

NEXT ISSUE END-JULY... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS midday 30th JULY
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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

...from John & Di - missing your Abyssinian cat ? "We have regular visits by a rather nicely marked young Abyssinian cat, which is slim and seems always hungry although that's nothing to go by, and eager to interact with us and our cats, and it seems odd that such a nice cat is wandering loose. It is nervy of us but not frightened, but that's understandable. As cat people it weighs heavily on our conscience to see it possibly in distress and doing nothing about it. We have 3 cats of our own already, but if we did not we would probably adopt this one (or vice versa!!) If it doesn't have an owner, we could capture it and take it to the Cats' Protection for re-homing. We are just outside Stapleton, at the start of the long hill towards Lingen, and near the castle." [ed. If you think the cat is yours contact news@pacdg.org and I'll put you in touch]

THANK YOU

...from Presteigne Fire Station. A massive thank you from us to Dale and Owen for organising Presteigne Wheelbarrow Race 2022 and all the spectators who donated to us on route through the town. We raised almost £350! Fantastic occasion with great community spirit!

...from Debbie and Presteigne Carnival. Thank you to everyone who came yesterday afternoon/evening to Presteigne Carnival. After a 3 year gap it was wonderful to be back. The committee is absolutely delighted with how well it all went, a big part of this being down to all the wonderful volunteers who gave their time (& energy on the inflatables) to help make Carnival day the outstanding success it was. It was lovely to hear from various vendors how lovely a carnival, what friendly people, what polite children, what a fantastic atmosphere, it says so much about our small community. We may be small, but we can still put on a hell of a good show!! We could thank so many - sponsors (including Premier who weren't printed on the schedules) raffle donors, all those who gave their time and services, everyone who entered the fancy dress, Country Fair, Tug of War, we could go on and on over the fantastic support we have received this year. A particularly big Thank you to all our families and friends who have lived the stress and work leading up to the big day - phew, and relax! From me to my committee, thank you, what a team, if there were medals for hard work, perseverance, imagination and dedication, you'd be covered in them! Thank you so so much. Finally thank you to Simon, one of our new committee members, for the photographs - see our FB page!!

...News about the **UKRAINE FUNDRAISER** held on Saturday 25 June at Went's Meadow. Supported by the local community, Sheep Music & Mid Border Arts, the Ukraine fundraising event was an unforgettable evening of great music, food and drink & dancing. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who came along, volunteered, contributed or donated. Thank you also to the brilliant bands; The Destroyers, Little Rumba, The Poobahs & to DJ Stef Mo & event compere Ian Marchant. In addition, there was incredibly generous local sponsorship for the event plus donated raffle prizes - thank you to everyone involved. The organisers are over the moon & very proud to announce that the event **raised £10,626**. This fantastic sum will be divided equally between the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis & Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund.

LOCAL COUNCIL NEWS

...**Latest planning application** in to be considered at the July meeting of the Town Council. 22/1063/HH Grid Reference: E:331469 N: 264169 Proposal: First floor extension to bungalow, and the installation of new pvc windows within the north eastern and south-western elevations. Site Address: 6 Appletree Meadow, Presteigne.

...**Ultra Fast Broadband Project - Presteigne and Norton:** Update 8th July. Excellent news to share today. We now have enough of our properties having registered an interest so Broadway Broadband have agreed to progress the project to the next stage and submit a funding application to UK Government. We still need more though as ideally we should have a 5% higher registration level - so please if you haven't signed up can you do so - there is no commitment at all at this point. Or if you already have done so then please spread the word !

SCAM ALERT (from Which? and others)

...**Beware of fake BP fuel cards.** Rising fuel costs are on scammers' radars, inspiring them to create new ways of tempting you to part with your money. A scam Facebook ad impersonating BP claims to give you the chance of receiving 200 litres of fuel for just £1.78. It's a sponsored post – which means the scammer is paying to get it in front of as many people as possible. [Find out how to identify](#), avoid and report this scam.

...**The latest PayPal email scams.** From 'Confirm your email' to 'Your account has been suspended', these scammers carefully use PayPal's logo, branding and other crafty tactics to try to catch you out. See our [latest evidence](#) and what to watch out for.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Find the Bear - that was the challenge offered by PACDG at Carnival.** The lucky finder was Leigh Harling-Bowen who correctly identified Box No.90. Many thanks to those who took part in the hunt.

...**Name the Gorilla - a WI competition at Carnival.** In case you missed the announcement at Carnival, the chosen name was GRIMM [*ed. he's now back in our garden, looking rather!*]

...**July issue of Broad Sheep is out now** and online - www.broadsheep.com

...**from Presteigne St Andrew's Football Club.** PSAFC are delighted to announce that Corin Jones has been appointed the club's new manager. Corin brings with him a wealth of experience as a player with Llandrindod Wells and Knighton Town. He also took his first steps into management while at Bryn-y-Castell as he was the assistant manager with The Robins. Corin feels it's an exciting time to be taking over at Llanandras Park given that the club is back in the Mid Wales League where it will feature in the southern division this season. "Presteigne are a club that should be playing at this level so it's good that the committee has opted to take the promotion," said Corin. "I'm delighted Chris Shurmer has agreed to stay on as assistant manager this season as that will give us some continuity which is obviously important as Chris knows our squad well," he added.

...**More than nail cutting! The Foot Lady Powys** will never just arrive, nip your nails and skedaddle...each appointment is for the holistic care of your feet, no only will your feet be more comfortable but your knees, hips and spine will thank you too! Book now via the FB page The Foot Lady Powys, telephone 01597 821072 or email thefootladypowys@yahoo.com.

...**The Old School/Youth Centre has had a facelift and is looking good!!!!** Looking for an affordable venue in central Presteigne for a child's or family party or celebration, for your group meetings, art dance or exercise classes, or other club activities ? The Old School has two halls, small kitchen, disabled access, wi-fi, computer suite, & private parking, and could be just what you're looking for. Contact the Hire Manager 07766 097600 or presteignedogman@icloud.com.

...**from Kevin, Evenjobb & Community. Broadway Community Broadband!** I am really pleased to tell you that I heard this afternoon that we have reached the 30% number of registrations needed for the project to continue. This is fantastic news , thanks to everyone who registered an interest The next stages are detailed below for anyone who is interested. The next step will be to get the approval of the Broadway Board and for this we need to wait for a slot in their timetable but hopefully in the next couple of weeks. Assuming the go ahead is given then an application will be prepared for grant funding. The funding application will take a few weeks to prepare and once submitted takes an average of four months for a decision. It

can be more, it can be less! Assuming funding is approved the next steps will be for engineers to survey the existing BT infrastructure and prepare a work plan. Thanks all Kevin

...from Victoria Fish Bar, Presteigne. The shop will be closed Tuesday 26th July for 1 week. We will reopen Tuesday 2nd August. Sorry for any inconvenience caused

...from Powys CC & Freedom Leisure. FREE Children's sporting activities this summer - just a flavour of what's on offer at Freedom Leisure Centre across Powys - Benchball - Tennis - Cricket - Hockey - Football - Swimming over 8s - Bouncy castle - under 8s. Interested? Book your child a place now - <http://ow.ly/BWsK50JTJyF>

...from Hannah. Hello! We have a field we are considering converting to a secure field for dog owners and dog trainers to hire out in Evenjobb. This field would have a 6' fence, free parking and a doggy play area (agility style equipment). We need to find out if there is any interest locally before investing time and money in the planning application and construction of the dog proof fencing and parking. If you are interested, please email hannah.gwatkin@icloud.com.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Presteigne Repair - Saturday 16th July at The Old School, Hereford Street.

...FREE Pyjama Drama imaginary adventure for 4-7 year olds, Presteigne, Sat July 16th <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pyjamadramasouthpowys/t-nokxdpv>

...Leon's supper club - Spanish night on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd July 7pm start £25.00 per head bring your own drinks - ensalada mixta - **calamares a la romana** - gambas pil pil - **zarzuela de marisco** (the best Spanish fish and seafood stew ever) - dessert torta de Santiago served with local vanilla ice cream or Spanish cheese board. Book early!

...from Presteigne Library. Storytime at the library is back! Come along on Saturday the 30th of July at 10.30 for fun and stories, and on the last Friday of every month after that. Suitable for children aged 1 - 4 years old accompanied by a parent.

...Norton Show & Norton Community Hub jointly present a CRAFT FAIR. Went's Meadow Presteigne, Bank Holiday Monday 29th August, 12noon till 5pm. Crafts (£10 a table), Vintage Cars, Horticultural Tent, Car Boot, Dog Show, Archery, Children's Entertainer, Refreshments, Bar. For more details contact Chris Price [01544 267898](tel:01544267898)

...Whitton Village Hall - Parent Carer Group. Our very first local parent carer group is starting next week, on Wednesday 6th between 9:30 - 11:30 at Whitton Hall. This is a really exciting opportunity to meet and connect with other local parent carers. If you would like more info then please get in touch. Lets spread the word and get this group off to an amazing start.

...Powys Open Gardens - NGS Newsletter - <https://mailchi.mp/6c1b1c5b1f8f/gardens-open-in-powys-15037204?e=5c07b6a7d9>

...Lingen Village Hall. Botanical Drawing Class, starts Wednesday 28 September. 10am to 1pm for 4 weeks. Only limited places £70. To reserve your place email lvhclerk@outlook.com or ring 07799 755244

...Art Workshops for children at The Rodd. Throughout the summer Sidney Nolan Trust is offering a variety of art workshops for children. The workshops are suitable for ages 5 and upwards and adapted to suit different aged participants. £5 per child. Parent/guardian free. Please book in advance <https://www.sidneynolantrust.org/your-visit/whats-on/>

Cyanotype Photography - Friday 22 July 11am-12noon; Monoprinting - Friday 29 July 11am-12noon; Aboriginal Painting - Thursday 4 August 2-3pm; Silkscreen Print - Friday 5 August 11am-12noon; Drawing - Friday 12 August 11am-12noon; Sculpture - Friday 19 August 11am-12noon; Paper Marbling - Friday 26 August 11am-12noon

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Powys Recycling. Cartons, often referred to as TetraPaks, can now be recycled through your weekly recycling collections by adding them to your RED recycling box. The types of cartons we can now accept in the kerbside RED recycling boxes are drink cartons such as juices, smoothies and milk, and food cartons, such as soup, tomatoes and pulses. Just give them a quick rinse, squash, and add to your red recycling box. After your recycling has been collected and delivered to the county's waste transfer station, the cartons are separated from the plastics and cans and baled together. These bales are then collected by the

Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment (ACE) UK, who process them at their dedicated reprocessing facility. As a reminder, in the red boxes we can now collect:

- Clean and empty plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- Clean and empty tins, cans, kitchen and bathroom aerosols, foil and metal lids
- Clean and empty food and drink cartons

[ed. - currently you can also recycle these cartons, plus coffee cups and Pringle-type tubes, in the three large wheeled ACE recycling bins at the Bring Site]

...from Herefordshire CC. Look out for Giant hogweed this summer. The sap from this invasive species can make the skin become very sensitive to sunlight & you may suffer blistering, pigmentation & long-lasting scars. Find out more to keep safe: <https://orlo.uk/xDt61>

...from Which. Every household to get £400 energy grant. The grant DOES NOT have to be repaid and replaces the £200 repayable energy credit announced earlier this year.

...from the BBC - only 3 months left for you to spend your old paper bank notes before they stop being legal tender! More info at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-61895327>

...from Recycle Now. Paint tins are not collected for recycling at home, but they can be recycled at certain locations. Empty plastic and metal paint tins can be recycled free of charge at any of the 145 Crown Decorating Centres across the country via their Can Back scheme. Any make of paint tin is accepted but tins must be clean and dry, with no more than 1cm of dried paint left. In 2020 this led to over 200 tonnes of plastic being recycled, let's keep up the great work. If you're not sure what to do with your leftover paint, check out our website for more information: <https://www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item/paint>

...The Big #ButterflyCount 2022 starts today !! it's a UK-wide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see. Enjoy 15 minutes outside (in the shade!) and register how many butterflies you observe anytime until 7 August. Download the app now for both Apple & Android devices, or take part in the count via the website <http://bigbutterflycount.org>

...Powys Recycles - New 'recycle on the go' litter bins are popping up across the county, allowing us to all keep up the momentum and recycle our waste while we are out and about. More: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12910/Recycle-on-the-go>

...from Powys Libraries. Children across Powys are encouraged to join the Summer Reading Challenge and spark their curiosity about the world around them. To get involved, visit your local library, or sign up online for the digital challenge: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>.

...Powys Recycles. Small electrical items, such as laptops, cordless power tools, mobiles, toothbrushes, and cameras, can be recycled at our Household Waste Recycling Centres. But, where possible, please remove any batteries first and put these in the containers provided. If you can't take the batteries out, please put the whole item in the battery recycling container.

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...Presteigne Building Supplies - Part time accounts & office administrator. 2-3 days per week. Prior experience of purchase ledger collation, entry and month end payments, bank reconciliation & maintaining H&S records preferred. Call or email for application.

...Powys Recycles - drivers and crew members across Powys. Good rates of pay, plus opportunities for overtime. Full training and uniform provided. Good work/life balance, plus early finish on a Friday! Apply online now - www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

...Dyfed-Powys Police - Firearms Enquiry Caseworker. Visit <https://orlo.uk/QUP2z>

...Presteigne Little People's Day Care Nursery - Setting Manager - a warm, committed person to run our much-loved setting offering term time full day care for preschool age, plus wrap around care and holiday club from 6 months to 12 years. The setting is registered for 48 places. Separate sessions are provided off site for parents and toddlers. Salary: From £26k depending on skills and experience. Location: Adjacent to Presteigne Primary School, Presteigne, LD8 2NH. Closing date: 6th August. Interviews: week Commencing 8th August. Informal visits are welcome. Enquiries, application forms and job description / person specification available from: Ann Wake: Committee Chairperson call 07734528571 or email chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

...FLT driver in Knighton. £12.00/h. 4 in 4 off pattern; nights/days. Full time only - general FLT duties; licence in date essential. Contact us 01213141369 / birmingham@smartsolutions.co.uk

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