

#### CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

As most of you know, I am always on the lookout for new contributors to 'AllAboutCleeve'. This month we have a new column which we hope will stimulate interest in bee keeping. Steph Wooster will make regular contributions on her experiences of keeping bees in Cleeve. (See page 6)

Your Chairman was the subject of a lifeboat rescue in September and the experience reminded him of the incredible service the RNLI offers. The time of the "Mayday" to the arrival of the lifeboat was considerably less than an hour and the efficiency and kindness of the lifeboat crew to our frightened Grandchildren will always be remembered. If you value our fishermen and sailors, do keep on supporting this wonderful British institution!

The Corona Virus continues to be the main talking point on the news and we hope everyone will continue to be vigilant. It's good to be able to advise you that the Village Hall is once again open to bookings and some of our regular hirers are already booked in.

Please see note in this edition about the delayed show by the 'Swinging Rascals'.

We have been looking for funding for another free "Cleeve Historical Calendar for 2021" and we still need donations of approx £250.00 to be able to go ahead. Please help if you can by contacting me directly. David Ridley already has an interesting set of historical photos available.

> Andrew Grogono Chairman AAC

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#### **ROY DENNIS BRIERLEY**

Roy was born on 20th June in Kingswood in Bristol. Roy had an amazing life starting from humble beginnings with school located in a bandstand in a park (due to suspected TB), wartime evacuation to South Petherton to becoming a District Surveyor for Avon County Council in charge of schools and county buildings.

Roy was an accomplished carpenter, builder and engineer. He had a lifelong passion for motorcycling and won many awards and cups for trials riding and scrambling. A few years ago his daughter Maria took him to see a trial near Bath. People there still remembered him for his achievements over 50 years ago.

Over the years Roy rebuilt many old and vintage bikes, often making the parts he couldn't buy. The children remember him tinkering away, balancing his broken glasses on his nose and explaining what he'd done or which part he'd lost.

Motorcycling is where it all started. He met Pauline, his wife, when she and her father learnt to ride Vespas at the Douglas motorcycle factory in Kingswood. They were married in 1959. Roy bought a piece of land in Chapel Lane where he built their house and raised their 3 children. They now have 6 grand children and 4 great grand children.

Always energetic, Roy excelled at many sports. He played squash and cricket through work and joined Cleeve Tennis Club when he retired. Roy played tennis well into his 80s and many in the club will remember him for his bright yellow base ball cap, blue track-suit bottoms and the oldest pair of white trainers ever.

Then in recent years he started playing table tennis again, he'd been good at this as a young man.

Roy encouraged his teenage grand children to play tennis and even with dementia he mostly beat them at table tennis.

With his friends, when he was younger, he did a parachute jump and several cycle rides the most memorable being the London to Brighton.

He was very sociable, funny and a great story teller. He made many friends over the years and loved a good party as long as he didn't have to organise it!

A few years ago Roy was diagnosed with vascular dementia. He enjoyed all the North Somerset activities for Alzheimers including table tennis, singing for the brain, Memory cafe and especially the Tea Dance where he was known for his own brand of dancing.

Roy was in Summer Lane care home for 2 years because of his dementia but there were lots of happy times there as well. Roy's unique humour never left him and he would still have a laugh and a joke with the staff telling them "..... he didn't do it!" He would walk around the home singing Italian Opera (he didn't understand Italian though!) and songs like Pack up your Troubles, Somewhere over the Rainbow, She'll be coming around the Mountain and Just a song at Twilight. When he forgot the words he would make them up.

Roy died on Wednesday 6th May from dementia and Covid19. He was 91 years old and will be dearly missed by all of his family and friends.

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Pauline Brierley



#### 'ALLABOUTBEES'

New to All About Cleeve, a bee diary written by a local novice bee-keeper.

As we head into autumn the honey bees are preparing for winter, building up their larder of honey and pollen stores that will get them through to the spring. The flowers of the fields and gardens are getting less and less as the evenings draw in and the days become cooler. During this time the bees are helped with an abundance of flowering ivy. Seldom noticed this crop of nectar is a boon to the bees, if you are passing by a clump on a sunny day you will see it buzzing with insects, bees, butterflies and sometimes wasps too.

#### Steph Wooster







#### **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

The Village Hall is the assembly point and operating base for the community resilience team (when mobilised) providing help and assistance in an emergency.

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 on page 22.



#### KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Sinclair Pavilion - a HUGE thank you to National Grid

We are absolutely delighted to be able to share with you now, post lockdown, that our grant application to the National Grid has been successful! On behalf of everyone, we are so grateful and thank them very much as they have very generously donated to the trustees the huge sum of £19,000 to replace the floor and furniture in The Pavilion.

It has enabled us to complete the refurbishment and you now won't recognise the interior! Trustees Colin and Richard during lockdown have worked tirelessly to strip out and repaint, finish the toilets, re-tile and replace the stainless steel fittings in the rear bar area with everyone helping to remove the old carpet, staging, dance floor and seating.

The National Grid money has enabled all the flooring to be completely replaced with wood laminate and new flooring installed behind the bar (thank you to Jamie for fitting). Complemented with new low and high tables, chairs and high bar stools plus dark brown leather sofas.

The mix of furniture and space gives the flexibility for it to be re-arranged into different layouts to suit a variety of functions. The Trustees would be delighted to discuss the hiring of the Pavilion for a family party, coffee morning, corporate event, fitness class, skittles, wake, etc, within government guidelines. We are so excited and invite you all to come and see for yourselves and the trustees will have an open afternoon on Saturday 17th October – 2pm to 5pm.

The Pavilion has been risk-assessed and is COVID-secure with sanitiser, visitors book for track and trace, socially distant seating, 2m floor markings and a one-way system.

Chair of Trustees: Alice Jones 01934 877208 a.jones34@hotmail.com

#### FOOTBALL MATCHES AND OPENING HOURS OF SINCLAIR PAVILION

The Football Club invite you all to come and support their home matches so do bring the family down to watch. Plenty of space to stand socially distant on the sideline to cheer them on. The Pavilion is COVID-secure and the bar will be open on a Saturday afternoon until 7.30pm. Everyone welcome so do pop in for a chat and a drink.

To keep up with fixtures, please do follow them on Facebook and Twitter: Yatton & Cleeve United F.C. or @yaufc

#### **TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY**

Sow Mustard & Cress for a nutritious salad or garnish. Grow them on a windowsill in damp kitchen roll lined trays or punnets. Sow each thickly but sow the mustard 2 days later. Cover the seeds with paper until the seeds are 25mm [1"] high then remove the covering. Keep moist by regular watering. This is a good way to get young children interested in gardening and produces quick results for impatient minds!



#### **PAVILION SEATING**



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#### **CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well in these difficult times. Much has happened, of course, since our last contribution to "All About Cleeve" and it is great to see the publication resume.

**New Parish Clerk** First of all I would like to introduce myself. My name is Andy Warren and I am the new Parish Clerk for Cleeve having taken over from Alicia Fox during August. On behalf of the Council I would like to thank Alicia for all her work over the last few years and we wish her well for the future.

My background is mainly as a career banker with NatWest having worked for them for 36 years between 1972 and 2008. I worked in various locations including Cardiff, Bristol, Exeter and ending up in North Devon. Since then I have worked as a Medical Centre Practice Manager, for an Accountancy firm and, latterly, as a Mortgage Adviser.

I am married and live in Yatton where I was member of the Parish Council for a couple of years before work commitments meant I could not devote the time I felt the role deserved.

Moving into the world of local government is something I have been interested in for some time and I am delighted to take up the role of Parish Clerk and look forward to working with the Councillors on your behalf.

I can be contacted on 07932 191964 and by email on cleeveparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk **Council Meetings** Since March all our Council Meeting have been via "Zoom" and current guidance is that this should continue for the time being.

Details of meetings, agenda's and details of how to join the "Zoom" meeting are published on the website ahead of meetings.

The Annual Parish Meeting will not take place this year and Councillor Surgeries are on hold but we intend to have more once we are able to do so.

**Bristol Airport** North Somerset Council refused permission for Bristol Airport to expand in February but the Airport has lodged an appeal. This means there will soon be a Public Inquiry. Our parish is supporting the Parish Councils Airport Association (PCAA) in the Inquiry who will be highlighting our concerns of more noise and traffic in the Village. The PCAA has a great offer from an experienced legal team to represent local communities and parishes. Much of their time will be donated free of charge but we will have costs for expert witnesses and preparatory work. Please contribute to help stop Bristol airport from expanding by donating to https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/stop-bristol-airport-expansion/

#### Have your voice heard - new Citizens' Panel launches in North Somerset

Residents, students and workers in North Somerset are being urged to get involved in local decision making with the launch of a new citizens' panel.

North Somerset Council is recruiting a group of volunteers to give regular feedback on local services and issues to help shape the future of the area.

The panel will be consulted on a wide range of topics, from bins and roads to social care and planning, with feedback used to inform how services are run.

North Somerset Council Executive member Cllr Caritas Charles, whose portfolio includes community engagement and consultation, said: "We have a new corporate plan for North Somerset which includes the commitment to be fair and open. "We are determined to be more transparent and involve our residents in decision making so that we can tackle issues together, and this panel is an essential part of making our ambition happen.

"By joining the panel members will get the chance to influence and inform how local services are delivered.

"No knowledge of the council is needed to sign-up, we are looking for members from across the community to get a true representative picture of what the people who live, work, and study here want and need from their council.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to make a significant impact on the future of their local area."

The Citizens' Panel will not replace formal consultations but will complement them and give another way for the people of North Somerset to have their voices heard.

Panel members will be asked to join in regular online surveys, with the first expected in the autumn. There will also be opportunities to get involved in specific focus groups. Anyone aged 18 or over, living, working or studying in North Somerset can sign up by 05 October 2020 and get more information at :

https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/citizenspanel/consultationHome

**Disposal of Facemasks** One of the current challenges for us all is the need for facemasks. In particular, there seems to have been an increase in masks dropped either accidentally or just carelessly.

It is very important that these are disposed of safely not only due to the health implications but they also form an additional hazard for wildlife.

Facebook 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. Andy Warren

www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk



#### WELLS IN CLEEVE

In 1991 and 1992 a survey of wells in Cleeve, Yatton and Claverham was made using information held by Yatton Local History Society, including the 1903 Ordnance Survey map, and from conversations with local residents.

Most of the sites are privately owned and not publicly accessible. Over one hundred wells and pumps have been identified and there may be many more. The map gives an indication of the siting of some wells, most of which were found near or in particularly farmhouses built before 1850, or nearby for example Old Farm, Yew Tree Farm and Appleacre (Old Church Farm) in Cleeve. At Church Farm there are a number of covered ones in the fields to the north providing water for the animals, etc.

There is still evidence of a well on the road verge in Littlewood Lane and another by the footpath near the ruined Ruggs cottage near the Brockley border.

Before mains water became widely available any dwelling, group of dwellings and farm etc needed its own water supply and an underground source was the most reliable. Before 1847 no central government supervision of water supply existed and water was only piped to those who could afford it. Yatton which include Cleeve then did not get a piped water supply until 1910. Some wells were still in use in the early 1950s until they were discontinued because of the need for a demonstrably safe supply for dairy farming.

Use of private water supplies for drinking has been completely replaced by mains water locally (Woodspring District Council 1992). However, water from a small number of wells is still used for gardening.

The earliest reference found to a well in Yatton is a report that the churchwardens spent 16s. 4d. on a bucket and chain for the Church House well in 1473. By 1896 there was the luxury of a cast iron pump and stone trough which can still be seen in the parish church car park adjoining the bier house.

Many wells appear to have been dug outside the original walls of farmhouses but as the houses were enlarged the wells were incorporated in the kitchen, scullery or dairy as at Manor Farm, Claverham and still contain clear water.

Other wells posed challenges of a different kind. One was found at the junction of Church and Chescombe Roads on the site of former cottages where it still remains under the tarmac, albeit filled in to be found by further unsuspecting road menders.

Another interesting well is in a field at Claverham Green Farm where there was once a windmill used to pump water for farming use. It was also used by the neighbouring Grove Farm where the well, now covered is by the back door.

Most wells were stone lined for the first 10 feet, 6 feet across and up to 30 feet deep. The one at Cottage Farm, Claverham was stone lined then went through a layer of shale and had a wider base chamber to increase its capacity. The opening was narrower, made of a flat round stone with a central hole about 2 feet across. On some stones, as at Grove Farm, evidence of supports for a bucket can still be seen. Other wells were completely covered and hand pumps were used to raise the water as at Claverham Court and Prospect House, High Street, Claverham.



At Bishops Farm the well fed a 600 gallon tank in the roof of a barn from which water was piped to eight cattle troughs with the help of a motorised pump. This well was mentioned in auction details of 1854. Similar arrangements existed at Claverham Court. Besides wells, soft water was collected in cisterns from roofs. One still exists in the stable yard of Claverham House and contains clear water. The cistern has a round opening and a stone lined neck with a brick lined vault beneath. The vault is 6 feet deep and 9 feet wide. There was a similar one at Bickley.

Industrial water supplies were found at Wake & Dean's factory in a deep borehole near the internal railway line. Also, there were the tanks at the railway station for each of the four lines which were used to replenish the engines.

Other interesting wells were the reputedly holy ones, one at Court de Wyck and two near Claverham Road. The name 'Bishops Well' is all that remains, but they were reported in 1923 to have had a reputation for curing consumption or TB. They appear to have been springs which flowed into the Yeo, perhaps from the same source as the Henley wells. Now only a displaced stone marks the site of Bishops Well behind Claverham Road on Brook Farm land.



Adapted from an article in Yatton Yesterdays 9,1992. Marianne Pitman May 2020



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# VILLAGE DIARY

of Regular events in and around Cleeve

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Kingston Seymour First Saturday of month Kenn and Yatton Second Saturday of month Claverham Third Saturday of month

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**'Keep Fit Class' Claverham Village Hall** Every Monday night7pm – 8pm.



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## **Special Events This Month**

#### YATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday October 6th 7 30pm by Zoom and telephone

Filton in Space by Terry Ransome

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Winning numbers for the FOCOS lottery:

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Audrey Stephens Margaret and Paul Burrell

5th September 32 Gill Gould

Well done to all our winners, especially to Audrey and the Burrells who live outside Cleeve, but are great supporters of FOCOS.

With the continued uncertainty surrounding everything, we look forward to resuming our normal programme of events as soon as we can.

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