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CHAIR'S WELCOME

Welcome to more news and updates from Cleeve, and welcome to Spring - may it be a good one. On the 'update' front we have recent news of a Cleeve resident from some years ago, Nick Hayman. He was featured years ago when All About Cleeve encouraged our readers to share news about people who have moved away from the village; and now we have a further update. If any of you have stories to share of other past-neighbours, do please let us know.

I am continuing to write short pieces about people, businesses and other organisations active in Cleeve. Get in touch if you know of someone or something that deserves a write-up.

*Denis Burn
Chair*

YATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday April 7th - talk by Steve Ryan on Queen Elizabeth's Hospital School
7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.
Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Marianne Pitman

FOCOS (Friends Of Cleeve Over Sixties)

Winning numbers for the FOCOS lottery

3rd January 2026	4	June Richards
31st January	11	Elizabeth Vaughan
7th February	40	Ray King
28th February	23	Chris & Brian Smith
7th March	19	Jean Ashman

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

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Good Friday in St Barnabas

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Easter Sunday in Holy Trinity

5th April - 6.30am Sunrise Service

followed by breakfast

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12th April

10am Holy Communion in St Barnabas

19th April - Holy Trinity

**10am Annual Parish Meeting
in the Context of Morning Worship**

26th April

9.45am for 10am

**Cafe Church in Cleve Village Hall
(An informal service which starts with
breakfast)**

**Every Thursday at 9.30am in Holy Trinity
there is a service of Reflection and Prayer
or Holy Communion.**

All are welcome to join us.

More information - Tel: 01934 904765

CHARLIE COMES TO CLEEVE AND CLAVERHAM!

On Thursday 18th March, Cleeve with Claverham Parish welcomed Charlie, Archdeacon of Bath who started his visit with the Thursday prayer service at Holy Trinity. Following shortly after was a visit to Court de Wyck School, where Daile and Charlie participated in the weekly assembly after being welcomed by Jo Baker-Brown, the head teacher.

The theme of the assembly was 'Caring'. Daile asked the school children attendees who they thought cared for them? The children watched a screened "Play Lego" story on 'The Good Samaritan' and Daile then revealed paperchains made at the previous Sunday Mother's Day service on each chain was a person/ group who cared for others. Together, Daile and a pupil tried to wrap the paperchains around the entire school! This was followed by very active prayers and a song sung with great gusto by all the pupils. Charlie then proceeded with a tour of the school, with the new Science Room especially impressing.

After assembly, Charlie talked to the Spiritual Group. Asking them why they liked being in the group, a boy volunteered it was one of the more interesting groups! The group also explained that they helped out in Mrs Baker-Brown's assemblies and how they had helped Daile with their Carol Service by producing bells by way of surprise, from under their cuffs, for the service's Ding Dong carol. The Group then proceeded to ask Charlie questions: these varied from asking how many churches did he go to (150) and what was his role; Charlie explained that he was like the Head teacher and under him, like the teachers in schools, were all the vicars who took care of these churches, his responsibility was to support the vicars in all his churches. To the question "what do you do at Church?", Charlie explained it was similar to Daile's assemblies in that there was usually a talk, songs were sung and prayers were said to ask God to help us. What did Charlie like best about his job? - he loved visiting lots of churches, all of which were different and interesting. A girl wanted to know if he took assemblies in Schools? -he used to, and still went into many schools, but mainly to observe and support the vicar in their assemblies. Charlie then asked if the spiritual group were keen to continue in their roles next year?, All its members were very enthusiastic, especially given Daile was keen to use the group to help her take services, like Café Church or the animal service which is planned for Sunday 28th June; this promoted much discussion as to the type of animals that might attend, there might even be Llamas, and one boy thought his cat would be too timid to attend such a diverse gathering!

Charlie and Daile then went to St Barnabas Church in Claverham to meet members of their congregation and following on from there went back to Holy Trinity, Cleeve for hot soup and chunky bread at Thursday's Warm room. Charlie mingled with the visitors to the warm room and everyone had a chance to chat to him over cups of coffee, tea and cake in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Elizabeth

ARCHDEACON CHARLIE WITH MEMBERS OF THE SPIRITUAL GROUP





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GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

We need a volunteer like you!
Can you spare an hour...

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:

☎ 07458073262
 ✉ tracy.edwardsbrown@vansmail.org.uk




NORTH SOMERSET ARTS

Dates for your diary: North Somerset Arts (featuring a number of artists from Cleeve) have their biennial Members Exhibition on 15-17 May at Failand Village Hall. This will include talks, demonstrations, activities for younger ones, refreshments, and a free entry. More details at: www.northsomersetarts.org and on our social media @northsomersetarts.





CLEEVE BOOK EXCHANGE

The Cleeve book exchange is now open in the old telephone box. Hopefully there will be more room when the box has been fully decommissioned
We hope you enjoy this new facility.

Steve Molloy

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Do you have an hour to spare with a helping hand?

Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS) is delighted to announce the roll out of the Good Neighbour Scheme, a community led initiative designed to support older residents (65+) living in rural villages across North Somerset. The scheme connects local volunteers with residents who need occasional help with small odd jobs in and around their home, enabling people to remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

If you have a spare hour and would like to volunteer with this scheme, please contact Tracy on 07458073262 or email info@vansmail.org.uk

STREUSEL FINGERS

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 2 |
| 6 oz Plain Flour | 1 oz Butter/Marg |
| 2 Level teaspoonfuls of Baking Powder | 4 oz Soft Brown Sugar |
| Pinch of Salt | ½ oz Plain Flour |
| 6 oz Caster Sugar | 1 level tsp Cinnamon |
| 2 oz Margarine | 2 oz chopped Walnuts |
| 4 Tablespoons of Milk | |
| 1 Egg | |

From 1: Cream Margarine & Sugar. Beat in Eggs. Add Flour, Baking Powder & Salt.

From 2: Rub the topping ingredients together until it looks like crumbs.

Grease tin (8" x 12") and put ½ mixture (1) on bottom, sprinkle ½ of (2) on top.

Place rest of (1) on top then sprinkle rest of (2) on top.

Cook for 35 mins @ 350°F / 180°C/Gas Mark 4.

W.I. RECIPE from All About Cleeve – February 1995

Kindly Supplied by Annette Williams

AL FRESCO

On the site of the current Al Fresco restaurant, next to the old filling station, there used to be a small wooden structure which contained a shop selling sweets, ice creams and such like. I remember it from the 1950s when, getting off the bus from school, I would sometimes spend some of my remaining bus money on a lollipop. That went years ago to be followed by Chinese, Indian and other restaurants. However, it is now a full 10 years since Al Fresco set up their Italian restaurant which has flourished and gained an enviable reputation.

Al Fresco can seat nearly 100 customers. A few of the staff come from the village and others from further afield. Customers, too, come from far and wide: a good number of local regulars, some passing traffic, people from Weston, Clevedon and elsewhere. Its proximity to the Playing Field helps.

The owner has been in the restaurant business for around 25 years and he explained to me some of the changes he has seen over the years: a greater focus on healthy options, growth in vegetarian meals, alcohol consumption seems to have reduced too. The restaurant is increasingly keen to buy high-quality, locally produced ingredients. They are open for lunch and dinner every day and can provide take-away meals for people who can collect them. Private parties can also be accommodated.

The business likes to be a good neighbour and has often provided vouchers and support for local good causes. We are fortunate to have them in the village. Congratulations to Al Fresco on 10 successful years and may they have many more in the future.

Denis Burn



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GARDENING TIPS

New lawns can be sown now and thin ones can be patched up with more seed. Be prepared to take time preparing a good seedbed, it pays in the long run. Sow hard wearing ryegrass based mixtures for lawns used by children and pets but fescue and bent grass based mixes for the best looking lawn. Buy and lay turf for a quick result.

POP-UP CAKE AND PIE STALL

Thank you to all those who came to 40 Cleeve Drive on Saturday 14th March in support of Helen Mortimer's London Marathon run, in aid of the Alzheimer's Society charity. A special thanks to those who donated cakes.

Your generosity raised a sum of £511 which will go towards Helen's fund-raising target.

Lin, Dave and Helen Mortimer



YATTON MUSIC SOCIETY

Saturday, April 25

Kallos String Quartet, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Yatton,

Tickets £15, Children free, details: www.yms.org.uk

The Bath based Kallos Quartet led by Lucy Hewson, bring a wonderful programme of string quartet music to Yatton Music Society at St Mary's Church. They are performing an eclectic selection of music - from the classical lyricism of Mendelssohn, and Ravel, to the romantic world of 1930's classics by Cole Porter and Manning Sherwin, love themes from films and musicals inspired by Romeo and Juliet and the joyous. Finishing their concert with exuberant re-imaginings of Scandinavian folk tunes. The concert promises to be a real feast for the senses.



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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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Gill Atkinson 07722 298550

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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. The system will make visits faster, safer and more efficient.

The new online booking system is now operating for Weston-super-Mare, Backwell and Portishead recycling centres.

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

Agenda for Cleeve Annual Parish Meeting 28 April 2026: In the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7:00pm

Tea/coffee and biscuits on Arrival

A G E N D A

Such persons only as are registered as local government electors for the Parish will be entitled to vote at the meeting but the meeting will be open to the public to attend unless the Parish meeting shall direct otherwise.

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be as follows:

1. Chairman's welcome to the public
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Agreement of the minutes of the meeting of 15th April 2025
4. Chairman's Summary of the Year
5. **Mike Bell, Leader of North Somerset Council**
An opportunity for residents to ask questions, and discuss, local priorities and concerns.
6. Questions to your Councillors and District Councillor
7. Ideas electors may have for improving the quality of life for Cleeve residents.
8. Close of business

WECA Consultation: A consultation is currently live seeking views from residents and organisations across all parts of the West of England on a proposal for expansion of the West of England Combined Authority to incorporate North Somerset Council. Follow the link www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk for details and to take part in the consultation. Consultation ends 10 April 2026.

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

clerk@cleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.cleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk

GUINNESS LOAF

Ingredients

6 bottles Guinness (bottles, not cans, as this is the proper “live”, bottle conditioned version) (Or milk, but the baking is much less fun!)

1 cup (1/2 pint: 300mls) Sugar	1 cup (1/2 pint: 300mls) Fruit
1 cup (1/2 pint: 300mls) Guinness	2 1/2 oz (70gs) Margarine
2cups (1 pint: 600mls) Self Raising Flour	1 Egg, beaten
1tspn Mixed spice (or to taste)	

Method

Assemble all ingredients together. Open one bottle of Guinness and pour carefully into a glass. Sit in your favorite chair and savor the Guinness whilst contemplating the baking process.

Put the sugar, fruit and margarine into a pan. Open two bottles of Guinness. Very carefully pour 300mls from one into a measuring jug. Whilst the inevitable froth settles, drink the rest. Pour the measured Guinness into the pan, and the other gottle into a brass. Drink this whilst bringing the pan to the boil and shimmering for 10 minutes.

Open a froth gottle of Guinness, pour into a glass, return to the chair and savour saviour shaver **enjoy** the Guinness whilst the mixture cools.

Stir first the beaten egg, then the flour and mixed spice (if required) into the mixture. This can be quite tiring, so prepare a fifth bottle of Guinness to keep you going.

Shling the whole shebang into a greased and floured loaf tin and bung in the oven for 40 - 45 minutes at 190°C (Gasmask 5).

Open the slith bootiful Grandness and slink drowly, memering to shet the timer to wake you before the cake is entirely cremerted cremtided crumpeted **burnt**.

Best served thickly buttered.

Rod Parfitt

BE HOME SAFE SCHEME

The Be Home Safe scheme is a free referral service giving security to victims of crime and helps vulnerable people to stay safe.

Please be aware there is currently a small waiting list to join the scheme.

What the scheme does

- Checks door locks and upgrade if necessary
- Fit door chains if necessary
- Fit door viewers if necessary
- Installs window locks if necessary
- Fit window alarms if necessary
- Supplies personal alarms if necessary
- Looks at overall security of the property
- Advises on security improvements

What the scheme does not do

- Replace or renew broken glass
- Temporary boarding of doors or windows
- Repairs to doors or windows after forced entry by police
- Renewal of window, doors, sashes or frames
- Cold call, we always make appointments
- Deal with fences or hedges
- Carry out electrical work such as lighting, cameras or alarm systems

Who can use the scheme?

- People over the age of 65
- Victims of hate crime
- Victims of burglary or fraud
- Victims of domestic, sexual or racial violence
- Any vulnerable member of the community

How can I apply?

If you fit the above criteria, [contact your local PCSO or PC](#) to see if they can arrange a visit by the Be Home Safe Scheme. Easiest way is by ringing 101. Be Home Safe is not an emergency service and so the team are only available Monday to Friday during office hours.

Stay safe
Steve, Sally and Ross
Cleeve Community Resilience

CLEEVE LOCAL HISTORY

All About Cleeve – January and February 1995

Mrs Mary Maddocks gave AAC extracts from the Woman's Institute minute books which covered the years 1939-45. They are a fascinating insight into village life during the Second World War. They have been divided into two parts, and we hope our readers enjoy them as much as the villagers of Cleeve enjoyed them back in 1995.

A Women's Institute at War Part One

First indications that anything unusual was happening appear in 1939 when a White Elephant stall was held to raise money for "Lord Baldwin's fund for refugees", £1-15-2d (£1-76) was later sent to the fund. Also this month a letter dealing with evacuation of the children was discussed, and a rota of helpers for cooking, mending, laundry and minding was drawn up with some difficulty, because many members were preparing to take children in a national emergency, and therefore could not volunteer for further work

However, life went on very much as usual with a day outing in June to Sidmouth and Seaton for 4/6 (23p), and a wet garden meeting in July. In September as War was declared, a group of visitors from London (Mothers and Children) seem to have arrived, extra meetings were organised for their entertainment, also help was offered with their sewing. By October these visitors had returned to London, this was the time of the 'Phoney War', later on more evacuees arrived.

On a more mundane level, members accepted the Committee's recommendation that "in future there should only be tea and biscuits served, and that 2d (1p) should be charged". By the following Summer members were each bringing a small teaspoon of tea to make a brew.

In January 1940 the practical skills of members were being used in making of comforts for the armed forces, there was "an exceedingly urgent need" for socks and gumboot stockings and also money to buy wool. A later entry says Rabbit skins: If any member has any rabbit skins for disposal Miss Vernon (County Chairman) would be glad to have them, as she was collecting them to make overcoats for the Russians. Members seemed to think there were few rabbits, much less the skins for overcoats.

The tensions of war began to show by the Summer of 1940 when members were read a letter from Headquarters appealing to members to: "make the monthly meetings cheerful and enjoyable". The following month the head of the Local Defence Volunteers asked members for help and co-operation, as he had received instructions to do all he could to prevent rumour and gossip likely to cause alarm and despondency. The president advised the meeting to only believe half of what you see, and nothing of what you hear.

GARDENING TIPS

Pot grown fruit trees and bushes can still be planted this month but it's getting late!

UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN AID DONATIONS

How can I start? The donations kept arriving and arriving. You are all such advocates of this worthwhile cause, speaking to your friends and others you meet along the way. I would open the door and there would be someone who lived far away from Cleeve but had heard that there was a collection happening. Thank you all so very much.

My home was bursting the day before collection from Andy with black bags filled with children's clothing and soft toys, knitted hats, scarves, blankets, bedding in all shapes and sizes, towels, boxes of kitchenware, cutlery, crockery, air fryers, slow cooker, saucepans, Church candle stubs, assortment of medical.. by way of bandages, medicines. Just wonderful donations needing four cars fully loaded back to Andy's.

A lovely story I want to share with you all is how two people met each other through donating. A dear friend in Bristol asked around Christmas time if I was collecting "dolls"...yes I said. "Well I do have a few but I'm afraid they're NAKED"...laughter! A group of ladies in Yatton are in a knitting group. Well, I needn't continue with the story as you've guessed it. My Bristol friend turned up at the home of my Yatton knitting lady and hey presto.



However, there is another story I feel I need to share. This one is from James in Sussex a key transporter. "We all know how difficult the situation is in Ukraine right now. One of the coldest winters in living memory coupled with Russian weaponising winter has led to misery for millions of people. We all in this group have such empathy and compassion for these decent Ukrainians who didn't ask for this; they need our help. We are all brilliant at collecting. But!!!!

The transportation bit remains the biggest challenge. I'm heading off with 2 articulated trucks and an 18t truck next weekend. And then what??? It's not just our group. I hear of backlogs of aid from all the charity partners. I'm very happy to be open and honest about this issue. Perhaps someone wants to do a Press Release about this issue. I don't expect people from this group to put their hands in their pockets. We need to find external support. You are all wonderful people"

I hope you didn't mind me sharing James' words. If there is anyone reading this or who knows of anyone who may help with the transportation issue / press release please do email terandlib@yahoo.co.uk. Andy and others are looking to purchase a 7.5t lorry to drive out, offload and return....repeat. So any information about possible vehicles you know of would be so appreciated."

At the moment all Andy is collecting are the essentials.....Meds and Food. These can be found at local supermarkets.

Thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity for this February collection it was incredible and once I hear from Andy that we are up and rolling again I will be back in touch. Please pass on my thanks to those you know who do not get to see the AAC.

Libby

YATTON UNITED CHARITIES

Individual residents and small not for profit businesses in Yatton, Claverham and Cleeve can apply to Yatton United charities for small one off grants in times of need.

Application forms can be found on both Yatton and Cleeve Parish Council websites and through the YUC website www.yattonunitedcharities@yahoo.com.

If you know of anybody who might benefit please encourage them to apply.

Marianne Pitman

NAILSEA DISTRICT LEG CLUB INFORMATION

Leg Club clinic is every Wednesday 9.00 – 11.30 a.m. at Nailsea Tithe Barn, where expert advice and treatment is provided by Lead Nurse Rachel Tanner and her team from Tynesfield Medical Group.

Handbag sale, Saturday 16 May – 'donation station' at 65 High Street. Think of us when sorting out unwanted handbags, purses, backpacks. PLEASE check they're clean, empty, and in good condition, we'd rather benefit from your donation, not the tip! Sorry no suitcases or holdalls.

For patient or volunteer information call Carole Brooke on 07954 302498.

GARDENING TIPS

If you haven't raised your own plants, it is now time to get some tomato, pepper and cucumber plants to grow in your greenhouse. If it is unheated, keep the plants on a bright windowsill indoors for a few more days.

Marrows, courgettes, pumpkins and squashes can be sown in individual pots towards the end of the month. These will need protection if sown outside. Peat pots are very good for this.



**Did you know that it costs just £10 a month to join
Yatton and District Rotary?**

That's less than having a coffee a week in a café!

You could meet new people, make new friends and get involved in local community projects. We also raise funds for international humanitarian causes.

**Do you have a project in mind that we can help with?
Contact us to discuss!**

**We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at
The Bridge Inn, Yatton BS49 4AU
where we often have free talks and demonstrations and you can join us
for a meal beforehand.**

**For more information please contact the Club Secretary via the Yatton
Rotary Club website (use your browser to search for Yatton Rotary Club)**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Back in 1995, AAC ran a series of 'Where are they now?'

Nick Hayman wrote in to update the village on his experiences in the Grenadier Guards which he had joined in 1984. He spoke about his travels with the Army and how he had met up with Dave Kesby from Claverham, who in 1995 was a Captain and John Chiswell, a sergeant from Yatton, both in the paras. He mentioned his claim to fame! While posted in Central London he had had an opportunity to appear in a film with Harrison Ford as a film extra. He played a Guardsman! and had two lines in the film Patriot Games.

We contacted Nick for an update.....

After serving 25 years in the Grenadier Guards my service ended in May 2012. I resettled in Weston-super-Mare, where I worked as a Driver/Loader for a couple of years on the Recycling Trucks for North Somerset Council, so I would have been back in Cleeve emptying the Green Boxes!

In 2015 I was in Calendar Club, Sovereign Centre WSM, In the local interest section there were South West, Somerset calendars, Bath, Bristol calendars, but no Weston Town calendars, so as an amateur photographer I put together 12 pictures and produced, what I called the 'Welcome to Weston' calendar, which I have now been doing for 11 years.

In 2017, I signed up to a few Casting Agencies that cover the South West and South Wales and became a Supporting Artist (The correct term for Film Extra) and soon discovered it was similar to being in the Military, as instructions come through telling you, where you need to be, at what time, what to wear, the line up is a check over of your costume and makeup, this is like the inspection element. Instead of a Commanding Officer there is now a Director at the top. The Actors and Actresses are to me the Officers as they normally have a person looking after them, like the Officers have an orderly or batman to sort them out.

I have documented my Supporting Artist career with IMDb. [highlights include King Lear with Sir Anthony Hopkins, the James Bond film Golden Eye and a whaler fighting a CGI polar bear in His Dark Materials].

At the same time of the 10th anniversary of the calendar, I mentioned to the reporter the release of 'Rivals' on Disney+ and that some filming had taken place at Castlewood, Clevedon and I had the role as a named character 'Ivor Hicks' on this production. The following week an article appeared in the Mercury talking about the career change from Soldier to Supporting Artist. BBC Radio Bristol had seen the article and I was then invited to the Studios, Whiteladies Road for a live 15 minute interview on the John Darvall Show

Very recently, filming has wrapped on the 2nd series of 'Rivals' where I have continued to play 'Ivor Hicks'.

I am still linked to the Grenadier Guards by currently having the role of Treasurer for the Bristol Branch, Grenadier Guards Association.

NICK HAYMAN AND JOHN DARVALL AT RADIO STUDIO, WHITELADIES ROAD



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

There is still time to book for the FOCOS BINGO NIGHT, which provides a brilliant night out for everyone, but is also one of the main fundraising events to pay for the FOCOS Mystery Outing 2026

To add to the excitement, we will be announcing the date of the 2026 outing at the Bingo, so be sure to be there with your diary to book up for this brilliant event, which is always oversubscribed – with the 2026 outing limited to just 50 attendees.

As usual, the FOCOS Bingo Evening will encompass 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 super 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.

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Monday & Wednesday 09.00 -12.00

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Yatton PO	5.45pm	11.15am
Congresbury PO	5.15pm	11.15am
Congresbury Broad St	5.30pm	9.00am
Backwell PO	5.30pm	12.15pm
Clevedon Delivery Office	6.00pm	



COUNTRY NIGHT WITH THE ANNA HOWIE BAND Cleeve Village Hall Friday June 12th

Do join us for another fabulous live music night: it'll be stage down and showtime with a full band to entertain us and the good news is as we go to press there are still about 20 early bird cheaper tickets left up for grabs here - <https://wegottickets.com/event/687140>

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Anna Howie is set to captivate audiences at Cleeve Village Hall as part of her UK tour. Blending Americana, folk and country influences, London born Howie has built a reputation for heartfelt storytelling and exquisite musicianship. Her latest album delves into the themes of love, resilience and self-discovery, earning praise for its lyrical depth and authentic sound.

Anna's first EP, *An Idiots Guide To Love* was recorded in Nashville and went in at number 5 in the UK Country Charts. Her follow up album, *The Friday Night Club* was named after a livestream she started from her front room during Lockdown which ran for 25 consecutive weeks, every Friday and went on to have 2 million views on Facebook. Anna has done live Radio 2 sessions with Brian May and has supported Gabrielle and Scouting For Girls. *Good For Roses* follows the success of Howie's previous releases, it was recorded at Peter Gabriel's studios in Bath and solidifies her status as one of the UK's most exciting independent artists.

On June 12th Anna will be joined by her brilliant band of musicians: Andy Evans on guitar, Roger Nunn on drums and percussion and John Brooker on bass. Anna Howie's live performances are known for their warmth, humour and emotional depth, making this an unmissable event for music lovers in Cleeve (annahowiemusic.com)

QUOTES

'One of the fastest rising stars on the scene' MAVERICK MAGAZINE

'Sassy..endearing puts you in mind of the wonderful Dolly Parton' MUSIC REPUBLIC MAGAZINE

Support is courtesy of Elly Hopkins, a Bristol-based songwriter and musician whose work spans the edges of folk, rock and alt-country. 2025 marked the release of her debut LP '*Animal*', a project that has already begun to establish her as a compelling new voice in UK alt-folk-rock (ellyhopkins.com)

We can't wait to welcome you for this unmissable Village Hall Fundraising Event and there will be a licensed bar.

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VILLAGE DIARY

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

Yatton Local History Society. April 7th. Yatton Methodist Church. 7:30pm

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

Yatton Music Society. April 24th. St Mary's Church, Yatton. 7:30pm

Cleeve Annual Parish Meeting. April 28th. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:00pm

MAY

North Somerset Arts Week. May 15th-17th. Failand Village Hall

JUNE

Country Night. June 12th. Cleeve Village Hall

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

Welcome Room. Holy Trinity Church, Thursdays. 12 - 4pm

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With winter giving way to spring, The Warm Room at Holy Trinity becomes the Welcome Room through summer and up to the start of autumn.

The **Welcome Room sessions are every Thursday from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Trinity Church Room**, beginning on Thursday 2nd April.

All the usual elements [except soup] are in place – tea/coffee, biscuits [and usually cakes] – great company, chat, puzzles, crafts, and Qwirkle – all wrapped up with lots of laughter and fun.

A reminder that **everyone in Cleeve and Claverham is welcome to come along** and chill out with friends old and new, hosted by your Warm Room ladies.

If you need any more details, ring Lin on 838515.

QUIZ NIGHT

Another successful quiz night at the Sinclair Pavillion, where the usual fun night also raised £100 for charity – in this case Marie Curie. The date of the next quiz was brought forward to Friday 27th March – the original date being Friday 3rd April, which of course is Good Friday.

Future dates are shown on page 18 of this magazine, with all welcome.

Don Veale

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