

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

...from Heather. "Dear Editor, perhaps it would be an idea to make people aware of some petty 'thieving' in Norton. My garden shed hadn't been locked (which was so stupid) and many of my treasured gardening implements, tools and biggish decorative ceramic plant pots have been stolen during the hours of darkness. Plus, several watering cans and buckets..... (Aldi's best) ! They seem such stupid things to steal; but I'm seriously irritated and miffed. So folks, [wherever you live] learn by my error and LOCK your shed."

...a reminder on some of your local Recycling options for those things that **cannot** be put in your kerbside recycling boxes - in addition to tetrapak-type drink and food cartons, and coffee cups, the three ACE wheeled skips at the Bring Site now also accept Pringle-type crisp and hot chocolate containers i.e. cardboard tubes with metal caps - No.46 Wine Bar will accept all crisp and snack packets which are recycled to benefit the Guide Dog charity (please package your packets in a roll fastened with elastic bands to minimise bulk) - all clean flexible plastic film like bread bags, carrier bags, freezer/sandwich bags etc (but NOT bubblewrap or clingfilm) can now be recycled at many large supermarkets e.g. Kington Co-Op (look for the bin on the left inside the store entrance) but check the supermarket website for details - SPAR are happy to take all your old batteries for recycling - your printer ink cartridges (but NOT laser toner cartridges) can be recycled in a collection box at The Warehouse and the Day Centre - there is a book bank and two clothes banks at the Bring Site (but please do NOT leave items in the collection chutes if the bins are full - especially books as they just get wet and are then useless). *[ed. If you know of other local recycling options please let us know so we can include that information here]*

...Hereford Street One-Way system (trial) should be 'live' this week. PCC says that the final element of the project to improve active travel routes within Presteigne will be completed week commencing 27 September 2021 when Hereford Street becomes one-way ... **from Sargeants**. Please be aware that with the current trial of the one-way system in Presteigne the 41 service will only service Hereford Street stops on outward bound journeys to Knighton and not on the inward bound journeys to Kington, please use the Recycle Centre bus stop.

[ed. the one-way direction will be along that section of Hereford Street from the Lugg View junction towards town, ending at the entrance to the car-park]

...Broad Sheep October 2021 issue is out now! Plus online - www.broadsheep.com

THANKS

...from Chatterbrook WI. A very big thank you to everyone involved in our Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning on Friday, to all WI members who contributed their time, beautiful cakes and raffle prizes, and of course to everyone who came and supported us today, helping to create a warm and friendly atmosphere and to raise an astonishing £766.30 !! for Macmillan Cancer Care - which makes it all so worthwhile.

...from The Judge's Lodging - we all wish the incredible sporting force that is Chaz Davies the best of luck, as he announces his stepping down from WSBK racing. We thank you for all the years of watching you do what you do so well and especially for your kindness and generosity at our first community exhibition 'Sporting Life in Presteigne' - you answered questions from local school pupils, lent us some of your most prized and personal sporting possessions and even brought some of your team to visit. Wherever life takes you next, enjoy it to the full.

...from Cath at Walton Village Hall. Thank you to all of you who attended the MacMillan coffee morning in Walton Hall on Saturday 25th September. A massive £744.60 was raised for this wonderful organisation. Another huge thank you to everyone who helped on the day, or donated goods for the table top sale. So wonderful to see such community spirit & generosity.

...Putting the Wild back into Wildflowers. Thanks to Warden Guardians, verges folk & other friends for raking up the mown grass ('arisings') on the verges which were mown less this year to help increase biodiversity. Removing the clippings after the cut reduces the amount of nutrients going back into the soil, which if left stimulates even stronger grass growth, & inhibits the flowers. It also allows light & air to reach these perennial flowering plants helping them to spread & seeds to flourish. Orchids were found in 2 new places along the by-pass where the grass was left uncut earlier on in the year!

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...the Draft Minutes for the September TC Meeting can now be seen on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council

...the next full TC Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm (online on Zoom and at the Assembly Rooms. Meeting papers will be available on the Town website on 14th October. To join the Meeting on Zoom click here on the day <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81975312357?pwd=T3MxeGJ0OUZlaGs0dHRxVFN4dFIVUT09>. Meeting ID: 819 7531 2357 Passcode: 201497. Or dial by your location - UK [0330 088 5830](tel:03300885830).

In face to face meetings members of the public should wear masks and ensure that they sit in the seats allocated and observe social distancing. Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of coronavirus. You will be required to supply contact details to enable track and trace to be used if necessary.

...monthly Councillor Surgeries - please note these are cancelled until further notice.

...Latest planning applications in: [21/1370/RES](#) Grid Reference: E:331758 N: 264485

Proposal: Reserved matters application following planning approval 19/0777/OUT in relation to appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale. Site Address: Erection Of A Rural Enterprise Dwelling, Broad Street, Presteigne. [21/1385/HH](#) Grid Reference: E:331305 N: 264381 Proposal: Installation of hand rail to flat roof area Site Address: 1 The Barn, Presteigne. To be considered at the October meeting of the Town Council.

...the Town Clerk's monthly Newsletter can be viewed on the Council's FB page.

SCAM ALERT

...If you get an official-looking email, seeming to come from the NHS, inviting you to get a Digital Coronavirus Passport, it's NOT the NHS, it's a scammer trying to steal your information. You WON'T be invited to get an NHS Covid Pass. You can get one here <https://gov.wales/nhs-covid-pass-prove-your-vaccination-status>. Please help us share this so others don't fall victim.

...Beware of COVID Pass fraud! Criminals are using the NHS COVID Pass as a way to target the public by convincing them to hand over money, financial details and personal information. The NHS App is FREE. The NHS Covid Pass is FREE. The NHS will NEVER ask for payment or any financial details.

...Scam emails may look convincing, they can appear to be official, and can fake logos and websites, but be alert - look at the IP address, look for poor spelling or phrasing, be especially suspicious if it doesn't address you by name - NEVER click on a link unless you KNOW the email is genuine, even to confirm you're not the person addressed, or to correct an

apparent mistake, or to unsubscribe, or to respond about a purchase or payment that you didn't make REPORT any suspicious email to report@phishing.gov.uk - then DELETE.

COVID

...**lateral flow tests (box of seven) are also available** free from the Library on a Tuesday and Wednesday, in addition to our Pharmacy and Medical Centre.

...**Powys THB Booster Reserve List.** We have extended the date on our Booster Reserve List so that even more people can sign up to help ensure no doses are wasted. The COVID vaccine booster programme is under way, and invitations are beginning to land on doormats. If you are eligible for the booster then you should expect to receive an invitation between 6-8 months after your second dose. On rare occasions we may be able to offer a short notice appointment - for example, because we need to finish an open vial at the end of a clinic. Only a small number of short notice appointments will be available, so currently we are giving priority to people whose second dose was before 7 March. You can find out more about the booster programme, including our reserve list, from our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/booster/>. You can access the reserve list here: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/booster/reserve-list-for-booster-dose-appointments/>.

** Please note that the eligibility date has been extended to 7 March (updated on 24 Sept) **

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from **The Royal Oak**. **Fish Fryday** is back. Booking highly recommended to avoid missing out. Available to eat in or takeaway. Beer battered cod & homemade chips £7.50. Mushy peas £1. To book message us on FB or call 01544 260842.

...from **Emily**. **EG Fitness & Dance** offers dance classes from ages 3 up to 16 at Presteigne Memorial Hall on Mondays during term time. They are run by a fully insured and DBS checked instructor. There is no need for prior knowledge of dance, no expensive dance uniform to buy, just a bottle of water and your dancing feet! The classes are based on age and the pupils learn many different styles throughout the classes to popular songs. Get in touch to know more! Plus... what better way to start off a week than with an exercise class! Suitable for all abilities and ages! I teach at the Community Barn on Went's Meadow in Presteigne on Mondays: 7-7:30pm for Dance fitness, and 7:30-8pm for Keep Fit. £3.50 for one class or £6 for the 2! Get in touch if you'd like to book on! Limited spaces available! Find us at: EG Fitness & Dance on FB, call 07447916646 or email Emily at: egeorge95@icloud.com

...**Leon's ready meals** are now available frozen from the Salty Dog and we are offering you a 'buy any two and get one free' special offer. Please see our range on our website: www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com. Please note that all of our meals are subject to availability. To find out what's available and to reserve please call us on 01544 267720.

...from **East Radnor Care**. **Day Centre premises available to let** for meetings, events, etc. Can be a regular booking or one off events. Choice of rooms available. Kitchen facilities. Large car park. Very reasonable rates. Please email admin@eastradnor.care or phone 01544 260267.

...from **Freedom Leisure**. New class starting from Wednesday 29th September! Spin and HIIT with Emily. Booking is essential for all classes. Phone to book your place now (01544) 260302. Plus... Looking for something to warm you up as the nights get colder/darker? Come down to use our sauna. Open to use during public/lane sessions with advance notice.

...from **Rose Cottage Flowers & Café**. We are reopening today (Monday) after our holiday and will be continuing the same hours as our summer opening for the autumn. Our menu has changed slightly and we will be doing a special this week. Soup with baguette or cheese scone and apple pie with cream or custard £7.50. See you soon

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Next **SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER** our local **Food Market** is back inside the Memorial Hall 9am-1pm. Great produce from our regular local suppliers including: Amanda's Bread plus Weobly Ash Apple Juice, Presteigne Honey, Alex's Chocolates, Survival, Celia's Cosmetics,

Elise's Bakes, Planet & Plate, Planet B, Hay Charcuterie, Wegralls Butchery with their new 2-star Great Taste Award winning bacon.

...next dogman Quiz Night@The Bowls is Wednesday 13th October at the Presteigne Bows Social Club in Hereford Street, 7.30pm for 8pm start. General knowledge pub quiz with a twist. Teams of up to 4 people £2.50pp. Cheapest bar in town plus tea/coffee/cake. Book your team table now, email presteignedogman@icloud.com or call/text 07766 097600.

...Evenjobb Village Hall - Diary Dates for October 2021. Saturday October 2nd – Village Café. Open every Saturday from 11am to 3.30pm serving light lunches, cakes and beverages in the village hall. Saturday October 2nd - Harvest Festival. 7pm in St Peter's, Evançoyd followed by Harvest Supper in the village hall at 8pm. You can just come for the bring & share supper, also any produce or related items donated will be auctioned to raise money for the Air Ambulance and the Church. Saturday October 9th - Book Sale 11am to 4pm. New and used hardback and paperback books being sold by a retired bookshop owner. Wednesday October 20th - Village Hall AGM. 7pm in the hall. Come along and find out what the committee have been doing and how you might be able to help. Saturday October 30th - Music Night 7.30pm. Tony and Turquoise Redfern will entertain us with a medley of songs from the 60's up to the present day. There will be spaced cafe seating and a light supper will be served in the interval. Tickets are on sale at £10 each, in advance only up to October 23rd, at the village cafe or by contacting Linda on 01547 560306. Bring your own drinks.

...a Mexican Night with Leon on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th October. 7pm above The Salty Dog in Presteigne. 5 courses £25 per head, bring-your-own drinks. Booking essential, call 01544 267720 or 07805 727486

...October Walks with East Radnor Ramblers. Sun 3rd Oct Kington Festival Walk 6 miles, on part of Glyndwr's Way, from Kington Clock Tower. Please book with the leader 07970695753; Weds 6th Oct Kington Festival Walk Holloway Rocks 8 miles from Kington Train Station. Please book with the leader 07800772175; Sun 10th Oct Kington Festival Walk Offa's Dyke Path Loop 7 miles from Offa's Dyke Centre. Please book with the leader 07800772175; Weds 13th Oct Downton, Lawnwell Dingle 7 miles from Leintwardine, by the bridge; Weds 20th Oct tba ; Thurs 21st Oct Harley's Hill 4.5 miles from Presteigne Recycling C.P.; Weds 27th Oct Tenbury Wells 9 miles from Tenbury long stay C.P, Kyrewood Road. 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

...from Cath at Walton Village Hall. There will be a talk by Mrs Mo Lloyd at Walton Hall on Friday 15th October at 7pm. The talk is entitled "Two hundred years of farming in Radnorshire". Refreshments will be available and entry fee is £5. The next Coffee Morning at Walton Hall will be on Wednesday 13th October from 10.30am to 1pm. Come and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake with us. Books and jigsaws will be available for you to exchange, or to take away for a donation to the hall.

OTHER INFORMATION

...FREE bus travel in Herefordshire again all weekend for any journey, any bus, anywhere that starts & finishes in Herefordshire Where are you thinking of visiting next? For ideas, route planning & more visit:<https://orlo.uk/F2Ja9>.

...from Powys THB. Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services are available for patients across Powys who are unable, for medical reasons, to make their own way to and from their hospital appointments. Eligibility for Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services is based on your clinical need for transport and not on need for treatment. If you do not meet the clinical eligibility criteria for Patient Transport then alternative travel options are available. This includes local community transport providers. You may also be able to claim back all or some of your travel costs, with further information available via this Welsh Government link <https://gov.wales/get-help-nhs-travel-costs>. More information about Patient Transport Services for Powys residents (including eligibility) is available from our website at www.pthb.nhs.wales/find/nepts

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...Sargeants are recruiting drivers for their depots in Hereford and Kington. If you have a PCV licence and would like to join our team or have a driving licence and would like to learn to drive a bus then come and talk to us. We operate a good quality fleet of vehicles and offer a competitive salary with Company uniform, Works pension, CPC training, Medical, DBS, 28 days holiday inclusive of 8 Bank Holidays, Probationary bonus. If you would like more information please contact our Transport Manager on 01544 230481

...from Powys CC - a range of fantastic administrative and support opportunities to support our Childrens Services. The pandemic has had a significant impact across all parts of our community, particularly the most vulnerable living amongst us. As a result, to ensure our most experienced and qualified social care staff can focus their time on providing direct support to individuals who need it, we have created a range of administrative roles for a minimum period of 6 months. https://ce0278li.webitrent.com/ce0278li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID=890537UkjJ&WVID=1559200y0c&LANG=USA

...the Knighton Hotel is hiring - live-in caretakers, cleaners, maintenance workers, and cafeteria staff. For the Caretakers we are looking for an enthusiastic couple, one for cooking & cleaning and the other for maintenance and night duties. For all positions, send your CV, DBS certificate and references to recruit@paymanclub.com.

...from Herefordshire Council. Are you looking for a new challenge? We've currently got roles available for: Teaching assistants, Home improvement team leader, Sustainable Energy Project Officer, Receptionist & many more! For more info & to apply, visit: <https://orlo.uk/uByRk>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board - opportunity for an experienced Band 4 Electrician to join our busy Estates department. If you are able to work autonomously and flexibly across a diverse range of electrical and mechanical systems and undertake activities which are complex and non-routine within engineering plant and equipment environments, we would love to hear from you. Closing date: 06/10/2021. Find out more: https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/?ts=1#/job/UK/Powys/Brecon/Powys_Teaching_Health_Board/Estates_Property_Electrician/Estates_Property_Electrician-v3506684?ts=2083

...from J P Turner, Kington. Staff Vacancy, Store Person and Delivery Driver. We are on the lookout for a new member to join our busy Agricultural Merchants and Garden Centre. Roles include serving customers, delivery driving, operating a forklift, mixing seeds, cleaning, stocking and maintenance in the store. Monday to Friday 8.30 - 5 and Saturday Mornings 8.30 - 12. Local person an advantage, minimum age 25. For more details and to apply please email your CV to or drop it into store.

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