

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

...**Bring Site news** - if you've been to the recycling lay-by over the last few days you'll have seen that all three drinks/food carton recycling bins are rammed full and overflowing. The recycler has been contacted to empty the bins urgently but this may take a few days so - save yourself the journey - PLEASE hold on to your cartons in the meantime and don't leave them by the side of the bins. Thank you !

...**from the Editor, St. Andrews Parish Magazine.** If you have been receiving the Magazine by email but have not yet subscribed and wish to receive printed copies from September you are invited to email standrewsintray@btinternet.com to tell us, giving your title, name and full address. We will confirm receipt, and explain that your subscription is payable from receipt of your September issue on the same terms as above.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Latest planning applications to be considered at the July meeting of the Town Council:
21/1167/HH Grid Reference: E:331205 N: 264501 Proposal: Erection of an extension, to include some demolition Site Address: 33 Castle Road, Presteigne.

21/0987/FUL Grid Reference: E:331637 N: 264197 Proposal: Change of use of on existing shop to residential, partial removal of single storey extension and improvements to parking Site Address: Townsend House, 24 Hereford Street, Presteigne.

THANKS

...**The Guerrilla Gardeners were hard at work today (30/6) at the Bring Site.** The hedges are intertwined with ivy and brambles with weeds growing at the base and sprawling across the hardstanding. Six ladies cleared 11 bags of green cuttings and weeds and left the area looking a lot better for their efforts. Thanks GGs !

...**from Presteigne Fire Station.** Last night (1/7) on drill, GM Craig Thomas visited the station to present CM John Bright with his 20 year long service medal and he also presented the Legend that is CM Dave Lloyd his 40 year Badge and Bar for 40 years amazing service to Presteigne and surrounding area. Thanks to John & Dave for their continued dedication & a massive thank you to their families - Fleur, leuan & June have all been amazing!

...**from Roger at the Parish Magazine.** I have now handed over to a new editor, Steve Bishop. We both thank everyone for supporting, informing, contributing to, advertising in and enjoying the Parish Magazine. We thank particularly others in the volunteer team who, with me until now and Steve hereafter, work hard to put it together to support the mission of your Parish Churches and also all local groups and events – the community at large.

...**from the Town Council.** Thank you to all those who turned out to help with the orchard pruning on the Council's Went's Meadow at the weekend. 15+ people turned up and a good job was done. Again thank you to all the helpers.

SCAM ALERT

...**Emails that look like they are from the NHS** are asking people to pay money for a digital pass in order to show your vaccination status. Several police forces have warned that this is a scam. You can access the NHS Covid Pass for free online, and will not be asked to pay for it. fullfact.org/online/NHS-digital-passport-vaccination-scam

...**from Herefordshire Council**. We are aware of scammers claiming to be from the 'Medical Centre' calling about Telecare equipment requiring replacement. These calls are a hoax – we do not contact people about Telecare equipment and would not ask for bank details over the phone. If you are in any doubt, please don't share any personal information and end the call.

...**from Which**. There's been a resurgence in fake Hermes texts trying to lure you into bank transfer scams. This is how fraudsters have been changing their tactics to catch victims out. Find out more about our free weekly scam alert service at whi.ch/SCAMALERTS

COVID

...**from Powys THB. 18+ in Powys and not had your first dose?** Get in touch so that we can book you into a Pfizer clinic in July: Bronllys 6-11 July; Builth Wells 14-16 July; Newtown 6-7 July. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/find/priority-access>. *[ed. If you don't have the means of getting to the vaccination centre under your own steam, contact PNCS Community Transport office on 01544 260806. Subject to availability, their volunteer drivers can take you there - this wonderful PNCS service is being provided free of charge during the pandemic]*

...**If you are pregnant in Powys** and have questions about COVID-19 vaccination then please visit our website or talk to your Powys midwife: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/information/pregnancy/>. You can also use our Priority Access Form to request an appointment: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/find/priority-access>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**a reminder from The Warehouse**. Please note that we will be closed on Friday 9 July and Saturday 10 July. Our donations bin will be inaccessible from Thursday 8 July up to and including Sunday 11 July. Sorry for any inconvenience.

...**from East Radnor Leisure Centre**. Fancy a swim? Remember no booking required for any of the public swim sessions! Just turn up and swim. For more information or to book into a lane swim please call us on 01544 260302.

...**from Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club**. Our FREE Junior Hockey sessions will be running again this Wednesday (30th) from 6 - 7.15pm on John Beddoes School Field. We had a fantastic turnout last week and look forward to seeing you all again for an hour of hockey fun. We have new club sticks to play with this week and new games to help you develop your skills and play with confidence. If you are new to the sessions and would like to register or find out more, please send us a message or contact Jess on 07990 520537. Happy Hockey!

...**from Daphne's. Dine In & Take Away**. Current opening hours - Thursday/Friday/Saturday 5 - 10pm; Sunday 5 - 9pm. Call 07377 909216 to book a table or to order

...**from Paul Stephens**. I'm looking for somewhere to rent for business - must have outside area for washing cars + power and water supply within 1 to 2 miles of Presteigne - if you can help please contact 07985 150727

...**Presteigne Little People**: Free Summer Outdoor Family Fun. For parents/carers & 2 max children age 0-5 years. Starts 6th July Tuesdays 1:00pm - 3:30pm & Wednesdays 9:00am - 11:30pm, at the Youth Centre (Old School), Hereford St, Presteigne. LIMITED SPACES: BOOKING ESSENTIAL. For more information/booking...email : info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Online Energy Event TODAY !! Monday 5th July** at 7pm. Greenwashing vs Renewable Energy Generation: which energy suppliers are making a positive difference? A short talk & debate about 4 specific green energy companies. Followed by a short workshop on switching supplier, for those who want. Book here: <https://www.actionnetwork.org/events/greenwashing-vs-renewable-energy-generation-which-energy-suppliers-are-making-a-positive-difference>

...Leon's Supper Club. Greek Night - Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th July above the Salty Dog. 7pm. £25 pp, bring your own drinks. Menu: a Trio of Greek Dips - Prawn & Squid Saganaki - Beef Stifado - Garlic Fried Rice - Greek Salad - Baklava & Ice-cream. For reservations (bookings for tables of 4 max) 01544 262164 / 267720 or 07805 727486.

...Free webinar 'A Wasteless Britain' on waste and recycling. Thursday 8th July 7.30pm. Register on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-wasteless-britain-registration-158983689495>

...from Whitton Community Hall & WI - Welcome ! 13th July then every 2nd Tuesday 10.30am - 12 noon. A chance for everyone to get out of the house, leave chores behind and enjoy company, coffee or tea and delicious cake. All welcome. If you're on your own please don't let this stop you coming along. If you don't have transport - just give us a ring and we can discuss what arrangements can be made. Tel 01547 560350 or 560327.

...from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust RWT. Put Saturday 28th August in your Diary when we'll be organising a Wild Ideas event in Presteigne. See the RWT website for information. More news on this nearer the date.

...from The Bleddfa Centre. Welcome to our July exhibition, brilliantly designed and co-curated by the artists, assisted by our exhibition officer. July 1st - August 1st: 'Darkness and Light', a celebration and a lament in uncertain times, with Don Braisby, Frances Carlile and Jane Harding; Oriel Bleddfa and Hall Barn, including installations, workshops and readings. Thursdays-Sundays, 11am - 4pm. Our garden has a gazebo for shade of rain cover, and the café is wafting irresistible aromas over the Centre... will you choose a cheese & chive scone, or the Welsh Rarebit? Perhaps the apricot torte or a slice of rocky road with your coffee? You can then browse the exhibition, maybe buy a card from our craft shop, and return home replenished in both body and mind... Find out more at www.bleddfacentre.org

...from Hereford Museum and Art Gallery. 'Round the Year from Stonewall Hill' , an exhibition running from 3rd July 2021 to 21st August 2021. Featuring 'Round the Year from Stonewall Hill' (also known as 'Four Seasons on the Welsh Border') by Mary Rennell (1901 to 1981). 12 drawings in Chinese ink on rice paper (each 153 x 69 cm). Created over a year from November 1967 to October 1968 from the back seat of her Mini. Exhibited in 1970 at the National Library of Wales/Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru, Aberystwyth, which then purchased the 12 panels. Now after 50 years they have emerged from storage to make their long overdue debut in the county of their creation. The exhibition includes contemporary responses to Stonewall Hill and to Mary Rennell's depictions of it by two Herefordshire residents: painter Richard Gilbert and photographer Brian Griffiths. The exhibition hopes to inspire visitors to visit this sublime oasis-like viewing platform, perched some two miles north of Presteigne. 01432 383383 Entrance free. Access by stairs or lift. Before visiting please check the latest opening arrangements on the Herefordshire Council web site: www.herefordshire.gov.uk

...from Aardvark Books & Café. Your Special Invitation to Summer 2021 Events at Aardvark Books! - <https://mailchi.mp/1545fb3b9386/your-special-invitation-to-summer-2021-events-at-aardvark-books-5057005>. Read on for details of a special author evening in July: Annie Garthwaite in conversation with Anna Dreda, to celebrate the publication of her debut novel "Cecily", inhabiting the character of Lady Cecily Neville during the Wars of the Roses, (including her imprisonment at Ludlow Castle!). In August we will hold our Car Boot Event on the Bank Holiday Monday, and in September we host the artists of Abstract Edge for h.Art.

...from Emily George. Dance and fitness workshops! A day filled with games, fitness and dancing! Tuesday 17th August 9-3pm Knighton; Wednesday 4th August 9-3pm Presteigne. Ages 4+. For one workshop £16 per child, £12 per sibling and £10 for an additional workshop! Only 4 space available in Presteigne and a few more available in Knighton! Contact me to book on! Spaces are limited!

...from the Sidney Nolan Trust. In tandem with our current exhibition Nolan à l'Atelier 17, we are delighted to offer a one-day printmaking workshop exploring colour viscosity printing on Sunday 18 July. This unique method was developed in Paris by Stanley William Hayter and

results in several colours from a single plate in a single pass through the press. Full info and booking here: <https://www.sidneynolantrust.org/your-visit/whats-on/exploring-colour-viscosity/> ...plus...COMMUNITY WEEKENDER! We have been busy planning a weekend of live music, storytelling, art workshops, nature walks, food and drink. Join us at The Rodd Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 August 11 til 5, free entry for all. More details coming soon!

...from St Andrews, Presteigne. While we remain cautious about the risks created by Covid-19, some aspects of life are slowly getting back to normal, and we are pleased to announce the return of the St Andrew's Fundraising Coffee Mornings next weekend. All are welcome to join us in the churchyard for refreshments and a chat (maintaining distancing, of course!) and to visit a small selection of stalls, from 1030 to 12.30 on Saturday 10 July. Contributions for the cake and bric-a-brac stalls will also be welcome! Refreshments will be served from the church hall, but the tables will be outside, in the courtyard next to the hall – which is opposite the church, at the bottom of Church Street.

...an Open Day at Knill. Sunday 30th August 2 to 6pm. Satnav LD8 2PR off B4362. Gardens, village walk, plants, 12th C church, teas & homemade cakes in the Rose Garden. £5 (<16s free) in aid of church funds.

...NGS Open Gardens in the local area. See www.ngs.org.uk for more details. 31st July/1st August 1 Ystrad House and the Coach House, Knighton; 31st July/1st August Monaughty Mill, Knighton.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Freegle Freegle. Our best suggestion for #PlasticFreeJuly is to avoid buying new stuff this month - it nearly ALWAYS comes wrapped in swathes of plastic packaging (boooo!!) - use your local Freegle group to find pre-loved clothes, furniture, building materials, sports stuff, office equipment ...just about anything - and with not a bit of plastic packaging in sight! Our wonderful Freegle sharing app is here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile> so you can get started right away (yay). Head on over to the Plastic Free July website to find out what else you can actually do to avoid SOOOOO much plastic this month and then maybe adopt some habit changes for the future <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>. Plastic Free July® is a key initiative of the Plastic Free Foundation that allows us to work towards our vision of seeing a world free of plastic waste. From humble beginnings in 2011, the award-winning Plastic Free July campaign is the result of years of hard work.

...from Herefordshire CC. Commonwealth Games 2022. Living in Herefordshire ? we have special access to the West Midlands ticket ballot for Birmingham 2022. You could be among the first to secure tickets! The ballot begins on July 14. Make sure you're on the start line & register: <http://orlo.uk/QuSBH>

...The BBC will end its licence fee grace period for over-75s on 31 July, with 260,000 pensioners still yet to pay. The right to a free TV licence for that age group ended last August for all except those in receipt of the pension credit benefit. But in February, the BBC announced a transition period due to the pandemic.

...from Herefordshire Council and Wye Valley NHS Trust. Please hand it back! Please check your own home and family members' homes for medical equipment that is no longer needed to help others in need. Millions of £s worth of equipment is currently on loan in the community. We especially need perching stools, toilet frames and commodes issued by the NHS or the council. Please help if you can <http://orlo.uk/7jWqM>

...from Powys CC. Care workers working in the independent sector should have received information from their employers by now on how to apply for the Welsh Government's £735 Covid-19 payment. The WG announced earlier this year that they would be paying NHS and care workers a special payment of £735 to recognise their work during the pandemic. The figure was chosen to allow the staff to 'take home' £500 after tax and NI deductions. In Powys, the scheme is being managed on behalf of the government by the county council - all claim forms need to be received by the council for processing by September 30th of this year.

...a reminder from **Waste Not UK**. Both Asda and Tesco now offer plastic bag and film recycling in store. The more we recycle, the less pollution there is. If you go to these supermarkets, or know someone else who does, please do your bit and recycle these plastics - the quantity still going to landfill is frightening !

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from **Seconds & Co. Office/Sales Assistant**. Want to make an application Make sure your CV is up to date, then read the job specs on our website carefully before applying. Please send your CV to cait@secondsandco.co.uk. Closing date is Friday 23rd July. Contact number if you have any questions : 01544 260 501

...**Kerry Lee Racehorse Trainer, based near Presteigne/Shobdon is recruiting** riding and yard staff for the coming season. Riders must be fully competent and have experience working with competition horses or thoroughbreds. Full and part time hours available, to apply, please email kerry@kerrylee.co.uk with your CV and phone number.

...from **Lucy at Powys Arts & Culture**. Dear Powys arts, creative industry & cultural sector friends and colleagues, Arts Council of Wales are looking to recruit inspirational Creative practitioners/organisations to deliver (through the mediums of Welsh and English) a range of creative arts activities during the Summer holiday 2021, as part of the SHEP programme. For further information and how to apply: - <https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/school-holiday-enrichment-programme-shep>

...from **Herefordshire CC. Looking for a job?** We currently have vacancies for: Teaching assistants, Press & publicity, Environmental health officer, Social workers, Lawyers. And lots more! For our current vacancies, & to apply, visit: <http://orlo.uk/piG7P>

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