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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

...new to the Presteigne area or just looking for a local club or organisation, church, sports, hobby, exercise, support group etc ? PACDG have the answers. Visit the Town website (<http://presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations>) to see the PACDG Register of Local Organisations. If you are the Secretary or on the committee of a local group or organisation, please check your entry on the Register and let us know if anything needs updating. Thanks!

...from **Knighton Food Bank / Food Bank @ Presteigne** - working together to help the hungry and those in crisis in Knighton and East Radnor. Do you need help with getting enough food due to large fuel & energy bills? Knighton & East Radnor Food Bank provides crisis food, vouchers for local shops & cleaning products, toiletries & feminine hygiene products to those in our community struggling to make ends meet. We operate from our Knighton food bank & deliver to Presteigne either on a Tuesday or Friday or by prior arrangement in an emergency. If you need our confidential help, contact Helen at helen@knightonfoodbank.co.uk or on 07731 524 058. We welcome donations including vouchers from Carini Butchers, The Salty Dog & Deli Tinto. We also need biscuits, tinned fruit, tinned custard, tuna, sweetcorn & any hygiene products. You can leave items in our box in the Spar, Presteigne

...**Presteigne Festival. Booking open for Online, Postal and Telephone customers** from Tuesday 24 May. Telephone at any time 01544 267800 and leave a message on the answerphone. A member of the Box Office team will call back within 24 hours to take details of your order. (n.b. In-person bookings will open only on Tuesday 9 August)

...from **Welsh Water - to say thank you to the residents of Presteigne** whilst we upgraded the wastewater network, we're offering four community groups the chance to receive £250! So, if you know a community group based within Norton and Presteigne - and they're fundraising for projects that benefit the local community - let them know. For more information and to apply, visit www.dwrcymru.com/Norton-Presteigne. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday, 24th June 2022. Full terms and conditions can be found on our website. Good luck!

...**Mid-Border News - The new summer issue is** available online: if you'd like the link just join our mailing list and I'll send it to you. Email me on midbordernews@gmail.com

...the **June issue of Broad Sheep** will be out this week and is online - www.broadsheep.com

COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to our new Mayor Deb Edwards, and Deputy Mayor Beverley Baynham. Certificates of appreciation were presented to retiring Members at the meeting and long standing retiring Members Colin Kirkby and John Wilding received engraved paperweights.

...**next full Council Meeting** Wednesday 15th June, 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms and online. See Town website www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council for Meeting papers (available 9th June) and latest Draft Minutes of the May meeting.

...**Powys County Council.** Powys County Council's new Leader, Cllr James Gibson-Watt, has today announced the membership of his new cabinet and their areas of responsibility. More <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12751/New-Cabinet-announced>

...from Powys CC. Unpaid carers - apply NOW for £500 support payment <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12756/Unpaid-carers-in-Powys-can-apply-for-500-support-payment>

THANK YOU

...from **Presteigne Carnival**. An enormous Thank You to Presteigne Fire Brigade for once again giving up their free time on a Friday evening to put up the carnival bunting in readiness for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, and of course for Carnival! Also a very big Thank You to Chatterbrook WI (especially Jeanette Washington) for donating the material and making the 400 yards of bunting. Such fantastic community spirit, where would we be without these wonderful people? Enjoy everyone, we now have a lovely festive town ready to celebrate!

...from **Pant Hall Cloister Gardens** - Malcolm and Karen would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to those who visited and gave so generously when we opened to raise money for the Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund - we are thrilled to have raised £3,000 in total! We would also like to thank those who helped make the event a reality - Sabina, Paul, Leon, Caroline, Alithea and Dorothy as well as those who made or brought cakes, and local businesses who donated plants to sell and prizes to raffle! We enjoyed ourselves immensely!

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Advance Warning - Presteigne High Street will be closed to traffic from 10am-8pm on Friday 3rd June for the Jubilee Street Party. Free parking available in both PCC car parks.**

... **We're still looking for friendly, enthusiastic people aged 18 or over to be volunteers at the Ukraine Fundraiser on Saturday 25 June.** If you can spare a few hours to help on the day, please sign up on our website www.sheep-music.co.uk or email info@sheep-music.co.uk

...from **Anna. Hello everyone ! We are a Ukrainian family that fled the war** in our native country. Now we start life with a new page, we are very scared, but would like to be useful for Presteigne. Many residents help us and I believe that you are all the kindest and sweetest neighbours. Now we are looking for a job and would like to ask you, perhaps someone needs to clean the house, drive a weed out of a beautiful garden or just take a walk with a pet - please text Anna 07561 150329 - in Presteigne

Presteigne Carnival news

...**Raffle tickets now on sale!** Big thank you to Artisan Print for both printing and sponsoring the tickets. And of course a Big Thank you to all the prize donors, you really are stars. The tickets will be on sale at the Farmers' Market and in the High Street on the Saturday mornings in June, or please ask a committee member. It costs literally thousands to put on the carnival, so please be generous and you could be a lucky winner!

...**Tug of War. Enter your team now!** Teams of eight (with at least two women). To enter or for info, email Terry at presteignedogman@icloud.com or call 07766 097600. Closing date 30 June.

...**Face painter wanted** on Carnival afternoon. If you're interested to have a pitch at Carnival to do facepainting for children please contact Debbie on 07766 152000 or dbrhdvs6@aol.com.

...**The Warehouse.** To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we have dressed our windows with lots of memorabilia and, commemorate her Majesty's 70 year reign we have many items priced at just 70 pence !!. Come in, take a look and grab yourself a bargain.

...**Sheep Music Annual General Meeting Tuesday 21st June, 7:30pm** at the Assembly Rooms in the downstairs meeting room. Come and hear our latest post-Covid plans & bring your own ideas for future community events. As with so many community initiatives, the sum of Sheep Music is greater than its parts - we welcome new faces, fresh ideas and a greater number of willing volunteers. Open to all. For more information contact: info@sheep-music.co.uk

...from **Rose Cottage**, Presteigne High Street. Our summer menu now has 4 summer platters to choose from, a traditional cheese and ham ploughman's, a mixed fish platter, continental meat platter and vegetable platter. Why not book a table and see how they taste 01544 260600

...**Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club.** Just a reminder that we will be closed on the Queens jubilee. Anyone that need wound dressings will be seen in a clinic at Knighton hospital the day before - back to normal the week after. If you need an appointment please ring 01547 521270.

...**Crocketts. Pulled Welsh beef brisket tacos** with local smoked cheddar and jalapeño salsa, going down a storm at Crocketts!! A little taste of things to come... We'll be serving a select taco menu at this year's Presteigne Carnival on 9th July!!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne's Platinum Party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** on Friday 3rd June from 2pm onwards in Presteigne High Street. See previous Special Issue for full details.

...**Norton bring and share Picnic in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee** on Thursday the 2nd of June from 12noon on the Mill Field. See previous Special Issue for details.

... **Presteigne and Borders Floral Society and St. Andrew's Church are staging a flower festival in honour of the Queens Platinum Jubilee** Thursday 2nd June Friday 3rd June and Saturday 4th June 10am til 4pm - entry free, refreshments available.

...**Presteigne Food Market** Saturday 4 June 9 to 1pm selling local produce - meat, cakes, vegetables, eggs, honey, mushrooms, healthy ready meals, apple juice, handmade herbal cosmetics, plants and the Community Cafe will be serving tea, coffee and cakes. Please note - NO DOGS please, for H&S reasons and in response to concerns expressed by customers.

...**The Hub's Jubilee Breakfast.** New Radnor Sunday June 5. Pop along for a leisurely breakfast in the garden or marquee if it's sunny, followed by a glass of something to toast HRH. Families come and try out our new GIANT GAMES in the garden. Fun for children & adults too.

...**Ukrainian fundraising day of music in Presteigne - save the date! Saturday 25th June.**

[Kington Choral's Spring Concert](#) features music by Schubert, Handel and Vaughan Williams, with guest soloists. 3pm in St Andrew's Church. Retiring collection for Ukraine. £10 (£5 <18s) at the door or book online www.kingtonchoral.org.uk

[Sheep Music and MBA Ukraine Fundraiser](#) - 5 pm to 11.30 pm at The Barn, Went's Meadow. A fantastic line up of bands - The Destroyers, Little Rumba, The Poobahs and DJ Stef Mo with the event compered by Loose Baker. Bar, good food and raffle. The event is raising funds for the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal and Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund.

Tickets £12 for adults, £5 for age 12 and under, and free for age 5 and under. Tickets from The Workhouse Gallery (cash only) or online from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/547366>.

...**from Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association - Invitation to France!** Our twinning town Ligné in France (near Nantes) has invited residents of Norton and Presteigne for a return visit. Now, that travel restrictions have eased, we are just gauging interest in a possible visit: (1) Around 8th October 2022 for the "Presteigne Day" when Ligné celebrates the Twinning in form of a Welsh-themed day! (independent travel); (2) A long weekend during their 22nd October – 6th November 2022 our half term. Participants can, but don't have to, accommodate French visitors in the future! Under 18-year-olds to be accompanied by adults. Please email sonja.parg@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested, have any questions or want to get involved.

...**from Walton Hall. There will be a book and jigsaw swap and sale** at the Hall on Wednesday 8th June from 10am to 1pm. Or simply come and join us for coffee, cake and a friendly chat. Regularly held on the second Wednesday of every month.

...**Presteigne Festival | 25-30 August 2022.** The Festival programme is launched today, celebrating 40 years of fabulous music-making in the glorious surroundings of the Welsh Marches. The Brochure, with details of all 26 events, can be viewed and downloaded via this link <https://bit.ly/3G6NzMk>. We can't wait to see you in August!

...**from MIND. Guided Hypnotherapy for Deep Relaxation.** 2 week FREE in-person course at Presteigne Memorial Hall, Mondays 27th June and 4th July 11:30am - 1.00pm. Tea and biscuits included! Lizzie Cockle Mid & North Powys Mind 07506 114451 www.mnppmind.org.uk

...**from KADOS. Summer Concert** - join us for a jolly evening of singing. Saturday 11th June at 7.30pm Presteigne Methodist Church - a huge variety of musical styles, something for everyone! To make up for not having our pantomime earlier this year we have a mini-panto "Treasure Islet", medleys from Les Misérables, West Side Story, Gilbert & Sullivan and more!

...**from Chatterbrook WI** – next meeting Thursday June 9th Presteigne Memorial Hall 7.30pm. This month we focus on local environmental issues, and have speakers from Dark Skies, Grow Local & Guerrilla Gardeners. Visitors and prospective new members welcome - £4 on the door.

We have a great new programme of talks and activities planned for 2022– copies are available in Presteigne library. Find us on <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI> or call 01544 267245

...from Presteigne Floral Art Society : There is no demonstration meeting this month. Our Summer Lunch will be June 8th, 12.15 at The Corners Inn, Kingsland. For details of these events and Thursday flower-arranging classes at Whitton, call 01544 340453

...East Radnor Ramblers Walks in June. Weds 1st Lingen 7.8 miles; Tues 7th Monaughty 4 miles; Weds 8th Felindre 8.2 miles; Weds 22nd Staunton on Wye 9.5 miles; Weds 29th Hergest Ridge 9.5 miles. Further information at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or call 01544 260524

...Presteigne Races to be held on Broadheath Common 25th June. First race 1.30pm entrance £10 with race card. Refreshments kids entertainment etc.

...Evenjobb village Open Gardens Sunday 19th June from 11am until 4pm raising funds for our village hall. Maps will be available at the village hall at £5 per adult. Refreshments served at the village hall cafe. Additional activities - boules & croquet, and a military diorama on display.

OTHER INFORMATION

...biros and felt tip pens can now be recycled in Presteigne - along with pill blister packs, printer ink cartridges, and printer toner cartridges - at the recycling shelter by the entrance gate to the Old School in Hereford Street (next to Police Station & Baptist Church. Thank you Helen!

...drop off your old unwanted spectacles at Wild Card Tattoos in Presteigne High Street, and Sal will take them to the collection point in Leominster for recycling/re-use.

...Mid Powys GPs ask you to plan ahead for the Queens Jubilee weekend because there will be a four-day holiday weekend with reduced access to GP and pharmacy services.

...from Powys Waste. Recycling and waste collections will not be affected by the Jubilee bank holidays, with collections taking place on both Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June as normal.

...A Household Energy Survey can help you save on your Household Energy costs. Grant funded by UK government so that the surveys cost £35 (or free for those less able to pay). Information is collected from you by local volunteers and compiled into a personal independent report by energy experts at Lightfoot Enterprises in Bishop's Castle. Suggestions on ways to lower your fuel costs, make your home more comfortable and lower your carbon footprint - many simple, cheap and easy to do yourself. Contact Kate & Piet van den Ende 01544 267227

RIP

Pat Mather of Presteigne passed away on 9th May aged 76.

Harry Andrew Crowe of Presteigne passed away on 2nd May aged 91.

Brenda Baker of Presteigne passed away on 24 April aged 84.

Thomas Phillipps Justice Bather of New Radnor passed away on 15th May aged 66. Funeral Service at St Michael & All Angels Church, Lingen Tuesday 7 June at 1pm.

Judi Charlton of Presteigne passed away on Saturday 14th May 2022, aged 76. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne on Friday 10th June 2022 at 11am.

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...from PTHB. Aged 16+? Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship starts Sept. Closing date: 10/06/2022. More: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Powys/Powys Teaching Health Board/Apprenticeship/Apprenticeship-v4167851?ts=16783>

...DM Recruitment - General operatives to work in a busy factory environment in Knighton 6am-6pm / 6pm-6am rotating shifts, 4in/4off. £10.50-£12.00ph. Temporary to permanent opportunity. Immediate start. Recommend-a-Friend £100 bonus. Tel. 01568 250145

...Rose Cottage Flowers & Café - someone to work casual daytime hours from now till October. Send a FB message, call 01544 260600, or pop in to say hi! Presteigne High Street

...Kington Court and Lynhales Hall Nursing Home - Head Housekeepers and Domestic. Contact Samantha Green 07983539330 or <https://rotherwood-people.co.uk/vacancy-search>

...Burgoynes - experienced Class 2 HGV Driver for multi drop 18ton tail gate work. Ring Jonty for more information 01544 340515 or email jonty@burgoynes-lyonshall.co.uk

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