

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 xxxxxxxx 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

...Sheep Music/Community Sound System. Help needed for successful grant application.

Sheep Music are applying for a Community Fund grant to replace its ageing (and extremely heavy) sound system with a lighter, more compact and technically updated new one. The current PA needs a team of people to transport and set the system up due to its bulkiness and weight. We have used the system for the past 30 years and elements of it are beginning to fail. If successful the system will be a community resource and will enable Sheep Music, Presteigne Carnival and Mid Border Arts to present more events that bring our community together and continue to make Presteigne the special place it is. To help us make a successful application we need to consult the community. There is an information board in the Library with a form for people's views and comments. Please pop in if you have time and have your say

...Look out for the April issue of **Broad Sheep**, out this week and now online - www.broadsheep.com

THANK YOU

...Fund Raiser - **Welsh Air Ambulance**..Thank you to all those who supported the Coffee and Cake morning in aid of the Welsh Air Ambulance on Saturday 22nd March in St Andrews Church Hall. The event was a great success with £400 being raised so far. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day along, with those who donated the many raffle prizes, and cake. Ananda

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Pop Choir - Spring Concert** in the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. 3pm Sunday 13th April. A selection of songs from the 60s to the present in beautiful 4-part harmony, arranged and led by John Hymas. £5 (children free). Donations for tea and cakes.

...**PBC Easter Bingo 2025 - Presteigne Bowls Club bumper Prize & Cash Bingo**. John Beddoes School. Saturday 12th April. Some of the Prizes: £100 Cash, 50 inch Smart tv, Airfryer, Alexa smart speaker and alarm clock, £60 Meat hamper , £50 amazon voucher Plus many other great prizes. Doors open 6pm for 7.30pm start. Bar + tea/coffee. All welcome!!

...**Presteigne Baptist Church. Summer Recitals and Talks - save the dates!** Following last year's successful series, four more events are offered: Sundays at 3.00pm followed by tea and cake. Sunday 27 April - "Dean's Delight". Michael Tavinor gives a light-hearted account of a life in music and ministry, through piano, singing, poetry and a life-time of diaries. Sunday 25 May - "With a Little Help from our Friends"..... The St.Andrew's Church choir, with invited friends from our sister churches, share their repertoire in a joyful mixture of pieces for an early Summer Sunday afternoon. Duets, trios and mixed ensembles to enjoy. Special guests- Ruth Watson and Catherine O'Rourke. Sunday 22 June - "Where stories begin. Looking both at the work of other writers and their own recently published novel Eliza Mace (with its recognisable Radnorshire setting) Sarah Burton and Jem Poster will talk about the moments of inspiration that spark new stories. Sunday 27 July - "Music for a Summer Afternoon" David Stevens and

friends offer a programme of chamber music including Schubert's Trout Quintet. No charge, but donations welcome, divided between church funds and St Michael's Hospice.

...MBA presents 'The Beth Porter Trio'. Presteigne Assembly Rooms 26 April 8pm. A master collaborator, songwriter, cellist and artist in her own right, Beth Porter has integrated herself into many areas of the music world. She has been likened to Cat Power, The Beatles, REM, This Is The Kit, Penguin Cafe Orchestra, Radiohead, Sandy Denny, The Incredible String Band and The Kinks. With a classical background, a venture into folk music, and a love of simple pop songs, there's nothing quite like Beth's songwriting. It is quintessentially English yet understated and original.

...Nicole et Martin at Went's Meadow, Presteigne - save the dates! Saturday 14th to Thursday 19th June. A very welcome return! Award-winning Swiss-based theatre company Nicole & Martin will again pitch their white tent on Presteigne's Wents Meadow and perform four times this June. Their shows combine humour, music and circus skills to tell traditional fairy tales, suitable for family audiences, and teenagers too! Performance dates / times: Saturday 14 June 5pm - The Fisherman and his Wife; Sunday 15 June 3pm - Wassilissa ; Tuesday 17 June 11am - The Musicians of Bremen (School performance); Wednesday 18 June 5pm - The Girl without Hands ; Thursday 19 June 5pm - The Musicians of Bremen. More details to come! Booking available now on <https://nicole-et-martin.ch/tourtickets/2025/>

..."The Many Faces of Orlando di Lasso" - a workshop for singers with tutor James Weeks Saturday 5 April, 10.00 - 16.30, registration from 9.30am, St. Andrew's Church, Presteigne. Further details of the music, tutor and venue can be found on the Future Workshops page of www.bmemf.org.uk. Please contact Marna Gowan if you have any questions, on 07745 115191, or marna.gowan@btinternet.com. Prior booking is essential. Book online at www.bmemf.org.uk. Fee: £22 for members of Early Music Fora; £26 for non-EMF members; £5 for students, under-18s free.

...VE 80 concert with Rhayader Male Voice Choir at Presteigne British Legion club on Saturday 10th May. Save the date - more details to follow

...Whinyard Rocks - Vineyard Open Weekend. Join us this July for a fun and relaxed weekend to try and buy our wines from our bar at the vineyard. Take a stroll amongst the vines, backdropped by the stunning Radnor Forest, learn about our regenerative approach to viticulture and hear all about the natural winemaking process. Bring friends, family and a blanket to sit on and enjoy a glass over a laid-back summer's day. The weekend is free to attend and there will be food served by The Beefy Boys on Saturday 12th July and wood-fired pizza by M&S Pizza on Sunday 13th July. How to find us: The vineyard is between New Radnor & Kinnerton on the B4372. We are 'Whinyard Rocks' on Google Maps. Our what3words location is: [///nicely.cloth.racked](https://www.what3words.com/#!/en/@@@nicely.cloth.racked)

...Presteigne Screen presents "Firebrand". Friday 28th March. The Assembly Rooms, Broad Street, Presteigne. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea and Cakes. Films start 8pm. UK 2022 121 mins 15. Based on Elizabeth Fremantle's 2013 novel The Queen's Game, this blend of fact and fiction gives us the familiar story of Henry VIII told from the perspective of his sixth and final wife, the independently-minded Katherine Parr (a mesmerising Alicia Vikander). Attention-grabbing jealousy arises between Jude Law's 'monstrous' Henry and his savvy new consort Katherine as she works to side-step any accusations of insolence while protecting her religious certainties. As the mercurial Henry, rotten with festering leg wounds, continues to air his grievances, can Katherine's pursuit of religious freedom defeat Henry's network of spies? Spoiler alert: most of us know how it ends. Tickets £5 at door. Buy online through our website or direct at WeGotTickets

...Norton Community Hub - W.E. Price of Knighton presents "Fashion & Fiz"! Ladies fashion show - an opportunity to see summer wear for everyday and special occasions, on the Norton Hub catwalk. A great opportunity to buy - but no obligation, just come and enjoy if you prefer. Tuesday 15th April at the Norton Hub, doors open 7pm for 7.30 start, tickets £10 includes a glass of sparkling wine, available direct from WE Price, 25 High Street Knighton, or phone 01544 260074.

...**MINR - Piano Recital "Peter Hewitt plays Beethoven"** on The Hub's beautiful Bechstein B grand piano Saturday 12 April 7.30pm at The Hub, New Radnor. Our next concert will be the last in our current series and, as last year, we will be finishing with a piano recital at The Hub in New Radnor. So - Music in New Radnor but in a different place. The Hub has a bar - no need to provide your own refreshment this time and it is a much smaller venue. Prebooking is essential this time if you want to guarantee a seat. We haven't ever needed to turn anyone away yet, and we don't want to have to do it for this concert...Peter will be playing the following: Sonata Op.13 - Pathétique • Sonata Op.31 no.2 - Tempest Sonata Op.27 no.2 - Moonlight • Sonata Op.57 - Appassionata. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as can make it. £15 Box Office 01544 350746 / 07493 940683

...**Presteigne Little People's Car Boot Sale** - Sunday 4th May. 10am to 1pm Presteigne Primary School Carpark £5 Car/ £10 Van. Raffle & Refreshments available. Contact to book 07837390441

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society: Flowers for Fun:** these informal classes are on hold through April, but will begin again on Thursday 8th May, from 12 till 2.00, in Whitton hall. Our next meeting is our Annual meeting and lunch. The new programme of workshops and demonstrations begins on Wednesday 14th May at 7 pm in Presteigne Memorial Hall. The demonstrator will be Penelope Harrison, her topic is 'Contrasts'. Visitors very welcome - £6 on the door. Further details from Ann, our Secretary, on 01544 340453

...**Chatterbrook WI : next meeting** is on Thursday April 10th at 7pm in Presteigne Memorial hall. Visitors and potential new members will be most welcome as the subscription year begins now with a new programme of talks and activities, starting with a presentation 'Behind the scenes of TV's Antiques Roadshow' . £4 for visitors, but of course no charge if you become a member. Come along and see what the WI does - For any information - call Claire on 07712649458

...**Whist at the Norton Community Hub** on Wednesday 21st May....7pm for prompt 7.30 start. £5 entry fee includes a raffle and refreshments. Please contact 01544 267221 for further details.

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in April** : Weds 2nd Around Caban-coch Reservoir, 8.5 miles (strenuous). Weds 9th All around Pipe Aston - Bringewood, Burrington and Herefordshire Trail, 8.5 miles. Sat 12th Llysdinam, Trembyd and Wye Valley Walk, 8.5 miles. For more details see www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or call 01544 260524

...**Household Repair and Bike Session**. Saturday April 19th 10 til 12 noon. Presteigne Repair and Share as usual in the Youth Centre for broken household items. Plus, at the same time, in the forecourt, a free Easter special for all ages. An opportunity to get bikes up to speed with maintenance help and tips (not e-bikes) Face book presteigne repair tel 01544 260766

...**Lingen Village Hall. Herefordshire Reuse and Recycle drop off** on Wednesday 30th April 10am-12 midday

...**Walton Village Hall AGM** Tuesday 15th April 2pm. New committee members always welcome.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Walton Hall. The book and jigsaw swap** is on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (not Tuesday as mentioned in the previous issue).

...**The Legion Craft Group: Tuesday Craft Afternoons** in the British Legion hall, Hereford Street, Presteigne from 1 – 3 pm continue. We are a friendly relaxed group, and especially welcome anyone who has never crafted anything before! April plans include Easter-themed items – a new technique each week! Anyone with a new idea - please get in touch. All materials supplied, but scissors and glue usually useful. Easy to make, friendly guidance, everyone welcome. £3 per session to cover hall hire and up to £3 for materials, as needed. For further information contact Margaret – mail@galliers.org.uk

There is a Craft Fair on the first Saturday of each month, in the Legion Hall, from 10-1.00, starting with an Easter Fair on Saturday April 5th. Free entry, refreshments available. Tables may be reserved: contact Kay – kayyendole@rocketmail.com 07724379335

...Presteigne Junior Hockey Club invite anyone aged 6yrs-18yrs to come along and have a go at hockey! Our fun and friendly teams look forward to meeting new members. Just £4 per session and membership payable after 4 sessions All equipment is provided, only exception is gum shields and shin pads. The mini's hockey 6yrs-9yrs are on Wednesdays 6-7pm at Presteigne Leisure Centre. For info please message or call Leanne 07807 873287. The junior team is for 9yrs-18yrs, and is on Mondays 6pm-7.30pm at Lady Hawkins school. For more info please message or call Jess 07990 520537. We have a new Facebook and instagram page so please have a look and give us a like & follow "Presteigne junior hockey club". We are also currently looking for club sponsors please? We are always in need of new equipment, kit etc. in return we will add your advertising onto all of our social media platforms, advertising posters and potentially on our new kits. If this is something that you might be interested in, contact Ashleigh on 07983 238310 or ashleigh7100@yahoo.co.uk or hindwellfarm@gmail.com

...Freedom Leisure, Presteigne. Learn to Swim – Be Safe, Learn a skill and have fun. It's essential that every child learn to swim, especially to be water-safe. Introduce your child to swimming early on so that they have the skill for their whole life. This can help improve their overall physical and mental health. Enrol on our swim school today. Register your interest now.

...Walton Village Hall - 2nd Wednesday every month 10am - 1pm Book & Jigsaw Swap including refreshments and home made cakes. From 28th May -2nd June, Walton Village Hall are in the Charity shop in Kington. Donations of bric a brac; furniture and clothing wanted. Tel: 01544 350 511 to arrange collection/delivery. Volunteers also wanted to help in the shopn (please contact Cath Thorogood if you would like to help on thorogood0156@yahoo.co.uk).

OTHER NEWS

...Oak starter briquettes for sale - 25kg bags for just £15! Call in at Adam's Joinery on the Presteigne Business Park (next door to the PNCS Warehouse).

...from Geoff Hall Funeral Services - anyone needing help or advice sorting out the recent notices on unsafe headstones in Powys Cemetery's please get in touch, Marie 01547528554

...Have you ever thought about joining a Community Car Club? TrydaNi (www.trydani.org) will help us set one up in Presteigne if 15 people express an interest. We use their established system for acquiring and maintaining cars, online booking and well organised admin. If you use your car (or second car) less than 3 days a week, car sharing makes financial sense. Contact Kate van den Ende 07506 718853katevandenende@btinternet.com

...Lost cat near Discoed! Theo is a 7 year old Ragdoll, Sealpoint, long-haired chocolate brown and cream with striking blue eyes. He was let out from our home in Discoed beside St Michaels Church at 5.30am on Wednesday 19th March and hasn't been seen since. He has the right side of his cheek shaved and so his mane currently looks a little unbalanced. Please contact Karen or Derin on 07787 051436 if you see him, dead or alive. We just need to know.

...Ground floor shop available to lease in lovely building in the centre of Presteigne. Currently the St Michael's Hospice Shop. Please message if interested, Maggie 07952 972746

R.I.P

...Anne Owens Of Gumma passed away at home on 8th March 2025, aged 85 years. Memorial Service will take place at St Andrew's Church Presteigne On Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 3pm. Family flowers only. Inquiries to 01544 267778

JOBS & VOLUNTEERING

...Wanted! Amateur Adult Voice Character Actors, male and female (no lines to learn, no costumes!) to represent a variety of those involved in a new, dramatic, illustrated presentation "Lines from Dunkirk" - the evacuation of 1940 and the trains which took the soldiers to camps at Kington and elsewhere 85 years ago. (hint: If you are interested in railways this is a great opportunity to re-tell actual events.) Roger Curtis' 'Held in Presteigne' presentations (POW Camp) raised at least £1,000 for East Radnorshire Care, now he is hoping to do another - 'Lines From Dunkirk'. Roger proposes to put on two performances to raise funds for a local Charity. Since all proceeds will go to that Charity, no acting fees are offered. The fascinating story, including local people involved at the time is currently being compiled by Roger. Anyone who knows of someone who lived in our area and took part in the Dunkirk evacuation is encouraged to help in his researches. Don't delay! To take part or contribute stories email rogerwgcurtis@btinternet.com, entering 'Dunkirk' as the subject.

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