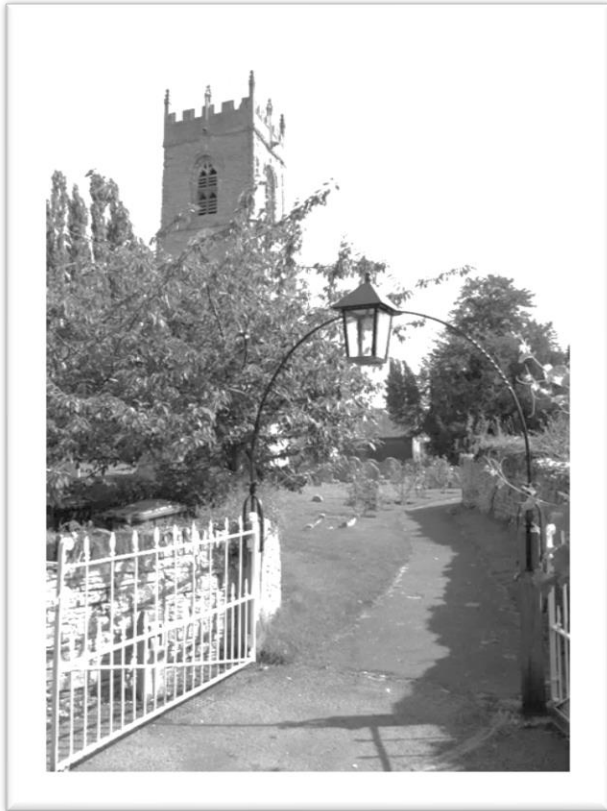


CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2023

St Andrew's Church Services for June 2023

Sun 4 June 1100am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach
Sun 11th June 11.00am Morning Praise Margaret Pye
Sun 18th June 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach
Sun 25th June 11.00am Matins Rod Carless
Sun 2nd July 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789
772578

Safeguarding in our Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer
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

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

The preface to the Coronation oaths declared that the Church *“is committed to the true profession of the Gospel, and, in so doing, will seek to foster an environment in which people of all faiths and beliefs may live freely.”*

‘Secularism,’ they say, ‘is like chastity: it is defined by what it denies.’

British society has become accustomed to treating faith as a generally harmless hobby for those who are interested, a quaint thing to roll out on events like the Coronation; and an easy target. Church schools are generally popular but religious extremism is rightly feared.

Christianity, the dominant faith of these islands for a very long time, has shaped our society and stamped itself on our national character. For instance, our education system and our liberal social values (shared by all the mainstream political parties) have been shaped by biblical values. They affirm respect for every man and woman as a someone whom God loves and for whom Christ died, so there is in each person an absolute value independent of all ‘usefulness’ to society. We have all been shaped by these values, including those of other faiths and none; they are part of what we are.

Because we have inherited this ‘liberal’ faith that doesn’t force conformity, it takes just two generations to de-Christianise a people. It’s been obvious that faith in all its forms has been challenged by individualist materialism, which dismisses all religion as irrelevant, inconceivable and useless. This is a dangerous trend.

If we value this treasured tradition in our society, we should give some thought to its principal source, the Good News of Jesus Christ, whose life, death and resurrection is where it began.

+ Robert



Ringin' for the Coronation

It was with great joy that the St Andrew's bell ringers rang to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on the afternoon of 6 May. What we rang was simple but well done and we hope the village was able to hear the "performance"! We have received several messages to say that the ringing was appreciated.

Those ringers who took part pictured above were:

Back row L/R Rod Carless, Gordon Richardson, Mark Selby and Mike Walker

Front row L/R Linda Garnet Clarke, Julie Selby, Bridgett Walker and Annette Carless

It was particularly satisfying for me to take part because, as a thirteen year old, I rang for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth on 3 June 1953 at St Nicolas Church Kings Norton. There are not many of us left!

Rod Carless



Strawberry Tea

Saturday 1 July 2023

To be held in Japonica Cottage Paddock, Quarry Lane,
from 2.30 pm onwards (Memorial Hall if wet).

Bring and Buy Cake and Produce Stalls

Raffle, Fancy Goods Stall

Live Musical Entertainment

Strawberry Tea and Prosecco

Donations for the Stalls and Raffle will be gratefully received by
Lis Hughes at Japonica Cottage 772578 and Annette Carless
Arnwood Mill Lane 7733357

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Admission £5 Adults, Children Free

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

June 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.

Cllr Peter Wilson: Chairman peterwilson545@btinternet.com

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

Cllr Ian Robinson: irobinson773805@gmail.com

Cllr Kevin Mellor: kevinjohnmellor@gmail.com

Cllr Bryan Eden: bryaneden@btinternet.com

The village enjoyed the Coronation celebrations with our Picnic on the Green and the concert being shown in the Memorial Hall. Thank you to all involved in making the village look the part and for a great community turn out.

You will have noticed the road markings outside of the school have been repainted. We are awaiting further speed calming measures and we'd like to see an improvement both from residents and visitors to keep everybody safe and sound. If you have concerns about road safety there is the [Operation Snap](#) initiative where you can submit information and footage of those that may be driving dangerously. You can find information on the West Mercia Police website. We only have to look at the news to see tragic examples of the consequences of reckless driving. For non emergencies please use the 112 service and 999 for emergencies. Other information that may be useful for our local Police to know can be submitted via email to eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk.

The local elections were held in May and we congratulate Councillor Hannah Robson on her re-election and the addition of her fellow Green party candidate, Councillor Judith Ciotti.

Keep up to date with news, events and updates on our village Facebook page. www.facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage.

Enjoy the sunshine and stay safe.

Stacey Smith

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

Cleeve Prior, Hayward Way.

Appeal against refusal of application to increase the number of caravan plots in this site.

You will all be aware of the proposal/appeal mentioned above.

The Parish Council has strongly opposed the original application for the extension to this site which was duly refused by Wychavon. We now oppose the appeal.

After taking advice we have employed legal representation for the Appeal Hearing which is currently scheduled for **27 June 2023**. We do not yet have the time or venue confirmed by WDC.

One element that has been reinforced to us is that a good turnout at the appeal hearing of interested members of the Community can be a persuasive demonstration of Community feeling on such matters.

The Parish Council would like to encourage anyone who is interested in this matter to attend the hearing with the possibility of being able to contribute to the discussion which will be held.

If sufficient individuals would like to attend and would prefer to use shared transport, the Parish Council will endeavour to arrange this also. If you would wish to take advantage of shared transport, please contact The Clerk at this email: clerk@cleevepriorparishcouncil.com

As soon as the details of the hearing are known this will be conveyed to all.

Cleeve Prior Parish Council
May 2023

Annual Cleeve Prior Parish Council Meeting, 15 May 2023

Chairman's Annual Report

The Parish Council maintained a full programme of monthly meetings during 2022/23. In some respects our activities have not fully complied with required standards. Inasmuch as the resignation of our Clerk led to an unsatisfactory handover and deadlines were missed for submission of accounts to the external auditor. Also, a good deal of administrative time was lost in re-establishing our Banking relationship and interaction with HMRC leading to the imposition of fines which, I am happy to report, have since been rescinded. This is due to the diligent work of our new Clerk.

The recruitment and induction of our new Clerk, Ms. Stacey Smith, has taken a good deal of time and attention. This has been amply rewarded in seeing our Council administration brought under open and orderly control with improved communication and initiative. Also for the first time we have now established a Parish Council office within the Memorial Hall, putting our business administration onto a vastly superior formal footing.

We were delighted to welcome Bryan Eden as a new Councillor during the year, he brings a wealth of experience. However, we have carried a vacancy for one Councillor throughout the year and hope this can be resolved in the coming period.

The Parish Council maintains close relationships with the District Council through our excellent District Councillor and our County Councillor has provided frequent support during the year. Meetings have taken place with the WDC Chief Executive and with senior West Mercia police officers, complementing our weekly liaison with local police officers.

The Council participates in the County Lengthsman scheme. I am happy to report that our Lengthsman achieves excellent results in his activities of highway maintenance.

Many planning applications have been dealt with over the year however it is a long-standing concern that we do not have resolution of the proposed development of the Evesham Road site. We continue to monitor this closely as events evolve. The other major issue relates to the appeal for extension of

the caravan site at Hayward Way. Much work has gone into responding to this appeal and engaging legal support.

An area that has evolved to the stage where we have closer relationships with The Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust involved the establishment of a Parish Councillor on the Trustee Board of the Trust. Cllr. Kevin Mellor has taken on this role alongside the myriad activities in which he participates in supporting and improving Village life. This has led to productive liaison in the areas of materials acquisition, grant applications and general communication. This now presents a more unified approach to the security, maintenance and management of important village assets. A successful application to the District Council resulted in a substantial grant being made available for the restoration of the CPO land as and when this becomes viable. Thanks to Councillor Ian Robinson for the work put into this and so many other background projects.

Various projects have seen development during the year, The Village Highway Gates have been installed after long delays with Highways department, The playing field had substantial enhancement for the enjoyment of younger users and we formally stood down the CP Support Group that worked so diligently during the pandemic. Work continued through the year in developing a new Village Website and this is now up and running as a superb showcase of the beauty of our Village The accolade for this goes primarily to Cllr. Doug Carr. (See cleevepriorvillage.co.uk).

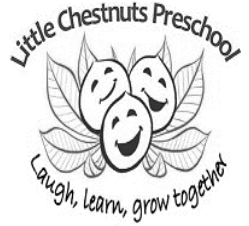
Of course, the major event of the year was the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Cllr Mary Smith achieved an excellent coalition of talent from the whole village to stage a superb weekend of activities. This will remain a fine memory for many people.

So, another eventful year for the Parish Council and I wish to pay tribute to all the folk who contribute to the running and maintenance of our Community. As well as the substantial time and voluntary effort of the Parish Councillors, we salute our local Police personnel, Footpath officer, Lengthsman, District & County Councillors, The Heritage Trust, The Memorial Hall Management Group and all the volunteers who run special groups for social and leisure activities.

Peter Wilson Chair, Cleeve Prior Parish Council



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers

The month of May has passed by in a blur with an extra bank holiday thrown in for good measure. We have celebrated the King's Coronation in school with a fish and chips lunch followed by strawberries, ice cream and cakes made by the staff. We also invited families in to see the children's fabulous artwork of their interpretations of King Charles III.

The year 6 students have finally completed their SATs and although they weren't as bad as they expected, they were relieved once they were over. They were able to celebrate with a lunch of their choice.

Oak Class had a fun day Bellboating on the river in Fladbury. Luckily no one ended up overboard but we had some very tired children return to school at the end of the day.

We will be entering into our last half term of what has been an eventful year. In this half term, we will be holding our Key Stage 2 Performance, Sports Day, a visit to the Heritage Trust and a trip for the younger children to Badsey First School for a music festival.

Finally, we would like to thank Karen and Fig's walkers for the generous donation to the school of their quiz winnings earlier this month. It is very much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Sarah Laughlin, Head of School

Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team West Mercia Police

To Cleeve Prior Residents

We are currently asking if residents are willing to take part in a Survey about your village and how you feel about certain aspects of living there. We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes giving us your honest opinions. To access the Survey there are three methods:

You can access the Survey using this QR code below and you can also access the Survey by visiting this website

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Cleeve_Prior_Survey_2023



Finally, you can also complete a paper Survey. We will leave some of these in the Village Hall in the room where we conduct the weekly Drop-in sessions. The dates for when we are there are always added to the Newsletter. Please feel free to pop in and collect a Survey and drop it back to us when completed.

Your honest opinions will help us serve the community better.

Kind regards, **PC 3838 Matt Beards**

Cleeve Prior Golf Society 21 April 2023

We started our 2023 season at the Vale Golf Club with a total of 18 golfers with some new members which was encouraging. Anyone who can recall my last stint as captain will recall that we had some very challenging weather back then. My reputation came back to haunt me and so it was on Friday with some heavy showers, but as usual our golfers were not to be put off and everyone managed to get round without getting too wet, although it was very wet underfoot in some parts of the course. We had a total of 12 (3X4

balls) who completed the International course. Peter Davies played a great game and was the outright winner with 37 points followed by Matt Langmead, a close second with 31 points. The Nearest the Pin was won by Colin Bomford.

Our second group of 6 (2X3balls) played the Lenches 9-hole course which was won by Beverley Mullins with 18 points, with Peter Wilson coming a close second with 15. Beverley also won the Longest Drive and Tom Carr won the Nearest the Pin.

This year we broke with tradition and had dinner for 22 diners organised at the Thatch Tavern in Honeybourne which provided great food and a great atmosphere, and it was generally acknowledged that eating locally was to be welcomed, and avoid the partners wishing to attend from having to drive very far. We shall therefore explore the idea of using local pubs to provide the post golf meal so if anyone has any good recommendations then please let me or Peter know.

A vote of thanks to Peter for the golfing arrangements and of course the post golf meal, Alan Gittings as Keeper of the Handicaps and of course Tom Carr as Treasurer.

In terms of golf, we have organised 5 other venues within 1 hour's drive of Cleeve Prior and our next outing will be on Thursday 18 May at Puckrup which is a course that I think you will enjoy and let us hope we have some decent weather!

Jules Franey, Captain

Cleeve Prior Golf Society

18 May 2023

The second 2023 outing for the society was at Puckrup Golf Club near Tewkesbury. Seventeen players took to the course for 18 holes and the format was a team-based Texas Scramble. We all arrived in good time to enjoy coffee and bacon rolls before taking up arms to deal with a challenging course.

We were blessed with fine weather, the course was looking splendid in its Spring couture. Puckrup is an excellent course set in lovely countryside and sprinkled liberally with sand and water hazards. Fairways and greens all in fine fettle.

Various tales of memorable golfing exploits emerged during the afternoon but hard facts tell who was playing well. The team win went to John Yapp, Mike Whitfield, John Griffin and Chris Franklin. The longest drive was achieved by Peter Davies. Nearest the pin on a par 3 went to Matt Langmead. Congratulations to all.

After this most stimulating afternoon we had a good turnout for dinner and presentations at the Kings Arms, which furnished a fine meal for a most pleasant and sociable conclusion to a memorable day.

Peter Wilson: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

Sanctuary Wood, The Sanctuary and Perry Pear Orchard

Fencing and Hedgerow planting is now complete. Now that the ground is drying out, we might be able to tackle the remaining glass and rubble. Sowing of wild flower seed has been delayed by the persistent rainfall. We will be looking at what trees to plant in the Autumn to enhance the area and improve biodiversity. **Please Note:** This Area is Not Yet Safe for pedestrians or animals due to exposed glass and trip hazards.

Our Volunteers are great at coming up with ideas to improve and develop this area and plans are afoot for a labyrinth and a bog garden area. Snowdrops have been planted, all of which we hope will add to your enjoyment as you wander through. We are going to trial DOGS ON LEADS in the Sanctuary but if we find evidence of dog fouling this decision will be reconsidered by the Trustees.

The School continues to enjoy use of the Perry Pear Orchard for its Forest School Activities and work to mend the fence and style will take place during the summer. In October /November they will help plant some new fruit trees.

Field Barn

In June we have three visiting Schools, studying plant life and pond dipping. On 30 June Evesham Walking Festival will come for Tea and Cake. So, as you can see, our Volunteers and Trustees are always busy on a wide range of tasks in running, maintaining and developing this wonderful community asset. New Volunteers are always welcome so please consider giving a few hours in our green gym, or helping with school visits, baking cakes. Come and learn new skills, enjoy the sunshine and our volunteer social events.

Gina Carr, Chairman, 01789 778051



On a lovely sunny May morning, members of Cleeve Prior NWR visited our County Town of Worcester and were taken on a History Tour by a local Worcester Walks Guide. The city's past was brought to life by her interesting and engaging stories.

Worcester was a Royalist town and the walk took in the route by which Charles II made his escape after the disastrous Battle of Worcester in 1651. We heard tales of the murder trials held in the Guildhall and the fate of those who were held in the forbidding cells underneath. They were mostly found guilty and hanged but some were sent to Australia and a Worcester woman was one of the original female convicts to settle in what was to become Sydney. One of the larger cells is now a wedding venue!

We opted to visit the Upper West Gardens of the Cathedral instead of going inside, and the views of the river with its multitude of swans were splendid. The next attraction was the very well preserved Water Gate built in 1378, where levels of past floods were inscribed on the wall. The highest recorded flood was in 1770! Ferries across the Severn operated from this point for 600 years. Sadly, many of Worcester's ancient buildings were "knocked about a bit" by Cromwell and further damage was done by the planners and developers of the 1960's.

In Friar Street, one of the older and well-preserved areas, we saw the house where Hannah Snell lived. She was a very determined woman who posed as a man in order to join the army to seek her absconding husband. She took the name of James Grey and had many hair-raising adventures. She

eventually found out that her husband had been hanged and after two years, she revealed herself as being a woman. Word of her exploits reached the ears of the Duke of Cumberland and subsequently, the London Press. She became famous and appeared on the stage dressed in her military uniform causing a sensation. The Royal Chelsea Hospital officially granted her a pension and when she died some forty years later, she was buried in the cemetery there.

We were all very impressed by our County Town and highly recommend a guided tour by Worcester Walks.

Our next event is a visit to Sezincote on 15 June. If you would like to join us, please contact me. evelynwbw@btinternet.com



The Art Club

May is proving an interesting month for us. After a rather slow start interrupted by the elections when the hall was unavailable we seem to have recovered momentum.

This month we had a very interesting and exciting session led by Darren, an expert in watercolour painting. He led a very lively and interactive painting morning which was enjoyed by all. Being well prepared, Darren gave us information sheets to help us prepare our drawings prior to the session. He also let us know which materials and tools we would need to bring along, and gave us step by step stages involved in the painting we would be aiming to produce. All this can be seen on the website for those who are interested. (<https://theartclubcleeveprior.weebly.com>.) These teaching aids proved a great asset, as was Darren's lively delivery. A very enjoyable session which we hope will be repeated in due course. Although we had planned that June 1st would be our final meeting before September, it seems members of the art group wished to continue painting together a little longer. Our final meeting before beginning again in September will be 20th July.

Louise Conneely

Cleeve Prior Ramblers, 20 May

A small group of eight, plus Dougal and Hettie, set off bright and early from the village, led by Tom Carr, to our starting point of the Stag at Red Hill. The day promised sunshine and certainly delivered. The English countryside was at its best, the hedgerows bursting with May

blossom which formed a Bridal Arch as we climbed over styles. Lambs gambolled, the cows munched contentedly and we even had an additional member of the group, when a rather handsome dark horse, joined us crossing one field. Evelyn much appreciated his company!



The fields were a golden picture of celandines or bursting with healthy-looking crops. Skylarks added to an overall feeling of wellbeing. As the early

morning haze burned off, we had far-reaching views towards the Malverns, and of Bredon Hill, Oversley, Haselor and Temple Grafton, where we had a coffee stop. The feeling of open vistas, sunshine and a slight breeze was reminiscent of being by the coast. The air was sweet and heady with early summer scent. Our three-hour ramble was rewarded by a visit to the Golden Cross at Ardens Grafton, where we basked in more sunshine and enjoyed a well-earned lunch.

Our next walk will be on Saturday 17 June, details available from Peter Wilson at wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

Gina Carr

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VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
27 May	St Andrews Open Day and Table-top sale	10 am	Church
12 June	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
18 June	Quiz night	7 pm	Hall
27 June	Appeal Hearing		WDC Pershore
1 July	Strawberry Tea	2.30	Japonica Cottage

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:

Thursday, 25 May 2023 @ 10am

Friday, 2 June 2023 @ 7pm

Thursday, 8 June 2023 @ 10am

Friday, 16 June 2023 @ 10am

Wednesday, 21 June 2023 @ 7pm

Thursday, 29 June 2023 @ 10am

PC 3838 Matt Beards / PCSO 40246 Bradley Sansom

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The Church Rotas for June

Sidesmen

4 June	Mrs L Hughes
11 June	Mrs J Taylor
18 June	Mrs L Hawkins
25 June	Mr A Taylor
2 July	Mrs M Greenwood

Church Flowers

4 June	Mrs J Selby
11 June	Mrs A Carless
18 June	Mrs A Carless
25 June	Mrs S Mortimer
2 July	Mrs D Walker

Church Cleaning

Mrs L Hughes
Mrs J Taylor
Mrs J Davenport
Mrs M Copperthwaite
Mrs E Wilson

Memorial Hall 200 Club

April Draw, £50, Andrew & June Taylor

May Draw, £50, Karen Smith

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