

Community News



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The Community News is an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group - "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

[ed] please note that the Book Bank at our Bring Site is full and is NOT being emptied at the moment by British Heart Foundation so PLEASE PLEASE take your books to the charity shops, or keep them at home until BHF collections restart. We'll let you know when that happens. There is no point taking books to the Bring Site to be recycled and then leaving them stuffed in the chute or piled up on top to get wet and ruined ?!

...from Powys CC. Temporary Road Closure: B4355 BEGUILDY - KNIGHTON will be in place on the 11-15 October 2021 (8am-5pm) on behalf of MJ Quinn / BT Openreach, while they do works to tree cutting.

...I am looking for help with light housework two hours a week on Thursday or Friday in Presteigne. Contact Daphne Ransome tel. [01544 260204](tel:01544260204)

...from Mark. Sheep Music is recruiting stewards to help run their Fireworks Night event on Saturday Nov 6th. You can help run this very popular community event which you can then also enjoy for free! Please contact Mark Williams asap on williams.mark1@gmail.com

...from Geoff Hall Funerals. Margaret Rose Seyffert of Presteigne passed away at Kington Court on 29th September 2021 aged 90 years. Graveside Service at Presteigne Cemetery on Wednesday 13th October at 12 noon. If you are unable to attend the Cemetery you are welcome to join the family at Presteigne Memorial Hall from 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Andrews Church. Enquiries Geoff Hall Funerals 01547 528554

THANKS

...from Margaret (PNCS Volunteer Driver). I would like to thank Presteigne Medical Centre for treating a client of PNCS after she had a very serious fall in Kington after visiting the opticians. Also thanks to the two kind ladies in Kington who helped get her back in the car and to take her to Kington Surgery for treatment but unfortunately they would not see her as she was registered with Knighton docs. I then drove to Presteigne Surgery who did not hesitate to treat her injuries. Thank you Presteigne Surgery !!

...from Lorraine Farrell just to let anyone know who attended my Macmillan Coffee Morning on 25th September that the final total raised was £350!. Thank you everyone!

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...the next full Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm, online and in The Assembly Rooms. Meeting papers available 14th October.

SCAM ALERT

...from Which. There's been a resurgence in fake Hermes texts trying to lure you into bank transfer scams - and scammers are using new tactics. Here's what to look out for. Sign up to

our free scam alert service to get a weekly update on the latest scams doing the rounds <http://whi.ch/scamalerts>

...**from Herefordshire CC.** Our Trading Standards team are asking elderly residents to be on their guard against companies currently operating a spray foam loft insulation scam in Herefordshire: <https://orlo.uk/DCind>

...**Fake supermarket emails.** Bogus marketing surveys promising gift cards of up to £100 for filling them out are landing in people's inboxes. These emails impersonate the likes of Asda, Morrisons and Tesco and contain common phishing tactics. We've gotten hold of copies so you know what to watch out for - see [Supermarket phishing](#)

COVID & FLU

...**do you have Covid symptoms and need a Covid test ?** We have a local COVID-19 testing unit in Builth Wells. Most testing units are run by the UK Government's national testing programme. But our unit in Builth Wells is run locally by our team here in Powys. Unfortunately this means that the testing unit in Builth Wells is not available to book via 119 or on the national website. But, it is available to book by contacting us direct. You can request a COVID-19 test in Builth Wells by emailing powys.testing@wales.nhs.uk. Information about all the COVID-19 testing options in Powys is available from our website at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/find/ttp>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Presteigne Bowls Social Club - Winter opening hours:** Friday 7.30-11pm; Saturday 12-4pm and 7.30-11.30pm, Sunday 12-4pm and 7.30-10.30pm. Special events: Quiz Night on 2nd Wednesday of each month 7.30 for 8pm, Bingo every Thursday night (starting 21/10) 7.30 for 8pm. Newly refurbished and the cheapest bar in town !!

...**from Jen at Be Brilliant Dogs.** If you have a working-line dog and need something to keep their brain active, why not teach them some new tricks! Join me later this month for a small group class, hosted in Evenjobb! Book via jen@BeBrilliantDogs.co.uk or message on FB

...**from East Radnor (Freedom) Leisure.** Lifeguard Course running here very soon! The course will run over October half term. Starting Monday 25th October until Friday 29th October. The assessment will be Wednesday 3rd November TBC. *Must be 16 on the day of the exam* If you are interested, get in touch today e-mail jody.owen@freedom-leisure.co.uk or call 01544 260302 or for more information. Spaces are limited, so get in touch ASAP.

...**Investing in shares on the London Stock Market** costs less than a pound a day in Presteigne and, more than, that it's FUN. Some members, of the Town's three investment clubs, have just returned from an adventurous weekend in Snowdonia where they enjoyed such activities as zipwiring, underground caving and a trip on the Welsh Highland Railway. Many other members are now looking forward to a celebratory dinner at the Cider Barn, in Pembridge, to mark the twentieth anniversary of the formation of Presteigne Investment Club, the town's original investment club. Next year a group tour of Georgia is being organised. To find out more about Presteigne's three investment clubs, or to join their waiting list for membership, please call Jonathan Wilson on 01544 260800.

...**from Presteigne St Andrews FC** - a great win today in the League Cup versus Newcastle-on-Clun 3-1, Josh Pearce with 2 and Liam Tomkins the other!

...**from Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club.** Presteigne 2 - Kington 2 - what a battle from both teams! 100% effort from everyone on the pitch. Very tough game and a fair result! Thanks to everyone who took the time out of their day to come and support us

...**from East Radnorshire Care.** Many thanks to everyone who joined us for Lunch Club today. Next Thursday's menu is Roast Ham, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Cauliflower Cheese & Peas with Lemon Tart & Cream for dessert. Booking is essential. If you'd like to book please ring 01544 260267 before 10am Thursday.

...**from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café.** As we head in to Autumn we will be reintroducing our Friday takeaway menu starting this week with pies. Steak, mushroom and ale or Chicken

bacon and leek pies will be available either fully cooked or ready for the oven. These pies are slightly smaller than the ones I was doing before but are well filled and cheaper at £3.50 each. The following week will be curry. To order message me on FB or pop in to the cafe.

...from **Chilvers Country Supplies**. 25kg Bags of POTATOES IN STOCK!!!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Fireworks 2021 hosted again by Sheep Music on Saturday 6th November 2021**. The evening will start at 6.15pm with a Parade from the Recycling Centre. Fire torches will be available for adults, children will be provided with electronic tea lights. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lantern. The Firework Display will begin at 6.45pm on Went's Meadow. The display has been designed by local pyrotechnics expert, Pete Smith who will be assisted on the night by his fearless team. The evening will also feature a spectacular and very topical fire sculpture designed by Owen Rimington. Following the fireworks, Sheep Music are pleased to present live music from The Poobahs. Fronted by Dave Luke, and joined by some of the best musicians in the area, The Poobahs will perform their usual mix of cowjazz-celticana-dartford-delta-goth-rootsanglopolitan. There will be hot food available and a Sheep Music bar. If you can help with stewarding, please contact us at info@sheep-music.co.uk. Tickets are £5 (under 12s free)

...**from The Hub at New Radnor**. Saturday 16th October cabaret night with 'Alive and Brel' at the Hub, a cabaret revue of the finest songs of Jaques Brel, with cheese, wine and Belgian beer. Doors open 6.30pm, music starts 7.30pm. £10 book at 01544 350559 or 07870 752325. Plus ... Coffee mornings every Thursday from 10 til 12.

...**Presteigne Tree Weekend**. A celebration of local trees with free events in and around Presteigne 10am -4.30pm Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th October 2021. A wide programme of events including guided walks around two private woodlands, talks from The Woodland Trust, exhibitions by local artists, games, quizzes, demonstrations of woodworking, forest school, den building, workshops, apple pressing and more. Click on 'register' at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/presteigne-tree-weekend-tickets-177408903807> to see individual events and reserve your tickets.

Saturday 23rd Went's Meadow. Branching Out Forest School (Toni Pettitt 10.30 - 12.30 suitable for age 6 - 12 years 12.45 - 1.45 suitable for age 2-5 years 2.15 - 3.45 suitable for age 6 - 12 years); Radnorshire Wildlife Trust STAND for NATURE (activities for ages 10 - 24); Creative Writing inspired by trees with Emma Beyon (2 Sessions available 11-12.30 and 13.30-15.00); Drop in activities: plus tea, cake and music! 10-4pm. Graffiti & T-shirt printing, please bring a plain old T-shirt, Ink card printing, Nest box making, Broom Making, Watch Mike Abbott making chairs & baby rattles, Willow weaving demonstration, Children's apple pressing. Drop in at Assembly Rooms for: 'All About Trees' an exhibition by local artists 10-4pm

Sunday 24th Walks, talk and apple pressing: Boultribrooke Tree Walks (10.00 and 11.30 start times please wear sturdy shoes this walk is on uneven ground); Silia House Tree Walks (10.00 and 11.30 start times please wear sturdy shoes this walk is on uneven ground); Ancient & Veteran Trees Talk by Andy Dodgson Presteigne Assembly Rooms 3 - 4pm; Apple Pressing in Radnorshire Arms Garden 11 - 4 (No need to book. Bring washed apples from your garden or picked on Went's Meadow orchards. Bring clean containers to take your juice home); Assembly Rooms "All About Trees" an exhibition by local artists 10-4pm

...**NGS Open Gardens. The Hymns, Presteigne - open by arrangement**. See <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/34145>. In a beautiful setting in the heart of the Radnor valley, the garden at The Hymns is part of a restored C16 farmstead, with long views to the hills and The Radnor Forest. It is a traditional garden reclaimed from the wild-using locally grown plants and seeds. The garden features a herb patio, wildflower meadows and a short woodland walk. It is designed for all the senses: sight, sound and smell. This garden is open BY ARRANGEMENT ONLY from April - October. This means that the garden welcomes visitors on pre-agreed dates. Please contact the garden owner via the link above, to discuss requirements and arrange a date for a group or bespoke visit. Light refreshments are available. Admission £5.00 Child: Free ...**"Learn to Identify Fungi" Evancoyd**. Tuesday 19th October 10:30 - 12:30. Join the Beautiful Burial Ground Project to explore the fungi in St Peter's churchyard. This is a friendly

and informal, outdoor session suitable for complete beginners as well as those wishing to refresh their identification skills. Join us to find out why burial grounds are such important places for grassland fungi. Places are free but must be booked. Book directly here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/171067025077> or email george@cfga.org.uk. The Beautiful Burial Ground project is an initiative of the burial ground conservation charity Caring for God's Acre and is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. To find out more about the work of the charity please visit www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk.

...**Mid Wales Opera SmallStages: Puccini - Il tabarro**. Friday 29 October, 7.30pm. St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. Promoted by Mid Border Arts. Tickets £15 from The Workhouse (cash only) and <https://wegottickets.com/event/524956>. Very limited tickets!

...**State of Alarm**. Friday 15 & Saturday 16 October from 6.30 pm, The Rodd, Sidney Nolan Trust. Artists Mark Anderson and Jony Easterby invite you to a showing of new outdoor art work-in-progress at the end of their short research residency at the Trust exploring new 'the state of alarm' ecologically, socially and politically in the world today. The outdoor artwork will blend sound, sculpture, video, fire and light. Free entry - To book a free ticket please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/state-of-alarm-mark-anderson-jony-easterby-tickets-178155807817>

...**Chatterbrook WI Open Meeting. "Stories behind Presteigne's Blue Plaques"** an illustrated talk by our local history researcher Soo Linacre. Thursday 14th October 8pm in the Memorial Hall. All welcome £5 on the door, incl. light refreshments 01544 267245 and on FB

...**Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society. "An Amber Autumn"** a welcome return by demonstrator Arnaud Métairie. Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Visitors welcome £5 on the door. Information from Chris Price 01544 267898

...**Presteigne Repair & Share** this Saturday 16 October at the Youth Centre Hereford Street is open 10.00-12.00 for household items, including clothes, jewellery, toys, ornaments, kitchen & other electricals. If we are busy we may have to limit the amount of items per person, but the team of volunteers will do their best. It's free, with current Covid precautions in place. If bringing clothes for mending please wash first, & empty vac/hooovers! Coincidentally it is also [International Repair Day](#), a day to promote and celebrate the value of fixing. The theme for this year's edition is "Repair Lowers Carbon Emissions", (less manufacturing, less landfill etc) in response to the recent, alarming IPCC report on the climate and the UN Climate Negotiations coming up in November, (COP in Glasgow)

OTHER INFORMATION

...**from Presteigne Freegle**. Most of us could probably do with having a bit of a declutter! If you're wading through the loft, garage and cupboards and don't know what to do with it all...then Freegle to the rescue! List your unwanted stuff on your local free reuse community of over 3500 members, you'll be amazed at what can be re-homed and you'll be avoiding a bin, a skip, the tip, landfill and incineration-yay!! Head on over to our website <https://www.ilovefreegle.org> to get started or download our #Freegle sharing app for free from here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>. Buying less brand new stuff and reducing your waste is one really easy thing you can do everyday to reduce your carbon footprint and to be a bit kinder to our one and only little planet. p.s. Bonus - you'll also save lots of money!

...**from Powys CC. Do you need to apply for a place in Reception at Primary School in September 2022?** If so, the Primary School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2017 – 31/08/2018 is now open! Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>. Applications need to be made by the deadline of Friday 7 January 2022. Secondary Common Offer Date is Tuesday 19 April 2022. If you are unable to apply online please contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

...**need local volunteers ?** List your requests on Presteigne Freegle and other adjacent groups to reach zillions of people nearby to you <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/volunteerings> - reach out to them for free to get support for your cause!

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Powys CC. Vacancies available within the council's Planning Team are currently being advertising for positions within the council's Planning Team. Read more <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11750/Vacancies-available-within-the-councils-Planning-Team>

...from Orbis Education and Care - recruiting Support Workers to assist children with autism in living fulfilling and independent lives. Full and part time hours available. We offer job security, career progression and a range of benefits, working in a residential home in Presteigne. To find out more email recruitment@orbis-group.co.uk or go to www.orbis-group.co.uk/careers”

...from Wild Thyme. We're looking for new members to join our team for this exciting time as we open the doors to customers again. There are positions in front-of-house and kitchen posts with working time flexibility. Some experience preferred but someone showing enthusiasm and interest in food and wine, and willing to learn will be considered. Positions could suit summer break catering students too. Apply via FB or call: David on 07854 428668

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