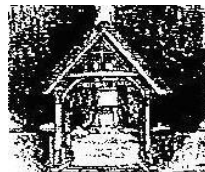


PRESTON

Church & Village News

June 2016



Deadline for the July/August 2016 newsletter is 20 June. Contact Howard Trinder ☎435339

or e-mail htrinder@btinternet.com.

The newsletter is also available via the village website www.prestonvillageherths.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 1 Jun	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Sun 5 Jun	Albany Bassets Open Day – Sootfield Green – 3.00pm
Tue 7 Jun	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sat 11 Jun	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Sat 11 Jun	PHC Garden Party 12.00 – 4.00pm
Sun 12 Jun	St Martin's Church Family Ice Cream Service – 10.00am
Wed 15 Jun	Preston Village Society – Rosebank – 8.00pm
Sat 25 Jun	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Sat 25 June	PHC Summer Ball
Sun 26 Jun	Parish Council Village Meeting – Village Hall – 11.00am
Tue 5 July	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sat 9 July	Preston Village Day

CALLING ALL SCARECROWS

Village Day on 9 July is fast approaching so are your creative juices flowing and your plans in place for your entry?

Get ready for the Scarecrow population explosion that will hit the Village!!

Over the last two years we have seen an amazing array of Scarecrows, some clever, some funny, some scary and all extremely good.

Lots of prizes to be won so look out for the Village Day leaflet that will be with you shortly. To refresh your memory please see Prestonvillageherths.com photo gallery.

PRESTON TRUST PHOTO COMPETITION

Just a reminder that village photo competition is open for the two categories "Preston People" and "Preston Places". Entries will be judged in three age groups and the deadline has been extended to **20 June** with winners announced on Village Day. Entries taken on your camera/ phone/tablet should be sent to PrestonVillageTrust@gmail.com - full rules at www.prestonvillageherths.com/preston-trust.

JUNE**SIDESMAN****READER**

5th	No Service. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints, St Paul's Walden.		
12th	10.00am	Ice cream service for children and families	
	11.00am	At All Saints. Special Family Communion Service to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.	
19th	9.30am	Captain Lowle	Mrs Lawson
		(1 Kings 10:1-4, 8-15, RCL p.916	Gospel:Luke 8:26-39)
		Intercessions: Mr Dickinson	Chalice: Mr Dickinson
26th	9.30	Mr Kellard	Mrs Griffiths
		(2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, RCL p.923	Gospel:Luke 9:51-end)
		Intercessions: Mrs Reeves	Chalice: Mr Kellard

JULY

5th No Service. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints, St Paul's Walden.

If any sidesman or reader cannot make any of these dates, please try to find an alternative

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

22nd May. Baptism of Elliot Richard Silverman, age 14 months

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB 2016/2017

The winners of the May draw in the 2016/17 120 Club (£30 each) were:

No. 50 Ms A Jeffers

No. 108 Mrs J A Evans

A LETTER FROM THE TEAM VICAR

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Dear Friends,

It is a month now since our visit from Bishop Alan celebrating here in this parish the establishment of the new Team of Hitchin and St Paul's Walden. It was a joyous occasion and it was good to see many of you worshipping with us at both churches and somehow the Bishop found time to speak to everyone.

In Preston just about everyone seems to be busy preparing for Open Gardens on Sunday 29 May. The working party is due to meet twice this week to get the churchyard looking really good and at the end of next week the flower-arrangers will be busy in church, lots of us will be baking ready for Teas in the Village Hall and I know there are many other preparations to be made. We hope very much for a lovely day with lots of visitors.

Last Sunday St Paul's Walden Bury gardens were open; the car-parking field was available this time.. NB The gardens are open for the last time this summer on Sunday 5 June. And the following weekend we in this parish, as everywhere in the country, will be celebrating the 90th birthday of the Queen. Please come to All Saints to visit the exhibition of photographs and enjoy the beautiful flowers in church and the refreshments. The exhibition will be open on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 June between 11.00am and 5.00pm and on Sunday 12 June there will be a special Family Communion service at 11.00am with the exhibition open between 2 and 5.00pm. Please come and bring your friends.

In May we all had the opportunity to vote in local elections; seven weeks later in June in the Referendum we are once again urged to vote either by post or in the Village Hall on whether we should Remain in the European Union or Leave. The Bishop has asked the clergy in this diocese to encourage people to consider the issues seriously and be sure to use their votes. Please follow his advice; we can hardly complain afterwards if we didn't contribute to the decision

With my prayers and good wishes to you all

Elizabeth

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The number to contact at North Herts Police for all non-emergencies (including witnessing of fly-tipping) is 101 or 01707 354000.

For removal of fly-tipping which has already occurred, call Veolia ☎ 0800 328 6023.

PC Matt Jenkins and PCSO Heather Burrows can be contacted regarding local community issues - ☎ 01438 757604.

In the event of an emergency or if you witness a crime taking place please call 999.

PHC GARDEN PARTY

PHC are holding a garden party on 11th June from noon until 4.00pm in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday (the Queen is PHC's patron). There will be food, activities and stalls focussed on the Queen's 9 decades, with groups taking part from various organisations including from the village. Please contact gardenparty@princessshelenacollege.co.uk for further information and to purchase tickets in advance (Adults £5, children are free).

PHC SUMMER BALL

We warmly invite you to join us for our Masquerade Ball on Saturday 25 June. Tickets are £75 per person to include a bubbly and canape reception. Sumptuous three-course dinner in the PA Hall followed by the talented party band, Permission to Dance. We hope this whets your appetite and that you will join us for what promises to be a lively and enjoyable evening. Tickets available from PHC reception or email emadden@princessshelenacollege.co.uk with your requests.

ALBANY BASSETS OPEN DAY

The Albany Bassets are holding their annual Open Day on Sunday 5 June at Sootfield Green. We are running this event along the same lines as last year, with a hound show starting at 3.00pm followed by a delicious tea and fund raising events at approx 4.00pm. You are all most welcome to come along to meet the hounds and enjoy afternoon tea. Please contact Alison ☎ 432120 if you would like any more information.

INFORMATION FROM ANGLIAN WATER

Anglian Water has launched a new service which relates to cold water consumption that is not flowing back into the drains such as water used on gardens, ponds or pools. At the moment all metered water is charged for and then a sewage rate is calculated from this consumption. Anglian Water are now allowing people in their water areas to fit a cold water sub meter just before the garden tap. This then measures how much is used for washing cars, watering gardens etc. The consumer then gives the cold water sub meter reading to Anglian Water once a year. They then arrange a credit back onto the account for the sewage rate that would have been charged on that water, but has not actually gone back into the system. For further information contact Anglian Water Customer Service, ☎ 03457919155.

PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 June at Caroline Walford's, Rosebank, Back Lane for an evening entitled: A stitch in time with Caroline. If you haven't already told one of the committee that you are attending, could you please let Caroline know by Friday 10 June so she can prepare individual packs. ☎ 433259, email: carolineswalford@aol.com