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CHAIR'S WELCOME

As reiterated in past issues, All About Cleeve Magazine gives a special welcome to all those new residents of our Village and we hopefully provide information and articles that prove useful in learning about and participating within our Community. Many activities going on in and around our Village are open to everyone; newcomers are most welcome.

Cleeve Parish Council's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16th April in our Village Hall; open to all, this will include an "All About Bats" presentation by Alison Howell, from Natural England, a renowned expert on the subject!

Now that April has arrived, Winter's Soupa Thursday's Warm Room has now become the Spring/ Summer Welcome Room, running between 2-4pm each Thursday, (no soup more cakes) but still open to ALL in Cleeve and Claverham.

*Elizabeth Vaughan
Chair*

FAREWELL TO OUR VICAR NIGEL AND HIS WIFE NICKIE

A reminder that although Reverend Nigel officially leaves us on Easter Day, he and wife Nickie are returning to us for a special farewell 'thank you' afternoon tea, open to everyone in the village, on Friday April 5th in the Village Hall, from 3pm onwards.

We know that they are looking forward to seeing as many Cleeve and Claverham folks as possible.

YATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY Tuesday April 2nd

We are having a talk by Clive Burlton on The Citizens of Bristol at War.
7:30pm, Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.

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10.00am – St Barnabas: Shared Parish Communion

3rd Sunday – 21st April

9.45 (NB Earlier time) – Holy Trinity: Shared Parish Communion with Area Dean

6pm at Kingston Seymour: Songs of Praise

4th Sunday – 28th April

10am – Cleeve Village Hall Café Church: Simon Stevens

10am – St Barnabas: Shared Parish Communion

Thursday services 9.30 - all at Holy Trinity

4th – Healing & Wholeness, Bread of Fellowship, Lay Lead

11th – Healing & Wholeness, Lay Lead

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Nigel Bacon

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Saturday morning 18 May is the date of the handbag stall to be held outside Waitrose. Lots of bargains to be had from bags and purses to suitcases. Donations welcome in good clean condition can be taken to 65 High Street.

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FRIDAY 12TH APRIL – CLEEVE VILLAGE HALL**

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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 completely free FOCOS Mystery Outing for 2024, details of which appear elsewhere in All About Cleeve.

HOLY TRINITY LENT LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who supported Holy Trinity's Lent Lunch on Tuesday 27th February, especially the hard-working band of helpers.

A lively and lovely atmosphere surrounded The Church Room as folks enjoyed the company and the food – various delicious soups, plus a cheese roll and a generous helping of sweet – together with as many cups of tea and coffee as they could drink.

Thanks to those attending, we were able to send a cheque for £258.50 to the Clevedon Foodbank, plus a box load of practical foodstuff, including some super Easter Eggs, that Helen Bailey kindly delivered to the Foodbank.

Lin

GRAND QUIZ NIGHT

Join us at Brockley Church on Saturday 11th May for a quiz night, delicious home cooked food, local cider – and a free glass of wine !

Full details will be available on our Facebook page shortly.

Friends of Brockley Church

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Prune winter flowering Jasmine and shrubby honeysuckle now. This will encourage new growth and give them time to initiate new flower buds for next year. Early flowering shrubs like Forsythia, Currants and flowering quince can be pruned back after flowering.

Compost heaps are great places for slow worms and occasionally grass snakes. Both are harmless and are gardener's friends as they eat many plant pests.

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<https://ow.ly/E2oH50PZ02G>

*Steve, Ross and Sally
Cleeve Community Resilience*

TIPS FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Use horticultural fleece to protect tender shoots when frost is forecast. Plants that may be hit by spring frosts include Pieris, Japanese Maples, Camellias, Magnolias, Hydrangeas, bedding plants, lettuce, potatoes and beans.

Plant frost tender shrubs such as Lavender, Sage, Rosemary, Santolina, Osteospermum and Hebes now. They will be well established by autumn and overwinter so much better.

Trapping moles is the best way to get rid of this pest before it wrecks your lawn. Sonic deterrents will drive them away if used as directed.

Apply lawn dressing to even out bumps and hollows in your lawn



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PLANT OF THE MONTH
***Monstera deliciosa*, Swiss Cheese Plant**

There was a time when people would groan when they saw a Swiss cheese plant or simply be indifferent, they were fairly common. I grew up with them being a fixture at art college, stashed in a corner of the studio, tied to a moss pole, ready to be pulled out for the class when we had to paint a still life. 'Not the *Monstera* again!' we'd cry.

But *Monstera deliciosa*'s image has undergone a makeover. Its popularity has rocketed and now these jungle giants have become something of a commodity, commanding handsome price tags.

In China these dark green exotics are the symbol of long life and honouring elders. They symbolise good luck in Feng Shui and 'rays of hope' in Hawaii.

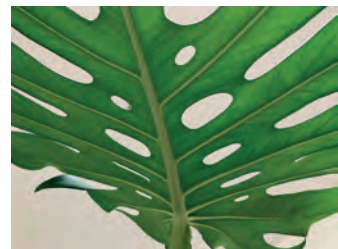
These evergreen vines have aerial roots, which hook onto trees in the wild for support, just as well as they can reach the heady heights of 20 metres, growing up towards the light in the rainforest canopies of southern Mexico and Panama.

Starting their life as epiphytes, *Monstera* gain moisture and nutrients from rainwater and the surrounding air via their aerial roots. As they grow some roots reach down to anchor in the soil for extra support, making *Monstera* hemiepiphytes, with both aerial and soil bound roots.

Their monstrous large leaves naturally develop holes, known as fenestration, as they mature. As well as ensuring tropical downpours can easily pass through the leaves without damaging them, it is theorised that this evolutionary adaption protects them from predators in the rainforest of Central America, cunningly disguising them as an ailing plant to be left well alone. Funny that these holes are exactly what make them so desirable to us humans.

Monstera deliciosa also produces a spectacular edible fruit. Although I haven't personally eaten it, it is supposed to taste of pineapple and banana. So the Latin name is rather apt – delicious monster!

Debi Holland



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EASTER QUIZ

1. Which three animals are traditionally associated with Easter?
2. On which day is a tradition to make pancakes?
3. What kind of bread is associated with Easter?
4. Which roast is associated with Easter?
5. Easter always falls on which day?
6. Easter Sunday is preceded by a 40 day period known as.....?
7. What is the name of the 2011 animated movie all about a young rabbit who does not want to become the Easter Bunny?
8. What type of fancy hat is worn at Easter?
9. Can you unscramble the following word to reveal the name of a gift that we share at Easter time:
TSAERE GSEG?
10. Rabbits with long floppy ears can't hear as well as those with ears upright. True or False?
11. What is the fun game that kids usually play at Easter called?
12. Where would you find the world's largest Easter Egg?
13. What do Australians use to symbolise Easter instead of a rabbit?
14. The Thursday immediately before Easter Sunday is known as.....?
15. What flower is associated with Easter?





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CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

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.

You can access our website at www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk or via this QR code



Our Chair of the Parish Council is Ronnie Morley with Ben Whistance being our Vice Chair.

Your other Councillors are Hilary Burn, Marianne Pitman, George Stringer, Geoff Pritchard and Colin Knowles.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April at 7.00pm in Cleeve Village Hall. Please see separate notice in this magazine.

Dog Mess!

There has been an increase in owners allowing dogs to foul areas around the village. This has become a particular problem on Pound Green. There is absolutely no excuse for this so please make sure you clean up and bin any dog mess and, also, challenge any anti-social dog owners who fail to do so.

Nitrous oxide

Since 8 November 2023 nitrous oxide is now classified as a Class C drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. It is a criminal offence to be found in possession of the drug where its intended use is to be wrongfully inhaled, 'to get high'.

Discarded canisters have been appearing for some time and, recently, a large aerosol type container and balloon were found on Pound Green.

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police via phoning 101 or reporting online via www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report

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 cleeveparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk

BATS AND HEDGES

Last month we took a look at some interesting features of our local bat population – in particular the Greater and Lesser Horseshoe Bats that hibernate in the old iron mines in Kings Wood, and rear their young in the roost at Brockley Hall.

Horseshoe Bats can live to 30 years or more. Baby bats (pups) need to learn, from their mothers, all the routes from the bat roost to their foraging areas. Their preferred method of hunting is to perch in a tree and wait until they detect a flying beetle or moth. They then fly out to catch it before returning to their perch to eat it.

A group of researchers from the Bat Conservation Research Lab at UWE spent a recent summer in the fields within 3 miles of Kings Wood and Brockley Hall. They were interested in finding out the factors that affected where bats chose to hunt for food. The researchers used specialist ultrasonic detectors to detect where bats came to feed at night.

These detectors were placed along each side of hedges and each side of boundary fences. As bats use high-pitched calls to echo-locate their prey, the sounds recorded by the detectors were analysed to find out which bat species were present and to see how often each type of bat visited each location.

The main things they discovered were:-

- Bats much prefer hunt near hedges rather than near fences;
- Some types of bats like wide hedges, and some like high hedges;
- Some types of bats like mature trees in the hedge line;
- The Horseshoe Bats don't like to travel a long distance to hunt.

It's easy to see why the research's authors came up with the following advice:

"We recommend management strategies that give incentives to farmers for replacing fences with hedgerows, planting hedgerow trees, and maintaining tall and outgrown field boundaries."

If you'd like to read the full research paper, Google for "What drives bat activity at field boundaries?".*

Other research has shown that pesticide use has killed off a lot of the food sources for Horseshoe Bats, particularly beetles and moths.

So, for gardeners and landowners alike, there are ways to improve biodiversity and so improve our bats' chance of survival in this era of climate change. Replacing fences with hedges, growing your hedges wider and taller, and cutting out pesticide use are all beneficial. Oh, and since our bats are light-averse, don't leave outside lights on overnight.

To find out more, come to the Village Meeting on April 16th, which will be at the Village Hall. We are very lucky to have the enthusiastic bat expert, Alison Howell, come to talk to us about our bats. What she will tell us will be an eye-opener, I promise. All welcome!

Colin Knowles

* Journal of Environmental Management 329 (2023) 117029, authors Thomas Foxley, Paul Lintott, Emma Stone

**FOCOS [Friends of Cleeve Over Sixties]
MYSTERY TOUR**

Our regular guests know that the FOCOS Mystery Outing is always a great day out. As ever, it will be a day full of surprises and not to be missed. This year's trip will be another super occasion, so if you haven't been before – give a try – you won't be disappointed.

The Date: - **Tuesday 4th June**, – leaving Cleeve at 9.30am – arriving back around 6pm.

We have found something special for our trip this year, including a unique, for FOCOS, travelling experience and, thanks to the support given to the FOCOS lottery, **all our guests will have lunch provided in addition to an afternoon cream tea.**

We will be continuing to ask for a deposit of £5 to be paid, which will be returnable on the coach. We brought in this policy because we have had a few 'no-shows' to our free event, which has a) cost FOCOS money that we have had to fund raise, and b) has also meant that someone on our reserve list could have travelled instead!

To Book: ring the FOCOS Mystery Tour Hotlines on 838515 or 832917 [leave a message if the call-centre staff are busy] – we will confirm your booking and sort out the finances with you.

Remember – places are strictly limited – we are usually oversubscribed and thus we must book on a 'first come, first served basis' - so 'don't dilly dally - book today!'

**FOCOS
(Friends Of Cleeve Over Sixties)**

Winning numbers for the FOCOS lottery

3rd February	46	Andrea Stoddart
24th February	28	Andrew Gillard
2nd March	6	Jean Ashman

Congratulations to our winners, and 'thank you' to everyone with a FOCOS lottery ticket, as the lottery underpins all our other fund-raising events.

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

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YATTON MUSIC SOCIETY

Organ concert by Richard Johnson at St Mary's, Yatton, 20th April.
7.30pm, tickets £10, students £5, children free. For details of the concert please see www.yms.org.uk

Richard was an organ scholar at Oriel College and since 2004 he has been organist at Westbury-on-Trym Parish Church. He is a member of Exultate Singers, and Accompanist to the City of Bristol Choir.

The concert at St Mary's Church will be enhanced with a video display of the organ during his performance, this will be arranged by the Bristol & District Organist Association.

SOUPA THURSDAY WARM ROOM TURNS INTO A SPRING/SUMMER "WELCOME ROOM"

Due to the continuing popularity of the Warm Room on Soupa Thursdays, we are pleased to announce that when that finishes at the end of March, there will a **Welcome Room** opening for business **every Thursday from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Trinity Church Room**, commencing on Thursday 4th April.

All the usual elements [except soup] will be there – tea/coffee, biscuits [and possibly cakes] – great company, chat, puzzles, crafts, cards and Qwirkle will be definitely be making an appearance!

Everyone in Cleve and Claverham is welcome to come along and chill out with friends old and new, hosted by your Soupa Thursday ladies.
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TIPS FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Plant containers up with some herbs. Avoid planting mint with other herbs as it will take over given a chance. Coriander, parsley, thyme, chives and tarragon are some of the most popular and look very decorative too! Keep them by the backdoor for easy access.

Don't stop feeding birds now that spring is here, now they have young they are under greatest pressure and will really benefit from your help.

Check blackcurrants for reversion virus. If affected, bushes will not crop. Infected plants produce flowers that are redder [no hairs] and leaves that have less points on the margins and of course no fruit on the branches. Dig out and burn infected plants and plant new ones.

VILLAGE DIARY

of
EVENTS IN AND AROUND CLEEVE



LOCAL MARKETS

1st Saturday of month - Kingston Seymour
2nd Saturday of month - Kenn & Yatton
3rd Saturday of month - Claverham

APRIL 2024

Yatton Local History Society. April 2nd. Yatton Methodist Church. 7:30pm
Thank You Afternoon Tea. April 5th. Cleeve Village Hall. 3:00pm
FOCOS Bingo Night. April 12th. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:15
Congresbury Singers. April 13th. St Andrews Church, Congresbury. 7:30pm
Parish Council AGM. April 16th. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:00pm
Yatton Music Society. April 20th. St Mary's Church. 7:30pm

MAY 2024

Grand Quiz Night. May 11th. Brockley Church

JUNE 2024

FOCOS Mystery Outing. June 4th. 9:30am

ONGOING

Cleeve Knitting Knights. Sundays. Alterknit Universe. 1 - 5pm
Council Meetings. 2nd Tuesday each month except August and December.
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