



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

September 2021

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

Summer holidays are looking a little different this year as fewer of us travel abroad and more of us enjoy the sights of this country, visits with family and friends or have a staycation instead. Holidays can be good for us as they provide us with the opportunity to relax, rest and recharge our batteries. They can help us to clear our heads, gain a new perspective on things and enable us to work on having a good work life balance.

In the Bible Jesus gives us a wonderful invitation to come and rest in the loving presence of God. In Matthew chapter 11: 28-29 Jesus says "Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls." As a Christian, I find this a wonderful invitation to come and find real rest in the presence of God. In the presence of God we can just be ourselves, we can talk to God about everything and anything as we are held in God's restoring love.

So whether you have been able to have a holiday or not this summer, I hope you have found some time for some relaxation and rest.

God Bless and take care.

Revd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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CHURCH SERVICES- ALL SAINTS CHURCH PRESTON

We are pleased to announce that Sunday Worship will once again be held at All Saints Preston as we gradually open all the churches in our Benefice for Public Worship. The services for September are as follows:

Sunday 12th September 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th September 9.30am Service of the Word

For other services taking place in the Churnside Benefice during September please visit our website. www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

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

The time has come round - so quickly - and now we have the Village Fete within a few weeks. There was a good attendance at the Planning Meeting but we are always happy to receive ideas and offers of help. There will be a note circulated on WhatsApp Community asking for help and so then is the time to join in!

The Barn at Church Farm is open to receive your contributions. **NOTE** -. Please call Scilla (01285 653066) to arrange a day and time.

Please make sure that you are bringing donations that are in good condition. In order that we do not have the headache of taking unsold goods to the tip or to recycle - think to yourself - 'Would I want to buy this?' Here are the stalls

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 gifts suitable for either an adult or a child.

Look out for Scilla and me coming round the village soon with Raffle Tickets.

Please keep the date free!

At last this is a chance for the whole village to come together and enjoy a happy afternoon. Scilla Tel 01285 653066

CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA FOR 2021

Currently there are no planned arrangements for a rota to share out cleaning the church.

GIVE LOVE IN A BOX THIS CHRISTMAS

Teams4U is already planning the shoebox appeal for 2021. How many shoeboxes can we collect this year? Shoeboxes full of simple gifts, gifts our children take for granted, all wrapped up in bright Christmas paper. Each shoebox will be a special gift for a child with little or nothing to help them celebrate Christmas.

Fill your box with toothpaste, toothbrushes, crayons, paper, soft toy, hats, scarves and a lots, lots more! Simple things! You will be surprised by just how much you can fit into an ordinary shoebox.

You could also do a household box! Pegs, t-towels, candles, cutlery, etc.

You can find lots more information, and download labels on the Teams4u website go to www.teams4u.com and click on shoebox appeal. You can also fill a shoebox on line.

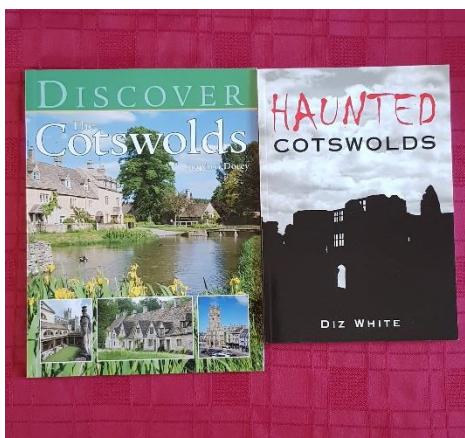
You can also contact me Joan Townsend on joan_townsend@hotmail.com or 0128586071

When you have filled your shoebox take it to 42 Riverway, South Cerney. GL7 6HZ by the first week of November 2021

Alternatively, as we did last year, bring your boxes to me, Dot Warren, at Greystones. and I can deliver them all together. Dot Warren email: dotwarren@btinternet.com

Tel: 07980 897268

BOOK SWAP



Want to learn something new about the Cotswolds?

Take a look in the Book Swap...

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

For all information about planning applications please go to CDC 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)

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-stronger-communities-police-roadshow-tickets-163495791313

FLY TIPPING

CDC has successfully identified and fined an individual for fly-tipping a large quantity of bark chips in Northleach thanks to evidence provided by a resident who witnessed the illegal act. The fly-tipper was caught dumping over two tonnes of commercial green waste by a local man who decided to capture the illegal act on his camera. Thanks to the eyewitness information provided, and assistance from local Police Officers, the Council issued a fixed penalty notice of £400. Fly-tipping is the illegal deposit of waste onto land. This causes a significant blight on the local environment and is often a source of pollution, which can endanger public health and wildlife.

The Facts

- Fly-tipping is ILLEGAL.
- There is no excuse for fly-tipping.
- We ALL pay for fly-tipping as it costs the District Council to clear waste dumped on council-owned land.
- Dumped waste not only looks unpleasant, but it can also seriously damage land, pollute water and endanger wildlife.
- Fly tipped waste can also affect the reputation of our villages, and towns and can be hazardous to human health.
- Offenders can be fined up to £50,000- or 12-months' imprisonment if convicted in a Magistrates' Court. This can be increased to an unlimited fine and up to 5 years imprisonment if convicted in a Crown Court.

You can [report fly-tipping to the Council](#), by completing an online form on our website. For more information about how you can prevent fly-tipping and what to do with your household waste, visit our website: cotswold.gov.uk/fly_tipping.

ELECTORAL REGISTER

As you may remember, CDC undertakes an annual check of properties in the District and this year's is now underway.

The canvass starts with a data matching process against Dept. of Work and Pension records. This gives two sets of properties – those where all the electors match to DWP (Route 1) and those where all or some electors don't match (Route 2).

The canvass began with an email to Route 1 properties a couple of weeks ago. The email asked residents to confirm or change their details. If no response is received from a property, a form will be posted to those households at the end of August.

These Route 1 property forms do not require a response from the householder unless there are changes to be made. Once the forms have been posted, our work on these properties is complete although we review entries throughout the year using internal data such as council tax records. Therefore, as no reminder form will be sent, it is important that any household that requires changes to be made, returns the form or makes changes online.

Route 2 properties will receive a form within the next 10 days and CDC needs a response to these. Therefore, if no response is received, they will follow up with a posted reminder and finally a canvasser will visit the property. Also, as part of the process CDC will be sending a separate information sheet to properties that currently don't have any electors registered.

We have been asked to let residents know that the canvass has started and, if required a response to the form should be made, as soon as possible. The form will explain how to respond. If you have any queries, please contact CDC's Customer Services team on 01285 623002 or email: elections@cotswold.gov.uk

COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

There is a petition on the government website calling for the introduction of sanctions to ensure that Councillors are disqualified or suspended for poor conduct. Some Councillors behave unacceptably (BUT NOT OURS!!), yet currently there are no sanctions. Most Councillors maintain high standards of conduct, but a significant minority engage in unacceptable behaviour, such as harassment & bullying incl. racist, sexist, ableist abuse which would be unacceptable in an employment setting. Many more signatures are needed to get this taken seriously. If you feel you can please sign up.

The petition can be found here [Legislate to enable Councillors to be disqualified or suspended for poor conduct - Petitions \(parliament.uk\)](https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/123000)

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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ROADWORKS

This is a note to advise you of roadworks either currently taking place or about to take place.

1. **Burford Road** - between A417 dual carriageway and the traffic lights at the junction with Cherry Tree Lane. The Eastbound section of the road is now closed during working hours for about three months to enable the construction of a dedicated left turn lane to Northleach (Fosseway). It is possible to travel up Cherry Tree Lane to the traffic lights and turn right to Burford, turn left for A417 dual carriageway and straight on for Northleach. Incidentally, as traffic is being diverted along the Fairford Road and up Cherry Tree Lane there is likely to be a delay in getting out of Kingshill Lane!
2. **White Hart roundabout at Swindon (A420 junction)** - The roundabout road under the A419 dual carriageway has been closed for three months to enable its reconstruction. This means that it is impossible to access Swindon from this junction along Oxford Road and you either need to take the Honda junction and go via Highworth Road or exit at Blunsdon. Otherwise you have to go to the Common Head Roundabout just before the M4. You can access Sainsbury's and the A420 to Oxford from the A419 but if you want to travel North on the A419 to Cirencester from the A420 you have to travel South to the Common Head roundabout to turn round. If it helps the roadworks on the Cricklade Road into Swindon at the Moonrakers Roundabout are almost complete and the junction is now controlled by traffic lights.
3. **A417 Fairford Road** - GCC Highways have advised that part of this road, either side of Poulton, will be **closed on 8 September** for ONE day between 07.00 and 17.00 to allow patch repairs to be carried out. Please see the letter from GCC for details.

SOLAR FARM UPDATE AUGUST 2021

Generally work is progressing well.

The site compound is now complete and they have started to install the steel columns to support the solar panels. See photos.

Whilst the work on site is currently progressing on program I understand there will be a delay in the supply of some equipment (in addition to that already advised) which means the work is unlikely to be completed before the end of December 2021.

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! Gridserve have provided a sign at the Bridleway end and a telephone number is 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. The telephone number is 07507 891849.

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



VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall dates for September- the hall is still quiet at the moment.

Wednesday evenings - Yoga continues. Please contact Mark on mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk if you are interested in joining in with these classes.

There will be a **Parish Council** meeting on **Thursday 2nd September at 7pm**

Preston and Siddington WI Meeting on **Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm**

Art - Classes start again on **Monday 20th 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 afternoon, 1-3, and one on Thursday morning, 10-12.

Hurry to make your reservation! As we go to press, there are still places available.

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

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

STAGECOACH BUSES - CHANGES TO TIMETABLES FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

We're making **exciting changes** to our services in **Gloucestershire** this summer, to connect more people to more places. We'll be running more buses than ever between **Cheltenham & Gloucester** on our 94 service.

We're also introducing an **Under 19** daily and weekly ticket for those travelling in or between Cheltenham & Gloucester, which is **even better value**.

For a summary of the changes, **visit our website;** www.stagecoachbus.com

RECYCLING DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

FULL RECYCLING	WED 1st 15th 29th September
FOOD WASTE	WEEKLY FROM WED 1st September

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

How to keep your home safe and secure, a few points to remember.

Is your back gate a weak spot? Install strong fences and gates and make sure they are kept locked.

Increase the visibility of the entrance and exits to your home....burglars do not like to be seen or caught.

Close and lock windows and doors.....keep valuables out of sight.

Sheds and garages....keep them locked and consider installing alarms.

CCTV or digital door bells...have you considered installing these?

For more information visit www.goucestershire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention

For any NW issues, please contact me Julie Tomblin tomblinjulie@gmail.com 01285 641111; or Dot dotwarren@btinternet.com 07980 897268

Don't forget that you can send any urgent messages round the village using the Preston WhatsApp NW Group.

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

PRESTON SUPPLIERS REGISTER NEWS

The new suppliers that I listed last month are now available in the Register.

Recently I asked for help with firms who provided hedge cutting on the Community WhatsApp. I received a number of recommendations. Please will you take a few minutes to add these contacts to our Register? It will help to increase the value of this simple but useful service. The website is

<https://prestonvillageregi.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 (prestonvillageregister@gmail.com)

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

NEWS - NEWS - CIRENCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR are hosting an open rehearsal on **September 13th** and are looking for new members to share a glass of beer, some pizza, and song.

The choir, which has been performing for 12 years, is made up of amateur singers supported by a professional musical director and accompanist. They have sung everywhere from Parish Halls to the Royal Albert Hall, and although it is highly sociable they also take the singing quite seriously.

The aim is to have fun and to continue to raise thousands of pounds each year for local charities. There is no need to be an experienced singer, to read music, or be a world class tenor (mind you, if you are...)

The open evening will be held at Cirencester Rugby Club at 7.30pm on the 13th. September. Just come along or call Mark for more details on: 01285 653362

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 16th September - Musical Entertainment/Crossword With Lizzie Lindell



If you are new to Preston, be assured that you will be given the warmest welcome. Just come along and find out more about our activities, without commitment. There will be tea & biscuits.

Please contact Ann Craddock - Secretary on 01285 641469/07971 532909 for more information.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for October 2021 **by Monday 27th September Time to send in any comments or updates about the Fete on Saturday 25th September.** Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk