

## Issue 28 | November 2021

*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)

**NEXT ISSUE MID-DECEMBER - DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 15th DECEMBER**  
(n.b. there will be no issue at the end of December)

**Father Christmas will be back outside The Salty Dog on Saturday 17th December from 11 am till 2 pm where he will be giving away fish finger sandwiches and presents to children**

...from PACDG. We have several Registers with information about local groups, local venues for hire, local traders, etc etc. So whatever you're looking for, we might just have the answer. For our **Register of Local Organisations** – visit the town website [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk) and click on "Local Organisations" and then click on whichever category you're interested in. For our **Register of Local Venues for Hire** - visit the town website, click on "Local organisations", then on "Premises in Presteigne and Norton available for meetings". For our **Register of Local Trades & Services** – email our Community News Editor at [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org) and he'll send the listing to you. Email the Editor to update your entry on the Registers. For information about What's On locally – visit the town website, click on "What's On in the Community" to see the latest (and past) issues of this fortnightly Community News email newsletter. To send events or news, or sign up to receive the (free) newsletter direct to your inbox, email [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org).

...**Presteigne Carnival. Christmas Decorated House Competition.** *"The Nights are getting darker - It is that time of year - To think about your Christmas lights - And putting up some Cheer! - Time to get your skates on - And get your entry in - For the decorated Christmas House Comp - To NOT enter would be a sin!!"* Entries by 17th December, 2021 for judging 19th December, 2021 either on Presteigne Carnival Facebook site or text 07766 152000 with your name, address and contact number. First Prize £50.00

...from Colin on behalf of **CONNECT**: There is a 'Machinery Operating' sign left on the Scallions that belongs to Connect. This was taken from the community store about a year ago and I would like to know who is using it. Connect are happy to lend items provided we know who has them. Please contact me on [07791 724467](tel:07791724467) or [colinfelgate@btinternet.com](mailto:colinfelgate@btinternet.com).

### TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

**November TC meeting.** See the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council) pages for the Draft Minutes. Some items of particular interest: Council Surgeries at the Farmer's Market will resume in December with Cllrs. Wilding & Ruby - Footpath stile kits are to be delivered to a number of landowners in the area covered by the walks on the TC website - the Welsh Water Community Fund has awarded £500 to the Town Council for the Dark Skies Project - the street lighting upgrade programme is hoped to start before the end of the year. **The next full Council meeting** is on Wednesday 15th December (online and in The Assembly Rooms). Meeting papers available 9th December. **A warm welcome to our new Councillor, Kate Van Den Ende**, co-opted at the November meeting and whose first meeting will be on 15th December. Kate fills the vacancy created after the resignation of Lisa Veary. There will be full Council elections in May 2022 - anyone who is interested in joining the Town Council contact the Clerk or any Councillor for an informal chat.

## COVID & FLU

...**Are you 16-17 years old and registered with a GP in Powys?** We may be able to offer you an advance appointment for a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine..

...**The Powys booster programme has been extended to include people age 40-49.**

Everyone eligible for the booster should expect an invitation at least 6 months after your second dose.

...**Check the latest situation on vaccination in Wales - who can have what, when, and where at** <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>

...**It's time to mask up. Face coverings have now become mandatory again on public transport and in shops in England** in an effort to slow the spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant - but not in pubs and restaurants.

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

...**The Youth Club will be back from the first Monday in December!** Staff will have had their boosters by then. Thanks for your patience. Youth Centre, Hereford Street.

...**December/January issue of Broad Sheep out now!** Also [online-www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com)

...**Winter issue Mid Border News** [https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder\\_news\\_winter\\_2021](https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_winter_2021)

...**from 1st Presteigne Scouts.** Our Explorer Group have a 24 hr challenge for us to sleep rough and survive on £2 with the aim of raising awareness and funds for homeless people in Wales. Saturday December 11th. You can sponsor us directly at <https://www.justgiving.com/.../radnor-explorers-homeless>. Please support us by joining our dedicated FB page Radnor Explorers Homeless Challenge. <https://www.facebook.com/RadnorHomelessChallenge>

...**from Presteigne Freegle.** Have you noticed how #BlackFriday became a 'thing' over the past decade in the U.K. and now it seems to have evolved into a whole month of Black Fridays? So here's our reminder that you can acquire new-to-you things for FREE every day of the year via your lovely local Presteigne Freegle free reuse group! Download our app to avoid all that Black Friday over-consumption <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>

...**from The Warehouse.** Do you need extra cups, saucers, plates, pans, glassware, dishes for the Xmas celebrations? If so we have a huge choice at very cheap prices to fill those needs.

...**from The Guerrilla Gardeners** - we rounded off our working year with a blitz on the brambles at St Andrew's Church. It is now possible to see the many ancient headstones, freed of brambles and ivy, propped up against the lovely stone wall. This year we have spent time at the Shopper's car park, Ligné Garden at Went's Meadow, the footpath running from Back Lane to the Doctor's Surgery, St Andrew's church, and the raised bed on the by-pass. This memorial bed will shortly be handed over to Chatterbrook WI - watch this space for more news on this. Our team has grown this year. We now have 10 GG's and we are always delighted to welcome newcomers to the group. Sarah Bond, who has led this Group for several years, is signing off from activities and we thank her so much for her input over the years. It would be great to see some men taking part in this activity. It is a good, sociable way to meet new people and we are a friendly bunch. So we have now packed up for the Winter, rounding off the year with a well earned sociable get together where we can think about 2022 and other areas we can address. Please contact Annette 01544 260151 for information.

...**from No. 46.** We have some exciting things - new and improved food menu, including some new winter favourites, available to eat in or take away. A new winter cocktail menu all designed to warm you up on a cold winters evening! Keep an eye out on our FB page as we have our winter warmer drinks and other exciting things coming out for the Xmas period.

...**from Shepherds Ice cream.** It's that time of year again and ice cream cakes are back for local customers - <https://us8.list-manage.com/survey?u=63fb246b03c1540018c941312&id=c43b50815f&attribution=false>. Xmas orders by 10th Dec

...**from Broadaxe Farm Xmas Trees** - The gates opened on Saturday 27th November for trees and wreaths!! 01544 267031

...**The Royal Oak. Pickled Onion Competition.** Thanks to our judges and all that helped we raised £215 for the Knighton Hospital League of Friends. Order of merit as followed: 1st Kim Lewis; 2nd Jill Baker; 3rd Mark Freake; 4th Role & Grace; 5th Harry Lloyd; 6th Dale Gorman

...**Sheep Music's brilliant Presteigne fireworks** - John Hymas has put together this video using Alex Ramsay's fantastic photos and footage, from over the last few years, accompanied by the music from this year [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R\\_8RUNNyeqU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_8RUNNyeqU)

...**Bryn Roberts** - slightly more settled hours on the fuel forecourt for the coming week - open 9am-1pm, 2-6pm to Thursday (2nd Dec) then hopefully back to normal from Friday. Thank you all for your patience over the last week and a bit and again, our apologies for the disruption.

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

...**Presteigne Local Food Market. Saturday 11th December**. Memorial Hall 9am - 1pm

...**Presteigne Pop Choir - Christmas Concert, Sunday 19th December** 3pm at the Community Barn on Went's Meadow. Wrap up warmly and bring a chair. FREE entrance - donations for mulled wine and mince pies.

...**Presteigne Methodist Church Christmas tree festival. Saturday 11th December** from 10 until 12. Come along and see the imagination and flair that has been demonstrated. The church will display the entries and there will be an opportunity to buy stocking fillers and Christmas decorations. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be on offer and a seasonal cake stall.

...**Full Circle. An evening of lockdown music videos by Pete Mustill and Dave Luke. Sunday 5 December** 8pm at Assembly Rooms. Made for YouTube, but shown here in their full glory; with decent sound and a bar! Tickets £5 The Workhouse (cash only).

...**Wellies & Woolies** at St. Mary's Church, Pilleth on Friday 10th December, 7pm, with Radnor Valley Band, hot punch & mince pies. Donations welcome.

...**Chatterbrook WI – next meeting** is on Thursday December 9th, a Christmas Festive Evening. Presteigne Memorial Hall 7.30pm, visitors and prospective new members very welcome - £3 on the door. See <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI> or call 01544 267245

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society - next meeting** on Wednesday 8th December in Presteigne Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. The demonstrator will be Jane Pugh from Bishops Castle giving us 'A Chocolate Christmas'. Her designs will be raffled and there will be buffet refreshments. Visitors are very welcome - £5 on the door. Further information from the Secretary, 01544 340453

...**Radnor Palestine Links** - 'Spotlight on Human Rights: Palestine and the right to leave and return to your country' a FREE event to coincide with International Human Rights Day at The Assembly Rooms Saturday 4th December 6pm until 9pm. A discussion with the participation of Palestinian refugees in Nablus, as well as a short talk about refugees in Palestine since 1967, followed by a buffet supper. Whether you are already engaged with this issue, or would like to know more, please come and join us. All welcome! Info 015440 260398

...**Presteigne Screen "Sound of Metal"** Friday, 03 December 2021, 8pm, Assembly Rooms

...**East Radnor Ramblers - walks for December**. Walks start at 10am. Everyone welcome! Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For information and photos, see [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or contact E & S Williams on [01544 260524](tel:01544260524).

...**from Marion. Gather Round for Christmas** at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 11th December, 10.30 til 12noon. FREE - cash donations to the Food Bank.

...**Presteigne Baptist Church. Christmas Fayre Saturday 4 December** 10-3pm. Stalls – cake stall – refreshments. All welcome. **Carols and Readings for Christmas. Friday 17 December** 7.00pm with Marion Rowlatt (mezzo-soprano) and Michael Tavinor (organ and piano). All welcome. Coffee and mince pies for all after the event.

...**Presteigne YFC's Christmas Quiz - Friday 3rd December** at the Memorial Hall, £5 per team (teams of 4). Plus refreshments and raffle. Doors open 6.30pm.

...**Music in New Radnor**. Syrinx Ensemble. 7.30 Saturday 11th December. £12. 01544 350268

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

...**from Herefordshire DC. Free Christmas parking** in council car parks, travel & late night shopping across Herefordshire in the run up to Christmas: <https://orlo.uk/jc215>

...**from Rachael**. Are you looking for somewhere cheap to rent near Presteigne? We have a 2-berth static caravan sitting empty in a beautiful area. Call [07901 615132](tel:07901615132)

...**Avian flu update.** As of Mon 29 Nov, it is a legal requirement for all bird keepers across the UK to keep their birds indoors & follow strict biosecurity measures to limit the spread of & eradicate the disease: <https://orlo.uk/U879y>

...**Do you ever reach for your phone when you're stuck in a traffic jam or at some traffic lights?** Even just to change your music or a quick scroll through social media? New laws coming in next year make it illegal to pick up your phone while behind the wheel for any reason

...**Presteigne & Knighton Leg Club.** If you are worried about your legs, got a wound or maybe swollen legs ? We can help you. Please ring Knighton & Presteigne District Nurses on 01547 521270. Currently running leg clinics in Knighton Hospital (while Leg Club is closed).

## **R.I.P.**

...**John Rubert Thomas Grey** of Caenbrook Meadow, Presteigne passed away at Worcester Royal Hospital on 8th November 2021 aged 90 years. Funeral Service at Hereford Crematorium on Friday 17th December at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Wales Air Ambulance. Enquiries Geoff Hall Funerals Knighton 01547528554

...**Betty Weale** of Presteigne passed away peacefully on 10th November 2021 aged 85. Funeral service at Hereford Crematorium on Wednesday 8th December at 10:15am. Anyone attending is asked not to wear black and to wear something colourful. The funeral cortège will depart PBC Social Club 9.10am via the Bowling Green. Family flowers only. Donations to Welsh Air Ambulance and The Firefighters Charity. Enquiries A.W.Hughes & Son 01544 267778

## **LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

...**Presteigne Little People. Job Vacancy: 2 x Apprentice Nursery Practitioners.** Presteigne Little People Playgroup is looking for motivated individuals to join our team as full- time or part time apprentices working towards becoming fully qualified nursery practitioners. All training will be given. Enquiries: Ann Wake: 07734528571 email: [chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk)

...**Presteigne Primary School: Governor Vacancy-** we have a vacancy for a school governor. This is a great way of supporting your local school and community. Many training opportunities are available. If you feel you can give up some time to become involved in school life, we'd love to hear from you - call the school office 01544267422 or email [office@presteigne.powys.sch.uk](mailto:office@presteigne.powys.sch.uk)

...**Weobley Ash. Delivery driver.** 3 days a week going up to 5 days after Christmas. Wages exceed minimum wage, and other company benefits. **Trainee butcher.** Full training and safety equipment provided,. Meets minimum wage until trained and includes usual company benefits. Please apply via email to [shop@weobleyash.co.uk](mailto:shop@weobleyash.co.uk) or call 01544 598120

...**Radnor Oak - Sales Executive.** Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2UH. Email CV and covering letter to [wtyler@radnoroak.co.uk](mailto:wtyler@radnoroak.co.uk) and [willtyler@radnoroak.co.uk](mailto:willtyler@radnoroak.co.uk)

...**Powys CC. Cleaning positions throughout Powys!** For more information and to apply visit [www.powys.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.powys.gov.uk/jobs)

...**Presteigne Gates. Delivery/yard work.** Part or full time. The job is physical and does include some heavy lifting. Trailer licence and ability to drive a loader required, ideally driving license but training for that can be arranged. Call the yard or message on FB 01544 267081.

...**Powys Teaching Health Board - pharmacists and pharmacy technicians** to join our bank staff to support the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Closing date: 05/12/2021. See: [https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Across Powys/Powys Teaching Health Board/Pharmacy/Pharmacy-v3643849? ts=11884](https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Across%20Powys/Powys%20Teaching%20Health%20Board/Pharmacy/Pharmacy-v3643849?ts=11884)

...**Kington Pharmacy - a dispensing assistant** with good Computer skills. Dispensing training provided - previous experience not essential. Please visit Pharmacy for more details with CV

...**Penrhos Court - front-of-house staff** for the Cattle Shed - 3 evenings per week (Thurs, Frid, Sat), and Sat/Sun day times, on a rota with our current staff. Please apply by FB message or via email: [info@penrhos-court.co.uk](mailto:info@penrhos-court.co.uk)

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