parents to look around the fantastic facilities we have to offer. If anyone else from the village wishes to come and look around you are more than welcome, please pop in and see us.

We are looking forward to finally getting back to normal in school and welcoming back the Open the Book team to deliver their worships to our children in March. We have missed seeing them and the children enjoy the stories they tell.

March is a busy month for us. We will be receiving a visit from both the Dog's Trust and Evesham Library, as well as celebrating World Book Day on 3 March. We will also be resuming our Achievement Assemblies with our parents which we have been unable to do during the pandemic.

We then look forward to the annual swimming gala that again, due to Covid, we have been unable to attend for the last two years. Our excited swimmers in Year 3,4 and 5 will do us proud I am sure.

Once again, we are having our termly Rags2Riches collection on Thursday 24 March. If you are having a spring clean and a sort out of your wardrobes, please put your unwanted items in to a bin bag and drop them off at school as usual. They collect unwanted clothing, bedding & household linen, bath & hand towels, cuddly toys, shoes (in pairs & tied together), belts, hats, scarves, gloves, purses, wallets, tights, ties and handbags.

Finally, we are able to begin planning for the excitement of the Platinum Jubilee in June. With that in mind, could I ask any keen gardeners in the village to put by any spare plants they may grow to help us fill our slightly overgrown beds with red, white and blue plants? Any donations will be very welcome and will help us to do Her Majesty proud.

Kind regards,

Sarah Williams (Head of School)



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

Registered Charity Number 1063291

Hi Everyone,

By now you should have received our Direct Appeal for funds! Please support as generously as you are able.

Thank you so much for all the lovely china cups, saucers and tea plates donated and even a few white table cloths. We have 3 bookings (20 March, 30 June, 26 July), when we will provide tea and cake, to raise funds – of course! If you would be willing to go on our list of volunteers to help, either by baking a cake or coming to help on one of the dates please contact me. Remember that you are able to book Field Barn with the lovely enclosed garden for family parties. Contact Phil Garnett Clarke on 773287 for details.

Our Volunteers have been busy on a variety of tasks over this last month, pruning, finishing off pointing the Stable Block Wall, mulching the trees, spreading woodchip, amongst other varied tasks. We hope to make the temporary repair to the barn purlin in the next couple of weeks.

Gary Farmer from Vale Heritage Landscape Trust (VHLT) and 13 of his volunteers arrived to help in Earls Lane Orchard, (ELO), with tree and scrub management, after a heartfelt plea from us for some assistance. The lack of volunteer hours during the pandemic has rather set us behind on work needing to be done. They will be back again in a couple of weeks to continue the task. This will be on a Wednesday so let us know if you might be available to help. We have now received clarification from VHLT who own the ELO that their Trust Policy is **NO DOGS ALLOWED**. They will be putting up signage to this effect. We did try to get an exception but have to respect their decision.

We would love to see new volunteers coming up on a Tuesday morning from 9.30am to 1pm), to join our existing band. It's a chance for some fresh air and exercise with good company and laughter.

Gina Carr, Trustee, 778051



Well, what a relief – we managed to have an actual meeting at last! It was lovely to see everyone again and the topic under consideration was **food, our evolving relationship with it and how our eating habits affected climate change.**

Nine of us met at Gina’s home and the discussions ranged far and wide. There are some very disturbing issues round the production, distribution and consumption of food and several of these were highlighted. The amount of food waste generated in this country is huge and a great deal of it avoidable. Amongst the top ten foods most generally wasted were potatoes, bread and milk – a great deal of money could be saved and environmental impact lessened if we as consumers shopped and planned better.

The pandemic has also altered our relationship with food. In many cases, choices became healthier and cooking from scratch was something more people had time for. Boxed meals, with all the ingredients to make a meal became hugely popular and on-line shopping was the preferred choice for lots more consumers. However, with the easing of restrictions there was some reverting back to the pre-pandemic ready-meal culture.

As to the effects of our food choices on the environment, we concluded that although “something must be done” we were very aware that being able to make environmentally sensitive food choices was middle class privilege and that for so many families, just being able to provide filling food was a struggle.

It was interesting to hear everyone’s food memories – how and what we ate as children comparing it to how things are now. Tripe was mentioned as was bread and dripping and how our mothers could make a small amount of mince go a very long way. Happy days!

There were also lots of interesting ideas for emergency meals from our store cupboards and freezers and, again, we realised how lucky we were to be able to have “store cupboards” whilst many families did not have that luxury. Finally - an interesting figure – drinking two cups of coffee a day contributes 311 kgs to your annual greenhouse gas emissions. That is the equivalent of driving a petrol car for 795 miles or heating an average UK home for 49 days. Question – will I give up my twice daily caffeine fix? Answer - sorry no!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15 March at June’s home in West End. We will be doing some planning for the NWR contribution to the Village’s Jubilee celebrations.

Evelyn Wilson, 01789 772814

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

Those people who enjoyed the January ramble will have been surprised to learn from the February Newsletter that it did not take place! It did, and was organised with their usual skill and care by Mick and Lis. And, to prove it, the report follows. The mistake was entirely mine and I apologise. Ed.

Ramble on 15 January 2022

Eighteen ramblers and two dogs set off for Clifford Chambers on 15 January. It was a cold and frosty morning - just perfect for a winter walk.

We walked through the village and headed up through the woods. We went wrong almost straight away but intrepid leader Mick was able to plot an alternative route, passing some badger sets and off towards Cold Comfort Farm. We soon came across two unusual sights; a man wearing shorts and eleven cormorants sitting in a tree ! We recovered with a strong coffee in Preston on Stour and carried on. We headed back towards Clifford Manor, which was originally built during the Medieval period. Apparently it had a troublesome ghost of an abbot who refused to leave during the Reformation and stayed there for the next three centuries. When the manor was rebuilt in 1918, the owner concealed a Bible and gold coins in a wall cavity to placate him. We headed for the New Inn pub where thirteen of us had a lovely lunch. Thanks to Lis and Mick Hughes doing a great job on the organising. The next walk will be on 19 February, led by Matt and Sandra Langmead.

Ramble on 19 February 2022

Twenty-one ramblers and four dogs were determined that Storm Eunice was not going to spoil their fun. So, with a little trepidation, we drove up most of Cleeve Hill, parked and attacked the summit.

It was not easy, no mud but wind ++ and lashing, very cold rain. A virtual coffee stop was made at the top before Matt led us back via the “cop-out” route. By then the sun came out (briefly), the wind dropped to 40 mph and the near sleet slowed (marginally).

We were glad to get home early, thaw out and change our wet clothes and head to the comfort of the Kings Arms where Donna was waiting with her usual excellent lunch.

Thank you, Matthew and Sandra, for organising the ramble and for setting a standard which will take a bit of beating!

Mick and Lis Hughes



Teapot Pop-up Coffee and Cake

A big thank you for your generosity and support for our charity Pop-up morning at the end of January. With the proceeds we have adopted a gorilla, polar bear and giant panda through the WWF Endangered Species Scheme, AND made a £32 donation to the Revive the Wye River Charity (<https://revivethewye.org.uk>). We are hoping to have another Pop-up over the Easter holidays. Huge thank you to the Village Hall Committee, and thank you all.

Jessica, Izzy and Rhiannon

Found at the Heritage Trust:

Relatively new. shiny black Slazenger waterproof anorak, extra large size, good condition, with an old Vale golf cap. So definitely a golfer's anorak. If you think it is yours, please contact Brian Taylor on 773075 before the end of March. Otherwise it will be sent to a charity shop.

The Cleeve Prior Volunteers are still here to help

To access help from the volunteers, please contact:

Susan Robinson, call 01789 491380; text or WhatsApp 07880 493600

email: paulj.robinson@btinternet.com

Kevin Mellor, mobile 07702 616035,

email kevinjohnmellor@gmail.com

News from the Kings Arms

Quiz Night Sunday 3 April, 7pm

Call to book your table; limited availability

Book now for **Mothering Sunday**

Sunday 27 March

Free glass of prosecco for all mums



Curry Night back on Thursdays

Curry, rice, naan, poppadom, mango chutney, and a side, plus a glass of wine or a pint of beer, £15 per person

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Tuesday, 6 till 11 pm, Drinks only

Wednesday, 6 till 11pm

Thursday, 12 noon till 3 / 6 till 11pm

Friday, 12 noon till 11pm

Saturday, 12 noon till 11pm

Sunday, 12 noon till 6pm; last orders 5pm.

Best wishes from Donna, Henry and the team.

www.kingsarmscleeveprior.co.uk

email: enquiries@kingsarmscleeveprior.co.uk

Tel: 01789 601706

Hosted lunch at the Kings Arms

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VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
4 Mar	World Day of Prayer	2.30 pm	Offenham Ch
8 Mar	Lending Library	2 – 3 pm	Hall
10 Mar	Hosted lunch table	12.30 pm	KingsArms
14 Mar	Parish Council Meeting	7 pm	Hall
22 Mar	Lending Library	2 – 3 pm	Hall
24 Mar	Rags2Riches collection day		School
3 Apr	Quiz Night	7 pm	KingsArms
9 Apr	Plant stalls, Nearly New	TBC	Hall

The CP Bowls Club meets in the Hall on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, from September to May. Contact Les Bratt on 01789 773651.

Pilates classes are held on Friday mornings in the Hall at 9.30 and 10.30 am.

Puppy Training classes are held on Mondays at 10 am and Fridays at 6 pm in the Hall

The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team host a drop-in session at the Memorial Hall each week. Dates are given on page 6.

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church

Quinney's Lane, Bidford on Avon B50 4JL

Parish Priest: Canon Garry Byrne

Telephone: 01789 773291 Website: sjtw-bidford.org.uk

The Rotas March 2022

Sidesmen

6 Mar 6.30pm	Mrs B Walker
13 Mar 11.00am	Mrs A Carless
20 Mar 11.00am	Mr R Carless
27 Mar 11.00am	Mrs L Hughes
3 April 6.30pm	Mrs A Carless

Church Flowers

6 Mar	No
13 Mar	Flowers
20 Mar	During
27 Mar	Lent
3 Apr	

Church Cleaning

Mrs D Byrne
Mrs L Murphy
Mrs E Wilson
Mrs J Taylor
Mrs S Simpson

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By Tuesday 24 March please

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