

PRESTON NEWS

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Dates for the diary

Parish Council meeting - 11th
May, 7pm in the Village Hall

Friday coffee mornings - 12th
May & 9th June

Coronation Street Party - 7th
May

Eurovision Party - 13th May

Refuse collections

Wednesdays fortnightly;

10th, 24th May

7th, 21st June

Food waste: weekly

Wednesdays

Green bin renewal price: £57

Pause for thought

from the Churnside Benefice

This month we will witness an historic moment in the life of our nation as we mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. The Coronation will take place on Saturday 6th May in Westminster Abbey and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby. The Coronation is steeped in this country's traditions and filled with great symbolism. The Coronation will happen within a Eucharist, it includes oaths, regalia and crowning, and takes service as one of its central themes. We see this theme of service reflected in the ongoing commitment of the King to serve God and the people of this nation and the Commonwealth, as well as in the invitations to the Coronation that have been sent to those who have been recognised for their great service to the local community. The value of service is at the heart of the Christian faith as Christians are called to live a life of service to God by serving other people. The Coronation therefore offers the opportunity to commit again to the call to live a life of service as we work together to make the world a better place, remembering that even the smallest act of kindness can make a real difference to the life of another and the world around us.

Many events have been planned to mark this historic event over the Coronation Weekend; events aimed at bringing people together. All Hallows Church will be showing the Coronation on our big screen and everyone is welcome to attend. We will start the screening at 10.30am, half an hour before the Coronation begins at 11am and light refreshments will be available. On Sunday 7th May the Preston Street Party will be a great opportunity to come together as a village community.

God Bless

Revd Jennifer McKenzie

vicar@churnsidechurches.co.uk

TEA & COFFEE MORNING PRESTON VILLAGE HALL

10AM - 12 NOON
SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR
TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS
AND A BOOK SWAP



ENTRY - £1 PER PERSON

Church cleaning rota

14th May - Mrs Cooper

28th May - Mrs Jones

11th & 25th June - Mrs MacKinnon & Mrs Canton

9th July - Mrs Warren

23rd July - Mrs Smith

13th/27th August - Mrs Stone & Mrs Cameron

Church services

4th May 9.30 - Morning Praise

28th May 9.30 - Holy Communion

11th June 9.30 - Morning Praise

25th June 9.30 - Holy Communion

All services in the benefice can be viewed at 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 and June 2023 are Spring Lakes, Station Road, Sudeley Drive, Summer Lake, Swan Close, Swift Link, Swinford Close and Teal Way.

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.

Village Hall

Art Group

Monday 1-3pm & Thursday 10-12am

Contact Cathy at artinpreston@aol.com or feel free to drop in!

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Yoga

Wednesdays 18:15-19:30

These classes can be accessed in person or via Zoom if you prefer to stay at home!

Contact Mark at mark@cotswoldyoga.co.uk

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To make a booking for the village hall, email Anne Mingins at annemingins@icloud.com.

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Eurovision Party

Join us to watch the final of this year's Eurovision song contest, hosted in Liverpool on behalf of last year's winners, Ukraine.

Doors open at 7pm with the festivities starting around 8pm.

Not only will we be voting amongst ourselves for who we think will be this year's winner but we will also be playing a few rounds of "Eurovision Bingo"!

Bring your own drinks but nibbles will be provided.

And don't forget to come dressed up!



Coronation street party

To celebrate the Coronation of The King and Queen Consort, Preston will be holding a street party on Sunday 7th May at 12 noon. Prosecco and soft drinks will be provided. Bring food to share with friends and neighbours!



A gardener's guide

The cold, grey days of early spring are hopefully now behind us and our gardens really are now starting to put on a show!

"No mow May" has become a popular campaign over the past couple of years, with the results of increased nectar available to bees and other pollinators being indisputable. If, however, an "untidy" lawn is not for you, remember to take the height down gradually over a few cuts in order to help it thicken up.

Here are a few other jobs for the next few months:

1. Edging lawns as you cut, to stop grass growing into your borders.
2. Prune back any winter frost damage as your shrubs and perennials show new growth.
3. Dead head spring bulbs and early perennials - always a good job to do whilst wandering around the garden in the early evening with glass of wine in hand!
4. Plant out summer bedding, dahlias, begonias etc after the risk of frost has passed - usually around mid-May. And don't forget to give them a feed or mulch afterwards.
5. Hoe your borders and veggie patches on a dry day, when you can leave the weeds on the surface in the sun to dry out and rot down. But weed them out if gardening on a wet day to avoid them setting seed and spreading.

Barnsley Festival

Saturday 13th May 2023

Barnsley Festival, already known and loved by thousands, was founded by one of Britain's greatest gardeners, the late Rosemary Verey.

The small Cotswold village of Barnsley, still an unspoilt corner of England, holds several examples of her work, from her own splendid garden at Barnsley House Hotel to smaller gardens in and around the village.

Barnsley House, built in 1697 and now one of Britain's best-known hotels, has kept Rosemary's spirit alive in its care of the garden and her famous potager. The four-acre garden and the house itself, built like the rest of the village in the local gold-grey Cotswold stone, are set among tall and beautiful trees that give on to the fields beyond. Usually only available to hotel guests, on Festival day the garden will be open to all.

A short distance from the village is Barnsley Park, considered the finest Georgian house in Gloucestershire, with an orangery and pepper pot lodge designed by John Nash. The magnificent gardens that surround it are only open to the public on Festival day.

Also exclusive to the Festival is the 45 acre Barnsley Arboretum, designed by the present Lord Faringdon and planted 15 years ago. All the 1600 trees here are furniture woods: oak, beech, eucalyptus, ash and maple—there is even a thriving snakebark maple. Another of its features is the national collection of bamboo. As well as these special features, the Festival includes many craft stalls, and local produce stalls (cheese, game, wines), bell-ringing, a barbecue, licensed bar, Jazz band and many other entertainments.

During the day, Barnsley House will be holding an art exhibition for local artists - one of this year's entires has been inspired by Scilla's wood!

For tickets and more information, visit www.barnsleyvillage.co.uk.



In memoriam

Alexander Lindsay

A much-loved member of village life, Alexander was passionate about the community in which he lived. His contribution to the village was wide-ranging, including his time on the village hall committee, organising pub nights, helping at the church and coordinating the fête.

Alexander died suddenly but peacefully at home and thoughts are with Miranda and the family.

Details regarding his funeral will be circulated in due course.

Village communications

The newsletter will only be issued via email, unless you have specifically requested a paper copy.

Village updates and reminders will also be conveyed via the two village WhatsApp groups. To connect to these groups, message Julie Tomblin on 07973 444902.

The next full edition of the newsletter will be issued at the beginning of July.

All contributions and suggestions will be gratefully received.

Remember, it's *your* newsletter, so any items for inclusion, no matter how small, are welcome!

Email your articles, photos and ideas by 20th of the month to newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk.

Ed.

News from the Parish Council

COULD YOU BE CIRENCESTER FOOD BANK'S NEW TRUSTEE?

Please go to cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help to find out more.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND EXTENDED

Earlier this month (1 April), the Department for Work and Pensions announced an additional £842 million available to help the most vulnerable households across England with essential food and energy costs. As part of the announcement, additional money will be given to councils to provide further help to most in need with essential food and energy costs until 31 March 2024. Vulnerable households and families are encouraged to check their council website for details of support available.

PRESTON'S CORONATION CELEBRATION

Please look out for Julie Tomblin's requests for help nearer the time and if you have any ideas and are able to organise activities for children, please let Julie know : 01285 641111 or email tomblinjulie@gmail.com.

Note: The road will be closed from approx. 11am to 3pm. If you need to leave the village during these times please move your car to outside of the closure zone (Beechnut Cottage to 97 Preston).

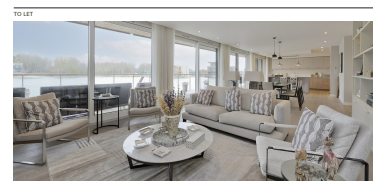
ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual parish meeting is your opportunity to raise any village issues that you would like to be discussed. The meeting will start at **7pm on Thursday, 11 May** in the village hall and will be followed by the scheduled parish council meeting. The agendas will be available on the village noticeboards and on the website nearer to the time. www.prestonpc.org.uk

NEW Country Office



Perrott's Brook, Welsh Way, Cirencester, GL7
£1,950,000 Freehold



Newfound Caseway, Cols Waters, GL7
£6,300 per week



Sunset Lodge, Cotswolds, GL7
£3,000,000 Freehold



Amberley, GL5
£1,500,000 Freehold

Do you have a property to rent or are you looking to sell your home?



We have had a great response to the launch of our Country Office from those looking for a Cotswolds escape. Call now or email us on hello@mountgrangeheritage.co.uk



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