

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



JULY 2023

St Andrew's Church Services for July 2023

Sun 2 July 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Sun 9 July 11.00am Morning Praise Rod Carless/
Margaret Pye

Sun 16 July 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Sun 23 July 11.00am Matins Rod Carless

Sun 30 July 11.00am Benefice Eucharist at Cleeve Prior
Revd Clive Leach

Sun 6 August 11.00am Morning Praise Rod Carless

Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789
772578

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01386 4040

Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer 01789 720078

For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact
Faith Quin eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com

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

Help Required

A volunteer is needed to deliver Newsletters in Bidford Road (8 houses). If you are able to help, please phone Rod Carless on 01789 773357.

Many thanks.

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

This month is traditionally the time when many of us would be preparing for our summer holidays. I guess that at the moment there will be some people who will not be planning a get-away this year due to the increased cost of foreign travel, and the current economic situation. In the future, as climate change makes our summers sunnier and warmer, there will be those who choose to spend their holidays in the UK, which was the norm when I was a child.

The word holiday has close connections with Holy Day, so what is the difference between the two? Well, mainly it is the way we now treat that day. If there is a religious reason behind the day, as Christmas day for instance, or Good Friday, it is a Holy Day. A holiday is when working people have time off work to spend resting or celebrating in a different way, as in a special day out or a family day, for example.

Holy Days used to be days set aside for religious reasons, but holiday has branched off Holy Day as certain days have lost their religious meaning. Many shops are now open and local attractions and sporting events are allowed. This does of course mean that many people now work on Sunday, which has changed into a working day instead of a day for religious observance. Bank holidays now have become days to remember people or groups of people, as we have seen lately, where they used to be days when only the banks were closed. So, a holiday now for many people is a day off from work/school and has become a day of rest and recreation, and differentiating a Holy Day from a holiday in today's world is difficult as they both have come to mean days off.

However you plan to spend your holidays this summer, I hope you will find some rest, refreshment, fun, and some time to enjoy God's creation, which is very close to home in this area, and give thanks to Him, making a Holy Day part of your holiday.

Joyce Bache

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

July 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

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CLlr Ian Robinson: irobinson773805@gmail.com

CLlr Kevin Mellor: kevinjohnmellor@gmail.com

CLlr Bryan Eden: bryaneden@btinternet.com

As the summer solstice arrived, the sunshine continues and the village blooms. We have some great village events coming up including our school's summer fete on 14 July, the annual cricket match on the 16 July and the Quiz at the Kings Arms on 30 July.

A reminder that for people who are keen to get involved in positively supporting our village and decision making we have two vacancies for Parish Councillors to join us.

You can keep up to date online with news, events and updates on the Parish Council website www.cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk, our village website www.cleevepriorvillage.co.uk and our village Facebook page www.facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage.

For those less technically inclined, information is posted on the noticeboard and at Memorial Hall. Please continue to contact me by email or pop in on a Tuesday to Memorial Hall if you'd like to discuss any questions, comments or concerns.

Stacey Smith

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

Update - Cleeve Prior Parish Council Tree Management

In March this year a concerned Cleeve Prior resident reported to the Parish Council that the field maple tree by the main roadway in Mill Lane was shedding branches and looking unsafe. This was discussed at our March meeting. Councillors were asked to recommend tree surgeons as this particular tree had been examined four years earlier by a tree specialist (recommended by Wychavon tree officer) who informed us that the tree was dying & would need to be removed at some point.

The Parish Council obtained three assessments/quotes regarding the safety and potential longevity of the tree estimated to be **50-60 years of age**. Two stated that it was in a dangerous condition and needed to be felled. The third said he could possibly reduce the tree by fifty percent but felt it would be a short term fix to make it safe for a couple more years. We also obtained a report from a tree specialist prior to the decision being taken to fell the tree, stating that it should be felled at ground level as soon as possible and a heavy reduction would not be suitable due to the weak structure of the tree. Furthermore, the roots had caused damage to the gas mains. These issues were discussed at our May Council meeting. Due to safety concerns the decision was made to take immediate action and remove the tree entirely. A vote was taken to support this decision.



The results have vindicated the decision as the main trunk was found to be hollow by advanced internal decay (as pictured). The Parish Council has to consider matters like this on many occasions. This explanatory note has been produced as a resident of the village has publicly criticised the Parish Council's decision and process with communications which encourage others to think that something underhand or unnecessary has taken place.

The Parish Council conducts its business in an open and professional way and refutes suggestions of inappropriate actions.

Stacey Smith
Clerk and RFO to Cleeve Prior Parish Council

We have two vacancies for new Parish Councillors.

We welcome people who would like to
volunteer their time to make a positive
contribution to serve our village.

If you feel this is an opportunity you would
like to discuss, please E-mail
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Memorial Hall floral planters

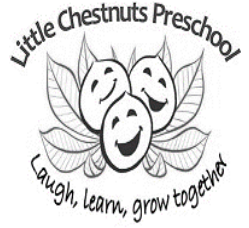
A very big thankyou is due to Jan Stewart for taking care of the planters
outside the Hall for a number of years. This has involved selecting and
arranging plants and watering them regularly, making the approach to the
Hall most attractive and welcoming.

She has now decided to retire, kindly agreeing to maintain the summer
planting, and we wish her much enjoyment of her own garden during her
well-earned retirement.

The Parish Council will make arrangements for the upkeep of the planters
from the Autumn.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers

What a busy month we have had so far with lots more fun activities planned for the rest of the summer term. Our little children in Willow Class were invited to take part in an Early Years music festival at Badsey School. They had to make their own instruments to take with them on the day and also dress up as pirates and mermaids. It was a very colourful sight to see them all together! Our older children in Oak Class were able to go to forest school whilst Willow Class were out, something they haven't done for a while.

This term we have started a new partnership with the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust. Mrs Jayne Nicol (Headteacher at Offenham School) will be supporting the school and I am sure you will see her every week in our school. We are very lucky to have her support.

We are so fortunate to have such beautiful surroundings within such a short distance from school. We have been invited by Gina Carr to visit the Heritage Trust this week and I would like to thank her and the staff there very much for the opportunity.

Along with a day at Aztec Watersports, sports day, performances, church services and leavers assemblies, the children will certainly be kept busy until the end of term. Our pupils in Years 5 & 6 have begun to make preparations for their transition to their middle & senior schools. We will be sad to see them go but realise that they are growing up fast and need to start some new adventures.

A date for your diaries: our PTA are holding a summer fete on Friday 14th July from 3pm until 7pm. There will be lots of fun & games planned with refreshments available and we would love as many villagers as possible to join us. We will give more details nearer the time via Facebook & the Cleeve Prior website page. If anyone would like to help with a stall or refreshments, please pop if to see me.

Best wishes,

Sarah Laughlin, Head of School



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

School Visits – We have had two visits from Badsey First School in June; both groups spent a great morning identifying wild flowers, fruit trees and the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees. After all that activity they enjoyed their packed lunches before boarding the coach to return to school. A few days later we welcomed Cleeve Prior Primary School for Pond Dipping and Bug Hunting. Well, all I can say is frogs, frogs, and more frogs; the group on their woodland walk found quite a few minibeasts but the star find was lots of tiny froglets in the cool part of Top Wood.

Evesham Walking Festival – We look forward to hosting a group of ramblers following the Orchards, Orchids and Hovels walk on 30 June. They will walk five miles around the Vale, visiting barns, orchards and reserves, before returning to Field Barn to enjoy tea and cake and a visit to the Edgar Wheeler hovel.

Ongoing work - The volunteers have been busy over the last four weeks whatever the weather. Millennium Green and Perry Pear Orchard have been cut. The stile in the Perry Pear Orchard has been cut. Work continues to replace the gate on the Evesham Road end of the Earls Lane Orchard, and continues to maintain Field Barn in a good condition for all our visits. The heritage trust BBQ team are looking forward to feeding folk at the annual cricket match.

New volunteers are always welcome so come along and learn new skills on a Tuesday morning from 09.30am till 1 pm; enjoy the sunshine and volunteer social events.

Phil & Linda, Volunteers

**The Annual Village Cricket Match
Upper Cleeve v. Lower Cleeve
Sunday 16 July at 2.00 pm on the
School Field**



We are looking for the next generation of cricketers to play alongside the regulars in this annual village event. We would like to see the youth of the community come forward to play and, if you are now too fragile to bend down and pick up a ball, please send out your children and grandchildren as your champions.

Anyone wishing to play, young and old, should send their details to Paul Freeman (see contacts below).

If you are not playing, please bring along your family and enjoy the afternoon.

There will be a cash bar and barbecue, the proceeds from which go to support village charities.

We look forward to seeing you there.

paul@freeman&sons.co.uk

07788 437271



As the June Quiz in the Hall had to be cancelled, we have rescheduled it to the Kings Arms Tavern on **30 July**. Please make your table bookings through the pub

Sunday 30th July
7.00pm at the Kings Arms
Book tables via bookings@kingsarmstavern.co.uk

Cleeve Prior Golf Society

13 June 2023, Wychwood Golf Club

Our third golf outing was to the Wychwood Golf Club at Lyneham and a total of 12 golfers made it in spite of heavy traffic around Stow and a road closure, which resulted in a lovely drive through some of the Cotswold villages. The weather was also perfect which was a relief, and so we had a great afternoon playing what was a lovely course and in great condition.

We played a standard Stableford competition as well as a team game where the best score is taken on hole 1, two best scores on hole 2 and then three best scores on hole 3 and so on. We also played the usual longest drive and the nearest the pin. The team game was won by Team Langmead with 85 points and the Stableford was won by Matt Langmead with a score of 40, an impressive result. There was no winner of nearest the pin!

After the golf, 14 diners ate at the Golden Cross at Arden's Grafton and the general conclusion was that the food was very good and good value. All in all, a good day.

Our next outing will be on Friday 21 July, when we shall play at Tewksbury Park followed by the mid-summer barbecue at Field Barn at the Heritage Trust.

Jules Franey, Captain



Art Club

June is almost over but our art group is still in business and will continue until July 20th.

We are a reduced number at present as some people are on holiday or have other commitments but, when possible, those wishing to drop in for the occasional session are always welcome.

We have achieved a great deal since we began last September, with different guided sessions and visiting tutors to support our painting and develop our skills. It is lovely to see some members taking on board what they have learned from these sessions and using this to extend their own styles.

We are not quite done yet though, as we have another meeting which will be led by Darren in July. With his own unique style, he plans to prepare a work based on a Japanese garden, the options he has sent to us already are very exciting and a little daunting. Those people who have voiced a preference for what should be included in the final work have been invited to put forward their views. We are all keen to see what the final painting will look like and are looking forward to seeing Darren again.

With Warwickshire Open Studios in full swing there are plenty of places to go to gain inspiration (should that be needed). It is always interesting to go to see what others are doing and to speak to them and hear their stories.

So there is much to look forward to over the summer.

New residents in the village, or those who have been here for some time, why not drop in and take a look at who we are and what we do. Everyone welcome.

Louise Conneeley
louiseconneeley@gmail.com

Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team, West Mercia Police ***Safe use of E-scooters***

There has been an increase in the use of E-Scooters across the UK, and certainly more locally around Worcestershire. Please note the advice and information below in relation to using E-Scooters on public roads and public areas, and don't put yourself or a family member at risk of prosecution and the scooter being seized.

E-scooters are a growing trend of new personal transport that come under the category of “powered transporters”. These fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore, the rules that apply to motor vehicles – cars and motorbikes, also apply to e-scooters. Of course, you can't register and tax them because they don't meet the safety regulations required, so the result is that you simply are not allowed to use them on roads, pavements, or other public places. If you do use an E-Scooter in those places you could face prosecution. The police can also seize and destroy the E-Scooter if it is ridden without a licence or insurance, or carelessly in a manner likely to alarm, distress or annoy people – even if this is off the road.

Where can I ride an E-Scooter?

It is legal to use an E-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner. The government recognises that this type of personal transport might be useful and environmentally friendly so has also announced that there can be trials in specified areas. These are for rental E-Scooters only and the places they can be used are 'geo-fenced'. The rental fee covers the insurance.

Where can I get more information?

The gov.uk website offers detailed information about the law and about the E-Scooter trials. Visit www.gov.uk and search for terms such as 'Powered Transporters', 'Mini-Scooters' or 'E-Scooters' or 'E-Scooter trials'.

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Pub Quiz

30th July
17th Sept
26th Nov



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VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
1 July	Strawberry Tea	2.30	Japonica Cottage
10 July	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
14 July	School Summer Fete	3 – 7 pm	School Field
16 July	Annual Cricket Match	2 pm	School Field
30 July	Quiz Night	7 pm	Kings Arms

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

Details of up-coming Cleeve Prior Drop-in Sessions with your Local Police Officers at the Village Hall will be posted in the Hall window

PC 3838 Matt Beards / PCSO 40246 Bradley Sansom

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church, Bidford

There is no priest in residence at present so,
If you need to speak to a Catholic priest urgently,
contact St George's Worcester 01905 236888
or Canon Brian McGinley 07917 341957

The Church Rotas for July

Sidesmen

2 July	Mrs M Greenwood
9 July	Mrs J Taylor
16 July	Mrs L Hawkins
23 July	Mr C Greenwood
30 July	Mrs L Hughes
6 Aug	Mrs J Taylor

Church Flowers

2 July	Mrs D Walker
9 July	Mrs G Whitehouse
16 July	Mrs A Carless
23 July	Mrs L Lupton
30 July	Mrs N Blakely
6 Aug	Mrs D Byrne

Church Cleaning

Mrs E Wilson
Mrs M Taylor
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs L Hughes
Mrs S Mortimer
Mrs N Blakely

Memorial Hall 200 Club

June Draw

£100, Nicky Marshall

£50, Sheila Smith

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By Monday 24 July please

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or contact the Editor, Susan Mortimer (773453)

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