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CHAIR'S WELCOME

It is still grey and wet as I write this; what a wet and muddy period we have had. However, the days are lengthening and Spring is not far away, meanwhile I hope this edition of AAC brings some welcome distraction. With an eye to the future we have another article focused on the children of Cleeve and what they are up to at our local school. And looking backwards we have included some content from past editions of AAC and part 2 of an account of wartime aircraft losses in and around the village. We cover some local events including a successful pancake lunch in the Village Hall and bring you up-to-date with some of the activities in the woods and Goblin Combe Lodge.

*Denis Burn
Chair*

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MOBILE LIBRARY

North Somerset Council has launched a brand new electric vehicle and it will be visiting Cleeve fortnightly from Monday 2nd March parked around Woodview at 12.35 - 12.55pm. Please support the library if you are able, there has been extra funding to provide this service but if it is not used then it may not continue. For further details visit n-somerset.gov.uk

Elizabeth Vaughan

YATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday March 3rd Talk on Avon and Somerset Police by Alan Vowles before AGM and refreshments. 7:30pm at Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW. Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Marianne Pitman

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15th March

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22nd March

**9.45am for 10am
Cafe Church in Cleeve Village Hall
(An informal service which
starts with breakfast)**



Easter 2026

Palm Sunday Group Service

**29th March - 10am Holy Communion
St Mary's Yatton**

Maundy Thursday in St Barnabas

2nd April - 7pm Holy Communion

Good Friday in St Barnabas

3rd April - 2pm An Hour at the Cross

Easter Sunday in Holy Trinity

**5th April - 6.30am Sunrise Service
followed by breakfast**

**10am A Celebration for Easter for All Ages
including activities for children
and a Easter Egg Hunt**

More information - Tel: 01934 904765



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

A reminder that there will be a Pop-Up stall, selling cakes and pies at 40 Cleeve Drive on Saturday 14th March between 10am and noon, in support of Helen Mortimer's London Marathon run, in aid of the Alzheimer's Society charity.

Helen will be with us on the day, following her Saturday morning Parkrun.

Also, 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.

Thank you

Lin and Dave Mortimer



NAILSEA DISTRICT LEG CLUB

Despite recent cold weather, there are signs of spring, snowdrops and daffodils showing and Leg Club has plans for the year ahead, including taking part in the Nailsea & Backwell Rotary Club Walk in June. A well organised walk, raising funds for many local groups.

The handbag sale will be held in May, so if you're having a spring clean and sort out and have handbags, backpacks or purses, no longer needed, (no large suit cases or holdalls please), they can be taken to 65 Nailsea High Street. However **BIG PLEASE, do check inside, (amazing what has been found) and ensure they are in good, clean condition**, ideally no damaged corners, rips or scuffs.

Leg Club drop-in clinic is every Wednesday 9.00 -11.30 a.m. at Nailsea Tithe Barn, and open to everyone registered with Tyntesfield Medical Group, who has lower leg issues, expert advice being provided by Lead Nurse Rachel Tanner and her team. Call Carole Brooke on 07954 302498 for more information either as a patient (member) or volunteer.

Judith Brown

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Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS) is about to launch the Good Neighbours Scheme in rural villages in North Somerset.

It's your chance to share your skills and take on a task that would support someone over 65 living independently in their homes.
If this has caught your interest?




Give me a call or send me an email:

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VOLUNTARY ACTION NORTH SOMERSET

Pop into The Maple at Cleeve on Wednesday 11th March from 1.30pm to meet and talk with Sian your Village Agent, Tina from VISION, who supports people with sight and hearing loss and Tracy who is working locally with people over 65 living in North Somerset. Pop in, say hello, and find out more about what we are doing in Cleeve.
See you soon.

Tracy Edwards Brown:
07458073262

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PANCAKE LUNCH

On the last Thursday before Lent, there was a super turnout of parishioners, villagers from Cleeve and Claverham, together with Mothers' Union members from nearby branches who all enjoyed a filled jacket potato and two sweet pancakes, plus a convivial chat with friends and neighbours at Cleeve Village Hall.

The fact that we could not hold the event on Shrove Tuesday did not deter over 90 folks coming together for a very enjoyable afternoon and, thanks to everyone's generosity, to be able to send **£320 to Clevedon Foodbank**, **£320 to the Mothers' Union** to help with their work in the UK and abroad and **£320 to Cleeve and Claverham Parochial Church Council** to help maintain their work and outreach within our two village communities.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event, and also to those who worked so hard and helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable and successful.

Lin



FOCOS JANUARY PANTOMIMES

The following article appeared in the CHSW newsletter:-

Friends of Cleeve Over 60s panto raises £1,000!

The above named community group held a fundraising event on Friday 16 January 2026 in aid of CHSW. The ticketed event included a meal, pantomime, raffle, bar, sale of ice creams and a donations bucket. Thank you so much to the wonderful group, known as FOCOS for supporting CHSW!

Focos also raised over £800 on the Saturday performance, all of which will go towards funding the FOCOS Mystery Outing in 2026





Ducking the weather!

CONGRESBURY SINGERS

...present "Multi Mass" with guest soloists - St Andrews Church, Congresbury on Saturday 21 March at 7.30pm with wine & refreshments.

Tickets £12 from PO, Re-Store, on the door

Nigel Bacon

SCAM CHECKER

On one of the recent BBC breakfast programmes there was a mention of the website ASK SILVER. It is a free Scam checker tool. They appeared to be very impressed with it so it might be worth making a note of the website address if you get any suspect scam messages. It is self explanatory (apparently) on the site as to what you need to do to check a potential scam message. The site is Ask Silver - Free Scam Checker

Stay safe on line

Steve



GARDENING TIPS

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Roll lawns [slowly!] to even out bumps. This is especially effective when the soil is moist.

Reshape lawn edges using a sharp half moon lawn edging iron. Consider installing lawn edging to support the edges

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.

NEWS FROM CLEEVE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

One stop shop for help

North Somerset Councils Directory of Services Simply Connect North Somerset is now live!

This resource replaces the North Somerset Online Directory and is designed to connect local people with trusted providers who make a positive impact on health, wellbeing, and community support. They are managing Simply Connect in partnership with Voluntary Action North Somerset. Any organisation that might be useful to residents can apply for inclusion on the site via Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS) <https://northsomerset.simplyconnect.uk/>

Good News

We also welcome the recent extension of the Diamond Travel Card, which now allows travel before 9am.

Help for dementia sufferers and carers

Alive's Carers and Dementia Groups in Winscombe. A FREE, friendly group for people living with dementia. Each session includes activities designed to support memory, wellbeing, and confidence, along with helpful information and guidance.

Carers Group - A FREE, welcoming monthly group for carers. Sessions offer activities to boost wellbeing, plus information and guidance to support you in your caring role.

And finally, if any of our residents suffering with dementia (or their carers) would appreciate more support then visiting the FILO project website at <https://www.thefiloproject.co.uk/> could be useful

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Steve, Sally and Ross*

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So if you need (or are willing to offer) help in an emergency and can not contact Community Resilience by phone please go along to the village hall.

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

STAR 65 BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Free and open drop in sessions to our peer supported Bereavement and Loss group every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 4-6pm and Saturday 12-noon at 65 High Street, Nailsea. Come and chat or just listen.

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CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meetings

Meetings are held in Cleeve Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August and December when no meetings are held).

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

The new online booking system was introduced for Weston-super-Mare on 1 February and will follow for Backwell and Portishead recycling centres on 1 March 2026.

You can check opening times, see what you can bring, and find answers to common questions about the new booking system at: www.nsomerset.gov.uk/recyclingcentres

Annual Parish Meeting 28 April 2026: Mike Bell, Leader of North Somerset Council, has agreed to attend our Annual Parish Meeting on April 28th.

Full details will be provided next month but this is part of a commitment to attend such meetings and provide a valuable forum for open dialogue, sharing updates on council initiatives and meet with residents, answer questions, and hear about local priorities and concerns.

Please put this in your diaries and take the opportunity to express your concerns.

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 turn 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

I can be contacted on 07932 191964 and by email on

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WARTIME AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN THE CLEEVE AREA - PART 2

On 24th July 1941 a German Ju 88 bomber landed on the part finished runway at Lulsgate and the crew got out to ask the construction workers where they were! They had been sent to bomb Liverpool but had got hopelessly lost and having flown down the West coast of Wales, decided that the Bristol Channel was the English Channel and so landed at the first airfield in 'France'. A rapid burst of Zummerset and a waved pickaxe sent them running for their aircraft, but before they could start up and fly away a truck load of Airfield Defence Soldiers and a construction lorry blocked their path and the Germans gave up without a fight. This incident gave British intelligence services a brand new type of German Aircraft, intact and in full operating condition. This was an absolutely wonderful stroke of luck, assuming that it was not a set up. This may have been the case as the British were well practiced at interfering with the German navigational radio beams. This aircraft carried the very latest electronic navigation equipment and enabled the British scientists, including the author's uncle, to get a head start on ways to confuse and confound the new German navigation devices before they were even in widespread use.

On 23rd January 1943 a Flying Fortress named 'Thumper' after the Disney character made an emergency landing at Lulsgate. It had been on a mission to the submarine base of Lorient and was attacked by FW190 fighters. In a running battle the aircraft was reduced to a flying wreck. The nose section was blown out and with it went the maps and navigators instruments, a fire started in the fuselage and cannon shells destroyed some of the flying controls. A shell burst in the cockpit destroying the instruments, the radio was damaged and the operator wounded. The starboard outer engine failed and the inner began to vibrate so badly that it too was shut down leaving the aircraft barely flyable. The Germans suddenly broke off the attack, a common occurrence when they reached the coast, and left the plane to stagger back across the sea at wave top height relying on dead reckoning navigation and heading in the general direction of England.

Having gained height slowly, the pilot tried to reach his base at Molesworth but it was soon clear that they were not going to make it and as the light was failing, he was decided to land at the first airfield seen. Making landfall along the Bristol Channel, the aircraft reached RAF Lulsgate Bottom on the two remaining engines. Losing height and with smashed hydraulics it was impossible to lower the undercarriage or flaps and very clear that 'Thumper' was not going to remain airborne much longer. The pilot ordered the crew to bale out as this was judged safer than staying in the aircraft for a landing. Unfortunately the aircraft was too low for a safe evacuation but it was decided to take the risk anyway. The engineer's parachute failed to open in time and he was killed. The others with the exception of the photographer were all injured, two seriously.

There was now no time left for the pilots to abandon the aircraft as it was too low and the only choice, having remained on board to give the crew an opportunity to escape, was to take their chance in a crash landing. They lined up alongside the main runway and belly landed on the grass, coming to rest against a wall adjacent to Goblin Coombe Farm. The landing was spectacular by contemporary accounts but the plane remained in one piece and thankfully did not catch fire, a very real risk with hot engines and high octane petrol.

It was however a write off as the ball turret was pushed up into the rear fuselage and twisted the structure. As a final insult to the aircraft, the Lulsgate crash truck took a short cut over the grass to reach the scene and became bogged down in mud, the first to the crash being the Station Works supervisor in an Air Ministry van.

'Thumper' was broken up for parts and scrap where it lay and the remains removed by the USAF on 30th January. As many aircraft were recycled, undamaged sections being mixed and matched at the repair bases, it is almost certain that parts of the plane flew again, but not as the B17 that arrived at Lulsgate on that Winter's evening in 1943.

The only other large aircraft to come down in the area involved a Halifax of a heavy conversion unit (bomber training) that crashed in Long Ashton, towards the end of 1944, killing the entire Polish crew. No reason was found for the accident but it was a heavy impact and unsurvivable. Reasons suggested have included icing, engine or instrument failure or a problem with the oxygen supply for the crew. There is now a memorial near the site at Parsonage Farm and a few years ago this was moved to the crash site and rededicated.

Ross Floyd 1997/2025

Further reading:

Somerset at War

Story of RAF Lulsgate Bottom

War in the Air

Bomber Stories

Mac Hawkins, Dovecote Press

Ian James, Redcliffe Press

Edward Smithies, Penguin Books

Russel Zorn , Stephens/Haynes

From All About Cleeve – March 1995

W.I. RECIPE QUICK GINGER SPONGE PUDDING (Microwave)

4 ozs Butter or Margarine

4 ozs Sugar

2 Eggs beaten

4 ozs Wholemeal flour

1/2 Teaspoon baking powder

1/2 Teaspoon ground ginger

2 Tablespoons of skimmed milk

4 ozs Preserved ginger finely chopped.

Method

Place butter and sugar in a mixing bowl.

Cream by hand or using a mixer.

Add the eggs and the other ingredients, excluding the preserved ginger.

Mix well.

Pour into a 1 pint basin add ginger and stir.

Cover loosely with film or greaseproof paper and microwave for 7 - 8 minutes.

As a substitute for ginger use stewed fruits, preserves or honey.

Recipe kindly supplied by Frances Bartlett.

COURT DE WYCK SCHOOL REPORT

At C de W there are several Pupil Leadership groups covering a variety of interests. At the start of the school year pupils from each class elect who they would like to represent them in these groups. Over the next few months, we are planning to interview each of the groups and discover what their responsibilities in the school are.

THE ECO WARRIERS UNLEASHED!

This month's focus is the Eco Group, who met up with us, in the school library. They were an enthusiastic group. We initially discussed our favourite colours and how this related to Nature, following on from Daile's Assembly that morning.

An older Rep explained the Eco Group's responsibilities, one was organising Litter cleanup around the School's Grounds and we all then discussed how important it was to wear gloves and not to pick up anything that looked sharp. The Eco Group's School-wide 'Eco Day', encourages pupils and staff not to use electricity and lessons are held outside.

The Reps' had lucid examples of their actions to care for the environment and stopping pollution: an older Rep was encouraging her neighbours to reduce their heating and picking up their litter; the youngest Rep said she tried very hard to pick up litter; another very firmly believed plugs need to be turned off at the socket, not just the machine being used e.g. a TV; another requested her own family not to use too much water, resulting in her Dad now reminding her every time not to be in the shower too long!!!!

We talked about recycling plastic and then about the environment and how to encourage our wild life: there are 2 bug hotels in the School's Grounds. The Reps felt it was important to discourage foxes, rats and squirrels from raiding the rubbish, so children now ate their snacks inside so as to prevent rubbish being scattered over the School's Grounds by these uninvited guests. Our discussion then focussed on favourite animals: everyone present was especially very keen on their animals, at home, and what a variety they had: hedgehogs, bees, pet chicken called "Marsh Mallow" and, of course, lots of dogs/fish/cats!

Daile explained that Holy Trinity Church had received a Bronze award for all their Eco work, such as: planting hedges, encouraging Wild Life, saving on electricity.

Lastly, our stimulating session ended by briefly thinking of ideas on how Court De Wyck School can help to save the Planet: may be a competition could be organised between the classes to see what ideas pupils come up with? We are very grateful to Amia for her poster. (See next page)

Our environment is in good hands with these ECO WARRIERS!

Daile and Elizabeth

GARDENING TIPS

Increase frequency of feeding using high nitrogen feed (Baby Bio) for plants grown for their attractive leaves and high potash feed (Miracle-gro) for those grown for their flowers



MARCH MUSIC CONCERT AT ST MARY'S YATTON.

Alastair Penman (saxophone) and Jonathan Pease (piano) at St Mary's, Yatton 28th March.

Alastair is Professor of Saxophone at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and a regular guest tutor at conservatoires in the UK and abroad. His musical life covers solo, ensemble, orchestral, jazz and composing. His accompanist Jonathan Pease is also a composer and active conductor and church musician. He has worked with musical groups including Royal Opera House, Garsington Opera and Glyndebourne. Their first album as a duo in 2023 has been described as "an extended dazzling display of talent"

Their concert will be an eclectic programme for us to enjoy the fantastic melodies that can be created by the saxophone.

The concert starts at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets price £15, YMS members and students £10, accompanied children under 16 free. Details of this concert are on the Yatton Music Society's website www.yms.org.uk



GOBLIN COMBE

Readers may know Goblin Combe as a popular spot for walking, with a public footpath leading from the Parish Council car path off through the steep-sided limestone gorge, and a network of permissive paths looping through 130 acres or so of natural woodland. This part of the woodland is owned and managed by the charity Groundwork South for the benefit and enjoyment of the communities that use and visit it.

What is less well known is that tucked away in this woodland is a hidden gem in the form of a residential lodge and campsite, open for anyone to hire, and used regularly by forest school and other community groups. In this private location on the edge of the woodland is a comfortable 38-bed purpose-built lodge, a Grade 2 listed cottage, complete with a fully equipped kitchen and communal living, meeting or dining area, an 18ft yurt, an outdoor classroom, and an 8-acre camping field.

Originally, Goblin Combe Camp was established by the Rev. and Mrs Skinner 1922 to provide poor Bristol families with the opportunity to holiday in the countryside. The site reflects attempts made during the 1920s to address social problems, particularly a preoccupation with improving health and fitness, and is an early example of the philanthropic establishment of holiday camp accommodation. The buildings have been restored and improved over the years by the local council, an Environment Centre Trust and now by Groundwork South, where we retain its original intended function alongside private hire.

Volunteers have long been central to the establishment, care and maintenance of Goblin Combe Lodge and woodlands, and continue to generously donate their time and expertise to keep this wonderful place safe and affordable for the communities it serves. We run monthly community volunteer days where you can get involved in activities from coppicing and dead-hedging to painting and gardening - all are welcome, no experience necessary! The next volunteer dates are Monday 23rd February and Monday 23rd March 10am- 4pm at Goblin Combe Lodge site, BS40 5PP; [///w3w:burns.leathers.coached](http://w3w:burns.leathers.coached).

Find out more about what's here and what's going on from our website and Facebook pages: www.goblincombe.org.uk; www.facebook.com/goblincombelodge/
Rosie Turner (Project Manager)



Yatton & District
Rotary



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**We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at
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WHO IS THAT PERSON SINGING, STORYTELLING AND LAUGHING IN THE WOODS?

If you've ever walked through the Goblin Combe woods and heard enthusiastic nursery rhymes, smelt a campfire, spotted hammocks between the trees, passed someone mid-fairy-tale, or seen ever-so-tentative people being encouraged to taste nettles, or walk blindfolded, that was probably Alice Tucker from **Goblin Combe Adventures**.

Alice runs friendly, outdoor groups in the woodland and at the Goblin Combe lodge, welcoming people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. She works closely with the charity **Groundwork South**, who own and manage the site, and with **North Somerset Council**, to offer a range of community learning-supported activities.

Alice has worked in Goblin Combe woodland for over 15 years. She was initially employed by Goblin Combe Environment Centre and, prior to that, worked in the Midlands. She saw the post advertised and couldn't turn down the prospect of working somewhere with such an intriguing name. She packed her tent and camped at Mrs Prichard's campsite for a month or two... fortunately it was summer!

Goblin Combe Environment Centre changed hands and eventually closed its doors to guests, although the Lodge still functions, run by Groundwork South, Undeterred by redundancy, Alice asked for, and was granted, permission to continue using the outside space on a self-employed basis. Goblin Combe Adventures was born!

Alice delivers woodland adventures for parents and babies, toddlers and preschoolers, home-educating families, adults with SEND, and adults who'd like to build confidence, meet others, or simply spend more time outdoors. Sessions might include walks, stories, messy play, games, creativity, campfires, and getting to know the woodland through touch, smell, stories, and folklore (and the occasional safe taste).

Everything is run with a smile and designed to help people relax, connect, and enjoy the woods. Many of the courses are funded, helping to make them accessible to as many people as possible.

Curious? Nosy? Ever wondered what on earth is going on in the trees?

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Rupert Hughes (guitar) and Evan Davies (mandolin) write songs steeped in personal experience whilst drawing from a wide pool of influences ranging from old time to psychedelia. American born fiddler Niles Krieger and jazz bassist Sam Quintana add fiery instrumental skills to the mix. Together their sound is both boldly contemporary and soothingly familiar, taking time-honoured traditions to new places with a fresh perspective.

They will be supported by special guest folk/blues singer-songwriter AJ Potter. With candle lit table seating and a fully licensed bar, it'll be an unforgettable entertainment night and we can't wait to welcome you to this, our first fundraiser of 2026! Last remaining tickets are £10 each so grab yours via this ticket link <https://wegottickets.com/event/681154> and we'll see you there

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Congresbury Broad St	5.30pm	9.00am
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CLEEVE BROWNIES

Looking back following our photo of the Brownies back last July which was around 1974, a further look back in the past, it would be good to hear from anyone in the village who was a Brownie around 1994, any photos would be welcome - From All About Cleeve – March 1995

1994 was a very special year for Brownies everywhere, they were celebrating 80 years since the Brownie section of the "Girl Guide" movement was started.

Cleeve Brownies together with Brownies from Backwell District went on a visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. After visiting the animals, a ride on the train and playing in the adventure play ground, we gathered on the lawn. Each Brownie was given a cake with a candle on and we sang "Happy Birthday Brownies". On the coach going home each Brownie was given a book about the 80 years of Brownies.

Through the year we tried to do a lot of "80 things": we collected 80 used stamps, 80 items in a smartie box, collected 80 acorns, had an 80 second silence (difficult!), found out 80 ways of being a good Brownie, earn 80 badges - we didn't quite make that one. We planted 80 daffodil bulbs in the church grounds. Do look out for them as you walk by the church.

We also fund-raised for charity with 80 coins for Christian Aid (we sent £11 to them), a sponsored walk for the Children's Hospice South West and a stall in the Village Hall at the Christmas Fayre to raise money for Water Aid in India when we made £37.25.

The Brownies also undertook a 3 month fitness challenge and earned ourselves a medal

The year ended at Christmas with us taking part in the District Christmas Kaleidoscope at Backwell and then a quick dash to take part in this year's Christingle service in Cleeve Church. Well done Brownies keep up the good work

*Brown Owl.
Doreen Leahy.*

GARDENING TIPS

You should also sow Carrots, Peas, Broad Beans, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Radish, Lettuce, Sprouts, and many other vegetables.

Early varieties of seed potatoes can be planted out in sheltered spots now but delay planting maincrop varieties until the end of the month.

Protect early flowers on peaches, nectarines and apricots from frost. A curtain of polythene may be all that is needed. Hand pollinate blooms with a very soft brush.

Apply mulch around newly planted trees but keep a gap around the trunk. Fruit bushes and canes will benefit too.

Re-pot Fuchsias, Pelargoniums and other over-wintered tender plants. Cut away any dead shoots and prune back to strong shoots near the base where ever possible.

Remove spent flowers from Hippeastrum [Amaryllis]. Keep feeding and watering until the leaves start to go yellow and die down. Then stop so that the bulb can rest.

Prune Bougainvillea quite hard now. Jasmine and Plumbago can be thinned out by removing the oldest shoots.

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3rd Saturday of month - Claverham

MARCH

Yatton Local History Society. March 3rd. Yatton Methodist Church. 7:30pm
Voluntary Action N. Somerset. March 11th. The Maple, Cleeve. 1:30pm
Don's Quiz Night. March 13th. Sinclair Pavilion. 8pm
Pop Up Pie and Cake Stall. March 14th. 40 Cleeve Drive. 10am - Noon
Congresbury Singers. March 21st. St. Andrews Church, Congresbury. 7:30pm
Americana Night with Often Herd. March 22nd. Cleeve Village Hall.
Yatton Music Society. March 28th. St. Mary's, Yatton. 7:30pm

APRIL

Don's Quiz Night. April 3rd. Sinclair Pavilion. 8pm
FOCOS Bingo Evening. April 10th. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:15pm
Don's Quiz Night. April 24th. Sinclair Pavilion. 8pm

ONGOING

Cleeve Knitting Knights. Sundays. Alterknit Universe. 1 - 5pm
Council Meetings. 2nd Tuesday each month except August and December. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:30pm
Nailsea District Leg Club. Wednesdays. Nailsea Tithe Barn. For all registered patients with Tyntesfield Medical Group. No appointments necessary. For details ring Carole Brooke 07954 034989:30 - 11:30am
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