

NEXT ISSUE MID-OCTOBER... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS midday 15TH OCTOBER
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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

PRESTEIGNE FACES LOSING ITS PNCS CHARITY WAREHOUSE UNLESS NEW PREMISES IN TOWN CAN BE FOUND BEFORE IT'S FORCED TO CLOSE ITS DOORS AT END-JANUARY. THIS WILL SEVERELY CURTAIL ITS INCOME AND ABILITY TO FUND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT. CAN YOU HELP? DO YOU HAVE, OR KNOW OF, ANY PREMISES OF SUITABLE SIZE AND REASONABLY CENTRAL? PLEASE email Richard at rdwells56@gmail.com or call 07713 441412

...**Vandalism at Scout Hut in Presteigne.** Police are appealing for witnesses to damage/theft that happened sometime over the weekend of 16th September 2022 at the Scout Hut in the town. This is particularly disappointing as this has a massive impact on resources for the Scouts. Quote DPP/6781/19/09/22/02/C

...**from Powys CC about the removal of glass and paper recycling banks from our Bring Site.** "The banks will be removed at the beginning of October, allowing a 30-day notice period, as per the adopt-a-site-agreement. When the community recycling sites were first introduced, they provided Powys people with a way to recycle household items locally. However, with the weekly kerbside recycling service, both glass and paper can now be easily recycled from home. Recycling banks for other materials, such as cardboard or textiles, will remain at the community recycling sites. The decision to remove these two materials from the community recycling sites was agreed by the Cabinet back earlier this year. Although initially identified as a budget saving, it is also a duplication of service, the removal therefore allows us to concentrate our stretched resources on fulfilling the weekly kerbside collections. We appreciate there are some regular users of the glass and paper recycling banks, but now that these items can easily be recycled each week from home, the removal of these banks from the community recycling sites shouldn't be an issue. If anyone is struggling to fit all their recycling into their kerbside containers, they can request additional boxes online. Of course, both glass and paper can also still be taken to any of the five Household Waste Recycling Centres across Powys. The removal of these banks also ensures they can no longer be abused by fly-tippers and used illegally by businesses, both of which have been a huge waste of resources and taxpayers' money."

...**October Broad Sheep** out soon, for a sneak preview - look online www.broadsheep.com

...**Want to know what Octobers energy price cap means for you & your family?** The Energy Saving Trust have information & advice to help you save energy & money this winter: <https://orlo.uk/Lwhu0>

...**Can you give a home to Maurice, a lovely 14/15 old marmalade cat**, as his adoring owner in Presteigne has sadly passed away recently. Maurice is sweet-natured, very sociable, used to children, needs a cat-door/regular access to outside, a home with no dogs, and preferably no other cats. He will make a very warm & trouble-free companion in his last years, is healthy with up-to-date vet records. If you can offer a home to Maurice please ring Han on 07767 808 510

THANK YOU

...**The Craft Fair and Show in Went's Meadow on Bank Holiday Monday** raised £2400 for the Norton Community Hub. A sincere thank you to the many residents of Presteigne and Norton who came along to support us and hopefully had a really enjoyable experience.

SCAM ALERT (from Which? and others)

...**Fake Santander email.** Lots of people online have been flagging a fake Santander mobile banking email. The email impersonates Santander's branding and gives you a sense of urgency regarding your access to banking services, to pressure you into giving away data. [Know what to look out for.](#)

...**Premium rate number scams.** This scam tries to trick people who are searching online for telephone numbers of government advice services. It works by displaying an advert for the phone number of the relevant government advice line. But the sting is that you'll be charged a premium for using this

advertised telephone number – in some cases, as much as £20 or £30 a call. You are put through to the right advice line, but you pay a very high and unnecessary connection fee. Find out which phone numbers to look out for.

COVID

...**The reserve list for COVID-19 Autumn Boosters in Powys is now open** to eligible people aged 65 and over. Join the Reserve List <https://pthb.nhs.wales/autumn-reserve>. Find out more about Autumn Boosters <https://pthb.nhs.wales/autumn-booster>

...**Please do not attend the Mass Vaccination Centre for your Covid vaccine unless you have a pre-booked appointment.** We are currently unable to offer drop-in appointments, and any amendments to appointments must be made in advance, contact the booking centre using the number and/or email address in your letter. More information about the autumn booster is available on our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/your-covid-vaccine/autumn-booster/>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Congratulations to Robert Weale of Presteigne Bowls Club** on his induction in to the Welsh Sports Hall of Fame. Fantastic achievement Rob!!

...**Presteigne Little People** is a charity not for profit children's nursery managed by local parents and community volunteers. We have children from age 6 months up to 4 years for education and childcare plus up to 12 years for holiday and afterschool clubs.

We are looking for Welsh speaking adults (or those currently learning Welsh) to read and/or sing with our little people a few hours each week and help us become more familiar with our Welsh pronunciation as a team. Must be willing to have an enhanced DBS check. The nursery is situated next door to Presteigne Primary School in Slough Road, Presteigne, LD8 2NH.

Please contact Ann Wake if you want to know more about this rewarding activity.

chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk 07734528571

...**Sidney Nolan Trust.** From September, a new weekly arts and creative club for 10 – 14 year olds, MAKE, is running weekly at The Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street, Presteigne. Young people will be able to get hands-on with a wide range of art making from painting and drawing to animation, photography and sculpture. The club is FREE to attend thanks to generous support from The Ashley Family Foundation. Whilst most of the Trust's activities takes place at The Rodd, we realise that our rural location can be a barrier, particularly for young people, so we wanted to address this by running creative projects in the town of Presteigne. This Autumn and Winter, MAKE participants will work with creative themes including scale and illumination and take inspiration from contemporary artists' work. MAKE Every Monday from 19 September 2022 onwards. Arrive from 3.30pm (drinks and snacks available). MAKE from 4.00 to 5.00pm. The Old School (Youth Centre) Hereford Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AT. To find out more/sign up email antony@sidneynolantrust.org. Please visit www.sidneynolantrust.org/learning/make for full details. Tel: 01544 260149. 15 - 25 years old? Why not join us at Cultivate www.sidneynolantrust.org/learning/cultivate

...**Kington Operatic Society** are putting on a production of HMS Pinafore during the last week of October. We are rather short of chorus tenors and wondered if there were any tenors out there who would like to join our group. Other voices would be welcome as well, of course! We are a very welcoming bunch, who enjoy a good sing and have a lot of fun. If you are interested (and I hope someone is!!) please call Lynne on 07980 794750 or email owensmoor@gmail.com.

...**from Presteigne Surgery:** The experience that you have of care with the practice is important to us. We would be grateful if you could complete this anonymous survey to help improve services. Please follow one of the below links for the survey or it can be completed via the practice website. We also have surveys available at the practice. Welsh Version: <https://forms.office.com/r/c6U40itBiK> English Version: <https://forms.office.com/r/BGAbxuzgPi>

...**Norton Community Trust.** We are delighted to tell you that we have received confirmation from the Lottery Community Fund that our application for a capital grant of **£75,000** has been approved. This is great news and a grant of this size is a real game changer for the project. When added to the £35,000 contribution from the Church in Wales, this goes a long way towards covering the costs of the Hub adaption work which we hope will commence in early 2023. Thanks in particular to Claire and Chris for their work in preparing the Lottery application.

...**from RNID. We are so pleased to be able to restart hearing aid maintenance drop-in sessions in Presteigne.** 4th Wednesday in each month, starting from 26th October, 1pm to 3pm, at The Old School in Hereford Street. If you have NHS hearing aids then you can come along to any of our free clinics for information, advice, new batteries or re-tubing. Contact RNID Catherine for information 07741 078068 or email catherine.cadwallader@rnid.org.uk

...**John Beddoes Campus. Open Evening.** Wednesday 5th October 6 to 8pm. Pop along to see what's going on. 01544 267259

...**Presteigne Cricket Club 2022 Dinner and awards** will take place on Friday 7th October at Presteigne St Andrews FC, 19.00-19.30 start. £20pp. Hog Roast and salads etc. Any one can attend. To book a ticket contact Mark Ammonds or leave a msg on our FB page.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Local Food Market TOMORROW Saturday 1st October.** Memorial Hall 9am-1pm. How exciting this Saturday's market is looking!! New free-range lamb and mutton stall (The Forest Smallholding), a new Bread stall (Boulangier Artisan Bakery); Clun Forest Spirits with their gins; Presteigne Honey; A Taste of Cheesecake; Continuum Conceits; Marches Mushrooms; Celia's handmade herbal cosmetics; Hare Hill vegetables; Wegnalls Farm Butchery; Planet and Plate; Weobley Ash apple juice; Jean's Plants, & Transition Presteigne. Great local produce on offer.

...**Methodist Church, Presteigne. Fashion Show Tuesday 4th October** 7 pm, courtesy of W E Price of Knighton showcasing their Autumn & Winter range with a selection on sale after. Soft drinks and canapés in the interval. Tickets £8 available from church members or on the door.

...**MidWales Opera presents "Puss In Boots" Friday 28 October** at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne 8.00 pm (doors open 7.30 pm). MWO's fifth SmallStages tour kicks off a Fairy Tale season with Catalan composer Montsalvatge's one-act version of the familiar tale of 'Puss in Boots'. This age-old children's story tells of the wealth-seeking, match-making cat who, in return for a hat, a sword & a pair of boots, secures for his young master (a lowly miller) a kingdom & a royal marriage to a princess, tricking a slow-witted ogre out of his castle along the way. Tickets £15 wegottickets.com & (cash only) The Workhouse.

...**Walton Hall Events.** OCTOBER - 2nd Quiz Night 7pm max 6 per team BYOB; 12th Book & Jigsaw Swap 10am – 1pm; 14th Mosaic Workshop 1-4pm (contact A Bufton 01544 230214); 15th 7pm Talk: Guardian of the Bees £5 BYOB; NOVEMBER - 4th Quiz Night; 7pm max 6 per team BYOB; 9th Book & Jigsaw Swap 10am – 1pm; 19th 7pm Talk: Drunkards Through the Ages!! £5 BYOB; DECEMBER -10th 7pm Christmas Party with Helen Hunter & Jess Squires

...**Sidney Nolan Trust events at The Rodd.** CULTIVATE - Saturday 15th October, 10 am - 1 pm, our creative programme for 15 - 25 year olds. It runs once a month on a Saturday and is FREE to attend. Join us for the next Cultivate session with lead artist Emma Posey. MAPPA MARCHES - 6 October - 29 October, at the Gallery. The Mappa Marches touring exhibition brings together 7 artists, 2 poets and an aerial filmmaker to celebrate the solace and magic of our landscape history and culture and is co-curated by Adrienne Craddock and Helen Arthur.

LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS - Thursday 20 October - Thursday 24 November, 3 pm - 5 pm, a new 6-week block of life drawing sessions in 16th-Century Rodd Court. The untutored sessions are a fun and informal way to draw together with a small group in a relaxed environment. A hot drink is included during a break in the 2-hour sessions. £10 per session, £50 for 6-week block booking. HALLOWEEN CRAFTS - Thursday 27 October, 11 am - 12 noon. Ahead of Halloween, join us at The Rodd to create some spooky craft creations. Suitable for all ages, £5 per child. FIREWORK-INSPIRED ARTS & CRAFTS - Friday 4 November, 11 am – 12 noon. Ahead of Bonfire night, join us at The Rodd to make some autumn and firework-inspired art and crafts. Suitable for ages 5 and over, £5 per child. See our website <https://www.sidneyolantrust.org/your-visit/whats-on/> for more details.

...**Ralphs Cider & Perry Open Weekend.** It's that time of year again ! 8th-9th October 2022. Cider making, corn threshing demonstration, static displays - lots to see ! Our ever popular Cider & Perry bar as well as hot & cold refreshments. We also once again have the VSCC Welsh Trial visiting us on Saturday & Sunday, 2 x Hills are being competed on during Saturday this year & 1 x hill on the Sunday morning. Tractor rides from the farmyard to the hill area. Hot & cold refreshments will be available.

...**Fashion Show** on Tuesday 4th October at Warden View Methodist Church, Presteigne at 7pm, lots of lovely outfits to see, £8 a ticket to include soft drink and canapés

...**from Chatterbrook WI** – next meeting Thursday October 13th 7.30 in Presteigne Memorial Hall, the speaker will be historian Philip Bowen, who will give a presentation on The Gunpowder Plot and Midlands Rising. Visitors welcome - £4 on the door. Find us at <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>. Pick up a programme from Presteigne library - just ask at the desk, or tel. 01544 260172

...**from Presteigne Floral Art Society** - next meeting in Presteigne Memorial Hall Wednesday October 12th at 7.30: This month it is a flower arranging WORKSHOP – open to all. Cost for all materials needed - £10. Booking required please - tel. Sue 01568 589545. The next demonstration will be on November 9th – 'A Season Sensation' by Leanne Williams Morgan. For details about PFAS & our Thursday flower-arranging classes at Whitton, tel. 01544 340453.

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in October.** Weds 5th Bromyard, 8 miles. Weds 12th Llangunllo to Knighton (or Knucklas), 8 miles (or 5 miles). Sat 15th Around Presteigne, 7.5 miles. Weds 19th Burrington, Elton, Mortimer Forest, 7.5 miles. Thurs 20th Shobdon Area, 5.2 miles. (Please Book: 07964 929536) Weds 26th Gladestry Circular, 10.9 miles. Sun 30th Knighton Festival Circular walk, 5.3 miles. For more details see www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or call 01544 260524

OTHER INFORMATION

...**from PACDG: Are you a small organisation looking for funding?** PAVO's latest newsletter has a really useful reminder that there are quite a number of little-known grant-making trusts that will consider

applications for a wide variety of activities. To see PAVO's list, go to <https://www.pavo.org.uk/help-for-organisations/funding/funding-news.html>

...**a reminder on Public Defibrillator locations** (thanks, Colin) - Broad Street (Lorna's), East Radnor Day Centre (Scottleton Street), John Beddoes (School entrance), Norton (Telephone Box). There are other portable units at PSA Football Club and Presteigne Bowls Club.

...**Presteigne Freegle**. Starting a family can be a really expensive time. Join your local Freegle groups to find lots of useful equipment, clothing, gadgets and more - everything you need for babies and children - all for free! Freegle helps you to avoid having to buy brand new expensive stuff all the time. Join www.freegle.in/presteigne to see what's being given away nearby or to give away stuff no longer needed. When you hand over or collect things you also get to meet like-minded local people - bonus!

...**Powys Recycles**. Please bear with us - staff shortages and covid outbreaks are causing major disruption to the waste and recycling collections across the county. We may not be able to complete all our rounds as scheduled. If you have not received a collection by 5pm, please check online for details of when we will be returning to collect: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/binday>

...**from Chris Rowlatt. FREE to a good home - two complete editions of the Encyclopaedia Britannica** - 11th Edition of 1911 (the last to be written and published in Great Britain) - 15th Edition of 1990 (the final printed version). Apply to Chris Rowlatt 01544 260466

R.I.P.

...**Raymond Colvaccesshia** of Lugg View, Presteigne passed away on 8th September aged 93. Funeral Service at Hereford Crematorium on Friday 14th October at 12.15pm - the hearse will leave Lugg View at 11.15am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Wales Air Ambulance.

...**Dr Norman Schofield, retired GP**, of The Castle, High Street, Presteigne passed away peacefully at home on 28th August aged 91. Private Funeral

...**Elizabeth Ann Traylor (Lizzie)** of Presteigne. Passed away peacefully on 5th September aged 79.

...**Robert William Upston** of Presteigne passed away on 21st September aged 90. Graveside service Presteigne Cemetery on Tuesday 4th October at 11am. Family flowers, donations Welsh Air Ambulance.

...**Anne Bull** who lived in Presteigne for the last 10 years, previously at Gladestry, passed away peacefully aged 88, on 7th Sept. Anne was buried at Offa's Orchard, Gladestry on 28th Sept, next to her late husband Richard

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Are you good with figures?** Are you looking for an opportunity to support your local community? **Mid Border Arts Presteigne, is looking for a VOLUNTEER TREASURER** to be part of its board of committed and active trustees, liaising with our bookkeeper and monitoring and evaluating financial progress. Contact on info@midborderarts.com.

...**from Powys Recycles. Multiple positions available for drivers and crew members** across Powys. Good rates of pay, plus opportunities for O/T. Full training/uniform provided. Top performing service making Powys a leader in recycling. Friendly and committed team. Good work/life balance, plus early finish on a Friday! Apply online now - www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

...**Job vacancy at The Knighton Community Centre** until 1/4/2023. We have obtained short term funding to develop our community garden especially for children's groups, needing a Garden Coordinator 10 hours pw £10.50 ph, working with our Family Centre, Stay and Play & the Library to develop projects, also with our volunteers in the garden and other groups in Knighton such as [Knighton in Bloom](#), the Teme Valley Environmental Group, [Knighton Town Council](#). Need a good knowledge of gardening, the ability to work with other people and community groups. Gardening qualification desirable but not essential. For info/apply email ruthforrester@btopenworld.com closing date Friday 2nd October, interviews arranged asap

...**Arrow Medical. Part time (9am-3pm) receptionist/admin assistant** vacancy, at Kington. E-mail: l.lund@arrowmedical.co.uk

...**Personal Assistant for disabled man in Kington**. Looking for part time work or to bump up your working hours? Evening shifts of one hour, 7 evenings a week on alternate weeks (14 hours a month). £9.50 per hour. To start Monday 7th November, closing date for applicants Sunday 23rd October, For more information please contact Nick Turner on 07790 740162

...**Jobs Fair. Unemployed, looking for work or a change in career?** The Green Dragon, Hereford Wednesday 5th October, 12:00-15:30. Everyone welcome - meet employers, explore job opportunities, discuss your options with a team of Employment Advisors. You can find full details and a list of extensive employers here: <https://yourherefordshire.co.uk/herefordshire-autumn-jobs-fair-2022/>

...**Chilmans. Part time worker** for free-range egg unit near Presteigne. No experience required, mornings only, 8am start preferred but flexible to tie in with school run etc. Primarily to cover maternity leave, but option to become permanent. Call Maggs on 07772308287 for more details

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