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CHAIR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the November edition of All About Cleeve which will shortly hold its AGM (**6 Nov 7.30 Cleeve Village Hall**). Readers are encouraged to attend. Our Committee is in need of new members so we would welcome any volunteers but even if you can just come along to the meeting with fresh ideas on content and who to approach for adverts it would be appreciated.

My latest article on the 'Home Guard in Cleeve' hopefully kicks off a series aimed at stimulating others to record their own memories of Cleeve's history and I am hoping our readers add to this topic and even suggest additional topics; putting to print their own (and the memories and stories handed down by Grandparents, other Relatives); just a short paragraph is ideal to get a new topic moving! Old photos are always interesting, especially when accompanied by an explanation.

This edition contains details of village activities in the next couple of months leading up to Christmas, do please try to support them. I especially draw your attention to the annual Autumn Fayre (Village Hall Saturday 18 November).

Elizabeth Vaughan
Chair

THANK YOU

This note is to say a 'big thank you' to all who came along and supported my grandparents' Pop-Up stall fund-raising event towards my Camp International trip to Peru in 2024. I was astonished when they told me that over £600 has been raised. I am so grateful to you, and my Nanna and Grandad.

Evie Mortimer



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5th	3pm	St. Mary's, Yatton... All Souls . Commemoration Service
12th	10.45am	Holy Trinity.....Remembrance Day Service
12th	10.45am	St Barnabas.....Remembrance Day Service
19th	10am	Holy Trinity.....Shared Parish Communion
26th	10am	Cleeve V Hall..... <i>Café Church</i> : David McIlroy
26th	10am	St. Barnabas.....Parish Communion

THURSDAYS

2nd	9.30am	Holy Trinity...Healing Prayer + Communion
9th	9.30am	Holy Trinity...Healing Prayer
16th	9.30am	Holy Trinity...Healing Prayer + Communion
23rd	9.30am	Holy Trinity..Healing Prayer
30th	9.30am	Holy Trinity...Bread of Fellowship



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HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE
To be held on SATURDAY 18TH 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, tombola, pick a basket, bric-a-brac, books,

In addition, there will be delicious piping hot lunches from noon, with tea and coffee 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 raffles, to be drawn at 2.30pm.

If you would like more details about the day, are willing to help in any way – eg bake a cake, bring bric-a-brac, donate a raffle or hamper prize, run a stall, help in the kitchen, etc. please ring Lin [838515] or Gill [832917]

BROCKLEY CHURCH PATRONAL FESTIVAL
Sunday 3rd December 17.30

Start the festive season with our traditional Patronal Festival and Service to mark our Saint's day and the start of Christmas. This is the most popular event that we hold at St Nicholas and the church is usually full to capacity. Remember to put on some warm clothing as it can be a bit nippy !

Refreshments will be provided after the service and we will sing a few carols. Children (and adults) welcome.

YATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday November 7th at 7:30pm Yatton Methodist Church

There will be a talk on Brycgstow to Bristol in 45 Bridges by Jeff Lucas

If you are not a member and want to join or want to register an email address please contact YLHS at yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Marianne Pitman

TIPS FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Pot up Amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*) bulbs. Use quality multipurpose compost and leave the top third of the bulb standing proud of the compost. Water very little until leaves appear. Re-pot older plants into fresh compost now too.

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HOME GUARD IN CLEEVE DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

My Great Uncle, Fred Leman lived with his wife, Kate, at Bickley, Main Road, Cleeve from 1926 – 1963. Fred, who was born in India, had later been a Major in the Indian Army; this army experience resulted in Command of the Home Guard's Cleeve Platoon during the Second World War.

Fred originally planned to have their headquarters in the "Lord Nelson", but Kate (who was pretty powerful compared to meek Fred) neither approved of "Drink" nor wanted to be left on her own, so insisted on Cleeve Platoon meeting at Bickley; their cart shed was converted and strengthened to hold ammunition and still stands, named the Ammunition Hut.

Once, during a German Invasion scare, many church bells rang (being the Alert for an invasion), but Fred refused to allow Holy Trinity's bells to be rung without authority from High Command. He was subsequently commended for not ringing the bells as the scare turned out to be a false alarm!

Cleeve Platoon also planned for a trip wire, across "The Rhoddy" aimed at disrupting German motorbikes if there was an invasion, and dug out a look out trench, which can still be seen to this day, in the woods high above the entrance to Bickley.

Elizabeth Vaughan

NAILSEA DISTRICT LEG CLUB

Open to all those with leg problems who are part of the Nailsea/Backwell Medical Practice

It's great to welcome members and carers alike on Wednesday mornings at Nailsea Tithe Barn. Now that **appointments are no longer necessary**, if you have leg problems or related issues, do drop in to see a nurse for advice or treatment if needed, and naturally partake of the refreshments and chat always on offer. It's a happy and friendly place to be on Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. For more information please call either Carole Brooke 07954 302498 or Sandy Riley 01275 853547, (Sandy also organises the transport rota).

JAZZ EVENING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BRACE (RESEARCH INTO ALZHEIMERS)

Saturday 16th December

Dart Valley Stompers with Jeremy Huggett at Claverham Village Hall 8–10:30pm. Doors open 7.15pm. door admission into official buckets, bar available. For further details ring 01934 838017'

Jean Watson

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

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MARTIN STEPHENSON AT CLEEVE VILLAGE HALL SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Our final event of 2023, a sold-out music night, was dedicated to the memory of Andrew Grogono who was responsible for establishing an Entertainment hub at the Hall. First up, Bristol based singer songwriter Holly Carter took to the stage. Her 30 min performance was an outstanding display of guitar picking and sweet vocals as she showcased some original songs and a couple of covers, all in her own Americana style.

After a short break it was time for Martin Stephenson's set, filled with humorous stories in between playing songs from his extensive solo and Daintees back catalogue. The set included 'Little Red Bottle', 'Home' and comedian Billy Connolly's favourite 'Rain'. Singer-songwriter Anna Lavigne joined Martin onstage to sing 'Every Kind Of Heaven In Our Garden' in recognition of the wonderful flower beds outside the Hall that were created by Andrew. A donation from the evening has been allocated especially to be spent on his garden.

Thanks to all who supported this event and we look forward to welcoming you back for more entertainment evenings next year,

Anita & Steph



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(pay by cash or electronically on the door)
A short intermission is planned when soft drinks or tea/coffee will be available.

A concert hosted by the Hewish based Wyvern Afinado Guitar Orchestra (WAGO) and supported by the Bristol Classical Guitar Society (BCGS)



FOCOS TEA AFTERNOON AT BICKLEY

The September showers caused this FOCOS event to be moved to the Village Hall, but nonetheless over 50 guests enjoyed tea/coffee/cakes and company throughout a convivial afternoon. Conversations flowed, friendships were reunited and newly made, and everyone went home in good heart.

FOCOS (Friends Of Cleeve Over Sixties) Winning numbers for the FOCOS lottery

2nd September	16	Margaret and Paul Burrell
30th September	52	Lin Mortimer
7th October	26	Sue and John O'Shea

Congratulation to our winners, and everyone with a FOCOS lottery ticket, as the lottery underpins all our other fund raising events.

FOCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

The Cleeve Over 60s Christmas Party started out in 1961 and was organised by the newly formed Cleeve Community Group. The Community Group eventually morphed into FOCOS [Friends Of Cleeve Over Sixties].

In many ways little has changed over the subsequent 60 parties – the 2023 Party will be the 61st – a lovely Christmas meal with great company. However, in other ways a lot has changed – the genteel and often twee post-meal entertainment is now replaced by a rip-roaring pantomime – and the Cleeve over 60s are now much more vibrant, energised and discerning than their 1960s counterparts.

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 6th and 12th November. **So, if you are a 'first-timer' or a 'regular' who hasn't received an invitation by 12th November, please ring the FOCOS Christmas Party hot-line on either 838515 or 832917 and book your place.**

Just to give you any idea of the planning going on, we can confirm that the food has been ordered; the pantomime continues to be rehearsed; the wine is being chilled; the tickets have been printed; the transport is being arranged; the menu has been agreed – 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 for**

Saturday 25th November
[early date because of wedding bookings at the Hall]
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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

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- a Christingle to take home for everyone
- hot drink and mince pies/cake for all

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The service is in aid of the Children's Society



CLEEVE & CLAVERHAM MOTHERS' UNION warmly invite you to a Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday 3rd December at 4pm.

The Christingle is a lovely service that brings together children and families to celebrate the Christmas message.

Christingle is now adopted by the Children's Society and they use the symbols of an orange and a candle to represent the World, and Christ as the Light of the World. Everyone will receive a Christingle to take home.

Lin Mortimer



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

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.

Millennium Garden: At the November Parish Council meeting the Millennium Garden was discussed as it is in need of some attention. It is proposed that the garden becomes a Community Orchard and that we also install a disabled friendly picnic table to encourage better use of this resource.

As a first step a pruning/cleaning of the area will take place on Saturday 7 January 2024 and all are invited. Hot drinks, soup and rolls will be provided so please come along and help create a new facility for our village.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information please email Cllr Hilary Burn on hilaryburncpc@outlook.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 cleeveparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk

NOVEMBER MUSIC CONCERT AT ST MARY'S YATTON. WEST MENDIP ORCHESTRA with Joss Wort (piano) Saturday 25th November

The West Mendip Orchestra is Somerset's principal amateur orchestra and will be joined by local pianist Joss Wort playing Beethoven's 2nd piano concerto. Joss is from Yatton and after attending Backwell School entered the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and is now in his third year. The WMO has been performing for many years and was originally known as the Winscombe orchestra and their performances are highly regarded. For their concert at St Mary's, the programme will also include orchestral music by Brahms and Rimsky Korsakov. Full details are on the Yatton Music Society's website www.yms.org.uk.

Concert starts 7.30 tickets £10, students £5, children free.

David Ford

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH WARM ROOM – SOUPA THURSDAY

As autumn moves us all on to chillier times, Holy Trinity is pleased to let everyone know that the Warm Room will be re-opening its doors, starting on Soupa Thursday 2nd November.

As previously, **Soupa Thursday is open to anyone in Cleeve and Claverham**, who would like to join us between noon and 4pm on every Thursday throughout the winter. Folks can turn up at any time, stay for as long as they wish, enjoy soup and a roll, cake, tea and coffee, plus great company, take part in an activity [your own or something in the room], or not; all together with a weekly changing team of qualified helpers.

It is great fun, why not come along and join us? If transport is a problem, lifts are available – just let us know.

If you would like more details, please give me a ring on 838515, or Gill on 832917.

Lin

FOCOS TEA AFTERNOON AT BICKLEY



PLANT OF THE MONTH HOLLY

Common holly or *Ilex aquifolium* is a fabulous evergreen shrub which epitomises autumn and winter. Handy as hedging, screening, allowed to fulfil its full potential as a tree or pruned for topiary, the possibilities are numerous.

Holly is a great wildlife shrub. With nectar and pollen rich flowers and many shrubs displaying juicy berries it is loved by birds, bees, butterflies, moths and caterpillars alike; but keep the berries away from pets and children, they are toxic.

Holly shrubs are either male or female so if you want the coveted shiny berries then choose a female plant but make sure a male is nearby for pollination. If in doubt choose *Ilex aquifolium* 'J.C. van Tol' which is a self-fertile female.

Resilient in most soil types, sun or shade; it really is a hardy plant for most garden areas. The traditional holly has dark, shiny green, spiky leaves but there are a surprising range of variegated varieties. Try male holly 'Silver Queen' female 'Argentea Marginata' or 'Silver Mermaid'. If you are looking for a golden holly that will not have you wincing when you pick up fallen leaves then plant *Ilex x altaclerensis* 'Golden King' a female holly with smooth leaf edges.

Debi Holland



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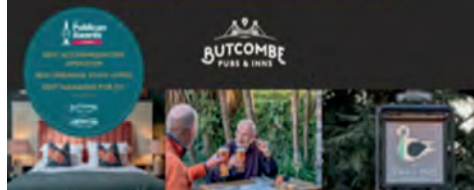
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2nd Saturday of month - Kenn & Yatton
3rd Saturday of month - Claverham

NOVEMBER 2023

All About Cleeve AGM. November 6th. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:30pm
Yatton Local History Society. November 7th. Yatton Methodist Church. 7:30pm
Holy Trinity Christmas Fayre. November 18th. Cleeve Village Hall. 11am-3pm
VIDA Guitar Quartet. November 24th. Shipham Village Hall. 7:30pm
FOCOS Christmas Party. November 25th. Cleeve Village Hall. 5:45pm
Yatton Music Society. November 25th. St Mary's, Yatton. 7:30pm

DECEMBER 2023

Christingle Service. December 3rd. Holy Trinity Church. 4pm
Patronal Festival. December 3rd. St Nicholas Church. 5:30pm
Jazz Evening. December 16th. Claverham Village Hall. 8-10:30pm

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Erect a net over your pond to prevent falling leaves from trees and shrubs getting into the water and increasing the nutrient levels when they breakdown. They may also deprive the fish of oxygen as they decompose.

Plant tulip bulbs [if not done already].
 Urgently plant any other bulbs

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