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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

Good news on local recycling facilities - in addition to facilities at Kington Co-Op, the Knighton Co-Op store also now has recycling bins for crisp packets, plastic film (clean soft plastics), batteries, and Britax water filters, by the check-out desks. A reminder - you can recycle batteries at SPAR Presteigne, crisp packets at No.46 Wine Bar (for Guide Dogs), and tetrapak-type drink cartons and coffee cups at the bypass Bring Site.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Latest planning applications in:** [22/0027/LBC](#) and [22/0026/HH](#). Grid Reference: E:331663 N: 264552 Proposal: Listed building consent for replacement windows and refurbishment of existing windows to front elevation. Site Address: Breeze Cottage, 3 Fold Farm, Broad Street, Presteigne. (n.b. this was considered at the 19th January Town Council meeting).

[22/0045/HH](#) Grid Reference: E:331724 N: 264129 Proposal: Single storey extension to front and side of existing bungalow dwelling Site Address: 22 Orchard Close, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2HF. To be considered at the February meeting of the Town Council.

...**New Broadband project coming to Presteigne & Norton.** Letters due to go out in the next few weeks. Ultra fast broadband project to bring a future proof fibre to the premises (100mb minimum) connection to the area. Even those connected to fibre through a cabinet (rather than direct to their property) will benefit from registering and getting faster future-proofed speeds.

...**next Town Council meeting** [Wednesday 16th February](#). See Town website for papers.

THANKS

...**from Presteigne Firefighters.** Big thank you to Sheep music for your kind donation following the fireworks display

...**from Tessa.** We have now completed both litter-picking sessions (around Presteigne) - when there is a bit of a gap the litter builds up - so I shall be planning another outing in late Feb early March. Thank so much to all of you that joined in on this occasion and I hope that firstly you had fun and secondly feel a glow of pride that all that litter is now in the right place thanks to your efforts. An update on the mask collection competition. We felt sure that after Sunday, Alfea would quite definitely be the winner with a whopping 22 masks, with runners up Ruth & Jackie with 15. However on Wednesday, after a mass haul mainly from Broadaxe, Kate proved to be the outright winner with a jaw dropping 29 masks - who could have imagined! Most of us also found around 5 each on both days, so people really are careless with their mask disposal!! If you are interested to join in on future litter-picks, contact Tessa on 07788 567631

...**from Norton Show Committee** - we would like to extend the greatest thanks to the Lloyd family at Home Farm for the many years they have supported and allowed Norton Show to take place on their land - without them the committee wouldn't have been able to raise the tens of thousands we have donated to local charities and causes that have helped and assisted residents of the village.

...**from the Welsh Blood Service** to say a big thank you to everyone in Presteigne & Norton area. We had a very successful visit, with 112 donations collected and 17 brand new donors coming along. This is a fantastic result and all down to the support shown by the community.

SCAM ALERT

...**Fake delivery texts link to cloned Post Office website.** Scammers are targeting the Post Office in a new fake text scam that's one of the most convincing we've seen. The texts state that a parcel delivery has failed and ask recipients to click the link to 'book a new date' or 'reschedule a delivery' via two sites that have nothing to do with the Post Office. This is a sophisticated scam that you need to be aware of. [Here's what to watch out for.](#)

...**'Hi Mum, my other phone crashed. But this is my temporary number'**. If you receive a WhatsApp from an unknown number with someone claiming to be a family member, be very careful! Help us spread the word. whi.ch/WhatsAppScammers

...**Fake texts claiming to be from NatWest** stating that 'a new device has been registered' with your account are circulating, aiming to send recipients through to a website that has nothing to do with the bank. Note the number, copy the message & text to 7726, then delete !

COVID & FLU

...**from Herefordshire CC. Wondering which COVID-19 test you should use?** If you DON'T have symptoms, take lateral flow tests regularly. If you DO have symptoms, take a PCR test. For more info: <https://orlo.uk/Rzfbf>

...**from Powys CC. 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 do not have symptoms. Protect your friends and family by testing regularly** - collect LFT test kits from your pharmacy, local library, and the East Radnor Freedom Leisure Centre. More info <https://crowd.in/HBto6k>

...**from Herefordshire CC. Don't forget to report your Lateral Flow test results online.** You can do this here: <https://orlo.uk/3yRUp>. To find a list of all your nearest Lateral Flow rapid test collection points: <https://orlo.uk/KLx9g>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**from Community Transport.** We depend on Volunteer Drivers to get our Community to Hospital/Health appointments, can you spare a few hours a week? We really need a lot more drivers to continue our service. Please pop in the office (opp Spar) for a chat about joining us.

...**from the PNCS Warehouse & Charity Shop.** A polite reminder that we can only sell clothing and shoes in a clean condition as we do not have washing facilities here. Please check the item before you donate it - would you wear it yourself in its condition ? Many thanks

...**from Mid-Border News.** Greetings! We're starting work on the spring issue and we are offering local artists the opportunity to have their work on the front cover. The magazine is A4 format and we need a high resolution photo. Please send up to 3 pics to: midbordernews@gmail.com. Or send us your Instagram link etc. Thank you.

...**from The Stagg Inn.** On Saturday Night 5th Feb (17:30 - 20:30) and Sunday Lunchtime 6th of February (12:30 - 15:30) we invite you all to join us for some traditional Sri Lankan food cooked by an award winning Sri Lankan chef. Book on our website, or phone on 01544 230221

...**We're open! The aardvarks have returned** and Mr Aardvark is warming up the barn to welcome you back today, 10am-4pm for browsing the bookshelves with tea, coffee & cake, or soup & toasties from the café... all welcome, free entry and parking!! Very sorry if anyone was disappointed last week but we're open Tuesday-Sunday now as usual...

...**from Norton Community Hub project:** We finally have some really positive news - we've received full planning permission for the project to convert the redundant Norton church building into a community hub. This is a springboard into the next exciting stage of the project, with a great deal more work to do on the build specifications, surveys, the lease and of course fundraising. We'll soon also be embarking on a further community consultation and planning events around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the August Bank Holiday later this year. So lots more news to come - to join the email circulation list to receive updates and news, just email us at nortoncommunitytrust@gmail.com - you don't have to live in Norton to join!

...**The Judge's Lodging.** The start of an exciting week filming some much-loved classics behind closed doors with Don't Go Into The Cellar! Theatre Company - to be shared with you very soon. All we can say about today's tale, expertly crafted by them, is 'Poop poop'.

...**February issue of Broad Sheep is out now** - What's On - Herefordshire & The Marches. Also online - www.broadsheep.com

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Local Food Market** returns on Saturday 5th February. Memorial Hall 9am - 1pm.

...**Presteigne St Andrews Football Club.** For our February Fixtures, see posters at Carini Butchers, on the PADGC Notice Board, our fb page and website.

...**canoeing/kayaking for 9 to 25 yr olds. 200 free sessions.** This half-term February 21/22/23/24/25, two sessions 11am-12noon or 1pm-2pm with The Lakeside Boat House, Llandrindod Wells. Booking up quickly. - call 01597 82460

...**outdoor navigation free sessions for 16 to 25 yr olds.** Learn the basics of outdoor navigation using a map and compass with Tir Coed. Thursday 10th March 10am-3pm at the Elan Valley. Booking essential, Contact Gayle powys@tircoed.org.uk. <https://tircoed.org.uk/>

...**from The Gallery - Studer Fine Art** (next to Lorna's). Our first exhibition of 2022 'The Garden of Earthly Delights' features a family affair - an exhibition of paintings by Ciara Lewis with jewellery by her daughter Saoirse. See our new website www.studertineart.com. The exhibition also features stunning studio pottery by Tony Hall as well as Gill Tennant-Eyles' exquisite 'seashore bowls' and range of Wabi Sabi ceramics. In lieu of a Private View do come and join us for a relaxed 'meet the Artists' in the Gallery on Saturday 5th February from 11am, both Ciara and Saoirse will be on hand to talk about their work. The Gallery is open Thursday - Saturday 10.30am - 3pm and stocks a wide range of cards and small gifts in addition to the artists. Other exhibitors include Clair Murphy - Baskets, Tania Mosse - Sculpture, Malcolm Turner - potter, as well as limited edition Linocuts, Collagraphs and textiles by Richard Studer.

...**MBA event - Remi Harris** at Presteigne Assembly Rooms. Sat, 5th Feb 20:00 - 22:30.

Acclaimed guitarist Remi Harris and double bassist Tom Moore present an evening of music ranging from the acoustic jazz of the 30s and 40s to the electric blues of the 60s and 70s. To book visit <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/531692>. Be quick - only a few tickets left!

...**from Norton Show Committee.** We regret to announce due to current circumstances Norton Show will NOT take place in July as previous years. We hope to be able to run some sort of event later on in the year (although we probably can't host equine sections at this point) so pencil in 29th August. The committee hopes to bring further updates as soon as possible

...**from Bev. Street Party in Presteigne to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** on Friday 3rd June. SAVE THE DATE! Details to follow in due course!

...**from East Radnor Ramblers - walks in February.** Tues 1st Feb Harley's Mountain, 3.75 miles. Weds 2nd Feb Lingen Walk, 8.5 miles. Sat 5th Feb Clun, 8.15 miles. Weds 9th Feb Caer Caradoc, 8 miles. Weds 16th Feb Stiperstones, 7 miles. Thurs 10th Feb Almley, 4.5 miles. Sat 19th Feb Water-Break-its-Neck, 8 miles. Weds 23rd Feb Dingles and Gutters, 9 miles. Further information at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or from E & S Williams on [01544 260524](tel:01544260524)

...**from Chatterbrook WI** - next meeting on Thursday February 10th in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm - a talk by a member of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation about the management of deer and grey squirrels. Visitors and prospective new members are very welcome - £3 on the door. See <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI> or phone [01544 267245](tel:01544267245)

...**from Presteigne Floral Art Society** : The club will meet on Wednesday 9th February in Presteigne Memorial Hall at 7.30. The demonstration is by Sharon Dower and is entitled 'What Now'. Visitors are very welcome - £5 on the door. Further information and news about resumption of flower classes from the Secretary, [01544 340453](tel:01544340453)

...**Presteigne Screen "Night of the Kings"** Friday 4th Feb 7.30 for 8pm. Assembly Rooms.

...**Amavi "Music for Voices & Viols"** at **St. Andrews**, Presteigne. Saturday 12th February 3.30pm. Tickets £20 from info@earlymusicinthemarches.com or call [07989 091949](tel:07989091949)

...**Quiz Night @ The Bowls Club.** Wednesday 16th February 7.30pm. Bowls Social Club, Hereford Street. Full bar. All welcome. Teams of up to 4, prior booking essential [07766 097600](tel:07766097600)

...register now for **Children's Half Term Activities in Powys**. Sessions will be held in leisure centres across the county for 4 – 17 year olds. Places are limited and registration will close on 11 February. For more information & to book a place - <https://crowd.in/oaoRwU>

OTHER INFORMATION

...**The Big Energy Saving Network gives advice on saving energy and finding help to keep you warm**. Gary Cowell is the Presteigne & Norton area Energy Champion - you can speak to him by phone or arrange to meet at a public venue. Contact him on [01547 520374](tel:01547520374) or garydkcowell@yahoo.co.uk. Supported by Citizens Advice.

...**from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust**. If you or your community group would like to know more about surveying, monitoring or identification of species, or have other training needs, get in touch with the Green Connections team : janice@rwtwales.org or sarah@rwtwales.org. Find out more at: <https://www.rwtwales.org/our-projects/green-connections-powys>

...**from Powys CC. Need support with fuel costs this winter?** From the 13 December 2021 to 18 February 2022 you may be able to claim a one-off £100 payment to provide support towards paying winter fuel bills. Find out more here. <https://crowd.in/KWl6dS>

...**from Education Wales**. From January 2022 children in ALL school years are now eligible for a school uniform grant if in receipt of free school meals. <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>. Apply before 31 March for this year's scheme.

...**from Powys Teaching Health Board**. Feeling unwell but not an emergency? Using the right NHS service, means you get the right care, at the right time, in the right place. For how you can use Minor injury units & Pharmacists. See NHS 111 Wales website <https://111.wales.nhs.uk>

...**from 29th January it is a requirement for all vehicles to pass horse riders** at speeds under 10mph and allow at least 2 metres space. This and other changes are in the new Highway Code - worth a look at the new version on gov.uk - if you're a good and courteous driver you'll probably find you've been doing it all already!

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Brixton Pottery. Part-time packer/dispatcher (based in Presteigne)**. Flexible hours - email your cv to pottery@brixtonpottery.com

...**Tir Coed. 16-25yr old and looking for career or training in land-based industries ?** Maybe try something different, have fun, learn new skill. Tir Coed has four training workshops just for you. Based at Elan Valley, includes light lunch, all materials and expert tuition. Email Gayle powys@tircoed.org.uk or book on <https://tircoed-elanlinks.eventbrite.co.uk>

...**Orbis Education and Care** - Learning Support Assistant 37.5 hours per week – Term Time Catering Assistant 37.5 hours per week - Teacher 37.5 hours per week - Cleaner 10 hours per week at our school in Presteigne for children with Autism. Apply <http://www.orbis-group.co.uk/>

..**East Radnor Home Care**. Part-time job opportunities for On-Call Support Workers and Care Staff (30 minute care call every evening). Contact 01544 260360

...**Winncare/Mangar Health - National Service and Installation Engineer**. Full time position Monday to Friday. Driving licence essential. Competitive rate of pay. Please email your cv to debbie.jones@winncare.uk

...**WB+AD Morgan - Installation Electrician / Pump Engineer**. This is a full time, permanent position. Read more: <https://www.findingwater.co.uk/news/installation>

...**Little Orchard Nursery, Kington - qualified and experienced early years practitioner or nursery nurse**. 4 full days a week starting (preferably) mid March. Call 01544 231051 or email littleorchardnursery@btconnect.com or for more information or a job description.

...**from Powys CC**. Are you looking for a new job in Powys making a positive difference to the lives of children, young people and families? See <https://crowd.in/XyVzv1>

...**from Martin at Beggars Bush**. I'm looking for a gardener to work with me, 1 day a week all year round, in my 2 acre garden. Ring [01547 560394](tel:01547560394)

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