



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER June 2017

## **EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN JUNE IN PRESTON**

WI Meeting in Preston Villager - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Safari Supper = Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Preston Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 27 June at 7pm

## **NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE**

Our new Vicar, Jennifer McKenzie, was installed on Sunday, 21st in South Cerney at a very impressive service led by the Bishop. Jennifer comes to us after 7 years at Cam, with husband Ian, Matthew (4) and Nathan (1). She studied Philosophy at Hull, worked at Sainsbury's and as a Volunteer in South Africa, before going to Theological College in Durham. Her Curacy was at Worcester. She is very keen to come and meet us all in Preston and will take regular services here.

The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, GL7 5TP Tel: 01285 860221

Churchwardens All Saints' Preston: Alistar 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)

**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 June are Chiffchaff Close, Church Avenue, Church Lane and Church Close. 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 CHURCH KEY:**

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

## **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning application can be viewed on Cotswold District Council's website:

<https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/>

### **PEGASUS PLANNING / ROBERT HITCHINS PLANNING APPLICATION FOR KINGSHILL LANE**

Gloucestershire Highways has now submitted its comments on the planning application. These can be view on CDC's website and on the Village website.

### **VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR**

The Parish Council is looking to co-opt a new Councillor. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk or any Councillor.

### **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

The Village Design Statement is now available to view on the Village website. Alan Stone, Karen Thornton, Chris Sutton and Sue Cameron, who worked on the Statement were voted a huge 'thank you'. The work put into this document will help with the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE**

With the end of the Financial Year on 31 March, the Parish Council accounts have now passed the first stage of the Local Council audit process and will be submitted to the External Auditor, Grant Thornton, by 24 May. All of the information is now on the Village website and available for all to view. If you have any questions you may contact Grant Thornton between 5 June and 14 July or the Parish Clerk at any time.

### **COUNCIL TAX REFUND SCAM - WARNING**

A resident in the Cotswolds has received a telephone call from a 'company' which allegedly works for Cotswold District Council. He was told that he was due to receive a £6,000 council tax refund because his Council Tax banding has been too high in the past.

The telephone number of the bogus company is 03332 123132.

Please be aware that this scam may be targeting many residents in this area and please do not enter into any discussions with the caller. Most importantly, do not disclose any personal information such as banking details.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Underway!**

At the Annual Village Meeting on 11 May, it was unanimously agreed that the Village should proceed with a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

A Steering Group was formed with the following volunteers coming forward: Julie Tomblin, Regine Freyne, Sue Cameron, Anne Mingins, Tony Warren, John Beadle and Alan Stone.

All residents will be asked to participate with their comments during the development of the Plan but if you would like to take a more active role, please contact any member of the Group or the Parish Clerk.

To begin the process, an application is being made to Cotswold District Council which will include a plan of the designated area, the whole of the Parish.

More information will follow so please watch out for updates in the Village Newsletter and on the Village website.

The next Parish Council meeting will be  
**TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall**  
*Please watch the noticeboards and the website for further details.*

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

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS** **Telephone numbers**

*Real crime 999; Suspected crime 101; Crimestoppers 0800 55541*

It has been reported that suspicious males have been knocking on doors of Housing Association property asking to be allowed to check the roof and implying they work for Bomfords or a similar Housing Association. The next step is the need to check inside, If this happens to you then your next step is to ring 101. No such checks are going on and prior notification would be given if it was.

Preston parish had another month free of reported crime, but still do not forget to check home security as the lack of it is still the biggest source of local crime.

*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.

### **SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**

**Thursday 15th June 2017 - Speaker Simon Trapnell**



For June we are meeting in Preston Village Hall. At the time of going to press, we can announce a speaker but the subject of his talk isn't confirmed - as we have had a cancellation. Don't worry we have it in hand. I'm sure it will all be arranged very soon. Please call Ann Gibbons for further information.

As usual visitors & guests are welcome. We will have our usual raffle and Tea & biscuits. We will be meeting in the Village Hall, Preston at 7.30pm. Please contact Ann Craddock on 01285 641469 for more information.

***Note that there are three WI meetings per year in The Village Hall, Preston.***

## **PRESTON FETE**

The planning meeting was well attended and thank you for all your offers of help and ideas! Volunteers in charge of the following stalls were agreed as follows

White Elephant	Reg Freyne
Raffle	Scilla Chester-Master; Dot Warren
Tombola	TBA
Plants	Alexander Lindsay, Anne Mingins
Cakes	Jane Bainbridge; Sue Spivey
Books	Sue & Jonathan Gulliford
Toys	Anne Smith; Abbi Hardiman
Nearly New Clothes	Anne Swain; Liz McKinnon; Susan Hunt
Various stalls for children	Jennie Beadle; Karen Thornton;

We are delighted to report that the Salvation Army is free to give our fete that extra-special atmosphere. And, as you can see above, some new side stalls are planned for children. Of course there will be the very popular 'Milk the Cow', Archery and Bowls. . It would not be complete without ice cream, hot dogs and the traditional teas on the lawn!

**We always need help with setting up on the day and more ideas for amusements.**

Contributions can be brought to the barn now BUT - please ring before coming (653066) and do not leave things outside!

Bring plants a few days beforehand (labelled with name, colour and height please!) Cakes and tea items - the day before. BUT if you are going to be away, anything suitable can go in my freezer. Please mark produce that has been frozen.

I have had a special pleas from stall holders for help with tombola prizes - a small prize for all age groups (and bottles and canned drinks are always popular - within Sell By Date please!); Toys - nearly new please - toys will not sell if they are incomplete or damaged)

We look forward to seeing you and please do bring along your friends! It is the perfect setting for a summer gathering for all the family!  
01285 653066. Many thanks! Scilla Chester-Master

### ***Toy Stall - special plea***

Abbi and I would like the toy stall to be particularly successful this year, so we would be really grateful for children's toys (both for indoor and outdoor use), books, complete jigsaws or puzzles. Please give me a call on 640142 if it is difficult for you to drop things off at Church Farm, as I will come and collect. Thank you. Anne Smith

## VILLAGE HALL

### VILLAGE HALL DIARY

Events in the Village Hall in June are as follows.

Monday 1-3pm Art Group. This group is for everyone whether you are just beginning and needing help or have been producing wonderful art work for years! Please pop in or call Cathy on 655325 or email [candjlynn@aol.com](mailto:candjlynn@aol.com)

Tuesday evenings 7-9pm Pilgrim Group. Please feel free to drop in if you would like to know more about this local Church Group.

Wednesday Evenings 6.30pm Yoga. This group recommences after half term on the 14th June. Please contact Mark at [mark.yogachill@icloud.com](mailto:mark.yogachill@icloud.com) if you are interested in joining this group.

Thursday June 8th - General Election.

Thursday June 15th - WI Meeting - see WI flyer below

Friday June 23rd - Safari Supper



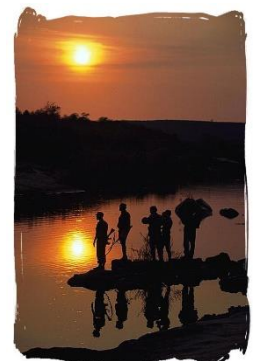
**Around Preston Village:  
7 pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**



**Join in as a host or a guest  
Great value**

**To take part or for more  
information please contact:**

**Therese Munro-Warwick by 6<sup>th</sup> June on  
01285 640590/[tvmunro@btinternet.com](mailto:tvmunro@btinternet.com)**



### **VILLAGE HALL** ctd ...

Finally, (but by no means least) The Village Hall Committee would like to extend its thanks to Karen Thornton and all her team of Soup Saturday helpers. Throughout the winter months Karen and all her team produce soups and cakes, provide bread and butter and dish up and wash up for these wonderful events. They have become more and more popular and Karen and everyone who helps not only give up their time and energy but donate all the food. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the Village Hall and over the years this amounts to an appreciable amount of money! The Village Hall Committee are very grateful, not only for the funds raised but that the Hall is being used for such a great community event. Thank you all for your hard work.

### **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)

### **SWIMMING AT CHURCH FARM**

Mrs Chester Master will pass the word round when the pool is open for the summer.  
S Chester-Master 01285 653066

**COTSWOLD ARCADIANs**...are presenting Shakespeare's 'Pericles' at Hatherop Castle from Tuesday 25 to Saturday 29 July See <http://www.arcadians.org/> for full details.

### **WALK IN THE PARK**

The next walk will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 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)

### **WALK, REMEMBER, CELEBRATE**

This year's Walk for Longfield (formerly Solstice Walk) will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, with the option of 5km or 10km walks on Minchinhampton Common, plus music, children's entertainment, a barbecue and a bar. All money raised will support Longfield's amazing care for people in Gloucestershire with life-limiting illness and the walks start at our building in Burleigh Lane from 6.30pm. So register today at [www.longfield.org.uk](http://www.longfield.org.uk) or, if you need to know more -e.g. entry fees, call 01453 886868/e-mail [events@longfield.org.uk](mailto:events@longfield.org.uk)

### **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>.

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

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS** - Please let me have text for July by email or in handwriting by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please note this is a very early July edition! Back to normal for August.

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>		
July	Mrs Bainbridge XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>
August	Mrs Warren/Mrs Cameron Mrs Stone	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>
September	Mrs Mortimore XXXXXXXXXX <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>

<b>CHURCH DIARY JUNE 2017</b>				<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>
SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	10.00am	Family Service	Sidd	
<b>Pentecost</b>				
<b>Whit Sunday</b>				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Pr	Mrs Hamey/Mrs Lindsay
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	6.00pm	Evensong	Sidd	
<b>Trinity Sunday</b>				
SUNDAY	10.00am	Holy Communion	Sidd	
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	6.00pm	Evening Service	Pr	Mrs Anne Smith
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>				
<b>Father's Day</b>				
SUNDAY	9.30am	Coffee & Church	Pr	Mrs Anne Smith
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	10.00am	Morning Praise	Sidd	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>				

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website  
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