

Community News

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an information service from PAC - the Presteigne Area Community Group

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THE BIG BARNANZA - A celebratory event to open the new Community Barn.

Sheep Music are pleased to announce that **on Friday 6th September**, they will be hosting the official opening of Presteigne's brand new Community Barn on Went's Meadow. This is your chance to see it in its final glory and celebrate with all the community who have given their time and money to make it happen.

Great live music from Dom Pipkin and The Ikos, Tommi C plus ShedHeads. Bar and delicious food will be available. Doors open from 7.15pm and the event runs from 7.30pm to 11pm. Tickets: 18 and over £10, 14 to 17 yrs £5, under 14s free. Tickets available online from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/479009>, or in-person from The Workhouse Gallery and The Salty Dog. Limited capacity for this event so please book early if you want to be a part of this special evening! Location: The Community Barn, Went's Meadow, Presteigne

Sharppp Chat discussion group, 'Presteigne: Home of the free'. How free are we? with Maggie Taylor-Sanders, Wednesday 4th September, 7.30, Assembly Rooms. Are we too constrained in our daily lives, who's to say what we can and can't do? Or are we too free, allowing us to run rough-shod over the world? Which freedoms are essential and which should we have taken from us? All things to ponder.

LOCAL FOOD MARKET - Saturday 7th September 9 - 1pm Memorial Hall

This is the place where you can find fantastic food produced by local artisans. The Community Cafe will of course be there, serving Fairtrade teas, coffee and delicious homemade cake, produced by local volunteers.

The October Market will include a plant swap, including houseplants.

Also - ATTENTION PUMPKIN GROWERS: please bring your season's bounty, whatever its size or weight. It might win a prize!

Repair Presteigne: skill share...make do & mend monthly session of household items, starts on Sat 21st September. Venue: Youth Centre (Old School) Hereford Street, 10.30- 12.30 free & open to all.

Helpers wanted....people good at mending and making, admin support, first aider and anyone with PAT testing equipment or experience. Contact rollybea5@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?....The Community Cafe has raised, since June 2013, almost £5,500 for local charities and groups !

A message from Ann Curtis....Whilst being its leader has not been a complicated role and has certainly been lots of pleasure, a new leader is required to take over from February next year. For me personally it has been incredibly heartwarming to see just how supportive the Presteigne community is. The Cafe owes its success to an excellent and efficient community spirit which in itself is made up of a great team of volunteers who give their time, goodwill and of course, fantastic baking skills. Then there are the loyal Cafe customers who it has been a pleasure to serve. Everyone who comes to the Local Food Market, for whatever reason, are aware of the benefit their visit brings to their own community. For all this goodwill to continue someone is needed to take over as Cafe Leader. Perhaps one of Presteigne's fourteen organisations or groups could consider taking on that role on a rotational basis?

If you would like any details about any aspect of what is involved please email ann.curtis@btinternet.com

To coincide with h.Art, this month's Artist and Makers fair will be at The Old School in Whitton LD7 1NP on Saturday 7th September....with a selection of work from local artists and makers, alongside this year's h.Art exhibition in the gallery. The Museum will also be open with tea and cakes available ... contact Rosamund on 01544 260777 or rosamund7@hotmail.co.uk. See website www.radnorshireartsandcraftsfoundation.org

More exciting news from the Norton Community Trust! Progress continues on plans to adapt the St Andrew's Norton church building into a community centre, and the draft plans are now available for all to see. Whether you're from Norton or Presteigne or even further afield, you're invited to our **Open Morning on Friday 6th September, from 10am till 12.30pm at St Andrew's Norton** - come and have a look at the draft plans, share a coffee and ask questions, and tell us what you think. If you like what you see, show your support by signing up to become a member of the Trust - no financial or legal obligation, and no need to live in Norton! For more info contact John [01544 267048](tel:01544267048).

A reminder from Dyfed-Powys Police about their Community Messaging System (DPCM)..... this has moved to a new platform. If you were already signed up to DPCM, have not yet re-subscribed but would like to continue to continue as a DPCM subscriber, receiving news, appeals and information on our work in your community, please visit www.dpcm.co.uk. We've also updated the types of messages you can sign up to receive from us, and you'll be able to update your preferences during this process. Thank you, Dyfed-Powys Police

The 45th Season of Presteigne Screen gets underway this month. Our programme for Autumn 2019 can now be viewed online at www.presteignescreen.org.uk. The Autumn season starts on Saturday 7th September with 'Wild Rose'. As the *Wall Street Journal* puts it, Jessie Buckley is 'an earful, an eyeful and a heartful' as would-be country singing star wild Rose-Lynn Harlan from Glasgow. There's no 'would-be' about her voice though, that's for sure, or her full-on two-fingered attitude to life, or her utterly credible talent as she takes on the US country capital of Nashville. But is it all a hope too far in a town stuffed with wannabes? Buckley (last seen in 2018's *Beast*, and earlier in the BBC's *War and Peace*) blazes across the screen as Rose-Lynn and tries to ignore both her children and her ex-con ankle tag, much to the affectionate outrage of her mother Marion (a touching Julie Walters). Don't miss it!

Regular happenings at the New Radnor Hub.....

Every Wednesday Informal art group 2-4 pm. All welcome, help given if required. Call Jenny Burton: 01544 350242 or Susan Davies: 01544 350616

Every Friday is PHuB night 6.30-11pm Simple food from 6.30pm on a first come first served basis.

John Beddoes Campus (Newtown High School) is celebrating some excellent GCSE results and personal achievements this year. This year's results saw a rise of 6 points in the school's overall 'Capped 9' score, which is now the main Key Performance Indicator in Welsh Schools.

Notable performers were Julianna Watts who achieved 4 A*s, 5 As, 1 Distinction (in Additional Maths) and 3 Bs, an average wider points score of 495 points; Grace Jones who achieved 4 A*s, 5 As and 1 B, an average wider points score of 492 points; Hannah Bright who achieved 1 A*, 8 As, 1 Distinction (in Additional Maths) and 3 Bs, an average wider points score of 477 and Mair Hughes who achieved 1 A*, 8 As and 2 Bs, an average wider points score of 474. Rob Edwards, Headteacher, said *"The results achieved by the students are encouraging and shows clear improvement and an upward trend in some key areas. We are very proud of all our students and their hard work this year. The students continue to embrace the positive changes made to the school and have seized every opportunity afforded to them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for their support during the year."*

Tai chi classes will be starting again soon. The first classes will be on Monday the 9th and Thursday 12th September in The Assembly Rooms.

Monday - Beginners class 5 to 6pm - Continuing class 6 to 7pm

Thursday - Complete form class 5 to 6pm, Continuing class 6 to 7pm, Continuing class 7 to 8pm.

For anyone wanting to begin, begin again or refresh the basics - come along on Monday from 5 to 6pm

EAST RADNOR RAMBLERS - WEEKDAY WALKS - September 2019. All walks start at 10am unless stated otherwise. Tuesday 3 September Short Walk. Warren Wood, Llan Evan Dingle. 4 miles (approx.) Moderate. Exp 200 SO 185597. Park at Water-Break-its-Neck FC Car Park (NOT near A44). Jenny H 01544 350698, 07580 240566. Wednesday 4 September, Lingen, Harley's Mountain, Noisy Hall, Toposcope (optional). 9 miles Moderate. Exp 201 SO 365672 Lingen Village Hall. £1 per car parking donation. Lynne & Julie 07791 576174, 07977 414419. Wednesday 11 September. Gladestry Circular. 9.5 miles Moderate. Exp 201 232552 Gladestry Village Hall, David 01544 370212

Alithea is arranging a **Mindful Walk in Nature - for mental health and well being on September 10th.** 11am-1pm. Meeting at the Scout Hut in Presteigne. (Knighton Rd, Presteigne LD8). £5. The pace is slow and the walk fairly easy, lasting around 45 minutes. Please wear suitable foot wear and clothing. Booking is essential as the weather may change the time and venue! For more details please contact Alithea on [07899 361 316](tel:07899361316) or email alitheawaterfield@gmail.com. If you are new to the practise, mindful walks in nature are a wonderful way to introduce yourself to Mindfulness. The initial guided meditation, helps you to settle back into your body, whilst opening your senses to the experience of being in a natural environment. For those who are more established in mindfulness the walk helps to support and nurture your own practise and enquiry. The walk will start with a short introduction and guided meditation followed by the mindful walk, where the invite is to deepen the meditation, supported by guidance from myself. Apart from the guidance, the walk is silent, until the reflection and enquiry at the end of the walk. The pace is slow and the walk fairly easy, lasting around 45 minutes. Please wear suitable foot wear and clothing. Booking is essential as the weather may change the time and venue! For more details please contact Alithea on [07899 361 316](tel:07899361316) or email alitheawaterfield@gmail.com

A Date for your Diary....Twinning Trip to Ligné, France in October....Muscadet Vinyard - French cooking workshop - Les Machines in Nantes & more! No French language skills needed! We invite all Presteigne & Norton Residents to join us, leaving Presteigne by coach late afternoon , Friday 25th October 2019 & returning Tuesday 29th late evening. We subsidise children's and teenagers places on the coach. Total cost per adult £100-150. Free accommodation, food, entertainment thanks to the great hospitality of our French hosts. Email: sonja.parg@yahoo.co.uk to book places & for further information, join our fb group: Presteigne/Norton - Ligné Twinning Group, check out the exciting Jules Verne inspired Theme Park with a difference: Les Machines [Les machines de l'île - Machine of the isle of Nantes](#). Brexit won't break our friendship!!!

Sunday 1st September - Music Night at The Hub, New Radnor 7pm, with Catherine Handley and Huw Chidgey. Superb Folk Duo performing music from around the British Isles on voice, guitar, flute and keyboard. Tickets £8 from [01544 350559](tel:01544350559) or on the door

Sunday 1st September - Presteigne Allotment Open Afternoon - Teas, cakes, fresh produce to buy, games and the weigh-in to find out who has grown the heaviest crop of potatoes in their bucket this year. Look around the plots, admire the variety of fruit and vegetables grown there.....and be inspired to grow your own! See local posters for timings nearer the date.

Sunday 1st September - MBA presents "Truckstop Honeymoon" and "Little Rumba" plus the Dr. John Quiz, 8pm at The Assembly Rooms. Tickets £12 from wegottickets.com and The Workhouse (cash only)

Tuesday 3rd September - Presteigne Memorial Hall AGM. 11AM IN THE memorial Hall. Allwelcome

Wednesday 4th September - Coffee morning at The Hub, New Radnor. 9.15-11.30am all welcome.

Wednesday 4th September - Sharppp Chat at The Assembly Rooms (see item above)

Friday 6th September - the Big Barnanza at the new Community Barn (see item above)

Friday 6th September - Open Morning at St. Andrew's, Norton (see item above)

Saturday 7th September - Local Food Market (see item above)

Saturday 7th September - Artists & Makers Fair (see item above)

Saturday 7th September - Presteigne Screen's "Wild Rose" (see item above)

Saturday 7th September - Open Day at Presteigne Fire Station. Defibrillator demos and training, lots of stalls, specialist appliances, lots of stalls, Police and Ambulance and much, much more !

Sunday 8th September - Music Night at The Hub, New Radnor 7pm. The Clint Bradley Band - an evening of pure Western Music. Tickets £10 from [01544 350559](tel:01544350559), the Hub, or The Workhouse, Presteigne, or on the door

Monday 9th September - start of Tai Chi classes (see item above)

Tuesday 10th September - Mindful Walk in Nature (see item above)

Wednesday 11th September - Quiz Night @ Bowls Club is back after the summer break. 7.30pm for 8pm start. Presteigne Bowls Social Club (opposite The Little Shop on Hereford Street). Teams of up to 4. £2.50pp. Full bar, coffee and cake! Prizes and Raffle. All proceeds from this Quiz go towards the next Presteigne Food & Flower Festival. Reserve your table by text to Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

Wednesday 11th September - Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society meets at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall for a demonstration by Katherine Kear. The title this month is *Doofers*. Visitors are welcome: £5. Information from Avril, 01547 529244 or Sue, 01568 589545

Thursday 12th September - Chatterbrook WI are hosting an OPEN MEETING - free of charge - at 7.30pm in Presteigne Memorial Hall. **The Leominster-based dance group COURTESIE will be here, in costume, to demonstrate their historic dances.** All welcome - especially newcomers to the area - or anyone who might like to join us at Chatterbrook WI. Do stay and chat afterwards over a glass of wine! We thank the Board of Trustees of Powys Radnor WI Federation for funding this event. Further information: [01544 267245](tel:01544267245)

Friday 13th September - Lingen Flix presents 'Fisherman's Friends' (12A) British Drama/Comedy 7.30pm in Lingen Village Hall. Stars: Daniel Mays, James Purefoy, David Hayman, Tuppence Middleton 2019 biographical based on a true story about Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends, a group of Cornish fishermen who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties. Adult £5/child £3.50 Refreshments Book a seat: [01544 267736](tel:01544267736) Lingen Hall

Saturday 14th September - "Flamenco y Tapas" at The Memorial Hall. Starts 19.00. Bar open to 22.00. Tapas by Leon and entertainment from Flamenco Loco with Kostka Garcia and dancers Amanda Frescura and Aneta Skut. Tickets £25 pp from The Salty Dog, Presteigne 01544 267720 (promoted by CONNECT - the Presteigne Area Business Network)

Sunday 15th September - Music Night at The Hub, New Radnor 7pm, with the phenomenal jazz guitarist Remy Harris. Tickets £10 [01544 350559](tel:01544350559) or at The Hub.

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.

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.

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