

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT, STARTING IN NOVEMBER, WE WILL REVERT TO OUR ORIGINAL TWICE-MONTHLY ISSUE OF THE COMMUNITY NEWS, RATHER THAN WEEKLY. THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES/INFORMATION IS THE 30th AND 15th OF EACH MONTH (sooner if possible). PLEASE SEND INFORMATION IN NORMAL EDITABLE TEXT ONLY (not in ALL-CAPS) - WE CAN'T INCLUDE POSTER IMAGES OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

[n.b. the Editor reserves the right to edit information provided to suit the space available]

...a big shout out to our Brazilian readership Cica and Paulo !!!!! *[ed. Is this the furthest the Community News reaches ? Do please let me know]*

...from Dyfed-Powys Police Inspector Adam Ellis about the Hereford St one-way system:

We are aware that there are a number of reports that motorists are ignoring the No Entry signs leading into Hereford Street, Presteigne. We are keen to emphasise that any motorists found ignoring the "No Entry" signs could find themselves liable to a fixed penalty notice or prosecution. We hope that by working with the local community, highlighting the changes and addressing any concerns we can prevent re-occurrences and avoid enforcement, thank you.

...from the Warden Guardians. The Warden, one of Presteigne's local beauty spots, continues to hold its Green Flag Community Award for 2021-22. The Award is given in recognition of achieving the international standards for parks and green spaces with public access. If you are one of the many people who enjoy a visit or have fond memories of visiting Warden, please would you consider voting for it in the "People's Choice Award". You will need to check out the Green Flag Award page, online, and click on "Winners". Finally, "zoom-in" via the world map to Presteigne and then The Warden to place your vote. It would be great if we can get The Warden into one of the Top Ten sites. You can only place one vote on a device, but please, if you have more than one device, make more than one vote. This is the link: <https://www.greenflagaward.org> Many thanks for your vote, from the Warden Guardians Foundation.

...from Mags. One of the most SCARY things about Halloween? How much pumpkin ends up in landfill each year! Powys residents will get through around 15,000 pumpkins this Halloween, with the potential for around 75 tonnes of extra food waste in the process. Do one less scary thing this year and make the most of your pumpkin. There are many delicious recipes for using the scooped out insides at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com Any leftover peel (and the shell once you've finished scaring everyone with it) can then simply be recycled in your weekly household food waste collection service. Don't worry if your lantern is massive – leaving it alongside the caddy is fine. Not only will this stop food waste going into landfill, it can create green energy and produce an environmentally-sustainable fertiliser to help Welsh farmers grow more food. For every ten tonnes of food waste we recycle, we help to create enough green electricity to power the average household for a year. More information on food waste, recycling, your kerbside recycling containers, or for handy hints and tips on what can and can't be recycled, please visit <https://en.powys.gov.uk/recycle>

...**looking for a local tradesman or service ?** Email news@pacdg.org to receive the latest PACDG Register if Local Trades & Services. If you'd like to be included, just email details.

THANKS

...**from Karen.** After nearly 7 years of being Presteigne Guides leader (and County Guide advisor) I've decided to leave Girl Guiding (for many reasons) - it was a fantastic experience and I did love my time. But things change. Thank you to all my helpers assistants over the years ! Thanks to the parents also who supported us (and my friends who helped out with fundraising) but most of my love goes out to all the girls who have been a Guide with me - you are the reason I did it in the first place !

[ed. Amy Price is going to help run the unit for now but Presteigne Guides is looking for a new leader. Please contact Amy if you are interested amyprice@hotmail.co.uk]

...**thanks to everyone involved in organising and contributing to the Tree Weekend** events on Went's Meadow, the Memorial Hall and Assembly Rooms - such a lot of effort - brilliant !!!

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Notice of Co-Option.** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Presteigne and Norton Town Council intends to Co-opt one member to fill the vacancy that exists in the office of Councillor for the Presteigne Town Ward of Presteigne and Norton Town Council. Expressions of interest are being sought from members of the public who meet the following qualifications and are interested in representing their community on the aforementioned Community Council. You must be a British, Commonwealth, Irish or a European Union citizen and be 18 years of age or over; and meet at least one of the following criteria: *registered as a local government elector for the area named above; or *during the whole of the last 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the community named above; or *your principal or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the community named above; or *you have during the whole of the last 12 months resided in the Community or within 4.8 kilometres of it

[1] If you wish to be considered for co-option for the vacant seats(s) or want more information regarding the role of a Town Councillor please contact the Proper Officer, Tracey Price, Clerk to the Council on 01547 528575 or 07866 815622 or email presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com.

[1] *Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers of the community council, anyone subject to bankruptcy restriction orders and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment.*

Closing date for applications is 31st October. Full Town Council Elections are due in May 2022.

SCAM ALERT

...**from Which. Pension scams on the rise.** Fraudsters are exploiting pension reforms and the uncertainty created by the pandemic to trick people out of their life savings. Here are the tactics scammers are using to part you from your cash – and what you can do to avoid falling victim - click here [The devastating impact](#). A Which video also gives you the three warning signs you also need to know to avoid a pension scam - click here [Three warning signs](#)

...**from Dyfed-Powys Police. Be suspicious if you are contacted out the blue about an investment opportunity.** Consider getting independent professional advice before making a significant financial decision. Read more <https://orlo.uk/sc93k>. **Plus...Have you had a WhatsApp message out of the blue, on a brand new number, and supposedly from your child?** It's probably a scam. We've had reports of people in our area receiving these messages from scammers who tell you that they're your child, and that they have a new phone number. Then they'll strike up a conversation before asking for money from you which they'll give a variety of different reasons for – from fixing their phone, to paying for a train or taxi fare, or even paying back a loan. Don't lose out, and don't pay. Always make sure you double check that the person you're talking to genuinely is who they say they are. Please help us prevent these types of scams by sharing this message with people who may not see it here.

COVID & FLU

...**Beware of COVID Pass fraud!** Criminals are using the NHS COVID Pass as a way to target the public by convincing them to hand over money, financial details and personal information.

The NHS App is free - The NHS COVID Pass is free - The NHS will never ask for payment or any financial details.

...Powys Drop-in Covid vaccinations if you're 16+ and not had your first dose: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>. Over 19,400 booster vaccine doses have been given to registered patients and health & care workers in Powys. Our latest daily update on COVID-19 vaccination in Powys is available from our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/daily-update/>.

...If you are 12-15 and live in Powys (or you are at school in Powys) and are registered with a Powys GP then you can access Drop-In COVID Vaccination Sessions week beginning 25 October for those aged 12 - 15. More information: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/drop-in-vaccination-sessions-week-beginning-25-october/>

...If you are 12-15 and live in Powys (or at school in Powys) but are registered with an English GP then you can book a COVID vaccination via the NHS England website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/book-or-manage-a-1st-or-2nd-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination/>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from The Warehouse. All lighting is now half marked price !!

...from Annie at MidBorder News. We're starting work on the winter issue of the MidBorder News, so send us your news, events, Christmas happenings and whatever else you want the world to know. Deadline is 10 November but it really helps to send your information sooner. midbordernews@gmail.com

...from Freedom Leisure. Half-term fun! Spaces filling up fast. Book your children in now to avoid disappointment for this week. Under 8's Multi-skills: Monday and Tuesday, 9 -12pm, £6 Over 8's Sports: Wednesday and Thursday, 9 -4pm , £15

...from Weobley Ash. Our gift vouchers are now available for this Christmas, any amount and no use-by-date. Just call in to the shop.

...from No. 46. We are excited to announce the first ever No.46 pumpkin carving competition! Just follow these directions to enter! - snap a photo of your carved pumpkin - post it to Facebook and tag No. 46 on the post, or post onto our wall - attach the name and age of the person entering. We are so excited to see all your spooky creations.

...from Kington Golf Club. Full Membership Promotion. Join now for £230 and enjoy great winter golf until 31st March 2022. If you decide to remain a member for next year (1st April 2022-31st March 2023), you will receive £135 credit against the annual fee. *Pro-rata rates and credit also available for other categories of membership. See website for details <https://www.kingtongolf.co.uk/join-us/become-member/>

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Presteigne Sheep Music Fireworks - Saturday 6th November.

...Norton Halloween Fireworks - Sunday 31st October.

...from Judge's Lodging. LD8 residents - why not use your 'Free Friday' offer to go to the Judge's Lodging this week and have a go at the Half Term Halloween trail - some of the objects are so hard to spot in the Autumnal gloom! As this is the last week of the season for the museum, it is also the last chance to see the drawings of W H Jones in the community exhibition space before they are returned to the artist's granddaughter.

...on BBC Radio Wales, Ian Marchant author of Presteigne talks about his misspent youth https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0010h5p?fbclid=IwAR3U3Cl1xZLnrDHjsU_7QVNwrft6yzwDM4dQ-q77LyNZtINjrQi00B0l84

...from Presteigne St. Andrews FC. Club fixtures for November. Saturday 6th Nov: CP Llanandras v Builth Wells Res, Newcastle v Presteigne; Saturday 13 November: League Cup Quarter Finals (ko 1.30pm) Presteigne v Hay St Mary's Res., Newcastle v CP Llanandras;

Saturday 20 November: Penybont v Presteigne, CP Llanandras v Brecon FC; Saturday 27 November: Presteigne v Hay St Marys Res, Knighton Res v CP Llanandras

...from Presteigne Bowls Social Club. Bingo is Back!!! 8pm every Thursday night (started on 21st October). New members welcome!

...from June at Presteigne Baptist Church. The Baptist Ladies group meet each Monday at 2pm for films talks etc. at the Baptist Church in Hereford Street. Every one is welcome! Plus - dates for your Diary - Our Christmas Fayre is to be held on December 4th and Carol Concert on Friday December 17th at 7 pm.

...Music in New Radnor. John Kirkpatrick in Concert. Saturday 13th November 7.30pm. New Radnor Community Hall, Hall Lane, New Radnor - *doors will open before 7.00 pm to avoid a crush at the door.* Box office [01544 350268](tel:01544350268). Tickets £12 / £3. Wine and soft drinks available at the bar: feel free to bring snacks. Please note that there is no parking available at the hall.

...Walks with East Radnor Ramblers in November: Tues 2nd Nov Ludlow area 5.1 miles from Applegreen Service Station; Weds 3rd Nov Bodenham area 8 miles from Bodenham Parish Hall (off A417); Weds 10th Nov Llanbister Rd to Knucklas 7.5 miles. Train from Knucklas at 11.06am. Park at Community Centre; Weds 17th Nov tba (please see website); Thurs 18th Nov Around Shobdon 4.5 miles from Shobdon Airfield visitors car park; Weds 27th Nov Roundton Hillfort and Corndon Hill 9 miles (strenuous) from parking area near Mitchells Fold Stone Circle. Walks start at 10am. Everyone welcome! Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Further information, and photos of recent walks can be found at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or from E & S Williams on [01544 260524](tel:01544260524)

...from Sidney Nolan Trust: Halloween craft workshop for children at The Rodd. Tuesday 26 & Thursday 28 October, 2 pm - 4 pm. Join us around the fire in 17th-century Rodd Court for an afternoon of craft creations as we celebrate Halloween. Suitable for Children 5 and over. £2.50 per child (plus booking fee via Eventbrite). To book email info@sidneynolantrust.org or call [01544 260149](tel:01544260149). More details here <https://www.sidneynolantrust.org/your-visit/whats-on/>.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Powys CC. School Transport. Please note that as of Mon 1 Nov all duplicate school buses will no longer operate so students need to return to their normal service bus. Operators have been informed; therefore, the service buses will stop to collect children as normal.

...from Bea's Care Service. Sometimes you don't need a regular carer. Sometimes just a one off trip for an appointment or maybe you'd just like your loved one to be taken somewhere nice for a couple of hours. Just call 07816 370853. It costs nothing to ask. I'm always happy to help

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...from Slix. Wanted - a Saturday person with a career in hair to follow. An ideal opportunity for a person with an artistic flair, interest for hair and good communication skills. Contact Sarah via Facebook Messenger - email :- smorgan26@icloud.com or 01544 267381

...from Evergreen Trees. Christmas Tree Harvest Team members required from November 1st to midDecember at Beguildy. Email admin.evergreentrees@gmail.com for more information.

...from East Radnor Care. Job Vacancy for a casual member of staff to cover holidays & sickness at East Radnor Home Support. Hours of work Monday - Friday 10am-3pm on a ad-hoc basis. For further information please email admin@eastradnor.care

...from the About Face Theatre Company recruiting a Drama Worker working with the About Face Director, assisting with the running of the Performance Company on Mondays & Tuesdays and leading the Stagecraft group on Fridays. For full advert and job description, go to <https://www.aboutface theatre.co.uk/news>

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