

Community News



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*The Community News is an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group -
"Working Together For Our Community"*

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- if you have any questions on what's happening - or not happening - in our community, do let us know and we'll do our best to provide an answer, or at least point you in the right direction - email the Editor
 - **please email if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area jobs**
 - if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.
- ...AND IF YOU NEED TO CHECK BACK ON PAST ISSUES FOR INFORMATION, YOU CAN SEE THESE (along with lots of other good information) ON THE TOWN WEBSITE www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar

...[ed.] you may have noticed that the large Community Noticeboard on the High Street near to SPAR has been unilaterally taken down by the shopkeeper. We are trying to find another town centre location but in the meantime we ask you to utilise the big noticeboard by the Memorial Hall. Please do not add to the bad feeling by flyposting notices on the wall where the noticeboard used to be - flyposting is unsightly and damages the building timbers. Thank you.

...**from Powys Recycles.** We love that our residents are keen to recycle as much as possible, but please only put the correct materials into the community recycling banks. Contamination often means that the materials are rejected by the recycling processors and sent to landfill. With the card banks, please remember to remove all other packaging [ed. particularly polystyrene beads, moulded packaging and plastic tape]. Please use responsibly, thank you!

THANKS

...**from Maggie** - a big thank you to the Bring Site volunteers for tidying up all the cartons that have been left in, on and around the overflowing ACE recycling bins. People, if any of the bins are full, sorry but you just have to take your stuff away and bring it back when there's room. All these bins are provided by a specialist recycling organisation brought in by volunteers (located at the Bring Site with permission from Powys CC) and if our community carries on leaving it in a mess then PCC may well withdraw permission because they see it as a flytipping mess with hygiene issues, so the recycling bins will be taken away and we'll have to go all the way to Llandod!

[ed. the non-emptying of the bins is because of a chronic shortage of ACE drivers - they should be emptied monthly and we're constantly reminding them of the problem, which is common to all their collection sites at the moment. The situation will be resolved - hopefully by the time you read this but meanwhile, as Maggie says, please be patient, crush/fold-up your cartons and keep them at home until normal collections resume. We do not want to lose this hard-won facility. Thanks !]

...**to John Kendall**, Mayor of Presteigne & Norton Town Council 2011-12, who has so generously donated the lovely new bench now in position on Station Road. Thank you, John !

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Latest planning applications - to be considered at the August meeting of the Town Council.
21/1334/FUL Grid Reference: E:331355 N: 264260 Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two residential units with ancillary garages, car parking and garden space Site Address: W A P Mccolville Ltd, Presteigne.

21/1400/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331586 N: 264473 Proposal: Works to Trees in a conservation area - felling of 10 leylandii Location: Garden Cottage, Broad Street, Presteigne.

...see **Draft Minutes of the July Town Council Meeting here** http://presteigne.org.uk/sites/default/files/fileman/A_TOWN_COUNCIL/JULY_2021_DRAFT.pdf

SCAM ALERT

...from **Dyfed-Powys Police**. Scam Advice. We have been made aware of a current scam targeting retail premises. Businesses who have Paypoint services are being contacted by someone pretending to be a Paypoint engineer who asks them to process vouchers to check that a network has been removed. Businesses are advised to be vigilant for this type of scam and to check the credentials of anyone prior to conducting any activity.

COVID

...from **Powys THB**. Arrangements for the COVID-19 booster programme are currently being developed at a national level. When more details are available, we will share further information through our website at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/booster/> and through our social media channels. In the meantime, please do not contact your health board or GP practice for a booster vaccination.

...from **Powys THB. First & Second Dose Drop-In Vaccination Clinic** this week. Are you 18+ in Powys - or will you turn 18 by 31 October 2021 - and need your first dose? Was your first dose in Powys before 31 May 2021? Drop in. No appointment needed. Help us make sure your vaccine is as effective as possible and please only attend a drop-in session if: *you do NOT currently have COVID-19 symptoms *you are NOT acutely well *you have NOT tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 28 days. More information: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from **Presteigne Local Food Market Saturday 7th August**. Special news for our market next month, finally with lifting of covid measures our OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CAFE will welcome you with Teas/ coffees/biscuits. In addition to our regular stalls we will have Leon with his meat curries! Planet and Plate have some new breakfast treats.....a breakfast bircher pot!--- Oats with fruit topped with either date and orange marmalade or roasted spiced plums. How more could we tempt you to come and visit us.

...from **Helen B. Pilates for Everyone** is every Wednesday in the Assembly Rooms from 9-10am. It is never too late to move more and move better. To book use this link <https://app.gymcatch.com/provider/2174/events/1504060> or email info@helenbpilates.com. Move it or lose it!!

...two new additions to our High Street:

Dolly Daydream Gift Shop. This week we will be open: Tuesday + Friday 10-2; and Saturday 10-4. Opening hours will be adjusted slightly each week for a while due to other commitments but we will keep you informed on our FB page week by week. www.mrbennsemporium.co.uk

The Dog Portrait Studio, Schwetz Gallery 2 Hereford Street (Tony Bird's old shop). For information 07808 721054 or visit www.schwetzphotography.co.uk

...from **Presteigne CC** - another brilliant win on Sunday against Moccas CC gave PCC three wins in a row, then on Saturday 31st July another win against Builth Wells CC making it four on the trot. Supporters are always welcome!

...from **PSAFC**. Friendly result; Presteigne 4 St Harmon 0 (scorers Stangy 3, Owen Anning 1)

...from **Presteigne Bowls Club**. Ladies Update!! Congratulations to Jo Weale and Barbara Sheers on winning the Covid Ladies Pairs today at Llandrindod Wells Bowling Club yesterday!

...from **The Royal Oak**. Don't forget Wednesday night is Steak Night. All of our steaks and 20oz mixed grill available at discounted prices. Served with all the trimmings and our homemade double cooked chips. Get in touch if you'd like to reserve a table.

...from **Slix Hair Studio**. Great to have Sarah back in the studio yesterday helping out with staff cover and busy days. Available dates for bookings with Sarah for the near future are :-

Saturday 14th & 21st August. Saturday 21st September. Saturday 2nd October (1/2 day)
Saturday 9th , 23rd 30th October. Contact us now to avoid disappointment with bookings -
01544267381 / 07983355125

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...a reminder about the **Go Wild event, this Wednesday 4th August** based at the Barn on Went's Meadow 10.30 to 12.30. All welcome to this *free*, & family friendly event, (dogs on leads please). Join the Green Connections team from the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust & find out more about the pollinating insects that are essential to our wellbeing, helping us to grow food & how they need flowers & grasses to do this. Lots to see & learn. *Inside the barn* information & fun models of insects, folk to chat to. *Outside* join in with one of the 2 walks around the *meadow*. All an opportunity to understand more about biodiversity & the importance of our local green places. Bookings for walks RWT under What's On page or Janice on 0794982863

...**Presteigne Local Food Market - this coming Saturday 7th August**. Our usual array of stall holders for our Local Food Market: Alex's Amazing Chocolates, Presteigne Honey, Planet B, Celia's Cosmetics, Trenewydd Yolks, Weobley Ash Apple Juice, Survival, Khesh's Indian Delights, Wegnalls Butchery, Hay Charcuterie, and Planet & Plate who are offering new Breakfast pots!...oats and fruit with either a date and orange marmalade topping or roasted spiced plums! FINALLY back is the Outdoor Community Cafe (weather permitting) offering teas/coffees/biscuits/cake. Look forward too seeing you all!

...**from Fay Jones MP**. Please save the date - I am running a pop-up surgery in Presteigne (outside the Library) on Tuesday August 17th (p.m.). Please do say stop and say hello. If you would like to make an appointment for another date please get in touch, email Fay.Jones.MP@parliament.uk or call 02922 338545

...**from The Judge's Lodging**. Don't miss our new exhibition - "William Henry Jones, Drawings 1880-1887". A superb collection of sketches of Presteigne and the surrounding area exhibited in the small exhibition room running through to 31st October. Free admission to the Jones exhibition @PresteigneArts

...**from Sidney Nolan Trust**. Next up in our Community Weekender line-up is Adele Nozedar! Adele is an author and forager who has taken foraging groups out for the last 10 years since the publication of her bestseller The Hedgerow Handbook. This year sees the release of The Tree Forager. At The Rodd she will teach you about both wild plants and trees! **Join us on 7 & 8 August**, booking now open here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-weekender-tickets-159977796897>

...**PBC Quiz Night Wednesday 11th August**. Book your table now for the next Quiz Night @ The Bowls Club, 2nd Wednesday of each month. General knowledge quiz with a twist - plus win-big with Backwards Bingo in the interval - all welcome. Teams of max 4 people, only £2.50pp. 7.30 for 8pm start. Bowls Social Club, Hereford Street, Presteigne. Space is limited to maintain Covid distancing so pre-booking essential. Full bar, tea/coffee/cake. Call/text Terry 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

...**"As You Like It"**. **Friday 13th August 7pm & Saturday 14th August 3pm** in Went's Meadow Presteigne . Bring your picnics and come and join us for this folk-filled outdoor production of As You Like It this summer! Fun for all the family. Tickets available from The Old HSBC Bank in Presteigne (Fridays & Saturdays from 10am - 12noon) or online here: menagerieofthelost.wixsite.com/theatrecompany

...**from Kath**. **Table top Sale at Walton Hall on Saturday 7th August** 2pm until 5pm. Come and have a cuppa with us!

...**from Roger**. **The Community Café** - a feature of our Local Food Market - has been unable to serve its customers for far too long. Firstly because no Markets could be held ... then, more recently, Covid-19 restrictions and food safety considerations made it difficult for the Cafe to operate at the open-air Markets at the Memorial Hall on the first Saturday of each month. So

the volunteers have been unable to provide the stallholders with their hard-earned refreshments, nor there to offer hot drinks and delicious home-baked cakes to visitors - and not there to raise money. Until now! The good news is that they plan to be there at the next Local Food Market outside the Memorial Hall during the morning next Saturday, 7th August (weather permitting!) and thereafter. Regular 'customers' know that the Cafe doesn't charge and doesn't keep any profit. Instead it asks for donations and all proceeds are then donated on to local good causes. Since they first 'put the kettle on' in 2013 they have passed on almost £6,000 to charities, much-valued groups and clubs around Presteigne. Please come and say hello and have a drink for a donation. In doing so you will, like them, be helping our community. ... Milk and sugar for you?

...Whitton WI have created three unique wall hangings which are being displayed in the Bleddfa Centre Hall Barn from 5th to 15th August before ultimately adorning the wall off Whitton Community Hall.

...from East Radnor Care (Day Centre & Home Support). Coffee morning every Monday 10am to 12 noon at the Day Centre in Scottleton Street. Everyone welcome to just drop in. For info contact 01544 260360 or email admin@eastradnor.care

OTHER INFORMATION

...'zombie batteries' are causing hundreds of fires a year at waste and recycling centres. Please do NOT throw old batteries away with your household rubbish. Instead you can recycle batteries at most supermarkets, including SPAR in Presteigne, and SPAR or CO-OP in Knighton.

...from a regular bus user. Fancy a change of scene, a local outing? Celtic Travel runs a bus to Ludlow on Mondays. The X11 leaves Presteigne opposite the Police Station at 10.18am, and Norton Millbank at 10.25. Return from Ludlow 1.15pm. Also Sergeants are still running the 41 between Kington & Knighton (some include Lloyney) Mon to Sat. From Knighton there are buses to Ludlow, & of course the Heart of Wales trains. From Kington buses to Hereford, & Llandrindodd Wells. All easy travelling, good views, save on fuel, reduce emissions, meet people! Timetables online or from PNCS office.

...from Mid-Border News. Calling all you talented amateur photographers! We are looking for a photograph on an autumnal theme for our next front cover. The lovely dragonfly on the summer cover was taken locally by Gabor Agocs - we look forward to your submissions: just email up to three pics; midbordernews@gmail.com

...from West Mercia Animal Refuge which is a registered charity (no. 1189589). We are a pet fostering charity for those fleeing domestic abuse and have to flee their home. We keep their pet safe until they can be reunited and provide all food/vet treatment/volunteer costs. Placements can be up to 6 months. For more details of how to become a foster carer please get in touch, we would love to hear from you - email westmerciaanimalrefuge@outlook.com or see www.westmerciaanimalrefuge.org.uk for more information. Many thanks

...from Powys CC. All pupils using home to school transport (except those going into Year 12) should now have had their new school bus pass ready for the new school year. If they haven't, please contact us asap: transport.applications@powys.gov.uk / 01597 826678. Pupils going into Year 12 will have their passes waiting for them at school in September.

...from the Sidney Nolan Trust at The Rodd. We've been working on a big project behind the scenes which some of you may have seen. We've launched our new website! Developed and designed by @madebykingfisher and @hello.mesh, they took our ideas and produced a website that keeps Nolan at the centre and focuses on performance and usability! Thank you both, we LOVE it, and we hope you all like it too! <https://www.sidneynolantrust.org/>

...from David. Free to a good (gardener's) home: about 20 issues of *The Alpine Gardener* (bulletin of the Alpine Garden Society), about 25 issues of the RHS quarterly

journal, *The Plantsman*, about 50 issues of *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, published by Kew, and about sixty issues of *The Mediterranean Garden*, quarterly journal of the Mediterranean Garden Society. All collectors' items. Available from Bryan's Ground – call first: [07889 138010](tel:07889138010).

...Who knew!!! There's now a bra recycling bin at the Lion Cafe in Bridge St, Kington courtesy of Kate Watkins, if you are in the area pop in for a drink or some home made cakes and of course take your unwanted bras!

...Driving law changes you might have missed during lockdown - What's changing this year? * Stricter rules on smart motorways* 20 mph limit in residential areas for some parts of the UK* Changes to green cards and travel to the EU* Stricter penalties for mobile phone use* Low Emission Zones postponed coming in this year* E10 fuel proposed for this year*? Automated Lane Keeping systems considered 'self-driving' technology*? Green number plates for cars with zero emissions* Speed limiters mandatory in new cars from 2022* More info on 20 mph limit in residential areas. The Welsh government is introducing a new law to limit the speed in all residential areas to 20 mph. This goes hand in hand with their [pavement parking ban](#), which was announced in 2020. Initially the speed limit will launch in eight areas to investigate any unforeseen issues. If it's successful, the Welsh government will roll out the speed limit nationally in 2023. For more information visit GOV.WALES.

...Presteigne Dementia Support. Offering support to individuals, families and carers. Making links with relevant services and groups. Enabling people with dementia to be active and included. To find out more, contact 01544 267227 or 01544 260766

...from Presteigne Health Centre. Powys' 9 week weight management programme Foodwise for Life is accepting self-referrals. (We still have spaces in our August and September groups). If you're interested, or know a patient, friend, or family member who would like to join us, the self-referral form can now be accessed via the PTHB internet page: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/services/adult-and-older-peoples-community-services/dietetic-services/>. For more information about the Foodwise for Life programme contact: powys.PublicHealthDietetics@wales.nhs.uk

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from East Radnor Home Support. We wish to appoint an experienced carer to provide On-Call support. Working as part of an on-call rota team you would be required to respond to Care Line emergency calls as and when activated. The service is available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and shifts are available overnight and at weekends. Full training on using lifting equipment will be provided by you must be an experienced care assistant, who is calm in an emergency and comfortable to attend call outs on their own at any time of the night. Number of shifts available is flexible throughout the month, but please note this is a part-time position. A contract of employment will be offered subject to a trial period. An On-Call retainer rate is paid for each shift and an hourly rate applies if you are called out. Please call 01544 260360 for more information or email admin@eastradnor.care for a job application form.

...from Herefordshire Council. We're hiring! Looking for a job or considering a career change? A large range of vacancies are being recruited for. For our current vacancies, & to apply, visit: <https://orlo.uk/8GOWE>

...from Powys Community Health Council. Are you interested in becoming a CHC volunteer? Want to be someone who act as the eyes and ears of patients and the public, listening to their views and experiences working with the health service to improve the quality of NHS care? You can apply directly via the Welsh Government website: <http://ow.ly/Gw4l50Fl1L>

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