

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

NOTE - NO END-SEPTEMBER, START-OCTOBER OR MID-OCTOBER ISSUES (Editor on holiday!!)

Next Issue - deadline for contributions 10am Wednesday 30 October
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

...All of us on the Presteigne Festival team would like to thank the wonderful community here for the support and kindness shown to us as we prepared for then staged the events over the bank holiday weekend. Without volunteer stewards, drivers, hosts and the many individuals and businesses who help us, the festival simply could not take place. Speaking as people who love Presteigne, it's brilliant to see the streets buzzing and to hear that businesses, from cafés to charity shops to Open Studios, have had a busy time. A big thank you to everyone who has supported us, in whatever way. George and Alison

...Many thanks to all who supported the Summer series of four concerts and talks at Presteigne Baptist Church. They were much enjoyed and raised over £1100 towards essential chapel repairs. Grateful thanks to all. Michael Tavinor

COUNCIL NEWS

...Powys Replacement Local Development Plan is underway. Details of candidate sites put forward can now be viewed on the Powys County Council website - <https://ldp.powys.gov.uk>. You can comment on the various parts of the process listed on that page. The consultation ends on 7th October. A number of potential sites have been put forward for building including, for Presteigne and Norton:

1. Former Kayes Foundry Presteigne. Area (hectares) 2.39. Existing Land Use(s) Former Foundry Site. Proposed Use Open Market Housing, Affordable Housing, Specialist Housing (including for older people and those with disabilities), Retail.
 2. Land adjacent to Walkers Meadow, Knighton Road, Presteigne. Area (hectares) 2.14. Existing Land Use(s) Agricultural Land. Proposed Use Open Market Housing, Affordable Housing.
 3. Land adjacent to Long Meadow, Slough Road, Presteigne. Area (hectares) 1.6. Existing Land Use(s) Agricultural Land. Proposed Use Open Market Housing, Affordable Housing.
 4. Land adjacent Maes Corton, Presteigne. Area (hectares) 1.75. Existing Land Use(s) Agricultural Land. Proposed Use Open Market Housing, Affordable Housing, Green Infrastructure / Open Space.
 5. Land at Mynd Road, Norton. Area (hectares) 0.33. Existing Land Use(s) Agricultural Land. Proposed Use Open Market Housing.
 6. Wills View, Norton. Area (hectares) 1.28. Existing Land Use(s) Agricultural Land. Proposed Use Open Market Housing, Affordable Housing.
 7. Extension to Jacks View. Area (hectares) 0.29. Existing Land Use(s) Agricultural Land. Proposed Use Open Market Housing, Affordable Housing.
- Other areas such as settlement ratings are also online for comment.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Herefordshire Art Week (H'Art) at THE HYMNS, Walton LD8 2RA.** Selling Exhibition, private view, art classes, talk by Anne Goodwin on "Wordsworth in The Radnor Valley" and exhibition dinner at The Hymns & National Garden Scheme. Garden open days Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th Sept 2024 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To book Anne Goodwin's talk (£5 in aid of Walton Village Hall) (Friday 13th September), private view (Friday 6th September), exhibition dinner (£25) (Saturday 14th September), or watercolour workshop (by Ruth Kirkby & Deb Bunker), pottery and pottery painting workshop (by Sally Hamer & Sarah Jane Harper) throughout the week. More information and bookings on the website www.radnorshireartists.com.

...**Norton Hub - Whist Drive.** Tuesday 17th September, 7.30. All welcome, whether you're a seasoned player or just want to give it a go. £5 entry, includes raffle ticket and refreshments. Contact Ann 01544 267221.

...**Walton Hall - MacMillan coffee morning** from 10am to 1pm on Friday 20th September. Donations of cakes and local produce will be gratefully accepted. Please come and support this important charity.

...**"Held in Presteigne" Roger Curtis is giving an illustrated talk on POW Camp No 48 Clatterbrune** at 7.30 on Thursday 19th September at 7.30 at the Day Centre in Scottleton Street. All proceeds and donations will go to the vital Day Centre and Home Support services run by East Radnorshire Care. As many will know, hundreds of Italian and German Prisoners of War were held in Presteigne from 1941 to around 1947 and many worked in the surrounding areas. A few stayed behind or returned to marry locally. Details of the camp, an explanation of a record of capture in North Africa, an actual letter from an Italian to his wife in Florence together with copies of official documents will be on show together with replicas of camp money and post-war documentation. Tickets at £10, payable with cash or cheque, will be available from the Day Centre from Monday 19th August between 10am – 4pm, Mondays to Thursdays. Don't delay: space is limited. Additional information on 01544 262846

...**St. Andrew's Church Hall, Presteigne** - a presentation/talk on Jane Roberts and Kay Pritchard's (Midwife and Health Visitor) work trip to Africa on Thursday 26th September 7pm Its a fund raiser for them to send equipment and money direct. This will have been their 3rd visit to this centre for improving maternity care and care for children with disabilities of which sadly there are many, where they have been able to set up a sterilising unit, fund wheelchairs and other specialist equipment.

...**Presteigne Screen in September/October** - "Blackbird, Blackbird, Blackberry" 20th September. Georgia 2023. 110 mins. 15. "Driving Mum" 4th October. Iceland. 2024. 112 mins. 12A. "La Chimera" 18th October. Ita/Fra/Swi/Tur. 2023. 130 mins. 15. Buy tickets with WeGotTickets. See www.presteignescreen.org.uk for full Presteigne Screen Programme

...**Norton Hub - Harvest Lunch.** Sunday 22nd September, 12.30. Tickets £20, includes a drink with your meal. This is strictly by pre-booked ticket only, which always sell fast – contact John 01544 267048 or jrefausse@yahoo.com

...**Chatterbrook WI** –Our meeting on Thursday October 10th at 7 pm, is our special Members' Evening, an informal meeting enabling lots of socialising, and getting to know our newer members better. This meeting will be in the British Legion in Presteigne, where there is adjacent parking and better lighting. Visitors are also welcome to come and see what we do - £4 on the door to include light refreshments. Details from Claire on 07712 649458 or Margaret mail@galliers.org.uk and see <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society:** The next meeting is on Wednesday October 9th at 7.30 in Lingen Village Hall. This will be a workshop with Sue, working with foliage arrangements and leaf manipulation. Light refreshments available. Visitors will be welcome - £6 on the door. Please book a place and get further details from Ann, our Secretary, on 01544 340453.

...**Flowers for Fun:** these informal classes on Thursdays, from 12 till 2.00, in Whitton Hall will resume September 19, and continue on September 26 and then on 3, 17 and 24 October.

...**Presteigne Library - Lego Club returns to the library** on the 19th of September, 3.30 - 4.30. From now on it will run on the 3rd Thursday of every month rather than every week, so be sure to add it to your diaries! presteigne.library@powys.gov.uk 01544 260552

...**British Legion Club Open Day** - Saturday 5th October 10am to 2pm all welcome please bring membership card if you are already a member. Kay Yendole 07724379335

...**MBA presents Guy Davies** - Friday 25 October, 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm. The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Guy Davis is a two-time, back-to-back Grammy nominee for Best Traditional Blues, a musician, actor, author, and songwriter using a blend of Roots, Blues, Folk, Rock, Rap, Spoken Word, and World Music to comment on, and address the frustrations of social injustice, touching on historical events, & common life struggles. Tickets - £15. <25's - £10 (Limited tickets). Tickets from The Workhouse, Presteigne or www.midborderarts.com

...**Presteigne Festival invites you to A Singing Day With Bob Chilcott** - Saturday 19 October at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. 10.30am to 4pm, registration from 10am. Tea, coffee, biscuits provided. Pianist: Jonathan Lyness. Includes: Bob's own uplifting Requiem and music by Presteigne Festival favourite, Cecilia McDowall. Booking opened on Tuesday 3 September. £20 in advance to include score hire. Booking in advance is essential - call the Box Office 01544 267800 or book online at presteignefestival.com. In order to enjoy the workshop fully, a reasonable level of sight reading is required.

...**Early Music in the Marches weekend events:**

(1) **Concert "Pièces en concerts"** in St Andrew's Church, Presteigne, 7.30 p.m. Friday, 20th September - music by Marais, Couperin, Rameau & others. Julia Bishop (baroque violin), David Hatcher (baroque cello and viola da gamba) and Hilary Norris (harpsichord). The programme focuses on the richness of the chamber music heard at the court of Versailles, including some of the finest works by court composers Marin Marais, Francois Couperin and Jean-Philippe Rameau. Concert tickets (£15 each / U18 f.o.c.) can be ordered by emailing info@earlymusicinthemarches.com

(2) **Two-day workshop.** 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Saturday, 21st & Sunday, 22nd September. Upper House and St Michael's Church, Discoed, LD8 2NW. The workshop is for vocalists and instrumentalists with good sight-reading skills. It will focus on Marc-Antoine Charpentier's Te Deum in D major (H.146) - albeit in a C major edition - and Jean Baptiste Lully's setting (LWV55) of the same text. Drawing on their extensive experience in the field, David and Julia will guide the orchestra and choir through these magnificent and joyful works by giving insight into the intricate details of interpretation of the most distinctive music of the French Golden Age. There are still a few places available for singers, orchestral string players, tenor recorders and oboes. There are places reserved for a timpanist and a natural trumpet player - but please enquire if you might be interested in taking either of these parts as they may become available. To apply, use the application form at https://mcusercontent.com/c026d8a75afa57593f8f404ae/files/3980d1e3-d67d-9891-410e-98a10044e7db/EMinM2024_Application_Form.01.pdf.

(3) **Costs:** Inclusive Weekend Ticket - £105 includes the Friday evening concert (and a drink) and the two-day workshop. And / Or: Friday Concert (including a drink): £15 (U18 f.o.c.). Two-day workshop: £95. One day workshop: (Saturday or Sunday) £50

...**POP UP 2nd hand Clothes Sale** 14th & 15th September 11am-4pm @no.7 Hereford St, Presteigne. Variety of sizes, styles, fabrics & prices. Including Sheepskin coats, shoes, bags & accessories. Welcome for a browse.

...**Norton Hub - we will be hosting a Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning** at The Hub on Friday 27th September 10am to 12noon. If you would like to join us for a coffee & a chat. Or simply donate to this wonderful charity that has helped so many of our loved ones. See you there!

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Presteigne Bowls Club** - following up the Club's successes with a Mens and a Ladies team winning two of the titles in the Welsh National Championships, in the Mid Wales Bowls Leagues both our Mens and Ladies teams narrowly lost out on shot difference!! in the League Championship, both coincidentally to Llandod teams. Congratulations to all who played and supported - what a brilliant year for Presteigne Bowls Club!

...Important update from Presteigne Medical Centre regarding Flu Vaccinations.

- Child Nasal (2-3 year olds) vaccination invitations will be sent out in the next couple of weeks
- We are NOW taking bookings for Adult Flu Vaccines. Clinics will start the last week of September up until December 2024. Patients are invited to either call in and book, or the surgery will be in touch with the eligible patients directly to book a suitable appointment.

Please contact us on [01544 267985](tel:01544267985) to check eligibility and to book into one of our clinics.

...September for Art for All Tuesday mornings at Presteigne British Legion

...B W Roberts Garage, Presteigne - We will have new permanent opening hours starting w/c Monday Sept 30th 2024: 9am-1pm, 2pm-5.30pm. This is for forecourt and workshop.

...PSAFC - Hoping to get a Presteigne football team together for the under 10's age group. Training sessions to begin in the next few weeks, so putting this out there to gauge interest. Please get in touch via our FB page

...Carini Butchers, Presteigne - due to holiday, the butchers last trading day is Saturday 7 Sept. Reopening Tuesday 24 Sept. Apologies for any inconvenience

OTHER NEWS

...Can you help? Hello, we are a family from Ukraine, Serhii and Anna – we arrived six months ago and are enjoying living close to Presteigne. Our two children are going to schools in Presteigne and settling in well and we would love to stay here. We are currently looking for somewhere new to live, preferably within walking distance of the town itself. If you know of a house, flat or annex we might be able to rent at an affordable rate or, alternatively, might be interested in being our host then we would love to hear from you. Please email us at ua507ua@gmail.com or, if you'd like to know more about us or talk to someone about how hosting works, then email emma.lilley@btinternet.com

...NGS - Applications are now open for 2025 Community Garden Grants! These hugely popular grants provide funding to amateur gardeners from community groups in England, Wales, NI and the Channel Islands to create or complete a garden or similar project (such as an allotment) that has a horticultural focus for the benefit of the local community or charitable group. The aim should be to bring a community together by creating or developing a space that people can share, by the acquisition and sharing of gardening knowledge and skills, and by inspiring a love of gardening. Submissions close at noon on Monday 28th October. For more details visit <https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/>

...Powys are currently asking for opinions on the current bus routes. Please can you take 5 mins to complete the survey - link below. What would be most helpful is stating that we need a direct bus to Llandrindod & Leominster at least twice a week. Many Thanks, Beverly. Copy & paste this link to the survey: https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/powys-local-bus-network?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR1BK52In9JE7t7OAJdFMhKMzs3yPhVG0GgtmXZuETxNjvvgg8Aa049sXw44_aem_BJrVbyWR3P-C6EO7ROVUfw

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]

...B J Roberts Garage, Presteigne - forecourt attendant, starting w/c 30th Sept 2024 - full time position. Applicants must be 18+ due to the fuel dispensing aspect (unsupervised). This is a quite varied role which will also involve shop sales, parts ordering, taking fuel deliveries and booking work into the diary. To apply email CV urgently to robertsandsonltd@gmail.com.

...Presteigne Youth Project Limited (PYP) is looking for someone to join us as the secretary of the organisation, as the current secretary will be taking over as Treasurer. PYP is a limited company and a registered charity - we look after the Old School (Youth Centre) community building in Hereford Street. The role is not onerous as PYP is a small relatively uncomplicated organisation but will include: Organising meetings, preparing Agendas and taking Minutes / Ensuring that all legal requirements are met, for example keeping PYP's details up to date at Companies House and the Charity Commission / Ensuring regular reviews of policies and procedures. Email presteignedogman@icloud.com.

...MBA - Community Outreach Worker at The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne made possible with a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund. The role is to develop relationships with groups in the community to broaden our range of activities and increase the use of our lovely venue. This is a paid part-time role for 6 months Oct 24-March 25. To apply go to www.midborderarts.com.

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