



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER June 2022

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

This June we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as we mark with thanksgiving her 70 year reign. For 70 years Queen Elizabeth II has served our country and its people with duty and grace. It is a truly historic moment for no other British monarch has reached such a milestone.

As part of our Benefice Jubilee celebrations our Messy Church families have been creating a Union Jack flag using our hand prints. The different generations of our church family have added their hand prints as we have created something to reflect the Queen's life of service. As I was painting my hand red in preparation for adding my hand print to the flag I found myself reflecting on Christian call to live a life of service. To live a life that follows the example of Jesus, a life that reflects the values of kindness, forgiveness, compassion, peace, grace and love in words and deeds. A life that seeks to shine out the love and light of God.

So this month as we mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee let us take a minute to think about what we can do in our lives to help make the world a better, kinder more compassionate place. Remember even the smallest act of kindness can make a real difference to the life of someone else and help build a better world.

God Bless

Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

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CHURCH SERVICES -ALL SAINTS PRESTON -JUNE 2022

12 th June 2022	9.30am	Morning Praise
26 th June 2022	9.30am	Holy Communion

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website
www.churnsidechurches.org.uk*

Prayers: The streets and areas in the Churnside Benefice (South Cerney, Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston) to be prayed for in all our churches during May 2022 are Bowly Crescent, Bow Wow, Brambling Mews and Brewin Close.

There is a prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church, South Cerney for your personal prayer requests. Anything placed there is prayed for at Morning Prayer each day.

NOTE: CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA - See page 5 below.

SOLAR FARM UPDATE MAY 2022

Just a short report this month to bring the contract to a close.

All the Civil Engineering and Electrical Contractors will have finished their work by Friday 10 June following which the CCTV (for their site security) will be installed, the landscaping carried out and the whole site commissioned.

Gridserve anticipate that all the works should be finished by Friday 8 July when they will begin exporting electricity to the National Grid.

Following the completion of the works the operations and maintenance teams will take over the site so there will still be a small presence, possibly sporadic.

Unless anything untoward happens this will be my last report but if you have any comments or queries please contact me by email on alanstonepreston@gmail.com.

Editor's Post Note I am sure that you will all join me in thanking Alan for his provision of vital information to us and for acting as an important go-between to ensure that the village's interests were always considered during the project.

MINOR INJURIES UNIT CALL CENTRE

Another reminder of the phone number for this vital health support unit 0300 421 7777

BOOK SWAP Long weekend coming up! Time to pay a visit to the hugely successful Book Swap this month - plenty of fiction and non-fiction books.

Donations of children's books welcomed.

HOW THE BOOK SWAP WORKS - Simply come and help yourself to a book and leave one in its place. If you don't have a book to donate, don't worry, leave one another time.

NOTE: The village defibrillator is located in the Telephone Box, so it is essential the Box is not cluttered, leaving easy access to the defibrillator.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Here is a **very important** reminder from last month -

Please think about the security of your home. Keep doors and windows locked if out in the garden.

There have been a number of reports of sheds being broken into around Cirencester. Make sure your sheds and outbuildings are securely locked; alarms are also available.

With increased fuel prices please be aware that heating oil thefts will likely increase, make sure that your oil tanks are secure and well-lit to deter thieves.

With the news of dog theft so close to Preston, remember to remain aware while walking your dogs. Vary your routes and think about carrying a self-defence spray. (Editor's comment Search Dog 'DNA Protect' for protection for dogs.)

MOBILE PHONE SCAMS - Here are helpful notes that were posted today on the Preston Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp ... It is possible to report phishing emails by forwarding the message to 7726 (it spells spam) and then sending them the details of where the message came from. You can, of course, also block the number so it doesn't call you again!

If you would like your mobile number added to the Preston NW WhatsApp group, please send your request to Dot Warren (07980 897268)

You can find further information on how to protect your home and outbuildings on: www.gloucestershire.police.uk

If you would like to contact Alex, please use my mobile 07816051126 or email: amilespc@gmail.com

RECYCLING DATES FOR JUNE

FULL RECYCLING **WED 8TH AND 22ND JUNE**

FOOD WASTE **WEEKLY FROM WED 8TH June**

Fosse Cross Recycling Centre . The Site is open all bank holidays EXCEPT Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. **Booking is essential**

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

16th June - The Nurse who Changed Guinea Bissau

Speaker - John Butterworth

Elizabeth Way Community Centre, Siddington 7.30pm

Contact Ann Craddock - Secretary- 01285 641469/07971 532909





VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Coffee Morning Note that there is **no date for June**. Next event will be on Friday 1st July.

Art Group continues on Monday afternoons, 1-3pm and Thursday morning 10-12 noon. If you would like to know more about these groups please contact Cathy at artinpreston@aol.com

Yoga recommences on Wednesday June 1st 6.15-7.30pm. If you would like to join this in person or via zoom, please contact Mark at mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

Art Exhibition 'Preston in Lockdown and beyond' Thursday June 2nd - Sunday June 5th.

Village Platinum Jubilee Street Party Sunday June 5th. See poster above! Looks great fun - please come along and bring any visitors

NOTE - WI meeting Thursday 16th June - will be held at 7.30pm at Elizabeth Way Community Centre, Siddington

NOTE - For information about making a booking for the Village Hall, please contact Anne Mingins. Email - annemingins@btinternet.com

AN EXCITING EXHIBITION

OPENING ON 2ND JUNE 2022

HELEN MCLUCKIE EXHIBITION

'IN LOCKDOWN AND BEYOND'

Opening Thursday 2nd June 2.00pm - 7.00pm.

Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th June from 11.00am - 6.00pm.

Recent Paintings, Preston in Lock-Down and Beyond

Crafts, Jewellery, Greetings Cards and Baby Knits etc.

Contributions to Charities - Cheltenham and Glos Scanner Appeal; Ukraine Appeal.

Come along and see her exquisite crafts and paintings!

PRESTON SUPPLIERS REGISTER

The website is <https://prestonvillageregistry.wixsite.com/mysite>. The instructions for adding new names and their details and additional support for existing suppliers are very simple. If in doubt, send me the information and I will add the supplier for you. Kelly at Del's motorcycles will also be able to help you

(prestonvillageregistry@gmail.com)

KEEP THE REGISTER TO HAND - ON YOUR DESKTOP or iPhone.

<i>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022</i>		
June	Mrs Canton/Mrs McKinnon	12 th
	ditto	26 th
July	Mrs Smith/Mrs Tuckey	10 th
	WEDDING - 16 JULY FLOWERS Mrs Bainbridge	24 th
August	Mrs Stone/Mrs Cameron	14 th
	ditto	28 th

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

For all information about planning applications please go to Cotswold District Council's website:

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning/online-planning-register/>

Preston – Jubilee Celebrations Sunday, 5 June



We hope that everyone is now aware of the **BIG LUNCH** taking place on Sunday, 5 June and that everyone is looking forward to joining us. We would like to thank John Vokes for providing cakes and tray bakes as well as the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council for providing prosecco and soft drinks.

TIMETABLE

- 11 am** Road Closed to all traffic between Beechnut Cottage and 90 Preston
All hands-on deck to set up tables and decorations
- 12 noon** Please bring a plate of savoury finger food to share together with your own plate, glass, napkin and any drinks you would like
The **BIG LUNCH** begins
Fancy Dress - 1950's theme
'Bake Off' Competition for children to be judged by Joy Canton and prizes for the winners
A raffle in support of **GARAS**, the Gloucestershire charity that supports asylum seekers, refugees, and other migrants.
- 3.30 pm** The Road is re-opened.

World Jungle - FREE ONLINE CLASSES

World Jungle is offering free online classes in Pilates, Yoga, Mindfulness, African Drumming and Seated Yoga and Relaxation.

Classes are free but you are welcome to donate if you are able.

Please do email info@worldjungle.org.uk or call us on 07889 512644 if you need support to access the classes.

Thursdays

[9.15am - Pilates with Jane](#) ID 644 835 150 Passcode 2345678

Classes run until Thursday 21st July (that's the last class before summer break) and start back on Thursday 8th September.

NOTE - there will not be a class on Thursday 30th June

Wednesdays

[9.30am Mindfulness with Jane and Ben](#) ID 857 326 633 Passcode 2345678

Classes run until Wednesday 20th July (last class on 20th) and start back on Wednesday 7th September. **NOTE - there will not be a class on Wednesday 29th June**

Cotswold District News

Waste collection days unchanged for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The two-day bank holiday, given in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, will not affect when residents can expect their waste and recycling collections to take place, so please continue to put containers out as normal.

Improvements made around Cotswold Water Park to support walking & cycling

Working with Cotswold Lakes Trust, CDC has made improvements around Cotswold Water Park that will make it easier for people to walk and cycle around the area including new cycle parking, new cycle paths, new waymarked walking routes and signage for visitors.

Council Tax rebate update

CDC has been distributing the Government's £150 council tax rebate for households in council tax bands A-D to help with increased energy costs and working as fast as possible to distribute the money. So far over 18,700 payments have been made to residents who pay their council tax by direct debit.

Those who don't pay by direct debit will be contacted by letter with information on how to apply and provide the information needed to make the payment. If you are eligible, please look out for the letter and respond as soon as possible.

For those not eligible for the original rebate, CDC has set up a scheme to help those who will need it most. You can check if you are eligible and apply on CDC's website.

<https://cotswold.gov.uk/150rebate>

Parish Council News

At the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** in May, Julie Tomblin was unanimously re-elected as Chair with Sue Cameron as Vice-Chair.

Councillors also retained their areas of interest as follows:

- Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman) - Village Hall
- Cllr Mrs S Cameron (Vice-Chair) - Village Hall
- Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master. - Footpaths
- Cllr N Price - Village Maintenance and Finance
- Cllr A Miles - Neighbourhood Watch
- Cllr A Stone - Planning & Highways & to assist with Village Hall projects, as required.
- Cllr Mrs C Elson - Playing Field

22 people attended the **Annual Parish Meeting** on 5 May at which the Jubilee celebrations and the Village Fete arrangements were discussed. There were also questions about Neighbourhood Watch, cardboard Policemen, dog stealing, Travellers, and Lorries. See the Minutes on the Village website.

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on
Thursday, 7 July 2022 starting at 7 pm in the Village Hall.**

The agenda and further details will be available on noticeboards and on the website nearer to the time. Everyone is Welcome to Attend.

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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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If you are aware of any resident who doesn't receive the Newsletter, please ask them to email: newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for July 2022 by **Thursday 30th June. Note that the July newsletter will not be issued until beginning of July.** Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk