

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

Need to advertise your local event or group meeting ? The Community News reaches more than 600 households in the Presteigne and Norton area. Don't assume we'll pick it up from Facebook or noticeboards - please email text (not poster images please) to news@pacdg.org for inclusion in the Community News, currently issued each Monday.

Looking for a local club or group to join with the winding down of Covid restrictions ? Or somewhere to hire for your club or group's activities, or a party etc ? Check out the PACDG Registers of Local Organisations, and Local Venues to Hire, on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations. **If you are a group organiser or manage a local venue**, please check your current entry and email news@pacdg.org with any updates.

...from the TC and Fire Brigade. PLEASE DO NOT PARK BY THE LLOYDS BANK CASHPOINT even for the short time needed to withdraw cash. This can cause serious delay for the fire engine exiting onto Hereford Street to deal with an emergency.

...from PAVO. Powys is an ordinary county with extraordinary people, who volunteer and make a difference. Nominate a group or individual for the Powys Volunteer of the Year Awards 2021 to show your appreciation! <https://bit.ly/PVOY-2021>. For inspiration, you can read about all of 2019's winners on our website: <https://www.pavo.org.uk/help-for-organisations/volunteers/powys-volunteer-of-the-year-awards.html>

...from the East Radnorshire Day Centre. To those who thought it was acceptable to leave vodka bottles and broken glass out the front of the building at the weekend, you're very welcome to pop by with a dustpan & brush to clean the mess up.

...from the Fire Service. Especially in the current heat please don't place reflective objects such as mirrors or glasses near windows. The intense rays of the sun focused on mirrors / reflective objects are believed to have been the contributing factor to a couple of house fires in recent weeks.

...an extra cardboard skip has arrived at the Bring Site ! Thanks to David for arranging this. A reminder however - please make sure that tape, polystyrene and plastic inserts are removed from cardboard packaging before recycling it. Find out more: <https://bit.ly/3v6HfOH>

...Presteigne Food Bank Has Moved! As of Thursday 1st July, the Food Bank outreach service in Presteigne will be operating from new premises, the Portakabin (behind the East Radnor Day Centre) in Scottleton Street, Presteigne LD8 2BL. Thank you to Beverley and her team for extending a warm welcome to us and enabling food bank to have a home once again, in the heart of the community. We are delighted to resume our Thursday sessions, 10 - 11.30am, providing urgent food and essentials to those in our community who are experiencing severe hardship and facing a crisis. As Covid restrictions continue to ease, we look forward to welcoming callers and donations once more, and we ask that you wear a face mask and adhere to social distancing, to keep us all safe. If you prefer, we can collect donations from your doorstep, or you can leave items (with a long use by date please) at the Spar shop in

Presteigne or please do drop by to see our new home in the Portakabin any Thursday morning. For help & support or for more information, please contact Helen on 07731 524 058

THANK YOU

...from Eileen & Margaret. The Norton Walking Treasure Hunt was a great success .We raised £275.00 in total, we gave £30.00 out in prizes, and donated £245.00 to Dan Price, the Norton Show Chairman, for the show's 2022 expenses. Thanks to everyone for their support.

...from Tessa. Firstly, thanks to the litter-picking Crew that joined in last Sunday, it was a lovely day, almost too hot to be working, but thanks and well worthwhile. There was a bit of a tussle at the top for the most interesting/unusual/fun thing found - Maggie had the eyeball, Ann had the glittery star and there was money recovered as well. On balance I think the eyeball has it ... any comments????!! Eye-eye! Thank you also to those who have signed up for the July gig on the 21st, I have a strong team for that day, and look forward to seeing you then. Welcome to Andrew who will be joining us and has kindly signed up as a new volunteer.

So any of you that were unable to help on either of those dates, or haven't get round to thinking about it, I can now confirm the date for the pre-Festival pick in August which will be Tuesday 24th at 9.30am the day before the artists begin to arrive so it should still be spick and span... all being well! Many thanks again for all your contributions. Tessa 07788 567631

COVID

...from PCC/Welsh Government. Coronavirus restrictions update. Cases of the Delta variant are spreading across Wales. In the space a few weeks, cases have been confirmed in all parts of the country. We have reviewed all the evidence and will pause changes to the rules for four weeks. The delta variant is now the most dominant form of the virus in Wales. But we still have the lowest coronavirus rates and the highest vaccination rates in the UK. We will use the next four weeks to vaccinate even more people. There will be no major changes over the next 4 weeks, but we'll be making some small changes to the current rules. The number of people who can attend indoor weddings or civil partnership receptions or wakes, organised by a business will be determined by the size of the venue. We will also clarify in the rules that small grassroots music and comedy venues can operate on the same basis as other hospitality venues - and we will continue with our planned pilot events in June and July. We have already reached our target of offering all eligible adults a 1st dose ahead of schedule. But offers don't protect people – having the vaccine does. Diolch for keeping Wales safe.

...from Powys THB. If you received your first dose in Powys on or before 8 April and haven't received your invitation for a second dose then please get in touch so that we can fast-track you to an appointment. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-dose-appointments/second-dose-priority-access-form/>

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Latest planning applications:

21/1044/HH Grid Reference: E:330454 N: 268126 Proposal: demolition of storage container and erection of a garage with storage over Site Address: Thistle Brook, Meeting House Lane, Norton, Presteigne. To be considered at the July Meeting of the Town Council.

...some notes from Wednesday's TC meeting:

*At the next meeting, the TC will consider whether Councillor Surgeries can restart in September. In the interim, if you have anything you want to ask or raise with the TC, please contact the Town Clerk on 07866 815622 or by email to presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com. You can also contact PCC using the following reporting links - people doubt it but it is honestly the best way to get things on the system. [Report a problem with a road or pavement - Powys County Council](#) - [Report a blocked drain - Powys County Council](#). BUT If you are reporting a damaged, missing or collapsing drain cover, please do not use the report form but phone PCC urgently on [0345 6027035](tel:03456027035).

*The TC realises there is a real problem with audibility for the public attending the TC meetings and this is being looked into (the June meeting was held via Zoom in part to avoid the problem as they were unable to find a solution in time).

*The TC is inviting letters/emails of support for the Dark Skies project. Again they can be sent to the Town Clerk on 07866 815622 or by email to presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com to collate and forward to Leigh Harling Bowen who is putting a lot of work into the actual application. Please note this will NOT mean less lighting generally - it is not about switching all street lights off. Please write in if the sky over Presteigne is visible to you or affects you - not just Welsh residents, residents in Stapleton etc are also encouraged to write in.

*The Town Clerk now has approval to publish draft Minutes on the TC homepage of the website as soon as practical after the meeting rather than having to wait for the next meeting - this will greatly improve the timely flow of information on TC activities to residents *[ed. we will still highlight significant items in the Community News together with a link to the Town website].*

SCAM ALERT

...from Which! Watch out for this nasty WhatsApp scam that enables hackers to take control of your account and access all of your messages. Sign up to our free scam alert service to get a weekly update on the latest scams direct to your inbox <http://whi.ch/SCAMALERTS>

...from Herefordshire Council Trading Standards warning car buyers across the UK about a bogus car company, with a false address in Ledbury, Herefordshire, scamming consumers out of huge sums of money, offering, cheap cars that never turn up: <http://orlo.uk/Tx6gS>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from Terry at the Youth Centre (Old School). It's not well known that we have wi-fi and a full 5-terminal high-spec computer suite with all ancillaries including a separate large interactive screen (essentially a large computer/whiteboard combined with connection to the internet, all TV players, YouTube etc etc) in the small hall at the recently redecorated Youth Centre. Is there anybody out there who might like to take advantage of this brilliant but underused facility to run computer classes, or seminars/presentations using the big screen, or other venture ? The big screen is great for karaoke as well if you book the hall for a party !! Call me on 07766 097600 for more information or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

...from Hollie at the Sidney Nolan Trust: Opening times: Friday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays 11 am until 4 pm until September. We are delighted to be open again and welcoming visitors to our site each weekend. Visitors can explore our two exhibitions, sculpture trail, gardens, woodlands, and enjoy a cuppa and piece of cake in our pop-up café. Booking not necessary. 01544 260149 www.sidneynolantrust.org

...from Victoria Fish Bar. We are back open as normal from Thursday, 12-2pm & 5-9pm

...from Emily George. Do you have a child who loves to dance? Why not enrol them with us at EG Fitness and Dance! We cater for children aged 3 up to 16 in different classes and have classes in numerous styles including tap and hip hop. Discounts available for multiple classes per week! Our classes are held in Presteigne and Knighton. Get in contact to know more, very limited spaces for September new starters!

...from The Hub, New Radnor. A quick reminder that The Hub is open every Friday night for drinks and food e.g. tomorrow Ruth will be cooking Turkish Borek (meat or cheese and nut filo parcels) with Tabouleh (couscous with herbs and veg) and salad, also a pudding. The food is served from 6.30pm on a first come first served basis. We have a barrel of Swan Brewery Bald Eagle ale. Table service inside or out. In line with current Welsh COVID restrictions please do not order at the bar and remember you must wear a mask when not seated and moving around.

...from Paul about Tai Chi. Please note that I have had to change the time of the Wednesday Tai Chi slot at the Community Barn on Went's Meadow to 5.15 pm.

...from Amanda's Bread. We are now taking orders (by Monday evening if possible) for delivery to the Presteigne area on Saturday 26th June. Orders are supplied in paper bags which can be recycled but if you would like to receive your order in cotton bags please ask for details. You will find a delivery charge of 10% on your bill if we deliver your order. Call/text Amanda on 07759 939526 or Julian on 07718 704814 or email asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com

...from Nonna Caterina Italian Food. Hogget is back this week, braised in red wine, tomatoes and herbs, all day. For veggies, some sunny southern Italian flavours with courgettes, tomato and Sicilian salted capers with pecorino Romano. Cherries atop a classic pannacotta and torta caprese (dark chocolate almond cake) for puds! If you are having a family gathering this weekend, we can supply authentic, made from scratch Italian food, so that you can enjoy the company without the cooking! Alternatively, just treat yourself to a night off with an Italian supper and a Montalbano binge-watch! Delivering to Presteigne on Friday 25th June. Order at www.nonnacaterina.co.uk or call/text 07490143385

...from Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop. Beautiful large hanging baskets for sale £25.99

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from Presteigne Cricket Club. Midweek game this Wednesday evening - we will be playing Burghill, Tillington and Weobley CC in the quarter finals of the GB Liners Junior 20/20 KO Cup. 6pm start at John Beddoes school field. Supporters are always welcome. Huge thanks goes to Kirsty's Hair Studio Presteigne for kindly sponsoring the game.

...from Emma. Community Orchard Pruning at Went's Meadow on Sunday July 4th from 11am (till about 1.30pm). Can you spare a couple of hours to help us get Went's Meadow Community Orchard into shape for the coming apple season? Andy Dodgson will be on hand to give us all a refresher and show us how to prune the trees. All welcome: bring your secateurs, loppers, pruning saws. The session should last a couple of hours and will – weather willing – be fun!

...from Mid Border Arts MBA. Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 23 June, 7.30 pm at Presteigne Assembly Rooms. Everyone welcome.

...from Beth at the Methodist Church: We are having a sale of 'all sorts' in the Methodist Church garden on Saturday July 3rd, from 10.30 until 12noon. Stalls will include new and second hand clothes for all ages, small furniture, cakes, jam & marmalade, plants, craft items and bric-a-brac. Proceeds will go to our roof replacement fund and your support would be very much appreciated.

...Open Gardens at New Radnor for NGS on 27th June. Look for the signs. Teas at the Hub

...Knife Angel Hereford. Have you visited The Knife Angel yet? It's here outside Hereford Cathedral until 12 July & there are a variety of workshops & events taking place. To see what's on offer & for booking visit: <http://orlo.uk/nRIYJ>

...from The Hub, New Radnor. We are hosting an Art Show in conjunction with the NGS New Radnor Open Gardens on 27th of June. Entitled 'Come in to the Garden' it will feature works by local and professional artists. Available to view during the day on 26th June and from 10.30 - 4.30 on Sunday 27th June whilst the gardens are open. The Hub will also be doing teas on the Sunday in our splendid marquee.

...from Presteigne Carnival. Presteigne Scarecrow Competition - Join in the scarecrow fun! Entry forms can be picked up from Victoria Fish Bar, or send us a message on Instagram or Facebook. Fun for all ages, let your creativity go wild ! Entries needed by 21st August.

...from The Judge's Lodging. Re-opening and a new exhibition - William Henry Jones, Drawings 1880-1887. A superb collection of sketches of Presteigne and the surrounding area exhibited in the small exhibition room to celebrate our re-opening on Thursday 1st July running through to 31st October. Free admission to the Jones exhibition [@PresteigneArts](https://www.instagram.com/PresteigneArts)

OTHER INFORMATION

...from the Editor, St Andrew's Parish Magazine. This is a reminder that next Wednesday, 23rd June, is the deadline for copy or artwork for the next issue which will cover July and August. So if you have any news, announcements, information, reports or even hopes for the future please let us have them by a week today. This July/August issue will be delivered to our subscribers (as at January 2020) *and* also, for the last time, as an e-Mag to those on our

'lockdown/restrictions' email-out lists. It will be printed and ready for distribution on the following Tuesday, thanks to Chris and Marion Rowlatt and our team of volunteers. I am beginning to receive announcements of events and meetings – what a welcome sign of hope! Things to come! Emails of appreciation were received during the past 10 months of lockdown and restrictions thanking Stephen and you, our valued contributors, for communicating and keeping in touch each month. We must keep it up. With best wishes and thanks as always, Roger standrewsintray@btinternet.com (01544) 262846

...from Presteigne Freegle. Men's Sheds are kitted out community spaces where men can enjoy practical hobbies. They're about making friends, learning and sharing skills. Many guys come just for the tea and banter, everyone's welcome. Find a Men's Shed nearby to you <https://menssheds.org.uk/find-a-shed/>. *[ed. our nearest Mens Shed is at Knighton, contact John Thorogood at jtknightonmensshed@gmail.com. Watch this heartfelt new video of one man's journey via UK Men's Sheds Association working with Ronseal and Channel 4 you can see the impact of Men's Sheds <https://youtu.be/NedQFF7m-9M>.*

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. On 13/06 Officers stopped and searched two individuals within a vehicle in the area of Presteigne. Subsequently a quantity of illegal drugs and a lock knife was located and seized. Great pro-activity from Response Team C, Radnorshire - APS Reed 420.

...from Plantlife. Welcome to 2021's Great British Wildflower Hunt. Over this spring and summer, we will bring you four different Hunts with over 70 different flowers to get to know. Starting with spring favourites, from the first yellows of celandines and primroses, through to bluebells and cuckooflower – and from the humble speedwell to glamorous wild orchids – there is something for all ages and levels in 2021's Great British Wildflower Hunt. <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/wildflowerhunt/#register>

...from The Workhouse. Newsletter out now- if you're not receiving our updates sign up on the link below <https://mailchi.mp/cea59519a621/summer-has-arrived-at-the-workhouse>

...from Sam Webb. I run Pentre Farm in Old Radnor, and we have a new weekly club Wild in the Woods for 8-12 year olds, every Friday 4 to 6pm. We will be outside in the woods and on the farm, cooking on the fire, building shelters, learning bushcraft, foraging, playing team games, making natural crafts, learning new skills, using tools and helping with the animals. Open to all children ages 8-12 although wheelchair access is limited. We will be booking in blocks of 6 weeks. See www.bookwhen.com/pentre for more info and how to book.

R.I.P.

Michael Ashley Foote of Presteigne passed away peacefully on 29th May 2021 aged 86. Funeral Service at St Andrews on Friday 25th June at 12 noon. The hearse will leave the Bowling Club at 11.45am via Hereford St, Station Road, Bypass, High St and on to the Church. Family flowers. Donations to Oxford Suite at Hereford County Hospital. Enquiries Geoff Hall Funerals, Knighton 01547 528554

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...Chilvers Country Supplies require an enthusiastic and reliable store assistant - email your CV to andychilvers@outlook.com or drop it in at our Presteigne store. Closing date for all applications is 5pm on the 25th June.

...East Radnor Home Support wishes to appoint an experienced carer to the provide On-Call support. Please call 01544 260360 for more information or email admin@eastradnor.care for a job application form.

...from Radnor Hills. We are looking for Seasonal Workers! Contact jobs@radnorhills.co.uk with a copy of your cv and your availability.

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