

# 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](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 area? Looking to join a local club or association or find out who to contact in an organisation? Need a local venue for your classes, events or meetings?**

The PACDG Registers of *Local Organisations* and of *Local Venues* have just been updated and can be viewed on the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations).

And if you're looking for a local tradesperson or service, email [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org) and we'll send you the latest PACDG *Register of Trades & Services* (this is not available on the website)

You can view copies of all the PACDG Registers at the PNCS Office in the High Street.

## COUNCIL NEWS

...**Advertising on the Presteigne Town Website** - Do you need to publicise your business or holiday accommodation? Thought of taking an advertisement on the town website. The website is run by Presteigne & Norton Town Council - see <http://presteigne.org.uk>. Ads display in a random order each time the site is accessed. If you have any questions please contact the Town Clerk on 01547 528575 or by email [presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com](mailto:presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com). A single entry with a photo is just 50p per week. (£26 per annum) and is charged annually with the year running from 1st January to 31st December.

...**The Presteigne & Norton Town Council budget for the coming year (2023/24)** was set at the meeting held on 18th January at a total of £77,325. It was agreed to use £4400 from the reserve held for the public toilets for part of their running costs in 23/24 resulting in the need to precept £72,925. This will result in the payment per year for a property in Band D Council Tax to be £54. This amount is unchanged from 2021/22 and 2022/23. Full budget can be seen on the Council Accounts page of the website - [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk)

...**Would you like to ask a question in next Powys County Council meeting in March?** The council provides a 20-minute slot for questions relating to the county and the services the council provides, at all full council meetings. Email a question [publicquestions@powys.gov.uk](mailto:publicquestions@powys.gov.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 15 February. If accepted, it will be added to the agenda. See more information on public participation here: <https://powys.moderngov.co.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD672&ID=672&RPID=9845814>

...**Whitton Community Council, has vacancies for Community Councillors** - if you live within this community, which covers Ackhill, Dolly Green, Discoed, Cascob, Pilleth, Gwernaffel, Rhos, Cwm Whitton & Whitton, and as a resident you would like to represent your Community, & take part in making decisions that may effect you, neighbours and friends. Please email Cllr Deb Edwards at [cldr.deborah.edwards@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.deborah.edwards@powys.gov.uk) or email [electoral.services@powys.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.services@powys.gov.uk)

## SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...**Be cautious about any emails from TV Licensing** that ask you to take out a licence if you're over-75, update your personal or banking details, to apply for a free licence, or to update your Direct Debit. There are numerous reports of people receiving scams. TV Licensing are sending letters to anyone aged 75+ asking them to either pay for their TV licence or [apply for a free one](#) BUT the letter TV Licensing sends will include **your licence number, your title and your last name and they will only ask** you to pay using the following options:

- By post using the address TV Licensing, PO Box 578, Darlington DL98 1AN
- Online at [tvlicensing.co.uk/75pay](http://tvlicensing.co.uk/75pay) or [tvlicensing.co.uk/75apply](http://tvlicensing.co.uk/75apply)
- Over the phone on 0300 555 0286

The TV Licensing organisation will ONLY use [donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk](mailto:donotreply@tvlicensing.co.uk) (or [donotreply@spp.tvlicensing.co.uk](mailto:donotreply@spp.tvlicensing.co.uk)) to email you. The scammers cannot send emails using these addresses. If you are contacted and asked to pay for your TV licence using a different website or by posting your details to a different address, this is a scam. Report and delete.

...from Ian - a warning about a scam Amazon call. Someone phoned me on my mobile from Scotland (suspicious) saying that there had been a purchase on my Amazon account. There then sent a Amazon password reset link in a text message while I was on the phone, they get you to click on it. This will then send you a code to reset your password. They then ask for the code, this is the bit you shouldn't do. The interesting (dangerous) bit about this scam is that they use all the functionality of Amazon's own website, they want the reset code so they can change your password and get control of your account. The give away with any scam call is that it looks like it is coming from a UK personal number, second is the poor English and heavy Indian accent, it sounds like it is coming from a call centre, third is that they want the authorisation code - NEVER give any password, codes etc to anyone.

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

...**Lingen and District Gardening Club**. This year sees a return to a programme of monthly speakers for the spring, and autumn with four garden visits planned for members. Subs are now £20 which includes refreshments. The club welcomes new members. We start on February 7th February at 7.30 pm with Liz O' Rourke talking about Chinese Gardens and the Chinese Landscape. A copy of the full programme is available on the Lingen village hall website. Please note that three of the four garden visits are in the afternoon and only offered to members and a guest.

...from **Emily George**. We are opening up EG Fitness and Dance to new pupils to join us in a couple of weeks! We have spaces for children aged 3-16 and we cover styles such as hip hop, tap, cheerdance and musical theatre! All classes are run by an experienced and insured teacher and there are various opportunities to perform each year. Classes run in Presteigne & Knighton, get in contact to know more!! Spaces extremely limited!

...**PNCS need Volunteer Drivers for community transport** to enable the service to continue. Can you spare a few hours weekly? Talk to Sharon in our office on the High Street or call 01544 267961 for info.

...**Five-a-Side Football. New players wanted** - every Tuesday evening 7.30pm at the Leisure Centre. All abilities and ages welcome. Text Ashleigh on 07814 054181 for information.

...from **The Warehouse**. We have toasters, bread makers, small ovens, coffee makers, heated clothes airer, lighting, TVs and more. All have been PAT tested and are now out for sale. Lots of bedding, cushions blankets, tablecloths, towels, pillows and quilts now in stock - from 50 p! Selection of Portmeirion meridian pottery- only £1 per piece! Be quick to get that bargain! Please note we are cash-only, we cannot take card payments.

...**RNID Free help with Hearing Aids** at Old School, Hereford St Wednesday 22nd February 1 to 3pm

...**Rotary Club Young Photographer competition** - Closing date January 31st!! Send your photograph and details and inspiration for image to knightonrotaryphotographic@gmail.com.

...**The Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club** is based in the Reynolds Room at Knighton Community Centre. The idea of the Leg Club is to give those suffering with leg problems a social outlet and an opportunity to meet with others with similar problems to their own in a relaxed, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Volunteers man the reception desk, greeting patients, taking details, registering new patients who are then taken through to a screened area, where NHS District Nurses are ready to administer treatment. While waiting, or after their treatment, patients are encouraged to sit at a communal table where volunteers are on hand to serve tea, coffee, biscuits, and helpful literature is displayed. If you feel you would benefit from visiting the Leg Club, ring the District Nurses' office on 01547 521270 to make an appointment.

...from **Freedom Leisure - Exercise classes - Don't be a no-show PLEASE!** We would just like to urge everyone who attends classes to please be mindful of others and our instructors and read our below message. We completely appreciate that at times your day/week doesn't go to plan and you are unable to attend a class you have booked. We please do urge you to cancel the class by giving the centre a call. Obviously the more notice you can give the better but PLEASE do not simply not turn up. There is nothing more frustrating for other members and ourselves to have a waiting list of keen folks wanting to get into a fully booked class. To then discover the class has 2,3 spaces as those who have booked are no-shows. Thank you

...from **Coombe Corner Flood Watch** - to report flood in Herefordshire call 01432 261800

...from **Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank** - see website for the latest shopping list which highlights the products we are short of currently - plus a list of the items we have a surplus of! Please share the information with your contacts, congregation and local community group members. Christmas seems a long time ago - but the support we received was outstanding and as a result we provided over 100 Christmas hampers & regular food parcels. Thank you for supporting us [www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk).

...from **Tania Eveleigh - new Adults Zumba Class** Presteigne Memorial Hall every other Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30 starting March 21st. First class free then £7 after. Booking essential - please PM me on FB.

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

...**Presteigne Local Food Market**. Happy New Year, as we haven't seen you in January! Next Saturday 4th February welcomes you back. Our regular stallholders and a possibility of a new cider stall (yet to be confirmed) Please follow the market posts for updates! Planet and Plate (plus Apple juice); Mr T's

Pies; Presteigne honey; Alex's Chocolates; Indian food from Khesh; Celia's handmade herbal cosmetics; Boulanger bread and pastries; Wegnalls Butchery; Forest smallholding mutton; Carzie's bakes and Eggs. Looking forward to seeing our regular customers and welcome new ones then!

...**Presteigne Bowling Club Cash Bingo** every Thursday 8pm at the Bowls Social Club in Hereford Street - new players welcome.

...**Walton Village Hall. New for 2023 'Arts and Crafts Club'** Are you interested in spending an enjoyable afternoon doing art or any craft you would like to do? If so, we are starting a new art and craft club at Walton Village Hall on Tuesday 21st March at 2.00pm until 4.00pm, price £5 per session which will include a cup of tea. Subsequent dates will be on the first and third Tuesday of every month. These sessions will be run as a place to come and have fun and a chat in a relaxed atmosphere - no tutor run sessions, simply a get together." For more details contact Brian on 01547 560 837.

Future dates for the diary: 7th March AGM (& OGM) 2pm; 31st May – 6th June Community Shop (Kington) Volunteers and donations required.; 24th June Strawberry Tea; 19th August Ladies Evening. Also Book and Jigsaw Swap 2nd Wednesday every month 10am-1pm. For more details contact Karan on 01544 350 511 (please leave a message if necessary)

...**from Charlie - Presteigne Garage Sale update.** Well holymoly, what an awesome response to the wee idea I suggested. My friends, at the moment we have somewhere between 25-30 households that want to take part in our March garage sale extravaganza. On that note, get your diary out and pencil in Sat 18 March. This is the date we are aiming for but keep in mind we might have to delay it to the 25th of March if the weather forecast is looking rough. The time will be from 10am to 3pm. In the 1-2 weeks leading up to our 'Garage Sale Extravaganza', I will be posting online as well as pinning to all of Presteigne's notice boards everyone's addresses that are hosting a garage sale. Every few weeks I will give everyone a reminder. You are awesome and so is Presteigne!!!!

...**from Norton Show - Save the date!** We are hoping to be back in 2023 at a different location, but within the boundaries of Norton. Hoping to have the equine sections back!! Pencil in 30th July 2023 Norton Show. Fingers crossed more information to follow

...**Evenjobb Saturday Cafe is open again**, 10.30 -2.30. You can get a mug of coffee or tea for £1, toasties from £3 and a nice big piece of shortbread for £1.50. We also have other things like soup, quiche, and cake - so something for everyone's taste and every budget.

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in February** Weds 1st Queenswood, 8 miles (4 mile option). Sat 4th Kington Circular, 9.5 miles. Tues 7th Nash Woods, 3.2 miles, optional cafe lunch to follow. Weds 8th Shobdon Arches, 8 miles. Weds 15th Wigmore Castle & Rolls, 7.5 miles. Weds 22nd Around Presteigne, 9 miles (4.5 mile option). For more details see [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call 01544 260524

...**Kinnerton Village Hall** 25th February 1 to 4 pm - with teas/ coffees cakes. Talk on pollinators; RWT Burfa Bog, Evenjobb; and the RWT Green Connections Project for Radnorshire.

...**Community Orchard Pruning Went's Meadow** - Saturday February 1.30-4pm. Everyone is welcome, learn how to prune and help us manage the community orchard at the same time. Bring pruning saws, secateurs and loppers if possible.

...**Chatterbrook WI** – Our next meeting is on Thursday February 9th and is our AGM. The business part of the evening will be followed by a welcome return visit at 8 pm by local writer and broadcaster, Ian Marchant, to which visitors are cordially invited - £4 on the door. Further information 01544 267245 and see <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society:** Our next meeting in Presteigne Memorial Hall is on Wednesday February 8th at 7.30 and will be a demonstration by Penelope Harrison entitled 'Green is the Thing – or is it?' Visitors are welcome, £6 on the door. The informal flower classes in Whitton Community Hall resume and are on Thursdays February 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 12-2.pm. £5 charge per session. Contact the Secretary for further details on 01544 340453.

...**Presteigne Screen presents "The Banshees of Innersherin"** 2022 - 114 mins - Rated 15 with Brendan Gleeson and Colin Farrell Friday, 3rd February, 8pm. The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne, LD8 2AD. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Films start 8:00pm. Buying a ticket ONLINE guarantees a seat. We have 30 seats for ONLINE purchase for each film. Seats are unreserved, so to get the best seats it helps if you arrive early. We accept contactless card payments at the door. Tickets £5 at door, or buy online at [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

...**MBA presents "John Peel's Shed"** by John Osbourne Saturday 18th February, 8 pm. Doors open 7.30 pm at The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Tickets £10 available from The Workhouse, Presteigne or online at [www.wegottickets.com/event/568236](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/568236). In 2002 John Osborne won a box of records in a competition on John Peel's Radio 1 show. This is story about why radio is such an important thing in the lives of so many people, featuring some of those records played live on stage.

...**MBA presents Fiath i Branko.** Leading Serbian Roma violinist Branko Ristic and English accordionist Faith Elliott perform virtuosic original Roma-influenced music with their international ensemble. Saturday 25th February, 8pm. Doors open 7pm at The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Tickets £14 available from The Workhouse, Presteigne or online at [www.wegottickets.com/event/568238](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/568238)

...**Leon's Supper Club. French Night - ooh-la-la!** Friday 24th & Saturday 25th above the Salty Dog, High Street, Presteigne. 4 courses £25 pp. To book message on FB, call LeOn 07805 727486 or email leonabacasis@gmail.com.

...**MAKE Art Club - A special FREE half-term session for 11 – 14-year-olds** exploring journey and memory. The Sidney Nolan Trust's MAKE sessions introduce young people to a wide range of art making from painting & drawing to animation, photography and sculpture & enable them to both develop new skills & socialise. All welcome. Tuesday 21 February, 10-1pm Sidney Nolan Trust, The Rodd, Presteigne. Please mail Antony at [info@sidneynolantrust.org](mailto:info@sidneynolantrust.org)

...**Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.** An exhibition of 14 original prints by the celebrated artist and designer Clive Hicks-Jenkins. February 1st – April 2nd 2023, The Gallery, 4 The High Street, Presteigne. Exhibition open Thurs – Sat 10.30am-4pm or by arrangement. [www.studerfineart.com](http://www.studerfineart.com)

### OTHER INFORMATION

...**from Anya Garbadin.** Good afternoon. I recently came from Ukraine to Presteigne. I am responsible. I am looking for any work during the day (cleaning, ironing, care, garden work). One minus is that I do not speak English, but I am learning it and I have a great desire to speak fluently. If you need help, contact and text 07780 759132

...**from PTHB about Knighton Cottage Hospital** - seeking your views on Knighton Hospital and NHS services in East Radnorshire. Over the last two years we have been working hard to recruit registered nurses to join the inpatient team at Knighton Hospital. Whilst we have had some interest, sadly this has not reached the levels needed to run a ward 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the meantime, we know that there is a level of local need that we could meet in a different way. So, we are looking at interim steps we can take to provide more care more locally in east Radnorshire and we welcome your views. The information you provide will help us with our continued work to maintain and develop health services for people in Knighton and East Radnorshire, and will be processed in accordance with Powys Teaching Health Board's Privacy policies (<https://pthb.nhs.wales/use-of-site/privacy/>). Sign up to receive the Community Focus Newsletter with ongoing information on the situation.

...**New Radnor Community Broadband Scheme.** Happy New Year everybody. Good news - work on our project is pencilled in for the Spring when surveying will start. While nothing is guaranteed at this point the hope is to have the majority of properties connected by the end of 2023. Please note these dates could be changed but at present this is the intention.

### R.I.P.

...**from the Friends of St Michael's Church, Discoed - RIP Ronald Blythe.** The Friends of St Michael's, under President Edward Storey with Patrons, Dr Ronald Blythe, Professor David Bellamy and David Wheeler, was formed to raise the funds for the repair, renovation and development of our much-loved church. Ronald will be much missed.

...**Mike Cole from Discoed** sadly passed away last month - Mike's funeral will be held at St Michael's Church in Discoed on Friday 10th February at 12.00.

...**Valerie Ann Oliver (Val) of Presteigne** passed away on 23rd December 2022 aged 82. Funeral Service will take place at Hereford Crematorium on Monday 6th February 2023 at 10:15am. Anyone attend the funeral are welcome to join the family at The Farmers Inn, Presteigne later in the day. Family Flowers Only. Donations if desired to PNCS. For further info contact A.W.Hughes & Son: 01544 267778

...**Juliet Boobbyer, of Little Rodd, Presteigne,** died on January 24 at the Garth Nursing Home in Kington at the age of 92. Thanksgiving service: St Andrew's Church, Presteigne, Monday 13 February, 12.00 noon. Donations to St David's Church Whitton and St Andrew's Church, Presteigne.

**LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** [ed. for other jobs in our local area, log on to <https://freegle.in/presteigne> and see *Jobs Near You* column on r.h.s]

...**Powys CC - we currently have over 100 jobs open to applications.** If you're looking for a new start why not check out our range of opportunities on our jobs page. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/jobs>.

...**Mimms Pottery. Urgent - Driver Required:** To pick up one of our experienced Merchandisers on a daily basis from Kington Area and travel to trade customers in Wales, Shropshire and West Midlands to merchandise ceramic garden pots. Approx 40 hours per week at £11 per hour however the role is salaried. If interested please call or message on 07889736209

...**Octaga Recruitment. Anyone in Security looking for work** in the Presteigne, Powys, LD8 area? Please send Cindy a message on FB or email with Cv to [recruitment@octaga.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@octaga.co.uk)

...**Cleaning Vacancy for Holiday Let,** Log cabin in Aymestrey •Cleaner/Cleaners required for Mondays & Fridays year round •All equipment and products supplied •High standards & reliability are essential •Rate of pay can be discussed. Self employed/Cash basis. Please WhatsApp us on 07946 200788

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