

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"

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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

...It's almost time! - Presteigne Carnival Saturday 9th July

- still looking for more volunteers (especially younger, fit men!) to spend just 1 hour during Carnival afternoon to help, and with final dismantling and clear-up. Contact on Carnival FB, call/text 07766 152000 or email dbrhdvs@aol.com. We're holding a Volunteers Meeting on Tuesday, 5th July at the Community Barn, Went's Meadow at 7.30pm. Please come along and find out what it's all about! We need help before, on and after Carnival Day - it doesn't just pop up on its own. Help make this a fantastic day for the town and surrounding area.
- Congratulations to our Carnival Queen, Millie Traylor and her 2 attendants Katie Davies and Nathan Traylor. Getting closer 9th July just around the corner!
- Got your fancy dress outfit ready? Judging at the Memorial Hall carpark at 12 noon. Floats please assemble in the Recycling car park opposite. Procession moves off at 12.45. Go on, go mad, join in!

...**Street rubbish bins full ?** The bins are emptied - or not! - by Powys CC (nothing to do with the Town Council). The quickest way to report the situation and get a problem bin emptied is to report it online direct - there is a sticker on top of each bin you can scan which makes the process even quicker if you have a smart phone. If you see an overflowing bin, please don't just pass by - scan the Q-code sticker and report so that Powys Waste is aware. PCC does have real problems with available manpower but if we are all active in reporting it will help concentrate resources where needed. Reporting any PCC problem on line does work best!

THANK YOU

...**from Rory. Thank you to everyone who has supported and sponsored me in my Spine Race efforts.** I completed the race in 106 hours, 1 minute and 25 seconds. I covered 268 miles in that time with over 40,000ft of ascent, and all on just 6 hours sleep. We have raised over £1800 so far which is incredible. You can still donate online and in the Victoria Fish Bar. If you would like a copy of my full race report then please email me at rory.jones.bennett@gmail.com

...**from Presteigne Fire Station.** What an amazing achievement by Rory Bennett, who completed his Montane Summer Spine Race in style, coming in 11th - absolutely smashed it!! Even greater is that he has kindly given the donations to our Co-Responder funds. A massive thank you from the crew at the Station!! There is still time to show your support & appreciation for this great show of endurance! <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rory-bennett>

...**from Kington Choral.** Thank you to everyone who braved the rain to fill the church for Saturday's concert, and especially for your generosity with the retiring collection which raised £436 for the Presteigne Area Refugee Support Fund, Vans Without Borders, and the Disasters Emergency Committee. Brilliant result! Next concert - Bach's 'Magnificat' in December.

...from the **Ukraine Fundraising team**. Saturday evening was a great (and eventually dry!) night attended by over 500 people - thanks to you all for supporting, and especially to our generous sponsors and lovely volunteers. Press Release follows with details on funds raised.

COUNCIL NEWS

...**Damage to Skateboard area, Went's Meadow**. Over the course of previous weekends there has been some mindless damage to the area surrounding the skatepark bowl. This has been reported to the police who will be investigating. Please if you saw anything do report it to the police (you can do so anonymously) or you can contact the Town Council in confidence on presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com. Mindless damage of this sort costs all residents as the money to do repairs/tidy up comes from the Town Council budget. Thank you for your help.

...**Latest planning application** in to be considered at the July meeting of the Town Council: [22/0943/HH](#) Grid Reference: E: 331479 N: 264300 Proposal: Replacement of four plastic first floor windows with new wooden sash windows and the widening of one window over the front door to the original width; addition of stone steps on existing concrete steps & masonry painting. Site Address: The Oxford , Hereford Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AT. Please be advised that amended particulars have been submitted which can now be viewed on the Council's website (<http://pa.powys.gov.uk/onlineapplications/>)

...**next Full Council Meeting Wednesday 20th July**. Meetings are normally held at the Assembly Rooms, Broad Street, Presteigne with a video conferencing option but may also be held via video conferencing only. Details of venue/link to meeting will be on the relevant agenda. Meeting papers available on 14 July here www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council plus Draft Minutes from the June meeting, and details of how to join on Zoom.

SCAM ALERT (from Which? and others)

...**Carphone Warehouse scam call exposed**. This scam is back, with fraudsters impersonating Carphone Warehouse to target would-be customers under the pretence of selling a new mobile phone. But this time, we've documented the whole elaborate scam journey. While we recommend that you always hang up on a suspicious call, we've gone along with this scam to [show you how it works](#), what to watch out for and how to report such a call.

...**A new Apple Pay text message scam** targeting iPhone users. This latest text scam tells recipients that their Apple Pay – Apple's mobile payment service – has been suspended and that they need to follow a link to reactivate the account. See [what the text looks like](#) and what to do if you've already clicked the link.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Presteigne Investment Club (PIC)**. There is an opportunity to join the existing ladies and gents of PIC. The Club meets locally each month to discuss and decide on our growing portfolio of investments, and chat about various current topics of interest & we have a vacancy for a new Member. For info contact Hilary Foreman, PIC Secretary hilsforeman@gmail.com

...**From Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club** - from Thursday 16th June you no longer will need an appointment to come to Leg Club. So just pop in and see us in the Reynolds Room, Knighton Community Centre between 9:30 and 12:00. We look forward to seeing you.

...**from Norton Community Trust**. Well, we really have got some momentum going now on the project to convert the church building into a community hub! All the necessary planning consents have been granted and the legal agreement to acquire the building has been signed. So, we are now able to really get moving on the work. This means that there are going to be lots of opportunities for Norton residents to become more actively involved. First up, in the next few weeks the building will need to be cleared, including the fixed pews - this is the first major step in creating the necessary space for community use. As you can imagine, we will need some help with these activities, and residents who have registered as volunteers will be contacted shortly with a date for starting on this. If you haven't already registered as volunteer and would like to offer to help, just go to our website and complete the volunteer form - <https://nortonhub.uk/volunteering/> Thanks in advance to anyone who can help with this vital work – we'll try to make sure it's fun!

...from Presteigne Bowling Club. Cambrian Rose Bowl Result! Presteigne move through to the next round of the Rose Bowl with a good win over Newquay. Presteigne 93 - Newquay 62

...from Presteigne Library. From the beginning of July the Library will be on open Saturday mornings between 10am and 1pm, in addition to staffed hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will be adding in more opening hours over the summer as our volunteers get up to speed!

...from The Food Bank. Do you need help with getting enough food due to large energy bills & the cost of living crisis? Knighton & Presteigne Food Bank provides crisis food, vouchers for local shops & cleaning products, toiletries & feminine hygiene products to those in our community struggling to make ends meet. We operate from our Knighton food bank & deliver to Presteigne either on a Tuesday or Friday or by prior arrangement in an emergency. If you need our confidential help, contact Helen 07731 524 058 or helen@knightonfoodbank.co.uk. We welcome donations incl vouchers from Carini Butchers, The Salty Dog & Deli Tinto. We currently need biscuits, tinned fruit, tinned custard, sweetcorn, fruit drinks & any hygiene products. You can leave items in our box in Spar, or contact Helen to arrange collection.

...from Deli Tinto. Taking orders for extras to tide you over while the baker's away. Call in, phone or email to let us know what you need ... 01544 350394, hello@delitinto.com

...Norton Community Speedwatch: Our PCSO Anna is looking to arrange training for a new group of volunteers to assist with the Norton Community Speedwatch. Once trained, volunteers can commit as much or as little as they want to to the Scheme. If you are interested to find out more or would like to become a volunteer please get in touch with the Town Clerk, Tracey Price via email at presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com

...from PBS - a large quantity of subsoil FREE for collection. Call 01544 267284 for details

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...(correction!!) The Rodd, Presteigne. Free community event - this weekend Saturday 2 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

...Presteigne Local Food Market. Fresh local produce including: Planet and Plate, Marches Mushrooms, Eggs from Trewydd Yolks, Brassington's Meats, Presteigne Honey, Chocolate from Continuum Conceits, Jean's Plants, Indian food from Khesh Sidhu, Celia's Handmade Herbal Cosmetics, Amanda's Bread and Weobley Ash Apple Juice, Vegetables from Hare Hill Farm.. plus a new stall - A Taste of Cheesecake, and the Community Cafe selling tea, coffee and homemade cakes. All donations go to local causes

...Presteigne Wheelbarrow Race. It's a 1 week countdown to the big event on Friday 8 July! 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.

...East Radnor Day Centre - Coffee morning held every Monday 10am-12noon at the Day Centre in Scottleton Street, Presteigne. Relax and chat over tea & biscuits. Everyone is welcome, just drop in anytime between 10&12. No cost, donations welcome [01544 260267](tel:01544260267).

...Walton Hall. Dates for your diary: July 13th 10am – 1pm Book & Jigsaw Swap; August 10th 10am – 1pm Book & Jigsaw Swap; September 2nd 7pm Quiz night; September 14th 10am – 1pm Book & Jigsaw Swap; September 24th 7pm Pudding Evening. More details from Karan Peachey [01544 350 511](tel:01544350511) or find us on Facebook

...from John. The Spanish boys will visit our area again (22/7 till 3/8), and, at St Andrew's Presteigne on August 1st, they will give a free performance, open to all, of their musical "Skateboard Hero" (in English), about a young Spanish skateboarder who gave his life during the terrorist attack on London Bridge in 2017. The boys will camp locally and join in social and sports activities in and around Presteigne and Knighton. Please welcome and support them.

...from Presteigne Library - from July the 9th, children can join the library's Summer Reading Challenge 2022! You can join online or at the library. Read six books over the summer, collect special themed stickers and – if you manage all six books – entry into a prize draw as well as a

medal and certificate. This year's theme is a collaboration with the Science Museum and it's all about the science and innovation: get ready to join the Gadgeteers

...East Radnor Ramblers - walks in July. Tues 5th July Haye Park Wood & High Vinnalls 5 miles - Weds 6th July Woolhope Circular 9.5 miles - Sat 9th July Llandegley Rocks Circular 11 miles. Further information and more walks in July can be found at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or from E & S Williams on 01544 260524

...from THE HUB New Radnor - BBQ this Friday. Meaty or Veggie. £7, Strawberries and Cream £3 from 6.30pm. Bar - local Ale from Radnorshire Ales, ample seating in the marquee, garden, or indoors. Preorder by emailing thehubnewradnor@gmail.com by noon on Thursday.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Maggie - you can now recycle make-up tubes and containers (all brands) at Tesco in Llandrindod, and maybe other Tesco or other supermarket stores too.

...from Norton Community Trust. Pews for sale! In the next few weeks work begins on the removal of pews from the former church. The pews are available for sale - guide price £100. The proceeds from sales will be shared between the local church and the Norton Community Trust. In NCT's case the funds will go towards the purchase of new seating for the Hub. If you're interested, you'll have the opportunity to see the pews before making a final decision, email the Trust Treasurer jrefausse@yahoo.com. Local delivery of pews can be arranged.

...from John Beddoes School. We are trying to arrange a Project Day at the school when our KS4 students will be able to experience and take part in a range of different extra-curricular activities, and are reaching out to parents and residents who would be happy to come into school to help run a project session to share a skill, trade, hobby or interest with our pupils. Whether it's knitting, painting, sewing, calligraphy, ceramics through to sign language, sports, first aid, music, car mechanics, wood carving or carpentry - and everything else in between - please consider if you can share your interest or skill with our pupils. We envisage 1/2 or full day sessions. Each group will be assisted and supervised by a member of staff, and numbers will be kept small. If you think this is something you'd like to get involved with, please email Patrizia at pggriffiths@newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk or call the JBS Office on 01544 267259

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...Powys CC Recycling - lots of operational job opportunities across Powys. Apply via our website <https://t.co/gCjgKrs7L8>

...John Beddoes School. Catering Assistant for the preparation, cooking and serving of food to our learners, mainly within school hours and term time only. Uniform and training provided where needed. Search Powys jobs website <http://www.powys.gov.uk/jobs?fbclid=IwAR2w5eJEgdW186KND87qMSEZEWHHAHLpQwE60OMB8gsS5T47ojLfvc4gtU>

...The Garth, Kington. Summer kitchen work- would suit student. Homemaker role. 1:1 support staff. Domestic team. Phone The Garth (01544 230502) or call in for application form.

...Cartrefi Co-op. We can offer you a competitive hourly rate and great employee benefits. Check our our vacancies here <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us>

...Presteigne Screen. Presteigne Screen is looking for volunteers to help run their screenings generally every two weeks during the Autumn and Spring. No special knowledge is required, just an enthusiasm for watching movies on the big screen. We also welcome anyone who would like to be part of the film selection process – films are discussed & a vote decides those we'd like to show. An interest in contemporary cinema is useful but not essential. Interested? email info@presteignescreen.org.uk

...Any University students looking for a summer job? Must be able to get to Presteigne. Please contact theresa@pennymorrison.com

...The Judge's Lodging. Visitor Services Assistant (casual, seasonal). From 4 July to 31 October. Casual hours 2/3 days per week, on a rota basis. Some weekend and Bank Holiday work is essential. There may be the opportunity for occasional additional hours.

...from PBS - Counter / Yard Assistant to join our team, full time, full Uk driving licence required. Email or call in for an application form. 01544 267284

...Hadley Hargreaves - Cleaner needed for our offices in Presteigne Industrial Estate as soon as possible. Message Mike Jones on FB or call 01544 726006 for further information.

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