

NEXT ISSUE MID-MARCH... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 15th MARCH
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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

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Community Broadband Project, Presteigne & Norton:** Letters about the project and details of how to register are going out shortly. Watch out for your letter and register as soon as you can. We need 30% take-up for the project to go ahead, and registering does not commit you to anything at this stage. If you wish to register your interest in the scheme, please do so in one of the following ways: Complete the form you will receive and return it to the Clerk to the Town Council by post or email. Go to www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk - enter your postcode and register your interest online. Please wait until you receive your letter to do so.

...**Vacancy - Parish Clerk for Stapleton Group Parish.** Being a small Parish we are only looking for somebody for an average of 3 hours work per week, supporting the Councillors, managing the accounts, managing the website, taking minutes, (There are currently 4 planned Council meetings per year) etc....A Job Spec can be found on the Parish Website. If you are interested please contact the Council on stapletongroupparishclerk@gmail.com

COVID & FLU

...**Covid-19 Changes for Powys residents on where you must wear a face mask** came into force on Monday (February 28) - some restrictions however remain in place. The changes are part of the Welsh Government's latest review and come as Powys continues to see cases of COVID-19. The latest figures indicate there are still around 500 new cases of COVID-19 being recorded each week in Powys. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12339/Covid-19-Changes/>
...**from NHS UK. NHS staff, patients and visitors must continue to wear face coverings in healthcare settings**, unless they are exempt. Please help us to reduce the risk of infection for our staff and patients by following this guidance.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Micro Allotment Plots.** Thanks to the support of the Town Council, the Presteigne and Norton Allotment Association are offering four micro plots for one year from the end of March for folks to have the chance to grow their own produce before perhaps committing to a larger plot. We will offering tools to share, advice, some seeds and friendship. The only charge will be the £3 Subscription to join the National Society for Allotments and Leisure Gardens. For more information or to apply, contact Karen by email to jonesie.lewis@gmail.com

...**Sidney Nolan Trust.** Call out to local groups and societies! Sidney Nolan Trust hosts group tours of Rodd Court, our 16th Century Manor House, exploring the history of the building, showcasing its unique elements and unusual talking points. Tours available for a minimum of 10 participants, includes hot drinks, cakes, access to our gallery, gardens, and woodland. A tour lasts roughly 2 hours. For more info or booking please email: hollie@sidneynolantrust.org

...**No.7 Massage & Osteopathy** welcomes Grace Davies in March. Grace practices Bowen Technique and Emmett. Her mobile no is 07974489097 for advice, information & appointments.

...**from Jonathan - thought of Scuba Diving in the Caribbean?** If so, then why not be part of Presteigne's Caribbean Diving Adventure this coming December? Join our locally organised

tour and enjoy ten days of sunshine and warm, crystal clear waters. No diving experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn. For fuller details, please contact Jonathan on [01544 260800](tel:01544260800) or email ajonathanwilson@aol.co.uk

...the March issue of BROAD SHEEP is out now - pick one up throughout Herefordshire, Shropshire & Powys or online - www.broadsheep.com

...from Annie at Mid-Border News. Here is the link to the Spring issue, with lots of local news, events and information. Next issue is beginning of June - let us have your news please by deadline of 10 May. https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_spring_2022

...from Helen B Pilates. Put a spring in your step and join pilates in Presteigne Memorial Hall, every Monday 9-10am. Suitable for all levels. Move it or lose it! Book here: <https://gymcatch.com/app/provider/2174/courses/7105>

...The Evergreen Club meets every other Wednesday in Presteigne Memorial Hall. We are a friendly club for re-cycled teenagers, come along and have a game of bingo, tea and biscuits, a silly quiz, and occasionally a table sale. The next meeting will be on 9th March at 2.00 give us a try, meet new friends. For further information call Eileen 01544 262710 or Judi 01544 267420.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Presteigne Pop Choir 5th Anniversary Concert. Sunday 13 March 3pm. St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. Tickets: £5 on the door including Tea and Cake. Under 12s free. Presteigne Pop Choir was founded in 2017 by local instrumentalist and composer John Hymas. The choir sings pop hits from the sixties to the present day in 3 and 4 part harmony accompanied and conducted by John from the piano. The repertoire is diverse with songs by Billy Eilish alongside Burt Bacharach and Bob Marley. The choir, which has grown to over thirty members, rehearses weekly at Presteigne Assembly Rooms and, after being silenced for over a year due to the pandemic, is eager to get back on stage to sing to an audience! New singers always welcome. For more information contact: john@johnhymas.com

...Presteigne Local Food Market. Saturday 5th March 9am to 1pm. All our usual stalls PLUS a new venture Carzie Barzie Bakes with her fabulous homemade cakes! (Carzie barzie bakes), and our seed swap is back so come and have a look to see if you can be tempted. Advice will be on offer from the TC and Teme Valley Environment running an energy advice project. Come and enjoy a tea/coffee and cake with your friends at the Community cafe run by our very willing volunteers. Looking forward to seeing all next Saturday

...The Hub New Radnor presents an afternoon with Anna Ryder, part of her Music and Moving Pictures Tour. Anna is a musical dynamo; an original and inventive singer-songwriter and multi instrumentalist with a musical style that, based in folk, spans a variety of genres. She performs regularly with Fairport Convention. 3pm Sunday March 20th Tickets £10 [01544 350559](tel:01544350559) bar open, Tea and cake. Also book for **Remi Harris on April 9th**

...Pavo Befriending Service hold online groups every week. Why not join them? Yarn and Yatter, Bring Your Own Lunch, Coffee and Chat, Creative Hour, all held via Zoom Why not give them a call to find out more – 01597 822191

...Cymru Versus Arthritis are holding a free 6-week online Pilates series for Powys residents with arthritis, a MSK or related conditions, to promote physical and emotional wellbeing. Sessions will have a mix of exercise and informal chat every Tuesday 11.30am to 12.30pm from February 22 - March 29. There is an expectation that if you register, you will complete the series. Info email walessupport@versusarthritis.org, or tel. 0800 756 3970

...East Radnor Ramblers - walks in March. Tues 1st March Circuit from Wapley 4.5 miles. Weds 2nd March Tenbury 8.5 miles. Weds 9th March SW of Hundred House 8 miles. Weds 16th March The Pales 9.3 miles. Thurs 17th March Aymestry and Yatton 4.75 miles. Weds 23rd March Painscastle 8.5 miles. Weds 30th March On Glyndwr's Way 7.5 miles. Further information at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or from E & S Williams 01544 260524

...The Methodist church is having a lent lunch on Saturday 5th March and Saturday 2nd April, from 12-2pm. A choice of soups and bread, followed by tea, coffee and cake. No charge, but donations invited to 'Help for our homeless - Wales' a local charity based in Builth Wells.

...**The next book and jigsaw swap and sale at Walton Hall** will be on Wednesday 9th March from 10am to 1pm. Or just come and have a cuppa, some cake and a friendly chat with us. Held on the second Wednesday of every month.

...**Leon's Supper Club - Fish and Seafood Tapas Weekend** on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 March 7 pm. Above The Salty Dog, 14 High Street, Presteigne. £25 per person, bring your own drinks. To find out more or reserve please call [0780 572748](tel:0780572748) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/LeonsSupperClub>. We look forward to welcoming you!

...**from Sidney Nolan Trust**. Cyanotype Workshop Thursday 14 April - learn about the art of cyanotype photography, and get hands-on to learn the basics of creating beautiful Prussian blue prints. 2 pm - 4 pm. £15 per adult, includes one free child (suitable for children aged 7 and over.) Book now via our website <https://www.sidneynolantrust.org/your-visit/whats-on/>

...**PSAFC Presteigne St Andrews Football Club - our March fixtures** are advertised on our Facebook page, our website, at Carinis, The Farmers and on PACDG community notice board.

...**from Chatterbrook WI** – Our next meeting is on Thursday March 10th in Presteigne Memorial Hall at 7.30 - a talk by Ian Marchant – famed for his participation in Presteigne pantomimes. This will be a very lively evening, for sure! Visitors and prospective new members are welcome - £3 on the door. March is our Subscription renewal month, so a very good time to join! We have a great new programme of talks and activities planned – copies are available in Presteigne library. Find us on <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI> Or phone 01544 267245

...**from Presteigne Floral Art Society** : The club meets next on Wednesday 9th March in Presteigne Memorial Hall at 7.30. The demonstration is by Bridgette Manson, entitled 'Sunshine and Showers'. Visitors are very welcome - £5 on the door. Further information and news about resumption of our Thursday flower classes from the Secretary, 01544 340453

OTHER INFORMATION

...**from the Co-Op. Want to find out how to use a community defibrillator and save a life?** Join us and Community Heartbeat on a Zoom meeting on 09/03 as we talk you through what community defibrillators are used for and how to use one, should you need to...Book Your Place - www.mid.coop/heart

...**from Recycle Now. Not ALL glass can be recycled at kerbside.** Glass bottles of any colour like wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks can be recycled at home along with jars, such as sauces, jam and baby food. However! some glass is NOT accepted in our kerbside collections, e.g. glass cookware (like pyrex), microwave plates, drinking glasses and light bulbs, mirrors - this is because some types of glass do not melt at the same temperature and need to be recycled separately. Check with your local HWRC for advice on recycling this sort of glass.

...**from Powys CC. Consultation open on school admission arrangements and catchment maps** for 2023/24 for Early Years, Primary and Secondary schools in line with the Welsh Government's Admissions Code. More <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12274/Consultation-open-on-school-admission-arrangements-and-catchment-maps>

...**Which. British travellers heading to Schengen EU countries** will have to start paying a €7 visa fee by the end of 2022, the European Commission has confirmed <https://whi.ch/VisaFees>

...**Powys Recycles. Register now for fortnightly Garden Waste Collections.** Sign up now at: www.powys.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 01597 827 465. Easy | Clean | Simple

...**from Which. How to delete messages you've sent by accident** – and other essential WhatsApp tips and tricks you need to know. Get all our latest tech news, advice, tips and tricks with our free monthly Tech newsletter <https://whi.ch/tech-newsletter>

...**from Powys CC. Young people in the Presteigne and Knighton area need your help!** We urgently need supported lodgings hosts to provide a spare bedroom, to guide and mentor young people between 16 – 25 years old in Powys, who have previously been in foster care or at risk of becoming homeless. More: <https://crowd.in/iQmUNI>

...**Want to be your own boss? PRIME Cymru are experts at helping people to set up their own business.** If you are exploring the idea of self-employment, but need a little support, please get in touch. Our mentors can support you with exploring ideas, creating business plans, starting up your company and much more. Visit our website, www.primecymru.co.uk to find out more or contact us directly on [01550721813](tel:01550721813)/enquiries@primecymru.co.uk

RIP

...**David John Harvey of Presteigne** passed away peacefully at Leominster Community Hospital on 15th February aged 81 years. Funeral Service at Hereford Crematorium on Thursday 17th March at 12.15pm. Please wear a splash of colour for David. Family flowers only please. Donations to Herefordshire Samaritans. Inquiries Geoff Hall Funerals 01547 528554

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Presteigne Youth Project PYP is looking for volunteers to advise and assist the existing board of Directors** to help improve and secure the future of the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street. This much-loved old building is well used by a variety of community groups both young and old. Experience in building works or projects, or in identifying/applying for potential funding streams, would be especially welcome in connection with our planned renovation and development of the building, however we'd love to hear from anyone who has an interest in keeping local community amenities alive. For info call Claire on [07769824537](tel:07769824537)

...**Sargeants are recruiting drivers for their depots in Hereford and Kington** (Hereford shifts are 4 on 3 off). If you have a PCV licence and would like to join our team or have a driving licence and would like to learn to drive a bus, talk to our Transport Manager 01544 230481

...**Guide Dogs for the Blind** is a well known and respected charity aimed at providing help for those living with sight loss, and the opportunity has presented itself to resurrect the Powys group and to extend it into the Leominster area. However **help is needed to look for fundraising opportunities, help at village fairs, and supermarket bucket collections etc.** The group will work to raise awareness of, and funds for, the charity which in turn will help many people. You will have fun doing it & a great feeling of fulfilment. If you can help please ring Val on 01568 709542 or email any queries to valcarr@hotmail.com

...**Radnor Association for the Blind** has around fifty members with severe eye conditions, and desperately **requires a new Treasurer and committee members.** All reasonable expenses are paid to voluntary staff. Only 5 committee meetings/year, in Llandrindod Wells, where we also hold various functions. All staff are invited to attend these functions free of charge. To contact RAB. Tel: Michael Edwards 01544 267 114 or email: mikeedwards397@gmail.com

...**Presteigne Festival is looking for a Welsh and English language writer with workshop experience** to take part in an exciting education project for primary schoolchildren, to collaborate with talented young musician Sarah Jenkins, the Presteigne Festival's current 'Emerge' composer. For further details, follow the link below: <https://presteignefestival.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/PF2022-Waters-Edge-writer-call-out.pdf>

...**Penoffa Farm Holidays: need a cleaner** on either Friday or Saturday or both. The job requires cleaning self-catering lodge with hot tub and making up beds. For further details, please call or email Miranda on [07962803253](tel:07962803253) or miranda@penoffa.farm.

...**Pentre Farm. Looking for someone that is forest school or bushcraft trained** to join my team as an occasional freelance worker. Will be to assist me in running sessions, some one off, some small blocks, for a variety of participants. Will give plenty of notice of dates and no pressure to take the work. LD8 2RP. See Pentre Farm CIC Facebook page to message us.

... **PAVO Powys Befriending Service - more volunteers needed.** The Befriending service is designed to improve the independence of people > 50 by helping to maintain social networks and enabling them to live in their own homes for as long as they are able. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/need-for-powys-befrienders-has-soared-since-covid/>

...**Ger's Burger Van. Looking for an additional member of staff** to join our small friendly team. Hours/days /pay to be discussed, willing to learn the grill would be an advantage. Good sense of humour and happy personality is a must. Call by @Gers Burger van, or FB message

...**Powys CC. General Fitter for vehicle & plant maintenance & inspection** service. Visit https://ce0278li.webitrent.com/ce0278li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?

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