

# Community News

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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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

*[ed. if you're wondering if you missed out on issue 255....you didn't - I messed up the numbering of the last issue so you got 2 x 254 for the price of one! Apologies.]*

**Huge congratulations to Fiona Preece who was elected Mayor of Presteigne & Norton Town Council at a ceremony in the Judge's Lodging last week, to Deb Edwards as Deputy Mayor, and many thanks to the outgoing Mayor, Trevor Owens, for all his hard work in this role on behalf of the community for the last two years.**

## THANK YOU

...**from Grace and Liminal Space.** Thank you to all of you who stopped in the rain to talk so candidly to us on Saturday and to make a wish! What a privilege it was for us to speak with you. We had some wonderfully enriching and touching conversations and we wanted to share the wishes that people made for their life and their death. If you'd like to join more conversations on this fascinating, if at times challenging topic, please do get in touch [liminalspace20@gmail.com](mailto:liminalspace20@gmail.com) Grace, Dorothy and Yen ❖ Swift and painless please! ❖ I wish for my grandchildren to have a good life and be good people ❖ I'd like to have a dog again before I die ❖ Bring in on! ❖ To leave at the right time ❖ I want to perfect the art of making croissants ❖ To build a truly beautiful, sustainable house and garden - to live and die with the love of my life ❖ Make mum and dad happy ❖ I want to make a positive difference ❖ Enjoy every minute now!x ❖ Wish my death to pain free ❖ I'd like people to smile when they think of me ❖ I want to feel loved, living and dying ❖ To be surrounded by the sounds of nature ❖ Not to be too much bother ❖ A blaze of glory! ❖ I wish to abolish religion and replace it with tolerance and love ❖ I'd like to pop my clogs on a mountain top with a glass of wine, cradled in my love's arm ❖ Fourteen dry wooden pallets, half a tonne of dry wood, firelighters and matches and a breeze! ❖ I'd like to die with joy and courage ❖ Always talk to someone. It really helps, it helped me x ❖ To die without fear whilst listening to Strauss's last four songs. ❖ Die in the hospice ❖ I'd like to end my own life when I'm ready ❖ I wish my death to be interesting for archaeologists in 500 years time ❖ Reconnect with nature ❖ I wish for everyone to go to a nice place and find peace

...**from East Radnorshire Home Support.** Some lovely flowers delivered today as a thank you to all the Home Support staff. None of us expect anything in return for doing our job, but this was a lovely surprise this morning. How very kind and thoughtful. Thank you ever so much. X

...**from The Workhouse Gallery & Café.** It has been wonderful to see so many of our customers back over the last few weeks- thank you! As you know the rules on inside dining in Wales have changed this week. We have looked at the guidance and, after a few weeks of successful use of the covered deck area, the verdict is that we will remain an outside dining venue for the time being. We think we've created a safe and comfortable place outside and hope you agree. As a mixed use building with both retail and cafe space, we don't think we can achieve as safe a result indoors as we have outdoors. Our customer's and staff's safety is

of paramount importance, so we hope our customers will support our decision. We have some exciting plans in the works for when colder weather arrives too... so watch this space!

**...the Guerrilla Gardeners** would like to thank Leon and Annemarie for the generous donation of plants for the herb bed in the Shoppers Car Park. Special thanks also to the lady who saw us working on Wednesday and very kindly brought us a lovely variety of plants from her garden. We look forward to the coming weeks when we can see all these plants looking strong and colourful. Do take a look at this area and see what we have been doing since we were able to get back to work and I am sure you will be impressed.

**...from Presteigne Primary School.** A big thank you to all the customers at Lorna's Sandwich Shop in Presteigne for donating their loose change to the primary school. When we added it all up, we were able to buy some new resources to support reading right across the school. Diolch yn fawr iawn! <https://www.facebook.com/Lornas-sandwich-shop-999566703406836>

**...from the Welsh Blood Service.** Thank you to everyone from Powys that donated blood in May. The Welsh Blood Service will be back again in June. Book your donation appointment online at <https://donorportal.wales.nhs.uk>

## COVID

**...from Powys THB.** We are getting very close to the end of our first dose vaccination programme in Powys. **If you are aged 18+** and registered with a GP in Powys then please complete our Priority Access Form so that we can book you into our remaining clinics. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/find/priority-access>. If you are registered with a GP outside Powys then please check in that county for details of their vaccination programme.

**...from Herefordshire CC.** Vaccinations. The booking service is now available to people aged **32 & over**. Booking is quick & simple via: <http://orlo.uk/7WVD8> or calling 119. If you're older & haven't booked yet, you're still eligible to book

**...from Powys THB. Are you an unpaid carer?** Or do you work in care & support services as a paid member of staff or a volunteer? You can now get a free rapid COVID-19 test delivered to your home, or collect from a test centre. <https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>

**...from Powys THB. Could you be a Marshall at our Mass Vaccination Centres?** We have already given over 150,000 doses of vaccine but still have more to do and we need volunteers to help. If you are able to give up a few hours then please visit <https://powys.volunteering-wales.net/> and search for 'marshal' to find out more.

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

**Latest planning applications in:** (a) 21/0702/FUL Grid Reference: E:331353 N: 263900 Proposal: Erection of a new workshop unit and all associated works Site Address: Plot 4 Broadaxe Business Park, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne. (b) 21/0805/LBC Grid Reference: E:331544 N: 264469 Proposal: Installation of replacement boiler and flue. Site Address: Hall Cottage, 3 Oak Villas, Broad Street, Presteigne. To be considered at the May meeting of the Town Council.

...there are no observer notes of anything significant from last week's TC Meeting apart from the mayoral election and AGM business.

## NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

**...new Presteigne restaurant opening very soon!! The old Hat Shop premises have been beautifully refitted by the new owners and opens this week.** "After several locked-down months of hard work and dedication, we are delighted to finally be opening the doors to **Crocketts** on Thursday May 27th! We are an independent family owned restaurant, serving a globally inspired bistro menu, with wines by The Real Wine Company, Welsh beers & spirits, and a range of soft drinks. Opening Thurs - Sat evenings 6 - 9.30pm and Saturday 10 - 2pm for breakfast and brunch.... call us on 01544 260017 or email [info@welcometocrocketts.com](mailto:info@welcometocrocketts.com)." See our FB page for menu, or visit website [www.welcometocrocketts.com](http://www.welcometocrocketts.com)

**...from No. 46 Wine Bar.** Hello all, It's been a while since we last posted! But at least this time we have good news. No.46 opened on Friday! We have a few tweaks we want to make to the menu before we start serving food again so we will keep you posted on the return of our No.46 burgers!! Booking is advised to guarantee you a table inside (as you know we have limited seating). Just to update you all on our opening hours for next week and the bank holiday weekend! We still won't be serving food this week! (sorry to disappoint) but we will update you on all of that soon! Monday/Tuesday - CLOSED; Wednesday/Thursday - 12pm to 9pm; Friday/Saturday - 12pm to 11pm; Sunday 12pm to 10pm; Monday 11am to 6pm

**...from the St Andrew's Bellringers.** Covid restrictions have meant that until now we have only been able to ring for 10 minutes on a Sunday morning. Often we have only been allowed to ring four of our bells to maintain social distancing in the ringing chamber. On the evening of Thursday 27th May a small band will be ringing the bells for 45 minutes! We're not yet allowed to ring all 8 bells and we'll still have to wear masks but we hope you'll enjoy the sound of our bells on a Thursday evening again.

**...from Leon's Food to Order.** We are ready to take your orders for collection next week and, just to spice things up, we have added a new curry - Goan curry (hot and spicy!), a choice of three now available. THANK YOU for your continued support and I look forward to getting back in the kitchen! Order online <https://thesaltydogpresteigne.com/order-cooked-food/> or phone 01544 262164 or 07805 727486 and collect between 9 am and 5.30 pm on Thursday 27th, Friday 28th or between 9 am and 3.30 pm on Saturday 29th May. All of our Food to Order dishes are easy to reheat, assemble and transport.

**...from Helen.** Come and join Pilates in The Assembly Rooms in Presteigne. Book using this link <https://app.gymcatch.com/provider/2174/events>. It is a class for everyone. More details here <https://helenbpilates.com/pilates/%e2%9d%a4%ef%b8%8f-community-pilates-is-back/>

**...from Sidney Nolan Trust.** We re-opened on Friday and cannot wait to welcome you all back to The Rodd. We've got two brilliant exhibitions, a sculpture trial, Sidney's Studio and our grounds and woodlands to explore.

**...from Rhiannon.** **The library is now open for browsing by appointment!** After a year of repainting, reorganising and restocking, we are finally ready to welcome you back to choose your books. We are now equipped for socially distanced browsing, and have a whole host of new books for you to choose from. To book an appointment, please email [presteigne.library@powys.gov.uk](mailto:presteigne.library@powys.gov.uk), or phone the library on 260552 on Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons. Please do be aware that the appointments are limited to fifteen minutes each, and there are limited slots available; masks are compulsory.

**...from East Radnor Leisure Centre.** Children have missed out on a lot this last year .... swimming lessons being one of them. We have spaces available in our Wave 3 and above groups, so call the centre now for more information or to get your children booked in (01544) 260302. Plus...exciting news for East Radnor gym! Works will start next month to replace our gym kit with brand new technogym equipment. This is great news for Presteigne and for all our members. We will also be installing a new audio/visual system and decorating throughout. Join us on this exciting journey by following us on Facebook to get updates of this refurbishment project today - call on 01544 260302 or email [eastradnor@freedom-leisure.co.uk](mailto:eastradnor@freedom-leisure.co.uk).

**...from the Royal Oak.** We are now able to offer Sunday Roasts to eat in. Give us a call 01544 260842 or message on FB to reserve yourself a table. We will also continue to offer our takeaway option with free delivery available or pick up from the pub for those that want to eat in the comfort of their home.

**...from Paul. Tai-Chi@the Community Barn.** I'll be restarting the Tai chi classes again at the Community Barn, starting 25th May. Tuesday & Fridays @ 10.30 am, Wednesday @ 6pm. Further info - contact me on [01544 262864](tel:01544262864) or [paul@indetail.org](mailto:paul@indetail.org)

**...from Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup.** Did you know you can support Presteigne Little People's Playgroup when shopping on Amazon at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select Presteigne Little People's Playgroup as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to us.

If you are accessing Amazon from a mobile phone: 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone. 2. (Select the main menu) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features. 3. Select Presteigne Little People'S Playgroup as your charity. 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

If you are accessing Amazon from a computer: 1. Type in smile.amazon.co.uk to your browser. 2. Sign in to your account and select Presteigne Little People's Playgroup as your charity.

**...from Leon's Supper Club.** Spanish night next Saturday 29th, limited tables available, fancy it? Give me a call or text 07805 727486 or message me on FB.

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**...Bryan's Ground will be open again next weekend** 29th & 30th May, 11am-5pm. Advance booking is not required. Cash only. Admission £10/adult to include a free garden guide. No refreshments available. Feel free to bring a picnic. <https://www.bryansground.co.uk/open>

**Walks with East Radnor Ramblers** - Tues 1st June Around Presteigne 4.5 miles from Presteigne recycling CP; Weds 2nd June Source of the Teme 6.5 miles from Cider House CP; Weds 16th June Bucknell, Bedstone & beyond 8.5 miles from Baron Pub CP; Thurs 17th June Herrock & Rushock Hills 4 miles from Knill Church; Weds 23rd June Offa's Dyke & Rhos-y-merch 7 miles from Knighton Community Centre CP; Weds 30th June Hopesay & Berrow Hill 8 miles from Hopesay village. Walks start at 10am. Everyone welcome. Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Further information, and photos of recent walks, can be found at [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or from E & S Williams on 01544 260524

**...to raise funds for the Norton Show in 2022, a walking Treasure Hunt** will be held through and around Norton Village on Sunday June 13th. Participants will set off from Will's View between 10.00 and 12.00 noon, maps and questions will be available at the start. Everyone is welcome, and the cost is £5.00 per family. for more information please contact Margaret on [01544 267537](tel:01544267537), or Eileen on [01544 262710](tel:01544262710).

**...from Presteigne Festival.** Great to see so many fantastic plans in place for Classical Music Festivals this summer - so much to see and do. We'll be announcing our programme very soon - tickets on sale to the general public from Tuesday 8 June - click on BBC Music Magazine listings at [www.classical-music.com](http://www.classical-music.com) for more detail.

**...from the Sidney Nolan Trust.** We are just launching a new art programme at The Rodd for young people 15 - 25. It will run as approx monthly sessions and they will work together to develop projects with professional artists and curators. If anyone knows anyone who might be interested they can find out more at <https://www.sidneynolantrust.org/learning/cultivate/>

## OTHER INFORMATION

**...from Powys CC about fostering.** There are many myths around being a Foster Carer and we're trying to bust them this Foster Care Fortnight to shine a light on what's actually true. To find out more about how to foster a child, visit our website. [www.powys.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.powys.gov.uk/fostering)

**...from Presteigne Freegle. Do you know someone having a baby?** please let them know about our lovely big free reuse groups to save money, reduce waste and feel good! Starting and growing a family can be quite an expensive time - so deciding to not always buy new is one great way to save some pennies and pounds. Download our #free sharing app to get started - <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>. You will be amazed at how much useful stuff is given away in your local area and of course if you need a declutter or to let go of things you no longer need then please do pass them on via the app. too. Our Freegle groups are awash with everything you could ever need for family life and all for free! By collecting someone else's

unwanted kids' stuff you will also get to meet other parents and families nearby to you - which is a nice added bonus! Freegling is good for people, planet and pocket.

**...looking for local walks as the weather improves ?** Look no further than the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk/local-walks](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/local-walks) where you can find maps and descriptions of (a) ten varied area walks developed by Radnor Ramblers ranging from an easy access route taking 25 min to a strenuous 17.5 km hike starting either from the Assembly Rooms in Presteigne or the St Andrew's Church lych gate in Norton and (b) five short circular walks local to Presteigne town developed by PACDG and Chatterbrook WI.

**...from Dyfed-Powys Police.** If I report something online – I'm just talking to a machine right? WRONG! Whether you get in touch with us online, by email, or by calling us, your report will be dealt with by one of our fantastic team of contact handlers. You'll receive the same service however you get in touch, so the choice is yours: <http://orlo.uk/4tf68>, [email101@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk](mailto:email101@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk) or call 101. In an emergency, always call 999.

**...a second reminder - Age Cymru would like, but cannot afford, to start up Simply Nails in Presteigne unless a sufficient number of residents indicate they would make use of the service.** So if you, or if you know of friends or neighbours who would, use this service if available in Presteigne, please ring Yvonne asap at Age Cymru Powys on [01597 825908](tel:01597825908).

**...from Herefordshire CC. Brexit support** | The SME Brexit Support Fund is open for applications. Small and medium-sized businesses can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to help adapt to new customs & tax rules when trading with the EU. Visit Marches Growth Hub to find out more: <http://orlo.uk/52AUG>

## LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Presteigne Little People are looking for a motivated experienced level 3 Practitioner (Early Years)** with at least 2 years post qualification experience to join our growing team. Experience of working with children with additional learning needs is essential. Willingness to undertake further fully funded training essential. Closing date: Thursday 3rd June 2021. Interviews: week commencing Monday 7th June 2021. Informal visits are welcome. Please contact Sam to arrange an appointment 01544 262130 / [info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk). Enquiries, application forms and job description / person specification available from: Ann Wake: 01544 260695 email [chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk)

**...from Presteigne St Andrews FC.** Can you help with the kit wash? Presteigne St Andrews FC are on the look out for someone to help with the kit washing for the coming season – and hopefully beyond. THIS IS A PAID POSITION and anyone who is interested in helping out the club in this way can learn more by speaking to club chairman, Mark Weiland 07766 576699.

**...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. Swimming teacher and Lifeguards** wanted, as part of a friendly team who work in the heart of the local community of Presteigne. Level 1 or 2 swimming teaching qualification preferred for swimming teacher but for the right candidates for both positions we can enrol you onto all relevant courses. Please get in touch! For full details and how to apply: email [leanne.evans@freedom-leisure.co.uk](mailto:leanne.evans@freedom-leisure.co.uk)

**...Crockett's, the new restaurant in Presteigne is looking for Front of House staff** for catering events - see item above - please get in touch, call Ross on 01544 260017 or e-mail us [info@welcometocrocketts.com](mailto:info@welcometocrocketts.com). 7 High Street, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2BA

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