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**NEXT ISSUE END-JUNE... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS midday 30th JUNE**  
email [news@pacdg.org](mailto: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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

...new to the Presteigne area or just looking for a local tradesperson or service ? PACDG have the answers. Email the Editor [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org) to be sent a copy of the latest PACDG Register of Local Trades & Services. Want to be included on the Register? Email the Editor.

...from Emma. Another host family wanted for a Ukrainian teacher (of English). She is in her sixties, currently in Kyiv but keen to find a place of safety because of all the volatility there and would prefer to be in Presteigne itself as she has friends here. If you are interested in hosting her, please contact [emma.lilley@btinternet.com](mailto:emma.lilley@btinternet.com)

...from Rory, raising funds for Presteigne Co-Responders. On the 19th June, at 8am, I'll be setting out from Edale in The Peak District, Derbyshire, on a 268 mile, non-stop journey to Kirk Yetholm. To complete the challenge, I will need to reach the Scottish border within 156 hours. This race is known as The Spine Race and follows the whole of the Pennine Way. This year I've chosen Presteigne Fire Service's Co-responders as my fundraising cause. They need to fundraise enough money to support the purchase of a new all-terrain vehicle which will enable them to work more efficiently in the many call outs they receive. In addition, this fund also supports the Presteigne team directly with any urgent kit that they need that cannot be funded elsewhere, such as dummies which they use to give free demos to the local community in CPR & Defib use. You can donate directly to this worthy cause at : <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rory-bennett>. You can also donate in person at Victoria Fish Bar in Presteigne.

...Presteigne leads the charge for Wales to become a "Dark Skies Nation"! See BBC item <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-61676618>

### COUNCIL NEWS

...New Radnor Community Council is providing Jubilee Mugs for children from 0-11 years living in its area. Please contact any Councillor or the Clerk ([newradnorcc@outlook.com](mailto:newradnorcc@outlook.com)) to apply for a mug for your child/ children. Representatives from the Council will be at the Community Centre on the morning of 18 June to collect your mug then (please bring evidence of your address/date of birth). The Mugs were kindly sponsored by Radnor Ranges.

### THANK YOU

...from Sal at Wild Card Tattoos. A mahoosive thankyou to each and everyone of you who've taken the time to donate your old/unwanted spectacles, there have been over 30 pairs donated so far. I will be dropping them off in Leominster next week and the box will continue to be available should anyone else wish to donate spectacles for the people of Ukraine.

...from Bev (and everyone else !) Many thanks to the small but very efficient group of Jubilee Street Party helpers! Super thanks to the organising committee Rory Bennett, Colin & Ruth Kirkby), Fiona Preece & Kirsty Roberts - I couldn't of managed without you; and to Alan Preece & Jamie Baynham who provided the man power today! Many thanks to the TC for providing funding, Radnor Hills for donating the drinks & all those wonderful people who donated cakes - far to many to mention! Also thanks to John Bray, Emily George, Presteigne Pop Choir & Ian Marchant for providing the entertainment & to Teresa Felgate for the table decorations. Finally,

many thanks to all of you who came made the afternoon enjoyable including all the shops in the High Street who joined in the celebrations and decorated their windows so beautifully.

**...from Emma and the Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund.** Huge thanks to Malcolm Temple and Karen Roberts (and all their lovely helpers) who opened their stunning garden at Pant Hall to raise money for our Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund. They generated an extraordinary £3010.40, which brings our balance to £3503.35. These funds are to help with essential costs, such as therapeutic needs, dental costs (where NHS unavailable), travel to job interviews etc. To see a copy of the terms of the Fund please email [emma.lilley@btinternet.com](mailto:emma.lilley@btinternet.com)

### **SCAM ALERT**

**...be aware, scammers are cloning 01544 numbers** (any numbers!) to make it look as though their calls are both local and legitimate. Even if it appears to be a local number, be vigilant and never give out any personal information unless you're 100% certain of the caller's identity. If you do receive a scam call, from a 'local' number, the authorities want to know about it. Please call Action Fraud on [0300 123 2040](tel:03001232040)

**...from Which! Phoney BT direct debit email.** BT is being impersonated by scammers in an email that asks you to change your direct debit details. As fraudulent emails go, this is a convincing one. It includes BT's branding, logo and even BT's customer service phone number. But the link behind the button directs you to a fake website. If you receive a message out of the blue about payment details, please always check with your provider directly before you click. [See what the email looks like](#) and what to do if you receive one.

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

#### **Presteigne Carnival news**

**...Raffle tickets now on sale!** Big thank you to Artisan Print for both printing and sponsoring the tickets. And of course a Big Thank you to all the prize donors, you really are stars. The tickets will be on sale in the High Street on Saturday mornings throughout June. It costs literally thousands to put on Carnival, so please be generous - you could be a lucky winner!

**...looking for more (younger, fit!) dads to spend just 1 hour on Carnival afternoon** to help man and control one of the various games for children - inflatables, assault course, climbing wall etc. Call Debbie please on 07766 152000 or email [dbrhdvs@aol.com](mailto:dbrhdvs@aol.com) or contact on FB.

**...Presteigne Wheelbarrow Race.** It's the one month countdown to the big event! Get planning your fancy dress outfits. Thanks to Wild Card Tattoos, Pete Smith Blacksmith, JH Property Maintenance & Landscaping, and Meg's Cafe Shobdon, our event sponsors so far. If you can sponsor or help marshal on the day please get in touch on FB. It'll be a cracker! Friday 8th July 8pm start. Registration at East Radnor Leisure Centre from 6.30pm. £15 entry per barrow. Contact Dale 07772700603 or Owen 07960411206 or on FB.

**...from Mandy. Low Impact Dance Fit**, total body workout, toning sticks/weights optional. Memorial Hall, Presteigne, Thursday's 10-11 am. Pay as you go classes. Contact Mandy 07538 218273, [mandys.mail@virgin.net](mailto:mandys.mail@virgin.net) or send me a message for more details

**...Wild Thyme Italian is currently closed** until 22June when we reopen with new inspirations from Italy

**...Presteigne Festival – urgent appeal.** As many readers will be aware, Presteigne Festival brings visitors to the area and delivers quite a boost to the local economy. It is only possible to stage the Festival each year because of the generosity of local hosts in opening their homes to artists. The Festival is proud to be part of a community that is welcoming Ukrainian families. This and a number of house moves etc mean that some of our 'traditional' hosts cannot assist us in 2022. We are therefore appealing for anyone who might have a room or rooms available for one or more Festival artists (on a B&B basis, any dates between August 23 and 30) to contact me, Alison Giles, as soon as possible. I would be glad to give you more information so that you can make a decision about whether this might be feasible for you. Thank you for your consideration. Alison Giles 07971 840 672 [alisongiles@presteignefestival.com](mailto:alisongiles@presteignefestival.com)

**...from Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop. 30% off all frozen meat.** Significant savings on weekly meals, if you need advice on what meals you can make for less using any of the frozen meats just ask, our staff have plenty of knowledge. No restrictions, plenty of chicken/beef/pork

...from **East Radnor Leisure Centre**. Our Soft play room has re-opened . Suitable for under 8's who must be supervised by an adult at all times. Pay as you go £4.10 per child. Swim school member £2.90 per child. Birthday parties also available at £45 per hour.

...**new this year, Carnival t-shirts** for sale - £18 for adults, £15 for children's. Also baseball caps. A donation is made from each sale to the Carnival funds. Items for Presteigne delivered by Simon's pedal power! Otherwise by post. Order now at [bit.ly/PresteigneCarnival](http://bit.ly/PresteigneCarnival)

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

...**Presteigne Repair & Skill Share** is back again Saturday 18th June (3rd Saturday of each month) at The Old School in Hereford Street. 10am-12noon. Don't junk it - repair it !!

...**Kington Choral's Spring Concert** 3pm Saturday 25 June at St. Andrew's Church, features music by Schubert, Handel and Vaughan Williams, with guest soloists. Retiring collection for Ukraine. £10 (£5 <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 Saturday 25 June at The Barn, Went's Meadow. A fantastic line up of bands - The Destroyers, Little Rumba, The Poobahs, 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 & Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund. Tickets £12 adults, £5 age 12 and under, free for age 5 & under from The Workhouse Gallery (cash only) or from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/547366>

...**Cahalen Morrison**, Presteigne Assembly Rooms Sunday 19 June, 7.30pm. Originally hailing from the high desert of Northern New Mexico, Cahalen Morrison is equally at home on guitar, banjo, mandolin, singing three part harmony or unaccompanied. Over the past decade touring solo, as a duo with Eli West, or with his roadhouse country band Western Centuries, Cahalen has played shows and festivals all over the world. Tickets £10 from The Workhouse Gallery - cash only. Bookings can also be made by phone [01544 350407](tel:01544350407) or [01547 528315](tel:01547528315).

...**Ray Cooper**, Presteigne Assembly Rooms, Wednesday 13 July 8 pm. Ray Cooper is a story-led, acoustic singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, accompanying his songs on guitar, mandolin, cello, harmonica and piano. Ray Cooper was a member of the acclaimed folk-rock group Oysterband for 23 years, using the stage name Chopper. Tickets £10 from the Workhouse (cash only) and online <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/539493>.

...**Presteigne Festival**. 25-30 August 2022. This year's Festival celebrates 40 years of fabulous music-making in the glorious surroundings of the Welsh Marches. View or download the Brochure, with details of all 26 events at <https://bit.ly/3G6NzMk>. Book now, telephone and online booking is already open – ticket sales are better than ever with some 40% of all tickets already sold - see you in August! [presteignefestival.com](http://presteignefestival.com) 01544 267800

...from **Emma about Zumba classes by Emily George** - Emily has kindly offered free places in her Zumba classes for Ukrainians as her contribution to the cause. Went's Meadow Community Barn Thursdays, 7.40pm till 8.20pm. I thought it would be nice if I could tempt along a few more people to help make it financially worthwhile for her, also be a good way for our Ukrainian guests to get to know a few more people. The cost per session is £5 (cheaper if you book several). If it does appeal, please come along.

...**The Judge's Lodging. "In Praise of the High Street"** 11th June - 21st August - a new exhibition in the community gallery at The Judge's Lodging, a series of specially commissioned portraits of the town's traders by local photographer Alex Ramsay, with pictures and objects from the museum collection, from old carrier bags and beer bottles, to the great gas lamp that oncer hung above the chippy door!

...from **Presteigne Fire Brigade**. After receiving lots of positive feedback from our evenings demonstrating basic CPR and defibrillator use to Presteigne & Norton TC, Presteigne Young Farmers and other local groups, we have decided to run 3 sessions for the public to attend on Wednesday 22nd and 29th June 18:00-21:00 and also Saturday 2nd July 10:00-14:00! If you are interested in attending a session please either comment on our FB post, message the page directly or contact any crew member so we have a rough idea of how many people to expect.

...from **NGS Open Gardens - Hillcroft, Combes Moor LD8 2HY**. Tuesday 21 June through Thursday 23 June 11am to 5pm. More information [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

...**Evenjobb Village 'Gardens Open'** - [Sunday 19 June](#) 11am to 4pm. Eight lovely village gardens to view. Access via entry card purchased from Evenjobb Village Hall £5.

...**Presteigne Harness Races** - Broadheath Common [Saturday 25 June](#). 1st race 1.30pm. Entry £10 inc. Programme (<16s free). Bar, bookmakers, refreshments.

...**The Rodd, Presteigne. Free community event** - [Saturday 12 July](#) 12noon to 6pm. Exhibitions, arts, crafts, games, Rodd Court & gardens, hot food, cakes, bar. Music from Cynefin, The Klezmonauts, Maelou Pink. Storytelling, mobile blacksmith's forge, greenwood working. See [sidneynolantrust.org](http://sidneynolantrust.org)

## OTHER INFORMATION

...July/ August Parish magazine. Can I remind the others that the deadline is [Wed 21 June](#)?

...**from Maggie. Almeley Wootton Quakers** are celebrating a special birthday this year. Their black and white Meeting House is 350 years old and has a surprising history. Two of its original members played a part in the founding of Pennsylvania USA, a fact commemorated by a proclamation from the current Governor. If you're interested to find out and see more, the Meeting House has an historical exhibition on display on 23rd June, 2-5pm and you will also be able to enjoy a cream tea in this peaceful setting. Entrance free. Post code HR3 6PY

...**from Dyfed-Powys Police**. Did you know, you can now report non-emergency domestic abuse incidents to us without picking up the phone? Save your time, report online. Just visit <https://orlo.uk/cVpbl>. In an emergency, always call 999

...**from Powys Recycles**. If you live in mid-Powys you may notice your waste and recycling being collected by a different crew and vehicle to normal over the next few weeks. There's nothing to worry about. With the Welsh Government, we are doing some anonymous random sampling of our rubbish and recycling to understand how residents are using the kerbside collection service and if any recyclable materials are still being thrown away with our rubbish instead of being placed in the recycling boxes - PLUS - here in Powys, we no longer send any waste to landfill! All our non-recyclable rubbish is sent to an energy from waste facility where it is used to generate electricity for the National Grid.

...**from Powys CC. Grants to create local places for nature** within our communities are now available. To find out how you could enhance the natural environment and help nature in your local area, please visit <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12640/Local-Places-for-Nature>

.....**from Welsh Blood Service**. The actual act of donating blood only takes 5-10 minutes to do, but for someone in need, that blood could last a lifetime. Take a minute to see when we are next in your area and book to <https://wbs.wales/PowCouncil>

## RIP

...**Norline Baynham of Norton** passed away peacefully at home on 7th June 2022 aged 88 years. Graveside Service in St Andrews Churchyard, Norton on Monday 27th June at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Inquiries Geoff Hall Funerals 01547528554

## LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Radnor Hills Water. Production Operator** – previous experience of working on a production line in a food and drink environment would be an advantage. **Forklift Truck Drivers** – must have current FLT Licence. We work a continental shift pattern 4 on 4 off days and nights – 12 hour shift. Starting rate of £11.00 per hour. Apply to: [hr@radnorhills.co.uk](mailto:hr@radnorhills.co.uk)

...**Presteigne Fire Station. We are still looking for new recruits!** In particular people who can cover during the day. Interested & want further information, message the station facebook page or any crew members! Or call 01267 226832 email [personnel@mawwfire.gov.uk](mailto:personnel@mawwfire.gov.uk)

...**Fancy joining The Judge's Lodging's small, enthusiastic team?** to help us welcome visitors as we move into our extended summer opening hours in July-Sept. Find more details on FB, or call [01544 260650](tel:01544260650): or on <https://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/meet-the-team/>

...**Kington Owl Sanctuary & Small Breeds Farm. Tearoom Assistant**. Part time summer vacancy. Email information about yourself [diana@owlcentre.com](mailto:diana@owlcentre.com) or telephone 01544 231109

...**Presteigne Primary School. Midday Supervisors** - permanent, part-time posts, Monday-Friday, 12-1 pm working as part of a team. Open to job-share. Even if you are only able to work 2 or 3 days a week, please apply. Further details on PCC website under "Look for a job", select "Presteigne" area, or contact the school office on 01544 267422 for information or to collect a paper application form. Please pass these details on to anyone you think will be interested.

...**Radnorshire Arms Hotel, Presteigne**. Staff urgently needed, front of house, bar service. Call in to the hotel or call 01544 267406

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