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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)

**NEXT ISSUE MID-NOVEMBER - DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 15th NOVEMBER**

...from Sheep Music. We're still in need of stewards for the Fireworks event on Went's Meadow, Saturday 6th November. Reply to the post on Facebook or email [williams.mark1@googlemail.com](mailto:williams.mark1@googlemail.com) if you are able to help. Thanks!

...Please would you consider voting for the Warden in the "People's Choice Award". It would be great if we can get Warden into one of the Top Ten sites. You can only place one vote on a device, but please, if you have more than one device, make more than one vote. Vote for the Warden - <https://www.greenflagaward.org/park-summary/?park=3432>

...from Gareth. **Polite Notice:** There are now breeding sheep on the grass field on Norton Manor drive. ALL dogs MUST be kept on leads. Thank you

...Presteigne Fireworks – 6th November. Starts at 6.15pm with a Parade from the Recycling Centre. Fire torches will be available for adults, children will be provided with electronic tea lights. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lantern. The Firework Display will begin at 6.45pm on Went's Meadow. Due to the rising cases of COVID in Powys and to help keep the event as safe as possible, Sheep Music request that members of the public wear face coverings while queuing at the bar & food outlets and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Thank you!!

### THANKS

...from Dorothy and Emma... a big thank you to Martin and his team at The Radnorshire Arms for hosting last weekend's community apple pressing as part of Presteigne's fabulous Tree Weekend; thanks too to Leon for the loan of the gazebo and thank you to everyone who came. It was a drizzly old day but in spite of that we managed about 20 pressings, with apples from Went's Meadow orchards and people's gardens. Everything was put to good use, including the pomace which went to Norton's pigs. See you again next year!

...from No. 46. We had some absolutely amazing entries for our pumpkin carving competition. Lovely to see people of all ages getting involved. The winner of the adults competition is Lauren Joy and the winner of the children's competition is Freya! (Kelly hodge-small). We will give you a private message to discuss picking up your cupcakes! And because we had so many great entries we have decided to award some honourable mentions with the prize of a free drink! Thomas Hooper, Marnie & Arlo, Lewis Gardiner, Jo Morgan, Andrew Williams, Conner Jones (Anna Jones). Congratulations to all who won and thank you to everyone who entered, your pumpkins were all fantastic!

### TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...some items from the latest Council Minutes (Draft - October):...the Wilson Terrace toilet block will be closed down for the Winter after the November Fireworks...equipment at has now been ordered for the Lugg View play area...Powys THB recently announced that Powys dentists will take on approximately 269 new patients per week across the county as part of a Wales-wide dental recovery plan. See full Draft Minutes <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>

...**Latest Planning Applications** in to be considered at the November meeting of the Town Council: [21/1864/REM](#) Grid Reference: E:330425 N: 267326 Proposal: Section 73 application to remove condition 6 from planning approval 21/0389/HH in relation to archaeological contractors and groundworks Site Address: The Old Vicarage, Norton, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2EN. [21/1839/TRE](#) Grid Ref: E: 331282 N: 264547 Proposal: Lopping of branches that are low/diseased or threatening buildings, numbered on plan with species and action required Location: Radnorshire Arms Hotel, High Street, Presteigne Powys LD8 2BE.

### SCAM ALERT

...**Beware of Scammers / Impersonating Covid Officers and Charging For Advice.** Powys businesses have been warned to be on their guard for scammers impersonating council officers and charging for advice. Read more <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11846/Beware-of-Scammers--Impersonating-Covid-Officers-and-Charging-For-Advice>

...**Callers have been contacting some Powys residents, claiming they are from the council and that they owe money on their Council Tax.** Our staff will never call you and demand that you make an immediate payment over the phone. If you receive a cold call: Don't give out any of your personal details • Don't give out any of your bank details • Don't let on that you live alone. You can report fraud or cybercrime to Action Fraud online, at any time: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime>. Or call 0300 123 2040, Mon - Frid

...**Fake Primark gift card emails.** Phishing emails promising Primark gift card 'rewards' have been circulating. They work by claiming that you need to 'activate the delivery' in order to receive the reward and even attempt to deceive you by including 'your account information'. More details, see [Gift card phishing](#)

### COVID & FLU

...**from the Welsh Government. "Covid passes** will be extended to cinemas, theatres and concert halls from 15 November as part of the plans. Pubs, restaurants and cafes might also require passes if infections climb, amid a "wider repertoire of actions" see <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-59077857>

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

...**from The Judge's Lodging.** Dare we even say it? We have some lovely Christmas cards in our shop Open all week if you feel you need to start getting prepared!

...**from Sarah at Slix. Our Christmas & New Year appointments are booking up fast.** "Don't Delay Book Yours Today !" to avoid disappointment. Contact us on 01544267381 / 07983355125 OR Facebook Messenger - Hair at Slix Hair Studio

...**from Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop.** 20% off all frozen meats, beef, pork, lamb and poultry. Joints, dice, mince and other cuts. Freezer in the main shop, come and grab a bargain

...**from The Warehouse. New donations of furniture now in.** Dining tables, dressing tables, sofa, small tables and much more. Come along and take a look before they get snapped up!

...**from Freedom Leisure. Fancy a game of squash with the kids.** Book a game next week to get involved. Courts are for 40 minutes and you can borrow rackets if you don't have any. Booking is essential. (01544) 260302

...**from Presteigne & Norton Community Support PNCS. Please come and support our Annual Christmas Raffle,** tickets can be bought from our Charity Shop, Warehouse, Transport Office. We would like to thank all the local shops and people for their donations. Thank you for your continued support.

...**from Welsh Water** - work in Norton completed ...will help to protect the local environment and ensure that we can continue to provide you with a first-class wastewater service for years to come. A small team will need to return to complete some minor reinstatement to the nearby private land.... We are continuing to work at Presteigne Wastewater Treatment Works, located next to St Andrew's Football Club. As long as everything goes to plan this will be completed by the end of next Spring. Info visit [www.dwrcymru.com/](http://www.dwrcymru.com/).

...from **Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club**. After a lovely break from hockey last week we come back this weekend with another win 3-1 against Whitchurch 3s! Well done girls, brilliant game. Thank you to all those that came to show your support once again.

...from **Freedom Leisure**. **Fancy a game of Badminton ?** Courts are available Monday-Friday from 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 9-3pm. Equipment hire available if you don't have your own.

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

...**Presteigne Local Food Market**. **Saturday 6th November**. A brilliant range of stalls for our next market. Exhibiting their usual array of local goods and produce are; Ian's Eggs; Survival; Jeans Plants; Amanda's bread + Weobley Ash Apple Juice; Alex Chocolates; Honey; Planet and Plate; Elise's bakes; New Leaf; Khesh's Indian Delights; Hay Charcuterie; Wegnall's Butchery (with their 2\* Great taste award winning bacon). ...plus, new to the Market ... Marches Mushrooms, and Mr T's Pies ( homemade savoury/sweet pies). Also the Community Cafe will be there for Teas/Coffee and Cakes- run by volunteers - your support welcome!

...**CONNECT Christmas update**. Thank you ALL for continuing to support your local businesses and for your understanding and patience this year. Sadly, we have made the decision not to go ahead with the Presteigne Christmas Fayre in December, however, the Christmas lights will add sparkle to our High Street and Father Christmas will definitely be making an appearance outside The Salty Dog with presents and giving away delicious fish finger sandwiches - date to be confirmed! Please continue to support the High Street and all our local businesses by doing as much of your Christmas shopping and present buying in Presteigne as possible. Let's all help each other out! Take care and stay safe

...**Quiz Night @ The Bowls**. **Wednesday 10th November**. PBC Social Club, Hereford Street. General knowledge pub quiz with a twist. Tables of max 4 just £2.50pp. 7.30 for 8pm start. Full bar. Reserve your team table now - text 07766 097600 or email [presteignedogman@icloud.com](mailto:presteignedogman@icloud.com)

...**Broad Sheep November's issue is out now** and online - [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com)

...from **The Judge's Lodging**. **Art@thelodging is back** again for a second year. Last year's show at the Judges Lodging was such a success that it is being staged again. For only £3 per adult (children go free) browse around the rooms of this award winning museum, whilst also taking in the work of over 20 talented artists and makers from Presteigne and the Marches. Open 19th November 2-8pm and 20-21 and 26-28 November 10.30-5pm. A great chance to get some early Christmas presents.

...**Bingo Night**. **Every Thursday 8pm start**. Presteigne Bowls Social Club, Hereford Street. New players welcome!

...from **Llandrindod, Builth, Rhayader, Presteigne and Knighton Police**. **See our new FB page**. Want to know more about the work we're doing to keep your community safe in Powys? Have a question that you'd like to ask the people who lead policing in the county? Well here's your chance! Join Superintendent Steve Davies, and Chief Inspectors Jacqui Lovatt and Andy Pitt for a Facebook LIVE on our FB page at 6pm on Wednesday 3 November 2021. Not going to be around then but have a question you'd like to ask? No problem, pop your question in the FB comments box...

...**Presteigne Screen presents "Limbo"**. UK - 2020 - 114 mins - Rated PG. Friday, 5th November, 8pm, Assembly Rooms. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Film starts 8:00pm. To avoid overcrowding, this season there will be fewer seats with more spacing than in previous years. Due to Welsh Government rules, a valid **"NHS COVID Pass"** may be necessary for films **from 15th November**. Buying your ticket online is the best way to guarantee yourself a seat. We have at least 30 seats available for advance purchase for each film. It is also hugely helpful if those with tickets (online and season) can arrive as early as possible to claim their seats so that we can assess availability of door tickets, which will be more limited. The lift at the Assembly Rooms is currently unusable and there is no disabled access to the upper floor. Tickets £5 at door, or buy online at [WeGotTickets](http://WeGotTickets).

## OTHER INFORMATION

...the **Police & Crime Commissioner for the Dyfed-Powys area Dafydd Llywelyn, has launched a public consultation** on policing priorities and police funding, giving the public the opportunity to influence vital policing decisions. The Commissioner's policing priorities for 2021-2025 are set out in his (Draft) Police and Crime Plan which .... commits to ensuring victims are at the heart of every decision, with a specific focus on understanding victims' views, taking trauma-informed approaches and looking at community-based solutions. Residents and businesses across Dyfed-Powys will have until 30 November 2021 to have their final say on the Police and Crime Commissioner's draft Police and Crime Plan, as well as the police precept level for next financial year. See Survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6LZ6KCK>.

...**The Heart of Wales Line timetable** is available to download here. <https://tfw.wales/service-status/timetables>

...**ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION ADVANCE WARNING.** Location: Birtley to Lingen village. Dates: 8th November till 24th December!

...**from Dyfed-Powys Police. FAKE £50 NOTES.** We have been made aware that fake £50 notes have been used in the Builth Wells area. If you have information about someone making, selling or using counterfeit banknotes, please contact the police or phone Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

...**from Which. How to make a quick emergency SOS call from your iPhone or Android smartphone.** Please make sure you and your loved ones know this. See <https://www.facebook.com/141323599261898/posts/4559159900811557/>

## LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**from Powys CC. Job hunting in Powys?** We can help you • Develop your skills • Acquire the training and qualifications you need • Find the right job. Follow Facebook Communities for Work Powys / Cymunedau am Waith Powys for more information.

...**from Chevron Green Services - based in our Presteigne Head Office, we're looking for a Financial and Contract Administrator.** You'll be given full training, both internal and external as required. It would suit someone with a head for numbers who is willing to learn and wants to work in a small but crucial team within a thriving company. Some driving will be required, so a full driving licence and your own transport is essential. Head to <https://chevron.jobpigeon.com/job/trainee-finance-administrator-118> to find out more.

...**from The Leen. Part-time Relief AD Operator needed at our site in Pembridge.** Hours and salary negotiable. See FB for details. Apply in writing by email to [admin@theleen.co.uk](mailto:admin@theleen.co.uk)

...**from Dyfed-Powys Police. Recruiting for a fast-track detective scheme,** once you've completed an initial period as a response officer you can look to take on one of our specialist roles – from roads policing, dog section, financial crime team, marine unit - the opportunities are there for you. Find out more and apply today <https://orlo.uk/qxRCY>.

...**from Cartrefi Co-op. Come and be another Care Hero!** to apply for any of our posts in Presteigne or Llandrindod visit <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2>

...**Powys CC. Quality Officer,** 37 hours, Permanent, based in Llandrindod Wells. For more information and to apply visit [https://ce0278li.webitrent.com/ce0278li\\_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY\\_ID=196101V96F&WVID=1559200y0c&LANG=USA](https://ce0278li.webitrent.com/ce0278li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID=196101V96F&WVID=1559200y0c&LANG=USA)

...**from Houseworks. Part-time cleaners.** [https://www.facebook.com/job\\_opening/1660680904126588/?source=share](https://www.facebook.com/job_opening/1660680904126588/?source=share)

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