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CHAIR'S WELCOME

A belated Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone has enjoyed the village's Christmas and New Year activities during the last two months. Focus's Pantomime and Meal was a huge success in early December, and, as I write this, many are looking forward to attending January's repeat Pantomime performance. Christmas Services were also enjoyed, including the School's Carol Service (held at Holy Trinity). A huge thank you to those in the village who helped at these Christmas events which all go towards making our village friendly, sociable and supportive.

Soupa Thursday continues at the Church. Items continue to be sought for Ukraine. More details of which plus February's village activities appear in this edition and I hope you will support them.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the article on 'Americans in Cleeve'. It has been great fun and most illuminating learning about what went on. If anyone else has memories of Cleeve during the Second World War, AAC would dearly love to hear from you. Contact details below.

*Elizabeth Vaughan
Chair*

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19th	10am	Holy Trinity	Shared Parish Communion
26th	10am	St Barnabas	Parish Communion
	10am	Cleeve V Hall	Café Church: <i>Living in Love & Faith</i>

THURSDAYS

2nd	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer & Communion
9th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer
16th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer & Communion
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*Steve Molloy
Community Resilience*

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Check out our website (www.goblincombe.org.uk) to find out more about us, and do get in touch if you'd like to make a booking for the lodge site or support us through volunteering. We're now also on social media, at www.facebook.com/GoblinCombeGroundwork, so please do follow us to keep up to date with our latest news.

Hannah Baker

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SOUPA THURSDAY WARM ROOM

Holy Trinity's Warm Room initiative is now at its half way point of the winter.

In that time we have had around 40 different people coming along to enjoy the warmth, the atmosphere, the company, the fun and the soup! The ages of our guests have ranged from 18 months to 80+. We have had the Village Agent, Sarah Friend, along on a few occasions, giving out lots of advice and information, regarding numerous topics of concern.

Sessions are between 12noon and 4pm every week, so why not pop along and discover the Soupa Thursday world - you will be glad that you did!

If you need any further details, ring Lin on 838515, who will be able to provide lifts if needed.

HOLY TRINITY PANCAKE LUNCH Shrove Tuesday – 21st February 2023 Cleeve Village Hall – 12 noon until 2pm

Come along and enjoy a treat before the start of Lent, at the Holy Trinity Pancake Lunch.

The Lunch will consist of a bacon or cheese roll, and will be followed by **two** tasty sweet filled pancakes, together with as much tea/coffee as you can drink.

The cost of the event, including tea/coffee, will be £5.

Tickets will need to be booked [to plan catering requirements] and are available from Lin on 838515 or Gill on 832917

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CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Council Meetings: Meetings are held in Cleeve Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August and December when no meetings are held). Details of meetings, agendas and minutes continue to be published on our website. You can access our website at www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk

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 and Geoff Pritchard.

Traffic Strategy for Cleeve: Following the recent survey a meeting has been held with District Councillor Steve Hogg and the results of the survey are now being passed to North Somerset Council's Head of Highways to review the next steps in formulating a plan to take the concerns forward.

We will continue to provide updates on progress.

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

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MILLENNIUM GARDENS

For the past 3 – 4 months whilst on my rounds litter picking around the village each week, I have come across some anti-social behaviour in Millennium Gardens.

An irresponsible dog owner has been taking their dog into the garden – despite the fact dogs are not allowed in this area. They have allowed their dog to foul on the footpath by one of the benches and then not picked up after it. I have gone in every week and cleaned up after their dog.

We have put new signs up on the gate saying no dogs allowed and another on the fence next to the gate reminding people to clean up after their dogs. This individual has ignored the signs and continues to let their dog foul in the gardens.

For this reason and with agreement from the Parish Council the gate to Millennium Garden will now be locked preventing anyone from accessing the area for the foreseeable future. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to other villagers who use this area, but we can think of no other way of preventing this anti-social and unpleasant behaviour by one irresponsible dog owner.

Caroline Crane

Cleeve Village Orderly

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NAILSEA DISTRICT LEG CLUB

Leg Club clinic started again on 18 January, a great day of celebration by everyone involved, but is being run a little differently. The Leg Club cafe continues as it has been to provide the ever welcome refreshments, social chat and support. **For those members needing treatment, it's necessary to make an appointment through the surgery**, this is not yet a drop-in clinic.

HELP PLEASE – we'd really value the help of more volunteers (social, drivers or nursing support), we can't run the morning without them. Now that the clinic is operating again, it's a long morning starting to set up equipment at 8.30 a.m. and tidying away by 12.30 p.m. If you enjoy being part of a happy, lively group and ideally able to spare two mornings a month, you'd find these sessions a very satisfying way of giving something to your community.

Wednesday morning Leg Club at the Tithe Barn is incredibly uplifting for everyone, not just members, but volunteers too, a rewarding few hours, and very different from many other things! **Please** give this consideration, a resolution to become involved. Carole Brooke 07954 302498 or Sandy Riley 01275 853547 are at the end of the 'phone waiting to give you lots of information.

BRISTOL BRASS CONSORT AT ST MARY'S, YATTON, 25TH FEBRUARY.

Yatton Music Society's spring season is now well underway and we welcome the Bristol Brass Consort to entertain our audience with a rousing evening performance on 25th February at St Mary's Church. The Consort is a quintet from Bristol's finest brass players and has two trumpets, French horn, trombone and tuba. Their concert is called "Circum Mundi" and they invite the audience to "sit back and let the Consort be your tour guide on a Worldwide musical journey", featuring music by the likes of Debussy Shostakovich Gershwin Vaughn Williams amongst others.

The concert starts at 7.30pm on 25th February at St Mary's Church, ticket prices are £10 and the audience is assumed of a warm welcome and inspiring music. Details of the concert can be found on the society's website www.yms.org.uk

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A date for your diary - the FOCOS Bingo Evening is returning – and for 2023 the date is Friday 31st March at the VILLAGE HALL

As ever at a FOCOS Bingo Evening there will be good food, great prizes and a guaranteed fun evening. A bar will be available for the evening at the Hall

Tickets are just £10 to include a hot supper and a sweet, plus 6 games of Bingo. Every game has great prizes for a line and a full house.

Transport is available – just ask - so no one has an excuse for non-attendance!

Time: 7.15pm for a 7.30pm supper start.

Tickets available from the FOCOS BINGO HOT LINE on 838515 or 832917.

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Dig a trench ready for runner beans and fill the bottom with well-rotted compost or farmyard manure.

ELVIS IS COMING TO CLEEVE VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY MARCH 10TH

We are pleased to announce our first entertainment fundraising evening of 2023 which is a night with The King of Rock n Roll in the shape of Emilio Santoro. Emilio comes from Weston and has been steadily winning many awards around the world with his energetic and incredible performances as a young Elvis Presley. He has collected a clean sweep of all the European titles to date and it looks like there is no stopping him. He is performing a very special Elvis & friends night for us: the first half features songs from Elvis plus Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Johnny Cash etc to name but a few, leading onto a second half which will be pure Elvis delights. Tickets are £12 concessions/full price £14 each plus booking fee from Wegottickets.com. Just search Cleeve Village Hall or check our facebook page for a clickable link. There will be a raffle and a cash bar. Thanks for your support and we look forward to welcoming you back. Any queries please email Anita at cjoycealad@aol.com



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PLANT OF THE MONTH - WITCH HAZEL

Winter is far from dormant. With some well-chosen shrubs and trees, our winter gardens can be ignited by warm colours and intoxicating scent. One such small tree is Witch Hazel. This unusual woody specimen bursts with flamed-colour spark-like petals on bare branches in winter. When some areas of the garden are empty at this time of year, Witch Hazel provides plenty of long-lived drama.

Hamamelis x intermedia Diane holds the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit and rightly so, it boasts exquisite coppery, spidery petals which exude a beautiful scent. *Hamamelis mollis* 'Pallida' screams sulphur-yellow blooms and sweet scent from December until the end of February.

Witch Hazel like a sheltered spot but are happy in sun or part shade. They are particularly partial to acidic soil but will happily grow in neutral. Make the most of this plant by locating it somewhere accessible where you can easily smell it.

Many of us will be familiar with witch hazel in our medicine cabinets or first aid kits on hand to deal with bruises, and it is the early blooming Common Witch-Hazel, *Hamamelis virginiana* that provides this famous astringent, extracted from its bark.

Debi Holland

Hamamelis Mollis 'Pallida'

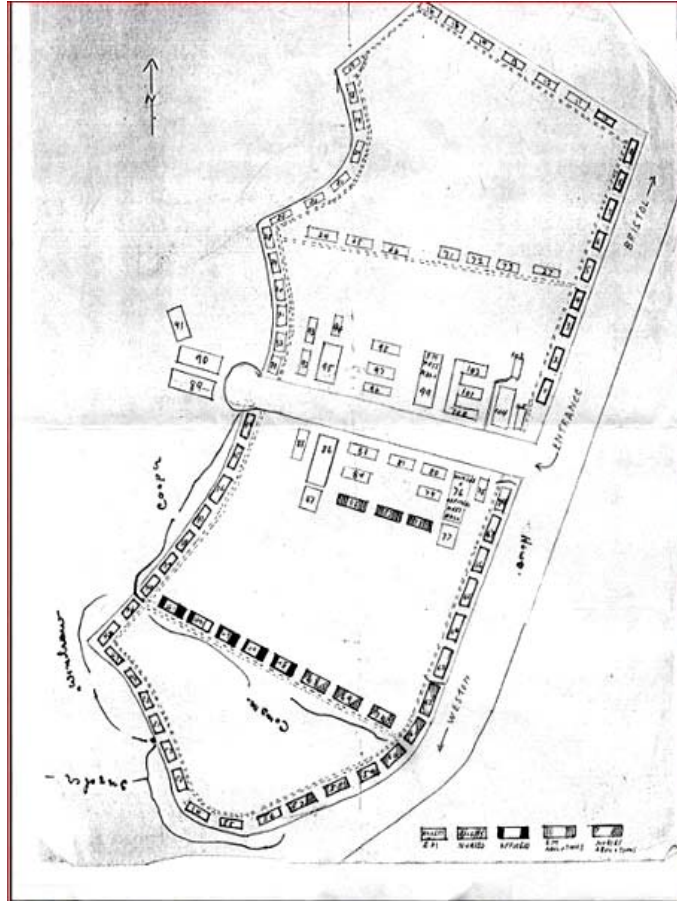


Hamamelis x intermedia 'Diane'



Diane





Pencil drawing of Brockley Combe Transit Camp, South of Bristol. June-July 1944.

Source: Bentley Historical Library. Towsley Collection. University of Michigan.



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THE AMERICAN ARMY IN CLEEVE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

As many of you will know, Americans camped at Brockley in 1944; we now know the 14th Chemical Maintenance Company and 298th General Hospital Unit were stationed there, arriving 23 February and leaving between 6 - 15 June en-route to Omaha Beach in France for the D Day Landing.

Claire Whiteway remembers that in 1935 her grandparents, Walter and May Mitchell, together with her mother, Jean, came to live at Brockley Hall as Caretakers. Her Mother moved out during WW2 as the Hall was fitted out to be a Maternity Hospital; those plans changed with the arrival of the American Army, who set up a Transit Camp, in the field between Brockley Gardens and the Main Road, with the officers being billeted in Brockley Hall. Her Grandad still looked after the grounds and kept an eye on things: one day finding troops had even taken all the doors off their hinges, and were about to remove the stair rails, with the intention of breaking them up for firewood, he quickly made sure everything was put back where it belonged! In 1942, Claire's grandparents took over the old Kitchen Garden where daffodil beds were maintained for sale; he came across troops digging up loads of bulbs thinking they were onions which they planned to cook and eat: not a good idea when daffodil bulbs are poisonous! The American carved their names into the large stone gate pillars at the entrance and they are there to this day.

Jasper Allen was told by his mother that his grandmother who lived at Brockley Cottage, opposite the camp, remembered the Americans practising Marching drills on the main A370. Not something that could happen now!

"The WW2 USA Military Leadership didn't consider African Americans were fit for combat or leadership positions, so they were mostly relegated to labour and service units. Working as cooks and mechanics, building roads and ditches, and unloading supplies from trucks and airplanes were common tasks for Black soldiers" (Source: History.com)

Locals may know that the Black Americans were assigned to practice making a road at night, using bulldozers and demolition rubbish from Bristol, on Wrington Warren leading up to D Day. The track is still there to this day and it's known locally as the "Yankee Track". Brockley Combe had American vehicles parked from top to bottom ready for D-Day and the troops slept up on level ground in the woods.

There was always friction between the Black and White Americans in the Lord Nelson public house at Cleeve; but it is thought that this was resolved by having some evenings for the Blacks and other evenings for the Whites. Mark Rogers of the Old Inn at Cleeve said that Black Americans always used his pub, and he got on well with them.

Two American GI's visited Dave Ridley's home at Cleeve in 1944, when he was barely two years old, and he vaguely remembers giving them snuff from his grandfather's silver snuff box.

Dave's mother took an order from two American nurses for punnets of raspberries on the 5 June 1944 for them to collect the next day, she was most upset when they didn't turn up. Obviously overnight top-secret orders arrived for them to mobilise and travel to the south coast, and these nurses were never seen again.

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It was always well known that Americans had plenty of chocolate and chewing gum, and the local children had the saying "any gum chum?". Alan Hunt and his sister Ursula remember sitting by the gate of their house and being given chocolate by the GIs who were visiting the old Rhodyate garage. Ann Beck (nee Twining, who now resides in Georgia USA) then lived in Bickley Cottage and remembers her mother making hot chocolate and putting it in the small milk cans so that she, and her sister Pamela, could carry it down to the end of the drive where convoy soldiers stopped on the highway; she presumed these were the Americans getting ready for D Day.

Dave Ridley, (With many thanks to Claire Whiteway, Ann Beck, Julian Ridge, Jasper Allen and Alan Hunt for contributing to these memories).



Brockley Combe Transit Camp. June-July 1944. Members of the 298th US General Hospital.
Source: Former Capt Katy Morse, Nurse

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FOCOS Bingo Evening. March 31st. Cleeve Village Hall. 7:15pm

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