

# Community News



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"Working Together For Our Community"*

**N.B. THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY NEWS IN MID-MARCH !!**  
**NEXT ISSUE END-MARCH. DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 10am 31st MARCH**  
[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)

...**Bring Site update** - the British Heart Foundation have removed their Book Bank from the Bring Site leaving only the cardboard skips, the clothing banks, and the three ACE wheelie bins for drinks cartons, coffee cups and Pringle cartons. The future of the three cardboard skips is in doubt but we can all help by **not** providing reasons for PCC to remove the skips - PLEASE remove all plastic and polystyrene packaging - PLEASE flatten all your boxes - PLEASE do not put anything in the skips apart from cardboard. Contamination in the skips often results in the whole contents being rejected for recycling.

...**Coed Llanandras**. It's been a busy few months on Presteigne's new community woodland nature reserve "Coed Llanandras" on Warden Road. The ponds have been dug, trees planted, a path created and much more - fantastic turnout for the first tree planting day, completely surpassed our expectations with over 1000 trees planted in a morning! See Events section below for Coed Llanandras activities.

...**from Clare. March Broad Sheep will be out this week**, also online now - [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com)

### THANK YOU

...**Presteigne Firefighters - Drumroll please - our grand total for Saturday was an incredible £1340!** Once again thank you all for your incredible support - we washed 110 cars! Massive thanks to Radnor Hills for the sponsorship donation, Ger's Burger van for keeping us hydrated and Station Manager Martyn who came to have his car washed and ended up getting his hands dirty and assisting!

### COUNCIL NEWS

...**some items from the February P&NTC Meeting**: Radnor Hills had agreed to sponsor and maintain the Greenfield Road Roundabout during 2023. A quote for attending to the other roundabout had now been received from Caring for God's Acre: Radnorshire Wildlife Trust has indicated a willingness to renew its lease for The Withy Beds on expiry.

...**next P&NTC meeting will be on Wednesday 15th March**, 7pm, Assembly Rooms. See Town website for meeting papers and Draft February Minutes.

...**Latest planning application** 23/0236/FUL Grid Reference: E:331636 N: 263551 Proposal: Proposed erection of a dwelling and all other associated works. Site Address: The Wood Yard, Broadaxe, Presteigne, LD8 2LA. To be considered at the March meeting of the Town Council.

### SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...**Diet pills scam emails** try to trick recipients into ordering Figur or Liba pills under the guise of them being a 'Dragons' Den' success story. The message claims that these diet pills are a 'miracle' and that women lose an average of one-and-a-half stone in a month by using Figur pills, without changing their diet or lifestyle. And at the bottom of the email, you're asked to click a button to 'Go to Figur special offer'. If you click on the link, you'll be taken to another website asking for your personal information. If you enter your details, you'll be giving them to scammers. Don't open - report and delete!!

...**The fake £2 Disney+ subscription**. Scammers are using Disney+ branding on dodgy emails that claim recipients can get a 98% discount on subscriptions to the Disney+ streaming service.

...**Bogus Companies House 'legal action' email**. Fraudsters are at it again with impersonation emails, this time impersonating Companies House, the government's companies register, and threatening recipients with legal action. On its website, Companies House states that it will never contact you by email or telephone to ask for secure information about your company.

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

...**from Presteigne Pharmacy**. The common ailments service (CAS) is available from all Avicenna pharmacies and offers patients rapid access to assessment, treatment and self-care advice for a broad

range of minor illnesses, from acne to verruca, athletes foot to threadworm. Presteigne Pharmacy also offer an assessment and swabbing service for sore throats and can supply antibiotics where needed without a prescription. Pharmacists have long been experts in medicines and have now transferred these skills to the management of minor illnesses. In most cases, you won't need an appointment and can be seen by the pharmacist on the same day. If you have a minor illness, consider calling the Pharmacy first to see if can be managed quickly and easily without the need for a GP appointment.

**...Presteigne Bowling Club - Sponsorship Opportunities.** Following on from a successful 2022 campaign, Presteigne Bowling Club have further sponsorship options available for the coming season and beyond! If you are interested, please contact us through our FB page!

**...Presteigne Little People is now registered with #easyfundraising,** which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/presteigne-little-people/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_content=rm-gs-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/presteigne-little-people/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-gs-f1)

**...Freedom Leisure. Did you know Powys U16 can swim for FREE every week?** (Powys address required). Term time Saturday 1-2pm.

**...The Warehouse - Great News!** From 1st March we are going to be opening on a Thursday. The new hours will be Monday to Friday 10am-4.30pm, Saturday 10am-2pm.

**...Arrowfield Vet Practice.** Please note our Facebook messenger inbox is not monitored all of the time, especially over the weekend. If you have a query or would like to book an appointment then please contact us via telephone on 01544 230 567. Many thanks

**...Rose Cottage Café.** We are starting to get bookings for Mother's Day afternoon tea and cake boxes for collect either Sat 18th or Sun 19th March. All orders by Mon 13th March unless I fill my diary quickly.

**...Renewable Training Centre just opened in Presteigne!** New state-of-the-art training centre with space available to all courses and instructors needing a professional space to carry out teaching sessions - located in the old Countrywide site just outside Presteigne, a modern, comfortable learning environment offers free onsite parking; a Kitchen facility - local food and beverage company available to book for meal times; Smart interactive board and much more... Call Sarah to enquire on: 01544 302222

**...Wild Thyme is opening in the evening on Thursdays** starting this week. Come and join us

**...Presteigne Community Garden Update.** Things are moving along nicely with the setting up of the garden. We now have a beautiful space at The Rodd, some donated tools and manure and a day's hire of a rotovator to get us started. If you are interested in community growing for physical, mental or social well being, ( or just want to grow a few potatoes or turnips?) why not consider joining us. For more details see our website [www.presteignecommunitygarden.org](http://www.presteignecommunitygarden.org) for updates on our progress.

**...Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank - March 2023 Shopping List and News Update.** Please see FB or website for our next shopping list – we are well supplied with certain items for the upcoming month, or in the case of porridge and chickpeas, probably several months! Feel free to share the list with your contacts such as group members, congregation, friends and community newsletters. Thank you for giving a hand-up to our friends in the community who are facing some really difficult decisions and choices through no fault of their own. If you can, please take 5 minutes to look at our website for more information and news: [www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk). **UPDATE – Presteigne Outreach Service.**

From February 24th, we are operating our Outreach Service in Presteigne, from The Old School (Youth Centre) on Hereford Street. The service will offer emergency food parcels and be open each Friday between 1.30pm and 3pm. For more information contact Helen on [07731 524 058](tel:07731524058).

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

**...Presteigne Local Food Market.** Saturday 4th March 9am to 1pm. Delicious, fresh local produce including bread, pork, mutton, cakes, honey, mushrooms, handmade herbal cosmetics, apple juice, vegan meals, Indian food, cheesecake, eggs and more. Plus seed swap and free trees from My Tree, Our Forest. And don't forget the community café serving hot drinks and home made cakes.

**...My Tree, Our Forest Scheme. Dates for the March tree giveaway:** Sat 4th March 10-12pm Memorial Hall Presteigne (Farmer's Market), LD8 2UG; Sat 4th March 1.30 - 3.30pm Assembly Rooms Presteigne (Nature Reserve engagement day); Sat 11th March 10-12pm High Street Presteigne; Sat 18th March 10-12pm Old School Presteigne (Repair Cafe). If you have not yet collected your free tree please get one of these dates in your diary.

**...The Hub at New Radnor - Sunday March 5th** Quiz in aid of the Radnor Arms refurbishment fund. 7 for 7.30/start. £2 per player. Teams up to 6. Chinese bingo, raffle. Monday March 6th 11-2 as part of Powys Warm Space initiative. free hot drinks and light lunch. All welcome

**...Evenjobb Saturday Café.** Hi Everyone, please visit our new Evenjobb Saturday Café Facebook page. We are open every Saturday, 10.30am - 3.30pm, with last orders at 3.00pm. We are based at Evenjobb Village Hall, so we are easy to find, and offer a range of tasty snacks, lunches and delicious cakes, as well as a warm welcome and good company!

**...Making A Home For Nature In Presteigne.** March 4th & 5th at the Assembly Rooms. Free activities and exhibitions for children and adults of all ages. Saturday March 4th - 10.30am to 3.30pm. **INSIDE:**

Drop in workshops suitable for all ages including clay sculpture making, paper crafts, insect puppet role play, pyrography, and more - an opportunity to find more about the new nature reserve and ways you can get involved with exhibitions and information boards. **OUTSIDE: My Tree, Our Forest** tree giveaway session 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Saturday March 4th - 8pm, doors open 7.30pm. "Taking Root - the Vision of Wangari Maathai". A film by Lisa Merton and Alan Dater. The dramatic story of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy. Free entry. Sunday March 5th - 3pm. The Life of a Hedgerow - FREE talk by Tim Kaye of Hidden Herefordshire. Donations are welcome for all events to help fund future work and activities on the new reserve.

**...Tree Planting & Wild Seed Spreading at Coed Llanandras.** Sunday March 12th - 10am to 1pm. Come along and help plant trees and spread seeds in the new nature reserve. Bring a spade, wellies and a hot drink, cake will be provided

**...Pond Planting at Coed Llanandras.** Sunday April 23rd - 10am to 1pm. Help us plant up the new ponds in the nature reserve. Bring a spade, wellies and a hot drink, cake will be provided

**...The Grand Opening of Coed Llanandras Reserve** Saturday June 3rd join us for the official opening of the Reserve with an afternoon of free activities including foraging walks, bug hunting/identification, guided walks, pond talks and more... To find out more email [presteignetreegroup@gmail.com](mailto:presteignetreegroup@gmail.com)

**..."Spring is Coming" - a Recital for Voice and Piano.** Marion Rowlatt, Mezzo Soprano; Michael Tavinor, Piano at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne Sunday 16 April 3.30pm. Tickets £10 each available from Marion 01544-260466 or from any of the Presteigne churches, includes tea and cakes after the recital. Under 16's free. In aid of the Friends of Friendless Churches. Programme to include English Song – Handel, Vaughan Williams, Quilter and piano music by Bach, Haydn, Brahms and Grieg.

**...Cultivate Exhibition - Sidney Nolan Trust.** Saturday 11 March, 11am – 1pm, The Rodd. Please join us for an exhibition of recent work by young people aged 15 to 25 as part of our Cultivate Youth Arts Programme. Since September 2022, Cultivate's enquiry has been centred on the dismantled railway line between Presteigne and Titley Junction Station. The exhibition presents responses to this enquiry.

**...Chatterbrook WI** – Our next meeting is on Thursday March 9th at 7.30 in Presteigne Memorial Hall. Our speaker is Gail Jones from Open Gardens Powys who will give an illustrated presentation called 'Beyond the Garden Gate'. This is the start of our new membership year, so a good time to consider joining us. Visitors as prospective members are very welcome. Non-members also welcome - £4 on the door. Further information 07536 979665 and see <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

**...Presteigne Floral Art Society:** next meeting in Presteigne Memorial Hall is on Wednesday March 8th at 7.30 and will be a demonstration by Lorena Dyer called 'Are You Sitting Comfortably?' (Lorena is a National Demonstrator, so expect a well-informed evening!). Visitors are welcome, £6 on the door. The informal flower classes in Whitton Community Hall continue on Thursdays March 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th 12-2pm. £5 charge per session. Contact the Secretary for further details on 01544 340453. See our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/610659036597894>

**...Presteigne Screen "Triangle of Sadness"** A wicked Palme d'Or winning satire from the director of *The Square* Friday, 3rd March 2023 8pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Nominated for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Screenplay Oscars 2023. Presteigne Screen's 47th Season, Borderlines Film Festival's 21st Year. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Film starts 8:00pm. Booking a ticket online guarantees a seat. We have at least 30 tickets available for purchase at the door for all films (including, 10th March - Eric Ravilious: Drawn to War). Seats are unreserved, so to get the best seats it helps if you arrive early. Card payments at the door. Borderlines Ticket Price £5.50

**...MINR - Kassia Trio:** Saturday 11th March 2023. New Radnor Community Hall. 7.30pm. Graduates from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and the Guildhall School of Music, The Kassia Trio are a modern reinvention of the typical piano trio with two saxophones and piano. A versatile ensemble offering a lively and varied programme that aims to keep classical music accessible as well as promoting the saxophone as a classical instrument. Read more, and hear them on <https://www.thekassiatrio.co.uk> Tickets £15/£3 01544 350268

**...The Judge's Lodging** is gathering information for the **2023 community exhibition 'Tea, Temperance and Tipples'**, which will feature an astounding 93 pewter teapots, information about the temperance movement in the town and memories of its beloved pubs. Can you help us? We're looking for any objects from any of the town's pubs, or photos of events and people in them, that you would like others to see. If you have anything you could loan for a few months, get in touch with Gaby - email, call or just drop by. All safely kept and displayed [info@judgeslodging.org.uk](mailto:info@judgeslodging.org.uk) 01544 260650

**...The Judge's Lodging Spring event – Raffles: The Gentleman Thief**, performed by Don't Go Into The Cellar! theatre company. Saturday 25 March. Written by E.W. Hornung (Arthur Conan Doyle's brother-in-law), A.J. Raffles was the Edwardian era's most celebrated gentleman thief. In a series of highly entertaining tales, the suave cat-burglar thrilled and charmed readers in equal measure. To be performed in the Judge's Dining Room. 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 from [WegotTickets.com](http://WegotTickets.com)

**...East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in March** Weds 1st Around Presteigne, 9 mile; Sat 4th Evenjobb, 11 miles; Tues 7th Offa's Dyke Path, 4.5 miles; Weds 8th Norton Camp & Onibury, 9 miles. Weds 15th Lingen & Harley's Mountain, 8 miles. Sat 18th Rheulen Hill & Cefn Wylfre, 8.5 miles; Weds 22nd



Carding Mill Valley, 8 miles; [Thurs 23rd](#) Caleck's Pool & Stowe, 4.5 miles; [Weds 29th](#) Cusop, 8 miles. For more details see [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call [01544 260524](tel:01544260524)

## OTHER INFORMATION

...**Powys Recycles.** Please remember to sort your waste before arriving at the Household Waste Recycling Centres. Please separate ALL materials into the correct recycling banks. Any bags or boxes of mixed waste will be refused. Come and talk to us if you are not sure where things go.

...**Powys County Council.** The £150m Community Ownership Fund next application window is now open! If you are a community group looking to protect a treasured community asset, submit your Expression of Interest now! More: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-ownership-fund-round-2-how-to-express-your-interest-in-applying>

...**Powys County Council.** Do you need home adaptations - from a simple handrail to a walk-in shower? Contact us for more information at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7708/ASSIST>

...**RCT Powys will forensically mark your farming vehicles and equipment FREE** - contact us & a member of the team will organise a visit to your farm. [@dppppolice](https://twitter.com/dppppolice) [@Nfumutal](https://twitter.com/Nfumutal)

...**Free school meals.** All children in Reception in Powys now receive a free school meal. As of April, all children in Years 1 and 2 in Powys will also receive a free meal. If you are on a low income, please continue to claim for free school meals via <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11906/Free-school-meals> as you may also be entitled to other support such as the School Essentials Grant for uniform and other school clothing. For information about free school meals, the School Essentials Grant and universal primary free school meals visit <https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs>

## R.I.P.

...**Mary Codrington (formerly Creed) of Thorn View, Discoed**, died peacefully aged 94 at Hagley Place Care Home, Ludlow on 13th February 2023. Funeral service will be held at Offa's Orchard, Gladestry on 13th March at 2pm.

...**Jan McDonald of Norton** passed away peacefully at Bromyard Community Hospital on 20th February 2023 aged 67. Service of Celebration at St Andrews Church, Presteigne on Friday 10th March at 1.00pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Dog's Trust. Inquiries Geoff Hall Funerals Knighton 01547528554

**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*]

...**from Dorothy. Cleaner wanted for Holiday Let.** Saturday mornings from 10.15 am to 3pm. This is to clean a 3 bedroom cottage with one other person. We rent the cottage from April to end September each year, and we need a reliable, committed person to take on this role. Please contact Dorothy McGuire either by email or phone. Phone: 07508 243828 Email: [dustydorothy12@gmail.com](mailto:dustydorothy12@gmail.com)

...**PAVO - Chief Executive** - a dynamic, creative, committed and passionate third sector champion to lead this much valued and excellent organisation through its next phase of development. Remuneration: Point 46 - 49 (NJC Scales) £52,566 - £55,409 per annum < 35 hours per week based in PAVO Offices, Llandrindod Wells - to discuss the role contact Chair of Trustees Jamie Burt or Vice Chair Dominique Jones - 01597 822191. Email [recruitment@pavo.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@pavo.org.uk) for an application pack. Closing Date 13th March. Interviews week commencing 27th March.

...**Powys NHS. Come and find out what it's like to work with us!** We are holding recruitment open days in a number of our hospitals. We are especially looking for Nurses and Health Care Support Workers. You don't need any special qualifications to be a support worker, we will provide your training. Some of our support workers have gone on to become qualified nurses as well so this could be the start of a whole new career. [Llandrindod Wells Hospital 6th March](#), from 10am to 2pm. Come along, have a cup of tea and meet the team. Feel free to bring your children, we're friendly!

...**Labtech. We have a few vacancies** that are posted on Indeed and LinkedIn, looking for a range of skills including Production, Sales and Administration. Apply through the usual system.

...**WB+AD Morgan - Commercial Manager (Drilling)** . This role will be responsible for the whole-of-life management of WB+AD Morgan's water wells and geothermal commercial opportunities - from initial enquiries to lessons learned. Apply via the link below: <https://lnkd.in/gXuqe-PT>. For any questions and applications, please contact us via [recruitment@safelaneglobal.com](mailto:recruitment@safelaneglobal.com)

...**Powys CC - currently have 109 jobs open to applications!** Looking for a new start? why not check out our range of opportunities on our jobs page. [en.powys.gov.uk/jobs](http://en.powys.gov.uk/jobs)

...**Powys CC - interested in economic development projects and services?** For information see <https://en.powys.gov.uk/view-job?id=456113Zhtf&lang=USA&&cid=5863362B8Z>

...Powys NHS Diagnostic Radiographer, Llandrindod Wells. Closing date: 09/03/23 <http://jobs.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/job/v5027710>

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