



# PRESTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER September 2022

## NEWS FROM CHURN BENEFICE

While I may not be a creative genius I do enjoy getting creative whether through craft projects with my children, trying out a new recipe in the kitchen or in one of my favourite creative activities, colouring. There are so many beautiful adult colouring books available some with intricate patterns and others with pictures ranging from famous buildings to flowers to support this creative endeavour as images are brought to life by the adding of colour. I often find that engaging in creative activities gives us time to relax, and retreat from the busyness and stresses of life. It can provide a space to just be. It can also help take my mind off things, giving me time to work things through. Also as a Christian I find that being creative helps me to meet with God as we see God as the creator. People of all ages can connect with God and explore faith through creative activities and this is reflected in some of the events we run as a benefice.

For families we run Messy Church that meets on the first Sunday of the month at 4pm in All Hallows Church. Messy Church is an informal service of worship with craft, games, stories, science activities, singing and other fun activities for families. It is followed by a light tea including sandwiches, crisps, fruit and homemade cake. All are welcome.

For adults we run 'Lighthouse' which meets every second Monday of the month at 10.30am in All Hallows Church. 'Lighthouse' is a relaxed space to be creative, explore faith and enjoy lunch and fellowship together. We start with a short explanation of what our theme for the morning will be. Then there is the opportunity to be creative with a variety of fun activities related to the theme and also time to chat with others. After this, we all come back together and are led in a time of informal worship. Finally, there is a delicious lunch to share, including a pudding. All are welcome.

God Bless

*Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice*

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH - CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2022		
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	9.30am	Morning Praise
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	9.30am	Holy Communion

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

**NOTE: CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA - See page 7 below.**

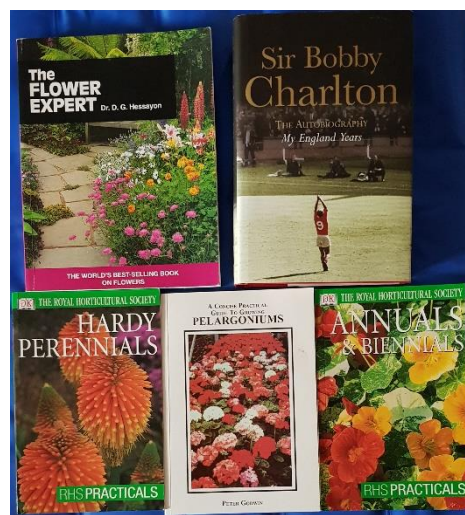
**REMINDER FROM THE PCC - FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO TEND FLOWERS ON GRAVES IN THE CHURCHYARD**

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

**BOOK SWAP**

Spot the odd one out in this month's Book Swap update! You never know what you will find in the telephone box, come and have a look.

The Book Swap welcomes any books you wish to recycle. PLEASE NOTE - As reported before - the Book Swap is available to all and therefore 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 soon. (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**

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.

**PRESTON FETE 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Church Farm**

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

Many of us are busy preparing for this annual village event and hoping that the weather is kind to us again! This is intended to be a fun day for all the family. This year we will have music from a local schoolboy band who are stepping in to play for us, since our usual brass band cannot be here.

Your help and contributions to the stalls are welcome. There will soon be notes circulated on WhatsApp Community asking for much needed help for setting up and taking down. Then is the time to join in! Make sure you are registered! (via Dot Warren 07980 897268)

**Please call Scilla (01285 653066) for times when the barn is open for donations**

**Tombola** Anything goes from alcohol to soft drinks, toiletries, chocolates, gifts.

**White Elephant** any good quality household goods or unwanted gifts.

**Plants** leave good quality plants by the yard gate

**Books and cds and DVDs** take to the barn

**Cake Stall** cakes etc from the day before. If you are going to be away, Scilla can put cakes etc in her freezer.

**Children's toys** complete games & puzzles & good quality toys

**Nearly New Clothes** Only good quality and clean. No adult underwear.

**Raffle prizes** gifts suitable for either an adult or a child - plus bottles

**And in addition** There will be a children's corner with gifts, games, face painting etc

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

***Please keep the date free!*** We are looking forward very much to welcoming some new arrivals from around the village and also from Preston Leigh and Siddington Park Retirement Village.

**SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**

Wild Thing - Wildlife Rescue with Barry Wickes  
15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

at the Elizabeth Way Community Centre, Siddington

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



## **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING**

For 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**



### **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 Glos, [visit the county council's website](#).

## **Cotswold District Council**

### **Don't lose your vote – residents in the Cotswolds urged to check voter registration details**

Residents are being urged to check their electoral registration details or risk losing their chance to vote on decisions that affect them as the Council starts its Annual Canvass to check everyone's voting details are up to date.

With local elections taking place in May 2023, this is an opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part. CDC asks that you respond to the emails they are sending as soon as you are able so that they don't need to send any follow-ups and can save both time and paper.

If you don't hear from the council, you might not be on the register so if you want to register, the easiest way is online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://gov.uk/register-to-vote).

Residents can find out more about elections on the website at [cotswold.gov.uk/elections](http://cotswold.gov.uk/elections). Anyone with questions about their registration status can contact the council's electoral services team at [Elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:Elections@cotswold.gov.uk) or by calling 01285 623002.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk)

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Whilst enjoying the summer sun remember to think about the security of your home and outbuildings. Keep doors and windows locked if out in the garden.

The break-in within our community has come as a shock to all. Please remember to keep an eye on your neighbours as well as your own property. Gloucestershire police offer advice on their website: <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/>

Remember to report anything suspicious with our WhatsApp group or to the police via the non-emergency number (101) or if there is a crime being committed 999.

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!

If you would like your mobile number added to the Preston NW WhatsApp group, please send your request to Dot Warren ([07980 897268](tel:07980897268))

You can find further information on how to protect your home and outbuildings on: [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

If you would like to contact Alex, please use my mobile [07816051126](tel:07816051126) or email: [amilespc@gmail.com](mailto:amilespc@gmail.com)

## **VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall remains quiet during the summer holidays.

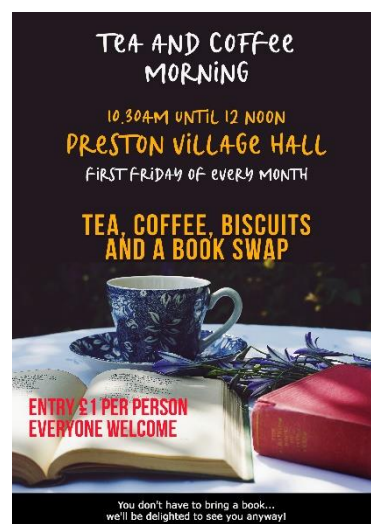
**Yoga** continues on Wednesday evenings at 6.15pm - 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining in with these sessions either in person or on zoom then please contact Mark at [mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk](mailto:mark@cotswold-yoga.co.uk)

The **Art Group** will be recommencing on Thursdays from 22nd September 10-12 noon and Mondays from 26th September 1-3pm. If you are interested in joining either of these classes please contact Cathy at [artinpreston@aol.com](mailto:artinpreston@aol.com) or come along in person and meet our tutor Fiona and see what the groups do.

**First Friday Coffee Morning** will be on 2nd September 10.30-12 noon. Please feel free to drop in for coffee and a chat with your friends and neighbours.

We are still waiting for our painter and decorator to give us a date for decoration of the hall. Unfortunately he has not been very well this summer so things have been delayed.

**NOTE** - For information about making a booking for the Village Hall, please contact Anne Mingins. Email - [annemingins@btinternet.com](mailto:annemingins@btinternet.com)





### RECYCLING DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

FULL RECYCLING            WED 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
FOOD WASTE                WEEKLY FROM WED 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
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](mailto:prestonvillageregister@gmail.com))

**KEEP THE REGISTER TO HAND - ON YOUR DESKTOP or iPhone.**

<b>Church Flower and Cleaning Rota 2022</b>		
September	Mrs Smith Mrs Sutton	11 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>
October	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL at 4pm followed by refreshments</b> Mrs Bainbridge Mrs Tomblin	9 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>
November	<b>REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</b> <b>DECORATE CHURCH - DATE TBA</b> <b>ADVENT - NO FLOWERS</b> Mrs Cooper	13 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>

### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Please be sure to let me have your news by email or in writing for October 2022 by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Dot Warren - Greystones, Preston; 01285 656105 Mobile 07980 897268; [newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@prestonpc.org.uk)