

# 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)

**The PACDG Community Noticeboard has been put up in its new location on the High Street just inside the entrance to Albert Square (thanks again to Victoria Fish Bar and Albert Square residents). The board is for LOCAL events and advertisements (out of area ads will be removed) - please do NOT use staples and be careful when removing notices not to leave the drawing pins on the ground (dogs' paws, bike tyres etc). Thank you !**

**...from Presteigne & Norton Community Support. We depend on Volunteer Drivers to get our Community to Hospital/Health appointments, can you spare a few hours a week? We really need volunteer drivers to continue this service. Mileage is reimbursed. If you're interested pop into our office in the High Street for information or ring 01544 267961.**

### **THANKS**

**...from Presteigne Festival.** All part of the Presteigne Festival, the fabulous Presteigne Open Studios & Exhibitions is on the weekend 28th - 30th August. Thanks to our brilliant artistic community for making it happen during the Festival. See details below.

**...to Gordon, litter picking hero** from Norton, who regularly litter picks the road verges between Norton and Presteigne (and elsewhere). You're a star, Gordon !

### **TOWN COUNCIL NEWS**

**...the Next Town Council meeting is Tuesday 17th August** at 7pm (n.b. not the usual Wednesday at 7.30pm). The meeting will be held via Zoom. Councillors will carry out their annual 'town walk' on Wednesday 18th August. Meeting papers available on the town website now - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>

**Latest planning application** to be considered at the August meeting of the Town Council. 21/1442/FUL Grid Reference: E:329734 N: 265472 Proposal: Re-siting of two existing residential units to be nearer existing residential sites forming part of existing touring caravan park area, and replacing with two tourer units and all associated works Site Address: Rockbridge Park , Discoed, Presteigne.

**...Grass cutting Contract.** The Council is seeking quotes for its grass cutting for 2022 onwards. Interested persons should contact the Clerk for more information email: [presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com](mailto:presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com)

### **COVID**

**...from Powys THB. Our latest COVID-19 vaccination newsletter** is now available: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccination-newsletter/covid-19-vaccination-newsletter-13-august-2021-html-version/>

**...Drop-In First and Second Dose COVID Vaccination Sessions - this weekend** Saturday 21st 9.30-5.30 at Builth Wells, Sunday 22nd 12.30-3.30 at Newtown and Bronllys. You can

attend our drop-in clinics for your first dose if you are aged 18+, or you will turn 18 before 31 October 2021. You can attend our drop in clinic for your second dose if your first dose was in Powys before 27 June 2021. No appointment necessary. Help us make sure your vaccine is as effective as possible and please only attend a drop-in session if: \*you do NOT currently have COVID-19 symptoms \*you are NOT acutely well \*you have NOT tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 28 days. More information: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/drop-in-first-and-second-dose-covid-vaccination-sessions-week-beginning-16-august/>

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

**...from the Royal Oak. We will now remain closed until Friday 20th August** due to myself and Claire having to isolate whilst we ride out coronavirus. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. A thorough deep clean will be conducted by our cleaners before we reopen. We are now unable to answer any calls or answer phone messages left at the pub for the time being so recommend getting in touch via our Facebook page if you need to do so.

**...from Aardvark Books & Café.** August at Aardvark is busy! So our news is that next week, from Tues 17th Aug we will serve cafetières, leaf teas and light lunches in the cafe again! And then it'll be our Car Boot event on Monday 30th August, 9am -3pm: all welcome, free entry and parking - pitches now fully booked. We are delighted to have excellent live music from Nick Hurt and his Blue Moon band - can't wait! In the meantime we have LOTS of books coming in, and new stock of Christmas cards and 2022 calendars! Open Tuesday -Sunday 10am-4pm. All welcome - come and visit!

**...from Presteigne Bowling Club.** Presteigne Ladies make the grade on A-Levels day with a one shot victory over Llandrindod Wells in the Mid-Wales League, with the team taking revenge for their defeat away to Llandrindod earlier in the season. Followed up by a 2-shot win against Hay. Well Done Ladies!!! The closing game of the season is this week against old rivals Knighton.

**...from Presteigne St Andrew's Football Club.** Just a reminder for anybody in credit with the old green tickets to contact Sharon Jones ASAP before we relaunch the lotto. She can be contacted at [secretary@presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk). Last week's result: Presteigne 0 Clee Hill 2. Another solid performance and unlucky to lose. With all of the players missing it was a great effort against a strong Clee Hill side.

**...from The Warehouse.** Many electrical items, bread makers, coffee machines, fryers, food processors and more. Two small heaters, PAT tested only £5 each. Huge selection of vinyl records and DVDs on sale throughout August for only 10p each !!!!! Call in and look around.

**...from the Salty Dog.** The Salty Dog is a small shop, it is also in Wales (just) so for now we will require our customers to wear face coverings (unless exempt). Also after speaking to our customers, we will be keeping the 'two-people only' rule in the shop. We have a lot of elderly and vulnerable customers (also some elderly and vulnerable staff! ) So we are happy with this arrangement for now. Sorry for any inconvenience and Thank You All for your patience. Love from The Salty Dog Team x

**...1st Presteigne Rainbows.** We are now please to confirm that we have a leader who has offered to reopen the unit hopefully in the autumn term. If you know a young member who would live to give Rainbows a go please register them at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus). We also have Rainbow units in Rhayader, Llandrindod Wells and Knighton. Some units may be full but will have a waiting list in place. We are still looking for volunteers so if you can help please get in touch.

## **EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**..pick up a copy of the free Broad Sheep magazine** for details of events over our wider area.

**...(CORRECTION)...Georgian Polyphonic Singing Workshop.** To be held on Sunday 26th September 1500-1630 hours (NOT 19th) in Presteigne. Price £7 (tea/coffee provided). Participants will receive recordings and texts of songs in advance. Reading music not required.

Limited places so early reservation recommended. Contact Mzia via email ([mziag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mziag@hotmail.co.uk)) or phone on [07981752405](tel:07981752405).

**...Presteigne Repair and Skill Share.** Youth Centre/Old School, Hereford Street. Saturday 21st August 10 - 12 noon. Things stuck? broken? won't go? went bang? fallen apart? needs sharpening? Get it fixed for free, and learn how to do it. Inside Covid precautions still apply.

**...from Norton Dog Show.** Went's Meadow, Presteigne. Monday 30th August 2pm start. £2 entry per Class. Ten breed classes and 6 Novelty Classes. All enquiries Ann Price 01544 267221

**...the next Walton Hall coffee morning** will be held on Wednesday 8th September from 10am to 1pm. There will be a large selection of books and jigsaws available for you to exchange or borrow, for a donation to the hall.

**...Knill Open Gardens** is on Sunday 29th August from 2pm to 6pm. Come and enjoy the beautiful gardens and a stunning riverside walk. In addition to table top sales of bee products and plants, there is a children's art tent and treasure hunt, plus a Men's Shed stall. Tea, coffee and home made cakes will be available. £5 per person entry fee, under 15s are free. LD8 2PR

**...Presteigne Open Studios & Exhibitions** 28th - 30th August, 11am- 5pm.

Open Studio participants 2021: \*Sara Bamford – metal sculptor \*Anne Belgrave - feltmaker \*Lucy Boyd - artist \*David Colwell – furniture maker \*June Coveney - artist \*Penny Hughes – artist \*Adrian Jervis – maker of driftwood birds \*Celia Johnson - artist \*Ruth Kirkby – botanical artist & oil painter \*Dan MacCarthy - artist \*Linzi Morgan-Whitting – artist, printmaker and ceramicist \*Tania Mosse - sculptor \*Clair Murphy – rush basketmaker \*Kitty Perceval – drawer & printmaker \*Tom Perceval – artist in wood \*Alex Ramsay - photographer \*Mary Smith - ceramicist \*Pete Smith - blacksmith \*Richard Studer – designer & printmaker \*Christian Schwetz - photographer \*Gill Tennant-Eyles - ceramicist \*Helena Watts – portrait artist & printmaker \*Jackie Yeomans - artist. The brochure and map for Presteigne Open Studios & Exhibitions can be viewed and downloaded from this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gEDRnog0crP5sbf0ts49OY7bgXSRT5wc/view?usp=sharing>

**...Presteigne Festival.** 26th-31st August. After a gap of almost two years, the Presteigne Festival returns at the end of August with a celebration of 32 arts events over 6 days. We are delighted to be back, with events at St Andrew's Church, the Memorial Hall and elsewhere.

The Festival Board and Management Team take seriously their responsibility to keep audience members, artists, volunteers, staff, contractors and the general public safe during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Although rules have changed in both Wales and England, the Festival will not change its policy with regard to mask wearing and social distancing at Festival venues being utilised this year – which include Leominster Priory and Hereford Cathedral, two performance spaces that can accommodate larger audiences for orchestral and choral concerts. All performers, composers and staff attending the Festival have agreed to take Covid flow tests before they arrive in Presteigne and, whilst staying in the area, will test each and every day. The Festival Team has worked tirelessly to bring together a striking programme of music and the arts for the 2021 Festival. Recently honoured at The Ivors British Composer Awards and celebrating her 70th birthday this year, Cecilia McDowall is composer-in-residence. The Festival's advocacy of new music continues with a corpus of exciting pieces from James Francis Brown, Gary Carpenter, Nathan James Dearden, Sarah Frances Jenkins, Luke Styles, Adrian Sutton, Hilary Tann, Matthew Taylor and James B Wilson. Other elements see the Festival celebrating the Malcolm Arnold centenary, a mini-focus on Michael Tippett and a feature of French music. The artist roster includes Fenella Humphreys, the Heath Quartet, American pianist George Xiaoyuan Fu, Ensemble Perpetuo and the Choir of Royal Holloway. Also featured are literary talks with Fiona Sampson, Nicholas Murray and Peter J Conradi alongside an exhibitions programme in partnership with Presteigne Open Studios, the Sidney Nolan Trust and Bleddfa Centre. All the Presteigne Festival team are hugely grateful for the continued support afforded the Festival by the Presteigne community. View the full programme here: <https://presteignefestival.com/2021-festival-brochure/>

**...Harvest Festival Service** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30 am in the Churchyard at St Andrew's, Norton, **followed by a Harvest Lunch** at 'Highfields', Norton. Tickets are limited so please book by contacting Catherine at: [orourkebailey@aol.com](mailto:orourkebailey@aol.com). Tickets are £10.0 (in aid of the Churchyard Funds)

**...coming up a little further afield:**

**Kington Art and Craft Market** on the third Saturday of each month, April to December, 9:30am – 3pm at the Market Hall. Quality Art and Craft from Local designer-makers.

**Marches Makers Festival 2021.** Live and on-line. August 28, 29 & 30th. See <https://www.marchesmakers.co.uk>

**Knighton Community Market** is held in the warm, dry Community Centre hall with ample parking just yards away on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month from 9.30am to 12.30pm. See <https://www.knightoncommunitycentre.com/market.html>

**Kington Market** is for local food, produce and crafts, every Friday from 9am – 1pm in and around the Market Hall.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**...from Leigh at Presteigne Dark Skies.** Dark skies street-lighting will reduce Presteigne's carbon footprint by about 3.5 tonne of carbon dioxide per year! Because dark skies compliant street-lights use about half the energy of conventional LED lighting, replacing Presteigne's outdated street-lighting system will save about 15,000 kWh per year, which translates into around 3.5 tonne CO<sub>2</sub>e/year. If implemented nationwide, dark skies street-lighting would play its part in reducing the UK's carbon footprint and climate breakdown.

**...from Dyfed-Powys Police.** Want to help shape the future of police social media both in Dyfed-Powys and nationally? We'd like to hear from you! We're taking part in a national survey and we want to hear your experiences of following us on Facebook – from the content we post, to how you interact with our page and much more. Please help us, and complete the survey here >> <https://orlo.uk/uryps>

**...Would you like to advertise your local business in The Parish Magazine,** which is produced by St Andrew's Church and has a wide circulation in Presteigne and beyond? Now that print editions of the magazine have returned, the advertising manager Di Hammersley is booking space for the coming year. Please contact her by email to enquire about rates and deadlines. [sadvert98t@btinternet.com](mailto:sadvert98t@btinternet.com)

**...from Rolly. Climate Emergency.** The official summary of the of the recent IPCC report is 42 pages long & easy to find on line. Here is a link to a good (shortened ) version from Climate Home News. All rather sobering, & an important read [www.climatechangenews.com/2021/08/09/five-takeaways-ipccs-2021-climate-science-report/](http://www.climatechangenews.com/2021/08/09/five-takeaways-ipccs-2021-climate-science-report/)

## LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**...GA Carpets & Beds. We are looking for a couple experienced carpet fitter** who could dedicate 1 or 2 days each per week from our new shop located in Craven Arms. Please feel free to inbox us on FB or email [sales@gacarpetandbeds.com](mailto:sales@gacarpetandbeds.com)

**...Volunteer Coordinator – Knighton and District Community Centre.** The post holder will be based at the Community Centre and responsible for recruiting and supporting volunteers for the many organisations in Knighton, promoting new volunteering opportunities and completing regular reports to PAVO about volunteering activity in the area. Excellent IT skills are required including familiarity with Office, Facebook and Zoom. There are excellent opportunities to take up training opportunities and develop skills in areas such as video conferencing. We have a particular commitment to improving local services for families and young people and to promoting equalities. We offer 8 hours a week, £10.50 ph but there is the possibility to work more hours depending on funding. We can supply a job description, application form and FAQs for candidates by emailing [ruthforrester@btopenworld.com](mailto:ruthforrester@btopenworld.com). We plan for interviews to be held on 20th August 2021. Closing date: 17th August 2021 (tomorrow!!)

**...from Agincare Leominster.** We are looking to expand our team in the Kington area. We have 7-2 shifts available and every other weekend. If you want any further information please call us on 01568 611160 or email [leominstermgr@agincare.com](mailto:leominstermgr@agincare.com)

**...from PTHB. Graphic Designer and Production Officer** to join our team based in Bronllys. You will provide graphic design services to the Engagement and Communications Team, supporting on a wide range of different projects across the health board. You will also undertake the print, production and installation of wide-format printing using our in-house printing equipment. Ours is a friendly, dynamic team and we look forward to welcoming you to join us. Closing date: 22/08/2021. Find out more: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/?ts=1#!/job/v3253959>

**...from The Garth. Healthcare assistants** wanted. We are looking for someone to join our team for both our nursing home and/or our domiciliary care in kington/eardisley/weobley areas. Car driver preferred. Local area covered. High mileage paid, hourly rate above average and travel time paid. Applications please contact the Garth nursing home office on 01544 230 502.

**...from Busy Bees.** Cleaning supervisor required to cover the area. Part time position for 2 people or 1 full time position. Good rate of pay. Driving license and experience in cleaning holiday let's essential! Easy application process- just give us a message on our FB page!

**...from Hereford Museum. Volunteers Needed.** The Grayson Perry exhibition a 'Vanity of Small Difference' is coming to Hereford in October. We are looking for volunteer Museum Gallery Guides for the Exhibition. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of this event which will not only have the six large tapestries, but will include an exhibition by local artists inspired by Grayson Perry's work. If you would like more information please contact Julia Radburn [jradburn2@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:jradburn2@herefordshire.gov.uk)

**...from Age Cymru. Powys Community Helper Volunteers needed.** Most Covid restrictions have now ended, but heartbreakingly, many older people have lost their confidence in going out and are still stuck inside. We urgently need volunteers, in all areas of Powys, to support lonely and isolated older people to enjoy getting outside again after Covid-19. Thank you so much for your support. Do you live in Powys? Could you spare only 1 hour per week / month to help a local older person get back outside? Then you could change an older person's life – by helping them to reconnect with the outside world! Come and join our super-friendly teams – it's quick and easy to register your interest – please give us a call for a friendly chat, or email to find out more: Call: 01686 623707, Email: [enquiries@acpowys.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@acpowys.org.uk)

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