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## CHAIR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition in 2026 of All About Cleeve, and may the new year be a good one for us all. It should be a slightly safer one thanks to the new speed sign on Bishop's Road. The Parish Council has been pushing for this and, since heaven knows when, for a 30mph restriction on the main road.

Late last year we had our AGM and it's pleasing to report a small financial surplus of £338 - just keeping our heads above water. This is the result of a tremendous contribution of voluntary effort from the team that produces and distributes AAC - many thanks go to them. Equally important, however, is to ensure that we are producing a magazine that is relevant and interesting to the people of Cleeve. We had a long discussion about the articles we should include and whether we can step up to a 28-page magazine, which we will do for a few months this year. We hope to include, through the year, occasional articles on upcoming events, what is happening in the village school, local sports, gardening tips, recipes, ideas for local walks, bits of history, local businesses, users of the Village Hall, farming perspectives and reviews of village events. And we are open to ideas you may have too - in this edition there is a short section on how to submit articles to AAC.

*Denis Burn  
Chair*

## YATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next talk on Tuesday Feb 3rd is by Katherine Bell on Ancient Textiles. 7:30pm  
Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.  
Contact [yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com](mailto:yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com)

*Marianne Pitman*

## GARDENING TIPS

Scan seed catalogues and maybe try something new as well as your tried and tested varieties

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1st February

10am Holy Communion in Holy Trinity

8<sup>th</sup> February

10am Morning Worship in St Barnabas

15<sup>th</sup> February

10am Holy Communion in Holy Trinity

18<sup>th</sup> February

7pm A Service for Ash Wednesday  
in St Barnabas

22<sup>nd</sup> February

9.30am for 10am

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More information - Tel: 01934 904765

## March 2026

1st March

10am Morning Worship in Holy Trinity

8<sup>th</sup> March

10am Holy Communion in St Barnabas

15<sup>th</sup> March

10am A Celebration for  
Mothering Sunday in Holy Trinity

22<sup>nd</sup> March

9.30am for 10am Cafe Church  
in Cleeve Village Hall

29<sup>th</sup> March

10am Holy Communion for  
Palm Sunday in St Barnabas

## **DON'S CLEEVE QUIZ NIGHTS**

Friday night Quiz at 8pm at The Sinclair Pavillon, Cleeve with resident Quizmaster Don Veale.

On a Three Week Cycle from 8pm our host Don Veale regularly oversees 6 Rounds of questions with a nod to the latest news and topical going ons.

### **2026 Dates**

30th January

20th February

13th March

3rd April

24th April

Never anything too serious and generally made up with teams of friends and locals alike.

Prizes have never quite run to Speedboats, Florida Condominiums, or Fast Cars but a chance for a warm, homely get together with good company.

Each quiz has an entry fee of £2 per person

The money raised from each quiz is passed on to various local clubs, charities, or good causes.

Lastly we want to thank Don for continuing to run the quizzes, on each occasion with a twinkle and smile (And to express our gratitude for thousands of pounds he has raised over the years)

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## GARDENING TIPS

Check through those chemicals in your garden shed – even the organic ones. See which of them have been there for a long time and can be got rid of. There may be bottles that are almost empty, bags that have broken or some unused for years. Dispose of them at your local council tip as using them could cause more harm than good.

Stock up on pots, seed trays and compost ready for the busy season ahead  
Plant bare rooted trees shrubs and roses as they can be planted any time during the dormant season from November to March as long as the ground is not frozen or too wet.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN CLEEVE AND CLAVERHAM

Our Christmas celebrations may seem a distant memory, so here is a reminder of some of the ways Christmas was celebrated in Cleeve and Claverham.

A lovely and lively carol service for the children and staff from Court de Wyck was held in Holy Trinity Church. The Spiritual Group led the service with confidence and gave us a percussion surprise to Ding Dong Merrily on High. The choir sang Away in a Manger beautifully, while also playing starring roles in the Nativity Story, and we all heard the story of the First Christmas through the eyes of a grumpy owl. Daile lit an outdoor sparkler inside to help explain the difference between happiness and joy (*don't tell the health and safety churchwarden!*) There, was even some impromptu Christian karaoke at the end the service while we waited for the coaches to arrive!

Our Christmas celebrations continued when a group of volunteers from Holy Trinity visited Robin and Goldfinch class of year 1 and 2 children class with Christmas in a Box, for an interactive, immersive and reflective retelling of the Nativity.

This year our Christingle was a little different. Before the service people made their own Christingle, played hand bells, completed activity sheets and ate lovely refreshments. In the service Daile shared what happens when the dust of the earth meets the light of the world and iron dust was sprinkled over the candle flames and the flames sparkled like sparklers. When the candles we lit, everyone was asked to think about the baby Jesus, and as the service ended the children marched in the light of Jesus around the church ringing their bells. One of the gems of the service came later, when a little girl shared how instead of thinking about Jesus, she was thinking about Paw Patrol!

This year's Crib Service was held in a barn at Bickley. The Nativity story was told through the eyes of a rather grumpy owl, who was most put out by the noise and the many visitors invading *his* barn. We were joined by Jay Jay a Bengal Eagle Owl from an owl sanctuary called Owl Enlightenment who was stunning, but sadly he did take his acting role very seriously and remained grumpy the entire afternoon and refused to do anything his handler asked him to do!

Despite this, Carols were sung with enthusiasm, the children delighted everyone as they acted out the Nativity, and afterwards we enjoyed lovely refreshments and warm fellowship together.

*Daile Wilshere*



## COURT DE WYCK SCHOOL REPORT

In early January, Rev. Daile and I visited the school to meet a small group of children of varying ages to hear their views on what they liked and are doing in terms of learning, activities and books. The children were delightful, friendly and full of enthusiasm. We met in the library which prompted them to tell us of their favourite types of books.

What a variety they liked! Animal books, Guinness book of records leading to a discussion on how long can you balance a football on your head, the length of fingernails and a challenge by Daile to think of a record that they as a school might be able to achieve! We talked about interactive books that make a sound when a button is pressed and investigative books with a description of villains and how to trap them. Would this lead to job in the police force? No the boy who was into investigative work was much more interested in being Super Mario when he grew up! A delightfully enthusiastic description of 'Christmasaurus' made me want to read it to my grandchildren. Finally, we had a vivid description of dinosaur eggs getting out of 'There is a dragon in the book'.

It was then time to ask about what they had been doing at School. Design and Technology had meant one boy was making dream catchers and moving cars and another had been building bug houses out of lego to go in the garden. A study of Electronics and making circuits was excellently related to real life - we were informed that a tree falling down can break an electronic circuit and lead to a power cut in our homes. A topic on Bridges led to a discussion on the Suspension Bridge, who designed it and why it was connected to the 'Great Britain'. I told the children that when I was 11 I had watched from the Suspension Bridge as the 'Great Britain' was towed up the River Avon. This led to the children trying to work out how old I was now, with one little boy suggesting I was over 100 years old, (I think he might have been thinking of when the 'Great Britain' was built least I hope so).

Art lessons include learning about an American Artist, Jasper John, who painted flags, letters and numbers, and trying to recreate some of his art. The younger children loved break times, playing with their friends. One described her favourite sport and everyone laughed when Daile gave us a demonstration of this, running on the spot with high knees. Culture club was popular, the younger children choose books and the older ones read these to them. A big thank you to the children we met and I am already looking forward to my next visit!

*Elizabeth*



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**GARDENING TIPS**

After frost, check around shrubs and roses for signs of soil upheaval and wind-rock. Firm the soil back down with your feet.

Gather and remove hibernating snails from under prostrate plants and flat stones. Removing them now will reduce their impact on your plants later.

## **TIPS ON SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE TO “ALL ABOUT CLEEVE”**

The magazine size is A5 (148 x 210 mm, or 5.8 x 8.3 inches). An A5 page takes 250-300 words so bear this in mind when you write your content.

Obviously, articles of local interest are more likely to be chosen for inclusion in “All About Cleeve”. General interest articles will also be considered.

Most of us now have a computer program like Microsoft Word to translate our thoughts into words so I will use Word as the example here but the same constraints apply to all word-processor type programs.

Spell-checking your submission is NOT ENOUGH! Please proof-read thoroughly, especially dates and phone numbers. One of the All About Cleeve Committee had to amend all 490 copies of the magazine *BY HAND* recently due to someone’s slip-up with a crucial date!

Most articles are improved by the addition of pictures to illustrate your text.

Word documents are great for words (as the name suggests) but make a poor job of photos – they will not be up to print quality from within a document. So, please include your photos into the Word document by all means (to show context) but also email photos in separately so that the best can be made of them.

When emailing photos as attachments, you are often asked if you want to re-size the image. Either don’t re-size or choose the 70% option if offered – you want the images to be of good quality. If this makes the email too big, send pictures separately to the document.

Use a sensible “subject” for your email so that all the relevant emails can be identified and kept together.

With all that said, we do not necessarily expect ‘professional’ writing or photography. “All About Cleeve” exists to entertain and inform local residents. It is not, however, a soapbox to express your own political or religious views. Neither is it a place for a rant about local council shortcomings – there are other forums for that.

So, we welcome reports on local events, happenings, gatherings and activities and look forward to receiving them.

The deadline is the 15th of the month before the issue (eg 15th November for the December issue).

Please email to the Editor: [hilary562000@gmail.com](mailto:hilary562000@gmail.com).

## **GARDENING TIPS**

Cut the side branches off your old Christmas tree and use these to cover tender plants in the garden. This will keep the worst of the frost off and yet allow the plant to breathe at the same time.

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**Contact details for Community Resilience can be found in the directory at the back of this magazine**

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Details of meetings, agendas and minutes continue to be published on our website.

You can access our website at [www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk) or via this QR code



Our Chair of the Parish Council is Ronnie Morley your other Councillors being Colin Knowles (Vice Chair), Hilary Burn, Marianne Pitman, Carol Molloy and Simon Chambers.

**New Website:** Due to changes in Government legislation, and in common with many Parish Councils, we are required to review our websites and email addresses. The new website is now live and can be reached at [cleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://cleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk) and via our new QR code. The Parish Council email address has also changed and is now [clerk@cleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Speed Limits in Cleeve:** We continue to discuss the question of speed limits through Cleeve with North Somerset Council and, whilst some progress has been made, we are still lobbying for this to be extended further.

With assistance from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds and a grant from the Bristol Airport Community Fund the speed activated warning sign in Bishops Road has now been replaced by a smiley/frowning face. Hopefully smiles all around!

**New booking system at recycling centres:** Residents in North Somerset will soon be able to plan their visits to the recycling centre in advance, thanks to a new booking system being introduced later this year. The system will make visits faster, safer and more efficient.

This autumn, a new online booking system will be introduced for Weston-super-Mare, Backwell and Portishead recycling centres. It will be rolled out in stages, starting with Weston-super-Mare, followed by Backwell and Portishead.

It's also expected to deliver environmental and financial benefits by cutting carbon emissions from idling vehicles, reducing unauthorised use by people from outside the area, and making sure commercial and DIY waste is managed correctly.

You can check opening times, see what you can bring, and find answers to common questions about the new booking system at:

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recyclingcentres)

### Pound Green Phone Box

: We have accepted the offer from British Telecom to purchase the former phone box on Pound Green for £1. The plan is to tune this into a community library facility and we are very grateful to Cllr Carol Molloy who will be setting this up. More details to follow but if anyone wishes to help please let me know.

**Facebook and Website:** You will find us on Facebook if you search **Cleeve Parish Council** and like our page. We update various issues of local interest, and activities of the Parish Council.

We are also pleased to post a link on our website to view the current “All About Cleeve” each month.

*Andy Warren*  
*Clerk to Cleeve Parish Council*  
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### **GARDENING TIPS**

If your living room is looking bare now that you have taken out the Christmas tree and taken down the decorations, why not liven up the room with a houseplant!

– **For the living room with good light;** Ficus – weeping fig, Spathiphyllum – peace lily, Kalanchoe – flaming katy.

– **For living room with poorer light;** Asplenium, Asparagus ferns, Kentia or Areca Palm.

– **For halls/landings good light but draughty;** Syngonium – goose foot, Hedera – ivy, Chlorophytum – spider plant.

– **For halls/landings poor light but draughty;** Aspidistra – cast iron plant, Howea – Kentia palm, Fatsia – castor oil plant.

## FOCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY

FOCOS welcomed over 65 guests for its 2025 Christmas Party, who all savoured a splendid Christmas meal, followed by a rip-roaring Pantomime.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the FOCOS version of Aladdin's adventures - booed, cheered and sung at [mostly] the appropriate times, and went home happy and geared up for Christmas.

FOCOS repeated the pantomime, with many added features, plus a delicious meal, for two nights in January, raising funds for CHSW [Charlton Farm] on the Friday and for the FOCOS Mystery Outing on the Saturday.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you for visiting the Christmas Extravaganza this year and supporting our chosen Charities.

The numbers are in, and together we raised;

£526 for Cancer Research and a whopping £1600 for the Children's Hospice!

We hope you enjoyed your visit and want to come to our Crafts and Cream Teas exhibition in Summer 2026 when when the gardens will be open too. Keep an eye out for the dates in the near future.

Thanks again,

*Paul and Renate O'Donnell*



## FOCOS (Friends Of Cleeve Over Sixties)

### Winning numbers for the FOCOS lottery

1st November	39	Jeff Coast
29th November	46	Andrea Stoddart
6th December	40	Ray King
27th December	21	Chris Waite
3rd January 2026	4	June Richards

Congratulation to all our winners, a Cleeve quintet. As ever, we are grateful to all our players as the lottery underpins all our other fund raising.

## GARDENING TIPS

Plant shallots. They prefer soil that hasn't been used to grow onions, leeks or shallots for several years before and a well manured plot. Delay planting onion sets until warmer.

## **FOCOS BINGO EVENING FRIDAY 10TH APRIL – CLEEVE VILLAGE HALL**

As our regular players know, at the FOCOS Bingo Evening there will be good food, great fun and super prizes. A bar will be available for the evening at the Hall, so we would suggest an arrival around 7.15pm, for the delicious supper to be served at 7.30pm.

Tickets are just £10 to include a hot supper and a sweet [vegetarian options are available], plus 6 games of Bingo. Every game has great prizes guaranteed for a line and a full house. Tickets available from the FOCOS BINGO HOT LINE on 838515 or 832917.

Also - transport is available from your home to the Hall and back again – just ask for a lift when you book.

**All profits will help to provide for the FOCOS Mystery Outing for 2026.**

### **UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN AID**

Hello and THANK YOU to everyone who so kindly donated to the collection we had in November last year. Andy needed two pickups from me as the outpouring of love was so great plus individual collections.

We sent out:

Bedding (Duvets, blankets, pillows, linen) towels, candles, tools, medical aids, sanitary and hygiene items, a hoist, kitchen utensils, cutlery, small fridges, ovens and microwaves, knitted scarves and children's clothes, children's bedding and an assortment of teddies, children's animals and dolls. Just Fantastic!

MORE OF THE SAME would be very well received but a special mention is for KITCHENWARE. Pots, pans, Pyrex, kitchen utensils and especially cutlery.

Again, Andy will always collect from you directly for the heavier items...small fridges, ovens and microwaves. Please let me know if you have any of these and I will arrange with you.

Please do contact me by email: [terandlib@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terandlib@yahoo.co.uk) or text/phone on my mobile 07902-137146 for all donations. As you know I act as a HUB for Andy and as soon as I have a sizeable amount promised, I will get in touch with you to let you know his pickup day.

*Libby*

### **NAILSEA DISTRICT LEG CLUB**

For anyone with concerns about lower leg issues, providing you're registered with Tyntesfield Medical Group, Leg Club drop-in clinic is on Wednesdays 9.00 – 11.30 am, no appointment necessary. These issues can be checked and treatment/advice given by either Rachel Tanner, (lead nurse at Backwell and Leg Club), or one of her nursing team from TMG. Please visit Nailsea Tithe Barn on a Wednesday morning to find out more about the drop-in clinic, where refreshments and chat are provided too.

More information is available from Carole Brooke: 07954 302498, additionally there are information boards in the surgery waiting rooms.

## POP-UP CAKE AND PIE STALL – SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

Cleeve Guide Leader, Helen Mortimer, will be running in the 2026 TCS London Marathon. She will be running for the charity Alzheimer's Society, which is a United Kingdom care and research charity for people with dementia and their carers.

If you would like to help to support Helen's fund-raising efforts, we are holding a Pop-Up stall, selling cakes and pies at 40 Cleeve Drive on Saturday 14th March between 10am and noon. Helen hopes to be with us on the day, following her Saturday morning Parkrun

If you can't come along, but wish to support Helen, as well as enjoying delicious pies and cakes, you can pre-order cakes/pies by ringing us on 838515

*Lin and Dave Mortimer*

## HOLY TRINITY PANCAKE LUNCH

**The Thursday before Lent – 12 February 2025**

**Cleeve Village Hall – 12 noon until 2pm**

Enjoy a treat before the start of Lent, at the Holy Trinity Pancake Lunch.

However, because of a prior booking at the Village Hall, **the Lunch will be held on Thursday 12th February**

The Lunch will consist of a filled jacket potato followed by **two** tasty sweet filled pancakes, together with as much tea/coffee as you can drink.

The cost of the event, including tea/coffee, will be £8.

***Tickets will need to be booked [to plan catering requirements] and are available from Lin on 838515 or Gill on 832917. Lifts are available – just ask when booking.***

Come along for some great food, some good fun and lots of friendship.

***ps – another date for your diaries – Holy Trinity Lent Lunch – Wednesday 25th March, noon until 2pm, in the Church Room -***

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION





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Rotary Club website (use your browser to search for Yatton Rotary Club)**

#### GARDENING TIPS

Prune apples and pear trees but not if they are fan, cordon or espalier trained as these should be done in summer. Prune also grapevines, blackcurrants, red currants, white currants, blackberries, tayberries, gooseberries and loganberries.

Cover established rhubarb crowns with manure and a rhubarb forcing pot (or old chimney) to produce early, tender young stems.

Dig a trench ready for runner beans and fill the bottom with well-rotted compost or farmyard manure.

Cover strawberries with cloches to begin to force an early crop.

Pick off yellowing leaves from sprouts and other brassicas. They may harbour downy mildew and other diseases if left. Sprouts and purple sprouting may need staking.

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**We have identified some old articles from the AAC in the 1990s. Spot some very familiar names! It is quite a coincidence that Focos (new name for CCG) had a repeat of Aladin after 31 years in December 2025. Wonderful that Focos is still going strong after all these years. It shows the great community spirit in Cleeve. May be a sign of the times - sherry rather than wine seems to feature quite strongly in both articles.**

*EMV*

### **CCG CHRISTMAS PARTY FEBRUARY 1995**

The London Palladium came to Cleeve when the Cleeve Community Group shone and played their trump card in entertaining the senior citizens of Cleeve, Claverham and Brockley to a Gala Christmas Party compered by two very smartly dressed gentlemen, members of the group, namely **Mr David Mortimer** and Mr Ian Lightfoot. The party commenced with 'We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year' from the Toddler Group who sang their little hearts out.

A splendid meal was served of a starter of soup followed by a main course of ham, beef, mashed potato and salad by the smiling faces of the group members assisted very ably by the Brownies and Guides who gave of their best. There was trifle to follow and cheese and biscuits washed down by a goodly draft of sherry and coffee or tea.

During the evening soft music was played by two ladies from Nailsea on the Piano and Flute.

The highlight was the presentation by the group of Aladdin and his magic lamp. This was entertainment at its best and brought tears to the eyes. I only wish the Television Commentators were there!!

The party closed with everyone singing Christmas Carols and the Chairlady of the group, **Mrs Andrea Stoddart**, thanked all for their attendance and said she hoped that everyone had enjoyed the party as much as the group had enjoyed presenting it.

I am sure as a Senior Citizen, I speak for all in saying how much it was enjoyed and appreciated for all the unstinting effort and hard work.

Long live the Community Group.

*Ted Loveridge*

### **GARDENING TIPS**

Gather up and bin (don't compost) diseased leaves from under roses and fruit. This will help to limit the carry-over of disease from one season to the next. Applying a generous mulch helps to suppress the disease infection too.

Check tree ties and stakes. Adjust those that are too tight and tighten those that are not! Make sure the top tie is near to the top of the stake so that it prevents the tree rubbing. Make certain that the stake is still sound and that it isn't the tree that is holding the stake up!

Hardy plants to brighten your garden in January – Hellebores, Cyclamen Coum, Camellias, Viburnum tinus Eve Price, Mahonias, Snowdrops, Lonicera Winter Beauty, Algerian Iris, Chimonanthus [Winter Sweet], Witch Hazels, Winter Heathers, Christmas Box

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Congresbury Broad St	5.30pm	9.00am
Backwell PO	5.30pm	12.15pm
Clevedon Delivery Office	6.00pm	



## **WARTIME AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN THE CLEEVE AREA - PART 1**

I first wrote this article in 1998 when Editor of AAC and after the recent request for copy I thought it could be updated and re-published. There is a lot more information in the latest version!

Despite having an active training airfield and a very large and highly secret bombing decoy on Wrington Warren our area had a relatively peaceful war according to the usual records. Backwell was targeted and had fatalities, as did Downside and Wrington, possibly due to the decoy site or the proximity to the airfield, but while Cleeve and Brockley had relatively few incidents, a number of aircraft came down in the area. This list is not exhaustive but includes the notable ones. There were undoubtedly others and it would be appreciated if anyone with knowledge – or corrections to this list – can let me know. I have had to pick and mix slightly and left out some that are outside our 'catchment area'.

The most dramatic incidents apart from firing the Starfish decoy and sending up Z rockets that caused considerable alarm in the village were a few bombs landing near Cleeve, a German bomber crew who bailed out and were captured near 'The Star' pub and a land mine that severely disrupted rail traffic in Yatton just on the far side of the embankment by the Bridge Inn. The crater is now a pond and visible from the road! There was also photo reconnaissance Spitfire that was flying from Gibraltar to RAF Benson and from reports it came down almost vertically at very high speed. There were some other German aircraft shot down, one crashing at Hewish, one in Failand while another crash landed near Charterhouse on the Mendips. As is to be expected, most of the incidents involved planes from RAF Lulsgate Bottom as this was a training airfield and notorious for fog and cloud. However most of the trouble involved training aircraft and looking at the statistics, pilot error comes to mind for many.

RAF Lulsgate Bottom opened as a relief landing ground for training aircraft early in the war but was always under used and never seems to have found a role other than as a training aerodrome, possibly due to the poor visibility that regularly prevented aircraft landing. Although some active squadrons were posted in at times, there was not a great deal of hostile activity and thus no need for the station to be operated as a front line outfit, particularly when there were a number of other airfields with operational aircraft nearby. Most active squadrons seemed to stay for a short time before moving on. From June 1941 work started to convert the airfield to a fighter station and three runways together with 'Bellman' hangars were built. The Airfield was used on a number of occasions for diverted BOAC flights and also for emergency landings by USAF aircraft but there were two incidents that stand out in the wartime history of Lulsgate.

*Ross Floyd 1997/2025*

(To be continued next month)

### **GARDENING TIPS**

Trim Virginia creeper, Boston Ivy, rambling roses and other climbers away from windows, gutters and eaves

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3rd Saturday of month - Claverham

### FEBRUARY

**Yatton Local History Society.** February 3rd. Yatton Methodist Church. 7:30pm

**Holy Trinity Church Pancake Lunch.** February 12th. Cleeve Village Hall. 12 Noon - 2pm

**Don's Quiz Night.** February 20th. Sinclair Pavilion. 8pm

### MARCH

**Don's Quiz Night.** March 13th. Sinclair Pavilion. 8pm

**Pop Up Pie and Cake Stall.** March 14th. 40 Cleeve Drive. 10am - Noon

**Americana Night with Often Herd.** March 22nd. Cleeve Village Hall.

### APRIL

**FOCOS Bingo Evening.** April 10th. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:15pm

### ONGOING

**Cleeve Knitting Knights.** Sundays. Alterknit Universe. 1 - 5pm

**Council Meetings.** 2nd Tuesday each month except August and December. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:30pm

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### Ingredients

1 bottle of your favourite sherry	8 small sponge cakes
1 tin black cherries	1 packet cherry jelly
1 pint of custard	1 pint of double cream whipped
1 teaspoon of sugar added to the cream	Crushed nuts to decorate

### Method

1. First of all pour yourself Sherry whilst you prepare the trifle in a large glass bowl.
2. Split the sponge cakes and soak in 2-3 wine glasses of sherry (Top up your glass)
3. Melt the jelly in a pint of liquid, half the water and half the juice from the tin of cherries and allow to cool . (pour yourself another glass of sherry)
4. Once the sponge has absorbed the sherry, cover with the drained cherries and gently pour the cold jelly mixture over. Put in the fridge to set. (sit down and have another glass of sherry).
5. Pour the cold custard over the jelly. Whip the cream and fold in 1 teaspoon of sugar and a little sherry. Spread thickly over the custard and pipe around the edge. Sprinkle crushed nuts over the top to decorate and your Trifle is ready to eat. Top up your glass to toast yourself and your friends.

*Christine Thomas (note from present Treasurer - I think I would not even be standing with that many glasses of sherry EMV!!)*

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