

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 Saturday 29th 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

THANKS

...Thank you so very much to **Jen & Dave Rusher** for the fantastic Horses to advertise this years Norton Show on 28 July. One horse at each end of the village - Norton Nellie and Trojan!!
...from **Louise** - thanks to everyone who supported me raising funds for Hay Animal Rescue in the Presteigne pop up shop. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community not only with purchasing items but also monetary donations together with dog & cat food and large amounts of toys and leads. The donations kept coming in even after I closed shop. All this combined to a total of over £600 for which the charity are very grateful especially as they are inundated with asks for help. I also wanted to thank Sue, Angi and Graham for supporting me during the two days and a huge call out to Maggie, all the cups of coffee and her marvellous shop which I can highly recommend anyone renting, it's a very special space.

...**Walton Village Hall would like to thank everyone who supported our week in the Kington Community Charity Shop.** To everyone that volunteered, donated, bought, and helped clear up. We raised over £1200 - Well done to everyone. Congratulations to Ann Davies (Old Radnor) who won the hamper as 1st prize in the raffle.

COUNCIL NEWS

...**Powys County Council - Do you have a question about council services?** People who live, work or study in Powys are being invited to submit a question to the next full meeting of the county council on Thursday 11 July. More: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/16509/Do-you-have-a-question-about-council-services>

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

...**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.

...**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 simplynetty@gmail.com if you will be attending (so we can cater accordingly) by 7 June. Thank you, Annette Gurr, Sec. PACDG

...'**Music from the Parish' raising funds for St Michael's Hospice.** Wednesday 19 June, 7pm at St Andrew's Church, in memory of Andy Leavis of Courtyard Antiques. Tickets (cash only) £15 from: The Salty Dog, The Workhouse Gallery and Courtyard Antiques. The local bands and musicians taking part will be Little Rumba, Jessica Rising and Presteigne Pop Choir and will also include a performance by Rev. Steve Hollinghurst. The event will be compered by local writer and broadcaster, Ian Marchant. Bar and snacks will be available. Doors open 6.15pm.

A raffle will be drawn on the night and includes generous donations by the community including paintings, ceramics, prints, restaurant vouchers and food and wine (on view in Courtyard Antiques window). Raffle tickets are on sale at The Salty Dog (Monday to Saturday) or at Courtyard Antiques (Friday and Saturday 10am-1pm). Also on the night!

...**Kington Choral - "Music for a mid-Summer Evening"** Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Presteigne. Tickets £15 (<16s free) on-line from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DIWE> and from Salty Dog (Presteigne), Border Bean (Kington) or Tower House Gallery (Knighton). 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 with the choir for this concert

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

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in 2nd half of June:** 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.

...**Rakhi Singh performs a solo violin concert at Pant Hall Cloister Gardens** LD8 2LY on Saturday July 6th. Gardens open at 3pm, performance at 5pm. Bring a picnic and enjoy the unique surroundings. Rakhi Singh is an internationally renowned musician, founding the Manchester Collective and playing an eclectic mix of classical, contemporary and European music see - www.rakhisinghmusic.co.uk . Tickets £25 - must be bought in advance - phone 01544 260066 / email cloistergardens@gmail.com or see www.panthallcloistergardens.com. Sorry no children under 16 or dogs allowed in the Gardens due to insurance.

...**Walton Village Hall - Dates for the future:** 2nd Wednesday every month: Book & Jigsaw swap. 10am - 1pm. Autumn Talks & Presentations: August 17th Radnor Wildlife Trust, Sept 21st Blood Bikes by Ray Rand, October 19th TBC, Nov 16th A Charity School in Gambia (more details nearer the time). Unfortunately due to dwindling numbers there will no longer be a Craft Club on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon.

...**Presteigne Community Garden** - on Saturday, 6th July, Presteigne Community Garden are pleased to be taking part in The Sidney Nolan Trust Community Day At The Rodd. We are hoping to have "A Taste of our Garden" with little bits and bites available to sample. Come and visit us in the old kitchen garden to see and taste what we're about.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**News from Presteigne Medical Centre:** We are thrilled to announce the arrival of Dr Chris Targett, Practice Clinical Lead and Salaried GP. Dr Chris officially joined us on Monday 3rd June 2024. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Practice, and we are confident that he will be a valuable asset to our team.

The Common Ailments Scheme (CAS) is provided by the local Pharmacies across Powys. The CAS service is intended to enable pharmacists to provide advice and support to eligible patients complaining of a common ailment and, where appropriate, to supply drugs to them for

the treatment of that common ailment. Our local pharmacy can offer advice and provide some over-the-counter and prescription medicines free of charge, without the need to see your GP for the following treatments: acne, athlete's foot, chicken pox, cold sores, colic, conjunctivitis, bacterial eye infections, constipation, dermatitis, diarrhoea, dry eyes, haemorrhoids, hay fever, head lice, indigestion, ingrowing toenails, intertrigo, mouth ulcers, nappy rash, oral thrush, ringworm, scabies, sore throat, teething, threadworms, vaginal thrush, verruca.

...**Broad Sheep REMINDER** - Any events you want included in July's issue of Broad Sheep, please email info@broadsheep.com for free listings (covering Herefordshire & The Marches). Deadline 15 June at the very latest!

...**Presteigne St Andrew's Parish Magazine** - Once more it's that time again - it's the looming deadline for the Parish Magazine. For the July/ August issue the deadline is Wed 19 June.

...**Mid Border News**. Apart from the chilly winds, summer seems to have arrived at last and we have a fine crop of slugs here at MidBorder Towers. See below for the link to the online edition of the magazine; the print edition has now been distributed in and around Kington, Knighton and Presteigne, so if you want one be quick – they go like hot cakes. In our summer issue we have part two of A History of the Oxford Arms, local events, concerts, shows, art and craft, A Brief History of Presteigne, Knighton news, Threads through Creation at Leominster Priory, council news and the Business Directory. As ever, if you have any suggestions for subjects you think we should cover, improvements we could make, what works and what doesn't, let us know. This is a community magazine and we want to be as reflective as possible of the communities we serve. Enjoy your summer! Best wishes, Annie https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_summer_2024

...**Presteigne Quilters, Knitters & Stitchers**. We are pleased to say that we can now add new members to our group, as sadly some of current members are moving away. We meet twice a month, on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday at St Andrews Church Hall from 11 - 3 pm. We have regular taught sessions and beginners are welcomed. Annual subscription is only £30. To join our group please ring Heather on 07790 712 926 or Jane on 07946 480 824.

...**Marches Investment Club (MIC). Interested in getting to know more about investments?** We are a small friendly investment club that meets each month in Presteigne, when we discuss new investment ideas and the performance of our portfolio. Each member pays in £30 a month, and all are free to suggest investment ideas for the club. We are now seeking new members - you don't need to be a financial expert - most of us aren't! If you'd like to find out more, you're welcome to sit in on one of our meetings. Please reply via news@pacdg.org and our club secretary will contact you.

...**PNCS Community Transport** - Due to a shortage of drivers available, we will only be doing hospital appointments through June. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you would like to hear more about becoming a community driver, just call in to talk to Sharon at our office on Presteigne High Street. PNCS NEEDS YOU!!!

...**Norton Village - Speed Watch Group**. The concerns of traffic speed through Norton has been long running. If you do have concerns & would be willing to join a community speed watch group. Please email me cllr.deborah.edwards@powys.gov.uk. If we can get enough people interested to volunteer a little time, the Dyfed Powys Community Speed Watch co-ordinator and the Go Safe team will provide training & checks to enable to use the equipment purchased by Tracey Price Town Clerk, Presteigne & Norton TC

...**Presteigne Screen - the new season of Screen films** will start on Friday 6 September. Sign up to their mailing list via this link: http://eepurl.com/iyY_0M

OTHER NEWS

...**from PACDG - Polite reminder on Used pill blister packs**. These should be disposed of in your black bin/purple bag and NOT left at The Old School in Hereford Street or put into the school's bin. All waste collected by PCC goes for incineration. We know there is some out of date info around, but to confirm we no longer collect these at The Old School (because no-one will take them for recycling).

...**Would you like to rent our shop in the centre of Presteigne?** 2 Radnor Buildings Presteigne (opposite the Library) either as a pop-up shop event or for a longer term. Weekly or monthly rates available. Contact 07952 972746

...from **Chris & Carolyn in Evenjobb** - following a lengthy illness, Carl Evans (Stoke City FC supporter and Gary Chibnell-Smith's "right hand man" at Carini Butchers) has decided to retire on health grounds. Carl was always very amiable (irrespective of whether Stoke had won or lost!!!) obliging and efficient - he will be much missed by so many customers. Carl - we wish you all the very best.

...**Do you own or manage a business in Powys?** We are offering a rate relief scheme to those in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors to support them as they continue to face challenging economic times. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/15224/Business-Rates-Retail-Leisure-and-Hospitality-Rates-Relief-2024--2025>

...**Presteigne Fire Station - after 36 years service crew manager David Christopher (Spider) has announced he will be retiring at the end of June!** Spider has seen a lot of changes during his time in the brigade with his first appliance being drawn by horses! In all seriousness though he's going to be a huge miss to the station his knowledge and experience can't be replaced! Spider is also a huge advocate for mental health and has been very open in talking about his own issues and encourages anyone struggling to speak about any issues as the support he has received has been incredible and really helped him move forward!

On a final note if anyone has any interest in joining the station please message the station FB page or get in contact with a crew member and they will be able to give you more information on what to expect before committing to making a formal application! Thank you

...from **Emma Lilley, Brecon & Radnor branch of CPRW** (the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales). Some of you may know of Bute Energy's plans for our hills and be comfortable with them but CPRW is starting to realise that lots of people don't - and won't be! For those who haven't been following the project, Bute is planning three wind farms for Mid-Wales consisting of 65 turbines up to 220m high and a grid connection corridor of more than 300 pylons running 60 miles all the way to Carmarthen. The planning application for the first one, Nant Mithil Energy Park (covering Radnor Forest), is due later this year.

There are various public meetings coming up in the next week at which you can find out more and hear local concerns about the project (and presumably some support for it too!):

Friday 14 June TODAY at 7.30pm, Dolau Community Hall. Public meeting organised by Dolau community with representatives from active local groups

Saturday 15 June at 10am-3pm, Fforest Inn, Llanfihangel Nant Melan, at the A44/A481 junction
Drop-in session to help with making effective submissions to Bute (as part of their planning consultation, which ends 24 June) and general information organised by Re-think (<https://www.rethink.wales>)

Monday 17 June at 7pm, Metropole, Llandrindod Wells. Public meeting organised by Fay Jones, Conservative candidate for Brecon & Radnorshire

Go to https://www.brecon-and-radnor-cprw.wales/?page_id=2931 to see a map showing the location and impact of the proposed wind farms. The turbines will be visible for miles and from many of our favourite walks - from Offa's Dyke paths to the Whimble. They really will change our landscape for ever. CPRW's view is that the location of our wind farms needs a much more nuanced approach. It supports renewable energy but draws the line at a proposal for three farms built less than 2.5 km apart that will overwhelm our landscape of small hills and valleys and destroy countless habitats in the process. Wales will need off-shore wind in any case to meet its 2035 targets so why let Bute industrialise our hills?

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]

...**Walton Village Hall is looking for new committee members.** Our meetings are usually only 4 times a year, most often on a Tuesday afternoon. If you would like to know more contact a member of the committee or ring (leave message) Karan Peachey on 01544 350 511.

...**The Presteigne Festival is seeking experienced professionals** to work in the roles listed below, thanks to a grant from Powys County Councils Shared Prosperity Fund. Fundraising Consultant, Evaluation Consultant, Economic Impact Survey (potentially coupled with evaluation, above), Website Designer. Please note that the funding for these roles must be used by December 2024, so availability to carry out the brief within that time frame is vital. Key dates are the Festival period itself, 22-26 August 2024. Detailed information on all these roles is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/2jm4kfnb>.

...**Chilvers Country Supplies, Presteigne - Full/Part time flexible position available to cover maternity leave.** We are looking for someone to join our friendly, busy team at Chilvers Country Supplies in Presteigne to cover all aspects of shop work. Must be computer literate, have an interest in farming/horses/other animals to be able to give advice on feeding etc.& physically fit to lift/carry feed bags and unload pallets. AMTRA/SQP qualification and forklift experience an advantage but not necessary. Call in to the shop or email CV to andyhilvers@outlook.com. Closing date Monday 17 June

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