

# Community News

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**An urgent plea from the Fire Brigade - please DO NOT PARK on the double-yellow lines by the Lloyds ATM (anywhere from the mini roundabout to past the Police Station!) as this has caused real problems on a number of occasions for the fire engine needing to get out onto Hereford Street.** Even if you're only there for a few minutes using the ATM, if that corresponds with an urgent 'shout' for the fire brigade it could have serious consequences - and remember that double-yellow parking is illegal !!

**There's still time - just ! - to enter a team for the inaugural Tug of War at Carnival on Saturday** afternoon 13th July. You need a team of eight, a mixed team with at least two women. **Entry is only £20 per team with a prize and trophy for the winning team, and closes Saturday 6th July.** To enter or for information please email Terry on [presteignedogman@icloud.com](mailto:presteignedogman@icloud.com) or call/text 07766 097600.

**The Presteigne Wheelbarrow Race through the town returns on Friday 12th July with a 7pm start from the Leisure Centre.** Entry £20 per barrow raising funds for Presteigne Carnival and Presteigne Firefighters. Registration from 6.30pm on the Friday at the East Radnorshire Leisure Centre. Prizes £50 each for fastest Men's, Women's and Mixed teams (one-wheel barrows only) plus a £50 prize for the Best Fancy Dress. To enter call Dale on 07772 700603 or Owen on 07960 411206 or via the Facebook page.

**....and then, the big event of the month...Presteigne Carnival on Saturday 13th July. Because of the ongoing road works on Hereford Street, the Parade this year will assemble and start from the Memorial Hall at 12:45pm, going down Station Road, and through the High Street and Scottleton Street to Went's Meadow for an afternoon and evening of fantastic entertainment from 1.30pm to 11.00pm. n.b. Floats assemble in the recycling lay-by just across the road from the Memorial Hall.**

We're all looking forward to seeing all the wonderful floats and fancy dress, and all the country fair class entries. Many congratulations to this year's Carnival Queen Stephanie Seidman, Senior Attendant Grace Traylor, and Junior Attendants Elsa Layton-Jones & Lincoln Bliss.

With just under two weeks to go to Carnival day, final preparations and arrangements are being made for a wonderful day in Presteigne. **If you are able to spare an hour to help man a stall during the Saturday afternoon, help set up on Went's Meadow during the day on Friday 12th July (from 8am), or help with pulling down and clear-up on Sunday 14th July it would be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with Debbie Davies on 01544 267044 or come along to Went's Meadow on the Friday or Saturday morning, and ask for Debbie or Lisa.**

If you haven't already got your Carnival raffle tickets, they're almost sold out but the last few will be on sale at the Farmer's Market on Saturday 6th July. Some of the raffle prizes can be seen in the window display in Bennett's on the High Street.

The Carnival committee would like to thank the local businesses, individuals and all our volunteers for their sponsorship, time and services, without whom the Carnival could not happen. **THANK YOU ALL - AND HAVE A GREAT DAY AT THE CARNIVAL (and hope for good weather like last year!!)**

**There is currently a vacancy on the Town Council caused by the resignation of Councillor Simon Dixon.** A formal notice of the vacancy was posted on 20th June - if you want to know more about the Town Council or how the vacancy can be filled, please see the Council's pages on the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk) for more details, and/or contact the Town Clerk Tracey Price - email [pntc@hotmail.com](mailto:pntc@hotmail.com) or text to 07866 815622

**A message from Helen, Senior Nurse at The Bracken Trust Cancer Support Centre**, which has been providing cancer support in Llandrindod Wells for over twenty years...*I wanted to highlight to the Town Council and wider population of Presteigne that the Trust has secured Big Lottery funding to offer cancer support services in Knighton on the first Monday of each month. A large number of people from Presteigne have accessed our services in the past and we hope that by bringing them to Knighton this will make them more accessible to the people of Knighton, Presteigne and surrounding areas. The services at Knighton are based in the Community Centre and offer trained nurse, complementary and counselling therapy to anyone affected by cancer. Patients, carers or those who have experienced a cancer related bereavement are welcome to attend, free of charge. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me - Helen Davies 01597 823646*

**Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society news.....** we next meet on Wednesday July 10th at 7.30pm in Presteigne Memorial Hall for a demonstration by Nicky Heal . The title this month is *Summer Inspiration*. Visitors are welcome: £5. .... then on Sunday July 14th we have an Open Garden event at 22 Westfield Walk, Leominster from 2pm to 4.30pm. Teas, plants and other stalls. Entry £2. All proceeds to the Society. Information from Avril, 01547 529244 or Sue, 01568 589545

**There will be a Civic Service at St. Andrew's, Presteigne, to mark our own Beverley Baynham's appointment as Chair of Powys County Council on Sunday 7th July at 11a.m.** All are welcome.

### **DID YOU KNOW ?**

**....the RBL Social Club hosts Slimming World every Wednesday, and the social club itself is open Friday & Saturday nights as well as lunchtime on a Sunday.** The Hall is available for functions - see its entry on the PAC Register of Local Venues for Hire, on the Town website [http://www.presteigne.org.uk/sites/default/files/fileman/2019\\_May\\_PAC\\_REGISTER\\_of\\_MEETING\\_PREMISES.pdf](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/sites/default/files/fileman/2019_May_PAC_REGISTER_of_MEETING_PREMISES.pdf)

**....there are special boxes in The Library and in Spar for collecting used batteries**, which are taken by the European Recycling Forum. Household portable AA, AAA, C, D laptop & power tool batteries are all accepted, the only restriction is that they must be able to fit through the hole in the top of the collection box.

**....(from Rolly)** a while back someone offered **unused hearing aid batteries** on Freegle (which found a good home, which is great). An alternative would be to **drop them in to the Circle**, every Tuesday at the Youth Club in Hereford Street 9.30 - 1.30pm then they can be passed on to the monthly Hearing Clinic. Other batteries: buying rechargeable (extended life) if you have or can get a charger, is an even better option. Best make is Eneloop (with reuse and the environment in mind) sold by Panasonic or Fujitsu.

**....the Library and St. Andrew's Church both collect used postage stamps for our Day Centre** from where they are sold on to collectors to boost ERDC funds.

**....community tables and gazebos are available for use by community groups located within the Presteigne and Norton Town Council area.** An application form must be completed and any damage must be rectified. If you need more information or to chat about potential use please contact the Clerk, Tracey Price by email on [pntc@hotmail.com](mailto:pntc@hotmail.com). Please apply at least two weeks in advance.

...the **Old Garage Warehouse High Street, tel no [07496732067](tel:07496732067) is open Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri 10.00 - 4.30 and Sat 10.00 - 2.00 and sells white goods, electrical goods (PAC-tested), household & garden items, furniture etc.** This is a PNCS project raising funds to provide community drivers for residents.

...**The Body Shop's new in-store recycling scheme allows customers to take back their empty cosmetic bottles, jars, tubs, tubes and pots** to participating @TheBodyShop UK stores so TerraCycle® can recycle them. TerraCycle® will recycle and re-purpose the accepted packaging into new products from watering cans and storage containers to outdoor furniture.

**This month's LOCAL FOOD MARKET will be on Saturday 6th July 9am - 1pm at the Memorial Hall.**

As well as customers' favourite artisans there are often new producers who will be looking forward to sharing their enthusiasm for excellent local food. A cookery demonstration is also planned, the details of which are yet to be finalised. The Community Cafe will of course be present for customers' relaxation and pleasure, serving Fairtrade teas, coffee, squash and delicious homemade cakes.

**If you want to speak to your Town Councillors about anything, Cllrs. Lisa Veary and Pam Linnet will be manning the Council Surgery table at this month's Local Food Market** in the Memorial Hall.

**Chatterbrook WI still have a few spaces left for visitors on their Summer Outing to Hampton Court, Thursday 4th July.** The visit includes a guided tour of the castle by historian Catherine Beale. Cost £21 for coach and tour. Enquire to [lesleyhwilding@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyhwilding@gmail.com) or tel. 07585 957704.

**A message from Ruth Watson about a concert "Bach & Beyond" in Discoed on Wednesday 17th July** at 7.30pm "...this is by way of a memorial concert for the poet Edward Storey who died last year.

Edward was very involved in the restoration of the beautiful Discoed Church which he lived next door to, through the friends of St. Michael's. In the early years of fundraising, David Ponsford and I put on many concerts there and thought we would like to do one in the now fabulously restored church as a tribute to Edward and all the hard work he put in over the years. We are joined by the eminent young soprano and daughter-in-law of David, Alison Ponsford-Hill. The programme will include a setting of William Blake Poems by Vaughan Williams, songs by Purcell, Handel German Arias, an Oboe Sonata by Telemann and extracts from the work 'A Discoed Tapestry' which Trevor Hold composed in collaboration with Edward. The programme concludes with a selection of divine Bach Arias with oboe obligato. There will also be a few of Edward's favourite poems read by Angela Storey and local actor Paul Fields (Paul Clarke). I do hope to see you there. Ruth

**A TASTE OF PRESTEIGNE FESTIVAL August 2019** ...this year's Presteigne Festival (22nd to 27th August) has an American theme running throughout its 27 events, with music by Gershwin, Copland, Dvorak and many others. Composers in residence are Cheryl Frances Hoad and US harpist Hannah Lash.

The Festival also features writers Ian Marchant, Nicholas Murray and Fiona Sampson, biographer of Mary Shelley. Welsh art expert Peter Lord returns with a special reflection on the work of Kyffin Williams.

Tony Lawson curates and introduces a short Festival film series. Open Studios and other exhibitions again feature across the August Bank Holiday weekend. The opening night (August 22, 7.45pm) celebrates the great Broadway legend Richard Rodgers.

A superb international cast breathes life into saints and sinners, young lovers and femmes fatales with classic numbers from musicals including *South Pacific*, *The Sound of Music* and *Oklahoma!* All event details and online booking are now available at [www.presteignefestival.com](http://www.presteignefestival.com).

Telephone/In person booking is available from 15 July on 01544 267 800

**PAVO (Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations) are organising training in Knighton** - the session originally planned on 3rd July is CANCELLED, although Ryan the trainer will be there all day on 3rd in case anybody wants a one to one conversation. **The training on Wednesday 17th July however is going ahead. It includes:** \*Community Connections Fair from 12.30 - 5pm \*Finding and Keeping Volunteers 12.30 - 3pm (£7) \* Afternoon Tea / networking 3 - 5 (with cakes from Lou's baked treats) by donation \*What Every Board Member Needs to Know 5 - 7.30pm - this FREE session should be of particular interest to anybody who is or wants to become a Trustee or a Committee member in any local charity. To book call Ryan on 01597 822191

**Welcome to Virginia at No. 50 High Street (previously Winnie's) selling a mix of new and pre-loved ladies fashion (Toast, Masai, Max Mara, Crea, White Company etc.) - pop in for something a little different; and to Susan at Windsor Grey next door (Antiques & Interiors, Vintage Textiles) - really good to see both these shops back in use.**

**Several local residents are interested in setting up a monthly Repair Café or Make 'n Mend session in Presteigne.** The idea is to provide a regular local venue where people can take their items to be repaired and get information and share skills and ideas for repairing and re-purposing items instead of throwing them away and buying new. **If you have ideas, repair or up-cycling skills and would like to be part of this initiative, or just to know more, please contact Rolly on [rollybea@gmail.com](mailto:rollybea@gmail.com).**

### **LOCAL EVENTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF JULY**

**Sunday 7th July - Civil Service in St Andrew's Church** (see item above)

**Saturday 6th July - Local Food Market** (see item above)

**Sunday 7th July - Civic Service** in St. Andrew's Church, 11am

**Wednesday 10th July - Presteigne & Borders Floral Arts Society** (see item above)

**Wednesday 10th July - Presteigne Evergreen Club have a Trip to Aberystwyth.** Cost £13 pp. Depart Norton 8.50am, Recycling Layby Presteigne 9am. Contact Judi on 01544 267 420.

**Friday 12th July - Presteigne Wheelbarrow Race** (see item above)

**Friday 12th and Saturday 13th July - The Chopper Club Wales present the Carnival Bike Show and Party In The Yard.** Live bands both days with food, real ale, cold beers. Bike Show on the Carnival field with cash prize for Best in Show. The WoodYard, Knighton Road. Gates open from 12noon Friday. £10 admission on gate which includes free camping (back patch by prior arrangement)

**Saturday 13th July - Presteigne Carnival** (see item above)

**Saturday 13th July - Gather Round...and Sing for Fun with Marion Rowlett** 10.30am to 12 noon at The Assembly Rooms. Info 01544 260 466 (note - no Gather Round in August or September)

**Sunday 14th July - Afternoon Tea @ Walton Village Hall.** 2.30 to 5pm. A selection of dainty and delicious sandwiches, savouries and cakes with a variety of teas and coffees. £7.50pp. Contact 01544 350511.

**Sunday 14th July - Kinsham Country Show & Classics** from 11am at the Village Hall. £4 (children free)

**Wednesday 17th July - "Bach & Beyond"** 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Discoed. Tickets £12 (<18 free) from Courtyard Antiques (see item above)

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 - simply email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com).

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - email text (not poster images please) at least 3 weeks in advance to [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com).

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