



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER August 2022

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

While I love the sun, I must admit that I am not a big fan of very hot weather. It does not really seem to agree with me. In the heat I find it difficult to concentrate, everyday things seem to take longer than normal, I struggle to sleep at night and find that I have little strength or energy. Therefore, like many others I have found the recent very hot temperatures a struggle and am quite looking forward to some cooler weather.

As I struggled to keep going in the recent heat I have found myself reflecting on where my strength in life comes from. My family and friends are a great source of help and strength to me, their love, encouragement and support keep me going when things are tough. As a Christian I also find great strength and help in God and am often drawn to the words of Psalm 121. Psalm 121 says "I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." (V 1-2) The writer of this Psalm is clearly facing a difficult situation and is struggling. As he wonders where help will come from he finds himself turning towards God, knowing that God will always be there for him and will be his strength. God loves us and is always there for us. God never leaves us or forsakes us. I find great comfort in God's unfailing love and presence in my life and draw great strength and encouragement from faith.

God Bless

Revd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington & Preston www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH - CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST 2022		
14 th August 2022	9.30am	Morning Praise
28 th August 2022	9.30am	Holy Communion

*All services in the benefice can be viewed on the Churnside Benefice website
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 August 2022 are Dryleaze, Elizabeth Way, Field Close and Fraziers Folly.

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.

NOTE: CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA - See page 9 below.

REMINDER FROM THE PCC - FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO TEND FLOWERS ON GRAVES IN THE CHURCHYARD

There is now a water butt at the back of the church behind the Vestry.

BOOK SWAP

The Book Swap welcomes any books you wish to recycle; in particular this month we would welcome children's books.

PLEASE NOTE - As the Book Swap is available to all, we are unable to accept DVDs as, being age-rated, we cannot ensure that they are only taken by appropriate persons. We therefore suggest that you donate your unwanted DVDs to the Preston Fete, coming up next month. (*Please read below for instructions about where to leave your donations.*) In addition donate to a local charity shop or offer on the Preston Community WhatsApp group.

HOW THE BOOK SWAP WORKS - Simply come and help yourself to a book and leave one in its place. If you don't have a book to donate, don't worry, leave one another time. NOTE: The village defibrillator is located in the Telephone Box, so it is essential the Box is not cluttered, leaving easy access to the defibrillator.

SWIMMING AT CHURCH FARM

Scilla Chester-Master would like it to be known that the Church Farm swimming pool is open for children to swim **between 5pm and 6pm Monday to Friday**.

IMPORTANT NOTE Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times.

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

No meeting in August. Have a happy summer!

For info - Contact Ann Craddock - Secretary- 01285 641469/07971 532909



PRESTON FETE 10th September 2022 at Church Farm

Door opens at 2pm Entrance Fee £2; children go free

There was a good attendance and valuable discussions at the Planning Meeting earlier in July, but we are always happy to receive ideas and offers of help. **There will be notes circulated on WhatsApp Community** asking for help and so then is the time to join in! Make sure you are registered! (via Dot Warren 07980 897268)

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 already planned

Tombola Anything goes from alcohol to soft drinks, toiletries, chocolates, gifts. Please can you leave your donation with Scilla, by arrangement

White Elephant any good quality household goods or unwanted gifts.

Plants - leave plants at the side of the barn a few days before the fete

Books and cds and DVDs self-explanatory

Cake Stall - Cakes and other baking; pies; chutneys; jams; anything edible!

Children's toys & games. We can only sell complete games & puzzles & 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. We will be coming round the village soon with Raffle Tickets. Price £1 ea; five in a book.

And in addition - There will be a children's corner with loads of games, face painting and pocket money gifts to buy.

The teas will be, as always, a highlight of the afternoon. Please donate cakes and biscuits.

Watch out for further news about the band!

Please keep the date free!

We are looking forward very much to welcoming some new arrivals in the village - and from Preston Leigh and the Retirement Village. **Scilla Tel 01285 653066**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Travellers in Witpit Lane report from Lisa Spivey, County Councillor

Gloucestershire County Council gypsy and traveller liaison officer plus GCC Highways visited the site earlier this week. They have very politely asked the travellers to move on now and have given them a week to sort themselves out. Once they have moved on, CDC will pick up any rubbish that is left, although they seem to have been very tidy generally.

Apart from the door ringing incident last week, I haven't been aware of any issues in the last few months, but with the additional caravans joining the original 4, I felt that it was time for them to "travel" on and allow the verge to grow back.

NOTE - The best advice that we can give, if villagers receive a knock on the door at an unusual hour from someone who is obviously not a neighbour needing assistance, is to dial 999 and report the incident to the police.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER Whilst enjoying the summer holidays, remember to think about the security of your home and outbuildings. Keep doors and windows locked if out in the garden.

There have been a number of reports of catalytic converter thefts in Cirencester, make sure your car is parked on a level surface and not mounted on a curb to prevent easy access.

With the continuing increase in fuel prices please be aware that heating oil thefts will likely increase, make sure that your oil tanks are secure and well-lit to deter thieves.

With the news of a dog theft so close to Preston, remember to remain aware while walking your dogs. Vary your routes and think about carrying a self-defence spray. (Search Dog 'DNA Protect' for protection for dogs.)

It is possible to report phishing texts by forwarding the message to 7726 (it spells spam) and then sending them the details of where the message came from. You can, of course, also block the number so it doesn't call you again!

Contact Dot Warren (07980 897268) for inclusion on the Preston NW WhatsApp group

You can find further information on how to protect your home and outbuildings on:

www.gloucestershire.police.uk

To contact Alex - do so by mobile 07816051126; or email: amilespc@gmail.com

DONATIONS GIVEN BY HELEN MCLUCKY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF HER ART EXHIBITION

£187 to The Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospitals GAMMA Scanner Appeal.

£172 to the Red Cross Ukrainian Refugees Fund.

And £50 contribution to Preston Village Hall.

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall Coffee Morning Friday 5th August from 10.30am.

First Friday of the month Coffee Mornings are held from 10.30 to share a coffee and a natter with your neighbours and, if you wish, to exchange a book for a little light entertainment.

Art Classes will be recommencing on Monday and Thursday in **September**. Dates to be confirmed in the next newsletter. Enquiries can be made to Cathy at artinpreston@aol.com

Yoga continues on Wednesday evenings at 6.15pm - 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining in with these sessions either in person or on zoom then please contact Mark at mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

NOTICE: The Village Hall re-decoration will take place soon. Dates are not currently known for this, but it will be this summer.

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

RECYCLING DATES FOR AUGUST

FULL RECYCLING WED 3RD, 17TH AND 31ST AUGUST

FOOD WASTE WEEKLY FROM WED 3RD AUGUST

BANK HOLIDAY WEEK COLLECTIONS WILL BE AS NORMAL

Fosse Cross Recycling Centre . The Site is open all bank holidays EXCEPT Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. **Booking is essential**

MINOR INJURIES UNIT CALL CENTRE

Another reminder of the phone number for this vital health support unit 0300 421 7777

PRESTON SUPPLIERS REGISTER

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.

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/>

Gloucestershire County Council News

Gloucestershire County Council Minerals & Waste Planning Policy Update: Summer 2022

an updated Gloucestershire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme (MWDS) 2022/23 – 2024/25 and the 10th Gloucestershire Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA) are available to view and download from [Gloucestershire County Council's Planning Policy webpages](#) and will shortly be available to view in person from the County Council's main reception at Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG.

The updated Gloucestershire MWDS sets out the three-year work programme for preparing new and updated minerals and waste-related local planning documents covering Gloucestershire and the 10th Gloucestershire Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA) provides an update to the 31st December 2020 of the supply of aggregates and remaining aggregate reserves from mineral sites within the county; an analysis of future aggregate supply options affecting the county and a review of future aggregate demand.



Tour of Britain is coming to Gloucestershire

Britain's biggest professional cycle race, the Tour of Britain, is coming to Gloucestershire this September as the county hosts stage six of the 2022 race.

On Friday, 9 September, the race will start in Tewkesbury and finish in Gloucester. The riders will head east into the Cotswolds, before heading south, then coming up through the Stroud district, and finishing by Gloucester Docks.

The start and finish of the race will be separated by a little over ten miles, allowing fans to easily attend both on race day. We want people from across the county and beyond to come together to support the riders as they ride through the glorious Gloucestershire scenery. With large parts of the county being covered by the race, it is a brilliant chance for businesses and staff to get on the roadside and watch as some of the world's top cyclists race through Gloucestershire. An interactive map of the route can be found on the [Tour of Britain website](#), with Winchcombe, Cirencester, Dursley and Stroud among the communities welcoming the race. For more information on the Tour of Britain in Gloucestershire, [visit the county council's website](#).

Have your say about transport around the Cotswold Water Park

Cotswold District Council are asking residents, visitors and employees using the Cotswold Water Park for their views on travel around the area to inform a new 'travel plan' to improve how people navigate around the area.

If you would like to participate in this consultation, please follow this link and complete the surveys that are relevant to you - <https://transportcotswold.commonplace.is/>

Cotswold Youth Network

Cotswold District Council in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council and community organisation World Jungle, is delivering another Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) for eligible children across the Cotswold district this Summer.

The activity bookings are now open.

If you'd like to book your family onto an activity or event or you would like more information, please visit: <https://www.haf.worldjungle.org.uk/>

There is also lots of information about HAF and other support that's available through the Gloucestershire County Council page <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf/>

Also if you are looking for activities at home to do with your children check <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/online-and-virtual-activities/> for great ideas involving dance, music making, arts, creating giant bubbles and more.

Cotswold District Council aims to bring historic Old Station building back to life

Cotswold District Council have committed to exploring options for bringing the Old Station in the centre of Cirencester back into use and preserving the historic building for future generations.

The building requires significant investment to repair the structure and make it suitable for use. Over the coming months the Council will be engaging with external specialists to look at options for what can be done with the building and what its future use could be. The Council will then look to make a decision on what to do later in the year.

Historic England have invited the Council to work with them on the project to use it as a case study for how the refurbishment of old buildings can be carried out in a way that looks to make the building as sustainable as possible in the future. They will be providing expertise during the project to help make the building sustainable, both in the refurbishment and ongoing maintenance and running.

Driving Safely for Longer Older Drivers Forum Gloucestershire

As we get older, fast moving, high volume, traffic can become a bit of a challenge. Would you like advice on how to keep driving safely for longer or do you have any queries about the changes in the Highway Code?

Or are you a family member or friend concerned about an older driver and would like to help them retire from driving?

If so, the Older Drivers Forum provides a popular free ZOOM webinar that could be helpful as well as lots of advice and information on their website:

www.olderdriversforum.com/gloucestershire or email: odfglos@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/odfgloucestershire

RABI grants for farming families

RABI (The Royal Agriculture Benevolent Institution) is a national charity providing support to the farming community across England and Wales. This includes financial support to farming families.

Nobody should have to worry they can't provide their children with their kit for school. RABI's 'Return to School' grant is available to be used towards items such as clothing, footwear and school equipment and is £500 for each child under 18.

Like many households across the UK, farming people are being impacted by rising energy prices. RABI has grants of £1,500 available towards domestic fuel costs or to make energy efficiency improvements to the home.

To make an application for either of these grants, contact RABI on their free confidential helpline 0800 188 4444 or email help@rabi.org.uk. To find out more about RABI click the link below to visit their website. <https://rabi.org.uk/>

Smart Plan, a UK-based home cover company.

With the cost of living across the UK having risen substantially over the last year, the Government has subsequently launched a campaign to help citizens across the country cope with these rising costs.

Smart Plan is ensuring that all town and city councils across the country have access to the **latest official and general guidance** to provide to their constituents.

Please find links to the Government's campaign website and our helpful guide for managing the cost-of-living crisis:

<https://costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://smart-plan.com/blog/cost-of-living>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 1 September 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall. For further information, please see the Village noticeboards and website.

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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

<i>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022</i>		
August	Mrs Stone/Mrs Cameron Mrs Stone/Mrs Cameron	14 th 28 th
September	Mrs Smith Mrs Sutton HARVEST FESTIVAL - TBC	11 th 25 th
October	Mrs Bainbridge Mrs Tomblin	9 th 23 rd

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for September 2022 by **Tuesday 23rd August**. Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk

AND FINALLY ...

MESSAGE FROM DOT WARREN - REQUESTS FOR VILLAGE INFORMATION

As you all know, I am always very happy to offer help and assistance, but, please bear in mind that I am not always available to do so. And so, please check any information in the most recent newsletter before asking me for answers. Thanks!