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**NEXT ISSUE END-SEPTEMBER... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS midday 30th SEPTEMBER**  
email [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org) (n.b. there will no mid-September issue!)

- 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)

...new to the Presteigne area or just looking for a local tradesperson or service ? PACDG have the answers. Email the Editor [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org) to be sent a copy of the latest PACDG Register of Local Trades & Services. Want to be included on the Register? Email the Editor.

...from Helen - the response from residents to the newly-introduced recycling bins for medicine blister packs at The Old School has been brilliant, filling an almost unbelievable two 480 litre wheelie bins every month BUT we have run into a problem and at present have no way of getting rid of the collected recycling. With the withdrawal of Superdrug from the general collection scheme, specialist recycler Terracycle has had to restrict collection to medical facilities (hospitals, medical centres etc). We are trying to find a solution and will keep you informed but shortly we will have to withdraw the collection bins from The Old School recycling shelter, and **ask you to store your blister packs at home if at all possible.**

...be warned - we're told that Powys CC have started removing (permanently) the glass and paper recycling bins from community Bring Sites - it might be this month or the next for the Presteigne Bring Site - so if you go and the bins are not there, **please** do not leave glass or paper at the Bring Site - instead please use your kerbside recycling collection.

...[ed.] Defibrillator for The Old School. If you are a member of the MidCounties Co-Op please take five minutes to enter this Draw to obtain a defibrillator for The Old School/Youth Centre in Hereford Street. It will only take 5 minutes of your time. If successful we would install the defib externally so it's available not only to Old School users, but to the wider Presteigne community and visitors, supplementing the existing defibs in Broad Street and at the Day Centre. Thanks for reading! [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid05V2xN6S8rUTv5AhyMCi8BiV5peZsE4KhzkoThXJ9qrHBrvebfHeBuz8BMMm4hKFi&id=208202162442](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid05V2xN6S8rUTv5AhyMCi8BiV5peZsE4KhzkoThXJ9qrHBrvebfHeBuz8BMMm4hKFi&id=208202162442)

### THANK YOU

...to everyone involved in Monday's Norton Craft Fair - and to you for supporting!

### LOCAL COUNCIL NEWS

..next full Town Council meeting is Wednesday 21st September, Meeting papers available from 15th September on the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council)

### SCAM ALERT (from Which? and others)

...Blackmail and sextortion emails have spiked in recent weeks with people receiving emails threatening to expose personal information about them if money isn't transferred. Scammers typically claim they've hacked your device and then detail your personal information, such as your usernames and passwords, threatening to expose your data unless you transfer money to them. If you receive an email like this, don't panic. That's exactly what the scammers want and it's likely nothing will come of it. But here's what you can do if you receive one and how to check if your email address or password has been compromised.

...**Fake energy refund emails** are back and doing the rounds. With the recent energy price cap announcement, please be cautious of any energy emails appearing in your inbox. Find out [how to spot a scam energy rebate email](#).

## COVID

...**from Herefordshire Council. An autumn booster of the #COVID19 vaccine** will be offered to the following groups to extend their protection against getting seriously ill: residents and staff in older adult care homes - frontline health and social care workers - everyone aged 50 and over - people aged 5 to 49 in a clinical risk group, including pregnant women - household contacts of immunosuppressed people aged 5 to 49 - unpaid carers aged 16 to 49. The NHS will confirm details in due course on how and when eligible people will be able to book an appointment. Find out more about which vaccines will be used: <https://orlo.uk/j9t6g>

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

...**Presteigne Bowls Club are Mid-Wales Champions 2022 !!!** with the Tigers convincingly winning the last game of the season against long-time rivals Llandrindod on Friday night.

...**New Yoga Class, beginning Wednesday, September 7** and every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm for 1 hour. £7 pp with Sarah Williams at The Old School, Hereford Street, Presteigne. Yoga is beneficial for everyone! Classes concentrate on strength & alignment, strengthening lungs with deep breathing. We will also look at some yoga philosophy and practice relaxing. Bring a mat, water bottle and a blanket. Call Sarah 07900 911194 [squi.fwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:squi.fwilliams@gmail.com).

...**Presteigne Food Bank - we are really in need of premises in Presteigne** as we currently have to service Presteigne from Knighton. Can you help please? Call Helen 07731 524058

...**from East Radnor Leisure Centre** - taking bookings for the sports hall hire for September onwards. Slots are limited. Contact us on e-mail [eastradnor@freedom-leisure.co.uk](mailto:eastradnor@freedom-leisure.co.uk)

...**September's issue of Broad Sheep is out & online** [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com). Don't miss it!

...**Powys Childrens Library Service**. Children across Powys are encouraged to join the Summer Reading Challenge and spark their curiosity about the world around them. To get involved, visit your local library, or sign up online for the digital challenge: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

...**from The Royal Oak. Introducing our new meal deal menu** which will be available throughout the weeks. Wednesday/Thursday Steak Nights - 8oz steak + pint/glass wine £16.50; Friday Fish Night - fish, chips + pint/glass wine £11.95; Saturday/Sunday Curry Nights. We will be serving from 17:00 till 20:30. Come and enjoy it until it lasts. Could book a table by phoning on 01544 260842 or by FB messaging us. Hope to see you all here.

...**from Ross at Broadway about Community Broadband**. As we head towards late summer, we're pleased to share with you that we are now one step closer to bringing fibre to the premises to the Presteigne & Norton community. As you know, over the last few months we've been busy working behind the scenes to design the optimum plan of how we will best serve the community, and we have now submitted our plans to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) for approval. We continue to work closely with the team at DCMS, and whilst they are unable to give us an exact date, they are looking to get your project approved and published as soon as possible. As soon as we hear back from DCMS, we will then be able to carry out the detailed survey work to ascertain how much remedial and additional work is needed to get the community fibre ready. Whilst the approval process takes place, it is usual for our communications to go a little quieter as there is little to update you on that you have not heard before. But rest assured, it is still 'all systems go' here at Broadway and the preparation to move into the operational mode has firmly begun.

...**PSA Football Club 2022/2023 Social Club Memberships are now due** - purchase in the clubhouse for just £10.00 per year, includes: Discounted Drink Prices, Loyalty Drink Scheme (i.e Buy 8 drinks and get 1 Free.) Use of our WIFI. We all thank you once again for the continued support of the club and hope to see you all throughout the season.

...**from Annie at MidBorder News - our Autumn issue is out** - lots of local news and events for you in Kington, Knighton and Presteigne as the summer continues to unfold into autumn. Our communities have an amazing capacity to create wonderful events: village fetes, carnivals, festivals, vintage fairs, art trails and fundraisers for good causes, all powered by good-hearted

individuals who give their time and energy, often for months on end, to create something wonderful and life affirming. They deserve our support, so pop along to an event near you, eat some cake, relax in the sun and enjoy yourself – I know, it's tough but someone's got to do it. [https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder\\_news\\_autumn\\_2022](https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_autumn_2022)

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Food Market - this Saturday 3rd September** - new stall Clun Forest Spirits: small batch gins and spirits, hand crafted from their micro-distillery nestled in the Clun valley, using natural botanicals & ingredients grown and sourced locally. Come and support our new local business & treat yourself to a little tippie for the bank holiday weekend! Of course all our regular stalls will be there along with the Community cafe for a sit down with a cuppa & cake.

...**Presteigne Carnival Committee AGM Tuesday, 20th September** at 7.30 at the Memorial Hall (Whist Room). If you'd like to be involved, have any ideas for next year, any constructive feedback or are just interested in how it all went this year, please come along... and pls share

...**Presteigne Repair** - no session in September. Back again on Saturday 15th October !

...**from Marie Hudson - Yoga**. Autumn term starts **6th September**. Mixed-ability and Beginners classes in the Viniyoga tradition with Marie Hudson in Stapleton (just outside Presteigne). One-to-one yoga tuition available. Also, new Vedic Chant beginners group. For details email [marieh279@gmail.com](mailto:marieh279@gmail.com) or phone 07972 492304.

...**Walton Hall events** - Quiz **September 2nd** 7pm teams of up to 6; Pudding Evening on **September 24th**. 7pm A selection of hot & cold home made desserts. Contact [01544 350 511](tel:01544350511)

...**The Hub, New Radnor - Fabulous young Scottish accordionist Andrew Waite** appearing at the Hub on Sunday September 18th at 3pm Tickets £12 on the door or in advance by emailing [thehubnewradnor@gmail.com](mailto:thehubnewradnor@gmail.com) or by phone 01544 350559. Check out Andrew's music [www.andrewwaitemusic.com](http://www.andrewwaitemusic.com) & accordionist in Dallahan here <https://youtu.be/bBjAUQycxMQ>

...**h.Art at St Michael's Church, Discoed**. Venue number 56. **Saturday 3rd - Sunday 11th September**, 11 am to 5 pm daily. 2022 will be the twelfth year that St Michael's Church has been a venue for h.Art (Herefordshire Art Week). The participating artists will be Simon Dorrell, Alison Grimley, Tony Hall, Jonathan Heale, Lois Hopwood, Kate Kato, Victoria Keeble, Alex Orgill, Shelagh Popham, Gill Tennant-Eyles, Zoe Wright and Guy Lester.

...**Norton Community Trust. Harvest Lunch** on **Sunday 18th September**. This will be a really lovely community event, open to all. It's at Old Impton barn, **starting at 12.30**. Tickets £20 for a two-course lunch including wine or beer, with live entertainment, a raffle and quiz. Tickets Chris Refausse – [01544 267048](tel:01544267048), Chris Ruby [01544 267749](tel:01544267749), or Tony Morgan [0744 333 9609](tel:07443339609)

...**Presteigne Screen**. Our season **starts on Friday 9th September** at 8pm, with '*Parallel Mothers*'. Pedro Almodovar's latest is a high-spirited mix of the domestic and historic as he pulls together the shocks of a baby-swap drama in a maternity ward and the gruesome revelations of a Spanish Civil War grave opening.

...**Harvest celebrations in Norton**. Service in the Churchyard @ 2.30pm on Saturday 17th September. Harvest Lunch on Sunday 18th by kind permission on the Wilding family. For further information contact 01544 267898 / 267048 / 267749.

...**Leon's Supper Club GREEK NIGHTS** **Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September** 7 pm start, £25.00 per head. Bring your own drinks. Menu: A Trio of Greek Dips & Prawn & Squid or Chickpea & Haloumi Saganaki with Greek salad; & Beef or Wild Mushroom Stifado served with garlic fried rice; and baklava & vanilla ice cream. Above the Salty Dog, 14 High Street, Presteigne. For reservation please phone Leon: 07805 727486

...**from Presteigne Artscene. 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'**. **Sunday 4 September** at Bryan's Ground, by the Til Tomorrow Theatre Co: Are you sure you're awake? Set amongst the colliding worlds of the 1980's, the City and the Fairy Kingdom find a way to co-exist in the jungle of Theseus' nightclub. Age guidance: 14+. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-midsummer-nights-dream-tickets-373006190557?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

...**Aardvark Books & Café**. Coming soon! A unique exhibition for h.Art Herefordshire Art Week at Aardvark Books this year, opening **Saturday 3rd September** at 11am, all welcome. Interested? Come and meet the artists, please contact us for invitations to the Private View on Friday 2nd September! Call 01547 530744 or email/message us.

...from **Chatterbrook WI** – next meeting on Thursday September 8th at 7.30 in Presteigne Memorial Hall. An informal meeting we are calling *'Members Take the Floor'* - a good opportunity to meet us and discover a bit about what WI stands for - so visitors and prospective members will be very welcome !There will be a bring and buy sales table and light refreshments. Find us on <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>. Pick up a programme from Presteigne library - just ask at the desk, or phone 01544 260172

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society** - next meeting in Presteigne Memorial Hall on Wednesday September 14th at 7.30: A demonstration *'Anything Goes'* by Donald Morgan, 'Gold' winner at Malvern, with a raffle of the arrangements & light refreshments. We always welcome visitors (£6 on the door) and new members. For details and to hear about our Thursday flower-arranging classes at Whitton, due to resume in late September, contact the Secretary on 01544 340453

...from **East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in September** - Weds 7th Sept Maelienydd & Coxhead Commons, 7.5 miles. Weds 14th Sept Water-Break-its-Neck, 7.2 miles. Sat 17th Sept Kinsham and Lingen, 8.5 miles. Weds 21st Sept Much Cowarne, 9 miles. Thurs 22nd Sept Caer Caradoc (easy way) & Hope Bowdler, 4.8 miles. Weds 28th Sept Wellington & Westhope Woods, 7.8 miles. See [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call 01544 260524.

...**h.Art Week 3 - 11 September** is a nine day art trail open to all. Artists, craftmakers and creative businesses open their private studios every day from 11am to 5pm at least. Galleries put on special events, whilst groups get together to put on one-off exhibitions, in a wonderful mix of interesting venues, many free - see [www.h-art.org.uk](http://www.h-art.org.uk)

### OTHER INFORMATION

...from **UK Government**. There is help for every household this year to support families with the Cost of Living. See what help for households you're entitled to: <https://bit.ly/3bGssWx>

...Got unwanted but wearable school uniforms lying about? Do you need new-to-you uniforms and things for #BackToSchool? Use Presteigne Freegle to list unwanted stuff and look for free things to reuse. Just go here to do that <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/...> See more

### LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Powys Teaching Health Board - Consultant Nurse / Allied Health Professional** to join their Occupational Health team. Closing date: 08/09/2022. More information available here: [https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Bronllys/Powys Teaching Health Board/Occupational Health/Occupational Health-v4422191? ts=553](https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Bronllys/Powys%20Teaching%20Health%20Board/Occupational%20Health/Occupational%20Health-v4422191?ts=553)

...**Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup - Cleaner** to work weekdays from 4 pm. 17 hours per week. £10 per hour. Contact Ann by email [chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk) or call 07734 528571

...**Tir Coed - six apprentice carpenters wanted**. Elan Valley. No experience necessary. See [www.elanvalley.org.uk/jobs](http://www.elanvalley.org.uk/jobs). Contact Ben email [powysmentor@tircoed.org.uk](mailto:powysmentor@tircoed.org.uk) or 01597 821689

...**Publicity Officer at Hergest Croft Gardens** - responsible for the publicity and marketing of the gardens including all social media, creating adverts with various companies, organising events within the gardens, updating the website and much, much more. Email [publicity@hergest.co.uk](mailto:publicity@hergest.co.uk) with your CV if you are interested. Hours are flexible. 1 to 2 days a week depending on the time of year

...**Read Easy Shropshire Hills - Co-ordinator**. Free, confidential, one-to-one coaching for adults in the Presteigne area who struggle with reading, delivered by trained volunteer coaches and managed by a small voluntary management team. We have expanded our service and as a result we're looking for a second Coordinator to help match each new reader with a coach and support them as they work together. This is a very rewarding role, call 07801 522655 or FB DM for information.

...**Point2Point Services - join our ambulance services team!** Bank positions available now! Part and full time positions. Apply via Indeed or email us [hr@p2pservices.co.uk](mailto:hr@p2pservices.co.uk) <https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?from=appsharedroid&jk=18e2abfcfe2fec63>

...from **MBA - Arts Coordinator**. Mid Border Arts is a community led organisation promoting the arts through performances, workshops and educational activities and is seeking a new Arts Co-ordinator to develop the venue's artistic programme and oversee the general management of the organisation. This is a paid part-time role, with potential for job share. For further details of how to apply, see 'Job Opportunity' on the Mid Border Arts website here: <https://www.midborderarts.com/job-opportunities>

...**Arrow Medical - Clean Room Operatives & Textiles/Sewing Machinist** - full time positions. Contact 01544 231760 or email [reception@arrowmmedical.co.uk](mailto:reception@arrowmmedical.co.uk)

...**Powys CC - Join our catering team** helping to implement the Universal Primary Free School Meal Provision! Search our jobs website for further information [www.powys.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.powys.gov.uk/jobs)

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