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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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

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...**Congratulations to Chris Hurds from Norton** who has become the Newtown Premier Darts League champion for 2022. Chris has enjoyed a fantastic season and will now compete against the very best of darting talent nationally on the challenge tour aiming to win a PDC Tour card to enable him to follow his dream of becoming a professional darts player. His record for the season underline his dominance having added a host of titles to join his championship crown.

...**from The Hub at New Radnor - We did it!** The Radnor Arms Hotel in New Radnor has been secured for the village community thanks to everyone's generous pledges and hard work. Great news!!

...**the annual Pickled Onion Competition returns to the Oak on Thursday 24th November.** Get your entries to the pub by 6.30pm on that day along with £1 per entry and the judges will decide on whose is the best. All monies raised will be donated to charity so come along for a good cause & a good laugh!

...**from Claire. November's issue of Broad Sheep is now online** - [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com)  
Look out for your hard copy next week!

...**expecting delivery of a large item for your garden** that hasn't arrived - email [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org)  
...from Angie - is there anyone in the locality of Presteigne that has a piece of land that they would be willing to allow a Community Garden to be established on? We are a small group of local people who want to start up a Community Garden in Presteigne in which to : 1) grow, eat and share locally grown food 2) reduce food miles and alleviate food poverty 3) to encourage people in the local community to come together to help make growing food accessible to all 4) plus to meet new people and have fun in growing this project. If you can help in our search for a plot of land then we would be extremely grateful. Please email Angie on [prestcgarden@gmail.com](mailto:prestcgarden@gmail.com)

### THANK YOU

...**from Nick - a big (belated) thank you to the Guerrilla Gardeners** for once again tidying and sweeping in the Ligné Barn garden on Went's Meadow. *[ed. interested to join the GGs or hear more about what they do? Email [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org)]*

### COUNCIL NEWS

...**Old Radnor Community Council** is pleased to announce the publication of its Annual Report for 2021/22 available under the Community Council section of the Council run website <http://oldradnorcommunitycouncil.co.uk/> and copies will also be placed in the libraries in Presteigne, Knighton and Kington. Anyone requiring a printed copy should get in touch with the Clerk, Tracey Price at [oldradnor.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:oldradnor.clerk@gmail.com) or 01547 528575.

...**Latest planning application** - to be considered at the November meeting of the P&N Town Council. [22/1775/DEM](https://www.prestcouncil.gov.uk/22/1775/DEM) Grid Ref: E: 331081 N: 264211 Proposal: Demolition Notification for 1) Swimming Pool Building, Plant room & tiled swimming pool 2) Mobile Teaching Unit: Pre-fabricated mobile unit with flat roof. Location: Presteigne C P School, Slough Road

...**Powys County Council launches cost of living information hub** with advice and support about dealing with the cost of living. PCC has worked closely with local partner organisations to pull together

a wide range of information in one place to ensure people know what help is already available and how to access it. The online hub at [www.powys.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.powys.gov.uk/costofliving) has been created to offer as much advice as possible to those in Powys who may need it during this time. The hub has also been divided into sections for ease of access to information including Household energy advice, Health and wellbeing, Money, benefits and debt advice, Powys foodbanks, Support with your household utility bills, Support for businesses, Support for families with children. Each section has useful information, guidance and advice that may help with a cost of living related problem. Phone numbers and webpage links to other services across Powys and the UK that may be able to help should you need more information on a specific issue are also available. The council is also creating a network of warm spaces across Powys. These are places that can offer Powys people a warm welcome this winter and a chance to socialise, work or take part in activities whilst keeping warm. Details of these spaces will be added to the online cost-of-living hub shortly.

**...information from the Town Clerk's Newsletter following the October TC meeting:**

There was a short talk from a Radnorshire Wildlife Trust representative on a current grant project and the suggestion to plant a hedge along the edge of the Wilson Terrace Play Area.

**Local Development Plan Update:** The invitation to landowners and developers to put forward candidate sites for development was expected to go out to the public in November.

**Warm Spaces Information:** Thanks to a grant obtained by East Radnor Care there will be a warm space set up at the Day Centre. The County Council has launched a dedicated web page with information and advice - [www.powys.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.powys.gov.uk/costofliving)

**Town Wifi Update:** Inc parking sensor project: it was hoped that the units to go on the Assembly Rooms would be installed shortly. The project would then be complete. The free wifi is currently available in the majority of the town centre and Hereford Street Car Park and the range will be extended by these extra units.

**Annual Report 2021-22:** now available - copy in the Library and on the town website.

**Lugg Bridge Update:** It was noted that the emergency repairs promised by Natural Resources Wales had still not been done. Cllr. Baynham had meetings with the Emergency Planning Section at PCC and will request an update, also advice on the need to remove the white goods at the property urgently before they fell into the river causing additional pollution.

**Tree Hub Update:** A hub will be sited behind the Old School on Hereford Street for households to collect their free tree. A number of varieties will be available, opening times Wednesdays 4pm to 6pm, Saturdays 10am to 12pm. Open from 19th Nov to 15th December.

**Full Minutes** are available on the website - [http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town\\_Council](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town_Council)  
Draft Minutes are published on the website as soon as possible after each meeting.

**SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)**

**People's Postcode Lottery scam email.** Fraudsters are tempting you into giving away personal documents by pretending that you've won the People's Postcode Lottery. They're asking for a wealth of information, including a photo of your driving licence or passport, so stay alert. Keep your identity safe by knowing what to look out for, we have [screenshots and plenty of advice here](#).

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

**...from Presteigne Investment Clubs** - maybe now's a good time to have a punt in the stock market while Share prices are all depressed! Both the Marches Investment Club MIC and the Ethical Presteigne Investment Club EPIC have openings for new members. Apply now - email MIC at [taylorsfarmhouse@gmail.com](mailto:taylorsfarmhouse@gmail.com) or EPIC at [c3utler@googlemail.com](mailto:c3utler@googlemail.com)

**...Yoga with Sarah** - every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm for 1 hour. £7 pp 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).

**...Players Wanted - Five-a-Side Football** every Tuesday night 7.30pm, Presteigne Sports Centre. All abilities/ages welcome. Text Ashley 07814 054181

**...message from Welsh Blood Service - we are coming to Powys and need your help!** Why not come along we'd love to meet you, did you know only 3% of the population are Blood Donors, let's try to get that number higher - it only takes 45 minutes to help save a life, plus we have a lovely selection of biscuits! [www.donorportal.wales.nhs.uk](http://www.donorportal.wales.nhs.uk)

**...Cwm Whitton Potatoes.** Finally all shops that we supply have bags in stock: for a bag of potatoes that make magnificent mash, roasters to rave about, the best boiled that stay whole and hand cut chips that are a cut above the rest.... then...pick up our handy carry sacks of tasty, hand selected Belana potatoes at the following places: our farm gate @ LD7 1NL, Presteigne Gates, and The Salty Dog. We can do 25kg sacks also from the farm or for smaller quantities please FB DM to get in touch

**...East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in November** Sun 30th Oct Knighton Circular, 5.3 miles; Tues 1st Around Lingen, 4.5 miles; Weds 2nd Bucknell to Stowe, 6.6 miles; Sun 6th Knighton Circular, 6 miles;

Weds 9th Bradnor, Herrock & Rushock Hills, 9 miles; Weds 16th Corvedale & Hopedale, 8.2 miles;  
Thurs 17th Aymestry & Yatton Hill (please book 07964 929536); Weds 23rd Bishops Castle West, 9.5 miles;  
Weds 30th Wye Valley & ODP, 7.5 miles. [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call 01544 260524

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Event cancelled - Lingen & District Gardening Club.** Tuesday's (1st November) talk at the hall has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

...**Norton Halloween Fireworks - TONIGHT!!!** Sunday 30 October at Jack's View in Norton, 6pm, £4 (children free). Big bonfire - Raffle - Hot dogs/burgers - Infamous Witch's Punch - Best carved Pumpkin Competition - Best Halloween Fancy Dress.

...**Irish Session at Daphne's - TONIGHT!!** Drinks, pizza, music 4 to 7pm/

...**Whitton Halloween Party - tomorrow!** Monday 31st October Whitton Community Centre, 2 to 4pm £2 per child. Come in your favourite Halloween costume. Food, drinks and spooky games for kids. Contact Caroline 07983 703157 or Dani 07488 346169

...**Half Term Fun - Presteigne Little People's Playgroup Halloween Party.** Wednesday 2nd November 11.30am Presteigne Youth Centre (Old School) Hereford Street. Book Your Tickets NOW for the spookiest Disco in town £5 includes spooky lunch. Ticket only admission as space limited. One free adult - older siblings welcome. Contact Kimberly 07837 390441 or email [treasurer@playgroup.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@playgroup.co.uk)

...**Radnor Valley YFC bonfire and fireworks** night - Upper House Farm, Evenjobb, LD8 2SF Friday 4th November 6.30pm, £5 children £3, raffle, food and refreshments

...**Presteigne Fireworks** Saturday 5th November - 6.15 pm parade from Presteigne Recycling Centre. Display starts 6.45 pm on Went's Meadow. Cash only on the gate - £5, under 12s free. Includes the parade, fire juggling, a fire sculpture and a fantastic display of fireworks followed by an evening of music and dancing with a live performance by Fight the Bear. See you there!

...**next Presteigne Local Food Market** will be on Saturday 5th November. We will announce stalls nearer the time, but will include, honey, chocs veg, meat, cakes and eggs! Follow the market on FB for up- to -date info. Please note Christmas DECEMBER MARKET will be on the 12th December - yes, 2nd Saturday of the month, only for December!

...**Flicks in the Sticks. "ELVIS"** on Friday 18th November 7.30 (doors open at 7 pm) Lingen Village Hall. Bar, cakes and Ice Cream.

...**Life Saving CPR and Defibrillator training** by local First Responders in Lingen Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd November 7.30pm

... **November events at Walton Village Hall** - 4th Quiz Night; 7pm max 6 per team BYOB; 9th Book & Jigsaw Swap 10am – 1pm; 19th 7pm Talk: Drunkards Through the Ages!! £5 BYOB

...**from Be Brilliant Dogs.** If you and your pooch have always wanted to try out Scentwork but struggle to commit to a weekly class, I'm running an introduction to Scentwork workshop on the 6th of November just for you. Hosted at Evenjobb Village Hall, tea and coffee provided, message me on FB to book or email [jen@bebrilliantdogs.co.uk](mailto:jen@bebrilliantdogs.co.uk)

...**from Sally. Radnorshire Wildlife Trust's Wild Weekend in Presteigne** - Saturday 26 November from 10 am to 3 pm. This is a FREE session aimed at upskilling people aged 16-24. No experience is necessary, please come and join us for our Wild Weekend event! Gain practical conservation experience. Improve your skills and knowledge. Make a difference in your local community. Improve your wellbeing and meet new people. During this session, we'll be working to clear some overgrown vegetation and plant native trees. Meeting point Presteigne recycling centre car park at 10 am. <https://www.rwtwales.org/events/2022-11-26-wild-weekends-presteigne>

...**Contact - an organisation that supports Parent Carers** - is offering a block of sessions for parent carers in this area. They are an amazing organisation that promote carers support whilst raising awareness and offering a wealth of information. We have dates locked in to hold these in Presteigne as follows - Thursday 10th November – Wellbeing & getting to know each other; Thursday 17th November – Money Matters; Thursday 24th November – Anxiety support or parents and children; Thursday 1st December – Handling Meetings / Siblings; Thursday 8th December – Group Outing to be chosen by the group. We have some spaces available (limited) for parent carers in Knighton/Presteigne and surrounding areas, so please do get in touch ASAP for more information and to book a space. n.b. - these sessions are aimed as a package so a commitment to try and attend all is needed. Sessions 9:30 - 1:00, lunch will be provided. Contact Leanne at Credu on 01597 823800 or 07971637447

...**Red Parrot Poetry - the bird takes to the air again!** Monday 7 November 7pm, No. 46 (The Wine Bar), readings from poets Graham Hartill, Rhiannon Hooson and Ric Hool. Rhiannon is also launching her new book. £5 on the door (50% to Ukranian refugees)

...**Music in New Radnor "Duo Cain" Schubert & Song** - music for harp and cello. Sunday 12 November 7.30pm, New Radnor Community Hall. £15 (<14s £3). Prebook on 01544 350268

...**Chatterbrook WI** – next meeting Thursday November 10th at 7.30 in Presteigne Memorial Hall - an informal workshop to make and decorate a simple wreath. Visitors will be welcome - £4 on the door, but phone or email the secretary for further information. [mail@galliers.org.uk](mailto:mail@galliers.org.uk) 01544 256245. Find us at <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>.

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society** - next meeting in Presteigne Memorial Hall Wednesday November 9th at 7.30: and is a demonstration – ‘*A Season Sensation*’ by Leanne Williams. Visitors are welcome - £6 on the door. For details about the club and to hear about our Thursday flower-arranging classes at Whitton, contact the Secretary on 01544 340453.

...**RWT Wild Weekends activities every other Saturday** at locations across Radnorshire. Ages 16-24, practical work programmes, new skills, meet people, wellbeing, outdoors, positive community action, practical experience and ..... FREE! See Radnorshire Wildlife Trust website.

...**looking ahead to St Andrew’s Christmas Fair.** Friday 9th Dec, 2-7 in the Church. Father Christmas free until 6pm, mulled wine, mince pies, raffle, food, crafts for sale and much more!

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

...**Artist Seeking Studio Space.** Richey Beckett is an internationally renowned illustrator soon to become a resident of Presteigne and will be looking for a suitable studio space in the surrounding area. A room with enough space to accommodate two desks and two large plan chests would be ideal, with good natural light being very desirable. If anyone has a space available or suggestions of who to ask, please contact Richey on [07727587950](tel:07727587950) or [info@richeybeckett.com](mailto:info@richeybeckett.com) Thank you.

...**from Oxfam. You can donate your old mobile phones** through Fonebank or to any standard Oxfam shop. Turning a mobile phone donation into cash for Oxfam is easy. All data will be wiped on any phone we put up for sale, and the safety of the charger tested. Any phones that can't be sold will be sent to be completely dismantled/recycled through our partner CTR, which also generates income for Oxfam. You can: Donate online through [Fonebank](#) or Recycle at any Oxfam shop. [Find your local Oxfam shop](#)

...**from Kate - you can also recycle mobiles and tablets at Currys in Hereford.** They take all and any phones and tablets and recycle. It's OK to take a bundle of them at once. The money made apparently goes to a water charity.....not sure what proportion it is and it's not mentioned in the parts of the website I've seen. Be sure to take cables and plugs off.

...**Powys Recycles.** Currently, the biggest barrier to recycling in Wales is confusion about what can and can't be recycled. Drinking glasses can't be recycled using the same process used for common glass bottles and jars, which means they can't be collected to be recycled together. Make sure that broken glass is wrapped up safely before putting it in your bag or bin for non-recyclable waste. Alternatively, broken glass can be recycled with 'rubble' at most local recycling centres. Any drinking glasses you no longer want but are in a good condition, donate them to your local charity shop. Check out our online guide: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/726/What-do-I-do-with-my-recycling-and-rubbish-household>

...**from PCC. Secondary School Admissions – Apply Online Now.** Do you need to apply for a place in Year 7 at Secondary School in September 2023 ? If so, the Secondary School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2011 – 31/08/2012 opened on Monday 19 September 2022. Parents/ Carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-PlaceApplications> - deadline of Friday 11 November 2022. Secondary Common Offer Date is Wednesday 1 March 2023. If you are unable to apply online please contact [admissions@powys.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@powys.gov.uk).

...**from Heart of Wales Railway Line. Concessionary Travel** is back from October to March and if you have a Concessionary Travel Pass from a Welsh Local Authority, you can travel free on the #HeartWalesLine. More info here <https://buff.ly/3yKtity>

...**Avian flu** - as of Mon 17 October, it is a legal requirement for all bird keepers, either commercially or as pets, across the UK to follow strict biosecurity measures to limit the spread of & eradicate the disease: <https://orlo.uk/S27hl>

...Citizens Advice provide free impartial advice about energy and much else. They can help you understand your rights as an energy consumer and what steps you can take. Visit [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/energy](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/energy) or call their helpline on 0808 223 1133.

...**from Knighton Community Centre.** Working from home the next few months could be expensive - we offer an alternative. FREE Wi Fi / Electricity / Heating. Interested? Our designated Digital Hub is ready for use - 2 permanent fully equipped workstations (bookable) - 2 drop in fully equipped workstations in co-working space (bring your own lap top) - Kettle and Coffee available (bring your own or use ours) - 4 lap tops available to use - shared tables for collaboration - public car park - large clever touch screen for hybrid meetings - bookable solo digital pod for private meetings - Public Library on site for printing & copying - Café available Tuesdays (good coffee) lunch available Thursdays. Open Monday 9 – 5 Tuesday 9 – 5 Wednesday 9 – 5, Thursday 2 – 5, Friday 9 – 5. Printing available all day Tues, Thurs, and Frid am. Contact Steph Griffiths, or the Library - more details telephone 07999 837814

## **LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

...**PCC Highways, Transport and Recycling team** have been out and about trying to recruit more HGV drivers. We have current vacancies in highways, fleet, waste & recycling, all of which require a class 2 HGV licence. You can apply online here <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

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