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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

Hereford Street one-way trial - your experience and comments on how the one-way system is working are needed, especially if you live on or around Hereford Street. Please email Cllr Bev Baynham on cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk and cc. to the Town Clerk on presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com asap - this is on the Agenda for review at the upcoming TC meeting on Wednesday and your input is crucial.

...from **Presteigne Repair. We have a repaired Shark Rocket corded vacuum cleaner waiting to be collected.** It was diagnosed with a broken belt, and the owner was due to pick up on Saturday. Please can the owner tel [01544 260766](tel:01544260766) asap re collection.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...next full **Council Meeting: Wednesday 20th October** at 7.30-m, online and at The Assembly Rooms. Meeting papers (Agenda, Minutes, supporting papers etc) available now on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk. Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81975312357?pwd=T3MxeGJ0OUZlaGs0dHRxVFN4dFIVUT09>. Meeting ID: 819 7531 2357 Passcode: 201497. Or dial by your location - UK 0330 088 5830.

...**Town Centre Wifi coming soon** - The Town Council is delighted to announce that following a successful grant application free town wifi will be installed in Presteigne over the coming months. A successful grant application was submitted by the County Council in early September and it is hoped that work will be complete by the end of March 2022. Thanks are due to Reece Simmons, PCC Community Broadband Officer for making the application, following discussions with the TC, and to County Cllr Beverley Baynham for her help. The TC looks forward to continuing to work with PCC over the coming months to complete the project. The project will provide free wifi for use by residents and visitors when in the town centre.

SCAM ALERT

...**beware the current 'Answer & Win a brand new iPhone 13' scam.** Don't be tempted by emails or texts saying "You have been chosen to participate in our Loyalty Program for **FREE!** It will take you only a minute to receive this fantastic prize." Don't even be tempted to click 'unsubscribe' !

COVID & FLU

...from **Which. What are the new testing and quarantine rules for fully vaccinated holidaymakers?** Got questions? Put them to our travel experts over on our Which? Travel Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/whichtravelgroup>

...from **POWYS THB:**

Covid-19 Vaccination Appointments are under way for 12-15 year olds in Powys. If you have received an appointment and cannot attend (or you don't want to take up vaccination at this time) then use our online form or call us to let us know:

If you haven't received an invitation for your 12-15 year old in Powys, or you previously declined and have changed your mind, we have a reserve list: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/>

[coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/age-12-to-15/reserve-list-for-covid-19-vaccination-appointments-for-12-15-year-olds/](https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-appointments-for-12-15-year-olds/). If you need further information to help you make up your mind then check out our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/age-12-to-15/>

Pregnant women with coronavirus are at a higher risk of severe illness and hospital admission compared to non-pregnant women with Coronavirus. You can attend a drop-in session in Powys for your COVID-19 vaccine: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/information/pregnancy/>. If you are pregnant and have questions about COVID-19 vaccination please talk to your Powys midwife.

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 4 April. 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/>

Drop-In First and Second Dose COVID Vaccination Sessions are available week beginning 18 October. You can attend our drop-in clinics for your FIRST dose if you are you aged 16+. You can attend our drop in clinics for your SECOND dose if you are aged 18+ and your Pfizer first dose was over ten weeks ago (AZ second doses are by appointment). <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/drop-in-vaccination-sessions-week-beginning-18-october/>

The COVID Pass is managed centrally by Welsh Government, and not locally by health boards or GP practices. Please visit the Welsh Government website for more information: <https://gov.wales/get-your-nhs-covid-pass>. We kindly ask that you do not contact your GP Practice or the Health Board about the COVID Pass, except in the circumstances outlined below and on our website. If you received your vaccination in Powys and it is not appearing on your COVID Pass then you can use our online form to let us know: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/information/vaccine-passports/>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from Presteigne Repair. Last Saturday's Repair session at The Old School saw a variety of items fixed including a wooden stool, china doll, electric fire and lamps, clothes, sewing machine, barometer, food mixer, kettle, old folding pruning saw, radio, travel clock and torch. All saved from the tip ! Put a date in your diary for the next Repair session in 2021 - the usual 3rd Saturday of the month Saturday November 20th.

...from Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club. The previous weekend Presteigne Ladies 1's drew with Kington Ladies in a highly contested local derby between the only two Mid Wales hockey teams competing in the Premier 2 League. Yesterday saw an equally tight-fought match but a frustrating one for us on the end of a 3-1 loss against Rhondda but ... we learn and move onto the next game! **A reminder on training days** - JUNIORS (ages 6-12) Monday 5-6pm at Presteigne Leisure Centre Sports-hall, non members £3. BADGERS (ages 12-18): Thursday 7-8pm at Kington High School Astro Pitch, non members £3. LADIES: Thursday 7.30-9PM at Kington High School Astro Pitch, non members £5.

...from The Judge's Lodging. As high streets throughout the country burst back to life, we must not forget how vital they have been to us through recent times and how they have always been a fundamental part of our communities. We are working with local photographer Alex Ramsay to record and celebrate ours here in Presteigne - the first batch of his incredible business portraits are on display in our tearoom - they are free to see, so do come down - you may even see someone you know in them (or even yourself!)

...from **Presteigne Junior Hockey Club** - please find the link below to our membership form. Junior membership is £45.00 and includes club affiliation, 10 training sessions and a free playing shirt. Our new indoor sessions are on Monday evenings 5-6pm in Presteigne Leisure Centre Sports Hall for ages 6+. £3 per session for non-members. Newcomers welcome, just get in touch or turn up! No experience needed, all equipment supplied. HAPPY HOCKEY <https://form.123formbuilder.com/6012092/form>

...from **Powys Libraries. Pori is a new Library App** that allows you to:* Search the catalogue * Place holds * Check your loans and much more....Just install from your Android or Apple app store, tap on 'Login' to sign in with your library card number and PIN.

...from the **Judge's Lodging. Hey, LD8 residents - it's FREE FRIDAY for you.** Just come down to The Judge's Lodging any Friday in October, show us anything with your address showing an LD8 code and you can wander for free! You can even go hunting for some of our cunningly displayed community poetry!

...from **Freedom Leisure, Presteigne. 'Friends FREE Friday'**. Any member can bring a friend for FREE to the gym or swim ON A FRIDAY in October at East Radnor Leisure Centre. Get your free pass here <https://bit.ly/3ouvPE6>. 01544 260302 for any further information. Plus, exercises classes are on as normal next week..... book your space now. Monday Circuits with Jody 6.30-7.15pm; Tuesday Fit in 45 with Kerrie 6-6.45pm, Spin in 45 with Kerrie 7-7.45pm; Wednesday HIIT with Emily 5.45-6.30pm, Spin in 45 with Emily 6.45-7pm; Thursday Kettlebells with Kerrie 7-7.45pm. Classes are great to help you find motivation and inspiration along with helping you add variety to your workouts.

..something special in **Bennett's window!** see tree-inspired art work created by pupils from Presteigne Primary School, including bark rubbings and woven leaves by Year 1 pupils - see more of the pupils work in the Community Barn during Presteigne Tree Weekend.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from **Emma. Reminder...** this year's **Apple Pressing** will take place at The Radnorshire Arms this Sunday 24th as part of Presteigne Tree Weekend, **starting at 12.30pm (not 11am as previously advertised)** and running till 4pm. Bring apples from your garden or picked from Went's Meadow community orchards and containers to take your juice home in. Drink within the week or freeze it - it's just as delicious defrosted!

...**Drum roll please.....next year's Presteigne Carnival** is Saturday 9th July 2022.

...from the **Bleddfa Centre.** We are delighted to announce that Life Drawing will take place on Saturday, 20th November. Start time is 10 am, so participants need to arrive at 9:30am to set up their drawing materials. The workshop is £40 pp, including lunch and refreshments - please advise any dietary requirements when you make a booking - email hello@bleddfacentre.org to book. Free parking on site up at Hall Barn. Please bring your own mask and materials.

...**Presteigne Tree Weekend Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 October** . A programme of FREE events for all age groups in and around Presteigne. Booking and full details here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/presteigne-tree-weekend-tickets-177408903807>

...**Presteigne & Norton Community Support AGM, Tuesday 26th October** 2.30pm Memorial Hall. All residents are invited.

...from **The Royal Oak. The annual pickled onion competition** will be returning on Thursday 25th November. If you have any homemade pickled onions or fancy a go at making some, get any entries to the pub by 7pm on the 25th to see who comes out trumps. It's £1 per entry with all proceeds going to the Knighton Hospital League of Friends. This year's judges will be Steve Mather, Paul Lloyd and Jim Cooke.

...**Do you have arthritis or know anyone who has?** On Tuesday, October 19th (10:30-12pm), Versus Arthritis is hosting a free online talk with Alison Brown, who is an Occupational Therapist specialising in Hand Therapy. Alison will talk about her role and the support she

provides, as well as going through some exercises and techniques, and gadgets/equipment that can help in daily life. There will be an opportunity for questions also. Everyone is welcome to join us! Please go to our Eventbrite page to register: [Hand Therapy information session for arthritis, MSK and related conditions Tickets, Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#). Open to ALL and ALL very welcome. FREE to join. For further information Contact: Deborah Morris 01938 718988 and see www.versusarthritis.org

...from Presteigne Digital 2021 - available online until 31 October – 9 fabulous chamber, instrumental and vocal recitals recorded at the 2021 Presteigne Festival – artists include Fenella Humphreys, Heath Quartet, George Xiaoyuan Fu, James Turnbull, Jonathan Gunthorpe, Perpetuo, Cara Bucknall, Rosalind Ventris - Violist, Timothy End and Catriona McDermid. Fabulous performances wonderful new music. £10 per concert or all 9 for £50. Presteigne Digital homepage <https://presteignefestival.com/presteigne-digital-2021/>

...Presteigne Screen presents “The Last Bus” 12A. [Friday 22 October 8.00pm](#). Bereaved pensioner Tom (Timothy Spall) decides to carry his wife’s ashes from John O’Groats to Land’s End where they first met, using only his bus pass. Also stars Phyllis Logan. Don’t miss it! Assembly Rooms, Presteigne Admission £5.00. Seven Film Season Ticket £25 Students £3.50 Visit www.presteignescreen.org.uk for details and to book online

...from The Bleddfa Centre. Well those fabulous folk at The Big Skill are once more providing a series of free workshops, and we are very lucky to be hosting four of those classes... you can visit our website, www.thebleddfacentre.org to find out more on our What’s On page

...from National Garden Scheme Powys. For your 2022 Diary, here’s a listing of Powys gardens that will open by arrangement. https://mcusercontent.com/b5691e06f939f2203d8e174fc/files/ddfdf876-f57a-1d7c-42ca-be1de53f5fdd/2020_10_15_2022_Powys_Gardens_open_by_arrangement.pdf

...from Presteigne SAFC. After 6 weeks on the road, John Haycox's team return to home soil with 2 fixtures this Week. Brecon visit in the league on Friday evening but on Tuesday its Radnorshire Cup action at Llanandras Park : Presteigne v Talgarth K.O. 7.30. Bar and tea hut open. Your support would be appreciated

OTHER INFORMATION

Are you looking for support but not sure who to ask? PAVO Community Connectors can put you in touch with voluntary organisations and community groups to support your individual need. We will work with you to access the right services, support and information from within your local area. We are contacted about a wide range of issues, such as, community activities, transport, benefits, housing, debt management, health conditions, isolation, loneliness and much more. Contact: Hayley on 07935 008999 (Tues-Fri) email: hayley.lloyd@pavo.org.uk or 01597 828649 (Mon-Fri) email: community.connectors@pavo.org.uk

...from Powys CC - make a big difference to lives of children in Powys. Could you provide short breaks or daytime support for foster carers who care for children with additional needs? We currently have foster families in Powys who look after children with complex medical needs or physical disabilities. We are urgently seeking support for our foster families to have some time during the day to do the shopping and for the children to occasionally have an overnight short break. Read more <https://crowd.in/wAP7y9> or visit <https://crowd.in/3m9gme>

...from Powys Family Information Service. Have you applied for your holiday entitlement as part of your Childcare Offer for Wales? You can apply for up to 30 hours per week. To apply head to the link in your email confirming your term time childcare. Remember you will be allocated 3 weeks per term, you can roll these over into the next term and use them where it best suits you. Make sure you discuss your requirements with your childcare providers. See here for more info: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7040/Holiday-Entitlement>

...from Presteigne Freegle. Let's all try to avoid buying new tat to celebrate Halloween this year. We'll be posting lots of inspiration so you can make, create and upcycle with the stuff

we already have - for a #GreenHalloween. It's easy to find #free pallets via your local Freegle free reuse group, just go here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/explore...> See more here.

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Hereford Jobs Fair. Thurs 21 Oct 10am-2pm.** Kindle Centre, Hereford, HR2 7JE. Talk face to face with employers & view over 100 job vacancies in Herefordshire covering retail, construction, hospitality & more: <https://orlo.uk/00oSp>

...**from David Colwell. Help wanted in making steam bent chairs.** An interesting opportunity for the right person. I'm looking for about 2 months help mostly making steam bent ash chairs. No previous experience is necessary (not many chair makers around), but enthusiasm and a wish to make things is essential. David Colwell, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne. Email info@davidcolwell.com or call 01544 260547

...**PAVO - Wayfinder Volunteers needed.** PAVO has been supporting the mass vaccination programme in Powys with Wayfinder Marshall Volunteers. This has been an inspiring initiative and the product of strong partnership between PCC, PTHB & the voluntary sector. To date the volunteers have provided 23,752 hours of their time to support people receiving their vaccinations across the three centres. The volunteers have made a huge contribution in helping Powys lead the way in achieving such high levels of vaccination amongst its residents. As the booster programme commences, the end of furlough and the lifting of COVID restrictions has resulted in a greater need for volunteers to support the centres, particularly in the Builth Wells centre. Any volunteer joining our team will: Undertake a COVID 19 health risk assessment - Have a DBS check - Complete a programme of mandatory training - Receive travel expenses. For further information, please contact Helen Edwards on 01597 822191 or by emailing volunteeringmassvacs@pavo.org.uk

...**Arts Alive is seeking a new Deputy Director** to help take us into the future. With well over 1,000 events a year in village halls, community centres and theatres throughout Shropshire and Herefordshire, we are looking for an experienced, passionate, and self-motivated individual to join our small team based in Bishop's Castle in Shropshire (full-time though some flexible working is possible). The salary will be £26,511 - £28,672. Deadline for Applications – 12th November 2021. Interviews – week of 22nd November. For more information please contact www.artsalive.co.uk/about-us/jobs. Driving licence essential.

...**Powys CC. Job opportunities in Planning.** Looking for your next challenge? There are a number of job opportunities available within our Planning Team. Work/life balance - Competitive pay - Professional development (& more!). Take a look <https://crowd.in/5NQyLc>

...**Paymán Club (Knighton Hotel) is looking for qualified staff** with health and safety documentation to run our Knighton Hotel kitchen and to provide healthy, locally sourced continental breakfast and afternoon tea for a family-friendly setting. Local candidates qualified to live and work in the U.K. please send a private message for more details or a CV to recruit@paymanclub.com

...**Border Care Ltd. Care Assistants needed.** Part-time hours available in small homecare team, based in Kington. Contact Lorna Ross/Lindsay May to apply 01544 231500 or 07974 964618

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