

**NEXT ISSUE END-MAY ... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS midday 30th MAY**  
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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)

...new to the Presteigne area and need somewhere to hold meetings or hire for a birthday party or other function ? PACDG have the answers. Visit the Town website (<http://presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations>) to see the PACDG Register of Local Venues for Hire

...CORRECTION - the booking number for the Memorial Hall is 01544 267253

...Presteigne Carnival Queen - Apply Now!! If you live within 5 miles of Presteigne - aged over 16 - available on Saturday 9th July - and want a truly wonderful experience that will stay with you forever - then please don't be afraid to reply! Send in your details and an explanation as to why you want to be Carnival Queen by private message on FB, to any committee member, or email to [dbrhdvs6@aol.com](mailto:dbrhdvs6@aol.com). Don't let cost put you off - there is a budget for a dress and hair appointment. **Closing date 31st May.**

...Presteigne and Norton high speed broadband - Have you registered your interest in the new high-speed broadband project? Would you like to have internet speeds of 100mb plus? A full fibre-to-the-premises reliable connection? Future proof your broadband at no cost for installation? Then register using the details pinned at the top of the PresteigneNortonTC page <https://www.facebook.com/Presteigne-Norton-T-C-447804012279436>. Registrations have slowed and we still need more to submit a funding application. Please share this post as widely as you can amongst Presteigne and Norton friends and family. 142 premises are still needed to reach the 25% target. Please sign up to help make this happen - for everyone's sake!

...Welsh Blood are looking for new and existing blood donors in Presteigne. Please go along and donate if you can. Presteigne Memorial Hall Tues/Wed 17/18 May.

### COUNCIL NEWS

...the next full TC meeting is on **Wednesday 18 May starting at 7pm and residents can attend in person or on Zoom.** Meeting papers, Zoom joining instructions and the April meeting minutes can be seen on [www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council) from 12th May. Please note - the first part of the meeting will be the Mayor Making and speeches in the Courtroom at the Judge's Lodgings - this part of the meeting will NOT be available on Zoom but the new Mayor and Deputy will be confirmed at the start of the formal meeting in the Assembly Rooms.

...County Councillor Elections. Beverley Baynham was duly elected as the new Councillor for the Presteigne Ward and Deb Edwards as Councillor for the new Llangunllo-with-Norton Ward - congratulations Beverley and Deb! The result for Presteigne Ward was: Beverley Baynham (Independent) 527, Leon Abecasis (Liberal) 106, Richard Ship (Greens) 100. Total votes cast 733 - 43%. The result for Llangunllo-with-Norton Ward was: Deb Edwards (Independent) 359, Nigel Bufton (Liberal) 303, Paddy O'Connell (Conservative) 135. Total votes cast 797 - 59%. See <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7163/County-Council-Elections-2022---Radnorshire>

...following the election, six seats on our Town Council remain unfilled - if, on reflection, you would like to be considered to contribute to the work of the Council and fill one of those vacancies, please apply by email to the Town Clerk at [presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com](mailto:presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com)

...**Latest planning application** in to be considered at the May meeting of the Town Council. 22/0685/HH Grid Reference: E:331324 N: 264458 Proposal: Erection of garden studio room Site Address: Castle Barn, 40A High Street, Presteigne.

### **THANK YOU**

...**Trees and Cakes at the Warden.** What a sunny, sociable and enjoyable afternoon at the Warden last Sunday! All of us, even the experts, discovered more about the wonderful trees and flowers growing there. Special thanks to the Warden Guardians for hosting the event and to all the team for organising and running it.....and we raised £136.75 for Tree Aid.

### **SCAM ALERT**

...**beware of Omicron Covid text messages notifying you've been in close contact with someone and must apply for a test pack.** Asks you to pay the postage but then scammers have your bank card details and may then contact you pretending to be your bank's fraud section investigating irregular payments caused by your phone being hacked by a phishing text (which they sent of course)...you know the rest !!! They're very convincing and can spoof the bank's phone numbers. No matter how convincing, cut the call and ring your bank direct.

...**from Which - How to block nuisance calls.** The scourge of cold-calling scammers are forever doing the rounds - either interrupting our evenings or causing us anxiety so we don't even want to pick up the phone. However, there is good news, most of the major landline phone providers now offer a free service to reduce the number of nuisance calls that you receive. [In this guide, we'll look at how they work and what your options are.](#)

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

... **We're looking for friendly, enthusiastic people aged 18 or over to be volunteers at the Ukraine Fundraiser** on Saturday 25 June on Went's Meadow, Presteigne. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who would like to get involved and to help raise funds for the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal and Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund. The main areas you can get involved in as a volunteer are • Entrance Gate • General Site including Recycling • Car Parking • Assisting Caterers • Building and taking down site. If you can spare a few hours and would like to volunteer, please sign up as a volunteer on the Sheep Music website [www.sheep-music.co.uk](http://www.sheep-music.co.uk) or email [info@sheep-music.co.uk](mailto:info@sheep-music.co.uk)

...**PNCS Warehouse. Wanted** - good condition furniture, bookcases, cabinets, tables and chairs, cupboards. Sofas and easy chairs (must have a fire certificate). Garden furniture, tools and other items. Please note that we do not take glass TV stands, dvd players, printers, beds or mattresses. Contact the Warehouse for further info 07496 732067

...**Presteigne Ladies Hockey. Junior hockey sessions** for both girls and boys ages 6 years. No playing experience needed, just come along and have some fun at our thriving junior hockey sessions. Wednesday evenings @6.15pm-7:15pm on John Beddoes School Field (by pavilion - £3 per session, all equipment provided). Feel free to just turn up or see FB for info.

...**Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club.** Appointments available from District Nurses on 01547 521270. Why not have lunch at the Community Cafe at the Community Centre afterwards

...**from Rory - Spine Race.** On the 19th June at 8am I'll be setting out on what has always been a distant idea, a joke after a couple of beers and something I've always wanted to do but never thought was possible (don't all the best ideas start in the pub...). The Spine Race is a 268 mile non stop race with a 156 hour time limit. Its starts in Edale and finishes just over the Scottish Borders in Kirk Yetholm encompassing the whole of the Pennine Way. Thought I might as well have a crack! I'll be raising money along my way for our Fire Service's Co Responders - find out more about the race and my charity at JustGiving - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rory-bennett>. Please share - all donations welcome for this vital local cause!

...**from Freedom Leisure. Spaces available in our Pre School Swimming Lessons.** Start your child's swimming journey with us! Mon 11-11.30am for 1 1/2-3 years. Mon 11.30-12pm for 4-18 months. Frid 10.30-11am, 11.30-12pm for 1 1/2-3 years. To enquire 01544 260302

...**from Presteigne Freegle. Popular items listed on Freegle at this time of the year:** Paving slabs, Greenhouses, DIY offcuts, Gardening tools , plants, water butts, sheds, soil, seeds,

hoses, bird-feeders, garden furniture, fencing, timber, pallets, sun loungers, surplus allotment crops....all free to reuse, just grab our app to see what's being given away nearby to you <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>

**...1st Presteigne Guides Re-Opening.** We are so pleased to be able to re-open the local Guides unit! We have plenty of spaces available for young women aged 10 to 14 years old. Why not come along to one of our weekly meetings as a taster session to find out more? Tuesday evenings at the Old School, Hereford Street. Contact Amy [amyprice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amyprice@hotmail.co.uk)

**...Grace and Dorothy run a community group called Liminal Space** to encourage conversations on any and all aspects of death and dying. Thank you to all who stopped by to chat on Saturday and make a wish at the "Wishing Tree" These are the wishes: *\*I want to die at peace with myself \*Peacefully, knowing that there is peace in the world \*I wish J & S could leave this earth peacefully and soon. \*I want to get the most out of every moment I live. \*I hope to have many adventures and discover plenty more things with my family. \*We embrace death in our culture - it is about quality rather than quantity. \*I want my family to talk to me about my death and know it's OK. \*I'd like to die with the people I love around me \*I wish to remember that life only comes to us at the price of death \*Pack it in! Life is short and so precious. \*May my life be filled with love \*To go out with a bang: on a tennis court having just beaten my arch-rival 6-0 6-0 6-0 Wow! (Aged 95!)* Information from [liminalspace20@gmail.com](mailto:liminalspace20@gmail.com)

**...from the Editor Parish Magazine.** Once more it's that time again - the deadline for June's copy for the magazine is Wednesday 18 May. Thanks to all those who have already sent copy and thanks to those who will!

**...Presteigne Carnival Saturday 9th July. Volunteers needed!!** We are so excited to be holding the carnival this year on 9th July in Went's Meadow. We have a fun day and evening planned, but as with all great events, we need volunteers to run it. If you can spare an hour or so, either on the Friday to set up, the Sunday to take down, but **particularly on Saturday**, we would be eternally grateful. Please either contact us through FB or ring on 07766152000 – there are lots of jobs to choose from! Thank you in anticipation, we really need your help.

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

**...Presteigne's Platinum Party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** on Friday 3rd June from 2pm onwards in Presteigne High Street. The High Street will be closed to traffic from 10am to 8pm, to enable set up and removal of tables, chairs etc. Food available from High St outlets or bring your own picnic & drink. See Special Edition following for full details.

**...Norton bring and share Picnic in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee** on Thursday the 2nd of June from 12noon on the Mill Field, soft drinks and coffee and tea available, bring your own alcoholic drinks, games for the children and music for all! For further details contact Chris 01544 267749, Tracy 01544 598251, or Eileen 01544 262710

**...Ukrainian fundraising day of music in Presteigne - save the date! Saturday 25th June.** **Kington Choral's Spring Concert** features music by Schubert, Handel and Vaughan Williams, with guest soloists. 3pm in St Andrew's Church. Retiring collection for Ukraine. £12 (£6 <18s) at the door or book online [www.kingtonchoral.org.uk](http://www.kingtonchoral.org.uk)

**Sheep Music and MBA Ukraine Fundraiser** - 5 pm to 11.30 pm at The Barn, Went's Meadow. A fantastic line up of bands - The Destroyers, Little Rumba, The Poobahs and DJ Stef Mo with the event compered by Loose Baker. Bar, good food and raffle. The event is raising funds for the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal and Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund. Tickets £12 for adults, £5 for age 12 and under, and free for age 5 and under. Tickets from The Workhouse Gallery (cash only) or online from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/547366>.

**...Spring Fundraising Concert - Builth 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](mailto:info@judgeslodging.org.uk) - or [www.WeGotTickets.com](http://www.WeGotTickets.com)

**...Methodist Church Plant Sale** - With the squeeze on household budgets, there is no better time to try growing some veg. You don't need a big garden; some look pretty in the flower bed like swiss chard. Tomatoes, cut and come again lettuce, courgettes and runner beans can be all grown in pots. We shall have a selection on sale, together with succulents and perennials at

the Methodist Church plant sale on Saturday 21st May from 10-12. Tea and cake will be on sale as well as cake, jam and bric a brac stall. Look forward to seeing you there.

**...Presteigne Repair & Share** - come along this Saturday 21st May from 10-12 noon. We Repair Household Stuff - of all sorts - for free! Old School, Hereford Street. If you enjoy fixing stuff we need more fixers for our monthly Repair sessions - starting this Saturday !!!! It only requires 2 hours or so once a month and is very sociable - with lots of thank-yous from grateful customers, and the occasional Fixers social. To hear more, please call Rolly on 01544 260766.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

**...from NHS UK. We need your help.** Please help us keep A&E free for serious emergencies only ... Think GP, NHS 111 online or pharmacy first before coming to A&E or calling 111 or 999

**...Drive On assessment available for older drivers** - a free 1 hour assessment drive being offered by Powys CC's Road Safety Unit for people aged over 65 years with a full driving licence aimed at helping older drivers in the county to drive with more confidence and safety. Assessments are carried out by Approved Driving Instructors and can be taken in your own vehicle. As part of the Drive On assessment, participants can choose a partnered driving instructor from a list supplied to them and telephone them to make a booking. For more info contact the Road Safety Department on [01686 611586](tel:01686611586) or [road.safety@powys.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@powys.gov.uk)

**...from Powys Recycles. Need more food waste liners?** Just attach the yellow tag you'll find towards the end of your roll, to the lid of your food waste caddy next time you put it out for collection, and we'll leave you some more.

**...National Garden Scheme Powys Newsletter** <https://mailchi.mp/d3e61fc08cb0/gardens-open-in-powys-14972205?e=5c07b6a7d9>

**...for Herefordshire residents** from Herefordshire Council. The Council Tax Energy Rebate payments of £150 for Direct Debit payers have started to be processed & will be paid to direct debits first as we already hold their details. It's not too late to sign up <https://orlo.uk/5Gmeu>

**...Recycle Now. How do I recycle a bulky item I cannot transport?** Check with Powys or Hereford CC to arrange a bulky waste collection for you. You can find their contact details using our Recycling Locator tool: <https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator>

## **RIP**

**Pat Matthews** of The Dukes Arms, Presteigne passed away on 5th April 2022 aged 87. Private funeral at Hereford Crematorium. For information contact A.W.Hughes & Son 01544 267778

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

**...Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop. Full-time delivery driver.** Min of 5 days a week, some Saturdays also. Driving a small or medium wheel base chiller van, multi drops within the shires and poultry nationwide. £10.25 per hour inc holidays, Pension, meat allowance and bonus. Call 01544 598120 or email [accounts@brandpod.co.uk](mailto:accounts@brandpod.co.uk)

**...The Garth Nursing Home, Kington** (a) Domestic post full or part time (b) Night Healthcare workers required for 7.30 pm to 7.30am shifts. (c) One-2-one Health Care Worker 3days a week. (d) Clinical Lead Nurse. Enquiries@garthcareservices.co.uk or phone 01544230502

**...Weobley Ash. Daytime Chicken Processor** to join our team working on poultry cuts, mainly packing and skinning. Full training given, may suit someone between school hours. Good rates of pay and discounted meat. PM on FB or call 01544 598120

**...Dyfed-Powys Police. Contact Handlers** - apply now to become one of our Heroes in Headsets. We're looking for people to join our team of contact handlers, working 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. This is a job that's challenging and rewarding in equal measure, but you'll receive the training and support you need to help you deal with anything that comes your way. Interested ? don't delay - apply today. Visit <https://orlo.uk/21eFy>

**...CB FLT driver, Knighton.** 4on 4 off days/ nights, £12/h, temp to perm. call 01213141369

**...Egg collectors required Shobdon.** Weekdays and weekends phone Luke on 07917 896842

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