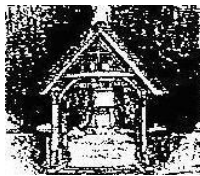


## **PRESTON Church & Village News June 2017**



Deadline for the July/August 2017 newsletter is 20 June. Contact Howard Trinder ☎ 435339 or e-mail [htrinder@btinternet.com](mailto:htrinder@btinternet.com).

The newsletter is also available via the village website [www.prestonvillageherts.com](http://www.prestonvillageherts.com).

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sat 3 June	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Sun 4 June	Albany Bassets Open Day – Sootfield Green – 3.00pm
Tue 6 June	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Wed 7 June	Parish Council – Village Hall – 8.00pm
Wed 21 June	Preston Village Society – 19 Chequers Lane – 8.00pm
Sat 17 June	Community Book Swap – Village Hall – 10-11.00am
Sun 18 June	Red Lion – Music and Pizza – 7.00pm
Tue 4 July	Church Cleaning 4.00pm
Sat 8 July	Preston Village Day

### **THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

The Steering Group would like to thank everyone who came to the village meeting on Sunday 30 April to hear the outcomes of the questionnaire and receive their report. Anyone who would like a paper copy of the presentation and the question and answers from the meeting should contact the Steering Group: ☎ 01462 434403

### **PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Outline Planning Application: 1400 houses south and north west of Cockernhoe**

Comments on this outline application can be submitted on the NHDC website: <http://pa.north-herts.gov.uk/online-applications> or by post to the Planning Officer: Simon Ellis, North Hertfordshire District Council, PO Box 480, Sale, M33 0DE.

Any resident who hasn't a computer and would like some points to include in their submission to NHDC and / or help to write their letter should contact Lisa Lathane, Clerk to Preston Parish Council, ☎ 07887 875442.

The deadline for replies is Wednesday 14 June 2017. As always, each comment / objection is counted.

### **PRESTON VILLAGE SOCIETY**

The next meeting is being held on Wednesday 21 June at 8.00pm at Ita leaver's, 19 Chequers Lane. Angela Collins will give a talk entitled "A Puppet's Tale."

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE		SIDESMAN	READER
4th	9.30am	Richard Blockley	Mark Lawson
		Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21, RCL p.249	Gospel: John 20:19-23)
		Intercessions: Hugh Reeves	Chalice: Di Blockley
	11.00am	Family Communion at All Saints	
	6.30pm	Thy Kingdom Come Celebration at St Alban's Abbey Bishop Michael (Hertford) and Bishop Angaelos (Coptic Orthodox) Worship by Soul Survivor	
11th	10.00am	Family Ice Cream Service	
	11.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints	
18th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints	
	9.30	Malcolm Lowle	Anna Lawson
		(Romans 5:1-8, RCL p.281	Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8)
		Intercessions: Alec Dickinson	Chalice: Alec Dickinson
	10.00am	Village Songs of Praise at All Saints	
25th	9.30	Mike Kellard	Sue Griffiths
		(Romans 6:1b-11, RCL p.289	Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39)
		Intercessions: Meta Reeves	Chalice: Mike Kellard
	11.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints	
<b>JULY</b>			
2nd		No Service at St Martin's. 11.00am Family Communion at All Saints	

Weekday Services in Whitwell:

Every Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer at the Parish Office

Alternate Wednesdays 9.30am (7 & 21 June) Holy Communion at Lime Tree House

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

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH 120 CLUB

The winners of the May draw in the 2017/18 120 Club (£30 each) were:

No. 53	Mr R C Challans
No. 110	Ms F A Macpherson

## A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM VICAR

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Dear Friends

I am just back from one of the really significant moments of my ministry here, a wonderful service in St Alban's Abbey at which Dawn Jenkins and eight others were admitted and licensed to serve as Readers in this diocese. The Abbey was full with family and friends of the new Readers and with members of the churches where they will continue their ministry. It was lovely that many of you were able to be there with Dawn. The service was led by the Bishop of Hertford, Bishop Michael, who is the Warden of Readers, and a special choir, made up of Readers from all over the diocese, led our singing.

We will formally celebrate and welcome Dawn at All Saints' and at St Martin's before the end of May and I know that you are going to support her as she becomes more involved in our worship and in ministry in the parish.

On the previous Sunday it was good to see so many of you at All Saints' for the In Loving Memory service. As our worship ended, the high altar gleamed with light from all the candles placed there to celebrate the lives of those we love but see no longer. After the service Dawn and I enjoyed catching up with the families over tea and cake. We hope to have a similar service again soon and if you were there and have any comments on this service we would be glad to hear from you.

I want to let you know about future Sunday Praise services at All Saints'. On Sunday 16 July at 11.00am we will have our first Ice-cream Service and on Sunday 17 September at 11.00am we will have another Blessing of Animals Service. Many of you spoke warmly of the previous service and we are looking forward to welcoming you back with your horses, dogs etc.

And as I write the gardens in Preston are looking glorious and we are hoping for sunny weather for Preston Gardens Open on Sunday 28 May. Many of you have been, and are, busy - tending plants in situ, preparing plants to sell at the stall on The Green, making cakes etc. I look forward to seeing you there.

With my prayers and good wishes to you all

Elizabeth

### FIRST AID TRAINING

Pam Biggs, who is a Hitchin first responder and who undertakes the weekly checks on our defibrillators, will run a first aid training course **on Wednesday 28 June at 7.00pm** in the Primary School hall. This will cover cardiac arrest, use of the defibrillator, breathing difficulties, choking, chest pain, unconsciousness and bleeding scenarios.

All Preston residents are welcome to attend. Booking is not required.

## 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.

## PRESTON VILLAGE DAY ON 8 JULY and THE GREAT PRESTON BAKE-OFF!!!

**Yes – something's cooking – BUT will you be ready?** Our village day this year has a new twist – and The Preston Trust are inviting you to join in the fun. Could you be crowned **Preston's Master Baker** - with three classes open to all? There will also be the chance to become **Preston's Junior Master Baker** too!!

So brush down your pinnies, dream up recipes – and let's **get cooking!!!**

Make sure you've noted the date in your diary – an afternoon full of activities on the Village Green. The **Preston Classic Motor Show** will have Vintage, Classic and Supercars on display. Of course we'll have **Stalls** and a **BBQ** and, by popular demand - **Preston School's Dance Display**. Not to be missed, of course will be the **Dog Show** with rosettes aplenty!!!!

While you are imbibing at **The Red Lion** we'll have the **Results Show** and be entertained by **SG4** to help you dance the night away. A great, fun day for everyone!

## HITCHIN HARD HALF MARATHON

The Hitchin Half Marathon and 10K road race will take place on **Sunday 25 June**.

Races start in Hitchin Priory at 9.30am and runners will be in and around Preston until about 11.30/12noon. Race signage will be put out on roads the day before and all junctions will be marshalled. Tidy-up should be completed by 1pm.

This year the race is raising funds for Lister Hospital Antenatal Unit and Dyspraxia Foundation.

## PRESTON SCHOOL MAY BALL

A huge thank you to all who attended, bought raffle tickets and/or bid for auction items and to all those who so kindly donated raffle & auction prizes. A great night was had by all- once we know the final amount raised, we will let you know! In the meantime, if you had photos taken at the Ball, a link to view/purchase these is available by emailing [prestonPSA@gmail.com](mailto:prestonPSA@gmail.com)

## ALBANY BASSETS OPEN DAY

The Albany Bassets are holding their annual Open Day on Sunday 4 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.

## RED LION SUNDAY 18 JUNE - An evening of Music and Pizza

To celebrate the completion of the building works at the Red Lion, we are holding an evening soiree of live music and delicious pizzas, cooked on our new wood fired pizza oven. The evening will start at 7.00pm and all are welcome!