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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)

### TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Next Town Council Meeting: Wednesday 16th February** 7.30pm at the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne and online via zoom. For full details see Town Council section of the Presteigne website - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>

...**Full Town and Community Council Elections in May, 2022.** See promotional video below. You can chat to any existing Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in standing. <http://www.onevoicewales.org.uk/OVWWeb/UserFiles/Files/OVW%20ENGLISH.mp4>

...**Work now complete at Lugg View Playground** including a climbing frame with slide and swings. Funded by a Town Council lottery application and with help from PCC (Officer Steve Gealy and Cllr. Beverley Baynham) to provide advice and also the grass matting. Thank you National Lottery Community Fund. Now open for use.

...**Latest planning application in be considered at the February Meeting of the Town Council.** [22/0108/FUL](https://www.gov.uk/land-grid-references) Grid Reference: E:329622 N: 265350 Proposal: Retrospective approval of window on southern elevation, lean-to shed on northern elevation and balcony supports on western elevation Site Address: Cottage, Wild Meadow, Discoed.

...**from New Radnor Community Council. Broadband Project.** Registrations of Interest for New Radnor are at 33%, above the minimum needed and the project can now go forward to the next stage. Broadway Partners are now in the process of drafting updates for those registered. To clarify about next steps from here, a business case will now be drafted for the our project. Once the business case is completed it will be presented to Broadway CEO who needs to approve it before it goes to their Senior Management Team. Once these steps are completed the final funding application will be drawn up ready for submission to UK Government. Thank you to everyone who signed up, helped sign people up or just helped spread the messages about the project. You can email the Clerk, Tracey Price at [newradnorcc@outlook.com](mailto:newradnorcc@outlook.com) or visit the Council website - [www.newradnor.net](http://www.newradnor.net) if you would like information on the project. Or visit Broadway Partners website to register - [Broadway Partners - Connecting Communities](http://www.broadwaypartners.co.uk). The project also has a facebook page - [New Radnor Community Broadband Scheme | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/newradnorcommunitybroadband)

### THANKS

**Thank you! Presteigne blood donors** saved 336 lives or 672 babies by giving blood locally recently. Click here to find your nearest session <https://wbs.wales/ThankYouPresteigne>

### SCAM ALERT

...**from Which.** Billions of nuisance calls are made to UK consumers every year. This is how to block them. For more tech tips and advice like this, sign up for our free Tech newsletter <https://whi.ch/Tech-Newsletter>. Also, Protect yourself from scammers by signing up to our free Scam Alert Service. It's a weekly email that lets you know about all the latest scams doing the rounds and how to spot them.

...**Fake PayPal emails** continue to be sent on a regular basis, so stay alert for this type of scam. A common tactic of phishing emails is to panic the recipient into taking immediate action. [Here's the most recent example we've seen.](#)

...**NatWest customers** are being targeted by fake text messages lately, aiming to send recipients through to a website that has nothing to do with the bank. The texts say that 'a new device has been registered' and provide a link to follow. At first glance the text is quite convincing – NatWest is named as the sender and the message doesn't contain any glaring mistakes. DON'T click on the link. Report the scam text by forwarding to 7726.

## COVID & FLU

...**the Wales Covid-19 self-isolation rules** have changed. Please see below for more information and help us to Keep Powys Safe. <https://gov.wales/self-isolation>

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

...**Wegnalls Farm Butchery.** We are proud to introduce our new Home Bred Boer Goat Meat, freshly available while it lasts! A leaner and healthier alternative meat and perfect for Curry Goat - Joints, Steaks, Chops, Diced and Minced, Our own recipe Goat and Apricot Sausages. Available individually or as a taster box - please FB message us to order or for more info.

...**from Presteigne Bowling Social Club.** Cash bingo - every Thursday night. New members welcome. 8.15 pm start. For info contact David 07969 203339 or just come along on the night.

...**from Small Breeds Farm Park & Owls Centre.** Relax, you've got this! We opened on February 12th ! If you are not sure what to do over half term or have a day to fill, come visit us we would love to see you. All our animals and especially our kids cannot wait to see everyone!

...**from Freedom Leisure.** Get a head start with our intensive swimming lessons during February half term. Waves 1 (beginners) 2.30-3pm. Waves 2 (beginners) 3-3.30pm. Wave3/4 (improvers) 3.30-4pm. [Monday 21st to Friday 25th.](#) Call reception to book now 01544 260302 ALSO We are hosting the 2022 Swimathon here in Presteigne on [Saturday 7th/8th May.](#) Sign up today and get a HUGE 35% off. Use code: FREEDOM35OFF at checkout to claim this offer <https://www.swimathon.org/enter-now>

...**from Ger's Burger Van (carpark Memorial Hall).** This Week's Special is Double Egg & Chips, only £3.00. Also... we are proud to announce as from the 8th of Feb we are using Wegnalls Farm Butchery homemade sausages and burgers!

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Quiz Night@The Bowls.** General knowledge pub quiz with a twist. [Wednesday 16th February.](#) 7pm for 7.30pm start. £2.50pp. Teams of up to 4. Prior table booking essential - text Terry on 07766 097600 or email [presteignedogman@icloud.com](mailto:presteignedogman@icloud.com)

...**Presteigne Repair & Skill Share** is back on Saturday February 19, Youth Centre, Hereford St. 10 - 12. Our amazing fixers have repaired 100's of things for free - saving people money and stopping stuff going to landfill. It helps if hoovers are emptied & other items clean ! Current Covid precautions of wearing masks applies inside the building. Info: 01544 260766

...**Join K&M Paranormal for a Ghost Hunt at The Judge's Lodging.** [Saturday 7th May 2022.](#) 7.30pm-1.30am. £36 pp. Tea/Coffee/Snacks provided. Are you brave enough to join us here? Visit our website below to secure your place. <https://kandmparanormal.co.uk/events/ols/products/the-judges-lodging-presteigne-saturday-7th-may-2022-8pm-2am2>

...**Kinnerton will be holding its first litter picking event** of the year [Thursday March 10th](#) starting [at 11 am.](#) We shall meet in front of the village hall at the crossroads B 4372. Come and join us. Bags, gloves and hi-viz vests will be provided but bring your own if you can. Full bags will be collected along the route. For any further info ring Angela [01547-560132](tel:01547-560132).

...**The Hub, New Radnor.** If you missed out on tickets for Remi Harris at the Presteigne Assembly Rooms, he will be performing at The Hub on [Saturday 9th April](#) at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from Ruth 01544 350559 or 07870752325.

...**from Freedom Leisure.** Let the kids burn off some energy with their friends on our bouncy castle. [Wednesday 23rd February](#) 10-12pm. Only suitable for under 8's. Parental supervision needed at all times! Booking essential 01544 260302

...**Emily George Easter Workshops!!!!** We will be doing our Easter workshops with a twist this year!! Mondays workshop will be a glow party in the afternoon. Tuesdays workshop will be our version of sports day in the afternoon! We will be doing 2 workshops at Presteigne Memorial Hall for reception age upwards: Monday 11th April and Tuesday 12th April. 9-3pm (early drop off from 8:15am-8:45am for £1.50 per child) . £18 per child, £12 for siblings. If booking onto both, the second is discounted at £12! Places EXTREMELY limited so please book early to avoid disappointment! Payment required by 15th March.

...**MINR. Charlotte Rowen, virtuoso violin**, with accompanist Charlotte Stevens. Saturday 12th March, 7.30 (doors at 7pm). An evening of virtuoso playing: Charlotte is an exhilarating performer, combining lyricism and her sparkling mastery of the violin with a dazzling technique. To include a wide range of composers from JS Bach, Schubert, De Falla and many more. Tickets £12 (under14s, £3) 01544 -350268. Community Hall, New Radnor.

...**from Walton Village Hall**. There will be a book and jigsaw swap and sale at Walton Hall on Wednesday 9th March from 10am to 1pm. Or simply come and join us for coffee, cake and a friendly chat. Regularly held on the second Wednesday of every month.

...**Fun & Fitness – the Village Dances** with Keith Armstrong. Presteigne Memorial Hall. Simple European folk dances and more, gentle dancing for everyone, no experience necessary, easy exercise suitable for all ages >15 years. Donations welcome to cover cost of the Hall. Come along and join us Wednesdays 10-11. All welcome. Covid restrictions observed. 07817 071118

...**Cymru Versus Arthritis** are holding a free 6-week online Pilates series for Powys residents with arthritis, a MSK or related conditions, to promote physical and emotional wellbeing. Sessions will have a mix of exercise and informal chat every Tuesday 11.30am-12.30pm from February 22 - March 29. There is an expectation that if you register, you will complete the series. For further information email: [walessupport@versusarthritis.org](mailto:walessupport@versusarthritis.org) or tel: 0800 756 3970

...**Presteigne Screen “Annette”** A musical like no other. Friday, 18th February, Assembly Rooms. Doors 7:30pm Film starts 8:00pm. Tickets £5 at door, or buy online at [WeGotTickets](https://www.wegotickets.com).

## OTHER INFORMATION

...**from Kington Choral**. We'll shortly be starting rehearsals for our June concert in Presteigne, singing Schubert's Mass in G, and other music. If you love to sing, have been thinking about joining a choir, and can hold a note or, even better, read music, then now's your chance - sopranos, altos - especially tenors and basses! - we'd love to hear from you. We rehearse Monday evenings 7.30-9.30 in Titley Village Hall. Call Christine on 01544 267048 to hear more.

...**from Presteigne Carnival. Tug o' War**. Advance notice that we definitely intend to run a Tug o' War competition for mixed teams during the course of Carnival day 9th July, so - pubs, clubs, local businesses, anyone - please start thinking about entering. The current holder of the trophy is The Royal Oak !! Watch this space for more info over the coming months.

...**from Rob at Missing Dogs Team Wales**. So I'm now a member of this Team and have a micro chip scanner should anyone come across a stray dog out of vet hours, I can help. If your dog goes missing please contact me also 07747664455.

...**from John. The Family Foundation** offers Individuals 14-70+yrs old, Community Groups and Charities totally free access to their Online Digital Skills Academy - a safe way of doing short, bite sized courses that last no more than 1-2 hrs using a mobile phone, tablet or laptop/desktop computer from the comfort of your home or office - no Apps or codes required, just access to a WIFI connection and email. Contact [assistant@TheFamilyFoundation.co.uk](mailto:assistant@TheFamilyFoundation.co.uk) or call 07761958219. For more information see <https://www.thefamilyfoundation.co.uk/>

...**from Soo about the NHS ambulance transport service** for Powys patients returning home from a stay in Hereford hospital or with appointments at Hereford hospital. Non emergency cases obviously. Transport to Powys hospitals is through Welsh Ambulance service. There may be a separate system for radio therapy. The call centre number is [01686 613200](tel:01686613200). The transport must be arranged at least 2 days before. There are a lot of questions to be answered, and it is advisable to know which department and how long you are likely to be at the hospital. It is important to be ready 2 hours before in case there are other patients to pick up. For collection, because of Covid rules, this is normally arranged with the driver. If you call the number the very nice people there will explain everything. I am surprised that so few

people know about this, but hopefully it could relieve the pressure on our wonderful Community volunteer drivers. [ed. for more information on eligibility and arrangements, you can speak to Sharon in the P&N Community Support office on the High Street]

**...from Powys CC. News: Registration for the 2022 garden waste recycling collection service** is now open - subscribe to this season's easy, clean and simple garden waste recycling collection service, offered by PCC. More: <https://crowd.in/FTATFA>

**...from Powys CC. Pre-School Admissions.** The Pre-School Admission Round for children born between 01/09/2019 – 31/08/2020 opens on 1 March for pre-school admissions in either January, April or September 2023. Apply at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/3810/Apply-for-Pre-School-3-and-4-yr-olds-Early-Years-Education> by deadline Thursday 31 March.

**...from Maggie. Shop Premises available to rent** for any retail purpose, great location in Presteigne town centre, Hereford Street opposite the Library. All enquiries to 07952972746

**...looking for support but don't know who to ask? PAVO Community Connectors** can put you in touch with voluntary organisations & community groups to support your individual need and to access the right services, support and information from within your local area on a wide range of issues. Contact: Hayley 07935 008 999 (Tues-Fri) or email: [hayley.lloyd@pavo.org.uk](mailto:hayley.lloyd@pavo.org.uk)

**...from 21 March, physically punishing children will be illegal.** There are lots of types of physical punishment including smacking, hitting, slapping and shaking. <https://orlo.uk/yLPCj>

**...use your stash of 1st and 2nd class stamps this year!** because by 31 January 2023 you'll no longer be able to simply stick 'em on a letter and use them. Royal Mail is moving to a new barcode system, which these stamps don't have.

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

**...Presteigne Fire Station - recruiting On-Call Firefighters.** Can you respond to this Station within 5 minutes? If the answer is YES, then we want to hear from YOU! For more information, visit our website <https://www.mawwfire.gov.uk/eng/join-us/on-call-firefighter/>

**...Herefordshire Council.** New year, new challenge, new job? We're hiring & currently have positions for: Data analyst, Principal ecologist, HR advisor, Social workers & MORE! Find out all the details & apply: <https://orlo.uk/hW4mS>

**...from Sidney Nolan Trust.** Salary: £12.00 per hour. Contract: Fixed Term, 6 hours per week on a Saturday, Saturday 2nd April – Saturday 29th October 2022. Applications must be returned to Hollie Brookes no later than Monday 28 February. [info@sidneynolantrust.org](mailto:info@sidneynolantrust.org). For info call 01544 260149. Interviews will be held W/C 7 March

**...from Suncare. Full and part time home care assistants** needed to join our amazing team in Kington, Presteigne and New Radnor. Our Office is based in Kington and you're welcome to call in for a coffee and chat about what we can offer. or give us a ring on 01544 231413

**...from Cartrefi. We currently have vacancies for support workers** in Presteigne £9.68hr - Full & Part time Contracts available, £400 bonus on start up with us. For further details please visit <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2>

**...last week was National Apprenticeship Week!** Did you know there are four levels of apprenticeships? Find out more <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/989/Apprenticeships>

**...Little Orchard Nursery, Kington - seeking a part time assistant** for our Baby Room to support our qualified staff. Tuesdays and Fridays 7.45am - 6pm with the possibility of an additional day per week. Start day March or April 2022. Call 01544 231051

**...from the Knighton Hub. Information, Advice and Signposting Volunteer** needed - all applicants will need a standard DBS check. If you are interested please contact Annie England or Cats Cadwallader at [Knightonhubcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Knightonhubcoordinator@gmail.com). or call 07592 353243

**...Presteigne Little People Daycare Nursery. We are hiring a Setting Leader.** Closing date: 27th Feb, Interviews: w/c 28th Feb. **Also 2 Nursery Practitioners.** Closing date 7 March, interviews w/e 11 March. Informal visits are welcome. Contact Ann to arrange an appointment 07734528571. Enquiries, application forms and job description / person specification available from: Ann Wake: Tel: 07734528571 E mail: [chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk)

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