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"Working Together For Our Community"*

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 - **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

THANKS

...from the **Royal Oak**. Thank you for bearing with us and for all the kind messages and offerings of help whilst we've had to isolate and recover from Coronavirus. We will be reopening tomorrow (Saturday 21st) with normal hours being resumed.

...from the **Judge's Lodging**. A massive thank you to the **PACDG Guerrilla Gardeners** for tidying up our walled garden space, so visitors can sit out and perhaps savour a nice coffee and cake treat...all we need now is a day without rain!

...from **St Andrew's Church, Presteigne**. As with most organisations, our normal timetables are all out of kilter at the moment because of the pandemic, but yesterday our two church wardens for St Andrew's were sworn in, having been re-elected at the Annual Parish Church Meeting a few weeks ago. We are so grateful to Andy and Keith for everything they do to maintain our church properties and grounds and many other responsibilities ... as do Dilwyn Price and Lizzie Smallpage, our church wardens for St Michael's Discoed, and the wardens of Kinsham, Lingen and Knill.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Last week's Town Council meeting** was a relatively brief affair dealing only with urgent items, owing to it being August with no formal business meeting and the Town Walk following the next day. The Town Clerk has posted Draft Minutes of the August TC Meeting on the website - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>. Attendees noted the following items of particular interest (see Draft Minutes above for full detail): *Dark Skies/Street lighting - Powys was not willing to install PIR sensors other than in one carpark, but the other main aspects of the street lighting update will proceed *Community Broadband - the TC agreed to pursue the grant for a community broadband scheme, following the presentation at the TC meeting in June *Resurfacing of Stocken Road, Stonewall Hill scheduled for 3rd to 8th September.

COVID

...from **Herefordshire Council**. The law on self-isolation in England has now changed. More info at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-removed-for-double-jabbed-close-contacts-from-16-august>. Close contacts of positive #COVID-19 cases will no longer need to self-isolate if they are either: *double jabbed *under 18. Instead you should take a free PCR test- book online, call 119 or visit a test site.

...from **Powys THB**. Are you **16-17 years old** and registered with a GP in Powys? We have sent you a letter inviting you to a COVID-19 vaccination appointment. If you have not received your invitation, please contact us: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/priority-access-forms/>

...**Got Covid symptoms? Getting tested is easy, fast and free.** Find out more about testing in Powys: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing/symptoms/>

...**If you or your child has been told to self-isolate** and you're a carer or can't work from home, you could be entitled to £750. <https://gov.wales/self-isolation-support-scheme>

...**from Powys THB. Consent for vaccination for under 18s.** With the COVID vaccine now being offered to young people aged under 18, PTHB has had some enquiries around who needs to give consent for vaccination. The vaccine is now available for: * All young people aged 16-17 *Clinically Extremely Vulnerable people aged 12-15 and *12-15 year olds who are household contacts of immunosuppressed people. At 16 years of age a young person is presumed in law to have the capacity to consent, so young people aged 16 or 17 years should consent to their own medical treatment. Where someone aged 16 or 17 years consents to vaccination, a parent cannot override that consent. Those aged under 16 can also give consent to vaccination without their parents consent if they are able to demonstrate 'sufficient understanding and intelligence to understand fully what is proposed'. This is called Gillick Competence and is based on a legal case brought a number of years ago. If a Gillick-competent child consents to treatment, a parent cannot override that consent. This applies to all medical treatment and not just to vaccination.

SCAM ALERT

...**Watch out for texts claiming to be from DPD** telling you they were unable to make a delivery and asking you to go to their website (with a link). It's a smishing scam that will take you to a very realistic-looking fake website and ask you to pay a small fee for redelivery. Find out more <https://whi.ch/DPDText>. If you are missing a delivery from DPD (or any other courier company) you should contact them directly.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Presteigne St Andrews FC SuperLotto** is back. Further details will be confirmed over the weekend about where to buy tickets etc, but we can confirm that the first lotto draw will take place Sunday 29th August. Prize £4928

...**from Weobley Ash.** As we approach the end of the summer BBQ season we shall now be closed on Sundays. Opening times Monday to Friday 9-5; Saturday 9-4

...**Presteigne Bowling Club.** Busy and very successful week this week for the Tigers. Wednesday night saw a mixed side take on Leominster for a Friendly game at home. On Thursday, Presteigne Ladies won all rinks in a top of the table battle against Knighton, Presteigne Men triumphed in their Super 8 match vs Graig Merthyr, David & Laura won the Mixed Pairs Section Final, and Presteigne were crowned Champions of the 2021 Mid-Wales Veterans League (with our other team the Tigers taking a very creditable 4th spot). On Friday, Presteigne Men had a convincing win in their Mid-Wales league match against Knighton setting them up for top of the table clashes next week with Builth, and then old rival Llandrindod Wells. Saturday's 4th round all-Wales Carruthers Shield tie against BSC Landore (Swansea) was postponed because of a case of Covid in the BSC Landore team.

...**from Amy. 1st Presteigne Rainbows is currently looking for volunteers** to help support our young members (5-7 year olds) to build confidence, make new friends and learn valuable skills in a safe space. We hope to re-open in Sept on a Tuesday at 5:15-6:15pm - there are plenty of spaces available for new young members too! Full training and support will be given. For more information feel free to get in touch with Amy at knightonrainbows@hotmail.com or register your interest here: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-your-interest/>

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Lazy Sunday cancelled!** Mid Border Arts update. Unfortunately Lazy Sunday with Little Rumba is cancelled as John, the violinist, has broken his finger. He can't play, and the band can't play without him...

...Open Studios Presteigne August 28-30. "Twenty-five artists and makers will be taking part, displaying such skills as ceramics, photography, furniture making, jewellery, painting and drawing, linocut, laser-wood art, basketmaking, felting, metal, stone, and driftwood sculpture. Some will also be demonstrating their skills – Ruth Kirkby will be working on botanical illustration as well as her 30-minute landscapes, Gill Tennant-Eyles will be showing how she constructs her natural forms in clay and Clair Murphy will be making rush baskets on Saturday and Monday. Pete Smith will be working at his forge throughout the weekend. He will also be displaying a piece called 'From Here to Eternity' (his response to the terror of war) - created for blacksmithing events in Ypres and Hereford Cathedrals, and another which was originally displayed in St Andrew's Church in Presteigne" <https://www.herefordtimes.com/news/19518083.artists-open-studios-herefordshire-residents/> and <https://www.countytimes.co.uk/news/19525019.powys-studio-opens-exhibition-featuring-25-artists-crafters/>

...Presteigne Festival. The Box Office is now open to personal callers in Broad Street, Presteigne, daily 10am until 1pm, with a call-back service on 01544 267800 and online: <https://presteignefestival.com/2021-festival-brochure/>. Tickets are going amazingly well with several events sold out. The Festival is taking seriously its responsibility to keep audience members, artists, staff, volunteers and contractors safe during the Covid-19 pandemic and is insisting on social distancing and mask wearing inside performance venues with regular testing for all artists, composers, staff and volunteers. It has taken a monumental effort to promote the Presteigne Festival this year, please help us to help you keep safe. For more details on the Festival see the current Newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/3204e6e716ee/presteigne-festival-spring-newsletter-5631748?e=9cd7d53306>

...from RWT. The WILD IDEAS event is coming to Presteigne Saturday 28th August. 10 to 4.15pm at the Community Barn, Went's Meadow. This event is for young people age 9-24. We are planning to have a day full of creative and exciting activities. Join us and our local workshop leaders for: *Creative writing *Creative art & Wildlife activities. Together, we want to spark a debate in our youth that carries us towards simple, community solutions that carry Welsh culture and nature into the future. This event is FREE, but booking is required. You can book here: <https://www.rwtwales.org/events/2021-08-28-wild-ideas-presteigne>

...Love a good pub quiz ? Come along for Quiz Night @ The Bowls. Wednesday 8th September. 7.30 for 8pm start. General knowledge quiz with a twist. Teams of up to 4. £2.50pp. Cheapest bar in town, coffee/tea/cakes. Usual Covid precautions as per latest guidelines. Reserve your table now - email presteignedogman@icloud.com or call/text Terry on 07766 097600. Bowls Social Club, Hereford Street, Presteigne.

...September Walks with East Radnor Ramblers

Weds 1st Sept Fynnon Gwyndd 9 miles from Fynnon Gwyndd Common

Weds 8th Sept Knighton Circular 8.7 miles from Knighton Train Station Car Park

Weds 15th Sept Leintwardine area 7.5 miles from Leintwardine green

Weds 22nd Sept Water-Break-its-Neck to Llynheilyn 8 miles from Water-Break-its-Neck CP

Thurs 23rd Sept Mortimer Trail to Aymestry 5 miles from Lyepole Bridge

Weds 29th Sept Gladestry Circular 10 miles from Gladestry Village Hall CP

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 or from E & S Williams on [01544 260524](tel:01544260524)

...from Ardvaark Books & Café. We are really looking forward to our Car Boot event on Monday 30th! We'll have Nick Hurt and Blue Moon playing live music in the middle of the day, lots of booters including the Cottage Herbery from 9am-3pm, refreshments from our outside café stall, and the bookshop will be open from 10am-4pm for Bank Holiday Monday. Just need to sort out the weather and we'll be ready for a great day!! All welcome, free entry, free parking.

...Exhibiting at Broadaxe Business Park - David Colwell Design, Alex Ramsay, and Gill Tennant-Eyles. 28th to 30th August, 11am to 5pm daily.

David Colwell – Furniture maker. My chairs and tables prioritise comfort and sustainability, they look good too. I have now carried my enthusiasm to buildings.

Alex Ramsay – Photographer. After the last eighteen months of isolation, I thought I would show pictures that remind us all of life as it was and will be again. “An Equal Music”: photographs of another aspect of music in Presteigne, featuring pictures from Sheep Music and other events from 2004 onwards. Recapture the fun, freedom and anarchy of life before the pandemic!

Gill Tennant-Eyles – Ceramicist. Sculptural ceramics inspired by the natural world.

...from NGS Powys. The Great British Garden Party - The official Great British Garden Party dates are Saturday 4th – Sunday 12th September, but you can choose any day across the summer that is best for you. This event gives us all an opportunity to share our gardens whilst raising funds for vital nursing and health charities. Joining the Great British Garden Party couldn't be simpler. Follow this [link](#) to find out more, sign up on the National Garden Scheme website, invite your guests, and the NGS event team will support you on your way.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from KCS. Love to sing? Been thinking about joining a choir? The Kington Choral community choir draws most of its members from the wider area around Presteigne and welcomes new singers (tenors and basses especially!). We have been meeting by Zoom during lockdown, and then outdoors in the Community Barn, but are now planning to get together and start singing properly again in September, in preparation for a December concert of Mozart's Vespers in St Mary's, Kington. We rehearse on Monday evenings in Titley Village Hall. Want to know more ? call Christine on 01544 267048 or email crefausse@live.co.uk.

...from Powys CC. Do you work as a personal assistant with someone who has social care needs? Are you looking for more work? Or do you receive Direct Payments to manage your social care support and need to find someone to support you? Then, if you live in Powys, why not take a look at our Care and Support Finder website at <https://crowd.in/BQEA0H>. This is a new online resource to help link up people offering care and support with people who are looking for it. Why not give it a try?

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Cartrefi Cymru Co-operative. We are actively recruiting in your area at the moment. Check out our vacancies and apply here <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2>. We'd love to hear from you!

...from Radnor Oak. We are recruiting! Sales & Marketing Developer: Radnor Oak Ltd. is a family run business specialising in oak framed buildings, oak flooring, joinery items and general timber products. Due to continuing growth, we have an exciting opportunity for a Sales & Marketing Developer to join our friendly and professional team at our HQ at Presteigne. For further information about our business please visit our websites: www.radnor oak.co.uk, www.oakfloorboards.co.uk, www.radnortimber.co.uk. If you are interested in this position, please forward a covering letter and CV to wtyler@radnor oak.co.uk

...from the Offa's Dyke Centre. We desperately need volunteers ! Despite continued setbacks, it's hoped that the Offa's Dyke Centre can open again for weekends from Aug 21st. However, volunteers are desperately needed to help run the tea room and kitchen, allow our desk staff to have toilet breaks and deal with the public. Do as much or as little as you like but please, please be a volunteer with us. If you're interested in helping and can spare a little time, phone 01547 520565 or email oda@offasdyke.org.uk

...from Mangar Health. We're looking for a Customer Services Administrator on a temporary 18-month contract based from our offices in Presteigne, Powys. If you'd be interested to find out more or would like to submit your CV, please contact Debbie Jones by emailing djones@mangarhealth.com

...from Powys THB. Dental Support Assistant within the Primary Care Department, working jointly with the community Dental Service for a 2-year, fixed term contract, based in

Llandrindod Wells. The post will provide first point of contact for members of the public supporting the provision and allocation of urgent dental needs within Powys. If you would like more information please contact amanda.Evans99@Wales.nhs.uk More info <http://jobs.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/job/v3351030>

...from Freedom Leisure. Lifeguard for East Radnor Leisure Centre. Do you want to be part of a friendly team in the heart of the local community? Don't be put off by the qualifications listed, training will be provided for the right candidate! To apply click on the link below or for more information email Leanne Evans at leanne.evans@freedom-leisure.co.uk. Closing Date 27th August 2021. <https://bit.ly/3g1OzWp>

...from J R Morgan. We are looking to recruit enthusiastic individuals who are flexible and reliable to join our team in providing a range of work within the poultry industry. Jobs would predominately include relief hatchery work, tipping of chicks and pullets, catching for vaccination and grading amongst many others. Please apply or enquire by email to apstocker2@gmail.co.uk

...from Little Orchard Nursery, Kington. We are looking to recruit a nursery practitioner to start in December 21 or January 22. If you are interested in this role please book a visit with our deputy manager (on a Friday) where you will be able to collect an application pack - email Meg at littleorchardnursery@btconnect.com

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