

CLEEVE PRIOR NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2023

The Benefice of the East Vale and Avon Villages

Change

Anxious, nervous, excited and happy are just a few words we have probably used many times in our lives, especially at this time of year as we think about children starting school for the first time, older children changing schools, going to Uni or changing jobs, or even thinking about the change of Season and the darker nights.

We may be wondering or even anxious what the 'new Vicar' will be like; will she settle into the Villages and will we like any change and so on, as we all have our own opinions.

The Revd Joanna Baxter-Fielding the newly appointed Priest-in-Charge of this Benefice, will also have experienced many changes and experiences in her life, especially living in other Hemispheres but, with our help and understanding and especially our prayers, she will be able to fulfil her Priestly calling to this area.

We read in the Bible, in the book of Ecclesiastes, many wonderful sayings such as "a time to plant and a time to uproot", "a time to tear down and a time to build", "a time to be silent and a time to speak". Whatever our age, as we embark on new changes or new seasons in our lives, may we do so knowing that we can have the love of Christ to help us if we ask Him.

*Elizabeth Bolland
Churchwarden*

Open Day, Badsey Church

Heritage Open Days

Saturday 9, Sunday 10 September, 10 am – 3 pm

Explore the Church

Commonwealth Grave Site / Bell tower tours / Medieval graffita / Badsey & Aldington Trail / Exhibition and Publications

St Andrew's Church

Services for September 2023

Sun 3 Sept 11.00am Morning Praise Rod Carless

Sun 10 Sept 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Sun 17 Sept 11.00am Holy Eucharist Revd Clive Leach

Sun 24 Sept 11.00am Matins Rod Carless

Sun 1 Oct 11.00am Harvest Festival Revd Clive Leach

Churchwardens Rod Carless 01789 773357 Lis Hughes 01789 772578

Safeguarding in our Benefice Safeguarding Officer – Lisa Farmer
Tel. 01386 40401

Safeguarding Advocate – Elizabeth Spencer Tel. 01789 720078
For enquiries concerning Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals contact
Faith Quin eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com

St Andrew's PCC

You are invited to celebrate Autumn and the Harvest at

A HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 1 October in the Memorial Hall at 1.00pm

A two-course hot meal of seasonal fare by Cairi Dyson

£10 per head

Bring your own wine or drinks

Tickets from Lis 01789 772578 Annette 01789 773357

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL



I cannot believe how quickly the summer holidays have passed by, we find ourselves preparing to return for another school year already!

I am sure you have noticed some developments in our school playground during July and August. As you will remember, we secured a grant from the William Perkins trust to allow us to have some playtime equipment put in and it was successfully installed and looks fabulous. We will have our grand unveiling in the Autumn term.

We have also updated some of our other items on the playground to keep them safe and secure for our children on their return in September.

We have also been able to update the lighting in school to replace our existing non-energy efficient strip lights with LED lights which will do our bit to reduce our carbon footprint and, hopefully, our energy bills!

As I told you previously, the academic year is a really important one in the history of the school. We are due our Church of England inspection and are expecting our return visit from Ofsted. We are very optimistic that both of these will be successful and our school will continue to thrive. Our numbers are down a little so please tell everyone you meet what a wonderful school the village has and that they should send their children to it. Your support for our school is vital and welcomed.

We will be starting our Stay and Play sessions again in September in our beautiful Pre-school on Wednesdays – please let anyone with small children know they are very welcome to join us.

Thank you again to the entire community for your continued support. Please pop in at any time if you would like to see the fantastic work that is going on in your village school.

Best wishes

Sarah Laughlin
Head of School



An update from your local policing team...

Are you aware of how to contact your local policing team?

Your local Neighbourhood Officers are PC Matt Beards, PC Alex Prentice and PCSO Bradley Sansom. They can be contacted by emailing eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.police.uk.

We are actively involved with social media accounts, please follow them for updates on our work, and local events/news. These are @EveshamCops (Twitter) and @EveshamSNT (Facebook).

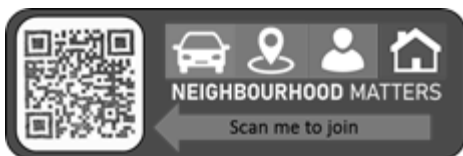
Have you signed up to Neighbourhood Matters?

West Mercia Police are looking to sign up as many residents as possible to Neighbourhood Matters. This is a completely free service, and takes around 2 minutes to sign up. Once your account is activated you will receive local news and updates from your local policing teams, together with updates from our HQ teams.

Neighbourhood Matters allows you to engage with a post directly with the team, send them a reply to a post and the team can update you personally.

Take a look at the website for further details or scan the QR code below:

<https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>



Drop in Sessions

We now have access to a community engagement van so the team can set up a mobile “office” to allow us to speak with residents and provide advice and crime prevention information.

Keep up to date via Neighbourhood Matters (NHM) for future dates and locations. We have a new community engagement calendar on NHM which will highlight our events.



Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust

NEWS FROM FIELD BARN

Another busy month! Our main fundraising event this year, The Big Heritage Plum Pick, was a great success. As someone said, the live music was the icing on the cake! And what delicious cakes and BBQ food there was. The weather was kind, the plums were ripe and we had a good turnout of supporters from the village. There are still plums in the orchard as I write this, so please do feel free to go and pick some. Earls Lane Orchard will be closed again after the Bank Holiday Weekend, until Apple Harvest in accordance with our agreement with Vale Landscape Heritage Trust.

You might wonder how we use the funds raised. As an example, I have just been given a long list of fruit trees needed, both to replace ageing trees and increase the diversity in the orchards owned by the Trust. We hope to get 10 trees through a Wychavon Scheme administered by Heart of England but the remainder we shall have to purchase.

August has been a time for mowing and some tree work. We always seem to have a range of jobs to be done by our wonderful volunteers. Plans for expanding our Education Team are in place and we have four school visits booked in for this Autumn.

September/October is time for apple pressing so that we can restock our apple Juice and cider. Again, thanks to Volunteers who give up their weekends to enable this. If you can spare a few hours to help with our work do get in touch. We have cider, some plum jam and a little chutney still for sale. We are happy to deliver in the village.

Gina Carr
Chairman 07769 967243

Cleeve Prior Golf Society

Worcester Golf and Country Club on 18 August

The Society played held their August outing at Worcester Golf and Country Club also known as Boughton Park. This is a grand Country House situated in beautiful parkland. Despite ominous forecasts, the weather was mostly benign and culminated in a splendid sunny afternoon and evening. Much more the expectation for mid-August.

After gathering for coffee and bacon rolls, two teams teed off onto the course where mostly fairly narrow fairways are lined with mature and varied parkland trees . Plenty of water features help add interest and challenge to this most agreeable course. We played a variation of Texas Scramble which involves all players scores having an effect on the outcome.

We all had a very pleasant afternoon followed by a drink from the bar and distribution of modest prizes for the winning team and for the longest drive of the day. Our Captain Jules Franey claimed this honour, albeit a close-run thing.

The Society's next and last event of the season is scheduled for Broadway on 15th September. We will be competing for the two main society trophies on this occasion. I am hoping for a good turnout for what should be a great finale to a successful season.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Society, please contact me at: wilsonatparkbourne@btinternet.com

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1 September

8 September

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KINGS ARMS TAVERN

THE KING LIVES ON!

BBQ every Sat 12-4pm (if we get English weather we'll do BBQ from the kitchen) Evening Service 6-9pm

Cow Club every Monday 12-2:30pm 6-9pm

Free wine with any steak & veggie options available!

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Coming soon

Wine tasting and food matching evenings

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Bar: 12 Noon until 11pm

Food: 12 noon until 2:30pm & 6pm until 9pm

SATURDAY

Bar: 12 Noon until 11pm / Food: 12 noon until 9pm

SUNDAY (INCLUDING ROAST DINNERS)

Bar: 12 Noon until 7pm / Food: 12 noon until 4pm

Pub Quiz

30th July
17th Sept
26th Nov



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VILLAGE and LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Venue
1 / 8 Sep	Latin Dance Workshop	7 pm	Hall
7 Sep	Art Club	10 am	Hall
11 Sep	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
17 Sep	Quiz Night	7 pm	Kings Arms
1 Oct	Harvest Lunch	1 pm	Hall

Cleeve Prior Art Group meets in the Hall at 10 am on Thursdays. The Autumn Term starts on 7 September.

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

Wednesday 30 August 2023 @ 7pm

Thursday 7 September 2023 @ 10am

Thursday 14 September 2023 @ 7pm

Thursday 21 September 2023 @ 10am

Friday 29 September 2023 @ 10am

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 September

Sidesmen

3 Sept	Mrs L Hawkins
10 Sept	Mr C Greenwood
17 Sept	Mrs L Hughes
24 Sept	Mrs J Taylor
1 Oct	Mr A Taylor

Church Flowers

3 Sept	Mrs M Greenwood
10 Sept	Mrs L Hughes
17 Sept	Mrs J Selby
24 Sept	Mrs J Arkell

Church Cleaning

Mrs H Bratt
Mrs D Byrne
Mrs J Franey
Mrs L Hughes

HARVEST

1 Oct	Mrs A Carless	Mrs L Hughes
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Memorial Hall 200 Club

August Draw

£50: Pat Cooper

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By Saturday 23 September please

Please submit copy by email to the following

email address: clevepriornewsletter@gmail.com

or contact the Editor, Susan Mortimer (773453)

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