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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to the December edition of "AAC". Much has happened in the last month and the country is once again in lock down to try to stem the rise in Corona Virus infections. Our area, having largely escaped the Virus in the previous lock down, is now reporting many more cases and extra vigilance is required by all. Take care and stay safe.

We hope you enjoyed the "Historic Calendars" which were distributed to all homes with the last edition of AAC. A few copies remain for sale at £3.00 each in local shops.

We have now used up almost all available old photographs and are planning a photographic competition for next year's calendar based on local wildlife. Two prizes will be awarded for the best submissions received by 31 Sept 2021. For details please see page 8.

> Andrew Grogono Chairman "AAC"

If anyone experiences difficulties in receiving or obtaining a copy of All About Cleeve please let Steve Molloy know. His details are in the box to the right.

TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Cut stems of winter flowering shrubs to force into flower indoors. Good subjects include Winter Sweet, Witch Hazels, Lonicera fragrantissima and Winter Beauty, Viburnum fragrans & bodnantense Dawn, Forsythia and even Lilac.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ROOM *BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE*

For a number of years, the Parishioners at Holy Trinity have been aiming to refurbish the Church Room, which hasn't had a real makeover since it was built in the mid 1950s.

However, other repair problems got in the way – replacing and repairing lintels, resurfacing the flat roof – all of which have now been done, but at cost of around $\pounds 20K$. Therefore 2020 was the time to do the refurbishment and to begin to raise the funds to pay for the work.

Well. The work has been done, and the refurbished Church Room looks splendid, but all our fund raising plans for 2020 – Fashion Show, Summer and Autumn Fayre, Plant Stall, Quiz, etc. - disappeared because of Covid 19.

So, with the Autumn Fayre in mind, we are putting together a Super BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – containing, at least, 10 great prizes, with a splendid large Christmas Hamper as the star prize.

We are asking AAC readers to kindly support us by purchasing a ticket(s) at the cost of £1 each from Lin/Dave Mortimer [838515], Gill Roe [832917] or any member of Holy Trinity Church who may accost you to buy a ticket.

With uncertainty involving Lockdown, or other Covid measures, we will arrange payment when dealing with the ticket purchase. Hopefully the draw will provide a little excitement in what will be a strange and uncertain Christmas time.

The grand draw of tickets will take place [hopefully] at Holy Trinity, after the service on Sunday 20th December – and the results will be published in the next edition of AAC.

Thank you, in advance, for your support – and we hope to have events to show off our new Church Room as soon as possible.



TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Mice and rats will move inside for warmth and shelter so check greenhouses and sheds and take precautions where you have seed, vegetables and bulbs stored.

STARTING TO BRING TOGETHER SOME OF THE SUPER PRIZES FOR THE HOLY TRINITY BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE





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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.



2021 CLEEVE WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Ross Floyd has kindly offered to run a photographic competition to provide photos for use in "AAC" and for next year's free calendar. Prizes will be awarded for the best two submissions (details to follow). The competition is open to all ages.

Ross has proposed the following guidelines:

1 Up to 5 photographs per person taken with a digital camera or phone that portrays wildlife or plant life within the parish of Cleeve or adjoining parishes.

2 Images may be a sequence of up to 5 photos or of different subjects.

3 The subject must be in colour and form the main part of the image. No open vistas please!

4 For use in the Village Calendar, photos should be in landscape format (wider rather than taller)

THE RULES

Judges' decision is final. Judges will comprise Ross and at least one committee member. All images are to be submitted between January 1st and Sept 31st 2021 and must be your own original work and not subject to third party copyright.

Images to be submitted in JPEG format to Ross @rossfloyd@farvis.co.uk .They must not exceed 2 mb per picture

Copyright must be assigned to AAC for use in future publications and the village calendar. File sizes over 10 mb can not be downloaded by the judges so please keep them to a reasonable size!

Your name and the date and location of the image must be included with each image in the title, or in each email.

Light digital picture editing is allowed but no special effects.

All submissions will be acknowledged by email – if this does not arrive within 24 hours please check yours has arrived.

FOCOS (FRIENDS OF CLEEVE OVER SIXTIES)

Winning numbers for the FOCOS lottery

3rd October	2	Janette Cave
31st October	35	John Oldham
7th November	44	Julian Bailey

Well done to all our winners, whose Christian names all begin with the letter 'J' (9 of our 59 tickets holders have 'J' Christian names!).

With the continued uncertainty surrounding everything, we look forward to resuming our normal programme of events, hopefully thanks to the covid vaccine being available, in the spring of 2021.

However your continued support of the FOCOS lottery will ensure that we can all look forward to some great times in the future.



SMOKEHOUSE

If you have ever walked on the Public footpath from Brockley End Cleeve through Cleeve woods to Wrington you may have noticed the ruins of a small round stone building on the side of the path, this is in the curtilage of the ancient Ruggs Cottage which is also a ruin, this round building has always been a mystery as to its purpose, it has been recorded in the past as a lime kiln but it has no resemblance to one at all.

Recently I dug out all of the stones from the centre of this building and discovered it had a lime mortar floor and on the inside of the building, against the internal wall opposite the entrance there was a small pit lined with roofing slates going into the ground, I then used a mini digger to reduce the ground level outside of the building which had built up over the years then I discovered that there was a very small tunnel leading from the outside to the bottom of the pit on the inside, so after further enquiries this proved to be the basis of a smokehouse serving the inhabitants of Ruggs Cottage, it seems likely that the slated pit on the inside housed the fire and the tunnel would have allowed the air to be drawn from the outside where it would have been controlled, I have googled smokehouses and came across the below write up which describes it very well albeit an American article on smokehouses.

Time was when smoked hams and other meats were the country's staples. Smoking was the most reliable, practical, and palatable way to preserve meat for later consumption. A nation of small farmers depended on the yearly slaughter of a hog or two and the occasional addition of wild game for its adequate supply of protein. It's hardly a surprise, then, that the smokehouse was a habitual farm fixture.

Smokehouses were built to meet several major requirements, and their functional construction made them into easily identifiable buildings.

Draft-free smoke chambers were the first prerequisite. To make them farmers used tightly caulked and carefully nailed boards along with mortared stone or brick. The choice depended on the materials available and the farmer's personal inclination. Since wood was normally the cheapest and easiest material to work with, it was the most popular.

In order to smoke meat, a small smouldering fire was kindled and kept burning until nearly all the oxygen was consumed and a thick cloud of smoke filled the smokehouse interior. The type of wood used was important in determining the taste of the smoked product. Hickory chips, fruitwood and corn cobs were all favoured fuels.

A simple dirt floor was the hearth for many a smokehouse fire. However, it was a general practice to dig a fire pit extending several feet below the ground. At times these pits were lined with stones and mortar to create permanent fixtures, but they were probably filled in once the smokehouse was no longer used to cure meat.

Meat hooks or spikes were set high on the walls or on the cross rafters. A smokehouse was one of the few farm outbuildings equipped with a door with a sturdy hasp so it could be locked. Hams and sides of bacon were too portable, valuable and enticing to leave unsecured.

Dave Ridley



COVID EXPRESSED

Are we living in lockdown, had a lightning strike, furloughed, home working or caught in a spike. Hands, face, space, the current song but in which tier do you belong.

Schools open, schools close; some in and some out No exams if you're Welsh, is that a fair shout. Are we not all key workers when put to the test Check and trace us is surely the best.

I am socially distanced and wearing a mask and forbidden to carry out a number of tasks So I stay in my bubble away from the pub and zoom all my friends on my computer hub.

Entertainment restricted, no sport is allowed and gatherings over six is a crowd Online shopping is thriving, loo rolls we hoard But how to get rid of all the cardboard

If you're vulnerable and shielding, isolation is best but we are all exposed, so stay home and test A quick throat and nose swab, you'll know soon enough til we all get a vaccine to call Covid's bluff.

Duncan Macphee

FLOOD PROTECTION IN CLEEVE

Following the recent flooding in Cleeve Hill Road, (Front page photo in October edition of AAC), a local resident has prepared for future flooding by building a sea wall to protect his property.

This magnificent wall is designed to provide flood protection for a least the next 100 years and local mariners have taken the opportunity to provide fenders to enable lifeboats to moor alongside when the floods do arrive!

Just goes to show that at least some of us are here for the long term!



Andrew Grogono

YATTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday December 1st 7 30pm by Zoom and telephone

Cat Lodge, North Somerset District Archaeologist, will talk on The Archaeologists Role: Projects and Findings in North Somerset including some detail of North End.

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

Our November meeting was a very informative talk by William Evans about the origins of some Somerset weekly markets from medieval times. A charter with a fee payable to the crown was needed to start a market. For example, Wrington paid the equivalent of 150 units and Bath 133.

Wrington was probably bigger than Bath but certainly did more trade at the time the charter was granted. There was also a charge levied by the local landlord who could be lay or ecclesiastical. For example they could levy tolls.

Markets had to be at least the distance apart a heavily laden packhorse could complete in a day and return home afterwards, that is about 6-10 miles.

They were held in convenient streets for example Broad Street in Wrington which must have been purpose built.

Marianne Pitman

PALESTINE POP UP

Last November Alissar Amali shared her poetry at Holy Trinity Cleeve with other musicians and local storyteller Michael Loader who had been a part of Somerset Storyfest's 'Stories For Change' project gathering stories from Palestine in April 2019. Alissar is a third generation Palestinian refugee born in Syria now living in Bristol.

On November 7th she set up a Pop Up Cafe in the grounds of Cleeve village hall with the help of Bristol's Palestine Museum and vicar Nigel Thomas to raise money towards her hospital cancer treatment. Thanks to all of those who supported this initiative and enjoyed Alissar's home cooking including falafel, tabbouleh, houmous and musaka'a... YUM!

Michael Loader



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION APPEAL

Thank you to everyone to popped a donation to the Royal British Legion through either Vicar Nigel's, or my, letterbox.

I am pleased to be able to say that a cheque was sent to Rob Lewis, Chairman of the Yatton Branch of the RBL, for the sum of £228.

Dave Mortimer Treasurer Cleeve & Claverham PCC

CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

We hope that you are all continuing to keep safe and well in these difficult times and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a return to some form of normality in 2021.

Council Meetings: Since March all our Council Meeting have been via "Zoom" and/or Microsoft Teams and current guidance is that this should continue for the time being.

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

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

Could you be a Parish Councillor? We currently have a vacancy for a councillor on Cleeve Parish Council which the Parish Council will fill by co-option.

If you are interested please complete an application in accordance with the "Application for Co-Option onto Cleeve Parish Council" form available via our website <u>http://www.cleeveparishcouncil.co.uk</u> and return it to <u>cleeveparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk</u>

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 meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday from 7.30pm, (CUR-RENTLY REMOTELY VIA VIDEO LINK) the meetings are relaxed and welcoming, and most decisions are made during the meeting so there is little for Councillors to follow up on.

Broadband provision: You will all be aware of the work being carried out throughout the locality by Gigaclear as part of their programme to provide ultrafast broadband connections to the area. This is now coming to an end.

Other work is being done by Truespeed although theirs is very much demand led and works on quite different basis to Gigaclear.

It is quite apparent that not every property in the parish will fall within their initial coverage. This does not necessarily mean that connection is impossible but every situation needs to be looked at individually. They are both, of course, operating under their own business viability constraints.

We are aware that other suppliers are also looking at providing broadband via satellite signals.

It would be quite inappropriate for us to recommend any supplier and the best course of action we would suggest is to contact the suppliers and ascertain what they are likely to be able to offer you.

Pound Green: We have recently completed our annual review of the trees on Pound Green and one of the recommendations is to reduce the height of the conifer in the picture below. It would be reduced to the height of approximately 6ft but retaining the ivy around the stump for wildlife purposes. If anyone has any views or comments on this proposal please email us on <u>cleeveparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk</u>



Bristol Airport: It has been confirmed that Bristol Airport's appeal against the refusal of planning permission for expansion will go ahead. The process will be as follows:-

• Consultation via North Somerset Council from 30 November to 6 January. The consultation allows people to respond to updated papers from the Airport. We shall be placing the details of the consultation on our website and on Facebook and encourage everyone to respond.

The Appeal process will formally start on 11 January

• The Public Inquiry will commence 22 July 2021 and is expected to last for 4 weeks.

Coronavirus Updates: The Parish Council will be posting important information from Public Health England and the Government, relating to the pandemic, on our Facebook page and website.

In the meantime...



Facebook: You will find us on Facebook if you search **Cleeve Parish Council** and like our page. We update various issues of local interest, and activities of the Parish Council.

We are also pleased that we will be posting a link 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

GOING THROUGH CLEEVE - PART 1

Cleeve sits to the north west of Broadfield Down which is a limestone ridge which has numerous cliffs and coombes.

Coming from Congresbury in Kingswood there are several sheep enclosures with hut circles thought to be either Iron Age or Roman and possibly continuing being used in 5th and 6th century AD when Cadbury was occupied but there is no dateable evidence. Many of the enclosures are close to Bickley which was a cottage and out buildings built in 1841 and expanded later with a dairy at the back in use until 1960. There is evidence of a medieval house in the field alongside the recently built eco-friendly house. More information about Bickley will appear in a 2021 edition.

Thomas Wickham, the vicar of Yatton from 1809 until his death in 1829 set up 22 boundary stones across Kingswood to delineate his property. They were made of the easily carved Pennant Stone and faced inwards. (photo1). They remained even after the Smyth-Piggotts bought some of the land.

While there were some indications nearby of roman iron mining found on the batch above Goblin Combe Farm there is considerable evidence of mining from the mid nineteenth century in the woods. A high percentage of iron can be extracted quite near the surface. There are numerous mines and tunnels carefully fenced off still evident(photo1) At this time Yatton station was opened providing improved freight transport.

Goblin Combe Farm is a small medieval cruck longhouse with a byre and thatched until 1854. It was built in the fifteenth century but much altered since. (see AAC 2020 calendar)

Rhodyate Garage aka Reynolds was demolished inn 1990 to build Warners Close. It was probably set up in 1920s and expanded in 1930s when the A370 was straightened and widened to accommodate increasing levels of traffic going to Weston. (photo2)

It housed H H Reynolds fleet of furniture removal vans at the beginning of WW2 and was a repair base for Wake and Dean Iorries from Yatton furniture factory. Agricultural machinery and farmers cars were also repaired. There were petrol pumps on the roadside. During the war it also repaired various vans, lorries and motorcycles used for military purposes.

The wool shop on the corner of Bishops road was 2 tenements in 1799 and then a blacksmith with wooden spiral staircase and thatched roof until 1902. It was then a butchers shop until 1950s. (see AAC July/Sept)

Glenside in Bishops Road was possibly a medieval long house with stables. It housed the Bishop family before Bishops Farm was built in 1821. (see AAC June) (photo 3)

This article includes material and photos from YLHS and YCCCART archives and formed part of a talk given to Cleeve Ladies Guild early in 2020.

Most of the features described are in private ownership and can only be viewed from public footpaths.

Marianne Pitman November 2020



Iron Mine (Photo 1)



THE RHODYATE SERVICE STATION, CLEEVE, NEAR BRISTOL AERO PIC



Rhodyate Garage (Photo 2)

Glenside (Photo 3)

CLEEVE VILLAGE 2021 CALENDAR

We hope you have enjoyed the Cleeve Village Diary. Please note that the Sept 2021 photo should be substituted with the photo below. Apologies to those astute villagers who noticed the error.

Andrew Grogono





... get in touch!

And we're off! This week we launched our 2020 Christmas Extravaganza at 3 Bishops Mead, Cleeve (BS49 4NH). We'll be running until 20 December by appointment only, so please give us a ring at 01934 835141 or email info@woodnthings-uk.com to make arrangements for up to four people to visit. Enjoy a private shopping experience, with a percentage of takings going to the Children's Hospice South West and Cancer Research UK.

Refreshments will be on offer: cream teas or cheese scones are available on request, as are gluten-free or vegan treats. All proceeds from the sale of refreshments will benefit the Children's Hospice South West.

Please note that face coverings and social distancing rules will apply.

Stay well, stay safe, and we hope to see you soon!

CLEEVE VILLAGE HALL

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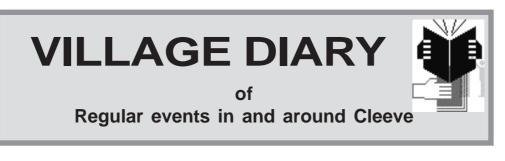
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Special Events This Month

December 1st. Yatton Local History Society. 7:30 by Zoom and Telephone

December 1st - 20th. Christmas Extravaganza. By appointment only

December 20th. Holy Trinity. Raffle drawn after service

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		Yatton	832366	
	Clavertots	Michele Jenkinson	838671	
	Cleeve Guides	Helen Mortimer	(01454) 771957	
	Cleeve Scouts/Cubs	Steve Atrill	833912	
	Cleeve Toddlers	Reebecca York	0759 674905	
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	Cricket Club	TBA		
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	Guide Dogs	Mrs Jane Newton	(01275) 873024	
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	Tennis Club	Karen Barnett	835150	
		John Tate (johntatetennis@talk21.com		
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	Village Hall Secretary	Diana Cook	834621	
	YACWAG (Yatt & Cngsby Wildlife		833596	
	Yatton History Society	Mrs Marianne Pitman	838801	
	Yatton Horticultural Society	Mrs Joan Pittock	832790	
	Yatton Music Society	David Ford	830255	
	Yatton Ramblers	Peter Marshall	833916	

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TIP FROM CLEEVE NURSERY

Check that greenhouse heaters are working properly.

Open the greenhouse ventilators to encourage good air movement during mild weather and always remove dead leaves and flowers regularly as this is often where disease starts.



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