

# CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2023

## St Andrew's Church Services for March 2023

Sun 5 March 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach  
Sun 12 March 11am Morning Prayer Rod Carless  
Sun 19 March 11am **Mothering Sunday** Service Rod Carless  
Sun 26 March 11am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach  
Sun 2 April 11am Palm Sunday Benefice Service at Offenham  
Fri 7 April **1.00pm** Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord  
Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789 77257  
Safeguarding in our Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer Tel. 01386 4040  
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### St Andrew's Church

Everyone is invited to the special service for

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

19<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am

Posies

Coffee

### 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](mailto:lis_hughes@hotmail.com)

Flower Arranging Annette Carless

773357 or [annetecarless@gmx.com](mailto:annetecarless@gmx.com)

Thank you

## **The Churchyard**

Garden remodelling? Surplus turf or topsoil?

The Churchyard rose beds are in need of some patching so, if anyone can supply offcuts of surplus turf or topsoil for this purpose, it would be very gratefully received.

Please contact Judy Winter: 01789 491277, [jpmwinter@gmail.com](mailto:jpmwinter@gmail.com)

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### February 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 [clevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](http://clevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk).

CLLr Peter Wilson: Chairman [peterwilson545@btinternet.com](mailto:peterwilson545@btinternet.com)

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CLLr Bryan Eden: [bryaneden@btinternet.com](mailto:bryaneden@btinternet.com)

At the February Parish Council meeting, planning application No. W/22/02682/OUT for the development of Evesham Road traveller site was discussed.

The meeting was well attended. After a good deal of discussion, the Parish Council (CPPC) resolved to respond to Wychavon Planning on three key points:-

1. The Council support development of the site for housing.
2. The proposed number of houses in the current application at 114 is too many and should be returned to the original proposal of 84 houses.
3. The proposed use of CPPC land for a flood control balancing pond is not supported in the current plan.

Now that these issues are clear, the CPPC will attempt further discussions with the developer and Wychavon District Council. A public meeting hosted by the developer is to be held on 22 February.

Please note that Local elections are scheduled for 4 May. A major change this year is that photo ID will be mandatory in order to vote. If

you do not have this you can register for FREE ID on the following website. [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate)

Please note that the April CPPC meeting has been delayed to 17 April to avoid a bank holiday.

*Stacey Smith*

Clerk to the Parish Council  
[clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk)



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**At the Memorial Hall on Saturday 22 April**

We welcome back Mervyn Stutter – a fantastic comedian, and friend of the village, well known for his performances at the Edinburgh Fringe. He was here four years ago and unfortunately last year's performance had to be cancelled after he suffered an injury to his arm. If you have seen him before you will know that every performance is different and hilarious.

Last year's cancelled performance had been a sell out, so please reserve your seats as soon as possible to avoid disappointment:

**at [cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:cleevepriormemorialhall@gmail.com)**

Doors open 7.30 pm for performance at 8.00 pm

Please pay on the door

We look forward to your support, for what promises to be an entertaining evening with bar.

## **Coffee in the Hall**

**Wednesday 8 March, 10.30 am**

This will be our last Coffee morning. Come along and hear about our plans for a new monthly event to bring people together and share a sociable hour or so in the Hall.

Full details in the April Newsletter.



## **The Art Club**

February is proving to be an exciting month, we now have an official name, logo and website!

The address of the website is <http://theartclubcleeveprior.weebly.com>  
This has been recently established and is in its infancy but no doubt will be a valuable forum for information, tuition and a showcase for the work of our members.

This month, those who wished to have been focussing on portrait sketching and painting, but we also had a very useful and exciting painting class led by a visiting artist from Bidford-on-Avon. She demonstrated and supported the group in producing their own watercolour paintings of a toucan, the theme which had been previously chosen by the group.

So, an interesting and exciting time for us. Who knows where it might lead!

*Louise Conneeley*



# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers

The snowdrops are appearing and blooming at last! We have reached Spring half-term and all of our staff and children are looking forward to a well-earned break.

Firstly, on behalf of myself and the whole school community, I would like to express our sympathy to the family of Hazel Cross. Bob and Hazel had sponsored one of our school prizes (The Endeavour Plate) since 1989 and I want to reassure their family that it will continue to be awarded in their memory.

On a happier note, we are building up in Oak Class to our visit to London in March. We are visiting the Houses of Parliament, having a guided tour of the magnificent building and, hopefully, meeting with Nigel Huddleston our MP. The children are also able to have a (top secret) special treat whilst we are there thanks to the money we raised in our Christmas Fayre. We are very excited and can't wait to tell you about it next month.

Finally, I would like to thank those members of the village who have contacted the school to hear our lovely children read. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact the school office to speak to Mrs Ellison or myself.

Best wishes  
Mrs Laughlin



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

## What's new at the Trust?

Those walking down Quarry Lane will see that the battle against the scrub is continuing. We have decided to trial a digger to get out the stumps and roots which are at present making the whole area rather hazardous. Fortunately, we can see how beautiful it will look despite the short-term challenges. It makes the hard work worthwhile. 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 now well underway and some of our novice pruners will be taking advantage of a free half day course on 28 February in the Perry Pear Orchard. We have a huge number of trees to prune, so if you can spare a few hours this month please do get in touch. Novices will be trained and supervised. Snowdrops are out and, if you want to split yours after flowering, we have plenty of corners which would benefit from colonising. Native daffodils have been planted and all these additions mean that walking through the community orchards will be much enhanced for the years to come.

If anyone has any tree trunks surplus to requirements, suitable for making seats up in the top wood for our school visits, please get in touch. We always need wood chip too.

**For Sale** Heritage Trust Apple Juice, no additives. Only £2.50 a bottle. Free delivery in the village. Deliciously refreshing as it is, or try Apple Gin Fizz. For a non-alcoholic version add tonic or sparkling water instead of the gin and prosecco!

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 778051*

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## **Cleeve Prior Ramblers, 18 February**

The turnout for this month's ramble was surprisingly large for this time of year, so 19 walkers and 6 dogs set off from the Star Inn at Ashton under Hill in good walking weather. The route took us up the escarpment, a moderate but not too taxing climb, high enough to get wonderful views towards the Cotswolds, Dumbleton Hill and even the Malverns in the distance.

Spring was certainly in the air with snowdrops galore but also primroses, daffodils and a few very new-born lambs. The highest part of the walk was through Beckford Coppice which promises to be a mass of bluebells fairly soon.

We descended towards our coffee stop, passing through a farm yard where there was a collection of the iconic American Airstream caravans and an enormous RV which had featured in the Queen movie Bohemian Rhapsody. We rested for refreshment in Beckford Nature Reserve surrounding a large pond which was in the grounds of an ancient monastery. The village of Beckford, famous for its silk industry, was nearby.

We returned to the pub where a hearty and very welcome meal was waiting for us.

Next month's ramble will be led by Liz Lee and Susan Mortimer. Details in due course.

*Mick Hughes*



Our February NWR meeting falls after the deadline for the Newsletter so the report on that meeting will be in next month's edition.

We continue to have our meetings monthly and I am very pleased to report that they are well attended. NWR meetings are all about lively and engaging conversations. Each meeting has a topic for discussion and they can vary greatly. They can be educational, controversial or simply just fun. They might involve undertaking some research or sharing anecdotes and opinions but there is always time for a chat afterwards and usually a glass of wine and a nibble although these are purely optional!

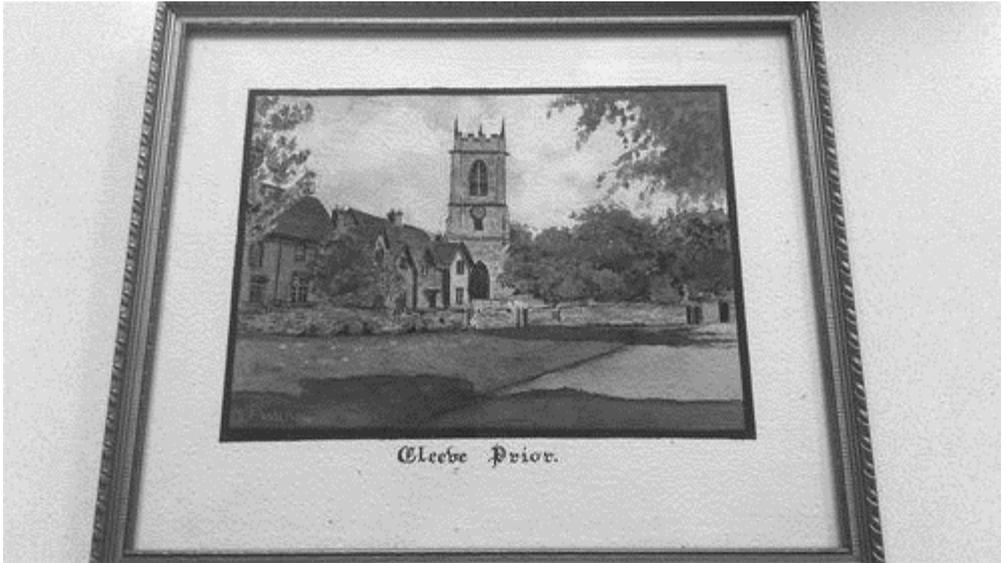
Our meeting on 14 March, for example, will be a film evening – where we will be having a talk on the various aspects of film making before watching *Where the Crawdads Sing*. This follows a very successful film night last year and we are looking forward to Karen's pre-show talk.

Future events include a guided walk round historic Worcester in May and a possible visit to Sezincot.

If you are interested in joining us or would like to hear more about the National Women's Register, please contact me Evelyn Wilson 01789 772814 or email [evelynwbw@btinternet.com](mailto:evelynwbw@btinternet.com)

## Original Watercolour for Sale

This watercolour of the village green by T F Wilson  
is offered for sale



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or Canon Brian McGinley 07917 341957

## VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
8 March	Coffee in the Hall	10.30 am	Hall
13 March	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
17 Apr	Parish Council meeting	7.30 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.

**Memorial Hall 200 Club**  
**Winners of the February Draw:**  
**£50: Paul and Liz Wadsworth**

## EVESHAM RURAL NORTH

### SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

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

Friday 3 March. 10am

Wednesday 8 March, 7pm

Week beginning 13 March, TBA (check notice in Hall window)

Thursday 23 March, 7pm

Thursday 30 March, 10am

PC 3838 Matt Beards / PCSO 40246 Bradley Sansom

## The Rotas for March

### Sidesmen

5 Mar	Mr C Greenwood
12 Mar	Mr A Taylor
19 Mar	Mrs L Hawkins (Mothering Sunday)
26 Mar	Mrs L Hughes
2 April	No Service at St Andrew's

### Church Flowers

5 Mar	No
12 Mar	Flowers
19 Mar	During
26 Mar	Lent
2 April	

### Church Cleaning

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

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