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CHAIR'S WELCOME

There's a poem about November which ends: 'No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees. No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! November! Well, in and around Cleeve there are things to look forward to in November: the Autumn Fayre is on the 21st in the Village Hall; Remembrance Sunday is the 8th and there are concerts in Wrington on the 14th and Yatton on the 28th. In this month's edition you can read the fourth instalment of the Starfish Story and read about another group using the Village Hall - the local Archaeological Research Team.

Another important date is Wednesday 18th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. This is the AGM of All About Cleeve and everyone is welcome. Our dedicated volunteers are keen to learn from AAC readers about how we could improve the monthly magazine. We are also keen to attract one or two more volunteers. Are there young people in the village who would like to interview people and write short articles? Are there others who could help with some of the many tasks involved in preparing and distributing the magazine? Do please give this some thought and attend the meeting if you can.

Denis Burn

TRINITY SINGERS

Trinity Singers, together with visiting soloists, will be presenting "Crowned", an exciting concert of music for regal occasions, at All Saints Church Wrington, 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 14th November.

Under the baton of their new Musical Director, Simon Lovell-Jones, the choir will perform a programme including Mozart's Coronation Mass and Handel's Zadok The Priest, together with choral music by Rutter, Clausen, Gleilo, Mathias, Walford Davies, Tchaikovsky and Charles Wood. In addition, the concert will include the premiere of a new commission, Charity Ode, by Bristol Composer Nicola Edwards. This is a setting of words by Bristol-born philanthropist Hannah More, who is commemorated in All Saints Church Wrington.

Denis Burn

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1st November - Holy Trinity
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8th November
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10am St Barnabas
10.50am Holy Trinity

15th November - Holy Trinity
10am Holy Communion

22nd November - St Barnabas
10am Holy Communion

29th November
9.45am Cafe Church in Cleeve Village Hall

10am Advent Morning Worship
in St Barnabas

Every Thursday in Holy Trinity there is a short service of Holy Communion or Reflection and Prayer. All are welcome to join us.

For more information - Tel: 01934 904765

6th December - Holy Trinity
10am Holy Communion

13th December
10am Holy Communion at St Barnabas
4pm Carol Service with Christingle at St Barnabas

20th December
10am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

6pm Carols by Candlelight at Holy Trinity

24th December
4pm Crib Service at St Barnabas
11.30pm Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

25th December
10am Christmas Celebration at St Barnabas

27th December
10am Holy Communion at St Barnabas





HIYA CLEEVE

As the nights draw in and the season of mists and mellow fruitfullness is upon us our thoughts turn to...

Potholes, drains and streetlights!!! So...If you find any potholes that need attention, streetlights not working, drains blocked then please help us out by reporting them to North Somerset Council. You can do that easily on line at https://n-somerset.gov.uk/report-or-request-it

You don't need an account and can report it as a guest

It's also the time to ensure your own property is resilient for the forthcoming winter months with boiler servicing, outside maintainence (outside lights and potential trip hazards) a priority

Stay safe and help our village to be as well

Steve, Sally and Ross
Cleeve Community resilience

YATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday November 3rd. Talk by Tony Lewis on Environmental Health through the ages. 7 30pm Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW.
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Marianne Pitman

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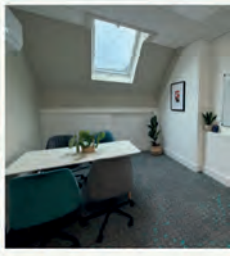


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HOLY TRINITY WARM ROOM 2026-27 SOUPA THURSDAY

As autumn moves us all on to thoughts of chillier times, everyone Holy Trinity is pleased to announce that **the Warm Room will be opening its doors, *every Thursday,* starting on 5th November**.

Soupa Thursdays are available to anyone in Cleeve or Claverham who would like to join us **between midday and 4pm on every Thursday throughout the winter.** Folks can turn up at any time, stay for as long as they wish, enjoy a choice of soup, plus a roll, then cake, tea and coffee, plus great company, take part in an activity [your own or something in the room], or not – just enjoy the chat.

Every Warm Room event is hosted by our weekly-changing team of qualified helpers. Each winter since 2022, we have been pleased to have new folks joining us for a warm up and much more, so if you haven't been along before – just drop in and give us a try.

I am pleased to say that, in paying our way, we have again received a most generous financial gift from Yatton United Charities.

The Warm Room is great fun, so why not come along and join us. If transport is a problem, lifts are available and run every week – just let us know and we will take care of it. If you would like any more details about the Warm Room, please give me a ring on 838515.

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GARDENING TIPS

Wash greenhouse glass down with Jeyes multipurpose disinfectant and cleaner to let in as much light as available.

HANDY COOKERY TIPS FROM CLEEVE W.I. (AAC 1995)

Prevent a banana from discolouring by soaking it unpeeled for at least two hours before skinning and using it.

To cook an onion through without it collapsing, place a skewer through the middle of it from end to end.

Pork joints crackling can be assured, in situ, if boiling water is poured over the skin and thoroughly dried before cooking.



CHURCH IN COURT DE WYCK SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help walk the children from Court de Wyck School to St Barnabas. The school was overwhelmed by the number of volunteers — 18 at the last count! We hope that every class will have the chance to visit St Barnabas during the coming school year. Watch this space for dates.

On October 1st, the school held its Harvest Festival, a service I led where we were reminded of the rainbow placed in the sky as a sign to Noah and his family, and to us, of God's faithfulness. The children were then asked to share their favourite colour without actually saying the colour! One child said their favourite colour was cherries, another the sun, another an amethyst, another the dark, and another the grass. Can you work out their favourite colours? It was a lovely event, with families present too, and there was another wonderful collection of produce for Clevedon Foodbank. The prayers were led by the newly elected Spiritual Group. Please pray for them as they work with me over the coming year, helping to plan assemblies and services.

On October 7th, it was a delight to meet with Robins the new Reception class, and some of their parents. The children were given their own story-telling version of the Bible and a personalised bookmark, kindly donated by Holy Trinity. This will allow them to read the stories with their families at home and become familiar with some of the stories they will hear in Collective Worship. One of the teachers said the children really enjoyed looking through their bibles and loved their bookmarks, such a lovely touch, thank you.

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GARDENING TIPS

Reduce the height of Lavatera, but leave the hard pruning until spring.

If you can't put your garden furniture inside then it is probably worth investing in a cover. That way you can whip the cover off and sit in the garden whenever the sun shines! Wooden furniture should be cleaned down and treated with good oil when dry.

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To be held on SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
at Cleeve Village Hall from 11am to 3pm

There will be all the usual fun-of-the-Fayre events, with numerous stalls providing Super Hand-Made Gift Ideas for Christmas, together with lots of other stalls including preserves, jams, scrummy cakes, bottle stall, books, instant raffles, tombola, win one of three super hampers, pick a basket, bric-a-brac

In addition, there will be delicious piping hot lunches from midday, with tea, coffee & squash served throughout the day.

Come along and enjoy a really friendly and fun event, with super bargains and chances to win some wonderful prizes, especially in the super hamper raffles, all to be drawn at 2.30pm.

If you would like more details about the day, and/or are willing to help in any way – eg bake a cake, bring bric-a-brac, books, etc., donate a raffle prize or a hamper prize, etc. please ring Lin [838515]

FOCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2026

The FOCOS Christmas Party is open to all Cleeve residents aged 60+ and is a grand night out; if you qualify to come, but have never joined us before, we can guarantee you will have a great time.

Invitations for Cleeve's social event of the year will be distributed, mostly by telephone, between 16th and 22nd November. **So, if you are a 'first-timer' or a 'regular' who hasn't received an invitation by 22nd November, please ring the FOCOS Christmas Party hot-line on 838515** [leave a message if the call centre staff are engaged on another call]

Just to give you an idea of the planning that is going on, we can confirm that the menu has been agreed; the turkeys have been ordered; the pantomime rehearsals are well underway; the wine is being chilled and the transport is being arranged – so the only thing left is to notify our clientele that the FOCOS [Friends Of Cleeve's Over Sixties] Christmas Party has been booked at

Cleeve Village Hall Saturday 5th December

5.45pm for 6pm start – lifts are available, please just ask when confirming your attendance.

FOCOS
(Friends Of CleeCve Over Sixties)

Winning numbers for the FOCOS lottery

5th September	36	Margaret Carpener
26th September	31	Helen Burnett
3rd October	33	Joyce and Geoff Allen

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

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Steve Molloy
Ross Floyd



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).

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.

Details of meetings, agendas and minutes continue to be published on our website which can be accessed via this QR code

Councillor Vacancy; We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor – Can you help?

Being a Councillor is so much more than sitting around a table discussing planning applications. Being a Councillor means you help represent **your village**, a place you have chosen to live, a place you want to succeed and a place you want to continue being happy in.

We need some new ideas and fresh faces to take Cleeve forward in the right direction. The Parish Council meetings are relaxed and welcoming, and most decisions are made during the meeting so there is little for Councillors to follow up on.

If you are interested then please come along to one of our meetings or contact our Clerk, Andy Warren, for more information.

Dog Poo!!; Although most dog owners act responsibly there are still examples of instances of dog poo not always being picked up. Whilst this is, of course, anti-social it also is worth reminding dog owners that North Somerset Council have published local Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs).

The orders state that if you are in charge of a dog you must as a minimum:

- keep your dog(s) under close control at all times
- carry a poo bag
- bag it and bin it – please don't leave bags hanging in trees or bushes
- keep your dog(s) out of children's play areas.

Activity on fields off Cleeve Hill Road; We continue to be aware of a number of issues arising from activity on some fields off Cleeve Hill Road and also an increase in traffic on Cleeve Hill Road related to this.

We are also aware of issues with the Public Footpath through one of the fields and this has been reported accordingly. We continue to liaise with NSC, Environmental Protection and Highways.

If you are affected by smells originating from the activity Please report to NSC via https://n.somerset.gov.uk There is also a monitoring form which can be provided and, if required, please email clerk@cleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk and a form can be provided.

Similarly, if you become aware of any issues with tankers or other traffic please contact using the details below and, if appropriate, please supply supporting photos.

Bristol Airport Parking Issues; If you become aware of any Off-Site and On-Street Airport Parking, please report via the email address below.

Similarly, if you need report any issues with off-site parking operators locally, please contact communitycarparking@bristolairport.com .

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
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DEAR FRIENDS OF UKRAINE

Firstly, I must apologize for not acknowledging all the wonderful donations received in time for our October AAC and TM publications. My fault entirely.

As always, Cleeve and the surrounding district came up trumps. The collection on the 1st September was another wonderful outpouring of love. Many more new names in my book and three car loads were needed to take over to Andy. One very kind donee loaded more into her car and drove over to Nailsea with us. Thank you.

At about 10.30 one Tuesday morning I just happened to be looking out of my front window and there stretched out along the road were 5 stationary cars. I was scratching my head when my doorbell rang and I found I was looking at about 7 ladies each holding bags of goodies. Word does get out but in this case one dear friend had taken to the floor the week before and announced at her class that a Ukraine collection was being made and she listed the items . Bless her.

Our cars were once again full to the gunnels with everything requested. (Where items are really heavy or of a large quantity I can always arrange with Andy that he makes contact directly with you.) Netting and building tools came into their own this run along with the essential pots and pans, cutlery , duvets and bedding, towels, medical and hygiene equipment, baby clothes and candle stubs.

Thank you to someone who kindly put a couple of rucksacks, a very large sheepskin fleece and women's warm clothing in one of my green bins. Sadly no contact details but if you are reading this you'll know who you are. Thank you.

A list was covered in the October publication of their needs now winter is approaching. Please email terandlib@yahoo.co.uk or message me on 07902-137146 and I'll note your kind donations in my book.

Many thanks to you all

Libby

STARFISH DESIGN AND FUNCTION.

There were many different designs and layouts for a decoy, based on the target that it was attempting to simulate. Leaving aside the lighting, harbour and airfield simulations, the standard 'StarFish' was intended to look like a burning town or factory site and the total weight of solid fuel at a StarFish site was around 25 tons !
It consisted of various forms of quick lighting fires that would take hold in minutes and burn intensely for a few hours while the bombing raid was in progress. The main decoy fire was a steel mesh basket on legs, filled with roofing felt, brushwood and anything flammable, all soaked in creosote and ignited by electrically activated pyrotechnics, laid out in a grid like city streets.

There were also grid fires, pipes that sprayed diesel oil onto a burning grid and rolls of tar soaked felt that slowly unwound to create a furious blaze. The fires were set out on open land to appeared as a highly visible pattern of streets, built up areas or industrial sites.

To mimic the effects of bomb bursts, incendiary bombs going off and buildings collapsing in huge conflagrations of fire and smoke, municipal lavatory cisterns were set up to flush automatically and to douse pans full of boiling and burning diesel oil with water, creating a spectacular explosion of steam and oil flames. There were also special oil pools with a remote operated sluice gate that mimicked a burning oil tank that burst and let the contents run out.

As an individual plane would only be over the target for a few minutes the effects could be arranged to repeat on a regular basis and as size was difficult to determine at night, a relatively compact decoy on the ground could look like a much larger one from the air. The decoy also played on human nature as the crews were expecting to see a target and indeed they did. Additionally many German aircraft had large amounts of glazing that gave crews a feeling of vulnerability at night and assisted the desire to get clear of the target quickly!

The Starfish consumed a huge amount of fuel both oil and solid fuel and was a complicated site to operate as every fire needed individual ignition with pyrotechnics controlled electrically from a central point. Thus they were only lit when there was a good chance of success and that required advance knowledge of a major raid, the right weather conditions and an idea of the approach direction of the bombers. This all caused serious delays that frequently compromised the effectiveness. The control cables also had a particular attraction for rodents and at times sheep and goats who regularly trampled on or ate the ignition systems while heavy rain could cause problems for lighting the fires!

Each site required a dedicated team of operators and a complicated electrical control system that was based on a telephone switching unit to ignite the required effects. The policy was to have two complete sets of fires ready to light so that there was always a spare ready. Rebuilding the site after use was a long, filthy and unpleasant job that took several days and required a great deal of new electrical cable that all had to be animal and weather proof and if the decoy had been successful the site would be littered with debris and possibly unexploded bombs! Operating the system was not for the faint hearted as crews were essentially attempting to get themselves bombed although the control bunker was usually about half a mile from the actual site.

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD CLEEVE
MONTHLY LOTTERY ROUNDUP

Congratulations to all our recent winners:

October

Saturday: No.33 - £100 to Sarah Cush. Wednesday: No.39 - £25 to Alan Hunt

September

Saturday: No.36 - £100 to Olivia Grogono. Wednesday: No.9 - £25 to both Jen Lankester and H Wakefield

August

Saturday: No.29 - no owner. Wednesday: No.8 - £25 to Becky Pope

July

Saturday: No.47 - £100 to Lin Mortimer. Wednesday: No.56 - no owner

The winning ticket will be the National Lottery LOTTO bonus ball pulled out on the first Saturday and first Wednesday of each month.

The winning prize will be: Saturday draw - £100 and Wednesday draw - £25 Entry fee is £5 per month due on the 1st of each month paid by standing order.

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Then set-up your standing order payable to: Trustees of King George V Playing Field Cleeve * Sort code: 40-14-09 * Account: 81068865

Fingers crossed your chosen number is drawn and you are a winner. Thank you for supporting the field and facilities for all in our community. Charity: 108871.

Alice Jones

AAC 1995 JUL WI RECIPE

W.I. RECIPE - PORK WITH MUSHROOMS

Ingredients

1 lb Pork
½ tsp Salt
Some Freshly ground pepper
4 oz Sliced Onions
1 oz Single Cream
1½ oz Plain Flour
1½ oz Butter
1 Garlic Cube
1 pt Chicken Stock

Method

1) Toss meat in seasoned flour.
2) Fry onions & garlic in butter.
3) Add meat & stir till lightly browned, then add mushrooms and remaining flour.
4) Gradually stir in the stock, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for about 45 mins. Add more stock if needed.
5) Then pour in the cream just before serving

Josie Staples.

CHARITY RACE NIGHT RAISES FUNDS FOR KING GEORGE'S FIELD CLEEVE

A fantastic evening of fun, laughter and friendly competition was enjoyed at the Sinclair Pavilion on Friday 2nd October, when a Charity Horse Race Night was held to raise much-needed funds for the upkeep of our local village playing field and pavilion.

The event was organised by the volunteer trustees with invaluable help from the Yeo Valley Lions, who played a key part in making the evening such a success.
The atmosphere was terrific, with plenty of excitement as guests placed their bets and cheered on their chosen horses. There was a great community spirit throughout the evening, with villagers, friends and families coming together to enjoy themselves, while supporting a very worthwhile local cause.

Events such as this are a wonderful reminder of the importance of the King George's Field to the Cleeve community. The playing field provides a valuable space for local residents, families and children to enjoy sport, recreation and time outdoors, and the funds raised will help towards its continued upkeep and maintenance. It is cared for by our groundsman Ian Wisniewski who keeps it looking immaculate.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who attended, placed bets, donated, helped organise the evening or supported the event in any way. Particular thanks must go to the Yeo Valley Lions for their enthusiasm and practical assistance on the night, and to Ian Banwell, our man on the mic who kept us entertained throughout. Also to our Race Sponsors: Fountain Timber Ltd; Real Pork, Cleeve; Rosco's Butchers, Congresbury; Healthy Fit Lifestyle; M-Tech Electrical Controls; Nailsea Motor Services; A.R. Decorating Services and Cake Kitchen, plus horse sponsors Simon Michelle and Chew Valley Pest Control. Please help support these great local businesses.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and the £1393.72 raised by you all on the night will make a real difference to the ongoing care of the playing field, so thank you for your generosity.

Colin Warren
Chair of the trustees King George's Field Cleeve

p.s. If you wish to support our work on a regular basis, you can do so by entering our Bonus Ball monthly lottery. Contact Alice Jones a.jones3@hotmail.com Full details can be found elsewhere in this edition of AAC.

GARDENING TIPS

Try propagating plants by taking root cuttings now. It is surprisingly easy to do but not all plants can be multiplied this way. Oriental poppies, border phlox, some Primula, mullein, sea holly, bear's breeches and Dicentra are well worth trying. Dig up a healthy plant, cut thicker roots into 5-7cm lengths and 'sow' them in pots filled with cutting compost. They should be rooted by late spring.

Attach sticky Glue Band Traps to the trunks of fruit trees. These will trap the winter moth on its' way up the trunk to lay its' eggs. Do the stake too!

Remove any fruit that has brown rot. Burn or bin it. This infected fruit often hangs on the trees as mummified clusters lurking ready to infect next years' crop!

ROTARY CLUB OF YATTON

Yatton and District Rotary is the local branch of Rotary International, the largest humanitarian and non-political organisation in the world with over 1.2 million members worldwide.

The organisation is grass roots led with local Rotarians giving back to their communities by organising inclusive fun and fund-raising activities to support local good causes.

To blow some of the myths around Rotary it does not cost a huge amount to join, it's currently £10.00 a month. This contribution gives members access to any club in the world as a visitor and to an incredible website for members offering support for small businesses, including courses on various aspects of project management, event planning and health and safety all completely free.

Women comprise 40% of the members at Yatton and District Rotary, and there is no strict dress code, or formality at our meetings and activities.

As several members are skilled craft makers, we have attended Congresbury fete as well as other village events with our crafts stall to raise funds for our local charities for the last three years.

We have organised a successful concert at St Andrews Church with Weston Light Orchestra and two Charity Arts and Crafts Fairs at Cleeve Village Hall featuring the work of 15 local artists and craft makers several based locally.

Every month on the second Saturday we run a book stall at Yatton Market and donate dictionaries to primary school leavers from funds raised there.

In autumn 2024 we planted 4,000 crocus bulbs on the North End roundabout to raise awareness of our campaign to End Polio Now.

Our activities have raised about £3,000 in the past three years and we supported the following local good causes, including Bristol Eye Hospital, Macmillan Nurses, Barton Camp, Ups and Downs and Weston Hospice Care.

Looking to the future we plan to set up a monthly Business Networking group in the area called Rotary Connect, which aims to support solopreneurs, the self-employed, new start-ups and those working from home who feel isolated from their peers. Please contact the Secretary via email on mrsjonquilb@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this new business network.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Bridge Inn, at 6.40pm. All are welcome to our monthly Free Talks programme which feature interesting people sharing their passions, projects and entertaining us with their exploits. Just get in touch via our website at https://yattonrotary.co.uk/

GARDENING TIPS

Check stored fruit regularly. Remove and eat any that are ripe but check for any that are rotting and remove them promptly.

Fork over borders and work into the soil a slow release feed such as Fish, Blood and Bone or Bone Meal. Top off with a mulch of mushroom compost or chipped bark. There's still time to re-plant your tubs and hanging baskets for winter and spring colour. If you are not, take them down, empty them out and put them away for winter.

Yatton & District
Rotary

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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YATTON, CONGRESBURY, CLAVERHAM AND CLEEVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH TEAM

Otherwise known as YCCCART (or even Y-Cart) has existed since 2004. The original impetus came from John Atwell who wanted to know more about buildings that used to stand on his land around Claverham Farm. The County Archaeologist, Vince Russett, played a big role in encouraging the formation of the group and went on to support them (and several others) for many years until he sadly died in 2025.

A significant turning point occurred in 2009 when the group was awarded a Lottery grant which enabled them to buy sophisticated equipment on the understanding that they would use this equipment to support local history groups. Since then, they have worked in many areas of North Somerset from Woodspring Priory to Tyntesfield.

For many years the home base for the group was Bickley, the Cleeve home of Mary Campbell who was an enthusiastic member and in whose garden there are the remnants of some interesting ancient structures. Now they meet monthly on Thursday mornings in Cleeve Village Hall and on-site on the other Thursday mornings. The group varies in size, currently 23 members of whom around 14 are the more active on-site surveyors.

Janet Dickson is the Secretary and she explained that the technology they use is able to reveal fascinating information about what lies under the ground, without digging. They work in a very systematic manner, surveying the land, inputting the data to specialised computer programmes, interpreting the results and finally writing, discussing and publishing reports on their website www.ycccart.co.uk. There you can see reports on activities since the group was formed, for example the history of the boundary stones in Kingswood and of the Cadbury Hill Fort.

YCCCART is a friendly, welcoming group that would love to grow its membership, offering fascinating, hand-on engagement for anyone wanting to understand some of our ancient local history. There is good supply of ancient local history nearby: a Roman villa sits beside the river Yeo at Wemberham and there are Romano British pottery kilns in Congresbury. Cadbury Hill Fort has not only Iron Age features but post Roman (when its inhabitants were trading with the Byzantine Empire) and nearby woods contain evidence of mines and a number of enigmatic, possibly post Roman, enclosures. Perhaps you can help shed a clearer light on these or other sites.







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NOVEMBER

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

Christmas Extravaganza. November 12th-22nd. 3 Bishop's Mead. 11am - 4pm

Trinity Singers. November 14th. All Saints Church, Wrington. 7:30pm

Holy Trinity Christmas Fayre. November 21st. Cleeve Village Hall. 11am - 3pm

Yatton Music Society. November 28th. St Mary's, Yatton. 7:30pm

Cafe Church. November 29th. Cleeve Village Hall. 9:45am

DECEMBER

FOCOS Christmas Party. December 5th. Cleeve Village Hall. 6pm

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

Warm Room. Holy Trinity Church, Thursdays. 12 - 4pm from 5/11 until March 2027

Mobile Library. Wood View. Fortnightly from March 2nd. 12:35 - 12:55 pm

Sing and Smile. The Note Warehouse, Yatton, Mondays 11am - 12 noon



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