CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



The Paschal Lamb from the Church of S.Pudenziana, Rome

APRIL 2023

St Andrew's Church Services for April 2023

Sun 2 April 11am Palm Sunday Benefice Service at Offenham

Fri 7 April **1 pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord

Sun 9 April **Easter Sunday** 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Sun 16 April 11am Matins Rod Carless

Sun 23 April 11 am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Sun 30 April 11am Benefice Eucharist at Offenham Revd Susan Renshaw

Sun 7 May 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789 772578 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 Faith Quin eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com

St Andrew's Church

Come and celebrate the Joy of Easter

Easter Sunday, 9 April, 11.00 am

Family Eucharist

St Andrew's PCC Hosted Lunch

With the reopening of the Kings Arms Tavern we hope to restart the Hosted Lunches. The first will be on Thursday 13 April at 12.30pm

Reservations to the Pub as before.

Note new email address: bookings@kingsarmstavern.co.uk

Notice from St Andrew's PCC

The PCC and the Board of Governors of the Cleeve Prior First School wish to appoint a Foundation Governor. If you feel you may be able to give of your time, please contact one of the Church Wardens for more information.

Mrs L Hughes 772578 Mr Rod Carless 773357

Call for volunteers

There are several vacancies on both the flower arranging and cleaning rotas for St Andrew's Church.

We would be very pleased if you felt you had a little spare time to help out on either or both of the above activities.

Please contact us if you can help or require more information:

Church Cleaning Lis Hughes

772578 or lis_hughes@hotmail.com

Flower Arranging Annette Carless

773357 or annettecarless@gmx.com

Thank you

Volunteer for Badsey Church (Unpaid)

Could you be our new **Treasurer**? Do you know someone who might be interested?

We are looking for someone to take on oversight of our Church finances. You would have the support and help from the Church team so that the role would not be too onerous for someone with a reasonable understanding of finances and you would be doing us a great service.

For more information, please contact John Waters pcctreasurer.badsey@gmail.com, 01386 833802

Elizabeth Bolland

Hazel Cross

3.1.1939 - 27.1.2023

Following the sudden death of Hazel, our mum, we'd like to thank you all for the love, messages, thoughts and support we've received over the last month. On behalf of our family, we'd also like to thank all of those who were able to join us on 20 February to celebrate Hazel's life and memory.

The village was a key part of both mum and dad's lives and the level of kindness we've received and generous donations to mum's favourite charities has been truly overwhelming.

Donations to the British Heart Foundation or The Shakespeare Hospice in memory of Hazel can be made via https://hazelcross.muchloved.com/

Deborah Pollard & Robin Cross

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS April 2023

The Council meet on the second Monday of every month at 7.30pm, and we allocate time on the agenda for your views, questions, and issues to be raised. You can see full details on our website cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk.

Cllr Peter Wilson: Chairman peterwilson545@btinternet.com

Cllr Mary Smith: Vice Chair 47mary.j.smith@gmail.com

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Spring has officially sprung and the village is looking more colourful by the day. When thinking of our local environment, we unfortunately have had to put some messaging out regarding an increase in dog fouling. Fly tipping is also an ongoing problem and we'd hope everyone shows respect for the place we are so lucky to live in. Please keep our village clean and tidy.

We are in contact with Highways and Police regarding the school 20mph light sequencing and are considering other traffic calming measures. Please think of the consequences that speeding can cause, especially in the vicinity of a school.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder and we're all very happy to see our pub has reopened as the Kings Arms Tavern. Whilst we will miss Donna and Henry, let's support the new landlord Dave Lewis and make the most of our community asset! You can see the new menus on the work in progress website www.kingsarmstavern.co.uk.

Local elections will be held in May and remember that you will need Photo ID in order to vote. This includes a range of photo ID including Passport, Driving License, Older Person's bus pass and more. However, if you do not have these then you can register for FREE ID on the following website.

www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

If you're reading this before 4 April, then there is still time to nominate yourself as a local councillor. See the <u>Wychavon website</u> for more information.

As always, you can see events and updates on our village Facebook page. www.facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage. Enjoy the Easter break.

Stacey Smith Clerk to the Parish Council clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk

Cleeve Prior Village Litter Pick

We try to hold the annual village litter pick around this time of year and. on this occasion, we are aiming for Sunday morning, 16 April. Generally speaking, Cleeve Prior village is kept reasonably free of litter thanks to conscientious intervention of locals. Nonetheless, I am always surprised at the amount of rubbish we collect when a number of people go out to search the whole village and clean out the crevices where litter lurks.

It will be greatly appreciated if you can help out with this task and we will meet at the Memorial Hall at 10.00. on Sunday 16th April. Gloves, bags, safety tabards and pickers will be provided.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Peter Wilson, CPPC

Dog Waste in Cleeve Prior

Once again it is necessary to remind certain dog owners that it is totally unacceptable to leave dog waste behind you on your walk or to leave the bag hanging in the hedge. Someone has to collect it eventually.

You are responsible for your pet in all respects so please do not neglect this waste disposal issue.

Parish Council.



CLEEVE PRIOR WAR MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

email: cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

200 Club

Subscriptions are due in April, and the collectors will be calling at every house in the village during the month.

For the information of those new to the village, the Cleeve Prior 200 Club is a lottery licensed by Wychavon District Council and provides a valuable source of income to Hall funds. The annual subscription is only £10 and there is a monthly draw for a prize of £50, plus an additional quarterly prize of £100 (winners of the March draw shown below).

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to join or remain in the scheme and has perhaps missed their collector, and will arrange to call again at your convenience. You can contact us via the email address above, or by ringing the Treasurer on 773106.

Hall Management Committee

Memorial Hall 200 Club Winners of the March Draw:

£100: Nick Stephens **£50:** Adam Sanders

The AGM of the Memorial Hall Management Committee

will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 19 April at 7 pm. Village residents are welcome to attend.

Mervyn Stutter at the Hall on Saturday 22 April

There are still places available for this popular comedian.

Please reserve your seats as soon as possible to avoid disappointment at cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com

Doors open 7.30 pm for performance at 8.00 pm
Please pay on the door
£15, with cash bar

Lunch in the Hall

It had been our plan to hold a monthly lunch in the Hall but, with the recent re-opening of The Kings Arms Tavern, the popular hosted lunch table has been reinstated there on the second Thursday of the month. This unfortunately clashes with the week we had chosen, so we will suspend our plans for the time being.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers

After months of planning, we finally went to London with our Key Stage 2 children this week. During our visit, we were shown around the Houses of Parliament – seeing the Commons in session and actually standing by the throne King Charles III will sit on when he next opens parliament. We learned how laws are made and the role of MPs and Lords in the process. At the end of our visit we met our MP Nigel Huddleston for a question and answer session and photograph. He promises to visit us soon for a proper chat!

Thanks to the money raised by our community, the trip culminated in a 'flight' on the London Eye. The views of London were stunning, our children were speechless and the whole experience is one they will never forget. We received praise from the staff at Parliament, Mr Huddleston and members of the public for how smart our children looked in their uniforms and how immaculately they behaved all day. I couldn't have been prouder of them.

Our next big event is our Easter celebrations which will be held at St Andrew's church on Friday 31st March. We are fortunate that the Open the Book team will be joining us to help us celebrate. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Carless and Mrs Hughes for agreeing to help.

Thanks also to Mrs Mary Smith who has kindly agreed to hear our children read on Mondays and Mrs Linda Hawkins who is joining our Open the Book team, we really appreciate your support.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter and onwards to the Summer term!

Best wishes Mrs Laughlin



Guess what! A 5-ton Digger did the job - thanks to the skilled driver! Supported by a good team of volunteers and another bonfire, Sanctuary Wood continues to take shape. We decided to follow the lead of His Majesty and now have our own stumpery. It may well be that we will need to clear some more scrub but for the moment, apart from clearing the root debris and sowing some grass and wild flower seed, major work in the woodland will cease until late August. The boundary fence and gates on the lane will be erected and hedgerow planted and may be underway by the time you read this. As I said last month, Please Note: This area is Not Safe for pedestrians or animals, due to exposed glass and trip hazards.

Pruning is still well underway and the pruning course was a great success. The Willow trees in the Perry Pear Orchard have been pollarded and the shredded material will be used as weed suppressant around the base of the trees in the Community Orchard. Snowdrops are out and many are over. If you want to split yours after flowering, we have plenty of corners which would benefit from colonising including the new woodland. Just pop them in a pot of soil and drop them off at Field Barn on a Tuesday morning. Donations towards the purchase of seed and wild flower plugs and native daffodils would be very welcome. You can make a huge difference to the local ecosystem and biodiversity through your generosity. Thanks for those who have donated tree stumps for seats.

Our Volunteers and Trustees are always busy on a wide range of tasks in running, maintaining and developing this wonderful community asset. Thank You! New Volunteers are always welcome, so please consider giving a few hours in our green gym! Learn new skills, enjoy our Volunteer social events.

Gina Carr Chairman, 01789 778051



The Art Club

The Art Club, under its new name, logo and website has been going very well this month. After our success painting a Toucan with George, a guest tutor from

Bidford, using water colour paints, we have had an exciting few weeks experimenting with oil paints, with Don as our vey able tutor. Not all our paintings are finished yet, painting in oils gives scope to continue to alter and amend work for longer periods, but those paintings posted on our website show a great deal of promise. A very big Thank you to Don for all his hard work and patience!

It is also interesting to see how different styles are emerging, as we all gather confidence to experiment and develop our skills in our different ways.

We have two more weeks before we break for Easter, but during this time we will welcome George again to further our expertise with water colour painting, this time, trying our hand at landscape.

Everyone appears to enjoy their painting and coming to the art club, which is the main aim after all. It has also been heartening to have such positive feedback from our local community who care to dip into the website and talkto our members

(http://theartclubcleeveprior.weebly.com). A big thank you to all who support us!

Our final session before Easter will be on 30 March. We will meet again on 20 April and finish on 1 June for the summer. There will be no class on 4 May, as the Hall will be used as a Polling Station for local elections. We would like to meet again at the beginning of September to begin another session.

Louise Conneeley

Cleeve Prior Ramblers, 18 March



A small group of 11 ramblers and 4 dogs gathered in the Haydon Way Wood car park in Spernall Lane on the edge of Studley. It had rained quite heavily during the week and as we set off up the Millennium Way the paths were difficult and muddy through the quite mature part of the recently planted wood with a view to the Studley Castle Hotel to our left. We continued down through a private garden, where Dougal took a dip in a rather inviting pond, towards the road which we crossed to skirt around Spernall Park and eventually joinedThe Arden Way down to the road leading to Upper Spernall. In the village we crossed a field to our much-needed coffee spot, sitting on enormous newly sawn tree trunks.

The second part of our ramble, after passing the Skelston training stables, was less muddy, rejoining the Arden Way along the road down to cross over the Spernall Road towards Coughton. As we approached Coughton, and before the ford, we turned right across the fields with Coughton Court and the River Arrow on our left, into a large area of newly planted trees and past the delightful disused church at Spernall and our car park.

We were joined by other members for lunch at The Roebuck in Alcester.

The next ramble will be led by Paul and Julie on 15 April. Details to follow.

Liz Lee

Our February meeting was held after the Newsletter deadline so here is a brief report. The topic was Jobs and as the evening unfolded and stories were recounted what became apparent was that the members of the Cleeve Prior NWR Group are flexible, resilient, resourceful and talented.

We all experienced sexism, low expectations and childcare issues which necessitated career breaks and changes of course - but the stories we heard of the various jobs and careers of our members were interesting, moving, amusing, surprising and I'm sure there was enough material for a very fascinating book.

Our March Film Evening was very much enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Karen chose the film "Where the Crawdads Sing" and before we settled down to watch - wine and popcorn to hand - she started her talk by discussing "Literature v. Film" as some of us had previously read the book. There can be some sort of prejudice in favour of a book over the filmed version and we discussed why this might be the case. A book may take several pages to set a scene and can portray the internal monologues which give the reader an understanding of the characters whereas the filmmaker needs to use different methods - showing rather than telling by the use of camera shots, lighting and sound.

Where the Crawdads Sing was a beautifully made film and we were able to observe some of the things Karen talked about - for example - the Landscape being an actual character. The Marshes in the film were

beautifully portrayed and certainly had a huge presence. We understood why the main character Kya felt she belonged there and that the Marsh somehow belonged to her. Karen also spoke about how directors used music and lighting to draw the viewer in and either make them relate positively to a character or to flag up the fact this was a baddie! There were all sorts of other interesting aspects of

cinematography but I must confess, that I became so immersed in the film, I failed to spot some of the techniques Karen spoke to us about.

There were quite a few baddies but fortunately, in the end, the good guys won – although not all were as good as they seemed! I did notice a few delicate sniffs and eye dabbing at the end of the film.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18 April and will be a talk based round Orientalism in Gardens and Garden Buildings of the Time – this is in preparation for June visit to Sezincote.

Evelyn Wilson - evelynwbw@btinternet.com

Pershore Choral Spring Concert

Saturday 13 May in Pershore Abbey at 7.30 pm

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Message from Amanda Copperthwaite The London Marathon

On Sunday 23 April, I will be joining thousands of others lining up on the start line of The London Marathon, all of us hoping to raise funds for charity. I have been training hard since the beginning of the year, running in every kind of weather to be able to take on this massive challenge.

As many of you already know, my dad passed away in February (thank you all for your kind messages and cards), so I am raising funds for The Douglas MacMillan Hospice who cared for dad in his final days.

If you are able and would like to make a donation it will be gratefully received.

Justgiving.com/fundraising/amanda-copperthwaite1 Thank you so much, *Amanda*

BALLROOM/LATIN/SALSA Classes

*The Greig Hall Alcester-Wednesdays (Recently refurbished and opening its doors after Easter)

*St George's Hall Blockley - Thursdays *Aston Cantlow Village Hall- Fridays

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WEB:<u>www.margaretgreenwood.co.uk</u>
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Quinney's Lane, Bidford on Avon B50 4JL

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VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
13 Apr	Hosted Lunch Table	12.30 pm	KingsArms
16 Apr	Litter Pick	10 am	Hall
17 Apr	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
	Term starts		
19 Apr	Hall AGM	7 pm	Hall
22 April	Mervyn Stutter entertains	7 .30 for 8pm	Hall

Cleeve Prior Art Group meets in the Hall at 10 am on Thursdays. **Pilates** classes are held on Friday mornings in the Hall at 9.30 and 10.30 am.

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

EVESHAM RURAL NORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

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

*** No Drop in 6 or 7 April 2023 due to Bank Holiday weekend ***

Wednesday 12 April, 7 pm Thursday 20 April, 10 am Thursday 27 April, 7 pm Thursday 4 May, 10 am Friday 12 May, 10 am Thursday 18 May, 7 pm Thursday 25 May, 10 am

PC 3838 Matt Beards / PCSO 40246 Bradley Sansom

The Rot	as for April		
14/	Sidesmen		
2 April	No Service at St Andrew's		
9 Apr	Mrs L Hughes		
16 Apr	Mrs J Taylor		
23 Apr	Mr C Greenwood		
30 Apr	No service at St Andrew's		
7 May	Mrs L Hawkins	7	
	Church Flowers	Church Cleaning	
2 April	No Flowers	Mrs S Simpson	
9 Apr	Mrs J Stewart	Mrs S Lasota	
16 Apr	Mrs D Jackson	Mrs J Winter	
23 Apr	Mrs S Taylor	Mrs L Lee	
30 Apr	Mrs A Carless	Mrs J Franey	
7 May	Mrs J Selby	Mrs S Richards	

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