

*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)

...from **County Cllr Beverley Baynham**. "As most people will be aware (or maybe not) Powys CC have made a short section of Hereford Street one way for a trial period. It is a trial and not set in stone. Several people have have spoken directly to me in favour of the new system but obviously there are others who are not in favour. If you have strong feelings either way then click the link (*on Beverley's FB page*) and drop me a message. I can then collate these and present to Powys so they can make an informed judgment. Don't forget you can drop me an email anytime about any issue. [cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk). Thanks"

...from **Ruth**. We have lots of free apples if anybody wants to pick them - mixture of heritage and traditional apples, for eating, cooking, plus crab apples for jelly etc. We planted 50 trees 10 years ago, having no idea how much they would produce! Collect from Stocken Farm, call 01544267738

...**Kinsham Bridge update!** The bridge was scheduled to reopen after repairs at the end of September, but apparently will now not be ready until December 31st because more work was needed than expected.

...**the new houses (Maes Corton) by the roundabout on the road coming in from Shobdon have been put for sale with Morris Marshall & Poole** of Welshpool, and are now listed on Rightmove. These are the ones for sale on the open market value. See the website for details <https://www.morrismarshall.co.uk> or call 01938 554818. For properties available under the "Rent to Own" scheme at Maes Corton, register your interest now. Read more here <https://bit.ly/3FcYVxO>

...from **Rachel**. We are looking for a short term let (6months to 1year) in Presteigne for a family of 4 and a well behaved puppy, preferably x3 bedrooms and a garden. Please call Rachel on 07901 615132 or email [rachaelfisherpr@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelfisherpr@gmail.com)

### THANKS

...from **Grace Beauty**. Today was a day of mixed emotions. After almost 12 years of Grace Beauty, we enjoyed our final day working with clients in Presteigne. Tomorrow we begin packing ready to move to the new venture "Thyme" in Lingen. I would personally like to say the biggest thank you to all our clients past and present, you made this little salon the success it is today. Presteigne has been a wonderful, supportive and loyal town to be part of and we will truly miss the community spirit. Rhi and I are very excited to begin our new journey at Thyme together. We cannot wait to welcome you to this new space and hope you enjoy all it has to offer. From the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU. Love & Thanks from Grace & Rhi xx

...from **Presteigne Primary School**. This week we have said thank you to Lizzie Smallpage who has given many years to our school as part of our Governing Body. More recently, Lizzie

has been a fabulous Chair of Governors. We will all miss her kindness and support, but know she will be back to visit us very soon! Thank you for everything, Lizzie!

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

**...from the Town Clerk. Any community groups in Presteigne and Norton looking for a small grant?** Apply now! As Welsh Water are carrying out work in the Norton and Presteigne areas, any local community groups who are fundraising for good causes could benefit from their Community Fund. Anybody who lives in an area where WW are carrying out investment work – and are fundraising for projects that benefit the community – could receive funding from Welsh Water up to the value of £1,000. More information and details on how to apply can be found at [www.dwrcymru.com/Community-Fund](http://www.dwrcymru.com/Community-Fund)

**...The Town Council is delighted to announce that it has been awarded £9998 from the National Lottery Community Fund to purchase and install new play equipment at the Lugg View Playground.** The items will be a twin swing (one flat and one cradle seat) and a multi-play unit with inclined climbing wall, tunnel and curved ladder, spinning bowl. The order has been placed but there is no date yet for installation. Thank you National Lottery - <https://facebook.com/TNLCommunityFundWales>. Powys CC kindly gave permission for the items to be put on the site and will be providing the necessary grass matting. Thanks are due to Cllr. Beverley Baynham and PCC's Steve Gealy for their help and support with the project. The TC is delighted to work collaboratively with Powys to provide facilities for residents and visitors.

## SCAM ALERT

**...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.

**...from Which. If you've been hacked, it might not be quite what you think.** Beware of online quizzes on FB etc asking for your most-loved pet's name, a name made up of your favourite things etc etc. Quizzes like this are a goldmine of personal data and security question answers for scammers. Even though they seem harmless, **NEVER** do them. Tech giants know these quizzes put users at risk. We're demanding that the government introduce strong new laws to make tech giants protect you online <https://whi.ch/JustNotBuyingIt>

## COVID & FLU

**...from PNCS. Free transport for Boosters.** Our Community Transport Scheme will once again be offering free transport for Covid Booster Vaccination journeys - this service is for everyone in the Presteigne, Norton and surrounding areas. Call 01544 267961

**...from PAVO. Volunteers needed.** As the booster vaccination programme begins, PAVO are looking for volunteers to help with marshalling at the Mass Vaccination Centres. If you think you might be looking for something to keep you busy over the autumn and winter, Helen Edwards at PAVO would be happy to have a chat with you on what's involved [01597 822191](tel:01597822191).

**...from Powys THB. Flu Vaccination.** This year, it's more important than ever to get your flu vaccine. You are advised to have a flu vaccine if:- You are pregnant - You are aged 50 or over - You have a long term health condition that puts you at increased risk from flu - You live in a care home. The following groups are also advised to have a flu vaccine to protect them and the people around them:- Children aged two and three years old (age on 31 August 2021) - Children and young people in school years Reception to Year 11 - Carers - People working directly with patients/clients in health or social care - Those who live with someone who has a compromised immune system. Find out more on [www.phw.nhs.wales/vaccines](http://www.phw.nhs.wales/vaccines). Information about COVID vaccinations in Powys can be found on <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>. Getting vaccinated helps protect those around you too!

**...Invitations for COVID-19 Vaccination are being sent to the homes of 12-15 year olds across Powys.** If there's a 12-15 year old in your Powys household you'll receive an invitation by early November. Whether you take up the invitation needs to be your choice. So, if you want to rearrange or cancel, please do let us know as this will help us to offer the appointment to someone else: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/information-about->

[mass-vaccination-centres/declining-your-mass-vaccination-centre-invitation/](https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/age-12-to-15/). There is lots of useful information to help you make an informed choice on our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/age-12-to-15/>

**...About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still infect others.**

Getting tested regularly is one way to know if you have the virus. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps break the chain of transmission and limits the spread of the virus. Rapid lateral flow tests (LFTs), for people who do NOT have coronavirus symptoms, are available, free of charge, and you are encouraged to take tests twice a week if you are: not fully vaccinated - classed as vulnerable - in close contact with a vulnerable person - spending time in a higher risk environment - or travelling to other areas of Wales or the UK. You can get your FREE home testing kit (7 tests) from Presteigne Pharmacy or you can order online. Delivery takes 1 to 2 days. Click this link to [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits on GOV.UK](#)

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

**...the October Parish Magazine is now out !** Just 60p per issue/month. If you'd like to be included on the distribution, delivered to your door locally, email the Editor Steve Bishop on [standrewsintray@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewsintray@btinternet.com)

**...from the Judge's Lodging: We are offering FREE FRIDAYS for LD8 during OCTOBER.**

This will give local people and families the opportunity to enjoy two additional exhibitions: "[The Thing about Things](#)" was based on a creative writing course inspired by the Judge's Lodging and the objects in its collection. Participants were all local people weathering lockdown during the pandemic. The course was their invitation to get behind the scenes, to learn more about its collection and the history of Presteigne, and develop their skill as writers and poets. Now the writing has been beautifully incorporated into the period rooms of the Judge's Lodging on textiles for visitors to discover as they wander the building. The autumn light on the flickering gas lights make this a perfect time to explore the work. This project was collaboration between Open Ground Writing, the Judge's Lodging and Presteigne Festival. "[The High Street during the Pandemic](#)". The Judge's Lodging has started working on a project with local photographer Alex Ramsey to document Presteigne's High Street traders – it is a snapshot of the town during the pandemic; to remind everyone that a High Street is a precious thing in any town, and to honour those who worked so hard to support their community. The first batch of Alex's photographs is on display in the tearoom at the Judge's Lodging which is open to all (when the Judge's Lodging is open!)

**...from Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club.** Start as we mean to go on !! Kicking off the season with a well deserved and well fought WIN at home 4 - 2 against Gwent 2s. Typical British weather is not going to stand in our way. COME ON PRESTEIGNE LADIES!

**...from Heart of Wales Line. Free Concessionary travel is back !** From 1st October 2021 to 31st March 2022 passengers who hold a Concessionary Travel Pass from a Welsh Local Authority can travel free on the Heart of Wales Line. So why not hop on board and take a spectacular journey through Wales and borders. Enjoy railway heritage, vibrant towns, independent eateries and the glorious countryside. To apply for a Concessionary Travel Pass please follow this [link](#)

**...from Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop. Christmas Order Books Open.** Order forms available online at [www.weobleyash.co.uk](http://www.weobleyash.co.uk) or at the shop. £20 deposit on all order's secures

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

**...from Presteigne Bowls Social Club. Bingo is Back!!!** Thursday night Bingo will start again on 21st October at 8pm! Old and new members welcome! [daveweale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:daveweale@hotmail.co.uk)

**...Vintage Sports Car Club VSCC Weekend** [Saturday/Sunday 8th and 9th October](#). Annual vintage car trial and tour in Presteigne. The cars will be in and around town from 9am on Saturday and the event is based around Bryn's Garage and the Radnorshire Arms Hotel. Plus...

**....VSCC Hill Climb Trials** - spectator hills open at Badlands (near Kinnerton) on 9th October 12 to 5.15pm and 10th October 9am to 1.30pm, and at Cwm Whitton Farm (off the B4357 road towards Knighton) from 12.30 to 3.30pm.

...**Music in New Radnor. “Pagoda Project with Anna Tam”**. [Saturday 9th October](#), bringing together the Pagoda Duo of Paul Hutchinson on accordion and Karen Wimhurst on clarinets, with the fabulous singer and multi-instrumentalist Anna Tam. New Radnor Community Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £12 / £3 from 01544 350268 / 231732.

...**Chatterbrook WI Open Meeting. “Stories behind Presteigne’s Blue Plaques”** an illustrated talk by our local history researcher Soo Linacre. Thursday 14th October 8pm in the Memorial Hall. All welcome £5 on the door, incl. light refreshments 01544 267245 and on FB

...**NGS in October. Tranquility Haven in Whitton** [16th and 17th October](#) 2 to 4pm. A taste of Japan - explore the dense oriental planting including unusual bamboos. No refreshments. Plus...open by arrangement...**The Hymns at Walton**, a traditional garden arranged for all the senses. See [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) for further information and to book.

...**Have Your Cake & Eat it. A Macmillan Tea Party** at Lingen Village Hall. [16th October](#) 3 to 5pm. Every penny raised goes to Macmillan Cancer Support.

...**Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society. “An Amber Autumn”** a welcome return by demonstrator Arnaud Métairie. [Wednesday 13th October](#) at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Visitors welcome £5 on the door. Information from Chris Price 01544 267898

...**Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Lingen Chapel** [Sunday 10th October](#) 3pm, tea afterwards

...**Harvest Festival. Lingen Church.** [Sunday 17th October](#) 11am. Drinks and nibbles to follow.

...**Open Air Harvest Festival, behind Arkwright Hall in Kinsham.** [Sunday 10th October](#) at 3pm. Refreshments to follow. All welcome.

...**Presteigne Repair & Skill Share.** Old School, Hereford Street. [Sat 16th October](#) 10am to 12

...**Presteigne Digital.** From [1-31 October 2021](#). We are very pleased to be able to bring you 9 chamber, instrumental and song performances which include a wide variety of works by composers including Bach, Britten, George Butterworth, Debussy, Paganini, Poulenc, Ravel and Schumann. New works from James Francis Brown, Ninfea Cruttwell-Read, Sarah Frances Jenkins, Cecilia McDowall, Adrian Sutton, Hilary Tann, Freya Waley-Cohen and James B Wilson also feature, with individual introductions recorded by the composers themselves. Simply click on this [link](#) to take you to the Presteigne Digital homepage, click on an event and from the event homepage click through to 'Purchase Ticket' – the automated Box Office is run by Eventbrite. Once you have paid, you'll be sent an email with a link to the event and a code. Keep the link and code and you can watch the Event as many times as you like throughout the month of October. A ticket for each Event is £10, or £50 for all 9 Events – particularly good value. The Digital Festival online programme is also available by clicking [here](#).

...**Mid-Wales Opera “Il Tabarro”**, 28th to 30th October at St Andrew’s Church, Presteigne.

...**Presteigne Screen is showing “First Cow”** USA - 2019 - 122 mins - Rated 12A this [Friday, 8th October 2021](#), 7:30pm for 8pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Doors open [7:30pm](#) for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Film [starts 8:00pm](#). Tickets £5 at door, or buy online at [WeGotTickets](#). You can see a copy of the complete programme through December 2021, at: [www.presteignescreen.org.uk/winter-films-presteigne-screen.php](http://www.presteignescreen.org.uk/winter-films-presteigne-screen.php)

## OTHER INFORMATION

...**Update from Welsh Water: Our work at Norton WwTW** has been making great progress, and we are currently on track to complete our work and reinstatement by the end of October – two months ahead of our original schedule. This week, we’ll begin moving our large cabins from the site and reinstating the wastewater treatment works. A small team may need to return after October to complete some minor reinstatement to the nearby private land – this is to ensure reinstatement to the land is done during the most suitable weather conditions that allows the grass to grow. Work at Presteigne Wastewater Treatment Works is also making great progress and is on track to be completed by the end of Spring 2022. Further information about this work and why we are doing it can be found on our dedicated web page – [www.dwrcymru.com/Norton-Presteigne](http://www.dwrcymru.com/Norton-Presteigne). Welsh Water also encourage local residents to sign up to the In Your Area section of their website ([www.dwrcymru.com/InYourArea](http://www.dwrcymru.com/InYourArea)) where they can receive email alerts about work and operational incidents in their local area.

**...from Knighton Community Centre. Family Centre.** We are delighted to have received pilot funding from the Powys Social Value Forum Development Fund for some pilot sessions to establish whether there is a need for a Family Centre in the area. Small, neighbourhood based Family Centres are well developed in Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire and provide open access services. There is one in most small towns in West Wales. Powys has very few services of this kind. We plan to meet every Monday from 11 – 2.30. Our first few sessions are booked and include baby massage, baby yoga and paediatric first aid and we hope also to have a trip to a soft play centre and a Christmas Party. Lunch will also be provided. Though the first few sessions are booked, we will work with families to decide what sessions are relevant to their needs. [We welcome families from Presteigne and area](#), and may be able to provide help with transport. To book your place please email [knightoncomm@gmail.com](mailto:knightoncomm@gmail.com), our leaders will be Chris Martin and Cats Cadwallader.

**...better information on plastic film you can recycle at Co-Op (check your local store).** General (Thin plastic lids of all types • kitchen towel, toilet roll, nappy bag, and cotton wool wrappers • Pouches for microwave rice, pre-cooked mussels, petfood, etc • fruit & veg nets, bags and wrappers • plastic sauce sachets). Bags ( ordinary carrier bags • bread bags • crisps, nuts, snacks bags • dried goods bags from cereal and porridge, dried fruit, pasta, rice, sugar, pulses, etc). Wrappers & Film (frozen foods and ice cubes • chocolate and sweets bags and wrappers • biscuit wrappers • cling film • pizza wrapping film • bread product wrappers for croissants, pancakes, naan bread, pitta bread, garlic bread, fresh pasta • wrappers from cheese, pastry, cakes, yorkshire puddings, baby wipes, meat, poultry and joints, tea and teabags, ground coffee, pies, pastries, sausage rolls, household textiles, scourers, rubber gloves, giftwrap, greetings cards, flowers, pet food etc).

**...from Powys CC. Secondary School Admissions – Apply Online Now** for a place in Year 7 at Secondary School in September 2022. The Secondary School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2010 – 31/08/2011 is now open! Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>. Application deadline Friday 12 November 2021. Secondary Common Offer Date is Tuesday 1 March 2022. If you are unable to apply online please contact [admissions@powys.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@powys.gov.uk)

**...Did you know ? Your GB number plate sticker is no longer valid abroad.** The new rules state that you need to replace it with a new UK one if you are taking their vehicle abroad. Drivers also need to remember that number plates featuring the blue band and letters 'GB' next to the European golden stars are also no longer valid.

**...from Powys CC.** Did you know all social housing options available in Powys are offered through one Common Housing Register and a Common Allocations Scheme? A summary of the proposals, together with the reasoning behind each recommendation, is now available for consultation. Find out more and have your say <https://crowd.in/Bkqg8W>

## **LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**...Radnor Oak are recruiting. Sales & Marketing Developer.** To work as part of the Radnor Oak team to develop sales and marketing. Location: Radnor Oak's head office situated at Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne. Part time – 20 hours per week (flexible). To apply for this role, please email your CV and covering letter to [wtyler@radnoroak.co.uk](mailto:wtyler@radnoroak.co.uk)

**...from Powys THB. An experienced administrator** to support the delivery of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme and Test Trace Protect in Powys. A fixed term post until 31 March 2022. Closing date: 07/10/2021. Find out more and apply at: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/TBC/Powys Teaching Health Board/Mass Vaccination TTP/Mass Vaccination TTP-v3509657? ts=241>

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