

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



Kyiv Monastery of the Caves

APRIL 2022

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

Many years ago, a former bishop of Durham preached a very controversial Easter sermon in the cathedral there, asking the question, “what if the tomb had not been empty on Easter morning?” The sermon provoked a furious response in the press, with many people accusing the bishop of undermining the Christian faith. In fact, the question was rhetorical. It was meant to get people thinking about the importance of the Resurrection by getting us to reflect on what it really means to us.

Although the sermon was misunderstood at the time, I think what the bishop was trying to say bears revisiting. The logic goes something like this: if the tomb was indeed empty on Sunday morning, then Jesus truly rose from the dead. If Jesus truly rose from the dead, then death is not the end, and eternal life in the presence of God *is* possible. If eternal life with God is possible, then *all* life has the possibility of being transformed into something wonderful, far beyond what we can imagine now.

This idea is one of the essential truths of the Christian faith. Throughout history, at times of great persecution and violence, Christians have held fast to the idea that beyond the suffering of the cross lies the glory of the Resurrection. In the face of this belief, fear evaporates.

I have been very struck by some of the reports coming out of Ukraine recently, where Christians of various denominations have rediscovered a quiet but determined resolve not to succumb to fear but to face the threat of violence with loving service towards others. This kind of courage comes from a resolute faith in the Resurrection, that whatever we suffer will in the end be transformed by God’s love.

This Easter, I pray for peace, not only in Ukraine but everywhere in the world where innocent people are subjected to warfare and oppression. I also give thanks for the example of Christians around the world; that in their courage and unwavering faith, the Resurrection is proclaimed and the glory of Christ is made known in the reality of everyday life.

Revd Philip Morton

Cover picture: The Kyiv Monastery of the Caves (Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra) is an architectural ensemble of monastic buildings situated on the plateau overlooking the right bank of the Dnieper River. The ensemble was formed over many centuries.

St Andrew's Church

Services for April

- Sun 3 Apr 6.30pm Evensong, Rod Carless
- Sun 10 Apr 11.00am Benefice Communion Offenham
- Fri 15 Apr 12.00 noon Good Friday Solemn Liturgy, Rod Carless
- Sun 17 Apr 11.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion
Revd Philip Morton
- Sun 24 Apr 9.30am Matins, Rod Carless
- Sun 1 May 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 40401

Safeguarding Advocate Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078

For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact the Vicar,
Revd Philip Morton, tel. 01386 832599

Plant sale and upcycling

Saturday 9 April, Memorial Hall, 11am -12.30pm

Please bring along your excess plants and seedlings for a spring plant sale
outside the Hall.

Inside we will be selling nearly new goods – we will accept anything as long as
it really is in perfect condition.

Come along for tea coffee and cake and bag a bargain or two!

Please bring items before 10.30 on the day, or to Susan Robinson,
Widford, 07880 493600, the week before.

Fund raiser for St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Church

Services for Easter

Friday 15 April Good Friday

12.00 noon

**Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and
Death of the Lord**

Sunday 17 April Easter Sunday

Holy Communion 11.00am

Services elsewhere in the Benefice in April

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sun 3 Apr	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Sth Littleton
	11 am	Holy Communion	Badsey
Sun 10 Apr	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Offenham
Mon 11 Apr	7 pm	Compline	Sth Littleton
Tues 12 Apr	7 pm	MU Evensong	Badsey
Wed 13 Apr	7 pm	Compline	Offenham
Thur 14 Apr	7 pm	Holy Communion Maundy Thursday	Bretforton
Sun 17 Apr	6.30 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service,	The Jetty, Offenham
Sun 24 Apr	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Nth & Mid Littleton
	11 am	Holy Communion	Bretforton

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

March 2022

The Council meets the second Monday of each month, except for August, at 7:30pm at the War Memorial Hall, Cleeve Prior. If a parishioner has any comments or concerns, please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

Chairman Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Cllr Ian Robinson: irobinson773805@gmail.com

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Cllr Ron Solomon: ron.priorhouse@gmail.com

Cllr Kevin Mellor: kevinjohnmellor@gmail.com

Cllr Douglas Carr: austin.carr@talk21.com

Cllr Donna Millimono: donna.millimono@btinternet.com

The Wychavon Parish Games Association has been dormant throughout the pandemic, but is now back in action and canvassing for entries to the 2022 games.

They run a programme of fifteen events and invite competitors from all Wychavon parishes. Any parish can put in a team for any number of these events. Cleeve Prior has entered in the past. If you are interested in finding out more, please look at the Parish Council website where the invitation from the Games Association is posted. The Parish Council will be happy to support anyone who raises a team for one or more of the events.

The Council approved a £15,587.68 project to upgrade the school playground. If all goes to plan, the new equipment may be installed in time for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Many local area roads will be under repair in the coming weeks. To keep abreast of road closures/diversions etc, please see <https://us.one.network/>.

If this is of interest, please register with <https://www.fibreheroes.co.uk/> to demonstrate local demand. Although you will get a message saying "We aren't currently building in your area", please register. There is no cost to register and the more people that do register the higher probability that FTTP (Fibre to the Premises) will be installed in your area. This will give up to 1000Mbps – so very fast!

Please note that a planning application has been received for further traveller pitches on the Haywood Way site. If you wish to comment on this, the application, No. W/22/00612/CU can be found on the Wychavon Planning website.

For a complete picture of Parish Council activities please see the Minutes on the Council website: www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk/

Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council
01789 414 461 clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com

Bob Cross, 29 March 1936 - 19 March 2022

Friends are invited to join his family in a Celebration of his Life at St Andrew's Church, Cleeve Prior, on Tuesday 12 April at 1:30 pm, and afterwards in the Memorial Hall.

We hope to make this a happy occasion.

A private cremation will have taken place earlier.

Hazel and family

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages Wanted: Parish Administrator (WFH)

Offering £12.50 per hour for 9 hours per week

We are looking for an administrator to assist the Vicar with parish administration, taking bookings for weddings, christenings and funerals and maintaining our parish records.

Needs to be able to prioritise own workload, be computer literate (Word, Email, Excel, Dropbox) with access to own computer and can work from home. A mobile phone will be provided for work purposes.

Doesn't need to be a churchgoer but some understanding of the structure and aims of the Church of England would be beneficial.

For further information, please contact the Vicar, Rev'd Philip Morton:

revphilipmorton@gmail.com

Memorial Hall Notices

200 Club: Due to ongoing Covid issues, it has not been possible to collect subscriptions from all village properties in time for a draw at the end of March. The Scheme will restart in April, with the draw result announced in the May Newsletter.

Mailing list

The Management Committee maintains a mailing list of residents who wish to be informed by email of important village news, events, etc.

If you would like your email address to be added to this list, please send it to:

cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

Lending library and book exchange in the Hall

The Lending Library will be open in the lower committee room on Wednesday 13 April, between 2 and 3 pm.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers,

As we reach the end of the spring term, we have finally welcomed back friends and family members into school after almost two years of Covid absence. We are also finally able to invite guests into church for our Easter service. This will take place on Wednesday 6 April at 9am (led by Father Philip). You are all welcome to join us should you wish to do so.

That same week, we have been invited by Elizabeth Spencer (who many of you will know was our long-time Headteacher) to take part in a concert for the Evesham Abbey Trust at the Henrician centre in Evesham. We will be performing on Tuesday 5 April 2022 and tickets are available from their box office if you wish to purchase them.

I am sure you are aware that we will be having a fence built around school to keep our children safe. The building work will begin on the first day of the Easter holidays (11 April) and may take up to two weeks to complete. Hopefully, the work will not affect anyone in the village directly but there will be people on site throughout. If you have any concerns, please pop in to speak to me directly.

I know we have asked before but are still looking for local residents to become Governors of our school for which we have several vacancies. Our current Chair of Governors, Jonathan Marshall or clerk Becky Ellison would be happy to talk to anyone who thinks they might like to take on the role. Please contact the school for more information.

It has been a hardworking term and we are very much looking forward to the Easter break. When we return we have exciting plans for trips, activities and of course our celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! We look forward to sharing it with you all in due course.

Best wishes,

Sarah Williams Head of School



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

Registered Charity Number 1063291

Hi everyone,

A big thank you to those who have responded to our Direct Appeal for funds! We are still a long way off our target to replace the £15k it cost to purchase Sanctuary Wood. Every little helps so, if you meant to donate and haven't got round to it, please do.

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust have carried out a biodiversity survey, as part of a grant application, and we expect to have the results by the beginning of April. The intention is to encourage the biodiversity of the land in conjunction with the Wildlife Sanctuary. At present the land will remain untouched as it is now nesting season. This gives us time to plan for the Autumn and to see if we can get any grant funding to help with clearing and planting.

Just a note to ask residents NOT to add to the pile of compost in Quarry Lane. This was temporarily used by the Parish Lengthsman whilst an alternative site was found and will now be cleared.

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. The temporary repair to the barn purlin has been completed. The snowdrops planted in the Top Wood have been in flower and it's a great time to wander up there to see the wild flowers in bloom.

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.

Volunteers needed to join our existing band Tuesday morning, (9.30 – 1pm). It's a chance for some fresh air and exercise with good company and laughter.

Gina Carr, Trustee, 778051



Cleeve Prior Jubilee Celebration 2022

Everyone is invited to come together over the Jubilee weekend 3-5 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's wonderful achievement of 70 years of reign. Please decorate your homes and make the streets look festive – why not make a scare crow!

Friday 3 June

Come together on the school playground for a Big Picnic and Family Fun Fete at **2pm**. Bring your own food, sit in the marquee or on the grass, bring a rug or folding chairs, whatever you like. There will be a bar to buy drinks (card or cash). Join in the fun with lots of games and competitions – look out for the flyer on “**Jubilee Arts and Craft Competitions for Children**” for more information on that. See the **NWR** activities **All the Fun of the Fete** for more activities that you can join in. Become Cleeve's champion welly wanger or space hopper or, if you are a team player, join a tug of war. Buy 5 tokens for a pound and try your hand at darts, coconut shy, golden goal, duck-la, ball in a bucket and play your cards right! Prizes galore!

Saturday 4 June, 11am -1pm: you are welcome to visit St Andrew's Church for tea, coffee and cake. Enjoy the beautiful Jubilee flowers, paintings by the local school children and a Jubilee patchwork, as well as some village Jubilee history. There will be a Bell Ringing demonstration - you might even have a go! For our younger visitors there will be a treasure hunt with prizes.

7pm – Midnight, “50's Evening with It Takes 2” in the Marquee on the school playing field.

Tickets £20 - price includes live band, a Greek Buffet by Harry Bones and fizz for a toast to The Queen. There will be a bar (card and cash) and a drink preordering service for bottles of wine (details to follow).

Tables seat 10 and can be booked for 10 or shared, you will be allocated a position when buying tickets which are available from 4th April from: Mary Smith 47mary.j.smith@gmail.com on 07795693242
Kevin Mellor kevinjihnmellor@gmail.com on 07702616035

Sunday 5 June

Classic car show and doggy lookalike competition – details to follow.



All the Fun of the Fete

The sun will shine, the village will look lovely with jolly Jubilee decorations on the houses and on the School field and there will be lots of activities to keep you in the Jubilee Celebratory Mood!

NWR are arranging several displays and competitions including a photographic one where we would like you to submit photographs featuring Cleeve Prior in Jubilee year; a Jubilee-themed decorated cake competition - this will be all about the look of the cake so non-bakers need not be deterred; a Tea Party-themed floral decoration competition – in two sections – one featuring the purple and silver of the Jubilee colours and a Patriotic one using red, white and blue blooms, the arrangements to be in either a teapot, teacup and saucer or a milk jug. These will be open to everyone and details on how to enter and when to bring the entries to the marquee will be in the next Newsletter.

There will also be a Memory Table, so please look out anything you have and bring it along. Stories, photographs – anything related to the Accession /Coronation years. We hope to compile a scrap book of these memories which can be kept in the Tea Room. Please telephone Evelyn if you would like more information.

Evelyn Wilson, 01789 772814

The Cleeve Prior Parish Council CPO Land

Landscaping Project

Wychavon District Council is offering grants to Parish Councils to help them with projects which support and benefit the community and which leave a legacy benefit for future generations.

Cleeve Prior Parish Council owns the piece of land situated at the edge of the village on Evesham Road which sits between the proposed new development site and some 22 acres of land that is now owned by Heart of England Forest (HOEF) which is earmarked for forest planting in the future. The Council's land is called CPO land as it was acquired many years ago by Compulsory Purchase Order.

Cleeve Prior Parish Council has put forward the landscaping of the CPO land adjacent to the future development on Evesham Road as a project, which has now been accepted for consideration.

This is a community grant and the district council is looking to see that all projects have

- had the details shared with the community
- listened to the feedback from the community and have taken this on board in its final project submission
- the support of the community as a beneficial project
- the involvement of the community in its planning and execution

To this end we are publishing in this Newsletter the details and how you can give feedback, which we will look forward to receiving either by email, (clerk.cleeveprior@gmail.com), or physical Feedback Sheet delivered to the Memorial Village Hall (letter box in the front door).

We very much welcome any feedback you may have, and from others you may know or you have met who may have commented on the benefit of tidying up this area.

We will be holding an open evening at the Cleeve Prior Memorial Village Hall on **Wednesday 6 April** at 7.30 pm to allow anyone to meet the project team,

to find out more about the project, to offer their help or to just to pass on their ideas and their response forms.

We look forward to receiving your feedback by **Friday 6 May**, the results of which will guide us in making our final submission for the grant.

The project

This project proposes to landscape the CPO land owned by the Parish Council. The Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust and the Millennium Green Trust have a number of acres of land around the village for use by the community. However these are designated for the protection of nature and wild life, the wording of their Trust deeds does not allow the land to be used by the village for sports or other events.

The CPO land is an eyesore, as it has been the subject of years of fly tipping. As it stands at the present time, it continues to attract further deposits. **The clearing and removal of this fly tipping would be covered separately, funded by the developers of the neighbouring site alongside Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies due to the Parish Council from that development.**

This land is at the centre of a large network of local footpaths and, with the lack of parking in the village, the inclusion of car parking for 12 cars on the CPO land would allow the community and walkers to access the locality including the bank of the River Avon. Added to this, it is proposed to include an electric car charge station to assist those using the land and others in the community.

The land alongside the car park would be left as flat open space to be used by the village for future events and activities. The remaining land would be landscaped, forming a transition between the new development and the proposed new Heart of England Forest (HOEF). The 22 acres of agricultural land between the development site and the village has been acquired by the HOEF as part of their reforestation project, and our landscaping scheme is being supported and designed in conjunction with this and will involve tree

planting and flowering meadows over and above the land in the recreation area.

An important part of the scheme is the inclusion of a services point on the edge of the car park, which would securely house power and water services, to aid the future use of the land by the village. The fact that there would be power to the site allows for the inclusion of the car charging station, the income from which would support the on-going costs of maintaining the service point.

The Timing

There has been a lot of uncertainty as to the progress of the proposed housing development on Evesham Road. We have now been informed that there is a new developer involved, who is working with Wychavon and who is looking to put in a new building development application. As mentioned earlier, the removal of any fly tipping and waste on the site would be funded by the development, through the contractors or CIL monies (monies from the developers as a payment to the local community supporting any new development). The landscaping project cannot start until the planning permission has been granted, and the land has changed ownership. It is expected that work on our project and that of the HOEF could then possibly be completed by the end of the year following this milestone.

If you would like your Feedback Sheet to be collected, please ring 01789 773805.

Responses are required by Friday 6 May at the latest. Thank you

Cleeve Prior Parish Council

The Cleeve Prior Parish Council CPO Land
Landscaping Project - Feedback Sheet

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

I support this project

Further comments and ideas as to what would benefit the community or how the land could be utilised:

I do not support this project

Reasons that may need to be taken into account by the project team when finalising the submission:

I/we would like to help with this project.

State what assistance you think you can offer

I/We would like the project team to contact us to give us more information as we cannot attend the open evening.

Cleeve Prior Ramblers

We set out on a sunny but breezy March day from Childswickham, walking through the very picturesque village and out into the adjoining fields, round a farm and onto a road to our halfway stop at Murcot, next to a very clear stream. After suitable refreshments we walked onto a bridleway with lovely views of the Cotswold hills and Broadway Tower, but we had to be careful of our footing as the path was very muddy in places.

A short stop was made to remove mud from boots and a couple of our younger members took the opportunity to try out the rope swing in a large oak tree. We then continued past some very attractive holiday cottages, then back to Childswickham Brasserie Inn for an excellent lunch.

Philip & Linda Garnett-Clarke

Cleeve Prior Residents Association Update

If you have seen the previous articles in the newsletter, you will know that the Cleeve Prior Residents Association (CPRA) is no longer sustainable and therefore the association is to be closed down.

We finally managed to co-opt people to join the committee for a final meeting on 15 March with the purpose of agreeing the distribution of any funds held to those organisations that had made requests to support projects that they are undertaking, and to formally close the association.

The funds have been allocated to the following:

St Andrew's Church

Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

Millennium Green Trust

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Once the distribution of funds had been agreed, the committee voted to close the association. Once all cheques have been issued and cashed, the association will therefore cease to exist.

Duncan Harvey, CPRA Chairperson

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

Pershore Choral Society

with the Corelli Orchestra

Saturday 14 May at 7.30 pm in Pershore Abbey

Haydn, Nelson Mass

Mozart, Vespers

Tickets from Susan Mortimer, 773453

Malvern Spring Fair

I have booked a coach to the Malvern Spring Fair on Saturday 7 May

It will leave the village at 9.30 am, and set off home again at 4 pm. The cost is £40 including travel and entrance fee.

Limited seating is still available so, if you would like to join the trip, please let me know as soon as possible.

David Davenport, 507205
ddavenport999@tiscali.co.uk

News from the Kings Arms

Quiz Night, Sunday 3 April, 7 pm
Book your table on 01789 601706

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, closed

Wednesday, 6 till 11pm

Thursday, 12 noon till 3 / 6 till 11pm

Friday, 12 noon till 11pm

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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
3 Apr	Quiz Night	7 pm	Kings Arms
6 Apr	CPO Landscaping Project	7.30 pm	Hall
8 Apr	End of Term		
9 Apr	Plant stalls, Nearly New	11 – 12.30	Hall
11 Apr	Parish Council Meeting	7 pm	Hall
13 Apr	Lending Library	2 – 3 pm	Hall
25 Apr	Summer Term starts		

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

EVESHAM RURAL NORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

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

Thursday, 7 April 2022 @ 7pm

Further April dates will be displayed at the Hall

PC 3838 Matt Beards / PCSO 40246 Bradley Sansom

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 April 2022

Sidesmen

3 April 6.30pm	Mrs A Carless
10 April	No service at Cleeve
17 April	Mrs L Hughes
24 April	Mr C Greenwood
1 May	Mr J Tamayo

Church Flowers

3 April	No flowers
10 April	during Lent
17 Apr Easter	Mrs A Carless
24 April	Mrs D Jackson
1 May	Mrs S Taylor

Church Cleaning

Mrs S Simpson
Mrs S Lasota
Mrs J Winter
Mrs S Robinson
Mrs J Franey

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By Saturday 23 April please

Please submit copy by email to the following

email address: cleevepriornewsletter@gmail.com

or contact the Editor, Susan Mortimer (773453)

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