

Community News



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"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

Presteigne Festival - please note this change - the Festival Box Office is open every day from 10am - 5pm all this week and throughout the Festival (Saturday and Sunday included). We aren't doing any tickets on the door of events this year (it would create too much of a "pinch point" at entrances when we are trying to maintain distancing) so people do need to visit the Box Office in advance.

...from **Presteigne Carnival - Fanfare of Trumpets!!! here are the results of the Scarecrow Competition** (see photos of all the wonderful entries on Carnival's FB page :-
1st Presteigne Little People, Primary School, Slough Road; 2nd Zoe Dyer, 43 Warden Close; 3rd Julie Layton, Bodmin House, Church Street; 4th Azra Bateman, 2 Chapel Cottages, Harpers Lane. Highly Commended: Mangar Aids, Industrial Estate; Sarah Kuegler, 23 Kings Court, Mark and Kassy, 17 Warden Close.

Very well done everyone, and a Big Thank You to all who took part - your creativity, imagination and skill have been outstanding, and your enthusiasm for this competition shows the true spirit of Presteigne. Also a Big Thank You to our Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Fiona Preece and Councillor Deborah Edwards for judging, a very difficult task indeed, and to Tim Shallcross for the photographs, Andy Leavis for the scarecrow charms, and Kim Vanesi for the idea and for making it happen! Please enjoy walking around and admiring the handiwork, and if we do it next year, perhaps you will have a go

...the **September Broad Sheep magazine** is out now and online - www.broadsheep.com

THANKS

...from **PSAFC**. That's pre season done. Now on to the season starting on Friday night with a very local derby. Thanks to everyone who has supported both teams and the clubhouse during pre season, its been so well supported, we really appreciate it and we look forward to seeing you all throughout what is going to be a vital season for the club. Good luck to Bryn and John's teams.

...to **Nick Close**. Several people have emailed in wanting to say a 'thank you' to Nick for all the work he does on behalf of the TC maintaining facilities around the town, mending stuff, painting seats, litter picking and cleaning up around Went's Meadow, and much much more. You are appreciated, Nick !

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

[ed.] **Correction:** I incorrectly referred to a Community Broadband scheme when reporting notes from the August TC Meeting - the reference should have been to a Town Wi-Fi scheme (see Draft Minute: *Town Wifi: Members considered the notes from the meeting held between Cllr. Ruby, the Clerk and the County Council Community Broadband Officer and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of such a scheme. Overall it was felt that the project should*

proceed and that the Clerk should notify the County Council that the Town Council wished to proceed.) The Town Clerk has clarified that a Community Broadband scheme will be on the Agenda for the September TC Meeting but has not yet been agreed.

COVID

...for 16-17 year olds in Herefordshire - have you got your vaccine yet? Find the a walk-in nearest to you using this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site>

...from Powys THB. Drop-In First and Second Dose COVID Vaccination Sessions this week. You can attend our drop-in clinic for your first dose if you are aged 16+. You can attend our drop in clinic for your second dose if your first dose was in Powys more than eight weeks ago. Maldwyn Leisure Centre, Newtown on Thursday 2 September, 8.30am - 5.30pm; Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells on Friday 3 September, 8.30am - 3.30pm. No appointment necessary. More information: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/drop-in-first-and-second-dose-covid-vaccination-sessions-week-beginning-23-august/>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club. Want to try something new or you haven't played in a while and would like to give it a go again!? Come along and join Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club Wednesday evenings @7.15pm on John Beddoes School Field.

...from Presteigne Bowls Club. A terrific win for the Tigers 95-60 against BSC Landore in the quarter-final of the All-Wales Carruthers Shield Tournament, to more than offset the disappointment of losing to Llandrindod in the final top-of-table match in the Mid-Wales Men's League. Presteigne now face Merthyr West End in the Carruthers semi-final on 11th September. Presteigne Ladies also finished in second place in their league, equal on points but losing on shot difference also to Llandrindod. A terrific year all round for Presteigne following on from 1st and 4th place in the Veterans League. Next Saturday 4th September the Presteigne bowling green sees the all-day annual Charity Triples Tournament with teams from all over the Marches area and further afield. If you've never been to a bowls tournament, come along and see what it's all about. Starts 9.30am.

...from The Warehouse. Lots of electrical items have been PAT tested this week and are now out for sale. Integrated freezer, brand new in box - shop price is over £300 but we are asking for £150. Irons only £4, some never used! Worth getting a spare. Bread maker, electric can opener, heated rollers, hair dryers and curlers, lots of lamps and lampshades, also glass shades and centre light fittings ... and much much more. Two trouser presses now half price only £4 each - a Belling electric cooker £20 - Electric fire and surround now half price only £20. Plus...our menswear section has had a good tidy up and there are lots of good quality, clean clothes. Many designer brands. Come and have a browse through. Prices start from only 50p!!

...from 1st Presteigne Scouts. We are restarting in September, with lots of young people wanting to join in on the fun. [Currently seeking leaders](#), and occasionally helpers for all age groups. Please get in touch if you are interested or share if you think you know someone who may be willing to help. Currently all sections run on a Thursday evening.

...from Paws A While. Are you going back to work/uni/college? Realised you need a hand with your four legged friends? We'd love to help. For a no obligation, chat & meet, (sniffs & hugs from your dog actively encouraged) just drop us a message. We're fully insured, DBS checked & are happy to pass on references. Contact Andrea on 07985 697073

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from Presteigne Screen - we're re-opening soon! The detailed film programme through December 2021 can be viewed online at www.presteignescreen.org.uk. We restart our programming and the 2021 Season on Friday 10th September with 'NomadLand'. Francis McDormand (*Fargo*, *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*) plays Fern, a victim of the 2008 recession and recently widowed. She reacts to her new circumstances and economic hardship by embracing the possibility of freedom and life on the open road. She joins a community of

like-minded nomads, roaming the country in camper vans, looking for seasonal work and friendship.

...from Presteigne St. Andrews FC. As you all know the league season started on Friday with Presteigne St Andrews v CP Llanandras in the “inter club league game”, but as well as that here are the start of the season fixtures for both teams:

Friday, 3 September (start of league): Presteigne St Andrews v CP Llanandras – 7.30pm kick off

Saturday, 11 September: Talgarth Town v Presteigne St Andrews

Saturday, 18 September: J Emrys Morgan Cup – Round 1: Aberystwyth University v Presteigne St Andrews; CP Llanandras v Rhayader Town Reserves

Friday, 24 September: CP Llanandras v Hay St Marys Reserves – 7.30pm kick off.

Saturday, 25 September: Newcastle v Presteigne St Andrews

Sunday 26th: Talgarth vs CP Llanandras Radnorshire Cup

...from Presteigne Floral Art Society : The club will meet again on Wed 8th September in Presteigne Memorial Hall at 7.30. The demonstrator will be Lorena Dyer and her topic to illustrate in her flower arrangements is ‘Lipstick , Powder and Paint’ . Visitors very welcome - £5 on the door. Please remember your face covering! Further information from 01544 340453

...Presteigne Digital. 1st - 31st October 2021. Chamber music, instrumental and song highlights recorded at the 2021 Presteigne Festival with specially recorded composer interviews – look out for more information coming very soon on the Festival website.

...from Presteigne Bowling Club. We are holding our one day Charity Triples at the bowling green on Saturday 4th September - ‘round robin’ format, 24 teams, 9-30am start. Food, drink, raffle. Spectators welcome.

...from Chatterbrook WI - We are pleased to be able to resume our evening meetings and will be in Presteigne Memorial Hall on Thursday September 9th at 7.30. Our speakers, postponed from last year, will be Kay and Jane who will outline their project ‘Uganda Dream’. There will be a Fair Trade craft stall in support of their work in Africa. Visitors are very welcome to join us - £3 on the door Find us on <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookW> Or phone 01544 267245

...from Aardvark Books. Your invitation to our September Events! - <https://mailchi.mp/e4336cac8eac/your-invitation-to-september-events-at-aardvark-books>. Read all about our activities: our Car Boot on Monday 30th August, our h.Art opening on 4th September, and much more! Do come along!

...from Walton Parish Hall. Macmillan’s Coffee Morning is an event dedicated to bringing people together over a cuppa to raise vital funds for people living with cancer. This year, a MacMillan coffee morning will be held in Walton Parish Hall on Saturday 25th September from 10.30am to 12.30pm. There will also be a table top sale of home made jams, chutneys and cakes, plus plants, flowers and home grown fruit and vegetables. Please come and support this important fund raiser. Walton Hall is on the B4357, just off the A44, LD8 2PY.

...Presteigne Trotting Races. On Broadheath Common LD8 2SH, Saturday 11th September, from 1.30pm.

...Presteigne Repair. The recent Presteigne Repair & Share event at the Old School in Hereford Street was the busiest yet, with a wide range of items brought in to make good use of the many skills of our clever fixers, to whom many thanks. The next event will be on Saturday 18th September, again in the Old School, and happens to coincide appropriately with the first day of The Big Green Week.

...from Rolly - the Big Green Week runs from 18th to 26th September. For more information/ ideas & to see what is going on in other places visit <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> organised by the Charity ‘Climate Coalition’. There will be a stall on the High Street here in Presteigne about local projects, & hopefully more happening round & about which folk can/will organise to fit in with the week's themes. It's up to us! Events on Climate and Nature around the UK will focus on how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and protect green spaces,

and encourage others to get involved too. It's an opportunity to celebrate local activity, raising the profile of the Climate and the Ecological emergency, showing how & why it is relevant to the community. Also to talk about what we can do, share our ideas & our fears. We are seeing the impacts of extreme weather events on people and places both here in the UK and abroad. Now is the time help raise the ambition of plans to change climate change at home and abroad, in both local & central government, as In November the UK is hosting the major UN climate summit, COP26, in Glasgow. Contact rollybea5@gmail.com if you have ideas, want more information

...from Aardvark Books & Café. Look! In September we welcome eight artists from Abstract Edge to take over the Aardvark Gallery - they will fill it with amazing abstract art - paintings, mixed media and sculpture, from 4th -19th September... it'll be wonderful to see after the pandemic experience we've all had. All welcome, do come! The exhibition will be open 11am - 5pm every day - even Mondays! Free entry & parking.

OTHER INFORMATION

...A local couple is looking to buy, via private purchase, a two storey, three bedroomed, preferably detached, property within easy walking distance of Presteigne High Street, with either a garage or off-road parking and a small private rear garden. Please reply with full details via the Editor - email news@pacdg.org

...from PTHB Powys Teaching Health Board. [Want to quit smoking ?](#) We've just published a story about the Help Me Quit programme. Click on this link to view - details of how to sign up are at the end: [More smokers quit during COVID - Powys Teaching Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)
[Need to seriously lose weight ?](#) We are encouraging people with a body mass index (BMI) of over 25 to sign up for an online weight management programme. 'Foodwise for Life' – led by dietetic support workers - is a nine-week programme and is part of the Welsh Government's All Wales Obesity Pathway. Click here for details [Free NHS programme helping Powys people to lose weight - Powys Teaching Health Board](#). There is growing confidence among patients in Wales when it comes to video consultations, according to the latest findings published by TEC Cymru. [How do you feel about health video consultations ?](#) In Powys, more than 8000 video consultations (VC) took place between March 2020 and July 2021. GPs, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists and mental health practitioners are all now turning to VC in order to see patients safely and to help the NHS recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. Click here for more information <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/patients-are-positive-about-video-consultations/>

...The spending limit on each use of a contactless card is to rise from £45 to £100 from 15 October, banks have revealed. The maximum amount was increased from £30 to its current level at the start of the pandemic, and plans to raise it further were announced in the Budget.

...from Powys CC. Calling all Powys students. Don't forget your new bus pass at the start of term - you'll need it to get to and from school every day

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Seconds, Presteigne. HGV Driver wanted (Class 2). Looking to start immediately, Monday to Friday, 4 nights out a week, £12 an hour. Must have at least 2 years driving experience, capable of handling and unloading insulation board by hand. Happy to speak to customers face to face and on the phone. Looking for a RELIABLE and hard working individual who wants to get the job done. Please call 01544 260 501 or drop us an email cait@secondsandco.co.uk or even a facebook message.

...from Newtown High School - two HLTA (teaching assistant) roles available on the Newtown Campus. You can see more details about these jobs on our Job Vacancies section on the school website: <https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/main/index.php/about-us-nhs/jobs>

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