

Community News



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"Working Together For Our Community"*

**Next Issue deadline for contributions 10am Wednesday 30 August
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

...**Presteigne Local Food Market** - the committee members and market stallholders would like to thank you, our very loyal customers, supporting us (at the August Market) with the weather being so abysmal. It was very wet and cold, but luckily not as windy as they had forecast, so no flying gazebos, thankfully ---**NEW VENUE NEXT MONTH**--- we will be indoors for our next Market on Saturday 2nd September at the Youth Centre (The Old School) in Hereford Street. We of course will remind you nearer the time. Thank you all once again!

...**Bonfire and Fireworks on Went's Meadow:** Unfortunately, Sheep Music, which normally organises and runs the annual event on the Meadow, is unable to do so this year. If any community group is interested in running this event please get in touch with the Town Clerk for an initial chat. The event is independent from the Council & your group would need its own event insurance etc. but profits would, of course be yours to use for your own group.

THANK YOU!

...**from PNCS** - so sad to hear of Pat Morris' passing ... Pat was a major part of PNCS community transport when it started, running the office very well. Pat was also a member of our Circle who supported us weekly fundraising for us she will be missed sooooo much. Thank you Pat for your support in everything we did at Presteigne and Norton Community support. RIP Carolyn Patricia Morris. Never forgotten

...**Rose Cottage Café** - What a fantastic (first) Friday and Saturday we had. Thank you for all your messages and to all who came in and made our first couple of days in our bigger Café space so enjoyable. Still worth booking if you are able to!

SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...**WHICH** - you can receive receive regular scam alerts by signing up to receive them from Which using this link <https://act.which.co.uk/page/103781/data/1?ea.tracking.id=scam-alerts>

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Latest planning applications in to be considered at the August meeting of the Town Council:** [23/0983/HH](#) and [23/0984/LBC](#) Grid Reference: E:331434 N: 264351 Proposal: Installation of gas fired central heating and domestic plumbing pipework, replacing rusted steel and lead pipes, a very old oil fired Rayburn cooker and a couple of storage heaters that provided the heating Site Address: Millfields, Hereford Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AT.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Wegnalls Farm Butchery new Pop-up Shop** - Come and say hello! Find us just outside of Presteigne on the Kington/Walton roundabout and follow the signs You can also find us using What3words - shows/upwardly/developed

...**from Walton Village Hall** - There is a book and jigsaw swap at Walton Hall near Presteigne, on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, from 10am to 1pm. Books and jigsaws can also be purchased. Come and browse, have a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake. Chat with like minded book enthusiasts. There is also a Craft Afternoon at Walton Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm. Bring your own arts and crafts, and enjoy chatting to other crafters. £3 entry which includes tea or coffee and cake.

...**St Andrew's Parish News copy deadline** for the September issue is Wed 16 August.

...**Presteigne Freegle - Excess of homegrown apples, beans or....?** Freegle your extra produce - your community would love to take it off your hands. Make jams, chutneys, fruit vinegars, cordials - ask

for jars and bottles on Freegle. Offer them on Presteigne Freegle! Get the mobile Freegle app or go to <https://www.ilovefreegle.org>

...Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank. We are now operating from Presteigne Youth Centre on Mondays, between 10am and 11.30am. The Foodbank is preparing for a significant increase in referrals to support parent and carers of school age children who during term receive free school meals and/ or breakfast. The holiday break can put a strain on already hard pressed families and finding money for extra meals can be difficult if you are on a low wages, working tax credits, disability benefits or claiming Universal Credit. We can offer additional help by providing food parcels to parents of school age children during July and August, especially, but not exclusively, for those who normally receive free school meals. Contact Helen [07731 524 058](tel:07731524058)

...Presteigne Youth club runs on Monday Nights (from September) 6pm til 8pm in the Youth Centre (Old School), Hereford Street. 11-18yrs. Pool, Darts, Table Football, Ping Pong and other activities too. Only £1 to get in. Follow us on Facebook 'Presteigne Youth Project' for updates.

...Village Art Clubs - love art? Come and join us! We are now taking bookings for the Autumn term at the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Our friendly, professionally tutored clubs welcome beginners and experienced painters - come and have some arty fun! Details on the website - www.villageartclubs.co.uk or call us to reserve a place - [07938 563716](tel:07938563716).

...Presteigne Festival. Excitement levels at Festival HQ are certainly rising as, very shortly, the 2023 Presteigne Festival will be in full swing! Online and telephone booking has been available for some time, and we've been amazed at the number of people who have already booked – over half of all available tickets have already been snapped up! Our popular 'In Person' Box Office is now open in the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne – see opening times below. We're looking forward to welcoming you to the 41st Presteigne Festival later this month and hope our distinctive collection of enlightening events will inspire and entertain you at every turn.

Bookings may be made by telephone (credit and debit card bookings only) on [01544 267800](tel:01544267800) and in person at the Festival Box Office, Assembly Rooms, Broad Street, Presteigne – opening times below. 8-19 August Monday to Saturday 10am – 1pm; 21-28 August Daily 10am – 5pm

...Helen Gray - Domiciliary Carer for the elderly. Experienced, fully qualified. DBS. 8/9 hrs daily Monday to Friday. 15m radius from Presteigne (Wigmore, Leintwardine, Knighton, Radnor, Kington, Eardisley, Weobley, Pembridge, Rural Leominster, Hay on Wye). Call [07821133212](tel:07821133212)

...The Judge's Lodging garden - our visiting families love our garden when the weather is fine. Pop in and take an audio tour of the museum then enjoy some tea, coffee and cake.

...Ackhill Sunflowers - opening date Friday 11 August from 11am. Our 6 different varieties of naturally grown sunflowers will be open for pick your own and will provide you with plenty of special photo opportunities. We will also have refreshments available and exciting new activities suitable for all ages. All information regarding opening times will be communicated on our social media channels. We look forward to seeing you! Ackhill Farm, Presteigne LD8 2DE

...Golf lessons for women - Learn to play golf in Knighton. An exciting addition to the Knighton Calendar, a golf professional will be giving lessons to the group on Thursday 24 and 31 August 2023 from 5pm until 8pm at the beautiful Knighton Golf Course, cost £10 to book contact knightongolfclub@outlook.com or speak to a club member. All equipment provided. There are also junior lessons with a professional in the afternoon of 24 and 31 August 2023.

...Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club - We had a fantastic evening and a lovely meal at The Cattle Shed, Kington, celebrating both the Club and individual achievements over the 22/23 season. Despite scraping a different team together most weeks we somehow managed to secure another season in the SWW Premier 2 League, a great achievement for a very small club given the standard this year. Our Junior Team came a very respectable 3rd in the Badgers League and showed great promise in their matches. We have talent! Both Lesley & Jess put on Welsh Shirts this year playing for Wales. Our Junior Club is thriving and we have just renewed over 30 subscriptions this year. A fantastic commitment to the Club. We have just secured sponsorship from MJS Energy kindly supporting us with the cost of our new junior club shirts from Storm Hockey. To top off the Club's season we were Champions on the grass at Sundogs this year taking home a lovely trophy and some much needed funds for the club. A great team effort and a fab day had by all. As Chairman, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for taking part and doing your bit as part of the team from playing to fundraising over the last year ... we have a great team and a great future. The club has never been in a better position and we are excited and ready for the upcoming 23/24 Season. Next project = Astro Pitch!!!

...Emily George - Children's dance classes - very limited spaces remaining for September starters. Suitable for ages 4-16 with styles such as tap, hip hop, musical theatre and acro, and offer at least 2 performance opportunities per year! Classes in Presteigne and Knighton. Pop me a FB message to know more and book in!

...about Freedom Leisure Centre - there's still time to have your say on the PCC Powys Leisure Review which will effect what happens with our Leisure Centre including Freedom Leisure here in

Presteigne - so this is one survey we really need you to complete! The closing date for responses is Monday 28 August 2023. For more information and to respond to the survey, go to <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/14686/Still-time-to-have-your-say-on-the-Powys-Leisure-Review>

...**Renewable Training Centre. First Aid at Work & Emergency First Aid at Work** training here in Presteigne, see our website for available courses & dates. Visit www.renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk. Email: info@renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk or Telephone: 01544 302222 for more information

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**PRESTEIGNE FESTIVAL 24-28 August 2023**. Feeling just a little bit excited with under 3 weeks to go until we welcome a truly outstanding crop of artists to Presteigne Festival:

Solem Quartet, Ivana Gavrić, Rachel Roberts, Mathilde Milwidsky, Robert Plane, Mark Wilde, Julien Van Mellaerts, Zoe Drummond, Alexei Watkins, Chris Hopkins, Timothy End, The Choir of King's College London, Joseph Fort, Angharad Rowlands, Sarah Bennington, Catriona Scott, Anneke Hodnett and more. See <https://presteignefestival.com/2023-festival-programme>

...**Welcome to OPEN STUDIOS PRESTEIGNE 2023 26 – 28 August**, 11 am to 5 pm daily. This year there will be over 34 artists and makers taking part in an event which has now become firmly established on the arts calendar in Presteigne. Take time to wander around the 15 venues in and around the town. With a huge range of diverse and fascinating talents on display, this promises to be the biggest and most interesting trail yet. Posters and brochures will appear in shops, pubs, cafes, etc soon, with details of how to find each venue.

2023 participants: Sara Bamford - Sculptor; Anne Belgrave - Maker of things; Florence Boyd - Artist & Illustrator; Lucy Boyd - Artist; Bim Burton - Furniture maker; David Colwell - Furniture maker; June Coveney - Artist; Deniyal Davies - Jeweller; Daisy Dixon - Artist; Annette Gurr - Mosaicist; Bernie Gurr - Printmaker; Charlotte Hepburn - Printmaker; Penny Hughes - Painter; Sophie Jelinek - Plaster work ; Ruth Kirkby - Painter; Daniel MacCarthy - Painter ; Pete MacKenzie - Pictures; Debbi Mason - Textile Artist; Arabella Mills - Ceramicist; Huw Morris - Carpenter; Tania Mosse - Sculptor; Clair Murphy - Rush Basketmaker; Alice Perceval - Artist; Kitty Perceval-Drawer, Printmaker, Ceramicist; Hugh Pope; Alex Ramsay - Photographer; Mary Smith - Ceramicist; Pete Smith - Blacksmith; Richard Studer - Designer & Printmaker; Gill Tennant-Eyles - Ceramicist; Sidney Nolan Trust Youth Arts Programmes; Sophie Tute - Artist; Malcolm Turner - Potter; Jesse Watkins - Artist & Printmaker

...**Film at The Festival** - "The Toll" (15) Friday 25 August 7.30pm; "Dream Horse" (PG) Saturday 26 August 7.30pm; "Donna" (PG) Sunday 27 August 7.30pm. Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. £7 (students £3) at Box Office or call 01544 267800 or online www.presteignefestival.com/2023-festival-programme/

...**The Celtic Dragons present PREST FEST** - a family friendly festival at The Woodcutters Arms, Knighton Road, Presteigne 2nd September, 2pm to late. Kids games, bouncy castle & play area, food van, licensed bar, free camping. Live Band: Eternity Road; Presteigne Pop Choir; Press Gangers Shanty Band; Undaunted; The New Deadly; Empire of Lights. Pre book £15, £20 on the gate, <16s Free. Call Pam on 07974 954526 (proceeds going to Presteigne and Norton Community Support, and to Home Adaptations and Equipment for Alfie Retallick)

...**Watercolour Class with a bird theme - Lingen Village Hall** on September 27th , October 4th, 11th and 18th from 9am till 12 midday. Limited places. Please book by email to lvhclerk@outlook.com or ring 07799755244. £70.00 for all 4 classes.

...**MacMillan coffee morning at Walton Hall** on Friday 29th September from 10am? It will be accompanied by a produce and bric a brac sale. Items for the table top sale and cakes for the coffee morning are needed. If you can help, please phone Cath on [01544 232750](tel:01544232750).

...**Presteigne Repair & Skill Share** - Our team is **not** taking a holiday break & is keen to fix any broken household items you might have. Sat August 19th. Save money & waste - bring your broken items along to this friendly, fun community event. Youth Centre, Hereford Street, Presteigne 10am to 12noon.

...**Lingen Garden Club** - The next talk for the club is from Chris Whitelock "Growing fruit trees". Chris has worked in Horticulture for over 50 years, is a Senior Examiner for the RHS and is currently writing a book about growing fruit. Guests welcome at £4. Talk starts at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5 September at Lingen Hall. Enquiries to Alvin Botting [01544 267463](tel:01544267463).

...**h.Art at St Michael's, Discoed 2 - 10 September**, 11 am to 5 pm. This year's h.Art exhibition will feature work by artists from the group Abstract Edge. The participating artists are Tottie Aarvold, Michel Blake, Jacs Collins, Julie Cooper, Alison Grimley, Tony Hall Potter, Jane Harding, Rae Harrison, Charlie Hoppo, Lois Hopwood, Maggie Jones, Ciara Lewis, Nick Raybould and Cheryl Williams. Meet the Artists: Saturday 2 September 12 - 2 pm. h.Art venue 90. St Michael's Church, Discoed, near Presteigne, LD8 2NW www.discoed.org

...**Needlecraft Exhibition** - Lingen Stitchers are holding an exhibition of their sewing work over the August Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 26th August 10am-5pm and Sunday 27th August 10am-4pm, Lingen Village Hall. Refreshments, raffle & sales tables including Sandra's Sewing Shop, Knighton, with free entry and a charitable donation from profits for St Michael's Hospice. This is our first Exhibition since 2018 so there will be plenty to see. Everyone welcome!

...**The Walled Garden's time of year again**....more music, hotdogs, books and ducks. Knill LD8 2PR, Sunday 27th August 1-6pm £5 pp free parking (proceeds to charity)

...**NGS Willowbrook, Knighton Road, Presteigne, LD8 2ET**. Open Days Saturday/Sunday 19/20 August. This garden opens By Arrangement from Aug 2023 to Sep 2023 for groups of between 1 and 25. This means the garden welcomes visitors on pre-agreed dates. Please contact the garden owner on 07867 385694 to discuss your requirements and arrange a date for a group or bespoke visit. Home-made teas. Adult: £5.00, Child: Free

...**Bees, Bugs and Flowers** - Friday, August 25th at 3.15pm, starting from St Andrew's Church Hall. A Festival Walk in association with Radnorshire Wildlife Trust. A 2-hour naturalist's tour of Presteigne led by Janet Vincett, Community Wildlife Officer, Radnorshire Wildlife Trust. We still have places left on the afternoon walk which was added to the schedule when the morning one sold out. Numbers are limited so advance booking is advised. Please go to the Festival website, <https://presteignefestival.com/events/>, and look for Event 5A, BEES, BUGS AND FLOWERS, to see details and to book your place. You can also book by phone, [01544 267800](tel:01544267800), or at the Assembly Rooms Box Office, now open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 1pm.

...**Workshop - The Fine Art of Paper Flowers**. A step by step introduction to creating realistic looking paper flowers with Meg from Floragami. Thursday 19th October. 6pm - 9pm in The Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street, Presteigne. £40 (incl. refreshments and homemade cake). To book email or call Meg on 07711 091436 or floragami.paperflowers@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS

...**Heritage Crafts Bursary** - people in Wales are dissuaded from training in heritage crafts because of the cost. This bursary has been set up to help cover or subsidise the cost of training for someone who would otherwise be prevented from pursuing this career path. You could be just starting out on your journey in craft or at the point where you want to turn a hobby into a career, or you could already be a maker who is looking to further develop your heritage craft skills. Our training bursaries for people in Wales are funded by the Ashley Family Foundation (all ages) and the Principality Building Society's Future Generations Fund (25 years old or less). Apply at <https://heritagecrafts.org.uk/wales-training-bursary/>. Deadline 8 Sept.

...**Powys Recycles - Small electrical items**, such as laptops, cordless power tools, mobiles, toothbrushes, and cameras, can be recycled at our Household Waste Recycling Centres. But, where possible, please remove any batteries first and put these in the containers provided. If you can't take the batteries out, please put the whole item in the battery recycling container.

R.I.P.

...**from Peter - this is to announce the sad passing of our mother Marlie Mace** on the 30th of July. Our mother lived in Presteigne for many years and really valued the community and friends that she made along the way. She regularly used the East Radnor Day Centre and of course the Circle and valued these amazing services. Before the Pandemic she could be found in the Hat Shop (with a bottle of wine) most lunch times. As many of you know she was not religious so we will not be hosting a service for her in Church, however, there will be a memorial with Cake and Tea at her house on Harpers Lane on Saturday the 19th August between 3pm - 5pm. If any one would like to come and share their memories we would love to see you there.

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]*]

...**Local company, based in Presteigne needs short term administrative help**. Max 30 hrs pw in small friendly team - answering calls and emails, data logging and general admin. 6-8 weeks. Applicants 18+. Could suit student home for holidays. Immediate start and good pay for the right person. Please contact 03301744386 for more details.

...**The Garth Care Services in Kington** - a chef to prepare tasty meals for our lovely residents - to find out more, please contact enquiries@garthcareservices.co.uk or 01544 230502.

...**Presteigne Rights of Way Group** - In the last eight months the Volunteers of the Presteigne group of Rights of Way have returned to meeting fortnightly on a Thursday to clear footpaths and clean and repair foot bridges for the community to access. Powys CC provides training, support and equipment. The latest success has been the clearing of the footpath alongside the Warden Brook. We urge walkers to use this path so that footfall will keep the nettles and brambles from taking over the footpath. For info on volunteering see the PCC website and then "Apply to volunteer to maintain public rights of way"

...**Herefordshire Council - Fancy a change, we're hiring!** We've lots of exciting opportunities just waiting for the right person. For opportunities in social care visit:<https://orlo.uk/YzPev>. For other positions across Herefordshire Council, find out more & apply here: <https://orlo.uk/WnHY7>

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