

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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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

[ed. HELP WANTED! still looking for someone who can spare some time to help a barely-IT-literate Editor switch to using MailChimp or similar to produce and send out the Community News in future from an iPad. If you can help, please call/text 07766 097600. Thank you!]

...**Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank - Getting ready for Christmas!** We would love the following festive items • Christmas biscuits • Christmas cake • Christmas puddings - individual and family • Christmas treats & selection boxes for children • Christmas cards & decorations (new please) • Christmas gifts (new please) • Gloves, warm socks, scarves & hats (new please) • cash donations or vouchers from Carini Butchers, The Salty Dog & Deli Tinto. Contact Helen 07731 524058 for info.

...**from PACDG - would you like to get more involved with your local community?** If you enjoy reading our Community News, maybe you could help us. PACDG (Presteigne Area Community Development Group) is looking for some new members for the steering group and would especially welcome someone with good IT skills who could help with our publicity - contact: admin@pacdg.org

...**from Pete Smith - Presteigne's Sleeping Dragon can return if we can raise the funds.** It has been decided after much badgering of me that the original will be refurbished with a marine resin that will last for many years, we will need about £5/6K, possibly a little more, depending on material costs. Part of the funding will be reserved for the future TLC to ensure its future state of repair. I have already received a promise of a donation today and I know many of you have made offers in the past towards this end. Now is the time to follow through if you can. We are getting organised to do it but have to sort costs etc so watch this space and Face Book 'Presteigne Sleeping Dragon' for news on donations etc.

...**from PACDG – struggling with your mobile phone and broadband bills?** Did you know - some companies have low-cost deals aimed specifically at those claiming benefits, known as "social tariffs". These deals are cheaper than the equivalent standard monthly rates. There are currently about 10 companies that offer these social tariffs with some as low as £12 a month. If you're struggling, it might be worth asking your provider if they offer these deals. Even if they don't, you might want to look into how much it would cost to switch to one that does. More information is available from Ofcom – <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs> or 0300 123 3333/020 7981 3040

...**from Helen & Presteigne Plastic Project.** The UK produces more electrical waste per person than any other country in the world (except for Norway). E waste is anything with a plug, battery or cable. From the end of the month we will have a new bin down at The Old School for recycling SMALL ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ITEMS ONLY - eg. tablets, smart phones and electric tooth brushes etc.

...**from PACDG - are you involved with a newly-formed group or club and want to spread the news to attract new members?** If so please let us have a contact name and mobile/email so we can include you in the Register of Local Community Groups to let residents know what you do and how you can be contacted. Email news@pacdg.org. Don't delay - PACDG is in the process of updating the Register which can be found on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations

...**Presteigne Bowls Club Xmas Bingo - PLEASE DO NOT double park** at the Memorial Hall or at the Recycling Centre opposite. **PLEASE DO NOT block anyone's drive** in the housing estate as there were reports of people doing so presumably for the recent Bingo. There is another car park just 5 minutes away on the bypass if there are no spaces available at either the Memorial Hall or recycling centre.

THANK YOU

...**from Sheep Music. THANK YOU to everyone who came to Presteigne Fireworks night**, all those involved in the event, the amazing volunteers and Fight the Bear for making this year's fireworks - one to remember. Here's a little reminder of the brilliant Presteigne fireworks over the years. John Hymas

put together this video using Alex Ramsay's fantastic photos and footage accompanied by the music from last year https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=R_8RUNNyeqU&t=39s

...from Debs. Thank you to everyone who came to Norton Halloween Fireworks. The fancy dress were brilliant - 35 carved pumpkins!! and to see you all was just amazing!! Hope that you enjoyed yourself. Special thanks to all those I took sneaky photos at the end of the evening, without this brilliant team of volunteers it would just be a dark field. A few special 'thank yous' that always go under the radar - to Danny Griffiths, John Wilding, Pope, Richard Wilding, Diddie Diane Jones & Mike.

...from Presteigne & Norton Community Support. As you can see by our wonderful office window display, we have again been supported by so many local businesses in the High Street and our surrounding area, this also includes members and followers of PNCS. We would just like to say a BIG THANK YOU, we couldn't do this raffle without you, your generosity is always overwhelming and much appreciated. Tickets are now for sale at the Transport Office, Charity Shop and The Warehouse. This is our annual fundraiser for our community transport, so every ticket sale counts. Thanks for your continued support.

...from Liminal Space. A big heartfelt thank you to all those who helped and supported us in making the Wings of Change Festival such a successful and enriching week. We couldn't have done it without you. In joy and gratitude, Grace & Dorothy

COUNCIL NEWS

...next full Presteigne & Norton Town Council meeting TOMORROW Wednesday 16 November 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms. See www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council for meeting agenda/papers and Minutes of the last meeting.

...Latest planning application in to be considered at the November TC meeting.

22/1871/HH Grid Reference: E:331249 N: 267628 Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and replacement with an ancillary domestic building. Site Address: Westering, Stonewall Hill, Presteigne, LD8 2HB.

...from Presteigne & Norton Town Council. REMINDER: Local groups and organisations wishing to apply for a small grant in 2023/24 need to apply by the end of November to be considered in the budget setting process. Please email presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com for information/application form. NB: Funds are limited - not all applicants will be successful.

...next Local Development Plan for Powys - this affects sites in Presteigne and Norton. If you wish to become involved please see the information below. Powys Local Planning Authority (LPA) have opened the Call for Candidate Sites. The process enables all interested parties to submit potential development sites for inclusion in the Replacement Local Development Plan (Replacement LDP). It will then be for the LPA to assess the Candidate Sites to determine if they are suitable, or not, for inclusion in the Replacement LDP. Submissions are invited for sites for housing, employment, and other needs, as detailed in the Guidance Notes published alongside the submission form. The Call for Sites is open for six weeks from 1st November to 13th December 2022. The Candidate Site submission form and supporting guidance are available electronically online at: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12866/Replacement-Local-Development-Plan-2022---2037>. The online form enables site proposers to produce and submit a map, obtain constraints information, view guidance notes and upload supporting documentation. Questions on how to complete the submission form or about the Candidate Site process in general? - contact the Planning Policy Team at: ldp@powys.gov.uk or 01597 826000.

...PCC fuel support payments error. Powys residents who have received an email from the council asking them to return a duplicate Fuel Support Scheme payment, are advised that these are NOT a scam. See: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/13515/Error-made-with-some-fuel-support-payments>

SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...Beware of scam text or WhatsApp lost/broken phone messages appearing to be from a relative using an unknown number, asking for money or that you delete/block their old number. It's likely to be a scam. There are increasing reports of scammers impersonating family members claiming to have changed their number and asking you to save a new number into your phone. These messages often begin with 'Hi Mum' and could provide several different reasons for why they are using a different phone number including switching providers or having a lost or broken phone. The scams are designed to trick you into handing over money or financial information to a scammer. If you respond, the scammer will eventually request money for some kind of emergency, including to buy a new phone or pay an urgent bill. If you get a message like this, you should call or contact your relative on their usual number or messaging app to confirm it's legitimate. Then report by forwarding the scam texts to 7726.

...A new bank scam text is circulating to trick HSBC customers into giving away sensitive details. It attempts to capitalise on routine security texts. The message includes the phrase '*If this wasn't you, call us immediately on ...*', but don't, it's a fraudulent helpline. It asks you to input your bank details or customer identification number before being supposedly put through to an 'adviser'. [Listen to what a fraudulent helpline sounds like.](#)

...It starts with a message from a Facebook friend... who's been hacked. Fraudsters are hacking Facebook accounts and sending convincing messages to friends, luring them into applying for a fake

grant. These scammers use harmless conversation starters such as 'Hello, how are you doing mate?' and tell you about their day to convince you that you're talking to a friend. They go on to say you could be eligible for a grant worth thousands of pounds and send you a link to apply, but **don't click it**. The scam is effective as it comes from your existing Facebook contacts and presents itself as a normal conversation. [Here's what to look out for and what to do if you encounter this scam](#). [Fake grant message](#). The article also includes [how to check if your passwords or emails](#) have been compromised and keeping your account safe (so you can try to avoid getting hacked yourself).

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**GOOD NEWS!!!** Presteigne & Norton Community Support is delighted to announce that we have secured new premises for The Warehouse at Unit 6, Presteigne Industrial Estate (formerly the Weobly Ash Shop). The current Warehouse will close on Saturday 17th December, and the new premises will open on Tuesday 3rd January. We look forward to welcoming customers old and new!

...**from Presteigne Carnival**. Wow, after the amount of feedback we've received regarding the **Best Decorated Christmas House Competition**, we've decided to go ahead and run it BUT there will be a choice of judging times, either afternoon or evening on Monday 19 December. This will hopefully take away the emphasis on just lighting and allow for other decorations, whether for the house or a window or garden, we really don't mind! A map of the entries will be produced shortly before so that people can walk around and see them all. Put your entries in, either message on our FB page, or text 07766 152000 by Friday 16 December, including your name, address, contact number and afternoon or evening judging! Good luck to all who enter - there will be a prize, to be decided! It's more about the taking part and making people happy during these cold, dark months, and the thrill and kudos for winning!!

...**from Leon's Supper Club - Mexican Night** - Friday night 2nd December is booked up, but tables still available for Saturday 3rd December. £25 BYOB. Call 07805 727486

...**Presteigne and Norton Community Trust 100 Club October draw** was made on 25th October, and the winning numbers are: 1st prize (£30) No. 83, 2nd prize (£20) No. 31, 3rd prize (£10) No. 37. Winners have been notified.

...**PNCS Christmas Raffle Tickets are now for sale** at the Transport Office, Charity Shop and The Warehouse. This is our annual fundraiser for our community transport scheme. If you have any prizes you would like to donate please pop them into the transport office. We will have our Xmas Draw prizes displayed in the transport office window in the next couple of weeks. Thanks for your continued support.

...**from Alex - Brixton Pottery Christmas Sale** Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 November. 10am to 4pm - a wide range of seconds, discontinued items, firsts and new products including our Christmas Tree and (above) Reindeer designs at our warehouse in Presteigne at Unit 2 Broadaxe, LD8 2UH.

...**from The Salty Dog - we need old newspapers**, if you have some then please drop them off at the Salty Dog. Thank you

...**from the PNCS Warehouse**. If you are having a clear out before Xmas we are happy to accept your unwanted items. They must be in good saleable condition please. All electrical items are PAT tested to ensure safety. Larger furniture items can be collected and we would ask you to call the warehouse to arrange this. Thank you for your continued support.

...**East Radnorshire Care is holding its AGM** on Thursday 17th November at 3pm for 3.30pm start, at East Radnorshire Day Centre, Scottleton Street, Presteigne. Come along to find out more about all the services we run including Home Support, Day Centre, and the new Warm Space. Light refreshments available. If you can't attend but would like to receive the meeting papers, email admin@eastradnor.care

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**love singing? Come along to Marion's Gather Round session** in the Baptist Church, Hereford Street Saturday November 19 at 11 o'clock. A free session with a collection for Children in Need.

...**Presteigne Panto is back!** The Panto Players are very excited to be able to stage a show this year, after a gap since 2019. Performances are on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December at 7:30 in the Memorial Hall, with tea, coffee and a full bar available. Look out for the posters appearing around town later this month, when tickets will also go on sale; there will be cheaper earlybird tickets for the Thursday night, and also special family tickets as everyone is saving their pennies this year.

...**the annual Pickled Onion Competition** returns to the Oak on Thursday 24th November. Get your entries to the pub by 6.30pm on that day along with £1 per entry and the judges will decide on who's the best. All monies raised will be donated to charity so come along for a good cause and a good laugh

...**St. Andrew's Christmas Fair** on Friday 9th of December 2pm to 7pm with craft stalls, Father Christmas, Primary School choir singing Christmas carols, Christmas trees, mince pies and mulled wine and refreshments

...**Carols at Presteigne Baptist Church, Hereford Street** on Thursday 15 December 7.00pm. Well known carols and readings with Christmas music, led by the Very Revd Michael Tavinor. Coffee and mince pies for all after the service. All very welcome.

...**Walton Village Hall Events** - 8th December Christmas Floral Workshop 1.30-4pm, £15 per person - ring [01544 350 511](tel:01544350511) to reserve your place; 10th December Christmas Party from 7pm. Performance by Jess Squires (Vocalist) & Helen Hunter (Piano & Saxophone). Please bring your own beer etc: 14th December Book & Jigsaw Swap 10am-1pm. Refreshments available. For more information contact Karan on [01544 350 511](tel:01544350511). Walton Hall is a registered charity 507121

...**Presteigne Repair & Skill Share Saturday 19 November** 10am to 12noon. Don't Bin It - Bring It! Free repairs, The Old School/Youth Centre, Hereford Street. Also a black fleece jacket with red trim was left behind in October. Owner please collect !

NB. There will be no Repair in December but we'll be back in January 21st 2023 - the usual 3rd Saturday in the month, ongoing through the year.

...**Presteigne Screen presents "Compartment No 6"** 15-rating. On a train to Murmansk a young and idealistic Finnish archeologist finds herself sharing a compartment with a boorish Russian who ridicules her aspirations. A much-praised and unconventional relationship drama. Don't miss it! Friday 18 November 8:00pm. Assembly Rooms, Presteigne Admission £5.00 Students £3.50. Visit www.presteignescreen.org.uk for details and to book online

...**Evenjobb Christmas Fair** - 26th November 2 pm - 4 pm, Stalls of gifts, crafts, cards, preserves, plants and jewellery. Refreshments at the cafe, lunch, mince pies and mulled wine. Something for everyone.

...**Santa Claus will be at Evenjobb Village Hall** on 10th December from 12 pm to 3 pm at the Christmas Craft Day for children (of all ages) Come and get into the spirit of Christmas, the cafe will be open for refreshments.

...**the Evenjobb Saturday Cafe** is open 10.30 am - 3.30 pm for Morning Coffee, light lunches, tea & homemade cake - meet friends and make new ones, a warm welcome awaits you! Please note the cafe will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Seasons Greetings to all our customers.

...**Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup. FREE Drop In Stay & Play Parent & Toddler Sessions** starting next Wednesday 16th November 9:15-11:15 at the Youth Centre. Hereford Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AT. For more information email: info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk We look forward to seeing you.

OTHER INFORMATION

...**from Presteigne Fireworks - a few lost property items** found on Went's Meadow are still unclaimed - coat with phone in pocket, bank card, white hat and a cream and blue scarf. Please email info@sheep-music.co.uk or PM on the Sheep Music FB page if they're yours.

...**from PCC - garden waste collections.** Residents and garden waste collection subscribers are reminded that there are only a few weeks of collections left for this year. More: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/13523/Last-few-weeks-of-garden-waste-collections-for-2022>

RIP

...**Margaret Rose Burke of Presteigne** passed away peacefully on 15th October aged 85> Funeral Service will take place at Hereford Crematorium on Thursday 24th November at 11:15am followed by service at Ackhill Baptist Church at 1:30pm. Donations, if desired to, Birmingham City Mission & Ackhill Baptist Church. For further information 01544 267778

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Slix Hair Studio, Presteigne offer a Saturday position** that would suit a Year 11 leaver, with a career in hair to follow - ideal opportunity for a person with an artistic flair, interest for hair and good communication skills. Contact Sarah Morgan - Hair at Slix Hair Studio via Facebook Messenger, email smorgan26@icloud.com or call 01544 267381

...**from Alice - looking for lovely, local and experienced Registered Nurses and Healthcare Assistants** who are looking for work in and around Powys. Long term opportunities, full time (37.5hrs per week), part time and bank. Excellent rates of pay, prompt weekly payment. Uniform and training provided. These jobs are usually advertised nationally but I wanted to ensure the opportunity is presented to locals first. If this is of interest, email me for further details and feel free to ask any questions! alice.evans@medteam.co.uk

...**Herefordshire Council.** Looking for a fresh challenge this winter or just feel like a change - we're hiring! We have positions for: *Home Finding Officer *Library Assistant *Service Desk Analyst *Finance Assistant & more! Find out more & apply:<https://orlo.uk/gbo9n>

...**Hospital Direct based in Clun - Sewing Machinists / Production Operatives** to join our team, on a full time basis. Full training will be given to successful candidates.

If you are interested in joining our fun, friendly and hardworking team, or would simply like further information, then please get in touch with Tina, tina.mallion@hdigroup.co.uk

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