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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

This edition of the All About Cleeve has many memories and photos of the Coronation and past Jubilees that have taken place in the UK, and even here in Cleeve, during our present Queen's reign. Reading the articles will likely jog many of your memories as to what you were also doing on those days. My thanks to all our contributors, recognising the size of task involved with delving into lifetime memories and records.

The Platinum Jubilee Big Picnic will be at Cleeve Village Hall on Sunday 5th June, so hopefully the celebrations will appear in next month's magazine. AAC would love children attending the picnic to contribute a few sentences on, or drawings of, the day. Contributions please, by 15th June.

We are still short of adverts; they finance this magazine's free distribution to each Cleeve household! If anyone knows of any businesses that would like to advertise please contact me.

No print in August, so if you have any events/information for August, then please contact the Editor by 15th June for inclusion into July's edition.

Elizabeth (Acting Chairman)

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Dave Ridley

FOCOS (FRIENDS OF CLEEVE OVER SIXTIES) MYSTERY TOUR

Those who have a long memory will know that the FOCOS Mystery Outing is always a great day out. As ever, it will be a day full of surprises and not to be missed. This year, we will be actually travelling on a Tuesday and not on the provisional date shown in last month's AAC (we were unable to book a coach because all coach companies were working at the Glastonbury Festival!!).

The Date: - Tuesday 12th July – leaving Cleeve at 10am – arriving back around 6pm.

We have found a super venue for our trip this year and, thanks to the support given to the FOCOS lottery, this year all our guests will have lunch provided in addition to afternoon tea.

We will be continuing to ask for a deposit of £5 to be paid, which will be returnable on the coach. We brought in this policy because we have had a few 'no-shows' to our free event, which has a) cost FOCOS money that we have had to fund raise, and b) has also meant that someone on our reserve list could have travelled instead!

To Book: ring the FOCOS Mystery Tour Hotlines on 838515 or 832917 [leave a message if the call-centre staff are busy] – we will confirm your booking and sort out the finances with you.

Remember – places are strictly limited – we are usually oversubscribed and thus we must book on a 'first come, first served basis' - so 'don't dilly dally, book today!'

FUNDRAISING EVENTS THIS SUMMER

A Coffee Morning will be held at the Old Rectory, opposite St Bridget's Church, Chelvey on Saturday, 11th June 10.00 - midday in aid of church funds. Parking readily available.

A Strawberry Tea will be held at Nailsea Court, Chelvey Road on Saturday, 16th July from 2.00 -- 5.00 pm in aid of church expenses at St Bridget's Church, Chelvey. Games -- Jazz -- Tea and plenty of parking,

Tony Stirratt

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

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WHO AUTHORISED THE CORONATION FLY-PAST?

(A reprint of an article that first appeared in AAC in June 2002)

As a National Service Airman (1951-1953) something happened to me that 'not-a-lot-of-people-know-about', only the very few. I found myself in the printing section at Head Quarters Fighter Command, R.A.F Bentley Priory, Middlesex, printing the flying orders that brought the Fly-pass of all those aircraft over Buckingham Palace on time, to mark the Queen's Coronation, 50 years ago.

The last page to be printed was the 'Foreword' which should have carried the Chief of Fighter Command's authorising signature. But it was missing on the printing plate. You see, the printing process we used was that used to print black and white 'aerial' photographs. So all the original copy had to be in black type, or lines, on white sheets of paper. Any instructions for the photographer were always written in blue ink as it could not be seen by their cameras. Sir had signed the orders to fly in blue ink which did not appear at the foot of the Foreword, and no one brave enough could be found to take it back and say 'Do it again in black'.

As there was no one lower in rank than myself to be found, I was ordered, by a grumpy Warrant Officer i/c Photo, to 'copy' the old man's signature as I was the only one that had a bottle of Indian ink and a pen. The page was printed and the book collated, and the air crews got their 'flying orders'; the fly pass took place and was enjoyed by the multitude. But, best of all, I was never court marshalled for forgery – which pleased me very much.

Leading Air Craftsman MADDICKS George R.A.F retired.

UKRAINE COLLECTION

Well the local community have come up trumps and we've managed to send a cheque to The British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal for a wonderful sum of £300. This is from our Attic sale held on a dry warm morning recently. No one was allowed to walk past without being "approached"..... I'm sure there is something here you'd like, or how about a few books. One young man drove past, pulled on his brakes, got out of his car and gave Terry £20 "for Ukraine". Such generosity from everyone and a big thank you from Terry and Libby.

"The black bin available for Ukranian donations on behalf of Worle Community Centre is on our frontage (32 Bishops Road, Cleeve) during the day and has been filled with fabulous generosity The focus now is on First Aid supplies, Sanitary products, Baby Food and Baby Milk. All medical supplies received to date have been sent to the hospitals on the Front Line. Again, a very big thank you. Libby

Ps – Libby is a member of a Ladies four-part a cappella singing group called 'Waves of Harmony'. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year by holding a concert at St Paul's church Walliscote Road, Weston on the 11th June at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 each and can be booked through Ticketsource.

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 Holy Trinity 10am Patronal Festival

19th June

Holy Trinity 10am Shared Parish
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26th June

St Barnabas 10am Parish Communion
 Cleeve Village Hall 10am Café Church

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Thurs 5th 9.30am - Holy Trinity -
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Thurs 12th 9.30am - Holy Trinity
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Thurs 19th 9.30am - Holy
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Then enjoy a special concert by Somerset folk & roots singer-songwriter Barry Walsh, renowned for his songs & stories about places of interest in the West Country such as 'Porlock Hill', 'Willow Man' and 'The Strawberry Line'. His music is played regularly on BBC Radio and Steve Yabsley of Radio Bristol placed Barry's Concorde song 'Beautiful Days' in his top 5 songs of all time. Performing for us with his band, complete with ukulele and fiddle, this will be a lovely local evening. Limited numbers so do book now if you would like to come along.

Please email Anita Joyce for more information – cjoycealad@aol.com and the ticket link is <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/543654>

*Anita and Stephanie
Village Hall Committee members for Entertainment*



FOCOS ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

Unfortunately the evening of food, fun and entertainment planned for Friday 22nd April, had to be postponed because of an outbreak of covid. We are looking to rearrange the event in the autumn – look out for details in future editions of AAC.

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

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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 on page 22.

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CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Council Meetings: Meetings are now held face to face on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August and December when no meetings are held).

All meetings will be held in Cleeve Village Hall in accordance with any Covid-19 regulations current at that time.

Details of meetings, agendas and minutes continue to be published on our website.

You can access our website at www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk

Tea & Tech: Struggling with technology? These informal meetings over the next few months could help

Tues 7th June

Cleeve Village Hall

2 Cleeve Hill Road

BS49 4PG

10 – 12 noon

Free digital/tech advice whilst connecting with others over tea & cake.

We are a friendly bunch who are here to help you connect digitally, be that by phone, tablet or laptop.

We also make an awesome cuppa and provide cake & biscuits.

All welcome.

Contact Tina on 07502 641805

A West of England Rural Network Project, funded by North Somerset Community Renewal Fund, in partnership with Alive Activities & Cleeve Parish Council.

Speed Limit reduction on Cleeve Hill Road: We are delighted to report that the work to install a 30 mph limit on Cleeve Hill Road is now scheduled to start on 24 June. There is no plan to close the road but residents will be advised of the dates when work will be completed and stop/go boards may be used as appropriate.

Annual Parish Meeting: Our Annual Parish Meeting took place on the 26th April and thank you to everyone who attended and contributed.

Our Chair, Ronnie Morley gave a summary of the last 12 months as follows:-

CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT May '21 - April'22

It is my pleasure to welcome you to CPC's annual parish meeting, which is our first in person annual meeting since April 2019

As we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic I'm sure we are all looking forward to returning to normality.

Sadly, the world's focus has shifted to the invasion of the Ukraine, our thoughts and condolences are with the brave people of that country and anyone impacted by this terrible war.

AAC has published monthly updates on PC activity so I will try to keep this report brief!

Finance: In January we set a precept level of £16,656 which equates to £43.72 per year for a Band D property

Because we are all still coping with the aftermath of the pandemic and these are still extraordinary times we decided not to increase the precept.

Planning: CPC has commented on 8 planning applications, of those, 2 objections, 2 support. January '22 we were disappointed that the Public Inquiry decision overturned NSC's refusal of Planning permission for the expansion of Bristol Airport. The Bristol Airport Action Network (BAAN) has decided to challenge the Inspector's decision.

Community: CPC received 3 grant applications totalling £650. Grants have been awarded to:-

Cleeve Village Hall
Yatton United Charities
Avon Wildlife Trust

Climate Emergency: The development on the Lord Nelson site raised concerns from residents regarding a fuel filling station and it's possible effects on air quality, we consulted with NSC Public Health and Regulatory Services department and in January 2022 started air monitoring at key locations near the wool shop at the corner of Bishops Road and at the far end of Cleeve Drive.

The results of this monitoring will give us a baseline before the filling station is operational, we aim to monitor for the remainder of 2022.

The Future: There have been some changes to Pound Green.. sadly we had to remove the cherry tree, it had honey fungus and needed to be cut down

We have replaced it with 2 new trees, one through a private donation the other as part of the Queen's Green Canopy to commemorate the platinum jubilee

There has been some speculation what the recently dug hole was for.. not advertising for a new local business but a flag pole

We're also pleased to report the installation of a Parish noticeboard outside the shop on Bishops Rd

There is ongoing maintenance and planned improvements for the quarry green and quarry car park, Spanish bluebells have been removed and volunteers are only mowing parts of the green, this will help encourage the growth of native wildflowers to help increase the insect population.

We have had recent notification from NSC that the speed reduction work on Cleeve Hill Road is imminent

We have £6,072 Community Infrastructure Levy money to spend, there maybe some ideas from the speed management presentation that residents would like us to implement

Thanks: I'd like to thank my fellow councillors for all their time, efforts and contributions

Financial Statement for Annual Parish Meeting 2022: The financial year 2021/22 was, once again, impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and expenditure was less than budgeted estimates.

Expenditure during the 2021/22 financial year was £15,671.

Administration: £8,445 was spent on the basic running costs for the council – salaries (Clerk and the Village Orderly), administration, insurance, hall rental, subscriptions, audit fees, training costs, administrative election expenses, post and stationery.

Maintenance

£2,200 was spent maintaining the grounds of – Pound Green, the Millennium Garden and also the Village Hall.

£1,560 was spent on emptying the dog bins. The Trustees of the King George v Playing Fields and Groundwork (Goblin Combe) both contributed 50% of the cost of each of the bins located on/near their premises (£260 in total).

Grants

£450 was granted to the Cleeve Village Hall towards replacement of flooring.

£100 was granted to Yatton United Charities towards local grant support.

£100 was granted to Avon Wildlife Trust to assist their work.

Precept for 2021/22 and 2022/23: The Council took a decision in January 2021 to raise the precept by 2% for 2021/22.

The Council took a decision in January 2022 to request no increase in precept for 2022/23

Traffic Strategy for Cleeve: A lively discussion took place at the Annual Parish meeting on the subject of traffic and we intend to issue a village wide survey shortly to gauge residents concerns and how these may be addressed.

Allotments: Many years ago there were a small number of allotments available in Cleeve. We have had an email from a local resident expressing interest in taking an allotment on. This is likely to be a lengthy process to investigate viability, but we would be like to hear from any residents who may also be interested.

We have had some interest expressed but still are short of the number required. So, if you are interested then please email me at cleveparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk or call 07932 191964

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

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FOCOS (Friends Of Cleeve Over Sixties)

Winning numbers for the FOCOS lottery

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| 2nd April | 20 | Keith Wild |
| 30th April | 52 | Lin Mortimer |
| 7th May | 39 | Pam Wild |

We continue to say 'thank you' to everyone who has a ticket in the FOCOS lottery as it underpins all our other fund raising efforts [see note elsewhere in AAC regarding the 2022 FOCOS Mystery Tour].

PLANT OF THE MONTH - LILY OF THE VALLEY

Although it is drawing to the end of its season now, I want to celebrate the glorious *Conrallaria majalis*, Lily of the Valley. This moisture-loving, exquisitely scented woodland flower grows to a height of about 30cm tall and is a beautiful floral addition to shady garden corners or a sunny border. These rhizomatous perennials can be bought as rooted crowns which are best soaked to a couple of hours before planting. In optimal conditions Lily of the Valley can become invasive but its spreading nature makes perfect ground cover, which can always be divided in autumn.

Folklore says Lily of the Valley protects gardens against evil spirits. Who knows? But Lily of the Valley is certainly protected against deer and rabbits and appears to be resistant to their foraging, leaving only the humble slug as their foe.

A popular addition to wedding bouquets, these dainty pendular bells are associated with purity, happiness and are a symbol of good luck. They exude grace and elegance but beware, they hide a secret, these pure white innocent blooms are toxic if ingested, especially to children and pets so look but don't touch (or wear gloves!).

Debi Holland



TIPS FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Lift and divide clumps of primroses and polyanthus. Heel them in a shady place for summer and they can be replanted in your borders again in autumn. Lift, dry and store tulip bulbs and replant in autumn.

Make certain that newly planted trees and shrubs are getting enough water and that it is actually reaching the roots! Trees need a minimum of two gallons a week.

Nancy Ballard sent AAC this photo of the medal she won at the Sports day in the playing fields for a running race and an obstacle race to celebrate the Coronation in 1953.

Nancy must be one of the few in the village who can also remember the Coronation of George VI in 1937. The children of the school attended Church in the morning and then performed plays in the Village Hall including 'Kingly Crown' and 'Act of Royalty'. The part Nancy remembers is the afternoon where there were sports followed by tea. AAC have since found out that each child at the school in 1937 was given a Coronation mug by Mr Sinclair, later Lord Sinclair.



I received my coronation mug in Woolavington on the Poldens because we had moved there to my grandfathers farm shortly before the day.

We children had an organised tea and games in a field on a lovely sunny Coronation Day.

My mug was in Cleeve but it arrived a few days later so all was well.

Marianne Pitman

TIPS FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Some indoor plants that have outgrown their pots will benefit from being potted on into larger pots this month. Don't be afraid to knock plants out of their pots to take a look at how the roots are doing.

Many indoor plants will benefit from the summer outside! Make sure that they are put in a shady spot and watered well.

**LORD NELSON, CLEEVE: 1953.
BEDECKED IN BUNTING FOR THE CORONATION OF ELIZABETH II.**



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| Backwell PO | 5.30pm | 12.15pm |
| Clevedon Delivery Office | 6.00pm | |

**CHRIS HAWORTH - "THE NURSE" WITH HIS FRIEND DAVID AS "THE BABY" -
CORONATION CELEBRATION IN NAILSEA.**



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 1ST 2002 IN CLEEVE

Cleeve Village Hall Management Committee all hosted a party. Besides a cream tea there was a bouncy castle sponsored by Felicity and Alan Down of Cleeve Nurseries, children's games and races organised by Gill Roe, dog show run by the dog club, a best made crown competition and perhaps the highlight a men's knobbly knees competition won by Neville Hayman! The compere for the day was Dave Mortimer. Also, there was sponsorship from Good News, Food & Wine, Bishops Road. It was reported to have been beautiful weather just like the coronation itself. The youth shelter on the Playing Fields was erected at that time with grants from YANSEC, a landfill company and North Somerset Council.

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

First early potatoes should be ready for lifting now! If there are flowers showing and the leaves are starting to go yellow, that's a sure sign that there are big enough tubers underneath to lift. Take them straight to the kitchen, boil them with a spring of fresh mint and serve with lashings of butter!

**JENNIFER HAWARTH (NEE WEAVER) CELEBRATING THE CORONATION AS
ALICE IN WONDERLAND IN FAILAND.**



... escape to the garden this June!

In just a few short weeks we'll be launching our 2022 Crafts and Cream Teas event at 3 Bishops Mead, Cleeve (BS49 4NH). This is a great opportunity to get out and about this summer while supporting local artisans and enjoying homemade scones and cakes.

Give us a call at 01934 835 141 or email us (info@woodnthings-uk.com) to book a time that works for you: we'll be open 3-26 June. Do you have any dietary restrictions that need to be catered to? Just let us know in advance so we can have vegan, gluten-free, or other treats available.

And we do more than just tea: enjoy a proper coffee, cappuccino, or latte, with oat milk if required.

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF CORONATION DAY 1953 BY MARK GOSTLIN

My name is Mark Gostlin, son of Ernest and Olive Gostlin who older residents of Cleeve will remember first supplied newspapers from their home, and later ran the newsagents when the new shops were built in the village.

I was born on September 17th 1939, 2 weeks after the start of WW2, in The Nook on the main road, now numbered 42. One of my first memories is watching the large convoys of American army lorries queuing for fuel at the Rhodyate garage, I assume they were on their way to join the D-Day landing army.

I have been asked to tell you of my recollections of the Village Coronation Celebrations.

Coronation Day in Cleeve was an exciting occasion as it was for the whole nation, and a committee was set up to ensure Cleeve would have a day to remember. Do not forget Cleeve was very small then with a population of less than 200, no Cleeve Drive, no Millier Road etc. The committee comprised of Lord and Lady Sinclair, Mr Cardew and my mother Olive Gostlin.

They arranged the following,

4 12 inch black and white televisions supplied by Broadmead Radio were installed in the village hall (very few people owned this new and expensive luxury) and the whole village came to watch the coronation ceremony of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

In the afternoon there was a fancy dress competition held in a tent erected in front of the cricket pavilion, followed by a sports day for both children and adults.

In the evening a bonfire was lit in the quarry area, where sausages, cider and beer were available, a wonderful end to an unforgettable day that lasted in people's memory for a very long time.

DAVE RIDLEY'S MEMORIES OF CORONATION DAY 1953

It was a lovely, fine sunny day. I recall the athletic competitions in the playing field. I remember my brother winning the mile race, which was four times around the cricket pitch, there were free donkey rides, and I was the first to have a ride in the morning and I remember falling off, bruising myself badly as the saddle strap wasn't done up correctly. There was a television in the school and teas were being served all day. The children picked up their Coronation Mugs from the school. In the evening the Boy Scouts ran a barbecue in the quarry, there was a large fire burning as darkness fell, and I can remember queuing up to get a hot dog with the most pathetic looking sausages I have ever seen, [food was still on ration then] to only find out that they had run out of sausages by the time I got there.

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Don't forget to keep plenty of water out for the birds to drink and to bathe in regularly. A shallow container out of reach of cats is best. Continue feeding the birds but if you feed peanuts make sure that the mesh prevents whole nuts being removed.

MEMORIES OF CORONATION DAY BY JUNE RICHARDS

I was born in Gravesend, Kent in 1944. My younger sister and I were brought up by our widowed mother in a quiet suburb of the town. We lived in a Victorian terraced house with elderly neighbours either side who lived behind privet hedges and gleaming brass letter boxes.

The Surrounding roads were all named after peers of the realm ie Cecil, Napier, Northcote, Pelham, Salisbury and we lived in Churchill Road. Compared the others, our road was relatively neighbour friendly possibly because it housed families with young children. We also had a Mr Beeching, a community minded gentleman who was a 1950's version of Dave Mortimer. Mr Beeching's son George had a predilection for tying up the neighbourhood children to the lamppost. This however did not deter Mr Beeching from suggesting and organizing the Churchill Road Coronation Street Party.

Audrey Swallow, I believe she was related to Mr Beeching was chosen to be the Queen. She must have been about sixteen but on the day, with her heavily powdered white face and crimson lipstick she could have passed for forty five. My best friend Susan, she lived next door to Mr Beeching, and I were chosen to be Audrey's attendants. Susan was a studious girl, a year older than me, and very well behaved. I just had to copy her.

Audrey wore a white dress with what appeared to be a stiff lace doily standing up at the back of her neck. She looked like a Tudor princess. The evening before Susan and I had our long straight hair wrapped in pieces of rag to produce Victorian ringlets and on our heads were jammed Medieval, crenulated cardboard crowns. Scarcity and inventiveness had triumphed over style!

My mother had invited our supportive, extended family over to Churchill Road to share in the celebrations. She placed our dining room chairs in the front garden so they had a ringside view of the proceedings. Fortunately we did not have a privet hedge.

As my attendant's duties precluded me from looking after my determined, free spirited, five year old sister, mum came up with a clever solution. She encased Brenda from neck to feet in strips of vertical gold card over purple material with a gold skull cap on her head topped with a cross. She entered the fancy dress as 'Coronation Crown', only able to shuffle about, her arms and busy fingers completely enclosed in the costume.

For the tea I am sure we had spam sandwiches and jelly with ice cream. When the tables and chairs were cleared away Mr Beeching organised some races for the teenagers and I remember the older boys thundering down the road. I was put in the sack race but fell heavily on the asphalt. I lay prone, too embarrassed to come in last until someone scooped me up out of the way as I was holding up proceedings. No-one checked to see if I was concussed!

A few weeks after the coronation a professionally made rectangular blue plaque appeared on the front of Mr Beeching's house commemorating Churchill Road's special day. We were the only road in the area to have a street party and in the grey post war years it was fondly remembered as a joyful occasion.

I met Georgie Beeching many years later in Gravesend. He and his family were enthusiastic members of the Civil War Sealed Knot Society. He was obviously still tying people up.

MEMORIES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SILVER JUBILEE, JUNE 1977 BY ELIZABETH VAUGHAN

I was working as a student nurse in London in June 1977. Reading my diary of that year brought back the following memories. On Monday 6th June, I worked a late shift at the hospital, we finished work at 9pm and then I caught a bus with some friends to Parliament Hill to see one of the Jubilee Beacons lit, we could also see the Blackheath Beacon from where we were on Parliament Hill. There was a real feeling of unity, a real mixture of ages and everyone was so friendly, we didn't want to leave but eventually common sense kicked in, I knew I had to work the next morning - very late home and then up at 6am on Tuesday 7th June to work an early shift on the Medical Ward, Middlesex Hospital. We were, as usual, very busy but Sister very kindly let us off at lunchtime and I walked down from the hospital along Regent street to Buckingham Palace. There were simply hundreds of people in the Mall all cheering and singing. I managed to approach the Mall from Piccadilly and by walking along the back of the crowds got all the way along by St James Palace and across to the Victoria Memorial; I had missed the Queen leaving for the Guildhall, but was outside the gates of Buckingham Palace, on the steps of the Victoria Memorial to see the carriages return, Queen Elizabeth was accompanied by her husband Prince Philip in an open top carriage which we could all clearly see. After she had gone through the gates, the crowd surged in front of the Palace, but the police were really good at guiding everyone. I had never been in such large crowds and it could have been quite intimidating, but the atmosphere was astonishing, singing songs like 'Rule Britannia', 'Knees up Mother Brown' and talking and laughing with complete strangers! Everyone was cheering and shouting 'we want the Queen' and then the cheers went through the roof as she came out on the balcony with her family. The Queen was very easy to see as she was wearing bright pink. In my diary I record that she has Prince Philip on one side of her and Earl Mountbatten on the other but to be honest I may have got that from pictures later as all I remember now is the Queen. It was so worth the effort, even if my feet could hardly move at the end having worked two very busy shifts, seen the Beacons and then all the standing in a large crowd: thank goodness I had the next day off! In my diary is a tiny newspaper photo of the vast crowds outside the palace with a x marked by the Victoria Memorial and a note on the side saying this is where I was, not that anyone would have had a hope of recognising me!

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN CLEEVE 2012

In February 2012 an oak tree was planted on Pound Green by Cleeve Parish Council to celebrate the Jubilee. On June 4th 2012 villagers celebrated in style on the Playing Fields from teatime into the evening bringing picnics or partaking of a barbecue organised by Chris and Bridget White. There were games, music and competitions including a quiz and a Jubilee cake baked by Lin Mortimer. The 250 villagers who attended raised £500 for All About Cleeve.

CORONATION DAY STREET PARTIES – TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 1953

Linda's Dad was a Metropolitan Police Motor Cyclist, and on Coronation Day, he was assigned to be one of the out-riders in the procession specifically taking Queen Solote of Tonga to Westminster Abbey.

So when the street party in Keir Hardie Way, Barking was announced, including a Fancy Dress Parade, Linda's Mum decided that Linda would go as a five year old version of Queen Solote, especially when Linda's Nan had won a jewelled crown in a raffle the previous week!

Meanwhile in Nunhead, South East London, another street party was taking place in Fernholme Road. Dave's Mum was less regal in her choice for his costume – a window cleaner. Dave lived at No. 4 and Brian Osborne, who now amazingly, lives in Yatton, and lived at No. 7 were both miffed when Brian's two year old brother was declared the winner – as Baby Fairy Snow, dressed in just a nappy and a sash with Fairy Snow written on it!

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Story Telling and Folk Music. July 9th. Cleeve Village Hall. 7pm-10pm

FOCOS Mystery Outing. July 12th.

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