

Community News

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"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

...Did you know? Everyone's smart phone is due to sound an alert on 23rd April when the government tests the new UK public warning system. As well as the loud warning ring, a message will appear on the home screen – the alert will sound even if the phone is set to silent. This is a new UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby (this will be a test - you do not need to take any action). In an emergency, your mobile phone or tablet will receive an alert with advice about how to stay safe. The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert. You may get alerts about: severe flooding, fires, extreme weather. Emergency alerts will only be sent by: the emergency services, government departments, agencies and public bodies that deal with emergencies. In an actual emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe. Visit gov.uk/alerts for information.

It's possible to opt out from the alerts and the test – for example if you have a hidden phone due to risk of domestic violence – by switching off emergency alerts in your phone's settings. More information at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-65178240>

...**Presteigne Memorial Hall - 70th Celebrations.** This year will see the 70th year of the hall, opened in 1953. To mark the occasion, the committee have organised a Family Fun afternoon on Saturday 27th May between 2pm-5pm at the hall. There will be a variety of attractions, including Mr Bamboozle Magic tricks, Tombola, Throw a 70, vintage vehicles and fire engine, refreshments including home-made cakes. Local groups will be supporting us, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts and the Floral Society and much much more..... All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!

THANK YOU

...**Presteigne Little People's Playgroup** - a big thank you to everyone who has supported us in making our Easter raffle a big success, raising a grand total of £294. Thank you to all the parents/families who donated prizes. Thank you to our local businesses in the High Street who also donated amazing prizes!

COUNCIL NEWS

...next full Presteigne & Norton Town Council meeting Wednesday 19th April at 7pm, The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. You can attend TC meetings in person or via Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89878534860?pwd=d01iVXdjMTVwNDgzSGxodThWSVY0dz09>. Meeting ID: 898 7853 4860. Passcode: 036066. Dial by your location: 0208 080 6592 United Kingdom. Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89878534860?pwd=d01iVXdjMTVwNDgzSGxodThWSVY0dz09>. Meeting papers and Draft Minutes from March available now on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk or write to our clerk, Tracey Price, Garn Farm, Chapel Lawn, Bucknell, Shropshire, SY7 0BT, or email presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com, or telephone 01547 528575

SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...from Powys CC. REPAIRS CALLS TO COUNCIL TENANTS. We have been informed that some tenants are receiving telephone calls from companies saying that they need to do work

to their Council house. Please remember that all of your repairs are carried out by Powys Repairs and their approved contractors. If you receive a telephone call and you are not expecting any repairs to be carried out, please request the company name and a contact number so that you can ring the Housing One Number on 01597 827464 to check. Also, if you receive a visit but you are not expecting any repairs, please ask for an identification card (ID) so that you can ring the Housing One Number to check. Our workmen and contractors will not mind waiting whilst you make a call.

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NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...Coming soon - The Royal Oak open mic sessions. Fridays 8 to 10.30pm. Stay tuned...we are just working out a start date. Message us on FB or call in if you would like to play on our first night

...from Paul - Tai Chi classes will be starting after Easter on Tuesday 18th / Friday 21st April at 10.30am. Email paul@indetail.org for info.

...Norton Show will go ahead on the 30th July 2023 by kind permission of Roger Watkins for the use of his land. If any local businesses would like to advertise in the schedule please contact Brian Price 01544 267898. More information will follow regarding the Horticultural, equine & Dog sections. We have been extremely proud over the years to have made contributions to many charities & causes whom have assisted residents of Norton

...Sleeping Dragon. Four years after he left his 'home' by the Corton roundabout at the end of Presteigne's by-pass, the Sleeping Dragon could be on his way back - but only with your help!! Watch a video of the Dragon's history and how his creator, Pete Smith, needs your support. www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sleeping-dragon

...Rose Cottage Cafe future - Due to the forthcoming sale of the premises Rose Cottage Cafe will at some time need to cease trading at this location. We have been offered the chance to purchase the property, but this is unfortunately not a viable option for us. Having put so much into developing this business over 3 very challenging years and enjoying great support from the local community we will be very sad to leave. We are desperately trying to find somewhere in Presteigne to relocate our business and if anyone has any suggestions of either somewhere suitable or with potential we would love to hear from you. We would consider anything on either a rental or purchase basis. Meanwhile we hope to be able to carry on trading until the property is sold. Lesley and Phil x

...Too many Easter Eggs? Want to try Martial Arts? Come along to Presteigne Leisure Centre on Friday's 7.30pm for Ghost Kickboxing. No experience necessary, all abilities welcome. Adult & 14yrs+. Book yourself a spot & bring a friend! leetaylor@mkkg.com.

...Village Arts Club - our new term in Presteigne is starting on 25th April. Come and join us for some arty fun - Details are all on the website - www.villageartclubs.co.uk or call Liz for more details - 07938 563716. Look forward to seeing you!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Presteigne Repair & Tool Collection, Saturday 15th April 10am till 12noon. The Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street: The usual repair session with household items fixed. Also, just for this Saturday, we are collecting old/unwanted garden & specialist (e.g. carpentry) tools (*hand tools only*) for the 'Tools for Self Reliance' Charity. Please check your garden shed or workshop, have a clear out and bring along anything you no longer need or use - thank you!

...**Craft & Food Fair - Presteigne Memorial Hall.** Sunday 16th April. 10am - 2pm. 30 stalls showcasing handmade items and food ranges. Refreshments provided - hot drinks and cold drinks with cakes. Raffle £1 per ticket. All proceedings to Saving the Dragon!

...**Spring is Coming! Recital** - mezzo soprano Marion Rowlatt and pianist Michael Tavinor give a recital in aid of the Friends of Friendless Churches (FFC) - music by Handel, Vaughan Williams, Colin Cowles, Quilter, Bach, Haydn, and a talk by FFC's director, Rachel Morley, in St Andrew's Church, Presteigne, 3.30 pm on Sunday 16 April. Tickets £10 to include tea & cakes, from The Salty Dog, from Marion [01544 260466](tel:01544260466), at church services or on the door (< 16s free)

...**MBA events at Presteigne Assembly Rooms in April** - Pentabus presents ONE OF THEM ONES by Charlie Josephine, an inspiring and celebratory new play by rising star Charlie Josephine. Saturday 15th April, 8 pm. Doors open 7.30 pm. £12.50. Under 25's, free (limited numbers). An uplifting new play about two siblings living in a rural community trying to get their heads around gender identity. Suitable for ages: 12+; BUDAPEST CAFE ORCHESTRA. Friday 28th April, 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm. £14. The Budapest Cafe Orchestra is a music-driven phenomenon, a specialist performance-entertainment outfit, enthraling audiences everywhere with their infectious energy. The BCO will sweep you off your feet and stay in your heart forever. You will journey from one emotional pole to another: from a desperately tragic evocative heart-rending ancient Jewish melody to a dance from Romania or Russia and all the fiery exuberance that goes along. Tickets for MBA events available from The Workhouse, Presteigne or online at WeGotTickets. Unfortunately Jody White talking about his book at the Assembly Rooms on Easter Sunday had to be postponed. Hopefully we'll reschedule sometime in the next few weeks or so. Watch this space!

...**PSAFC home games:** Saturday 22 April (ko 2.30pm) St Harmon v Presteigne Res and Hay Res v Newcastle: Saturday 29 April (ko 2.30pm) Presteigne Res v Hay Res: Wednesday 10 May (ko 7.30pm) Presteigne Res v St Harmon

...**Gentle Tai Chi Moves, with Pat Ryder** - for health and well-being. Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford St., Presteigne, starts Tuesday April 25th 2—3 pm. First session free taster!

...**Flicks in the Sticks at Lingen Village Hall "The Lost King"** An amateur historian defies the stodgy academic establishment in her efforts to find King Richard 111's remains. Friday 21st April 7.30pm.

...**Harness racing will be returning to Broadheath Common, Presteigne on Sunday 21st May 2023.** Harness racing is a great day out for all the family, and we hope to have a bumper card of 8+ races, a children's pony race, bookmakers, licensed bar, hot food, sweet stall & bouncy castle. If any local businesses are interested in attending with a stall or interested in advertising at the event then please contact the committee via email:- wwhra@outlook.com

...**Sheep Music and Mid Border Arts present The Golden Fleece**, a one-day festival of psychedelic pop, alternative folk and a little bit of funk with a spoken word stage and kid's activities throughout the day. Saturday 20 May at Went's Meadow Barn, Presteigne, 2pm – 11pm. Line up: Islet, Sweet Baboo, Johanna Warren, The Breaks, Eaten by Lions, and Walk, Torc and Punc. Bar and good food. Tickets £20, Under 12s free, available at The Workhouse Gallery, and at www.wegotickets.com/event/576725/

Volunteers needed for The Golden Fleece: follow the link below and complete the short form to register your interest and availability - <https://forms.gle/B5yaev59Ht4Ct3Z48>. **Latest 4 April please!**

...**The Royal Oak, Presteigne - psychic and spiritualist show** Tuesday 18 April. Welcome to Peter Dykes, Clairvoyant. Show 6.45pm to 9.30pm approx. Tickets £15 online or from The Royal Oak.

...**Festival of Enchantment and Delight - Pant Hall Cloister Gardens, LD8 2LY.** June 10th – 11th 2023. Following on from last year's successful open weekend raising money for the local Ukraine fund - this June 10th-11th, Pant Hall Cloister Gardens is hosting a Festival of Enchantment and Delight, donating a proportion of profits and any charitable donations to the Outreach programme at the Sidney Nolan Trust. Weekend ticket £125 pp to be booked in advance – covers the various events on Saturday 10th June (10am – 7.30pm) including lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Plus, a more relaxed morning on Sunday 11th June – experiencing the Garden in a quiet way and a chance to talk to each other and Malcolm

Temple – and hopefully some more improvised music – along with lunch. Limited to 40 tickets – this will be a unique and intimate experience. Tickets need to be booked in advance and attendees will be sent a list of local places to stay and eat. Ring [01544 260066](tel:01544260066) to book your place, or email cloistergardens@gmail.com. For more info and a complete listing of events and music go to www.panthallcloistergardens.com. Instagram @panthallcloistergardens

...**Cultivate**. The next session of the Sidney Nolan Trust's arts programme for young people aged 15 to 25 will be held on Saturday 13 May, 10 am - 2 pm at The Rodd, near Presteigne, LD8 2LL. Renowned artists Heather Peak and Ivan Morison (peakmorison.org) have invited Cultivate to participate in The Curve, their project exploring the potential of the currently disused yet historic curved walled garden at the National Trust's Berrington Hall. Cultivate will participate through drawing, collecting artifacts, using photography, film & sound, creating maps & much more. Cultivate is FREE to attend. To find out more about Cultivate and to sign up please contact Antony Mottershead at learning@sidneynolantrust.org or [01544 260 149](tel:01544260149).

...**Leon's Supper Club. Fish and Seafood Moroccan Nights** on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd April. 7 pm start. 4 courses - £25 per head. Bring your own drinks. Above The Salty Dog, 14 High Street, Presteigne. Please call Leon to book [07805 727 486](tel:07805727486).

OTHER INFORMATION

...**bargains at The PNCS Warehouse**. A huge selection of jigsaw puzzles now in. From £2 only! Menswear - Suits from £5, Jackets from £4, Jeans, shirts, t shirts, trousers and shoes from £2. All good clean condition. Tumble dryer in working order and PAT tested £20. Lots of jugs and teapots various sizes and prices. Small aquarium and a couple of books on fish £10, PAT tested. Beer & wine making equipment. Retro magazine rack £10. Lots of new baby things. Blankets, toys, books, games and 30p each tub of toys. All newly stocked & available.

...**this week's Friday Poem is 'In Spring' by Rhiannon Hooson** from her debut collection 'The Other City' <https://serenbooks.wordpress.com/2023/03/31/friday-poem-in-spring-by-rhiannon-hooson/>. Rhiannon's new collection 'Goliat' was published in 2022.

...**Joining the Priority Services Register (PSR) is the perfect way to get additional support for your energy needs**. It's free and helps energy companies provide extra support to customers with communication, access, or safety needs. Visit <https://thepsr.co.uk> to sign up!

...**PTHB Minor Injury Units**. Usual opening hours are:- Brecon (24hour, 7 days) 01874 615800 - Llandrindod Wells (07:00-00:00, 7 days) 01597 828735. Minor injury units in Powys are able to treat adults and children aged 2+. Walk in will always be accepted, though it can be helpful to call first in order that we can provide you with immediate advice over the telephone, book you in to an appointment or even advise you of an alternative service. X-ray opening times may vary, please check our website for times <https://pthb.nhs.wales/HelpUsHelpYou>. Many Powys GP Practices also provide a minor injury service. Check your Practice for details.

...**NPTC Colleges. FREE Online Digital Photography and Image Editing course** starting soon! Photography for beginners and those wishing to refresh their skills, using your camera or smartphone, running over 8 weeks on a Tuesday and Thursday evening beginning the 18th of April from 7pm to 8pm? Limited spaces available. Available to anyone over 16 whether a business, organisation, charity or individual and available to Wales and other UK residents. To book and secure your place call 0330 818 8100 or email business@nptcgroup.ac.uk

R.I.P.

...**Angela Traylor of Townend, Presteigne**, passed away peacefully at Hereford Hospital on 20th March aged 70.

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 Teaching Health Board - Outpatient Children's Nurse**. Band 6 - £27,055 - £32,934 Pro Rata. Brecon - Breconshire War Memorial Hospital. Flexible Working Pattern. Closing Date - 17/04/23 see <https://www.healthjobsuk.com/job/v4935674>

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