

# Community News



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"Working Together For Our Community"

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- 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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

...The May issue of **BROAD SHEEP** is now out and online. See [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com)

## THANK YOU

...**Presteigne YFC** - last month we donated our carol singing donations to East Radnorshire Care. This year we donated £280. Thanks to all the members that helped out and allowed us to raise money for such an important local service. The day centre offers care and support for people living in and around Presteigne. It provides help 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! East Radnorshire Care Limited. Keep an eye out for our 70th Year fundraiser later this year "70 laps of Presteigne..." which will aim to raise money for East Radnorshire Care and Presteigne Fire Station.

...**Presteigne Memorial Hall** - What a fantastic turnout to our first Fundraiser for Presteigne Memorial Hall. The Table sale was a huge success, lovely to see so many of you. We proudly raised a grand total of £298.50. So thank you sellers, buyers and helpers. Keep a look out for our next event.

...**Thank you to everyone who came to the Grand Spring Sale** in the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 5 April, and helped to make it such a success. We're delighted that, between the door money, cafe proceeds and the donations table, we took a total of £500.52 for our two charities - Shelter Cymru and Knighton & District Refugee Support. The money has been divided equally between them, and both charities have expressed their gratitude to us all. If you might be interested in taking a table at our next Sale, please contact Kate Bull [katebull6@gmail.com](mailto:katebull6@gmail.com).

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Baptist Church. Summer Recitals and Talks - save the dates!** Sundays at 3.00pm followed by tea and cake. 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. No charge, but donations welcome, divided between church funds and St Michael's Hospice.

...**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! Book now on <https://nicole-et-martin.ch/tourtickets/2025/>

...**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 07837 390441

...**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.

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...**Rhayader Male Voice Choir. VE Day concert** at the British Legion, Presteigne. Friday 9th May. Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £7.50 email [kayyendole@rocketmail.com](mailto:kayyendole@rocketmail.com) or text 07724 379335. Raffle. Cash, cheque or bank transfers. No card facility.

...**Norton Community Hub - Whist Drive!** A fun evening for beginners or experienced players, all welcome. Wednesday 21st May, 7pm for 7.30pm start. £5 includes refreshments and raffle ticket. For further info contact Ann 01544 267221.

...**Grace Loveday & Henny Flynn are co-hosting a gentle and reflective walking retreat** on Sunday June 1st, for anyone who is navigating loss or change, feeling stuck or simply needing time away from the pressures of life. As we walk a 4.5 mile stretch of the Mortimer Trail there'll be time to connect with nature and yourself, to share and be quiet, to reflect and write a little and participate in simple ceremony. A wholesome lunch is included. Just bring yourself, good walking shoes and an open heart. We'd love to walk alongside you. Information and booking details at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/half-day-walking-retreat-being-with-what-is-tickets-1307872504869?aff=oddtcreator>

...**Presteigne Warden and Nature Reserve Family Day**, Saturday May 31st. 2pm.-5pm. Come and explore the wild and green spaces in Presteigne! Minibeast Hunt , Wildflower Trail at Warden. Meet the Heron, Nature Hunt at the Nature Reserve. Free Admission- cakes and drinks (donations please) or bring your own picnic! Info: 01544 267864

...**Presteigne Festival Springboard** - on May 10th and 11th Presteigne Festival will be celebrating the approach of summer with a special weekend that combines free, drop-in events with a programme of music, talks and film. We hope you can join us. All details and booking online at <https://presteignefestival.com/springboard2025/> or call the box office on 01544 267 800. The full schedule is:

#### **Saturday 10th May**

...**Plants Plus** - 10am to 4pm. The Yard at Daphne's Pizza. Presteigne Community Gardeners and Presteigne Plenty team up for a plant sale, seed swap and spring goodies sale, with nature-themed activities for children. Free admission.

...**Harpy Hour** - 10.30am to 12.30pm. Presteigne Library. Join harpist Olivia Jageurs as she plays and chats about the harp. Free admission.

...**Welsh Food Stories** - 11am to 12noon. Assembly Rooms. Carwyn Graves, author of *Welsh Food Stories* and *Tir, The Story of the Welsh Landscape*, explores more than 2,000 years of history to discover the rich but forgotten heritage of Welsh foods. Tickets £7

...**'Compose for' Harp Workshop** - 3 to 5pm. Baptist Chapel, Hereford Street. Discover the art of writing music for the harp in this insightful workshop. Composer Lynne Plowman works with six early-career composers from the Presteigne Festival's 'Compose for' project, refining their pieces. Harpist Olivia Jageurs will showcase the instrument's capabilities and assist the composers in perfecting their final compositions. Entry free, come and go as you please.

...**Bestsellers! Can they be Good Books?** - 3 to 4pm. Assembly Rooms. Each with multiple books, glowing reviews and award nominations to their names, authors Michèle Roberts and Patricia Duncker discuss what makes a bestseller. Can it actually be a good book? Who gets to judge? What about bestsellers of the past? Michèle and Patricia jointly ran the famous creative writing course at the University of East Anglia and have talked and thought about books ever since. Join their conversation about reading and writing in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Tickets £7

...**Painting the Modern Garden – Monet to Matisse** - 6 to 7.35pm. Assembly Rooms. This dazzling film takes a magical journey from the gallery to the glorious gardens that inspired artists from Monet to Matisse. Here we discover how early twentieth century artists designed and cultivated their own gardens to explore contemporary utopian ideas and motifs of colour and form. An Exhibition on Screen film. 'A ravishing joy from start to finish' – *The Guardian*

...**Dave Luke & Alex Valentine** - 8pm. The Duke's Arms. Dave and Alex, collectively known as *Home Of The Free*, launch their new album tonight. The duo will be performing songs from the album and selling copies and other merchandise at the event. Admission £5 at the door

#### **Sunday 11th May**

...**Bee, Bug and Flora Walk** - 1pm to 3pm. Meet at the Community Barn, Went's Meadow. Surveyor of wild bees, wasps, bats and birds, Janice Vincett leads a walk to reveal what is springing into life all around us. She is the County Recorder of Radnorshire and Breconshire for bees and wasps and loves to examine smaller creatures. Janice's walks always sell out, advance booking essential. Tickets £10

...**Summers Return – a song recital with harp** - Sophia Jin soprano, Olivia Jageurs harp. 3.30 to 4.45pm. St Andrew's Church. A delightful programme of songs and solo harp music to welcome the summer, featuring works by Debussy, Ravel, C P E Bach and Rachmaninov. Tickets £10, (aged 8-25 just £1)

...**Sunflowers – the Mystery of Van Gogh's greatest masterworks** - 6pm to 7.30pm. Assembly Rooms. The Van Gogh Museum reveals the secrets of some of the best-known art in the world. When did the sunflower itself arrive in Europe and how had previous artists reacted to it? What was Van Gogh trying to say with his works? What secrets did scientists discover when they analysed the paintings? An Exhibition on Screen film. Tickets £7.50

...**St Andrew's Bellringing Team** will ring a special quarter peal in the church in the afternoon.

...**Big Breakfast at Lingen Village Hall**, Saturday 3rd May 9am till 1pm. Come for Breakfast, Brunch or Lunch. This year it will be for SSAFA (Soldiers Sailors and Airforce association) and a small amount for the village hall, as it's the villages 80th Anniversary of VE Day celebrations .

...**Dragon Auctions on Saturdays at Lingen Village Hall**. 'The Dragon Auctions' will take place at the hall on occasional Saturdays and will be the perfect opportunity to turn your hidden treasures into

cash!!! Next auctions are Easter Saturday and 10th May. Contact - nicoltodragon@gmail.com of Dragon Group for future Auction dates. On each auction day: 8am - 10am. Bring your items to the Hall; 10am - 11am viewing for all potential bidders; 11am Auction begins ... be in it to win!! Entry is Free, Sellers - 20%, Buyers - 10% ... No Sale-No Charge!

...**A Funding & Governance Fair is coming to Presteigne** on Thursday 1st May, 10.30am in the Memorial Hall, Station Road. Suitable for local groups, organisations, chapel trustees, volunteers, charities, clubs etc. A chance to meet funders, hear what grants they've got, how to apply etc. Also raise queries on group structures / governing documents / recruiting trustees or volunteers etc. All welcome. To attend please register here <https://buff.ly/QCBy7qj> so we have an idea of numbers.

...**Date for your Diary - THE HAPPENING** - Fri 29th, Sat 30th & Sun 31st August - a weekend of musical delights at the Presteigne Assembly Rooms including events for families (free entry for children). Release your inner singer at the *Instant Choir*; dance your socks off at the *Northern Soul Night*; marvel at the skills of international concert pianist Tom Poster and virtuoso violinist Elena Urioste playing a selection from their popular *Jukebox* series; chill out with Swiss folk trio *Taradiddle* - and there's more. More details available soon - get on the mailing list by emailing [sarahburton@me.com](mailto:sarahburton@me.com)

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society**: Flowers for Fun: these informal classes begin again on Thursday 8th May, from 12 till 2.00, in Whitton hall. Beginners welcome – just £5 per session. 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 (increasing to £10 from next month) . Or, become a member for £27, which will admit you free to 5 demonstrations until January 2026. Further details from Ann, our Secretary, on 01544 340453

...**Chatterbrook WI** : next meeting Thursday May 8th 7pm in Presteigne Memorial hall. Visitors and potential new members most welcome. Our speaker will be Dr Richard Harding, telling us about the Ludlow Trouser Factory and its history. £5 for visitors, but of course no charge if you become a member at the meeting. Come along and see what the WI does. For information - call Claire on 07712 649458.

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in May** Friday 2nd May Bluebell Walk in Bucknell Woods, 3.5 miles. Saturday 3rd May Wandering round the Whimble, 7.0 miles. Weds 7th May, A Whitney Wander, 9.3 miles. Weds 14th May Hilly Country round Newchurch, 7.5 miles. Weds 21st May Gladestry to Caety Traylow, 7.6 miles. Weds 28th May, Brown Clee Circular, 8.0 miles. For more details see [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call 01544 260524

...**The Legion Craft Group**: Tuesday Craft Afternoons in the British Legion hall, Hereford Street, Presteigne from 1 – 3 pm continue on 29th April, after our Easter break, and then every Tuesday through May. We are a friendly relaxed group, and especially welcome anyone who has never crafted anything before! All materials supplied. Easy to make, friendly guidance, everyone welcome. £3 per session to cover hall hire and up to £3 for materials, as needed. For information [mail@galliers.org.uk](mailto:mail@galliers.org.uk)

...**Craft Fair** on the first Saturday of each month, in the Presteigne Legion Hall, from 10am - 1pm. The next date will be Saturday, 3rd May. Free entry, refreshments available. Tables may be reserved: contact Kay – [kayvendole@rocketmail.com](mailto:kayvendole@rocketmail.com) 07724 379335

...**Groove with Elly** at the Old School/Youth Centre, Hereford Street, Presteigne - Thursday evenings May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 7pm. Contact Elly at [groovekington@hotmail.com](mailto:groovekington@hotmail.com) or 07792 743894.

...**Pearl Lake Ukulele Band** - Saturday May 10 at 7:30pm, Evenjobb Village Hall, Shepherd's Pie Dinner BYOB. £10 each. Info plus booking: [lindaellams44@gmail.com](mailto:lindaellams44@gmail.com)

...**Fund Raiser for Hay Animal Rescue** - Saturday 10th May there will be a fundraising table and clothes rail sale to raise funds for Hay Animal Rescue, in Broad Street Presteigne. Please come and support if you are around. Thanks to everyone for their continued support, the animals are very grateful!

## **NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS**

...**Our new local Bank Hub. Tuesdays, 10am - 1pm** downstairs at Presteigne Assembly Rooms . Please come along and use the services of our new local bank hub. It's a great environment for friendly advice, banking support or reassurance. No stairs involved - the location is on the ground floor. Help spread the word - we need to use this service to keep it going.

...**Fall Rescue kit (Youth Centre & Day Centre)** - a local resident in Presteigne successfully used a Winnicare Fall Rescue Kit to assist a neighbour's husband after a fall, highlighting the importance of community-based solutions for elderly care. With ambulance wait times often exceeding four hours for non-injured fallers, Winnicare has launched an initiative to improve response times by donating two Fall Rescue Kits to our Youth Centre and Day Centre. These kits, including the Mangar Eagle Lifting Cushion, allow our community to safely lift individuals, reducing health risks associated with long waits. For more information on the Falls Rescue Kit Initiative or to find out how you can get involved, please contact Lindsey Upton at [07988 637927](tel:07988637927) or [lindsey.upton@winnicare.uk](mailto:lindsey.upton@winnicare.uk).

...**MidBorder News** - Hello and happy spring time! The latest edition of MidBorder News has received some fantastic feedback - thank you to everyone who has given it the thumbs up! Visits to the FB page and website are also increasing so the magazine is definitely getting seen. The summer issue is due out



in June with the deadline being 10th May. I am hoping to add some extra pages to make it a bumper edition so now is the time to get your advertising booked and your events publicised. I have attached the new-look price list for advertisers. Get in quick before all the space is taken! You can either contact me Carla through the website, email or phone 07985 357511 [www.midbordernews.com](http://www.midbordernews.com)

**...Table Tennis anyone?** Come along to Lingen Village Hall and join our friendly table tennis club. We have three tables so we can play both singles and doubles and meet every Tuesday from 7-9pm. All levels of adult players welcome. Call Yvonne 07917 411591 for more details.

**...Presteigne Carnival Queen** - A truly wonderful experience just waiting for the right person. Apply by 6th June - come and be part of our amazing carnival - be queen for the day. See our FB page

**...Try Girlguiding for FREE until May Half-Term** in Presteigne. Girlguiding opens up a world of possibilities to girls from 4 to 18 – one where they can do anything. Our Rainbow (4–7), Brownie (7–10), and Guide (10–14) units are welcoming new members this term at Presteigne Youth Centre on Tues 29th April, Tues 6th May, Tues 13th May and Tues 20th May. This term we've been...Getting creative with messy science experiments...Exploring our local area on adventures...Roasting marshmallows around the campfire...Building friendships and memories that last a lifetime. Every girl who attends a taster session will receive a special thank-you gift! Whether she's looking to make new friends, try new challenges, or just have fun – Girlguiding is ready to welcome her. To help us plan and make sure everyone has a safe and brilliant time, please register your interest in advance: <https://bit.ly/3XfISbL>

**...Presteigne Carnival** - This year we've done a flyer with the Country Fair classes to give you all time to make and grow stuff! These will be available in shops in the High Street and hopefully the library. Please ask if you can't find one! The full schedules will be out probably beginning of May. The Carnival committee for this year is - Nicky Rogers, Peter Collins, Di Turner, Eve Collins, Ian Potts (Site Manager), Glenn Duggan, Kim Vanezi, Eva Venny (Vice Chair), Rachel Dyer, Vicky Davies, Debbie Davies (Chair), Rose Weiland (Treasurer), Kelly Gurney, Adam Crowe, Ann Davies, Beth Davies, Fiona Preece, Gemma Lewis, Julie Lewis, Heidi Davies, Lisa Shills, Sonia Ozsoylu, Yasmin Fox, and Jo Wozencraft.

**...MINR Music in New Radnor** - the concert by the splendid Peter Hewitt drew our current season to a close. what a wonderful way to end a season that frankly, has had its challenges. One concert cancelled at the last minute due to a performer's illness, then another concert where the ensemble had to postpone due to an upcoming operation! We were very fortunate to be able to replace them at short notice, by a superb flute & harp duo, but, oh it was a headache. Now for a little rest before we come back refreshed and ready for our 2025-26 season. 'Watch this space' as is often said. Enjoy summer!

**...1st Presteigne Scouts - Squirrels.** What a busy term our Squirrels have had. They have been looking at aircraft/planes, discussing and making us stories, learning and trying out tents, gardening, learning about italy and pasta making, Easter fun and lots more. Many badges have been earned including our highest award the Chief Acorn Award. We have finished the term with 2 of our members finishing their YouShape Award where they have planned and run the activity, brilliant job done by them and they are only 5/6 years old. We are sadly saying goodbye to 4 of our members who are moving up to Beavers when we return. But we look forward to hearing about their Beaver adventures. Three of those leaving us have been with us since we opened squirrels. Over the 16 months with us they have all managed to complete every squirrel badge available. A great achievement - well done! We look forward to our summer term where we hope to be out and about more enjoying the weather and surrounding. If your child or you know of a child who wants to try Squirrels please can the parent/guardian use the following link <https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/waiting-list/presteigne-waitingjoining-list/8dbde293-63cc-4878-b951-51b711aee14b/apply>. For more information get in touch via our FB page.

## R.I.P

**Ivy Oldershaw of Kinsham**, tragically taken on 10th April 2025 surrounded by her family, aged only 20 months. A service to celebrate Ivy's life will take place at Byton Church **TODAY Wednesday 30th April** at 12noon. Please wear something colourful. Family Flowers only. Donations if desired will be given to Presteigne Co-Responders & Midlands Air Ambulance. The family would like to thank all of the emergency services from England & Wales that were involved in Ivy's care. Info 01544 267778

## JOBS & VOLUNTEERING

**...Advantage Automotive**, Presteigne - looking for someone to come and join us part time 2-3 days per week to work in our warehouse. Temporary employment but this could change. Interested? please contact Charlie 01544 726006 or email [charlie@advantageautomotive.co.uk](mailto:charlie@advantageautomotive.co.uk)

**...Rose Cottage Café**, Presteigne - looking for extra help moving in to the summer months and could do with someone to work on a Tuesday and Friday (could be split)with additional work required during holiday times so this would probably suit a collage student well. Need to be prepared to work in all aspects of our business. DM me or call in for more info.

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