

Community News



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The Community News is an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group - "Working Together For Our Community"

NEXT ISSUE MID-MAY ... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS NOON 15th MAY
email news@pacdg.org

- 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

...new to the Presteigne area and need information on local clubs and organisations? PACDG have the answers for you. Visit the Town website (<http://presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations>) to see the Register of Local Organisations. To all Secretaries of local organisations - please check your entries & email news@pacdg.org to update.

...local recycling news ! Thanks to Helen and the Presteigne Plastics Project, you can now recycle all your medication/pill foil blister packs, plus printer ink cartridges and toner cassettes, in the new recycling bin shelter at the Old School in Hereford Street

... eagle-eyed residents may have spotted that we have some shiny new updated Tourist Information Boards – one at the top of Station Road opposite the Memorial Hall and one in the Hereford Street car park. We think they look fabulous! PACDG started work on this project two and a half years ago, with Covid and various other obstacles tripping us up, but we persevered and we are really pleased we managed to get them up in time for this year's tourist season. They are designed to be future-proof and easily updated over the coming years. We hope they will be a useful – and beautiful – community asset for years to come. Thanks to David for the art work, Mags and everyone else involved

...a friendly warning to users of the cardboard recycling skips at the Bring Site. If the skips are full (as they have been recently due to the PCC skip wagon breaking down - again!) please take your cardboard boxes home until the situation improves. Leaving your cardboard lying around the Bring Site is not only unsightly and blows around littering the area, it is FLY-TIPPING and, if you are identified by the CCTV cameras or from your delivery address on the boxes you WILL receive a really hefty fine from Powys CC.

COUNCIL NEWS

...Latest planning applications considered at the April meeting of the Town Council
22/0643/HH Proposal: Single storey rear extension, together with internal and external alterations Site Address: 24 Caefelyn, Norton, Presteigne, LD8 2UB. 22/0663/HH Proposal: Erection of a home office / garden store Site Address: Porthleven House , Presteigne, LD8 2ET.

...Local Services & Businesses are invited to advertise their services on the Town website. If you would like to be included please click here to [download application form](#), which contains full instructions as to how to apply, and costings. If you have any problems please email pntc@hotmail.com, for assistance. The advertising cost is just 50p per week.

THANK YOU

...from Marion & Chris. Wonderful Presteigne. Our Open Garden raised £625 for Ukraine. Thank you everyone!

UKRAINE

...from Emma. This is to let you know that the Ukrainian family whose visas we've been waiting for have arrived safe and well in Presteigne. They are now happily settling into their

news lives and have been enjoying a really warm welcome. There's also a group in Stapleton and another, I gather, in Kinnerton (though I don't know their host). They are being well supported with English-language teaching and admin help as well as clothing and kitchen utensils - many thanks to those who are supporting them as they get their lives back on track. It goes without saying that if you hear of a host or refugee family wanting some support do put them in touch and we can connect them with those who volunteered help at our initial meeting.

SCAM ALERT

...**Watch out for this nasty WhatsApp scam** that enables hackers to take control of your account and access all of your messages. In this scam: *You get a text *Then a WhatsApp message from a friend asks you for the code. DO NOT SEND. Your friend's WhatsApp has been hacked – now you're the target! If you share the code, the scammers will hack yours too. Join our Which? Scam Alerts Facebook group to get all the latest information about scams doing the rounds & tactics used by fraudsters <https://www.facebook.com/groups/whichalerts>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Look out for the May issue of Broad Sheep**, which will be out this week and online - www.broadsheep.com

...**please note that for Memorial Hall bookings**, you now need to contact Lynne Owens on 01544 231733 or email owensmoor@tiscali.co.uk

...**Presteigne Carnival Queen** - the plans for the carnival are moving on a pace, and we now need applicants for our Queen. If you live within a 5 mile radius of Presteigne, aged between 16 - 116, available on the 9th July and want a truly wonderful experience you will remember for ever, please apply to be our Carnival Queen - send your details and an explanation as to why you would like to be Queen either by email to dbrhdvs6@aol.com, through private message on our FB, or hand to any committee member. Please don't let cost put you off, there is a budget for your dress and a hair appointment. If you're not sure and want further information, please either contact us through FB, or speak to our past lovely Queens. Closing date 31st May, 2022.

...**Presteigne Tree Group's first newsletter** can be seen here <https://mailchi.mp/c9bf11afae83/tree-group-news?e=9b1aa2247a>. We want to let you know more about the tree group, what we've been doing, what we have planned, and share our enthusiasm for our wonderful trees and woodlands. Presteigne Tree Group is working to protect, enhance and celebrate Presteigne's trees, woodlands and associated wildlife habitats, through education, tree planting, conservation, and management with community involvement.

...**The Community Café at Presteigne Local Food Market.** Visitors to the Markets will know that the Community Café is there both to support the stallholders & to take donations (yes, we don't charge!) for the coffees, teas & the very popular scrumptious cakes baked by our kind volunteers. The Café was set up by a small group of local people & all proceeds since we opened in 2013 have been passed on to local good causes & charitable organisations. Indeed our hard-working and generous Café Volunteers are currently celebrating having received & donated-on over £6,000 during those years. But at the next two Presteigne Markets, things will be different. In May & June we will pass on your donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee which brings together 15 leading UK aid charities working in Ukraine and neighbouring countries providing food, water, shelter & medical assistance. We are fortunate in that we can go to market & sit happily with friends, a coffee and cake, but others cannot. We hope to see you, and receive your donations on Saturday 7th May & again on 4th June.

...**from Deb and Helen in Norton - please no more books to the Church Porch** for the book swap, thank you to everyone who participated during the Covid lock down, it was a much needed and used service throughout but there is now such an excess of books being kept in storage - if anyone is going to the St. Michael's bookshop in Leominster and could take over 5 boxes of books, please can you contact Helen on 01544 267073

...**from Helen B Pilates.** Make Monday about you! Pilates will get you back in shape for summer. 9-10am Presteigne Memorial Hall every Monday. All ages and abilities welcome. More details info@helenbpilates.com. Learn to bend so you don't break

...**EPIC Presteigne's Ethical Investment Club currently has openings for new members.** If you want to know more or to put your name on the waiting list email c3utler@googlemail.com

...**Wildflower Verges** - Look out for the name signs going up on the verges again, now that the wildflowers are getting into their stride.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Cecily Sash 1925 - 2019. Exhibition and Sale** on May Bank Holiday weekend Saturday 30 April - Monday 2 May at Presteigne Assembly Rooms 10am - 4pm

...**Walton Hall book and jigsaw swap and sale.** Wednesday 11th May from 10am until 1pm. Or simply come and join us for coffee, cake and a friendly chat. Plus...Walton Hall will be running the Kington Community Shop from 1st to 7th June. Donations of clean clothes, household items, books, plants etc that we can sell will be gratefully received.

...**Spring Fundraising Concert - Built Male Voice Choir** return after the pandemic with Dolau Mixtures Choir for a fantastic fundraiser in aid of Presteigne's Judging Lodging museum. Friday 20th May at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church Presteigne. Tickets £10 from the Judges Lodging - [01544 260650](tel:01544260650) or info@judgeslodging.org.uk - or www.WeGotTickets.com

...**Open Garden to raise money for Ukraine - Pant Hall Cloister Gardens**, Willey, Presteigne, LD8 2LY. We are open the weekend of 14th and 15th May to raise money for the local Ukraine fund. Please contact us to book a time. Morning - 10am - 12.30, or afternoon 2pm - 4.30pm. Telephone - [01544 260066](tel:01544260066). Due to limited parking, all cars must be booked in advance and must leave at the same time at the end of the session. Please car share where possible. See this unique garden, plus teas, raffles and plant sales. Entrance and sales by donation. Cash only please. Sorry – no children <15 or dogs www.panthallcloistergardens.com

...**Award-winning Swiss-based theatre company, Nicole et Martin**, will be pitching their white tent once again on Presteigne's Wents Meadow from Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th May. Their shows combine humour, music and circus skills to tell traditional fairy tales, suitable for family audiences. Seeing their show is a truly memorable experience. For full info & booking go to <https://www.midborderarts.com/whats-on>

...**Trees and Cake at the Warden.** Enjoy The Warden in its full Spring glory on Sunday May 8th 2-4pm. A FREE family afternoon for all ages. Explore the Warden and its magnificent trees, flowers and history. FREE event with activities for all ages - plus cakes and soft drinks. Organised by the Warden Guardians Foundation and Presteigne Tree Group

...from **Chatterbrook WI** – next meeting Thursday May 12th in Presteigne Memorial Hall at 7.30. Nurseryman Paul Green will be bringing a large selection of plants and describe their appeal for a sensory garden: specimen plants will be for sale. Visitors & prospective members welcome - £4 on the door. We have a great new programme of talks & activities planned for 2022 – copies are available in Presteigne library. Find us on FB or phone 01544 267245.

We have a few places on a **wet felting workshop** on Friday 20 May 10am- 4pm at the Old School/Youth Centre, (in Hereford Street, next to the car park) Presteigne at a cost of £33 per person including materials, bring your own lunch. Learn the basics of wet felting and create your own landscape to take away. Spaces are limited and are offered on a first come basis. To book or questions contact Claire at cebrown001@gmail.com or 01544 260172 / 07712649458.

..**Presteigne Floral Art Society.** The club meets next on Wednesday 11th May in Presteigne Memorial Hall at 7.30pm featuring a demonstration by National demonstrator, Delyth Price, called The Wonder of Wales. Visitors and new members are welcome. Further information and news about our Thursday flower classes from the Secretary, 01544 340453

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in May.** Tues 3rd Weobley short walk 5.25 miles; Weds 4th Bucknell Woods & Stow Hill 8.6 miles; Weds 11th Hope Bowdler Hills 8miles; Sat 14th Bryngwyn & Red Hills 8.5 miles; Weds 18th Kerry Ridgeway 7.4 miles; Thurs 19th Clew Panorama 4.8 miles; Weds 25th Knucklas Circular 8.5 miles; Sat 28th 3 Woods Walk 8 miles; Weds 1st June A mountain, a globe and the last bluebells 7.8 miles. Further information can be found at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or from E & S Williams on [01544 260524](tel:01544260524).

...**The Gallery - 'To The Hills'** our latest exhibition continues throughout May featuring Alison MacGregor Grimley's stunning landscapes, Ceramics by Saffron Guy, studio pottery by Nick Membury (LLandeilo) and Joe Finch's beautiful soda glazed jugs and bowls. Open Bank Holiday Monday 10.30-3pm, Thurs - Sat 10.30am - 3pm. 1a The High Street Presteigne.

OTHER INFORMATION

...**ACT SWIFTLY!** Swifts are on the **Red List** of species threatened with extinction & really need our help - they'll soon be back in Presteigne, having flown all the way from Africa, so now is the time to welcome them back - with a nest box. They like to breed in our eaves & gables, but they cannot use modern, renovated or insulated buildings as these exclude them. We have a few FREE nest boxes, courtesy of Radnorshire Wildlife Trust. Call Anne on [01544 267997](tel:01544267997)

...**from Recycle Now.** Right now, only 17% of local authorities collect plastic bags and wrapping. WRAP (the charity that runs Recycle Now) is working with governments to change this and increase kerbside collections. Meanwhile, you can now take your plastic bags and wrapping back to supermarkets. Find your nearest participating store <https://bit.ly/3qwyzkz>

... **join legions of gardeners and say "no" to the mow this May** to help our bees, butterflies, wildlife and us! Plantlife's No Mow May campaign doesn't ask you to do much. In fact, it asks you to not do anything at all... Just lock up your lawnmower **on May 1st** and let the wild flowers in your lawn bloom, providing a feast of nectar for our hungry pollinators - see <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may>

...**from Powys CC** - we have posted letters inviting bank details to enable receipt of the £150 Cost of Living Payment. This is a genuine letter although we are aware it is not on headed paper - please visit the Powys website and enter the details as this is not a scam.

...**It's Dying Matters Awareness Week May 2nd - 7th.** Liminal Space is holding an informal discussion on What Happens As You Die? **Thursday May 5th** 5.30pm - 6.45pm at the Assembly Rooms. The process of dying is often not spoken about & frequently misunderstood. Join us and Nurse Educator Lynn Makin from St Michael's Hospice for a discussion and opportunity to ask questions and debunk myths. Information email: liminalspace20@gmail.com

RIP

...**Joyce Hilary Fulford** of Presteigne passed away on 14th April 2022 aged 93. Funeral Service at St Andrews, Presteigne on Mon 9th May at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Prestmede care home. For further information, contact A.W Hughes & Son 01544 267 778

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**the PNCS shop is need of volunteers for cover**, usually for the odd shift sometimes at short notice. Please FB message or pick up a volunteer form from Sharon in the High St office.

...**Presteigne Memorial Hall - we are urgently looking for an interim Treasurer** for the Hall. If you think you could take the job on, or know someone who might be interested, please contact me. Many thanks. Lynne Owens 07980 794750 owensmoor@tiscali.co.uk

...**Tom Bounds Electrical - fully-qualified electrician needed.** Must be reliable and able to work independently and as a team member. Pls contact Diane or Tom on 01544 231303.

...**Mid & North Powys Mind. Administrator (2 posts).** For more information and a job application form, please see our website: <https://mnpmind.org.uk/vacancies/#administrator>. Only applications using the website form will be accepted.

...**Hergest Croft Gardens - seasonal waiter/waitress** on a rota 3/4 days a week including some weekends. 10.30 to 5pm (flexible). If interested, contact us on FB and send your cv.

...**Lloyd Engineering - Assembly Technician** to join our friendly team in well-equipped workshops. Due to our location between Presteigne/Pembridge/Shobdon/Kington, a car/bike is essential. Call 01544 260531 or send your CV to steph@lloydengineering.co.uk

...**Margraves Ltd, Kington/Llandrindod Wells - receptionist/administration assistant** full or part time. To apply or for more details send CV to law@margraves.co.uk or call 01544 231010

...**Radnor Oak Ltd - Sales Advisor: Full Time. Workshop and Yard Operative: Full Time.** For more information or call us on 01544 260727.

...**Penny Morrison Ltd in Presteigne - Office Administrator**, full time. Must have at least 3 years office experience and be willing to help out in the fabrics warehouse when required. Please send CV to: theresa@pennymorrison.com

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