

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

...**PNCS is in desperate need of volunteer drivers** if anybody has some free time in the week. Volunteer drivers take our members to health appointments - our drivers choose what journeys they do, local or farther afield, or both. The drivers are reimbursed at 45p a mile for all mileage. Please pop in and have a chat at our High Street Office opposite Spar.

...**revised Presteigne Library information...**Now open Tuesday (10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm) and Wednesday (1pm-6pm) only. Sorry, we're not able to open at any other times at the moment. Two people OR two bubbles at any one time, so a family of four could be there at the same time as a single person. Please note, there is no need to book slots - you can just turn up. If all you need to do is return books, then please pop them into the porch box.

...**the Autumn issue of the Mid-Border News is out now !** Read it here https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_autumn_2021

THANKS

...**from Presteigne Bowling Club.** A big thank you to our sponsors Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop for supplying the meat for the barbecue last weekend as part of our Charity Triples event! A business local to us but if you are not local, please take a minute to view their website! www.weobleyash.co.uk

...**from Presteigne Fire Station** - last week GM Craig Thomas presented FF's Glyn Williams and Chris Shepherd their long service medals - Glyn and Chris have currently served 23 years at Presteigne and we thank them for the continued service to Presteigne and surrounding area - and thanks to Tracey and family, and Laura and family, in their support of Glyn and Chris at the Presteigne Station.

...**from East Radnor Care.** Massive thanks the The Price Family from Ackhill Sunflowers who kindly donated sunflowers for us to deliver with our Meals on Wheels lunches! Everyone was very grateful for the lovely surprise.

...**The Guerrilla Gardeners** were delighted to receive a donation of £50 from The Community Cafe last week. So good to know that the work we do in the town is appreciated and this gift was partly to recognise the work at the church prior to the music Festival. Marion Rowlett made the presentation at The Ligné Garden to a handful of the GG team. Many thanks to the Community Cafe team for this gift, some of which will be used to buy Spring bulbs.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**the next Town Council meeting is this Wednesday 15th September** at 7.30pm at the Assembly Rooms, Broad Street, Presteigne and also via Zoom. See main Council web page for information - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>

...**Latest planning applications** in to be considered at the September meeting of the Town Council. [21/1487/LBC](#) Grid Reference: E:331377 N: 264546 Proposal: Re pointing of listed wall (beginning to take place on the side facing Saint David's Street) Site Address: Court Cottage , 1 St David's Street, Presteigne. [21/1592/HH](#) Grid Reference: E:331205 N: 264501 Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension to existing dwelling Site Address: 33 Castle Road, Presteigne.

...**general information.** (a) **Town Council Surgeries:** are held on the first Saturday of each month (excluding January) from 10am to 12pm in the Memorial Hall alongside the Farmers Market. No appointment necessary. Please call in to discuss any concerns you may have. (b) **Allotments:** To download an application form to go on the waiting list click [Allotment Application Form](#). For Existing Tenants: To download an application form for a shed, water butt etc click [Shed Application Form](#). (c) **Community Tables/Gazebos:** These are available for use by community groups located within the Presteigne and Norton Town Council area. An application form must be completed and any damage must be rectified. If you need more information or to chat about potential use please contact the Clerk, Tracey Price @ presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com. Please apply at least two weeks in advance. [Tables Use Request Form](#). [Gazebos Use Request Form](#). (d) **Small Grants:** The Town Council awards a small number of grants to local organisations such as Presteigne Colts, Presteigne and Norton Community Support. Grants are flexible and can be for one off items or to help towards general running costs. For full details see the Council grant awarding policy and application forms. If you would like to discuss the possibility of a grant please contact the Clerk or speak to any Councillor. Click here to access [Small Grant Policy](#), [Small Grant Application Form \(New applicant\)](#), [Small Grant Application Form \(Request to renew existing grant\)](#)

SCAM ALERT

...**from Tesco Bank.** A small number of our customers have been targeted by fraudsters who claim to be offering Tesco Bank bonds and fixed rate savings accounts. If you have been approached regarding these products, please contact us immediately. Find more information on how to detect and report fraud here <https://www.tescobank.com/security/>

...**Fake competitions on social media.** Watch out for convincing copycat social media accounts contacting you to claim that you've won a prize. Many of these accounts are created by fraudsters who target you based on your social media activity and interests – they can catch you out with offers that could feasibly be genuine. [Here's why it's important to check](#) who's really sending you private messages before you engage with them.

COVID

...**from PNCS. Drop-In First and Second Dose COVID Vaccination Sessions THIS WEEK.** You can attend our drop-in clinic for your first dose if you are aged 16+. You can attend our drop in clinic for your second dose if your first dose was in Powys more than eight weeks ago. No appointment necessary. Help us make sure your vaccine is as effective as possible and please DO NOT attend a drop-in session if: *you currently have COVID-19 symptoms *you are acutely unwell *you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 28 days. Builth Wells Showground. Wednesday 15th.11.30-6.30 Thursday 16th 9.30-4.30 Friday 17th 9.30-4.40

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**from Chris at Presteigne Youth Club - we're back!** on Monday 13th September (tonight!) the youth club will restart. From 6 to 8pm. Just £1 to enter. Age group 11-16. Tuck Shop will be back too. Please do not come if you have been pinged by the app or if your school year is on isolation. I've gotta look after the staff and volunteers! Hopefully see you tonight p.s. if anyone fancies volunteering, please message me on the Youth Club FB page....many hands etc!

...**East Radnorshire Day Centre** has grown and evolved to meet the needs of the community and in response to this we have changed our company name to East Radnorshire Care Limited to reflect the wide variety of services we now offer. We are a registered charity offering a variety of services within the social care sector including East Radnor Home Support and East Radnorshire Day Centre. Covid-19 = The Day Centre is currently closed due to the pandemic but Home Support is running as normal. Home Support offer low level practical support with

day to day independent living. We also offer a 24 hour rapid response to emergencies via Care Line. A Meals on Wheels service is run daily, Monday to Friday. Every Monday we have a coffee morning from 10am to 12noon where you can drop in and have a chat in a nice friendly atmosphere. A new lunch club is being launched on Thursday 30th September! We also offer a bathing & hairdressing service for a small fee. For more information please telephone 01544 260360 / 260267 in office hours

...from East Radnor Leisure. We have made some amendments to our current pool timetable which now includes more public swim time on a Monday and Tuesday. For more info, please call (01544) 260302

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from Presteigne Young Farmers. New members evening TONIGHT Monday 13th September 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. We are looking for some young & enthusiastic individuals to join Presteigne Young Farmers. We do a variety of activities - Including flower arranging - Cookery - Crafts - Stock Judging - Sports. You don't need to have an agricultural background to join everyone is welcome! If anyone one has any children who would be interested in joining please message on FB or call Lucy 07538 038401!

...Presteigne Repair & Skill Share. Don't bin it, bring it! We're back - this Saturday 18th September at the Youth Centre, Hereford Street 10.00-12.00, it's free & the current Covid precautions then will apply. Household items of all sorts. If bringing a Hoover please empty it out first.....we have had a few dusty moments recently ! [01544 260766](tel:01544260766)

...Forthcoming events supported by small grants from the Town Council - 30th October: Norton Bonfire and Firework Display, and 6th November: Presteigne Fireworks (organised by Sheep Music). More details will be provided by the Organisations nearer the dates.

...from The Hub, New Radnor. Coffee Mornings at The Hub, New Radnor, every Thursday from 10-12noon, all welcome. Also every Friday PHuB night from 6.30pm. For details of food served and to order, please text [07762 255996](tel:07762255996). Finally, live music returns to the Hub. Cabaret night...Saturday 16th October- tickets limited so book early. Details also on our Facebook page: @thehubnewradnor

...Tickets are now on sale for Mid Wales Opera "Il tabarro" at St Andrew's Church, on Friday 29 October. This is a production directed by Mid Wales Opera's Artistic Directors Jonathan Lyness and Richard Studer, with a cast of six singers and four musicians. It is a new arrangement by Music Director Jonathan Lyness, with a new libretto by Richard Studer, who will also design the piece. The first half of the performance will be Il tabarro; the second will include music, singing and readings, designed to entertain the audience and introduce MWO's forthcoming work – Puccini's La bohème. See www.wegotickets.com

...from the Sidney Nolan Trust. The next meeting of our youth arts programme CULTIVATE is Saturday 25 September 10am - 2pm, when we will be working artist Stephan Chaddick. To find out more visit our website.

...from Chatterbrook WI. Macmillan coffee morning: on Friday September 24th from 10.30 -12 noon in Presteigne Memorial Hall. Free entry – donations invited for cakes, coffee and tea. A bring-and-buy sales table, a grand raffle. Bring your friends and neighbours to join the 'biggest coffee morning in the world' and support this important cause which helps people surviving cancer. Hosted by Chatterbrook WI, all proceeds are for Macmillan cancer support.

...events at Walton Hall. Mo Lloyd from the Radnorshire Society will be giving a talk on "200 years of farming in Radnorshire" on 15th October at 7pm. £5 entry charge, children under 16 free. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee morning with a book and jigsaw swap on Wednesday 13th October from 10am until 1pm. This event is held on the second Wednesday of every month.

MacMillan coffee morning on Saturday 25th September from 10.30am until 1pm. Come and support this wonderful organisation.

OTHER INFORMATION

...abnormal load movements. The police have warned that they are escorting abnormal loads through north and mid-Wales to a new wind farm near Crossgate this month. The loads will travel from Wrexham once every weekday and motorists are being advised to be aware of, and where possible avoid, the route to prevent getting caught in delays. Here is a link with the details - https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/news/dyfed-powys/news/2021/september-2021/abnormal-loads-escorted-to-new-windfarm-throughout-september/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo

...from Presteigne Freegle. Calling all #University students! Need things for your new digs? No need to buy new (hoorah!) Download our free sharing app to see what's being given away, in your home area or nearby to your uni <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>. You can find lots of really useful stuff for free: furniture, electricals, kitchen gadgets and cooking stuff, sports equipment, bikes, clothes, books, stationery, DIY, art and crafts materials, tools, deskseverything imaginable! If you know someone starting back at Uni this year please let them know about our fabulous free reuse communities.

...from Presteigne Primary School. Useful information here about school meals - do have a read if you think you might be eligible <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/free-school-meals-in-wales-information-for-parents-and-guardians.pdf>

...from Prime Cymru. FREE Qualifications with PRIME Cymru. Would you like to stand out to employers by adding to your CV? You can learn something new and build your confidence with qualifications like Health & Safety, First Aid, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health and Food Hygiene. We offer free training for these certificates – give us a call on 01550 721813 or email enquiries@primecymru.co.uk to find out more.

...from Herefordshire Council. With FREE bus travel in Herefordshire again every weekend you could: *Visit our fantastic countryside, exceptional views & wonderful wildlife *Explore our country parks, heritage sites & play areas *Get active on over 3,000km of Public Rights of Way * Or just #LoveLocal with a visit to one of our market towns. For ideas, route planning & more visit: <https://orlo.uk/wP3fZ>

...from Recycling Now. Are you recycling your food tins and drinks cans correctly? - Empty and rinse items - left over foods or liquids can contaminate other recyclables.- You can leave labels on - these are removed in the recycling process.

...from Freegle Hip, hip, hooray! 12 years old today.... sending thanks and gratitude (and zillions of virtual cakes) to the 3.5 million people who have used our Free Sharing site to keep stuff out of landfill, the bin and incinerators! Every year more than 12,000 tonnes of stuff gets freegled! That's 1,000 tonnes every month *not* going to waste. The value of all that free stuff being shared every year is around £10 million and avoids about 7,000 tonnes of carbon emissions annually. Well done everyone for making a difference and proving that lots of small actions really do have a big impact! If you haven't already you can join our wonderful Reuse Revolution here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org> or Download our free app here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>. And if like stats and exploring geeky data you can check out your local Freegle stats (and more) here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/stats/>

...for Herefordshire residents. Have your say on the 2022/23 budget | We need you to let us know how Herefordshire council can best support post-covid recovery in Herefordshire to deliver services in an effective, affordable & environmentally friendly way. Your services, your say, here: <https://orlo.uk/hHcs6>

...from Prime Cymru. Want to be your own boss? We are experts at helping people to set up their own business. If you are exploring the idea of self-employment, but need a little support, please get in touch. Our mentors can support you with exploring ideas, creating business

plans, starting up your company and much more. Visit our website, www.primecymru.co.uk to find out more or contact us directly on 01550721813/enquiries@primecymru.co.uk

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...**Outdoor person wanted** to help control vegetation on large area of rough ground. Regular and occasional work, rates to be agreed, flexible hours or days. Most work in autumn, winter, spring but strimming, mowing, and odd jobs if wanted year round. Might suit co-workers for company. Reliable reasonable employers for reliable, communicative person, tel. 01547550178

...**from Cartrefi Cymru. Service Manager** wanted for Social Care - £13.03/£13.28ph. For Llandrindod Wells, Rhayader, Knighton and Presteigne Localities. Working at Cartrefi Cymru Co-operative is more than just a job...it means supporting people to live their fullest, most independent lives. We were the first and are the largest Social Care Co-operative in Wales, which means we put community at the forefront of everything we do. We provide support to people with learning disabilities, mental health needs, older people, people with Autism and physical disabilities. Full paid training and support to achieve QCF qualifications. This is a good opportunity for those looking to take the next step in their career.

...**from Powys CC. Admin & Care Job vacancies.** Do you know someone with care or admin skills who could help our frontline services, maybe a family member or friend, to help with our social care and contact tracing work during the pandemic? A rise in COVID-19 case rates in the county, which has affected many social care workers, along with everybody else, is putting a real pressure on the delivery of vital services in our communities. It is also stretching our Test, Trace, Protect (TTP) team to the limit. The council currently has a rolling open recruitment campaign for social care staff, administrators and for contact tracers and advisors, so if you know anyone who you think would fit the bill for any of these roles, please ask them to visit the jobs section of our website: <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk> and search for 'care' or 'administrator' or 'Contact Tracer' or 'Contact Tracing Advisor'. If you know someone who is looking to return to social work, after taking a break, and who needs to complete some top-up training we would love to hear from them. We are also keen to hear from anyone who could spare some time, either paid or voluntary, to help in Powys care homes – cooking, cleaning and sitting with residents. For either of these opportunities please email: recruitment@powys.gov.uk or call: 01597 826409.

...**Sir Sidney Nolan Trust. Call for volunteers;** Next week work resumes sorting and conserving Sidney Nolan's photographic archive. 30,000 photographs paint an intimate picture of his life and work and we are working hard to safeguard it. If you'd like to help please contact us at info@sidneynolantrust.org

...**from Arrow Medical. 2 vacancies are in the textile department** which they will be trained to do multiple jobs ie: screen printing, sewing, RF welding, inspection and packing. No experience needed as training will be provided. **1 vacancy in our moulding department** which is intricate work priming, trimming, using fine scissors and sometimes scalpels and fine brushes, No experience needed as training will be provided. Work hours are 8am-5pm Mon-Thurs and 8am-1pm on Fri (some overtime may be required on all vacancies). Minimum wage. Position is full time. Immediate start on all vacancies. Please email your CV to m.williams@arrowmedical.co.uk

...**from Powys THB. Are you looking for an opportunity to gain valuable workplace skills** in Powys, in Health, Social Care and the Third Sector (charities/voluntary)? Would you like to 'earn while you learn'? Are you aged 16-24 and claiming Universal Credit? If so, you can get six months paid employment in a variety of roles, including administration, support worker and support services (catering/domestic/porter). Experience is not necessary as you will be fully supported and mentored to gain a variety of skills and embark on a programme of learning. For further information speak to your Work Coach at your local Job Centre.

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