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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

NEXT ISSUE END-NOVEMBER - DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 30th NOVEMBER

DON'T MISS OUT! BBC Radio 4's topical discussion programme *Any Questions?* is coming to St Andrew's Church, Presteigne, on Friday December 3rd. A panel of guests from the worlds of politics, media and elsewhere will be here to answer questions posed by you the audience on the night. Questions can be submitted by any audience member from the moment the doors open at 6.30pm. The live broadcast starts at 8.02pm. If you would like to come along then sign up now: tickets are free and will be available from Tuesday 16th November at 9am on eventbrite. Just go to <https://anyquestionsatpresteigne.eventbrite.co.uk>. If you need any further information please phone Emma Lilley (and not the church) on 01544 267462.

...from Roger. **PARLI ITALIANO?** I have a document of local historical interest, addressed to a person in Florence and written in Italian, which I cannot translate. If you can speak Italian and would be interested in helping me, please email rogerwgc@btinternet.com.

...be aware of Road closure Titley to Titley Junction for 3 weeks from 4th November.

...from Presteigne Carnival. **Presteigne's Best Dressed House Competition is back for 2021.** We're looking for the best dressed houses in Presteigne this Christmas. To enter please message us on Facebook or on 07766 152000. All entries to be received by Friday 17th December, judging will take place at 6pm on 19th December. We can't wait to see them!

...Presteigne Youth Project PYP is looking for new volunteers to join the existing board of Directors to help us improve and secure the future of the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street. This much-loved building is well used by a variety of community groups for both young and old. Experience in building works or projects, or researching potential funding streams, would be an added advantage in connection with our planned renovation and development of the building, however we'd love to hear from anyone who has an interest in keeping local community amenities alive. For an informal chat call Claire on [07769824537](tel:07769824537).

THANKS

...from Bev. Many thanks to Cllr Fiona Preece - Mayor of Presteigne & Norton Town Council who has very kindly donated £635.15 after raising funds for both East Radnor Care & Presteigne First Responders. Thank you Fiona and everyone who kindly sponsored her!

...Presteigne and Norton Community Support (PNCS) are still providing free transport to vaccinations for members of our local community, regardless of whether they are PNCS members or not. If you need transport for your initial vaccines or booster, please get in touch. We are also very proud to say that, to date, we have made 108 trips. Many thanks to our drivers and to all of those who help us to raise the money to be able to do this free of charge!

...from Presteigne Primary School. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our sponsored reading challenge. You have raised almost £800. This will be added to by Osborne and we should be able to buy over £1000 worth of books for school. What an amazing result!

Thank you to Becky Pritchard and Mrs Stinton for organising such a worthwhile challenge. Keep an eye out for photos of the new books when they arrive!

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Next Town Council Meeting - Wednesday 17th November at 7.30pm. Meeting papers available now on the town website <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>

Latest planning application in, be considered at the November meeting of the Town Council. 21/1900/FUL Grid Reference: E:330707 N: 264485 Proposal: Erection of a holiday let chalet, connection to an existing package treatment plant and formation of internal access track. Site Address: Holiday Chalet at Harp Meadow, Warden Road, Presteigne, LD8 2NL.

21/1911/LBC Grid Reference: E:331414 N: 264389 Proposal: Listed building consent to renovate existing domestic accommodation including re-siting stairs; to provide a new external door opening; to replace an existing rooflight and add 2 additional rooflights; to enlarge proposed storage shed Site Address: Corner House, High Street, Presteigne, LD8 2BE.

SCAM ALERT

...Forwarding suspicious texts to 7726 can help protect you and others from future criminal scams. You can find more advice and our simple steps to stay #ScamAware here: <https://ofcom.in/Stampoutscams>

COVID & FLU

...Wales NHS Covid pass: What is it and how do I get one? As of 15th November, Covid passes will be extended to cinemas, theatres and concert halls as part of Welsh government plans. You can get a digital pass on your phone, or request a paper copy. See this BBC article for all the information https://bbc.in/3F0lhkV?fbclid=IwAR1uEQIfw8_wSWnDtV03QPcbb0nPP5XVPQB_YqbNQUKuQgFs7DhLLGHpWJ4

...from the Welsh Government. We're changing our advice on self-isolation for people who are vaccinated. If a member of your household has symptoms or tests positive, you should self-isolate until you receive a negative PCR. You can read the full guidance and book a test here <https://gov.wales/self-isolation>

...need Covid Lateral Flow tests? - boxes of 7 test kits are available FREE from both Presteigne Pharmacy and the Library (open Tuesday 10-1pm and 2-5pm; Wednesday 1-6pm)

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

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

...Weobley Ash. Taking Christmas Orders Now. Free Range Turkeys, Bronze Turkey Crowns, Free Range Roasting chicken and cockerel, Beef Ribs, Rolled Sirloin, Honey Roast Hams, Three Bird Roast, Duck and Geese. Our new fruit & veg section is open, best quality at superb prices. Fresh deliveries always on Thursday. Call 01544 598120, email shop@weobleyash.co.uk

...Presteigne and Norton Community Trust - Grand Christmas Draw! In aid of the Norton Community Hub. Great prizes including a luxury Christmas hamper, an indulgent pamper hamper, Christmas wines, and more. Draw takes place on 16th December so buy your tickets now! Tickets £1 each - call 01544 267048 or 01544 267898. See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1688534691161926/permalink/5191245357557491/>

...The Warehouse. We don't have a TV Xmas advert but we do have lots of Xmas decorations for sale - trees, baubles, gift bags, wrapping paper, ornaments & more. Shop early!!!

...PBS. WINTER SALE!! 20% OFF all fence panels & trellis throughout November

...Presteigne Tyres. Our first big delivery of winter tyres has arrived. Call us on 01544 267240

...from Presteigne Screen. N.B. from 15th November, WG rules now require everyone to show a valid NHS COVID Pass, either on a phone or in printed form, or proof of a Negative PCR Test, or confirmation of a Negative Lateral Flow Test to gain entry to our cinema.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Repair & Share next Saturday 20th November at the Youth Centre in Hereford Street, 10.00 - 12.00 noon. 'Free Repairs for Household Stuff'. It will be the last one of the year, so don't bin

it bring it. We will see what we can do & you might learn something too! Depending on response we may have to limit the amount of items per person and the current Covid precautions will be in place [01544 260766](tel:01544260766)

...from Steve, Editor Parish Magazine. May I remind you that the deadline for the December copy of the Parish Magazine is Wed 24 November. Email standrewsintray@btinternet.com

...The Bleddfa Centre. “Three Artists of the Marches” - June Coveney, Ruth Kirkby, and Mary Smith - will be exhibiting their new work – paintings and ceramics in an exhibition open from 5 to 28 November, 11am-4pm. Or you can see their work online at <https://bleddfacentre.org/gallery/current-exhibition>. Plus...Artisan Events Wales bring their popular Christmas Market to Bleddfa on December 4th & 5th, 10:30-4pm each day. Handpicked artisans, with affordable and unique handmade items. Café open all day. Free entry & parking. Perfect for gift shopping.

...The Judge’s Lodging - Art@thelodging is back again for a second year. 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 in this stunning selling exhibition of paintings, ceramics, jewellery and textiles: Jason Braham Potter, Julienne Braham Artist, Paul Caton Wood sculptor, June Coveney Artist, Clare De La Torre Jeweller, Tony Hall Potter, Charlotte Hepburn Illustrator, Lois Hopwood Artist, Peter Horrocks Artist in Earth Pigments, Jane Keay Artist & Illustrator, Ruth Kirkby Botanical Illustrator & Artist, Hannah Madden Printmaker, Dan McCarthy Artist, Tania Mosse Sculptor, Clair Murphy Basketmaker, Josh Partridge Artist, Mary Smith Ceramicist, Richard Studer Artist & Printmaker, Gill Tennant-Eyles Ceramicist, Malcolm Turner Potter. Open Sat/Sun 20th-21st and Frid/Sat/Sun 26th-28th November 10.30-5pm. Face masks should be worn. A great chance to get some early Xmas presents - <https://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/artthelodging/>

...Presteigne Methodist Church - Christmas Tree Festival. Saturday 11th December. We would like lots of you to take part. The tree can be of any medium, but no more than 5 feet high and decorated with any theme. There are two sections – adult and child; entry is free. There will be a prize for the winner of each section. Lights need to be battery operated. To enter please ring Beth on 01544267534, or email bethnorrispresteigne@gmail.com before 30th November. The church will display the entries and there will be stalls selling stocking fillers and Christmas decorations. Tea, coffee and cake will be on offer and a seasonal cake stall.

...from Marion. Gather Round for Christmas at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 11th December, 10.30 til 12noon.

...No. 46. We are so excited to be doing another evening with The Three Wishes, Marilyn and Tia Mecke! Tuesday 23rd November at 7pm! All the information is on our FB page. To book your ticket give us a call on 01544 598 291, message our FB page or pop into No.46! (Payment when booking your ticket)! We look forward to seeing you all there!

...St Andrew’s Christmas Fair. 4 December from 10 am – 2 pm in the Memorial Hall, Presteigne will be the usual festive mix of stalls – cakes, crafts, jewellery, bric-a-brac, plants and more – plus a raffle and a whisky draw (with the winners of both announced at 2pm). Light refreshments will be available all morning. Proceeds in aid of St Andrew’s Church Funds. A great place to meet friends and do some Christmas shopping – everyone welcome!

Stallholders can set up from 9am. Please contact Di Hammersley if you would like to book a table - [01544 267857](tel:01544267857).

...Grow, cook, share in Powys. PAVO, working with Cultivate, has funding from Food for Life Get-togethers to support food growing, food cooking and food sharing organisations in Powys. Our first network is on Wednesday 24th November at 7.30pm online. To sign up follow this link- <https://forms.gle/AosPV41BdJuev66c7>. If you cannot attend the first meeting, but want us to keep you in the loop via email, follow this link to give us permission to add you to our email list- <https://forms.gle/ngsmFv1vDH8KJYbM7>. We look forward to hearing from you.

...Presteigne Screen presents “After Love” on Friday, 19th November at the Assembly Rooms. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Film starts 8:00pm. Tickets £5 at door, or buy online at WeGotTickets - see a copy of the complete programme through December 2021 at: www.presteignescreen.org.uk/winter-films-presteigne-screen.php

...Kington Christmas Arts & Craft Markets. Kington Market Hall 9.30-3pm. Saturdays 20/11, 27/11, 11/12, 18/12.

...**Leon's Supper Club - Persian Night.** Saturday 27th November, 7pm. 4 courses £25pp.
Bring your own drinks. Above the Salty Dog, High Street, tel. 01544 267720 or 07805 727486

OTHER INFORMATION

...**Newtown High School (incl. John Beddoes) has been taken out of special measures** after improvements across the board. You can read the full statement and find more information from the link below: <https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/main/index.php/news-mainmenu-35/school-news/1158-estyn-inspection-october-2021>

...**from Powys CC - electric vehicle charging points.** A £120K grant from the Welsh Government's ultra-low emissions transformation fund is enabling the installation of new charging points in Crickhowell, Hay-on-Wye, Knighton, Rhayader and Ystradgynlais...works will be completed by the end of March 2022. For a full list of council electric vehicle charging points, information on how to use them and charges, please visit <https://crowd.in/XDKPJe>

...**from Powys CC. Last few weeks of garden waste collections for 2021** - there are only a few weeks of collections left for this year. To check your remaining collection dates refer to the 2021 sticker on your green bin or visit: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/binday>. Subscriptions for the 2022 service open in February, with the services resuming in early March. For more information on the garden waste recycling collection service, please visit: www.powys.gov.uk/gardenwaste

...**from Powys THB. Minor Injury Units in Powys** are able to treat adults and children aged 2+ but [please call before you visit](#), so that we can keep you and our staff safe. Our expert nurses will be able to provide you with advice over the telephone, book an appointment for you, or refer you to another service if appropriate. Nearest Powys unit to Presteigne is Llandrindod Wells: 01597 828735 (7am to midnight, every day)

...**Are you aged 65+, live in Powys in a cold, damp or poorly maintained home, struggling to pay your energy bills and stay warm?** Then you could be eligible for the Age Cymru Powys FREE 'Warm Homes' service. If you or a loved one need help to keep warm over winter, contact Age Cymru Powys now to book your FREE Warm Homes appointment. Call: 01597 825908, Email: enquiries@acpowys.org.uk, www.agecymru.org.uk/powys.

...**Did you know that most major supermarkets now offer collection points for your old Plastic Carrier Bags** *[ed. and plastic film generally]* at the main entrance doors? Find out what you can recycle and where by using our handy A-Z guide: <https://bit.ly/3pkTW8r>

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Dyfed-Powys Police.** Special Constable recruitment is NOW OPEN. Our volunteer Special Constables are a huge part of our team here in Dyfed-Powys, giving up their spare time or being supported by their employers to be on the frontline of policing in Powys. Now, you could be too. Recruitment is now open. Find out more, and apply at <https://orlo.uk/fo4LG>

...**Herefordshire Council.** Looking for a new challenge? We're hiring! We currently have positions for: Drivers, Environment Officer (Ecology), Senior Project Manager, Lawyer & many more! Find out all the details & apply: <https://orlo.uk/ZrTjy>.

...**from Powys THB. An experienced Band 4 Electrician** to join our busy Estates department. Closing date: 14/11/2021. 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-v3616811? ts=832>

...**from John Beddoes Campus. Examinations Invigilators Required.** Hourly Rate: £9.30 Full training provided, working hours will be negotiated. Applications initially by CV and covering letter to the Headteacher: Mr. R. Edwards, Newtown High School, Dolfor Road, Newtown, Powys SY16 1JE. For more information contact 01686 626304.

...**Come and be a care hero at Cartrefi Cymru Coop.** Please click on link below to apply <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2>

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