

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



MAY 2023



CELEBRATE the Coronation of KING CHARLES III

Cleeve Prior Picnic on the Green
Bring your picnic along to the
Street Party on the Village Green
on SUNDAY 7 MAY at 2.30 pm

The Coronation Concert at Buckingham Palace will be
televised in the Memorial Hall in the Evening.
The Bar will be open!

St Andrew's Church

Open Day and Table Top Sale
Saturday 27 May 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Coffee, Tea and Biscuits

Cakes for sale

Bell ringing demonstrations

Donations of quality items for sale would
be gratefully received.

Lis Hughes 772578

Anette Carless 773357

St Andrew's Church Services for May 2023

Sun 7 May 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Sun 14 May 11.00am Morning Praise Rod Carless

Thu 18 May 7.00pm Ascension Day Benefice Eucharist at
Offenham Revd Susan Renshaw

Sun 21 May 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Sun 28 May Pentecost 11.00am at Bretforton

Sun 4 June 1100am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789
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For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact
Faith Quin eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com

Heroes of the Church

At this time of the year there is an opportunity to give a thought to all those unsung heroes who help our church in so many ways.

What comes to mind immediately are those who serve on the flower and cleaning rotas, because we are reminded each week of their efforts helping to make St. Andrew's such a lovely and welcoming place. There are many others who contribute to the life of the church; bell ringers and organists, gardening volunteers, refreshment makers, lesson readers, organisers of lunches and fund raising and members of the PCC.

If you feel you can help in any way please contact Annette Carless, annette.carless@gmx.com, or Lis Hughes, lis_hughes@hotmail.com.

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

It was May 1969 and what appeared to be an ordinary car with a special crest on the top drove slowly through the streets of Holyhead in Anglesey with Prince Charles and his sister Anne as passengers. Earlier in the day at Caernarvon Castle was the Investiture when Charles officially became the Prince of Wales. I doubt if he noticed me. Then, one day in 2012, I was standing before the now serious, mature man he had become, concerned for others especially young people. How do I know this fact? He asked me why there was a long waiting list (at that time) for girls wanting to join Girlguiding and what could I do about it!

At the heart of the Coronation Service is a ritual in which the Archbishop of Canterbury anoints The King with oil. This custom with roots in the Old Testament, can be traced back to the Coronation of King Edgar in 973. The visible act of anointing signifies a 'setting apart' for King Charles to serve the people of our nation and the Commonwealth. Following in his mother's footsteps, his leadership is rooted in a desire and a commitment to serve, following the ways of Jesus Christ in joy-filled servant humility.

May we seek the teachings of Jesus to enable us to know his will for our lives and to serve in our local community and maybe beyond.

Elizabeth Bolland, Churchwarden

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

May 2023

The Council usually 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 are welcome to join us. You can see full details on our website cleevepriorparishcouncil.co.uk. Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th May due to the Bank Holiday on 8th May.

CLlr Peter Wilson: Chairman peterwilson545@btinternet.com

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May will be a busy and event-filled month with the Elections, the Coronation and the welcome Bank Holidays.

There was a brilliant turnout for the litter pick in April and we're grateful for the support of the community to keep our village clean and litter free.

Remember to take your Photo ID in order to vote in the elections on **Thursday 4th May**. This can include a range of ID such as Passport, Driving License, Older Person's bus pass and more. All votes count.

We are in close consultation with the Police and we'd like to remind all residents to report emergencies and crimes in progress by calling 999 and non emergencies to 101. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team can be contacted by E-mail on eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk if you have any information that you think they will find useful for investigations to keep us safe and sound.

We are looking forward to the village's own Coronation celebrations on **Sunday 7th May from 2.30pm**. Our Picnic on the Green will be held on the village green, and the Memorial Hall facilities and bar will be open and showing the concert into the evening.

Keep up to date with local events and information via the village Facebook page. www.facebook.com/cleevepriorvillage.

May your May be marvellous!

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

Cleeve Prior Litter Pick, 16 April 2023



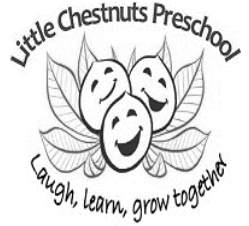
Hearfelt thanks to everybody who turned out for the April Litter Pick. On the Sunday morning of 16 April a record turnout of some thirty people participated in this Village Clean-Up exercise.

Despite the suspicion that there was not too much litter around, a huge amount was collected, much of it hidden in hedges and dark corners. This turnout was gratifying for all and especially for our District Councillor, Hannah Robson, who provided all the bags/gloves and pickers.

Cleeve Prior Parish Council



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



Dear Villagers

How lovely it is to be back at school for the final term of the school year. The days seem to fly by so quickly but the lighter evenings make the days worthwhile. A big thank you to the Parish Council for replacing the lamp outside school. It will make winter evening exits much more bearable!

The last few weeks of the spring term were filled with lots of exciting activities and events including our Easter service in the church, a swimming gala in which two of our children won their races. Following on from a fantastic trip to London for Oak Class, Willow Class had a trip to Hatten Adventure World and had a very enjoyable day just before we broke up.

Our Play & Stay Sessions will be returning in May. Our first session will be on Wednesday 24th May from 9.30am until 11am. Everyone is welcome from small babies up to preschool age. There is no need to book in advance and there is no charge so come along and meet other parents & carers with small children. Lorraine from Action For Kids, will be attending this session to do a school readiness support clinic for parents of children starting school in September.

Our Gardening Club are trying to improve the area outside the front of the school. If anyone would like to donate any plants or flowers, they would be greatly appreciated.

And finally, our celebrations for the King's Coronation are underway! We look forward to sharing it with you all in due course.

Best wishes
Mrs Laughlin



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

SANCTUARY WOOD

The boundary fence and gates on Quarry Lane have proved to be yet another challenge for our building team. The lias stone is always in the wrong place for the post holes! We hope to start hedgerow planting next week. Apart from some time cleaning the ground for Autumn planting, the insects and birds will be left in peace. **Please note, this area is not yet safe** for pedestrians or animals due to exposed glass and trip hazards.

FIELD BARN, THE ORCHARDS AND TOP WOOD

Pruning is finished for this year until the Winter. The snowdrops are over. If you want to split yours, just pop them in a pot of soil and drop them off at Field Barn on a Tuesday morning. The first pair of swallows joined us for our coffee break last week. A welcome sight, what a journey they make! The primroses and cowslips are a real picture in Top Wood and by the Main Pond. Do come and have a look. Plum blossom is out and Apple Blossom won't be far behind.

The gate from the Millennium Green into Earls Lane Orchard (ELO) will be opened soon to allow walkers to enjoy the Blossom.

Please remember strictly no dogs, not even on leads, in Earls Lane Orchard.

Our Volunteers and Trustees are always busy on a wide range of tasks in running, maintaining and developing this wonderful community asset. Brian Taylor is taking a further step back and finishes as a Trustee this month. He will continue as a Volunteer which is great. Thank You All! 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

Can I help you?

Hello, my name is Daniel and I live in the village. I would like to offer my services doing odd jobs: dog walking, gardening, painting, pet sitting, etc.

I will be finishing my A levels in late June. If you would be interested, please call me on 01789 773045. References are available.



The Art Club

Our final meeting before the Easter break was a festive affair, with hot crossed buns, Easter biscuits and other goodies to celebrate Easter and another successful session for the Art Club. Members attended, full of enthusiasm and ideas for future paintings they hoped to complete. Some works have been completed since our last meeting and have found their way to our website (<https://cleevepriorartclub.weebly.com>). This website is regularly updated and demonstrates the diverse range of styles within our group.

We meet again 27 April but will be unable to meet 4 May 4 as this is polling day.

We are looking forward to a new session of meetings to discuss, share ideas and knowledge and develop our skills further. New members are always welcome so please come along if you would like to, to meet and even join our group.

Louise Conneley

Cleeve Prior Ramblers, 15 April

A very impressive turnout of nineteen walkers and four lively dogs started our April Ramble from The Broom Tavern. The lovely cooking smells coming from the kitchen made us look forward to our lunch there after our walk.

The very heavy rain the day before did make for some muddy walking condition, but this did not deter us, and the dogs did not seem to notice.

We set off along the Heart of England Way encountering several stiles all of which were negotiated in style, the dogs sometimes having to be coaxed over, under or through. There were lots of sheep with their spring lambs in the extremely well fenced fields. Following the heavy rain the ditches and streams were in full spate and we crossed over a

bridge beside a raging waterfall, before arriving in Wixford, next to the Smokery.

We paused at St. Malburga's Church in Wixford which has in its grounds a rare example of a Grade II listed horse house constructed of gorse and hurdle with a thatched roof. This dates from the 18th century and was used by visiting clergy from neighbouring parishes to stable their horses whilst conducting services as St. Malburga never had its own parish priest.

Our coffee stop was reached after a gentle climb to the peak, around Oversley Castle providing us with lovely views over to the Malverns with Ragley Hall in the opposite direction. Suitably refreshed we began the return part of the ramble. We walked along the disused tree-lined railway line which had been part of the Stratford-upon-Avon and Midland Junction Railway. On returning to Broom, we saw the site of Broom junction which closed in the 1960's. We crossed the river – again almost a raging torrent – and returned to the Broom Tavern ready for the excellent lunch they provided.

Thankyou Julie and Paul for a lovely Saturday Ramble. Our next walk is on Saturday 20 May and is being led by Gina and Tom Carr. Details will be sent out in due course.

Evelyn Wilson



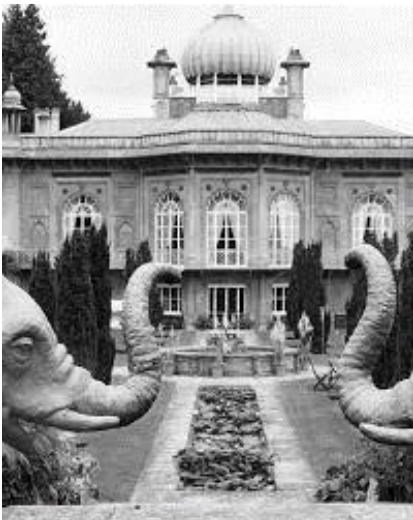
Orientalism in gardens and garden buildings of the Time

We welcomed to the April meeting our distinguished speaker, Professor Nicola Watson, whose fascinating presentation on Orientalism in Gardens concentrated mainly on the history of Sezincote House and skilfully untangled the web of personalities, influences and commercial interests involved. This was an excellent preparation for our visit there in June.

We first heard about *The Nabob*, a comedy play by Samuel Foote premiered in June 1772, satirising the behaviour of those returning much enriched from their spell with the East India Company (EIC) and attempting to buy their way into high society.

Sezincote House, built in 1805, was designed by Samuel Pepys Cockerell, a great-great nephew of Samuel Pepys and a surveyor for the EIC, who had never travelled to India but drew his influence from drawings and engravings. His brother Colonel John Cockerell had bought the estate on his return from Bengal where he too worked for the EIC and after his death it was inherited by another brother, Sir Charles Cockerell. It is a notable example of Neo-Mughal architecture which in turn inspired the Brighton Pavilion after a visit by the Prince Regent in 1807.

Cockerell had already employed Indian elements at Daylesford House nearby, built for Warren Hastings, first Governor-General of British India. This design was a fusion of Persian, Indian and other styles and included white marble and red sandstone, harking back to the Taj Mahal completed in 1648.



Sezincote has its roots in the tradition of British country houses, which were typically built as grand rural residences for the aristocracy. The estate features a large house with extensive gardens, parkland, and other landscape features that are typical of English country estates. However, Sezincote House is built of typical Mughal red sandstone with a copper-covered dome, a distinctive blend of Indian and English architectural styles, characterized by its domes, minarets, and horseshoe-

shaped arches. It presents an astonishing vision to unsuspecting Cotswold ramblers!

The landscape was designed by Humphry Repton, essentially Renaissance in style with Hindu and Islamic elements featuring Mughal gardens, serpent fountains, temples, and Nandi bulls guarding the estate. It is still privately owned and managed by a brother and sister with support from both older and younger generations.

Our visit to Sezincote is planned for the afternoon of 15 June. Enquiries please to evelynbw@btinternet.com.

Susan Mortimer



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VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
4 May	Local Elections	7am – 10pm	Hall
6 May	Coronation		
7 May	Coronation Picnic	2.30pm	The Green
	Coronation Concert relay	Evening	Hall
11 May	Hosted Lunch – book with the Pub on 0330 016 0219	12.30 pm	Kings Arms
14 May	Pub Quiz	7 pm	Kings Arms
15 May	Parish Council meeting		
27 May	St Andrews Open Day and Table-top sale	10 am	Church

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 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

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Quinney's Lane, Bidford on Avon B50 4JL

If you need to speak to a priest urgently,
contact St George's Worcester 01905 236888
or Canon Brian McGinley 07917 341957

The Church Rotas for May

Sidesmen

7 May Mrs L Hawkins
14 May Mr A Taylor
21 May Mr C Greenwood
28 May No service at St Andrew's

4 June Mrs L Hughes

Church Flowers

7 May Mrs J Selby
14 May Mrs R Perl
21 May Mrs J Taylor
28 May Mrs L Hughes
4 June Mrs J Selby

Church Cleaning

Mrs S Richards
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Memorial Hall 200 Club

The winner of the April Draw will be announced in the next Newsletter as subscriptions are still being collected for the new financial year

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By Wednesday 24 May please

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