

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 Thursday 14 November 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 FIREWORKS - Sheep Music is back hosting Presteigne Fireworks on the evening of Saturday 2nd November with an amazing firework display, spectacular fire sculpture, live music, hot food and bar. We are pleased to be presenting this special evening once again and have received a grant from the Town Council towards the cost of the fireworks.

Cash only on the gate - £5, under 12s free. The evening will start at 6.15 pm with a torchlight procession from the Recycling Centre led by John Bray with his fire juggling. Fire torches will be available for adults, children will be provided with electronic tea lights. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lantern. The firework display will begin at 6.45 pm on Went's Meadow with music to accompany the fireworks, written by John Hymas. The display has been designed by an exciting new team comprising individuals from Sheep Music and some members of the local community. The evening will also feature a fire sculpture designed by Owen Rimington. Following the fireworks, Sheep Music are delighted to present live music from **The Breaks** with their energetic blend of reggae, ska, funk, soul and jazz. There will be hot food available and a Sheep Music bar - cash & card accepted. Disabled Parking available.

THANKS

...**Presteigne Carnival - a huge Thank You yet again to our wonderful firemen** for taking down the Carnival bunting. True community spirit, giving up their Sunday morning to help, what would we do without them. Also thank you yet again to Chatterbrook WI and Jeanette Washington for making the bunting. This lot has had its day, it's done a wonderful job of brightening up the High Street for the last 3 years but unfortunately is now worn out! Luckily the WI made enough for next year as well! High Street looks bare now, but ready for the Christmas lights. Just love this town!!

...Norton Bonfire Night 2024, another lovely evening. Thanks to everyone who made it happen! Frank

...Presteigne Primary School - Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest service at St Andrew's Presteigne this week. The children sang and spoke brilliantly - as always, we are incredibly proud of them all. Thanks also to Reverend Hollinghurst and to everyone who gave donations for the food bank and to UNICEF. We have raised over £80 which is wonderful! Diolch yn fawr pawb!

COUNCIL NEWS

...**Presteigne & Norton Town Council is seeking to appoint a self-employed contractor to carry out limited street cleaning and tidying duties** on an occasional basis. Duties include –

- Ensuring streets and public areas are clean and reporting any maintenance issues.
- Carrying out general street cleaning duties to comprise of litter picking, weed clearing, road sweeping, graffiti removal and waste management.

You will be working outside in all weather conditions as and when needed, for example prior to town events such as the carnival and annual music festival, invoicing on a monthly basis. Pay negotiable. If you would like to discuss the above contact either the Town Mayor, Cllr. Trevor Owens (07910 072825) or the Town Clerk, Tracey Price (07866 815622). Applications should be made to the Town Clerk, preferably via email to presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com. Please include details of your hourly rate and availability and note that, if appointed, you will be expected to hold your own public liability insurance. Tracey Price, Town Clerk

...**Latest planning applications** for the October/November meetings of the PNTC.

24/1456/LBC Grid Reference: E:331476 N: 264421 Proposal: Demolition of existing lean-to utility and construction of single storey kitchen/dining room. Site Address: Hafod , Broad Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AD. 24/1471/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331426 N: 264435 Proposal: Trimming and shaping tree within a conservation area Location: Craftsmans Mews , Broad Street, Presteigne LD8 2AA. 24/1504/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331379 N: 264626 Proposal: Removal of a boundary Laurel shrub & Holly tree, and the crown of a Yew tree & Dawn Redwood tree. Location: The Rectory , St David's Street, Presteigne LD8 2BP.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**KCS Winter Concert - Handel's baroque masterpiece "Messiah" at St Andrew's, Presteigne** on Saturday 23rd November 7.30pm featuring world-renowned soloists and the Bannau Brecheiniog Chamber Orchestra supporting the Kington Choral choir under the baton of Rob Evans. Tickets £20 (<18s free) available now from Salty Dog (Presteigne), Tower House Gallery (Knighton), Border Bean (Kington) or online from trybooking.com.

...**Charity Concert - Presteigne Pop Choir and Press Gangers shanty band** are joining forces to put on a gig at the Community Hall in New Radnor on Saturday 16th November. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Bar. £10 (<18s free). Tickets available now from ESCOs in New Radnor, Salty Dog in Presteigne, or online from trybooking.com. Raising funds for Lifeboats in this RNLI 200th year, and CureEB (research to end painful skin conditions)

...**Pop Up Charity Hair Salon** Sunday 3rd Nov 8:30-4:40pm, The Youth Centre, Hereford Street, Presteigne. An amazing opportunity to raise money for Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup and to get your hair trimmed at the same time, or even the children's haircut ready to return to school after half October term. Refreshments, fun toys and activities plus raffle. Five qualified hair stylists for men and women and children. Prices vary from £5 to £15. Walk ins on the day if space. Contact Sarah Kuegler for information and to book ahead 07867543820. All proceeds for Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup.

...**Breathwork For Health with Elisabeth Reissner** - A practical workshop exploring research-based, breathing practices showing *how* and *why* they are beneficial for our physical and mental wellbeing. Improve your ability to cope with stress, aid relaxation and sleep, increase your emotional resilience and positively impact chronic conditions. Saturday 16th November at The Old School, Presteigne 3 - 4.30pm All welcome. £10 suggested donation. Further info: wingsofchange24@gmail.com

...**St Andrew's Church Presteigne - coffee mornings** on 12th October and 9th November from 10.30am. Also Christmas Craft Fair 29th November from 2pm. St Andrew's Presteigne

...**The Circle's Autumn Bonanza** 9th November 10-1pm in the Youth Centre on Hereford Street, Presteigne. Please come and support us and grab a bargain. Gifts galore, homemade cakes, Tombola, new & preloved books, jigsaws, clothes and accessories. Something for everyone. Please ring Tina on 07885279964 to book a table (spaces are limited)

...**Mid Wales Opera presents PAGLIACCI**. Leoncavallo's legendary operatic thriller, the leader of a touring troupe of comedy actors, discovers that his wife Nedda is having an affair. Tuesday 5th November, 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm. St. Andrews Church, Broad Street, Presteigne Tickets £16 or £10 for under 25s, available from The Workhouse Gallery or midborderarts.com

... **MBA presents 'Yoga as Pilgrimage' a talk by Ranju Ray** about his book Sunday 17th November, 3pm, The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Tickets £5, from The Workhouse Gallery or midborderarts.com

...**the Hub at New Radnor, (LD8 2SS)** Thursday October 31st Halloween Coffee Morning 10-12.30. Pumpkin pie, scones, pumpkin soup. Sunday 17th November 7.30 PAGODA PROJECT Paul Hutchinson and Karen Wilmhurst, accordion and clarinets. An innovative fusion of Folk and Jazz, poignant and captivating. Tickets £15 from 07870 752325 or on the door. Saturday 30th November 11-4 "It Happened Here" 60 years on. Including screening of the independent film of an imagined Nazi occupation of Britain, part filmed in New Radnor and first shown 1964 at the Cork Film Festival. With legendary co-director of the film Kevin Brownlow and local participants. Tickets £15 (including buffet lunch) Tickets from eventbrite.com. For information: marianmckiggan@gmail.com

...**MINR presents Music For Ten Strings** on Saturday November 9th 7.30pm Chris Horner, violin and John Mills, guitar. A wide-ranging international programme, ranging from the melodic German violinist / composer Fritz Kreisler to the evocative Spanish tones of Manuel de Falla and Isaac Albéniz. Also pieces by the Welsh composer Mervyn Burtch, alongside Paganini, Rodrigo, Tchaikovsky and others. Bring own refreshments as there will be no bar. Music in New Radnor, New Radnor Community Hall, LDS 2SW Tickets £15 /under 14s £3, from: 01544 350746 / 07493 940683. Pre-booking recommended

...**Chatterbrook WI** – our meeting on Thursday November 14th at 7 pm is our Kurling night - a fun evening with trophies to be contested and won! British Legion, Hereford Street, Presteigne, where there is adjacent parking and good street lighting. Visitors are always welcome to join us and see what we do - £4 on the door. Light refreshments available. 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 November 13th at 7.30 in Lingen Village Hall. This will be a Demonstration by Jane Pugh – the Singing Florist. Light refreshments available. Visitors will be welcome - £6 on the door..

...**Flowers for Fun:** these informal classes on Thursdays, from 12 till 2.00, in Whitton hall will continue on 7th, 21st, 28th November and 5th December. Open to all, £5 per session. Further details from Ann, our Secretary, on 01544 340453

...**Gather Round with Marion Rowlett** - dates for November and December are as follows. We meet in the Baptist church at 11o'clock on Saturday 16th November and 2 opportunities in December - 14th and 21st. The 14th is an extra practice for the Manchester Carols which we are singing as part of a

"Retelling of the Christmas Story" a presentation in words and music in the Baptist church at 3pm on Sunday 15th December, followed by tea.

...**The Legion Craft Group**: Introducing Tuesday Craft Afternoons: these will start on Tuesday November 5th, in the British Legion hall, Hereford Street, Presteigne 1 – 3 pm. Make a no-sew Christmas wreath using up-cycled fabric & a wire ring: Just £3 for materials, or bring your own. Easy to make, friendly guidance, everyone welcome. £5 per session to cover hall hire. More crafting plans for Tuesdays 12th, 19th, 26th November. Info: contact Libby 01544 350333 /email l1bby.j15@outlook.com

...**Presteigne Bowls Club Xmas Bingo** is back! but this time at a new venue - John Beddoes School main hall. Saturdays 16th, 23rd and 30th November. Prizes include £200 cash, Xmas Hamper, TV, laptop plus many other prizes. Doors open 6pm for 7.30pm start. Car parking in school playground. Bar applied for. All welcome!!

...**Fundraising Book Stall** Saturday Nov 2nd at Radnor Buildings Shop, Presteigne 9am to 2pm. A wide selection of second hand books, mainly hard back, some paperbacks. Good for preloved presents & winter reading. Support for medical aid in Palestine through Medicins Sans Frontieres / Doctors without Borders

...**Presteigne Repair and Share** Saturday Nov 21st at the Youth Centre, Hereford Street. 10 till 12 noon. Last chance this year to bring your broken household items along to be fixed !

...**Presteigne Screen - "Monster"**, Japan 2024 127 mins 12A. Filmed in his native Japan, director Hirokazu Kore-eda (Shoplifters) has made a wondrous and heartbreaking humanistic tale. The reputation of a schoolteacher, Mr Hori, is questioned when a local fire triggers the circulation of scandalous rumours. Meanwhile, single mother Saori despairs when her son Minato, a student in Hori's class, comes home from school injured and visibly disturbed, yet unable to share what has happened. However, not all is as it seems, in this compelling drama and mystery that evolves as a non-linear portrait of community, friendship and family. An exquisitely layered conundrum, both coming-of-age film and thriller. Friday, 1st November. Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea & Cakes. Films start 8pm. Tickets £5 at door. Buy online through our website or at WeGotTickets.

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in November**: Weds 30th Oct Autumn Colours on Offa's Dyke and Mortimer Trail, 8.9 miles. Weds 6th Nov A 360 view walk, on the hills above Gladestry, 8 miles. Weds 13th Nov Exploring the "Picturesque" Fishpools Valley, 7 miles. For more details see www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or call 01544 260524

...**from Sabina at Flare & Flame - an end of season sale** in Presteigne at the Assembly Rooms Saturday 2nd of November. This year has been something of a frenzy and some varieties have sold out. However, we still have a good selection of spring bulbs including alliums, crocus, irises and of course tulips. We will be there from 9 am to 12 midday - do come along to talk flowers and get inspired for Spring. You can review our catalogue at this link: [Flare & flame 2024 catalogue](#). And do contact us if there is something particular you'd like to reserve. Hope to see you there

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**from Dale & Claire about The Royal Oak** - unfortunately we have regained the Oak in a sad state of repair with works needed to be carried out and new equipment to get it back operational. We are looking forward to what we are sure will be a brighter future for the Oak, with new tenants incoming that hold a wealth of experience providing high standards in the hospitality industry coupled with the ability to provide that Royal Oak local pub feeling again! More news to follow in due course. Dale & Claire

...**Recycling in Presteigne - the recycling facility at the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street has CLOSED**. PACDG set up this facility with the Presteigne Plastic group some years ago and at a time when there was less opportunity to recycle items. The decision has been made to close this area, partly as it was little used and any items left had then to be taken to Llandod by volunteers. But you can still recycle!!!! Printer ink cartridges can now be placed in the recycling bin at East Radnor Day Care Centre, Scottleton Street. Laser printer toner cartridges and small electrical items can be taken to Llandrindod Household Waste Recycling Centre. Pens can be recycled if taken to Ryman Stationery, 19 Eigngate, Hereford as part of the Terracycle scheme. Used blister packs now go in your wheelie bin.

...**Norton Hub 100 Club September results**: 1st (£40) number 33 - no publicity requested. 2nd (£25) number 34 - Eirlys Spawton. 3rd (£15) number 4 - David Owen

...**looking for support but unsure who to ask? PAVO Community Connectors** can put you in touch with voluntary organisations and community groups to support your individual need. We will work with you to access the right services, support and information from within your local area. We are contacted about a wide range of issues, such as, community activities, transport, benefits, housing, debt management, health conditions, isolation, loneliness and much more. Tel: 01597 828649 email: community.connectors@pavo.org.uk

...**Helping Hands from The Comm** - if you are a resident of the Knighton, Presteigne and surrounding areas and need urgent help to get you through a difficult time, such as ill-health. We may be able to put you in touch with a volunteer, that can offer to help to post a letter, put your bins out, do some

shopping, deliver/return a library book, clear garden debris. Contact 07848 021282 email: informalvolunteering@knightoncomm.wales

...**Martial Art Classes at Presteigne Sports Centre** every Friday - Kids Karate 9yrs+ 5.30pm / Teens Adults Karate 6.30pm / Teens Adults Kickboxing 7.30pm - No experience necessary, all abilities welcome, Free taster sessions! FB Message for details.

...**Deli Tinto, Presteigne - fabulous & new!** - a great new range of Italian pasta sauces, passatas & San Marzano tomatoes. Also to spice things up a little - authentic curry sauces, chutneys, spice mixes, samosas, naan & papadums from Previns ... so yummy!

...**Radnor Valley School Fair - we are looking for a couple more stall holders.** It's on November 22nd, 2-6pm, stalls cost £10. At the moment we have some great local talent- jewellery makers, illustrations, and wooden craft. We have some petting animals coming & pizzas being served by M+S Pizza - should be a fun evening- email me for stall enquiries lex@villagecircus.co.uk

...**Presteigne Assembly Rooms Survey - Have your say** and help expand the use of Presteigne Assembly Rooms. How can this beautiful venue serve the needs and interests of the wider community? Please look for and complete the printed surveys at Victoria FishBar, the Workhouse, the PNCS Warehouse, Salty Dog, Farmers Inn, Leisure Centre, Slix, Lorna's, the Library and Assembly Rooms.

OTHER NEWS

...**MIC Marches Investment Club is 'open' for new members.** We meet once per month on Tuesday evenings in Presteigne. Interested to know more? Email news@pacdg.org and we'll pass your details on to the MIC Secretary.

...**There is now a Winnicare Fall Rescue Kit Launch at the East Radnorshire Day Centre** (in addition to the unit at the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street). Winnicare has generously donated Fall Rescue Kits to the town of Presteigne to ensure our seniors have the support they need in case of a fall. For more information, please contact Beverley Baynham: email admin@eastradnor.care or call 01544 260360. Together, we can help prevent falls and support our community!

...**Powys Recycles. Don't be foiled!** Whilst we can recycle pure aluminium foil (in your red box). Some shiny items are metallised plastic or paper and unfortunately can't be recycled. Not sure if it's foil? Do the scrunch test! Scrunch it into a ball. If it stays scrunched, it's foil. If it springs back open, it's plastic film and can't go in your recycling bin.

RIP

...**Kathleen Phyllis Sullivan (Phyl) of Presteigne** passed away on Thursday 12th September aged 85.

...**Julie Scotford of Presteigne** passed away suddenly at home on 27th September aged 48.

...**John Anthony Taylor 'Tone'** died on 15th October while on holiday in Australia. He taught physics at JBS for 30 years. Funeral Service at St Edwards Church Knighton on Monday 4th November at 12noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Headway. Enquiries Geoff Hall 01547 528554

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.]

...**Fancy becoming a Fire Cadet?** Several crew members from Presteigne Fire Station 17 have been in discussion with the Brigade's Fire Cadets co-ordinator about becoming a cadet station! Before fully committing and carrying out the required courses we wanted to see if there would be enough interest to make it worthwhile. The cadet scheme is aimed at 13-16 year olds and would be 2 hours 1 night a week during school term times and is completely free. The students will be kitted out with PPE and gain basic fire fighting skills using ladders, hoses etc.. and also life skills such as first aid, working in teams etc.. There will be an official joining process which we will share at a future date. But please comment, send this page a message or speak to any crew member if you have a child you think would be interested!

...**Project Manager wanted** to deliver the next phases of the development of now community-owned The Radnor Arms in New Radnor! This is an exciting paid, part-time, fixed-term opportunity to manage a series of project phases and engage the community. Apply today! <https://www.rahl-cbs.org/jobs>

...**Helping Hands from The Comm** are also looking for Volunteers - Contact 07848 021282 email: informalvolunteering@knightoncomm.wales. See info item above.

...**MJS Energy - We're Hiring: Qualified Heating Engineer.** NVQ Diploma in Plumbing & Heating Level 2 (Level 3 an advantage). Installing air source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps, biomass systems, and other renewable technologies. No prior experience in renewable technologies required - full training provided!) Prepared to work and lodge away when required. As part of our team, you'll enjoy: Company van, tools, and equipment provided, Competitive Salary depending on experience, Ongoing training in renewable technologies, Pension scheme. Send your CV to admin@mjsenergy.co.uk

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