

# **PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

## **WELCOME PACK**

The Chamber of Trade provides new members and potential new members with a welcome pack of information about the Chamber's activities.

Please find enclosed herewith a synopsis of the Chamber's activities, a copy of the Chamber's Constitution, some contact information, which we hope you will find interesting and useful. Also enclosed is an application form we would be grateful if you could fill in and return to the address shown, so that we can correctly register your details in our records. This information will not be divulged to any other individual or organisation without your permission.

The Chamber has monthly meetings on the first Monday in each month except January and August. We do hope you will attend these meetings, which are very informal, and usually involve some interesting discussion about issues to do with living and working in Presteigne.

Once you are a member you should receive each month either by hand or in the post or by email a copy of the previous meeting's Minutes along with an Agenda for the next meeting. If you do not receive these please contact the secretary using the contact details enclosed.

You can also keep up to date with Chamber of Trade activities by visiting the Chamber of Trade page on the Presteigne and Norton Town website at [Presteigne.org.uk](http://Presteigne.org.uk). There you will find the most recent approved minutes of the meetings, the contact details for the Chamber's officers, and some general information about the Chamber's activities.

Please feel free to contact any of the Chamber's officers in connection with any matter to do with the Chamber's activities, or any matter that you feel is important and we will do our best to include it for discussion at the next meeting.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Chamber of Trade of welcoming you to Presteigne, and wishing you every success with your new venture in the Town. We thank you for your interest in the Chamber of Trade and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

James Tennant-Eyles, President.

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### SYNOPSIS OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Chamber runs fund raising activities each year with the dual purpose of raising funds for the Chamber's activities whilst at the same time providing community events for the general benefit of the Town and social events for the benefit of members and their friends. There have been Cheese and Wine evenings, Woodland Barbeques, Magic Lantern Evenings, Fun Days, a Bingo evening and Street Parties. However we are always looking for and welcome new ideas.

The Chamber also supports events organised by other organisations or individuals in the Town, for example it has made donations to the Firework Display and gives practical support in connection with the Vintage Sports Car Club Welsh Trial weekend each October.

A recent undertaking has been to take over and run the Recycling Centre, to prevent it being closed by Powys County Council. This facility is very well used by the community and would be sorely missed if it was closed. The Chamber receives payments from Powys County Council based on the amount of recycling processed, and this is a valuable source of income for the Chamber.

At Christmas, The Chamber runs the "Presteigne Llanandras Christmas Fair" both for the benefit of the town, and to encourage a welcoming atmosphere in the High Street that will engender loyalty in potential shoppers throughout the year. In recent years it has been run on a Friday evenings with all the shops staying open to promote their businesses and it has proved very popular.

The Chamber has for many years been responsible for producing promotional literature and leaflets for the Town. It was the instigator and founding member of the Presteigne Tourism Project, which produces a Town Tourism Leaflet and a Town Trail each year and is responsible for the creation and running of the Presteigne and Norton Website. This facility has been set up to promote Presteigne and Norton and the surrounding areas from a Tourist point of view. This website is also seen as an increasingly useful source of information for local people. It also offers very reasonably priced advertising for local accommodation providers, restaurants, and businesses.

The Chamber involves itself in and represents the views of members with respect to issues that are felt important. Recent issues have been car parking charges, town signage, refuse disposal and traffic movement issues. The Chamber provides a forum where issues of concern to members can be discussed. As a member of The Chamber, you are able to voice any concerns you may have or have a say in decisions that may affect your business.

As The Chamber is a recognised body, it is able to communicate officially with the Presteigne and Norton Town Council, Powys County Council, and other Local and National Government bodies in connection with issues of concern to members, raising it's voice above local level.

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**CONTACT DETAILS**

CHAIR – Leon Abecassis, The Salty Dog in the High Street, Presteigne. Email **thesaltydogpresteigne@hotmail.co.uk**.

VICE CHAIR - stands in for Chair when absent. Peter Mace, The Ducks Nest in the High Street, Presteigne. Email **quackyourwayin@gmail.com**

TREASURER - keeps financial records.

David Tennant-Eyles, Boulthbrooke House, Norton road, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2EU. Tel 01544 267363, mobile 07552 238083. Email **davidtennanteyles@gmail.com**

SECRETARY - deals with minutes, agendas, and ongoing membership.

Currently vacant

There is a honararium of £300 per annum for this post.

PRESIDENT – chairs the AGM when the above positions are subject to reelection.

James Tennant-Eyles – Telephone 01544 267363. Email **jtennanteyles@gmail.com**

**PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

**MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM**

Your name .....

Your address.....

Your home telephone number.....

Your business name.....

Your business address.....

Your business telephone number.....

Your email address.....

Your website address.....

**MEMBERSHIP FEE**

due 1<sup>st</sup> March each year (or part thereof) £20

Fee enclosed      already paid (please circle as appropriate), or pay direct to our bank sort code 309499, ac no 00518548, Presteigne Chamber of Trade. Please put your name and “sub” in the reference box so we know who the payment is from!

Please return form to Treasurer:

David Tennant-Eyles, Boultibrooke House, Norton road, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2EU, or scan and email it to **davidtennanteyles@gmail.com**

CONSTITUTION OF PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE,  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(FOUNDED MARCH 1989, REVISED APRIL 2014, JUNE 2016)

- 1) NAME: PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
- 2) AIM: To promote and safeguard the trading and commercial interests of Presteigne and to encourage new trade for the benefit of the area.
- 3) MEMBERSHIP: Shall be open to persons engaged in trade, commerce and industry and any other persons interested in contributing to Presteigne Chamber of Trade, Commerce and Industry.
- 4) OFFICERS: To be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5) SUBSCRIPTIONS: To be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting. To be payable by 1<sup>st</sup> May each year. The Presteigne Chamber of Trade, Commerce and Industry reserves the right to remove members who have not paid their subscription fees, from the register.
- 6) NEW MEMBERS: New members do not need to be elected. Anyone interested in joining may attend meetings and will become members on payment of subscription fees.
- 7) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS: Shall be held on the first Monday in April each year.
- 8) CHEQUES: To be signed by two of the three officers, i.e. Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary.
- 9) CONSTITUTION: Any changes or amendments shall be made at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 10) HONORARIUM FOR SECRETARY: Shall be reviewed annually and agreed by members.
- 11) QUORUM: A minimum of six members must be present if a vote has to be taken
- 12) WINDING UP: In the event the Chamber ceases to operate any funds it holds following payment of any outstanding debts would be handed to the Town Council for distribution at the discretion of the Town Council, to appropriate community groups for the benefit of the community.