



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2017

## **EVENTS IN PRESTON OVER MARCH/APRIL!**

- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March = Pub Night - 7pm till closing!
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Litter pick - 10am
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March - Village Hall AGM - 6pm

## **NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE**

\*Rev Jennifer McKenzie will be being installed at South Cerney on 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm.  
Watch out for more details in due course.

VICAR'S ADDRESS: The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, GL7 5TP  
Tel: 01285 860221

Churchwardens All Saints' Preston: Alister Painter (650624);

St Peter's Siddington: Allen Howe (657933) Mike Painter (650624)

CHURCH OFFICE: 01285 862632 Tuesday & Thursday 9.am-1pm Answerphone otherwise.

E-mail: [office@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@churnsidechurches.org.uk) NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE.

**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 April are Bluebell Drive, Boxbush Road, Bowly Crescent, Bow-Wow, and Brambling Mews. There is a prayer board inside the main door of All Hallows Church for your personal prayer requests, which will be relayed at Morning Prayer daily.

## **PRESTON FETE - PLANNING MEETING - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am**

The Planning meeting to discuss the Fete (to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July) will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at Church Farm. If you are unable to attend but would like to offer help of any kind, please call me (01285 653066). We look forward to seeing you there and please bring along any new ideas that you may have! Many thanks!  
*Scilla Chester-Master*

**CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** -The Church Electoral Roll is being reviewed this year. It lists those who are eligible to vote at the AGM No action is needed if you are on it already, but, if not, and you would like to add your name, forms are available either in the Church or at Church Farm. They have to be completed by mid-May.  
*Hon Sec Preston PCC*

### **PRESTON CHURCH COUNCIL**

The PCC AGM is to be held on Monday 10th April at 7pm in The Village Hall.

### **PRESTON CHURCH KEY:**

Those who need the Church key to gain access for flowers and cleaning, please call Anne Smith on 640142.

### **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL LITTER PICK**

**Come and help us keep the Village clean and tidy!**

**Meet at the entrance gate to the Church**

**at 10 am on Saturday, 25 March**

**Litter picking equipment will be provided**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

17/00794/FUL Norcote Workshop London Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5RH

Change of use of unit 2B for the manufacture and sale of cider (Retrospective)

### **KINGSHILL PLANNING UPDATE**

**16/05245/OUT and 16/05246/OUT Land West Of Kingshill Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire**

The Parish Council's response to this application can be seen on the Village website.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MAGISTRATE?**

**Could YOU perform this valuable service for YOUR community?**

Applications are welcomed from anyone aged 18 and above; the retirement age for Magistrates is aged 70. Anyone who is interested in applying should contact the recruitment website at: [www.gov.uk/become-magistrate](http://www.gov.uk/become-magistrate) for full details of the application process.

If you require any further information, please contact Brenda Saturley by e-mailing [brenda.saturley@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:brenda.saturley@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01823 285240

### **2017 RURAL SKILLS COURSES AT COTSWOLDS DISCOVERY CENTRE, NORTHLEACH**

One day LANTRA Brushcutter/Trimmers - Maintenance and Operation Course - £135 on Thursday 18th May 2017 and Wednesday 5th July 2017

### **TO BOOK ONLINE VISIT**

**[www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/events/?searchfilter=text&SearchQuery=brush](http://www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/events/?searchfilter=text&SearchQuery=brush)**

Or call 01451 862001 if you need to pay by other means.

The latest brochure can be downloaded from here

**[www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/userfiles/file/cotswolds-rural-skills-brochure-2017.pdf](http://www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/userfiles/file/cotswolds-rural-skills-brochure-2017.pdf)**

## **VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR**

It was with much regret that the Council accepted Mrs Chris Sutton's resignation at the last Parish Council meeting. Notices advertising the vacancy will be posted shortly but if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk or any Councillor.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

At the last Parish Council meeting, Members discussed the possibility of creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan that will give residents the opportunity to direct and shape any future development of the Village by creating plans and policies. If it is successful, it will be adopted by Cotswold District Council as a legal planning document. We are hoping that residents will be keen to be involved with this project whether for the whole or part. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

## **DOG POO - repeat from March**

Most dog owners are very conscientious about clearing up after their pets, but there are some who just don't care. Please report any offenders to the Parish Clerk (380040) or Cotswold District Council (623000) - you can remain anonymous!

The next Parish Council meeting will be  
**the ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**  
held on Thursday, 11 MAY 2017 from 7pm in the Village Hall  
followed by the **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (AGM)**  
*Please watch the noticeboards and the website for further details.*

**CLERK TO THE COUNCIL:** Caroline Braidwood, 77 Pheasant Way, Cirencester, Glos GL7 1BJ Tel: 01285 380040 Email: [clerk@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@prestonpc.org.uk)

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS**

Telephone numbers

Crime 999 Suspected crime 101 Crimestoppers 0800 55541

Another good month with no reported crime in the Parish and only a couple of cases in our police district; recently there have been two cases where folk have seen suspicious cars in the village and have reported them, which is good and the police encourage folk to do just that. The correct way of reporting is through 101 which allows the police to deal with it on "here and now" basis; if it goes any other way there is delay and maybe missed opportunity. The thing is to keep on doing it as and when the need arises and keep our clean sheet going.

*Bill Mortimore N.W Coordinator*

Tele 659113 or [bill@margaretmortimore.co.uk](mailto:bill@margaretmortimore.co.uk).

*Neighbourhood Watch Team members are:- Rex Canton, Margaret Mortimore, Anne Smith, Dot Warren, Michael Dyson, Andrew McKechnie and Reg Freyne.*

## VILLAGE HALL

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - Calling all Village Hall users:

Our Hall has been in regular use for some time now, which is fantastic, and just as it should be.

Unfortunately a number of items have started disappearing over the past year or so. It is possible that some of them have simply worn out, but we suspect that others have been taken home for washing etc and never made their way back. So this is a plea: if you have used items from the Village Hall, either borrowed, or in situ, and have had to take them home for any reason, please have a quick check around and make sure they have made their way back to the Hall.

In particular we have noticed a dwindling supply of the following:

***Table Clothes (plain and patterned)***

***Tea Towels***

***Tea Light Holders (glass)***

***Larger Kitchen utensils***

***Some crockery***

We all recognise that things get lost or broken, but we don't want to replace items if they are simply mislaid for a while, so do please check if you think you might have any of the wayward items.

Many thanks

## VILLAGE HALL DIARY

Friday March 24th, **Pub Night**. 7pm onwards. Bring your own drinks. Come for a chat, game of cards or darts and enjoy an evening away from the television.

Thursday 30th March 6pm **Village Hall AGM**. Please come along and give us your ideas, comments and feedback about the Village Hall. All welcome.

April is a very quiet month in the Village Hall.

Preston Church Council AGM is to be held on Monday 10th April at 7pm.

Yoga recommences after the Easter break on Wednesdays starting on the 19th at 6.30pm. Anyone wishing to join in with this group should contact Mark at [mark.yogachill@icloud.com](mailto:mark.yogachill@icloud.com)

Art Classes also start again on Mondays 1-3pm commencing on 24th April and Thursdays 10-12noon commencing 27th April. Everyone is welcome to join in. Pop in to the village hall or contact Cathy on 655325

Finally, Save The Day! Friday June 23rd. We will be organising Preston Village 2nd Safari Supper. Last year's Safari Supper was such a success and thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended, that we will be organising another one! Put this date on your calendars now!

**REMEMBER TWO DATES IN MARCH -  
PUB NIGHT ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Enjoy a drink with friends and neighbours. We are not allowed to sell alcoholic liquor, so bring your own. Everything else provided.

Opens 7 pm, closes when you have all gone home. Children welcome.

**VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Village Hall AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm.

It's your hall. This is your chance to find out what the Committee have been doing on your behalf, to comment or criticise, to elect members of the committee for the next year and, most important, to suggest your ideas. If you have any interest in the hall, please come.

**VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT INFORMATION - LYNN SAUNDERS**

If you want to find a service that you need, or to contact an agency for help and advice or assistance with accessing DWP for advice, you can reach me on 07776 245 754 or email me at [lynns@villageagent.grcc.org.uk](mailto:lynns@villageagent.grcc.org.uk)

**MONTHLY WALK IN THE PARK**

The next walk will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. Please look out for the email with more details which I will send out nearer the time. Let me know if you want to be included and/or that Thursday is not a good day for you!

Dot Warren Tel: 656105 Email [dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)

**ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER** Apply to Dot Warren  
([dotwarren@btinternet.com](mailto:dotwarren@btinternet.com)) for further information.

**PRESTON NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON PRESTON WEBSITE**

A copy of this Newsletter is available on the village website -  
<http://www.prestonpc.org.uk/index.php?id=the-village-newsletter>.

**SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 -Nature in Art



Our April speaker is Simon Trapnell of Nature in Art. Simon will be taking us around the world seeing how people live very different lives to our own through the medium of art.

As usual visitors and guests are welcome. We will have our usual raffle, tea & biscuits.

**We will be meeting in the Elizabeth Way Community Room, Siddington 7.30pm.**

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS** - Please let me have text for May by email or in handwriting by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105; dotwarren@btinternet.com

**CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR 2017**

If any new volunteers feel that they could help us to keep our church neat and/or they enjoy flower arranging, please consider joining our 2017 group. Even the smallest amount of help would be so much appreciated.

Regine Freyne Tel: 655370

<b>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2017</b>		
April	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton <b>EASTER DECORATIONS 10AM</b> <b>ALL WELCOME</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Mrs Sutton	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>  16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>
May	Mrs Jones Mrs Cooper	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>
June	Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay Mrs Anne Smith	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR A CLEANER

Resident of Mildreds Farm Barns is looking for a house cleaner on a regular basis, either weekly for 1 1/2 hours or preferably fortnightly for 3 hours. General cleaning duties and at any time or day of the week (preferably not Thursdays). Payment would be the usual rates. For further information please telephone 01285 640590.

**CIRENCESTER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT - 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** The Society is giving a concert in the Parish Church, Cirencester, in which two residents of Preston will be singing. It will be Bach's St John Passion with full orchestra and soloists. Tickets cost £12.50 for adults and can be obtained from Therese Munro (Tel: 640590). Or Chris Sutton (Tel: 652364) in advance to be sure of having a ticket. See the poster on the Village Hall notice board.

CHURCH DIARY APRIL 2017				VOLUNTEERS
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton
9 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd	
Palm Sunday				
FRIDAY	3.00pm	Meditation	Sidd	
14 <sup>th</sup> April				
Good Friday				
SUNDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pr	15 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Decorations All welcome
16 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
Easter Day				
SUNDAY	9.30am	Coffee & Church	Pr	Mrs Sutton
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00am	Morning Praise	Sidd	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter				
SUNDAY	10.00am	United Benefice	SC	
30 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Café Church	Sidd	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter				

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website  
[www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.churnsidechurches.org.uk)*