

**NEXT ISSUE END MARCH... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS NOON 31st MARCH
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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

EDITOR NOTE: A VERY FEW EMAIL PROVIDERS ARE UNFORTUNATELY FLAGGING THE NEWSLETTERS AS 'DANGEROUS', 'SPAM' OR 'PHISHING' PROBABLY BECAUSE WE BULK MAIL AND INCLUDE CLICKABLE LINKS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE - SO, AS A TRIAL, FOR THIS ISSUE WE'RE REMOVING THE LINKS - INSTEAD, YOU NEED TO COPY & PASTE THE WEB ADDRESS INTO YOUR BROWSER - SORRY !!

...from **Presteigne & Norton Community Support**. **PLEASE HELP!! We still desperately need more volunteer drivers** to be able to continue our service to the community. Mileage payments are made so you're not out of pocket. If you can spare any time and are able to help, please call in to see Sharon at the PNCS High Street office or call 01544 267961

...**B W Roberts**. **We have had to take the decision to stop serving fuel on Saturdays**. Some years we manage to break even on fuel sales and some years we make a loss. It hasn't been viable to open on Saturdays for some years now but we really didn't want to cut hours as we know it really affects some customers. We've been in business almost 20 years and to make sure we stay in business, we have to make these tough decisions. We are sorry if this decision adversely affects you and we thank you all for your continued support and understanding.

COUNCIL NEWS

...**Powys County Council elections**. People in Powys considering standing in the local government elections in May have less than three weeks to submit their nomination papers. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12428/Nominations-open-for-Powys-County-Council-elections>

...from **Cllr Baynam**. **Jubilee Street Party plans are coming together!** We have several things booked but if anyone is interested in providing any entertainment or are a community group who'd like to run a games stall then please do let me know. Also looking for a face painter so if anyone knows one please send them my way!

COVID & FLU

...**Powys. Drop-In COVID Vaccination Sessions**. You can attend our drop-in clinics for your **FIRST** dose if you are you aged 12+. You can attend our drop in clinics for your **SECOND** dose if you are 18+ and it is more than eight weeks since your first Pfizer dose OR you are 12 - 17 and received your first Pfizer dose more than twelve weeks ago (AZ second doses are by appointment). You can attend our drop-in clinics for your **BOOSTER** if you are you aged 18+ and it is more than three months since your second dose. See <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/drop-in-covid-vaccination-sessions-week-beginning-14-march/>

...from **Freedom Leisure**. **Get your free lateral flow test kit from us** here. Taking a lateral flow test regularly helps to keep our friends and family safe. Anyone who is meeting friends or family, or attending an event or social gathering, is advised to take a test before they go.

THANKS

...from **PSA Football Club**. We would like to thank Annie Davies who does The Farmers Inn Bonus Ball for donating £100 towards our defibrillator. We really do appreciate it, thanks again.

...from **The Royal Oak**. 1 pub - 3292 days - £20,000+ raised for various causes - 300,000 odd pints served. Countless memories. Thank you Presteigne ! See you all on the other side of the bar. Dale, Claire, Dave & Carrie

...from the **Methodist Church**. We are closing our **Ukraine appeal** on Friday 8th April. We have received a great many donations and would like to thank you all for your generosity. Also thanks to Community Support and St Andrews for hosting collection points.

...thanks to **Presteigne Fire Station whose Co-Responders** hosted a 1 hour FREE session on Monday evening to provide a demonstration and familiarisation with the use of defibrillators and basic CPR. The defibrillator machines 'talk' you through exactly what to do if you're faced with someone who's in trouble but in those panicky first moments when someone's collapsed it would be easy to be confused or uncertain what to do. The Co-Responder demonstration was immensely useful and reassuring. There is already significant interest for a second session at the Fire Station and if you are interested to take part or find out more, email news@pacdg.org

SCAM ALERT

...from **Which**. **Amazon scam**. We've seen examples of fake Amazon emails many times, but a new example claiming your account has been 'locked' could look genuine enough to deceive you if you don't take a moment to assess it. Its layout is slick – the branding looks genuine and the message is clear: act now or all your 'pending orders' will be cancelled. It even adds a sense of panic by claiming that 'the billing information you provided did not match the information on file' with the card issuer. Report emails on report@phishing.gov.uk then delete!

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Broad Sheep - the April issue is out** now and online - www.broadsheep.com

...**1st Presteigne Rainbows (5-7 year olds) and 2nd Presteigne Brownies (7-10 year olds) are officially re-opening** as a joint unit in the new term (May-July 2022) after our successful taster sessions which have already seen the number of enquiries increase from 2 to 15 potential members! We welcome any girls aged 5-10 years to come along to our final free taster session on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at the Youth Centre to find out what we are all about. The session will run from 5:15-6:15pm. For more information contact Amy (Unit Leader) on [07769912809](tel:07769912809) or email knightonrainbows@hotmail.com

...**1st Presteigne Guides (10-14 yr olds) is also preparing to re-open in new term**. You'll never be stuck for something to do in Guides. Whether you want to dedicate your time to exploring the outdoors, really focus on your hobbies, or challenge yourself with something new, you'll find something at Guides that suits you. For more information contact Amy (Unit Leader) on [07769912809](tel:07769912809) or email knightonrainbows@hotmail.com

...from **The (new) Royal Oak**. We've re-opened continuing the Oak's previous opening hours, and Steak Night. We look forward to meeting you. Kath & family

...**Presteigne Food Bank Update**. Sadly the food bank outreach service in Presteigne is unable to operate from the Portakabin (behind the Day Centre) as it's needed once more by the Centre. However, we are still providing crisis food, toiletries & baby basics to Presteigne and surrounding villages from our Knighton food bank and will deliver either on a Tuesday or Friday. If you need help urgently, we will arrange a suitable day/time to drop the food parcel off to your home. As always we are very grateful for any donations you can give us but due to shortage of space please contact Helen before making your donation to check our current needs. You can leave items in our box in the Spar in Presteigne. If you need us to collect, ring Helen on 07731 524 058 to make suitable arrangements for safe collection. Items can of course be left on your doorstep or a previously agreed location. For help & support or for more information, please contact Helen on 07731 524 058 www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk

...from **KCS Kington Choral**. **Love to sing but still thinking about joining a choir ? Now's the time to take the plunge !!** We're just starting rehearsals for our Presteigne Summer concert repertoire - Schubert, Handel, Vaughan Williams, then moving on to Bach and others for a concert at the end of the year in Kington. No audition required. Call Christine on 01544 267048 for more information. We rehearse Monday evenings in Titley Village Hall

...from the **PNCS Warehouse**. Spring is almost here. If you are having a spring clean and clearing out those items no longer needed and they are still in good condition we would love

you to consider donating them to our warehouse and shop. We take tables, chairs, cabinets, bookshelves, chests of drawers, wardrobes, lighting, kitchenware, bric a brac, tools and much more. Clothing for women, men, and children must be in a clean saleable condition please. All electrical items must have a CE label and will be PAT tested. Upholstered furniture must have a fire certificate. At the moment we do not have room for beds or mattresses. We can arrange for large items to be collected. So clear out those cupboards and give your items a new home!

...Kington Golf Club are starting their popular Ladies' Taster Golf Sessions again in April. The first three sessions are FREE! Come along and learn a new skill at our friendly Club and on our beautiful Academy Course. Fresh air, exercise and new friends! Please register your interest via pro@kingtongolf.co.uk or telephone [01544 230340](tel:01544230340) option 1.

...from Freedom Leisure. Big congratulations to our Rookie lifeguards who have successfully completed and passed all their levels. A new rookie lifeguard group will start again soon, just contact us to add your child to the interest list. Those interested need to be in Wave 5 and above. Swim tests are available if needed for those not on our swim scheme. 01544 260302

...Wegnalls Farm Butchery. £25 feed-the-family packs. With the cost of living still going up, we offer a value-for-money to see you through the week - 1 kilo each of chicken breasts, beef mince, beef casserole, pork sausage, pork steaks. Call or text 07890 392132 to order

...EPIC Opportunity - an invitation to join the existing ladies and gents of EPIC, Presteigne's Ethical Investment Club. We meet locally each month to discuss and decide on our growing portfolio of Green and Ethical investments, and chat about current topics of interest. We have a vacancy for one new Member; interested? contact Chris, EPIC Secretary: c3utler@gmail.com

...Crocketts is proud to be launching SUNDAY BRUNCH, every Sunday from 10am until 3pm, starting this Mothering Sunday, 27th March! Come and enjoy some locally sourced brunch delights, newspapers, coffee refills, Bloody Marys, free WiFi, freshly squeezed juices and much more..... Book now to avoid disappointment!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Dancefit with Mandy total body workout, toning sticks/dumbbells optional. All ages and abilities. Memorial Hall, Presteigne, Thursdays' 10-11 am. Pay as you go classes. Contact Mandy 07538 218273, mandys.mail@virgin.net or FB message me for more details

...Presteigne Screen "Martin Eden" rated 15. Presteigne Assembly Rooms. TOMORROW ! Saturday 1st April. 7.30pm for 8pm start. £5 at the door, or buy online at [WeGotTickets](http://WeGotTickets.com).

...Presteigne Local Food Market. Memorial Hall 9-1. Saturday 2nd April

...please note the next Presteigne Repair session is Sat 23rd April (not the usual 3rd Sat!)

...a book and jigsaw swap and sale at Walton Hall on Wednesday 13th April from 10am to 1pm. Join us for coffee, cake and a friendly chat. Always the second Wednesday of the month.

...MBA/Cecily Sash 1924 - 2019: A selling exhibition. Presteigne Assembly Rooms May Bank Holiday Weekend Saturday 30 April, Sunday 1 May and Monday 2 May, 10am - 4 pm daily. Pastels, drawings and prints, books and postcards all for sale. Free entry.

...MBA/Ray Cooper singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist (ex-Oysterband) Wednesday 13 July. Presteigne Assembly Rooms 8pm. Tickets £10 from the Workhouse (cash only) and online from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/539493>.

...From Chatterbrook WI. Next meeting Thursday April 14th in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 with an illustrated talk about Bees and Gardens in Ancient Egypt. Visitors and prospective new members are welcome - £4 on the door. April is our Subscription renewal month, so a very good time to join! Find us on <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI> or phone 01544 267245

...From Presteigne Floral Art Society. Next meeting Wednesday 13th April in the Memorial Hall at 7.30. This will be our 20th AGM, followed by a workshop to design a spring basket of flowers. All materials supplied, just bring your flower cutters (nominal charge of £5 to for workshop). Visitors welcome. Further info on this & our Thursday flower classes 01544 340453

...East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in April. Tues 5th Shobdon Court and Downwood 4 miles (or 2 miles), Weds 6th Bedstone and Hopton Wood 7.2 miles, Weds 13th Titley Circular 8.5 miles, Weds 20th Old Radnor 8.3 miles, Thurs 21st Clee Panorama 4.8 miles, Weds 27th Whitton - Pilleth circular 7.7 miles. Further information can be found at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or from E & S Williams on [01544260524](tel:01544260524)

...Leon's Supper Club - Fish and Seafood Moroccan Nights on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd April, 7 pm. 4 courses £25 per head. Bring your own drinks. The menu is on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LeonsSupperClub>. Call Leon to reserve 0780 572748.

...The Hub, New Radnor - the wonderful gypsy jazz guitarist Remi Harris with guitarist Tom Moore at The Hub 7.30pm Saturday 9th April. Tickets £12 from [01544 350559](tel:01544350559) or on the door.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Joanne. Horses on the road! I have just returned from riding my horse, mainly off road and using the abundance of bridleways. However, we do have to do some road work to get to the bridleways. While riding through Norton on the main B4355 I had to ask numerous vehicles to slow down when passing, most of them were happy to comply but not all. **The new guidance clearly states that passing speeds should be less than 10 miles an hour at a minimum distance of 2M, please be mindful that this applies in both directions.** Drivers need to understand that horses do not always react as expected and if you are in an unusual or exceptionally loud vehicle then please pass more carefully and respond accordingly if the horse seems agitated, let's keep the roads safe for all road users. For further info see BHS website.

...from Powys Recycles. Did you know? (Across the UK) we have 140 million unwanted cables hoarded in our homes - enough to circle the earth more than 5 times! Don't bin them, bring them to your local HWRC recycling centre <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/>

...Pre-School Admissions – Apply Online Now for pre-school admissions in either Jan, April or Sept for children born between 01/09/2019 – 31/08/2020. Parents/carers apply online at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/3810/Apply-for-Pre-School-3-and-4-yr-olds-Early-Years-Education> by the deadline of Thursday 31 March. Pre-School Admissions Offer Date is Friday 30 September. Unable to apply online? email preschooladmissions@powys.gov.uk

RIP

...Gwyneth Edwards of Greenfield Road, Presteigne passed away at home on 28th February 2022. Funeral service will take place at Byton Church (LD8 2HS) on Friday 18th March 2022 at 2:30pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to RNIB or Save The Children please. For further information contact A.W Hughes & Son 01544 267778

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...Volunteer Opportunities in Presteigne Rainbows, Brownies & Guides Units. A range of volunteer roles across the three local Girlguiding Units including flexible volunteering roles. Unit leaders, assistant leaders, helpers, support incl. a Treasurer. Call Amy on 07769912809

...East Radnorshire Care is recruiting Home Support Worker x 26hrs a week; Care Assistant x 21hrs a week; Cook x 28hrs a week; Cleaner x 6hrs a week; Home Support On Call Staff – flexible shifts. All roles based in Presteigne. You will be working with elderly vulnerable adults and a DBS check is a requirement. Contact 01544 260267 or email admin@eastradnor.care

...Owl Centre Tearoom/Gift shop assistant for part time seasonal work including weekends and bank holidays. Must be 16yrs or older, please apply by email only with some information about yourself diana@owlcentre.com.

...Squire Farm Housekeeper/cleaner needed for two holiday cottages on Mondays and Fridays. 2 to 4 or more hours in two small self-catering cottages between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. Own transport essential. If you are interested see <https://squirefarm.co.uk/>

...Kington Gold Club - Bar/waiting staff with experience to work at our friendly clubhouse here @KingtonGolfClub. For more information contact Agi on 01544230340 option 2 or email catering@kingtongolf.co.uk with your C.V.

...NPTC Group - social care workers. Could you spare just a few hours a week to help in social care and boost your income? See email pathwaystraining@nptcgroup.ac.uk or visit: <https://www.nptcgroup.ac.uk/apprenticeships/powys-health-and-care-academy-skills-hwb/>

...The Garth Nursing Home, Kington. Needs a 1-to-1 Night Care Support Worker for Friday, Saturday and Sunday's. Tel 01544230502

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