



PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER To 28th February 2022 (Apologies for the delay!)

WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST FOR 2022

NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

The tradition of making New Year resolutions dates back hundreds of years as people have viewed the New Year as a time to reflect on the past and to move forward in a positive way. A New Year resolution can be everything from resolving to do more exercise, to eating less sugar, to being a more generous person, to finding a better work life balance and to walking more lightly on the earth. Some of the resolutions we make are straight forward and easy to keep, while others are more difficult, as they require a change of lifestyle, perseverance and courage.

The principle of making New Year's resolutions is a good one, as it provides us with an opportunity to make changes in our lives for the better. There is just something about the start of a New Year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and the sense that a new beginning is possible. This sense of newness provides us the opportunity to reflect on our lives, at the kind of person we are, the way we behave and how we spend our time. A New Year gives us the opportunity to do things differently, to make different choices, to have different priorities and to make changes for the better. Christians believe that God gives everyone the opportunity of forgiveness and chance for a new beginning.

When making New Year's resolutions it is often a good idea not to set ourselves impossible targets that will be difficult to keep. This can lead to a sense of failure, disappointment and the desire to give up. I find it is better to set myself achievable targets and gradually build up, taking it one step at a time. By taking things steadily we will have more chance of achieving our goals, keeping the resolutions we have made and making the changes we want to see in our lives.

I wish you all a happy and blessed New Year

Revd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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CHURCH SERVICES- ALL SAINTS CHURCH PRESTON

All Saints Church services for the remainder of January and February 2022 are as follows:

23rd January 9.30am Holy Communion Preston

13th February 9.30am Morning Praise

27th February 9.30am Holy Communion

NOTE: See further below - the rota for cleaning and decorating the church, now that services have restarted in the church.

For other services taking place in the Churnside benefice, please visit our website.
www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM NICK CLEAVER, SON OF THE LATE DOREEN CLEAVER

Nick Cleaver has written to me to tell me that the family has arranged to remember their Mum, Doreen, during the service at **9.30am on Sunday 27th February**.

It's something he knows that his Mum wanted, and also something the family feels that they need to do, even though it will be nearly two years since she passed away.

It is going to be part of the normal Sunday communion service. The Rev McKenzie will say a few words about Doreen and her life, and the family will choose a hymn that she liked.

It will not be a big formal event. 'We just want a small thing to remember Mum, and to include those who were really the closest, neighbours, friends and family.'

ADVENT WINDOWS 2021 - a thank you!

It seems a long time since we were full-on preparing for Christmas (and my family put up our Advent window as soon as they all had arrived from distant parts). Thank you to all of you who gave your support and provided a colourful Christmas village!

Dot Warren 07980 897268

BOOK SWAP

Come and have a look in the Book Swop, plenty of books to choose from. Exchange your old book for a different one. Donations of children's books welcomed.

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. If you can't find a space on a shelf then please donate your unwanted book to a charity shop or offer it on the Community WhatsApp

VILLAGE HALL

Things are much the same in the Village Hall for the foreseeable future.

Yoga commenced a new set of sessions on Wednesday 5th January for 6 weeks. If you are interested in joining either in person or on zoom please contact Mark at mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk

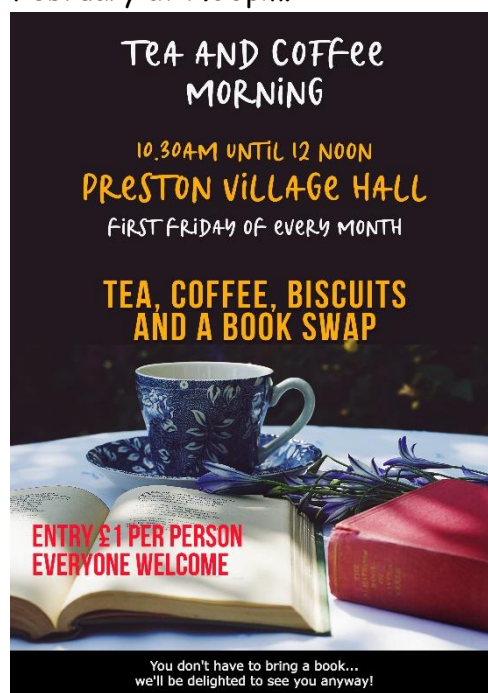
Art recommenced on Mondays 1-3pm on 10th January and Thursdays 10-12 noon on 13th January. If you would like to join one of these groups please contact Cathy at artinpreston@aol.com

The next **WI Meeting** of 2022 will be on Thursday 17th February at 7.30pm.

The Hall will be open to anyone wishing to drop in for a coffee and chat or to exchange a book on our **First Friday Drop In Mornings**. It is hoped that these events will recommence soon. The first one in 2022 is due to be on **Friday 4th February from 10.30-12.00**. Everyone is welcome. Watch the Village Hall noticeboard for updates.

Currently that's it apart from a private booking (Thursday afternoons)

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



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Welcome to Councillor Alex Miles who is taking over responsibility for Neighbourhood Watch issues for the village. If you want to make contact with him, please send your message to me, until Alex lets me publicise his mobile number for NW enquiries. Meanwhile - to repeat previous advice ...

Sadly the nights are beginning to draw in; please think about the security of your home.

Keep doors and windows locked, consider having lights on timers.

There have been a number of reports of sheds being broken into around Cirencester. Make sure your sheds and outbuildings are securely locked; alarms are also available.

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

gloucestershire.police.uk

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/>

PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET

At the January meeting, the Council planned the budget for the coming year. One of the items considered was the cost of elections that CDC will be re-charging to parish councils in the future. This is the first time that Parish Councils in Cotswold District have had to budget for this additional cost.

The Council welcomed the Village Hall Committee's offer to make a contribution of £2,000 towards the Council's 2022 annual repayment of the Public Works Loan of £4,425. The loan was taken out to finance the refurbishment work on the Village Hall in 2007/8 with the final repayment being made in 2028.

NEWS FROM COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cotswold District Council has agreed to implement a new season ticket offer and to increase car parking charges to help maintain car parks, invest in improvements and increase the availability of spaces.

REVIEW ON IMPROVING TRAVEL LINKS BETWEEN KEMBLE AND CIRENCESTER

Work is underway to look at improving sustainable transport links between Cirencester and Kemble after we and our partners, Gloucestershire County Council and Cirencester Community Rail Project Group have received £115,000 to study what options may be feasible.

NEWS FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council budget for Highways is to have a focus on resurfacing programmes for B roads and unclassified roads. Our Councillor, Lisa Spivey, will be trying to push for some of that to be spent in the parish and surrounding area.

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.

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

The Next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 3 March 2022 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.

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SOLAR FARM UPDATE JANUARY 2022

Sorry this news is arriving later than planned.

All the solar panels are now in and the contractors are wiring them up.

The control equipment is now being delivered to the site to connect to the panels and the internal roadways are starting to be finished together with the planting under the panels.

In previous reports I anticipated that all the HGV movements would have been completed by the end of January allowing Witpit Lane to reopen. As you may be aware the formal road closure has now been extended to 31 May 2022. Gridserve now advise that it is unlikely that the HGV movements will be completed before the end of March 2022 so it is unlikely that Witpit Lane will reopen before the middle of April 2022.

In addition there are some reinstatement works to be carried out to the whole length of Witpit Lane and these will need to be carried out in advance of the reopening.

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



ROADWORKS

Burford Road (waiting for update) - between A417 dual carriageway and the traffic lights at the junction with Cherry Tree Lane. The Eastbound section of the road is closed 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. It is not possible to go from the A417 towards the traffic lights.

UPDATE: *The Burford Road closure looks as though it may be extended to 31 January 2022.*

RECYCLING DATES FROM 21ST JANUARY TO 28TH FEBRUARY

FULL RECYCLING	WED 2nd and 16th February
FOOD WASTE	WEEKLY FROM WED 26th January

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

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

My Life as a Greek Travel Agent - Kathy Butterworth
16th February at 7.30pm in Preston Village Hall



Contact Ann Craddock - Secretary- 01285 641469/07971 532909

THE MINOR INJURIES UNIT - A DISCOVERY -SPREADING THE WORD

In the last few months I have needed regular visits for treatment from the medical world. I discovered that there is a **MINOR INJURIES UNIT** in Cirencester Hospital, of which I was **COMPLETELY** unaware. It proved to be an excellent service and, in case others in Preston are not aware of this service, here is how it works.

If you have a problem that might be described as a 'minor' medical issue, the service is available on 0300 421 7777 (Call centre)

The team takes information from you in order to 'triage' your issue. If it is considered to be something that the local MIU can handle, an appointment is made to suit you. So there is no need to be in a queue for assistance! But you can also go straight there and queue!

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022		
January	Mrs Chester Master/PCC ditto	9 th 23 rd
February	Mrs Warren Mrs Tomblin	13 th 27 th
March	LENT - from 2nd March till 17th April NO FLOWERS Mrs Tuckey/Mrs Smith Mrs Warren MOTHERING SUNDAY	13 th 27 th
April	LENT - NO FLOWERS Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton CHURCH DECORATION FOR EASTER TBA EASTER SUNDAY Mrs Mingins/Mrs Thornton	10 th 17 th 24 th

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.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for March 2022 by **Tuesday 22nd February**. Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk