

Community News

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The Community News is an information service from the Presteigne Area Community Development Group
"Working Together For Our Community"

**Next Issue - deadline for contributions 10am Friday 14th June
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

...If somebody falls down in Presteigne town then good to be aware that one of Winnicare (Mangar Health)'s wonderful Fall Rescue Kit cabinets is now installed next to the defibrillator on the front wall of the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street. A second cabinet will be installed next to the defibrillator at the Day Centre on Scottleton Street. Well done Winnicare - a really generous donation for the benefit of the town!!!

...June issue of Broad Sheep, out now and online! www.broadsheep.com

THANKS

...from St Andrew's church, Presteigne - Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Parochial Church Meeting last night, and to those who helped to organise it, stood for election as church wardens, and as members of the Parish Church Council and Deanery Synod, and provided the refreshments afterwards. Special thanks to Chris Smith who is helping us to streamline our finances, and to everyone who works so hard to run all the activities associated with St Andrew's and St Michael's Discoed, and to maintain our beautiful buildings.

SCAM ALERT

...from Barclays. Don't be scammed into buying 'cheap' tickets for events on-line or on social media. Scammers know how much we might want tickets to see our favourite artist or sports team. So when tickets for popular events are expensive or sold out, they take advantage by selling fakes or non-existent tickets. Check the event's website to make sure tickets can be resold or transferred, as there are often strict rules. Always research the seller. Look for reviews or comments about them, and be suspicious if their profile is new or has very few followers. Don't assume everyone in a fan group is genuine. Scammers join these groups to gain your trust. Research websites by looking for reviews and mentions of them elsewhere on the internet. Check the site address is correct, and that they offer the payment method you were expecting. Don't assume a site is genuine because it appears high in your search results. Anyone can pay for this position, including scammers.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Presteigne Local Food Market - this Saturday (June 1st). Located inside & outside at Presteigne Youth Centre (Old School) from 9am - 12.30pm. Stalls attending so far are...Wegnalls Farm Butchery; Auntie Cakey's -formerly Carzie Barzie Bakes; Hari's Curries and Spectacular Samosas: Chocolate from Continuum Conceits: Weobley Ash apple juice: Presteigne Honey: Boulanger Artisan Bakery; Jean's Plants and Eggs: Forest Smallholding Mutton and more! Come on down and check out what we have in stock!

...PACDG (Presteigne Area Community Development Group) will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 25 June at 7pm, at 6 Broad Street, Presteigne. This will be a short meeting, with nibbles and a glass of wine or alternative, and an opportunity to hear what PACDG are currently involved with. Please email simplynety@gmail.com if you will be attending (so we can cater accordingly) by 7 June. Thank you, Annette Gurr, Sec. PACDG

...Sinfonia Cymru at The Hub New Radnor Thursday 13th June 7pm. Flute, Cello and Harp. Tickets FREE from www.ticketsource.co.uk/sinfoniacycymru or on the door. Top class young professional musicians on their 'mainly village Halls' tour

...St Andrew's, Presteigne - Summer Craft Fair on 8th June from 2pm. If you wish to have a stall to sell your crafts, contact 01544 267857 or 07903 560297. It will be in the Church yard if dry, otherwise in the Church.

...**HART (Hay Animal Rescue Team)** - two day fund raising event. Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June 10am-3pm in 2 Radnor Buildings, opposite Presteigne Library. Bric a brac, clothes, bags, jewellery, come and bag a bargain and help a worthy cause at the same time. We are also asking for any animal food donations please to be dropped off during those two days for the animals that HART currently have in their care. Thank you. Louise George

...**"Music from the Parish" a fundraiser for St Michael's Hospice in memory of Andy Leavis** will take place on Wednesday 19 June, 7 pm at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. Compered by Ian Marchant, with Little Rumba, Jessica Rising, Presteigne Pop Choir and Rev. Steve Hollinghurst. Bar, snacks and raffle. Tickets £15 from The Salty Dog, The Workhouse Gallery and Courtyard Antiques.

...**Art Fair at the British Legion, Presteigne** - first Saturday of each month Art Fair 10 - 1pm. Craft and art work welcome £10.00 a table in the main hall, supporting local artists to sell their work - next date Saturday June 1st. Call Kay 07724 379335

...**Kington Choral Concert - Music For A Mid-Summer Evening.** Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Presteigne. Tickets are on sale now online from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DIWE>, and from the Salty Dog in Presteigne, Tower House Gallery in Knighton, and Border Bean in Kington. The concert programme is a collection of seasonal music chosen from 500 years worth of the best choral repertoire - medieval music, madrigals, classical oratorio highlights, romantic favourites, plus some modern treats - something for everyone-from Brahms to Bob Chilcott, Handel to Vaughan Williams and Gershwin. We welcome Welsh Harpist Eleri Darkins as a guest performer for this concert.

...**Summer concert in The Baptist Church with the Dolau Mixtures Choir and Michael Tavinor.** Friday 7 June, 7.30pm. Arrangements of popular songs, folk tunes and light classics. FREE admission with retiring collection to support the Baptist Ministry.

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - Pinhole photography workshop** for young people 7 – 14. Saturday 1 June, 10am – 2pm

...**Mid Border Arts MBA AGM** - Monday 10 June, 8pm. The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Everybody welcome

...**Sidney Nolan Trust. Our FREE Annual Community Day** returns on Saturday 6 July, 12 – 5pm. Music by Iris Rei, Toby Hay, Presteigne Pop Choir, Storytelling by Fiona Collins, arts activities, food & bar.

...**Grand Summer Sale** Saturday 15 June 10am-2pm, Presteigne Assembly Rooms. Fabulous clothes, vintage, collectables, books & jumble. Pop-up cafe serving coffee, teas and homemade cakes. £1 entry in aid of St Michael's Hospice and Knighton & District Refugee Support. More info Sabina Rüber 01544 262864 / Kate Bull 01544 370637.

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - ABET** Saturday 1 June 10am to 2pm. A creative group for adults working with artist Richard Harris

...**Wales and Border Harness Racing this Saturday 1st June**, from 1.30pm on Broadheath Common, just out of Presteigne! There will be an afternoon full of racing, Bar, Bouncy Castle & Betting! With RJ'S Smoke Shack serving delicious food!

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - Current exhibitions** present work by Resident Artists Daisy Dixon and Kate Green from 16 May – 13 July. Daisy Dixon: "A Presence, A Home?" Kate Green: "At the Water's Edge".

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in June:** 3rd - 7th June East Radnor Group Holiday at Tenby. Weds 12th June Two Castles - paths and tracks to Hay on Wye, return on Wye Valley Walk, 8.5 miles. Weds 19th June A meander through part of the Wye Valley AONB, 8.8 miles. Weds 26th June Offa's Dyke and Llanfair Hill, 8.7 miles. For more details see www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or call 01544 260524.

...**Chatterbrook WI** – Our meeting on Thursday June 13th at 7pm in the Norton Hub (the former church) will feature a talk by Janet Baker from the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust called 'Next Door Nature'. This also marks Big Green Week and a plant sales table is planned. Visitors and prospective new members are most welcome to join us - £4 on the door. Details from Claire on 07712 649458 <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society:** The next meeting is a social evening on Wednesday June 12th at 7.30 in Lingen Village Hall. There will be stalls, a competition, floral designs to be raffled, food and drinks, and a floral themed quiz. Visitors will be welcome - £6 on the door. Further details from Ann, our Secretary, on 01544 340453.

...**Flowers for Fun: Maybe you would like to know how to arrange flowers?** Join our friendly group to see what we do - at Whitton Community Hall on Thursdays 6th, 20th and 27th June and 18th July, from 12 – 2 pm. Come for a coffee and a chat – all welcome - £5 per session but first visit free! Phone Sue to confirm dates and for more details on 07368 350379, or just come along.

...**Evenjobb Village Hall "Where do the cops of today come from?"** Thursday 13 June, 7.30pm. The early history of the Police Service will be presented by Colin Rogers, professor of Policing and Security at the University of South Wales. Colin has spent 50 years first in the force and then as an academic. He is the author of many books, and has sat on advisory panels for the government and in Australia.

Tickets are £5, and proceeds will go to the Welsh Air Ambulance and the Hall. Refreshments in the interval. To book: lindaellams44@gmail.com or tickets at the door.

...NGS Open Garden - Willowbrook, Knighton Rd, Presteigne LD8 2ET. Sunday 23rd Jun 12:00 - 17:00. We are opening our garden for the National Garden Scheme, admission adults £5 (cash or card), children free. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome. Tea, coffee and cake will be available to purchase, and there will be a few plants for sale too. All proceeds will go to the NGS for distribution to their charities. Last year our garden raised over £2000 from two open days and six private arrangement visits, so do please come and support the amazing work of the NGS, they give so much to cancer and caring charities. If you can't make the 23rd June but would like to visit, please get in touch and we can make a private arrangement, though I can't promise cake for small groups of under 10 people! Details of the garden can be found online on the NGS website or in the Yellow Book.

...Presteigne Repair and Share Sat June 15th don't forget we are still there. Where? at the Youth Centre (Old School), Hereford Street 10am till 12noon when our clever volunteer fixers will be ready to mend broken household items so you can use them again. Its free, friendly and fun!

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...Presteigne Carnival - Volunteers needed!! (or Your Town Needs You). The Carnival is on Saturday, 13th July, so 8 weeks on Saturday! We've had some lovely people volunteer already, our regular wonderful volunteers hopefully will generously give some time again, however we really need more help! There are a myriad of jobs that need doing, either Friday, Saturday or Sunday, but particularly an hour or so of your time Saturday afternoon would be very gratefully received! If you are interested in being part of the biggest community event of the year, please either speak to a committee member, ring/text on 07766 152000, or we'll be in the High Street selling raffle tickets every Saturday in June in the mornings. Please come and have a chat. We also hold a Volunteers' Meeting which is planned for Wednesday, 10th July at the Scout Hut, where more info will be given. Thank you in advance - we know you're itching to help!! Please spread the word.

...Art for All classes every Tuesday morning 10am -12noon at the British Legion call Kay [07724379335](tel:07724379335) for more information

...Sidney Nolan Trust - MAKE art group continues, Summer term, 3 June – 8 July. Every Monday 3.30 – 5pm at Presteigne Youth Centre. Details and booking at sidneynolantrust.org

...a message about the Recycling area at the Youth Centre, Hereford Street. Please note, the facility for recycling electrical items at the Old School is for the disposal of SMALL electrical items such as razors, phones, hairdryers and NOT for computer screens, old shower motors, VHS players, toasters. Please recycle bigger items elsewhere. Used batteries can be taken to most supermarkets where they have receptacles on display for this purpose. Annette

...Radnor Oak - our Garden Buildings Showroom is now open! And ... if you live within an hour of Presteigne, we will deliver and erect your new Radnor Timber Building for free. Come and visit our Garden Buildings Showroom to get your project underway. Unit 3, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne. For more information, visit <https://radnortimberbuildings.co.uk/> or call us on 01544 260727.

...Presteigne Festival 22-26 August 2024. The 2024 Presteigne Festival programme is officially announced – online and telephone booking is open from today. 25 fabulous arts events taking place in the beauty of the Welsh Marches. Please join us! - 13 world premieres - Benjamin Britten's music featured - Richard Blackford – composer-in-residence - Concerts, film, exhibitions, poetry and literature - A roster of exceptional artists - Partnership with Open Studios Presteigne. View or download Festival brochure: <https://presteignefestival.com/2024-festival-programme/>. Book tickets online here: <https://presteignefestival.com/events/>

...Classes and groups at the Old School (Youth Centre), Presteigne:

MAKE - Sidney Nolan Trust - weekly arts club for young people aged 8 - 12. Monday afternoon Youth Club. Monday evenings

The Circle - Drop-in and Lunch Club. Tuesday mornings

Presteigne Rainbows/Presteigne Brownies. Tuesday afternoons

Presteigne Guides. Tuesday evenings

Play 'n Stay (Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup). Wednesday mornings

Yoga with Sarah Williams. Wednesday evenings

Presteigne Local Food Market. 1st Saturday of each month, mornings

Presteigne Repair & Skill Share. 3rd Saturday each month, mornings

For more information or to book the Old School for your meetings, classes, rehearsals or private functions, call/text Terry on 07766 097600.

...Classes and groups at the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne:

Śraddhā Yoga Mondays 6-7pm, Upstairs at The Assembly Rooms

Bandamania - Presteigne's community band Monday 7.30 - 9.30pm, Upstairs at The Assembly Rooms

Liminal Space - End of life conversations and support. 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5.30 - 7pm.

Downstairs at The Assembly Rooms

Whitton Voices - Community Choir. Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm, Upstairs at The Assembly Rooms
Dru Yoga Thursday, 10.30 - 10.40am, Upstairs at The Assembly Rooms with Barbara Parkinson
Presteigne Pop Choir Thursday 7 - 9pm, Upstairs at The Assembly Rooms
Writer's Group 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Downstairs at The Assembly Rooms
Presteigne Screen - cinema. Every alternate Friday, 8pm film starts, Upstairs at The Assembly Rooms
To use the Assembly Rooms for meetings, private functions or promoting the arts contact the Mid Border Arts co-ordinator Owen Rimington - [07813 892237](tel:07813892237) - info@midborderarts.com - contact by email preferred.

...from The Royal Oak, Presteigne - restaurant closed! Not the post we're wanting to make but due to unforeseen circumstances we have no choice. As of the 3rd June, we will be closing the restaurant/ takeaway and Indian kitchen. We will only be serving basket meals (sausage, nuggets, scampi, burgers and pizzas). The pub will STILL be OPEN, the bar will stay the same. We hope you understand, thank you for the continued support!

...Presteigne Soccer School is back! This summer 2024 at Presteigne St Andrews Football Club for boys and girls aged 5-12. Further information to follow soon which will include dates and how to book spaces. Please share to spread the word, many thanks. Lewis Jones and Chloe Russell Lugg

...Dolly Daydream Gift Shop, Presteigne - new books. We've got 3 local editions on the shelves including one on Welsh Marches walks... Ideal gifts for the avid trekkers! This book features 40 circular walks, with many ideal for families, in the heart of the Welsh Marches, taking in the hills of Shropshire, Mortimer and Clun Forests, and the rolling countryside of the Herefordshire Plain all the way to the slopes of the Black Mountains near the border town of Hay-on-Wye.

...Presteigne Girl Guides - Our units offer a fun and supportive environment where girls can make new friends, learn new skills, and build confidence. Whether your daughter is interested in outdoor adventures, arts and crafts, or community service projects, there is something for everyone at our Presteigne units. Don't miss out on this opportunity for your daughter to join a fantastic group of girls and experience all that Girlguiding has to offer. Register her interest today over at <https://bit.ly/3XfISbL> and let the adventure begin! Tuesday evenings at the Old School (Youth Centre), Presteigne.

...Presteigne Victoria Fish Bar - please note we will be closed from 3rd June to the 17th. Reopening Tuesday 18th June. Sorry for any inconvenience caused

OTHER NEWS

...Powys Recycles. Need more food waste liners? Just attach the yellow tag you'll find towards the end of your roll, to the lid of your food waste caddy next time you put it out for collection, and we'll leave you some more.

...Recycle Now - Ever wondered what happens to those delivery parcel boxes you recycle? Here's a quick step-by step rundown. 1. Paper and card collected from your home gets separated into different types and grades. 2. It is pulped with water and chemicals to separate the fibres and screened to get rid of any inks, plastic film, paper clips, staples and glue. 3. Colouring agents may be added and a mixture of 1% pulp and 99% fibre is sprayed on to a fast-moving mesh, which forms the sheet and removes the water. 4. The sheet is pressed to get rid of water, then rolled and heated to achieve the correct moisture content and thickness. 5. The recycled paper is wound on to huge rolls before being cut to make new products including cardboard, newspaper and office paper. It can also be used to make labels, bags and gift cards.

...Great Big Green Week will be taking place from 8th to 16th June, with this year's theme being 'Let's swap together for good'. From neighbours swapping skills in repair cafes or allotments, to businesses swapping fossil fuels for solar panels, to friends swapping fast fashion for second hand finds - every swap will add up to make a big difference. By working together to keep people safe, the climate stable and nature protected, we have the chance of a better world. FMI www.greatbiggreenweek.com

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]

...Clock Tower Tea Room, Knighton - recruiting a part time member of staff at The Clock Tower tearoom. Hours are negotiable. Please contact Nat for further details (07854 684119).

...Wye Valley Brewery - on the lookout for a Packaging Operative to join the Wye Valley Brewery Team! For more information about the role and how to apply, cut/paste this link: <https://uk.indeed.com/jobs?q=wye+valley+brewery&l=>

...Looking for a new job? Maylord Orchards and Hoople Group are hosting a jobs fair on Thursday 13 June from 10am to 2pm. Go along and meet employers face to face and discover a range of jobs, apprenticeships and voluntary opportunities across various employment sectors.

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