

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

**Presteigne Parish Magazine** - deadline for contributions for next issue is 25th June. Email the editor: [standrewsintray@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewsintray@btinternet.com)

### THANK YOU

...from Hilary - Thank you to the editor Debbie Hatfield and all who have helped to print, collate and distribute the June issue of The Parish Magazine, now available in our churches and around town, price £1 for those who don't already subscribe. It's full of interesting articles, dates for your diary and lots of useful advertisements for local trades and businesses.

### TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Presteigne & Norton Town Council has recently changed its meeting dates and venues.**

The Council now meets on the third Monday of each month. Most meetings are held in the East Radnorshire Day Centre, apart from the last meeting of each quarter which is held in the Norton Community Hub (March, June, Sept and December). Currently most meetings start at 7pm but this is being reviewed in September 2025. Occasionally it is necessary to meet earlier - the time for each meeting is included on the agenda which is published the Tuesday before each meeting. Members of the public can attend meetings to observe or can also view the meetings online. The link to the online live stream each month is listed on the main Town Council webpage on the Presteigne & Norton website - [presteigne.org.uk/town-council](http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council). So the June meeting will be 7pm next Monday 16th June at the Norton Hub!

...**meeting about Kaye's site development ... from our County Councillor, Beverley** -

following the Pre-Planning Consultation for the Kaye's site, I met with the applicant & the planning agent last week where I impressed on them the importance of the proposed development on the community. I am pleased to say they have agreed to hold a drop in session on Monday 16th June from 3pm at East Radnor Day Centre building on Scottleton Street. This is your opportunity to tell them what you would and would not like to see progress to a planning application. Cut & paste this link to access the Publicity and Consultation submission with site layout and details: <https://berrys.uk.com/presteigne/>

### EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Carnival** - one of the biggest and best around - Saturday 12th July - put the date in your Diary!!!

...**KCS - tickets now on sale for our 2025 Summer Concert - Haydn's "The Creation"** with professional soloists and an 18-piece orchestra. Saturday 12th July at St.Andrew's, Presteigne. Early bird tickets £18 from The Salty Dog and online from the KCS website or [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com). <18s free. On door tickets £20.

...**Moosik Festival at Knill.** Saturday 28 June 2 to 10pm. Situated on the bank of the River Hindwell. A group of eleven live local bands mainly youthful. Food and drink stalls, Food

Hampers. In aid of Cancer Research and Farming Minds. Overnight camping available with Sunday morning Bacon Butties. For more info please contact Cathy 07850557599

**...Presteigne Carnival Committee - Family Treasure Hunt on**

starting at 10.30 from the Radnorshire Arms Hotel garden. Free to enter, £20 first prize. Big thankyou to Terry for setting the Treasure Hunt

**...Dates for your Diary at Presteigne Baptist Church.** "Where stories begin" Sunday 22 June. 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. "Music for a Summer Afternoon" Sunday 27 July. 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.

**... 'Meet the River Beasties'** bug hunt event with Phil Ward TODAY Sunday 15 June. Meeting point Went's Meadow Barn at 2.45pm. Free event but please reserve your place via [emma.lilley@btinternet.com](mailto:emma.lilley@btinternet.com).

**...Nicole et Martin in the White Tent at Went's Meadow, Presteigne.** Funny, jaw-dropping, awe-inspiring and brilliant, Nicole et Martin's magical shows are suitable for the whole family, teenagers and adults too. A mixture of fairy tale and circus, there's something for everyone. Performances: Saturday 14 June 5pm - The Fisherman and his Wife; Sunday 15 June 3pm - Wassilissa; Wednesday 18 June 5pm - The Girl without Hands; Thursday 19 June 5pm - The Musicians of Bremen. Box Office on Went's Meadow opens an hour before the show, or tickets from The Workhouse Gallery (cash only). Family £30 (2 x adults, 2 x children), Adults £12, Children £8 (> 5 and < 12 years old). All shows suitable for everyone over 5 years old. The shows are 70 minutes long, apart from The Musicians of Bremen which is around an hour. Out of respect for the company and all guests, please adhere to the minimum age of 5.

**...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 - to get on the mailing drop a line to [sarahburton@me.com](mailto:sarahburton@me.com).

**...Norton Community Hub:** Don't miss our special celebration of summer - "Music for a Summer Afternoon". Sunday 6th July 3pm. An afternoon of gorgeous tunes from Dolau Mixtures, with summertime goodies from the Hub Cafe. Free entry, with donations welcome. And finally - Save the date! Sunday 3rd August, from 12 noon - the Community Hub is delighted to present another fabulous **Norton Show!** A great day out for all the family. Horse events and dog show, Birds of Prey demonstration, horticultural tent, craft stalls, variety of refreshments, car boot sale, kids races, tractor run, vintage cars - and much more! Just £3 entry for all of this, with under 16s FREE! Sunday 3rd August from 12 noon, at Watkins Field, adjacent to Offa's Green, Norton, LD8 2NX. Contact [nortoncommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:nortoncommunitytrust@gmail.com) or 01544 260074.

**...Presteigne Floral Art Society:** June 19th from 11am – 2pm, we will be shown how to make a collage design - this will cost £10 to include all materials needed. Please contact Sue, as below, to book a place for this.

**...The Legion Craft Group:** Tuesday Craft Afternoons in the British Legion hall, Hereford Street, Presteigne are back on Tuesday June 17th, 1.00-3.00 pm for a go at crafting 'little windows'. 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. £4 per session to cover hall hire and up to £3 for materials, as needed. For further information contact Margaret – [mail@galliers.org.uk](mailto:mail@galliers.org.uk)

**...Presteigne Repair & Share** - Saturday June 21st. If you have something that needs mending bringing it along to our next session at the Youth Centre, Hereford Street between 10

and 12 midday and we will see if we can fix it. From textiles to electrical household items we have saved a lot going to landfill and saved folk from spending on something new. This months tip: to keep your toaster working well keep it clear of crumbs etc. BUT inserting something to poke out burnt pieces etc is never a good idea, it can damage the element & is then definitely NOT repairable!

**...Presteigne Pop-Up Shop** Wednesday June 25th - Saturday June 28th. Naomi Ocean clothes and textiles from around the world, Eastland Ceramics stoneware pottery made in mid Wales, local honey & more. 10am - 4pm daily (opposite the Library, Presteigne)

**...Knill Church** will be running the Community Shop in Kington from 2nd to 8th July. Donations of goods will be gratefully accepted.

**...Welcome to the free Vineyard Open Weekend at Whinyard Rocks!** Join us for a fun-filled event featuring tours of our beautiful vineyard, tastings of our natural wines, and a chance to shop for your favourite bottles. The weekends are free to attend and there will be food served by The Beefy Boys on Saturday 12th July with wood-fired pizza by M&S Pizza on Sunday 13th July. 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. How to find us: The vineyard is between New Radnor & Kinnerton on the B4372; 'Whinyard Rocks' on Google Maps. What3words: ///nicely.cloth.racked. The weekends are free to attend, however please register in advance on our website if you can so we have an idea of numbers.

**...Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, Open Studios Presteigne** promises once more to be a fascinating aspect of this year's Presteigne Music Festival and a must to visit. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025, 11am to 5pm. Over the years, Presteigne has become a magnet for artists and makers of all kinds, and many of them will be opening their doors to the public or getting together in small exhibition spaces. This year, as well as a large number of private studios and workshops based in and around the town, a contingent of artists and makers from nearby Brampton Bryan will be taking over the newly refurbished Youth Centre, and there will also be exhibitors at the Judges' Lodging Museum (well worth a visit too) - adding even greater variety to this ever-growing event. Painting, photography, furniture, sculpture, print-making, glassware, jewellery, ceramics, weaving and more – it's all here – so take this opportunity to visit as many as possible. So far there are well over 50 participants, so there is no shortage of fascinating and skilled artwork to see. Many of the visitors to the Presteigne Festival use the breaks between concerts to wander round our gem of a border town, calling in at studios and temporary galleries, having refreshments in the many cafes and pubs, and taking in the relaxed and friendly atmosphere. As well as established artists in all media, there are many new faces too – making this a fascinating weekend both visually and aurally! A brochure and map is usually available at the beginning of August, and it can be seen on Instagram and Facebook about then too (start following @presteigneopenstudios so that you don't miss out).

**...Presteigne PopUp Shop** selling pre-loved good quality Women's, Men's & Children's clothes & other items on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th July 10am-2pm at 2 Radnor Buildings (opposite the Library) Presteigne. There will also be a Teddy Bear donation station asking for good quality, clean and soft teddies to be donated during the two days at the shop. The Teddy Trust collects teddy bears from people in the UK and ships them to children who are suffering the traumas of war, starvation or abuse. Please come and grab a bargain or just donate a Teddy if you are able to do so. Thank you. Louise George

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

**...Ever thought of singing in a choir? Presteigne Pop Choir are on the look out for more singers**, particularly sopranos and men who can preferably read music. We sing pop music of all kinds in 4 part harmony. Contact John Hymas for more information, email [john@johnhymas.com](mailto:john@johnhymas.com)

**...Presteigne Carnival.** With just a few weeks to go until Carnival Day (12th July) we are now looking for applications for community stalls. These are free to the organisations, however we would need them/you to bring your own gazebos if at all possible. Please contact us through our FB page or ring on 07766152000. Thank you. We're hoping to be selling Carnival raffle tickets in the High Street every Saturday morning for the whole of June plus the Farmers' Market on the 14th June and 5th July (if any tickets left!!) £1 per ticket, £5 per book, 47 prizes!! Plus chance to buy entry wrist bands for the carnival.

**...Presteigne Festival 21-25 August 2025.** We're hugely excited to be welcoming the fabulous Castalian String Quartet to Presteigne for the first time this year. With mezzo Marta Fontanals-Simmons they premiere composer-in-residence Eleanor Alberga's new song cycle 'Glimpses, Glances' in a programme which also includes Thomas Adès and Beethoven. Details of their two concert residency here: <https://presteignefestival.com/events/presteigne-festival-2025/>

**...PSAFC AGM Wednesday 25th June, 7.30pm at Llanandras Park.** All Welcome. We would like some more people to join our committee - if you are interested or have any nominations for the following positions. Football Club Chairman - Fundraising Secretary - Social Club Chairman - Social Club Treasurer - please email [secretary@presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk). Please come along.

**...Exciting news from Norton Community Hub** – with the Hub well and truly up and running, we are now turning our attention to our beloved village clock. At the top of the former church tower, it dates from 1887 and it hasn't worked for quite some time – we'd love to get it going again and back to its rightful place as the focal point of the village – and the perfect “cherry on the cake” for the Hub. We've had it examined by two expert clock companies and have a detailed plan for how to have it restored. It will of course cost a lot of money! We know there is a great deal of support in the village for this project, both moral and financial, and this will be a great springboard for the necessary grant applications which are already in preparation. We're really excited about this, and will provide updates here in the Community News, and in the Hub, as the project progresses. Meanwhile, if you'd like to contribute, we have a GoFundMe page with all the details – [www.gofundme.com/f/restore-our-clock](http://www.gofundme.com/f/restore-our-clock). You can also follow progress on FB [facebook.com/nortoncommunityhub](https://facebook.com/nortoncommunityhub) – or website – [nortonhub.uk](http://nortonhub.uk)

**...Your Assembly Rooms Needs You!** We look forward to a full program of events this season, but we need help to keep going. Since 2022, when we lost regular grant funding, MBA has operated at a loss of around £8,000 a year. This is due to rising rent and utilities, the burden of maintaining a venue in town, narrowing grant opportunities, and our commitment to keeping ticket prices low. We face the serious prospect of having to close the venue unless we can raise £8,000 each year to cover our financial shortfall. How can you help? Become a Friend at [midborderarts.com/support](http://midborderarts.com/support); make a one-off financial donation; support our event; help spread the word. We want to preserve this community asset for future generations. Thank you to all those who currently support MBA and Presteigne Assembly Rooms - we see and appreciate you.

**...Presteigne Community Banking Hub** - every Tuesday 10am to 1pm in the Assembly Rooms (downstairs in the back room)

**...If you see or know of any swarms of honey bees** could you text or face twit me please - I have a number of empty hives to fill, for myself and other people who want to start bee keeping, many thanks, Philip Pritchard 07866206939 .

## OTHER NEWS

**...Recycle more in your Powys red box!** - you can now recycle your clean and empty paper-based containers such as crisp tubes, dough tubes, gravy granule tubs, paper coffee cups and food and drink cartons in your red recycling box!

## R.I.P

**...Gayle Maxine Davidson** of Presteigne passed away peacefully at Hereford County Hospital surrounded by her family on 27th May, aged 68. Gayle's funeral service will be held at Hereford Crematorium on Wednesday 18th June at 1.15pm. Please wear a splash of colour. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made to Cancer Research UK in the collection box or sent to Cherished Funerals (contact Kate Gladwyn 01873 860 675)

**...David Morgan of Walton** passed away peacefully at St Michael's Hospice on Friday 16th May, aged 77. Private funeral at Hereford Crematorium. Donations in David's memory will be given to St Michael's Hospice and can be sent via A.W.Hughes & Son. (contact 01544 267 778)

## JOBS & VOLUNTEERING

**...Presteigne Youth Project** - if you have an interest in encouraging and expanding youth activities in Presteigne, and in maintaining and improving the Old School in Hereford Street as a thriving community facility for all ages, PYP is looking for people who can spare a few hours each month to join our existing management team and bring new ideas and energy. We need help with - Old School improvements - grant applications - setting up and managing our social media (FB) - and youth club activities. Contact Claire 07769 824537 or Terry 07766 997600 to find out more.

**...Volunteer at The Judge's Lodging.** Come and join us! \*help in our Tea Room over the summer \*friendly, fun and interesting \*at times to suit you \*acclaimed Victorian House and collections. Find out more and volunteer: 01544 260650 email [office@judgeslodging.org.uk](mailto:office@judgeslodging.org.uk)

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