



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 2021

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

Over this last year, I have been spending a lot of time outside, going for walks, on adventures with my children, rediscovering my bike, and I am looking forward to camping in the vicarage garden during the summer holidays again this year. Being outdoors has been one of the things that has really helped me through the challenges and difficulties of the pandemic well as giving me a deeper appreciation for our beautiful world.

I have really noticed the changing season, as the trees have moved from the beautiful blossom of spring, to the lush green leaves of summer and into the golden reds and yellows of autumn. I have been amazed by the vast array of different colours and shades of the same colour that nature has to offer as well as by the diversity of all the different varieties of trees, flowers, and plants. I have enjoyed the abundance of delicious food that nature produces from the blackberries in the hedgerows to the sweetcorn in the fields.

I often find myself stopping on a walk or sitting in the garden to appreciate and to say thank you for our wonderful world. When I look at the world around me, I notice its beauty, its uniqueness, the intricate details, the design behind how things work and I cannot but see *God* the creator and *God's* great love for us. As I appreciate and admire the beauty of the world I am reminded of how fragile and vulnerable it can be and how much damage humanity has done. I find myself challenged to live lighter and to take better care our beautiful world, to preserve it for future generations.

God Bless

Revd Jennifer McKenzie

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CHURCH SERVICES- ALL SAINTS CHURCH PRESTON

On **Sunday 15th August at 4pm** there will be a Communion Service in All Saints Church, Preston. We will continue to follow the current government and Church of England guidelines on the pandemic, with more details available on the notice board.

We are currently working on plans for worship in September and October which we will share in the next edition of the newsletter. If you would like any further information or have any questions, then please get in touch with your Vicar Jennifer.

PRESTON FETE Saturday 25th September 2021 at Church Farm at 2pm

There is a meeting to plan the fete at Church Farm on Tuesday, 3rd August at 10 am. Do please come with ideas and offers of help. After being shut away for so long, it will be a good chance to meet newcomers to the village. Looking forward to seeing you. Scilla

The barn is open for contributions for the stalls, but please ring Scilla on 01285 653066 to arrange a time for delivery. Also please make sure that donations are clean, tidy and in good condition. Think - 'would I want to buy this myself?'

Here are the stalls already planned

White Elephant any good quality household goods or unwanted gifts.

Books and cds and DVDs self-explanatory

Children's toys and games. We can only sell complete games and puzzles and good quality toys.

Nearly New Clothes The same advice as for toys etc. Only good quality and clean. No adult underwear.

Raffle prizes Any good quality unwanted gifts suitable for either an adult or a child.

Please keep Saturday 25th September free!

At last this is a chance for the whole village to come together, relax and enjoy a happy afternoon.

CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA FOR 2021

In view of the current quarantine, there will be no requirement to clean the church. Please wait for further instructions once the ban is lifted and when we are all safe to move about.

SOLAR FARM UPDATE JULY 2021

Generally work is progressing well.

The site compound is nearly complete and they expect to be starting to install the steel columns to support the solar panels over the next month or so. Importantly if anyone strays on to the site, and has managed to escape Security, there are many large and deep trenches to fall into. Naturally if anyone is silly enough to go on the site without permission, and there is an accident, they will not be insured.

A dedicated walkway has been created from Witpit Lane to the Bridleway. The entrance is through the timber gate adjacent to Witpit Lane then follow the green cones. There are some gates on the walkway at the entrance and exit to the site compound. Please ensure that you stop and observe before going through the gates to avoid a collision with a large vehicle! The gravel surface is uneven as it is made from crushed stone so please take care when walking on the surface. This route will also be used by cyclists and from a personal perspective it would be better to walk around this path rather than cycle, to avoid any accidents.



If you are fortunate to be able to ride a horse, unfortunately you will not be able to use this walkway as it is unlikely that horse and rider will fit under the bar over the gate! Therefore, at the moment, there will be a telephone number displayed on the gate for horse riders to ring and get permission from the Security Guard to use the road. This is to avoid a potential clash with any contractor's vehicle that may be entering or leaving the site. A Security Guard is available 24/7.

If you have any comments or queries please contact me by email on alanstonepreston@gmail.com.

RECYCLING DATES FOR AUGUST

FULL RECYCLING
FOOD WASTE

WED 4TH; WED 18TH AUGUST
WEEKLY FROM WED 4TH AUGUST

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall dates for August -.

The hall is still very quiet.

Yoga The only class taking place at the moment is yoga on Wednesday evenings. If anyone is interested in joining in, then please contact Mark Adam's on mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

Art Classes - We are hoping to start classes again in September. Whether you are a complete beginner or an art expert, you'll be very welcome. As usual there is a choice between a class on Monday afternoons, 1-3, and one on Thursday morning, 10-12.

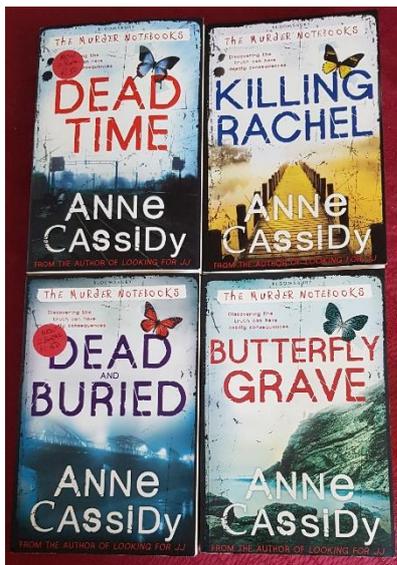
We don't have exact start dates yet but should firm up the details soon.

If you are interested please email Cathy Lynn at artinpreston@aol.com or call on 01285 655325.'

Women's Institute Summer Party on 19th August at 7.30pm. The last meeting before the summer break.

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

BOOK SWAP



Any Anne Cassidy fans? Four good books to find in the Book Swap this month.

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/>

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ROADSHOWS

The new Police and Crime Commissioner Chris Nelson is running a series of roadshows across the county during September and October where he will be talking about his Police and Crime Plan intentions. The Chief Constable Rod Hansen will also be at each event along with local police management teams.

Venues have adequate parking and have been booked in a spacious environment taking Covid into consideration. There will also be light refreshments provided.

Cotswolds South - **Tuesday 7 September – Cotswolds South at RAU (6pm until 8.30pm)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-stronger-communities-police-roadshow-tickets-163495791313>

CDC's GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

The strategy aims to boost green and open spaces as part of the council's priority to respond to the climate and ecological emergency and will be open until Monday, 16 August.

Recommendations in the strategy include creating more places to exercise, improving cycle routes and footpaths to support safe and sustainable travel, creating more 'natural' play areas for the young, building desirable places to live and work and incorporating green areas that support wildlife habitats and mitigate climate change.

The final version of the strategy will inform CDC's Local Plan, which sets a framework for future planning decisions, including how the Council will meet the need for new homes, employment, open spaces, schools and leisure facilities.

If you have any questions please contact Local.plan@cotswold.gov.uk

[You can read the full draft Green Infrastructure strategy and give feedback here](#)

[or for those short on time. Take this quick survey](#)

[Sign the petition](#)



Hedgerows are the unsung heroes of our countryside. They have been a defining feature for over a thousand years, bringing landscapes to life with character and beauty.

The charity connects habitats and provides pathways, shelter and sustenance for wildlife, while protecting the soil, cleaning the air and absorbing carbon emissions. **They are nature's key workers.**

But **around half of our hedgerows have been lost since the end of the Second World War.** This has left us vulnerable to the threats of climate breakdown, while intensifying nature's decline.

The government's climate change advisors have said we need 40% more hedges by 2050. **Can you add your name to make the government set this target?**

DOG FOULING

CDC has been consulting on the renewal of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. Dog fouling remains a significant issue, with the Council receiving approaching 300 complaints over the last three years. The behaviour of irresponsible dog owners to allow dog fouling has an adverse effect on residents, visitors and those who work within the area.

The Parish Council has supported CDC in retaining the existing dog fouling provisions:

- The level of fine remains at the maximum of £100 per offence
 - Prosecution of an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000). The maximum amount is fixed by statute.
- This will allow Police Officers, PCSCO'S as well as Council Officers have powers to issue fines and prosecute for breaches of PSPOs.

DEFIBRILLATOR - HOW TO USE IT

We have been asked if and how anyone (even those who haven't received training) can use the defibrillator in the telephone kiosk.

The answer is simple - 'YES'.

In an emergency you need to call 999. If it's appropriate the operator will be able to tell you where the nearest defibrillator is located and talk you through how to use it.

**The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 2 September 2021
at 7pm 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.**

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

If you receive the Newsletter by email, please can you ensure that newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk is white listed in your email set up so that it doesn't end up in your Junk folder.

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

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PRESTON PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

Visit Preston Parish Council website (See PPC News for all PPC information) on which there is a page giving a map of the Public Footpaths and Bridleways. The link is: <http://prestonpc.org.uk/data/uploads/general-information/preston-footpaths-map.pdf>. The colour code is - **pink solid line - footpath** **Green dotted line - bridleway**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Here is a warning message from Barclays Bank about Scammers which caught our eye -

Many people think they can spot a scam a mile off. And yes, it's easy when fake messages contain bad English or clumsy mistakes.

But scammers have upped their game. They're now impersonating banks, retailers and official organisations using emails and texts that look and sound much more professional.

We've never seen scammers being this sophisticated, and they can catch anyone out - even the experts. And the problem is getting worse. Up to 84% of people believe they've been targeted directly by scams during the past year.

If you don't want to be the next victim, be suspicious of every text, email and call you receive, when it comes to your money.

PREVENT SCAMS - STOP - CHALLENGE - PROTECT

To access information about local crime prevention, visit -

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention> For any Neighbourhood Watch issues, please contact me Julie Tomblin tomblinjulie@gmail.com 01285 641111; or Dot dotwarren@btinternet.com 07980 897268

PRESTON SUPPLIERS REGISTER

ATTENTION! I have added a few new suppliers - Taxi, cleaning services, electrical installation and repair services, local appliance electrician.

I know there are still businesses out there that we use that haven't been added to the 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, who is masterminding the website, will also be able to help you (prestonvillageregistry@gmail.com)

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

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI



Summer Party Thursday 19th August -

Preston Village Hall at 7.30

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for September 2021 by **Thursday 26th August**. Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk

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