

# 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"*



**NEXT ISSUE MID-MAY. DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 10am Sunday 14th May  
email [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org)**

- 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)**

**...Presteigne & Norton 'Bring Your Own' Coronation Picnic.** Went's Meadow, Sunday 7th May, midday till 4pm. Competitions all ages - Best Crown from Recycled Materials; Best Dressed King or Queen; Best Dressed Royal Dog. Bring tables/chairs. Music by DJ Sparks.

**...Looking for a local hall or venue to hire? Or to see what clubs or societies or organisations are available in Presteigne & Norton?** Check out the PACDG Registers on the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations). If you're managing a hall, or are secretary for a local group, please check your entry and email the Editor with any changes.

**...from P&NTC Clerk - Vandalism!** As the evenings have got lighter we have been having increasing incidents of vandalism on Went's Meadow and in/to its buildings. Please - this site is a wonderful resource for all the community so if you do see anything happening that shouldn't be, could you call the police on 101 and report it. Repair costs have to be met from within the Council's budget and so ultimately cost all Council Tax payers money! Our local Police Officers are aware and patrols around the area have been increased.

**...from PCC - Get ready for 20mph!** Work to prepare Powys roads for the upcoming default 20mph speed limit has begun (week c. 24 April). More: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/14228/Get-ready-for-20mph>

**...Trying to find a local tradesperson or service provider?** Email the Editor to receive the PACDG Register of Local Trades and Services - gardeners to plumbers, carers to computer doctors, ear & foot care to bicycle repair - they're on the Register, and all local people. And if you'd like your business to be included on the Register, just email the Editor.

## THANK YOU

**...Marion Rowlett and Michael Tavinor** would like to thank all who very kindly supported their recital in St Andrew's church on 16 April. The recital was in support of the work of the Friends of Friendless Churches and it raised £1468 for the charity - a wonderful total! Warmest thanks!

**...Sponsorship of the Presteigne Carnival** - it's time to say some Thank-yous to all the generous businesses and organisations that have agreed to sponsor us this year - in no particular order:- Presteigne Tyres, Housego Accountancy, MJS Energy, A W Hughes, AGR11, Autoworks, R B Landscaping, Radnor Hills, Presteigne Gates, Seconds & Co, The Workhouse, G&A Carpets and Beds, Adams Joinery, Arrowfield Vets, B W Roberts & Son, Carinis, PNCS, Presteigne Races, Salty Dog, S Kay Construction, Bobby Morgan, Castle Ring Oak Frame, Firth Construction, D J Bright, Advantage Automotive, Winnicare, Sylvan Skincare, PACDG, Lorna's, Discovery Parks (Pearl Lake/Rockbridge), Victoria Fish Bar, Artisan Print, Vaughan & Davies, JH Property Maintenance & Landscaping. Thanks to the Bowling Club for hosting our meetings, the Memorial Hall for the use of the car park for the procession, Colin Kirkby MBE for organising the road stewards, and Ollie Davies for organising the grass cutting in the parking field (thank you Billy Davies for last year). Let us know if you would like to sponsor or give a raffle prize, there's still just time before we go to print! Thank you, Thank you for your generosity and support - your names will be appearing in our Schedule, due out shortly!

**...from Millie - Presteigne Memorial Hall Crafts & Food Fair.** We had a lovely turnout of New and old customers. All Stall Holders were showcasing their amazing products! In total we

raised £130 for "The Sleeping Dragon". So thank you all very much. Pete was also there doing Blacksmithing and he raised a total of £70 himself. So £200 to go towards making the Dragon better again & having him back on the roundabout. One step closer! Thanks again to everyone! ...**from Nick and the PNTC** - many thanks to the PACDG Guerrilla Gardeners who have once again given their time and efforts to weed and tidy up the Ligné Garden on Went's Meadow. ...**from Kirsty and 1st Presteigne Scouts**. A huge thank you to Presteigne Building Supplies for a great deal on items needed for our BIG HELP OUT day at the Scout hut.

### **COUNCIL NEWS**

...**for residents in Herefordshire about Elections taking place on 4 May. No ID?** You'll need it if you want to vote at a polling station <https://orlo.uk/EgPzO>

...**New Radnor Community Council's Annual Report for 2022/23** is available under the Community Council section of the Council run website -<https://newradnor.net/> and copies will also be placed in the village shop and the libraries in Presteigne, Knighton and Kington. Anyone requiring a printed or electronic copy should get in touch with the Clerk, Tracey Price at [newradnorcc@outlook.com](mailto:newradnorcc@outlook.com) or 01547 528575.

...**highlights from the P&NTC April meeting.** Planning Decisions this month: 22/1323/HH Fairview, Stonewall Hill: Approved. 23/0236/FUL The Woodyard, Broadaxe: Refused. Sleeping Dragon Fund: agreed to donate the £300 remaining in the budget for 2022-23 Approval of Annual Accounts for 2022/23: Approved as circulated. See Council website. Internal Audit 2022/23 Accounts: internal audit complete and no issues had been raised. Nature Reserve Update: Secondary School to monitor the new site as part of a GCSE project. Pond planting delayed due to the weather. Purchase of tractor/implements agreed. Free Tree Hub: 233 trees given out in March. A number of trees also provided for planting on the new nature reserve. Community Broadband Scheme Update: Surveying work still planned to start in September. Leaflets sent out to local households and new set of banners to be put up shortly to promote the project. Drainage/Flooding Problems, Greenfield Road: Complaint from resident: Clerk to forward to the County Council and to notify the resident of the action taken. Vandalism: A number of incidents in recent weeks on and in the buildings on Went's Meadow. Residents are asked to report any incidents seen to 101. Help us to look after your park! Air Ambulance Service: Potential removal of Welshpool Air Ambulance Base. An online consultation is available and everyone is encouraged to complete this <https://easc.nhs.wales/engagement/sdp/>. April Meeting Minutes see Town website: [http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town\\_Council](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town_Council) . Next P&NTC Meeting: Wednesday 17th May - meeting papers available from 11th May on the Town website (see above)

...**from Powys CC. Would you like to ask a question in our next county council meeting in July?** The council provides a 20-minute slot for questions relating to the county and the services the council provides, at all full council meetings. To submit a question, please email [publicquestions@powys.gov.uk](mailto:publicquestions@powys.gov.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 5 July. If accepted, it will be added to the agenda. More information on public participation at council meetings is available here: <https://powys.moderngov.co.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD672&ID=672&RPID=9845814>

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

...**WhatsApp scammers pretending to be distressed children to con parents** out of money have now started using text messages. The so-called "Hi mum, hi dad" scams, which first arose on the encrypted messaging app have now spread to other channels - be warned!

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

...**May's issue of Broad Sheep will soon be out and online** - [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com).

...**from Annie at Mid Border News**. We are starting to put together our summer issue! If you have any events, fundraisers, community goings-on, fetes, village news or anything else you would like us to include (it's free!), email: [midbordernews@gmail.com](mailto:midbordernews@gmail.com). Deadline 10 May.

...**from The Warehouse**. Lots of lovely curtains for all sizes of windows. From £5 pair! Electric reclining chair, good condition, and PAT tested £30. PLEASE NOTE The Warehouse will be closed for the bank holidays on Monday 1st and Monday 8th May.

...**from the PNCS Charity Shop.** Brand new (with box) Hotter shoes size 5 £10. Rieker shoes minimal wear size 5 £5. Lots of new baby things, blankets, toys, books, games - 30p each tub of toys. Lots of children's clothing, various ages. Light-up skittle set. Decorative eggs £2.00.

...**Food Bank. Presteigne Youth Centre on Fridays - 1.30pm to 3pm** (contact Helen on 07731 524 058 for more information.) Please visit our website [www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk) to see a full listing of items we need for May. Please note we can only accept food items that are well within their use-by date. If you would prefer to give a small cash donation, this will enable us to purchase fresh milk, bread, cheese and eggs and to buy fresh vegetables / fruit vouchers to include with individual food parcels, or you may prefer to set up a regular donation to support our work by completing a Standing Order form. Ask Helen for more information.

...**Barry's back!! Wednesday evenings at Crocketts**, both Eat-In and Take-away! Call Barry's burner to discuss your burger requirements... 07918 072716

...**Kington Golf Club. Calling all parents & grandparents. FREE junior golf taster sessions.** Starting in May These are perfect for juniors that haven't played before or even those that may have played but would like to come along and see what our junior evenings are all about. The sessions will be run by our PGA Professional Keith Preece and our trained volunteers.

...**East Radnor Leisure Centre. We urge you to PLEASE continue to show your local leisure centre your support.** Its not over yet! As they say "Use it or loose it" Maybe just come swimming once a week, using the gym, a fitness class or playing a game of squash or badminton. Endless options to suit everyone! Don't be shy we are all a friendly bunch

### **EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

...**Presteigne Memorial Hall - 70th Celebrations.** This year will see the 70th year of the hall, opened in 1953. To mark the occasion, the committee have organised a Family Fun afternoon on Saturday 27th May between 2pm-5pm at the hall. There will be a variety of attractions, including Mr Bamboozle Magic tricks, Tombola, Throw a 70, vintage vehicles and fire engine, refreshments including home-made cakes, Pentre Farm's Petting corner (guinea pigs, giant bunny and pygmy goats), Pete Smith will also be there with information on the Sleeping Dragon, and there will be face painting too! Local groups will be supporting us, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts and the Floral Society and much much more..... All are welcome!

...**Presteigne Methodist Church annual plant sale** is on Saturday 20th May from 10.30. There will be an assortment of vegetable plants, some suitable for growing in tubs if you don't have room for a veg plot. In addition there will be a selection of perennial and annual flowers, raspberry canes and succulents. Tea, coffee and cake will be on sale together with a cake stall.

...**Aardvark Books & Café - next event will be our Early May Bank Holiday Car Boot!** On Monday 1st May, and our Spring Bank Holiday Car Boot on Sunday 28th May - book your pitches, £12 on the car park and field, lots of room! Live music, cafe refreshments and (we hope) sunshine and an opportunity to meet people and have fun. Free entry and free parking!

...**Pant Hall Cloister Gardens. Festival of Enchantment & Delight. New price £25** – advance tickets only – this covers costs, any charitable donations to be given to the Sidney Nolan Trust outreach programme. Saturday 10th June, 3pm- 7pm at the newly opened Pant Hall Cloister Gardens on the Herefordshire / Welsh borders, LD8 2LY (home to Malcolm and Karen). Garden opens at 3pm. Ring [01544 260066](tel:01544260066) to book your place, or email

[cloistergardens@gmail.com](mailto:cloistergardens@gmail.com) [www.panthallcloistergardens.com](http://www.panthallcloistergardens.com). For public liability purposes, children and dogs are not permitted. All areas are non-smoking. Please note the garden is hilly – please wear appropriate clothing / footwear and be prepared for all weathers!

...**Evenjobb Spring Plant Sale** at the Village Hall Saturday 20 May, 11am-2pm. If you have any plants to sell, it's £6 per table (call Linda on 01547 560306). If you have spare seeds, just bring them along and put them on the seed swap table.

...**Chatterbrook WI – next meeting** is on Thursday May 11th at 7.30 in East Radnor Day Centre. Our guest speaker is Kirsty Lockwood, who will relate some of her 'Stories from an Upholster'. Visitors, especially ladies interested in joining us, are very welcome to come along - £4 on the door. Information 07536 979665 and see <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

...**Friends of John Beddoes Car Boot Sale** on Sunday, 11th June from 10am to 2pm. Please come along and support us, while grabbing a bargain too!

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in May:** Tues 2nd, 'A new bit of the ODP', 4.6 miles. Weds 3rd, Stockton Cross, 9 miles (option to do half). Weds 10th, Thresholds - Pulverbatch, 7.6 miles. Sat 13th, Panponton Hill to Stowe Hill, 8 miles. Weds 17th, Bleddfa, 7.5 miles. Thurs 18th, Brampton Bryan Park & Stanage, linear walk, 5.6 miles. Please book. Weds 24th, Norton Camp & Onibury, 9 miles. Weds 31st, Long Mynd Ramble, 8.1 miles. For more details see [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call 01544 260524

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society: next meeting** in (Whitton Village Hall t.b.c.) is on Thursday May 10th at 7.30 - a workshop to create 'a picture portrait'. All materials will be provided, at a cost of £10. Book a place via the Secretary. The informal flower classes in Whitton Community Hall continue on Thursdays 12-2pm. £5 charge per session. Contact the Secretary for dates and further details on 01544 340453. See our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/>

...**fed up with all the litter around our beautiful county? want to help in the final push to get Presteigne's newest nature reserve planted?** CPRW (The Welsh Countryside Charity) are joining with Coed Llanandras, Presteigne's new area for nature recovery, to organise a litter-pick and tree-planting morning on Monday May 8th at 10.30am (till about 1pm) - come to our meeting point, the entrance to Coed Llanandras, opposite The Warden. Wear stout shoes and bring water/flask of coffee. Cake provided. It would help us if you can let us know you are coming (but not essential): email [emma.lilley@btinternet.com](mailto:emma.lilley@btinternet.com). We look forward to seeing you!

...**Norton Open Gardens** on 27th & 28th May 2pm - 5pm. Entry £10.00 to include a Cream Tea in Corte Cottage garden - in aid of the Norton Community Hub. For more information please contact Chris Ruby 01544 267749.

...**Ger's Burger Van Charity Fundraiser - Saturday 20 May** 10am-1pm. Memorial Hall carpark. Cake stall, tombola, games, large raffle. In aid of Dementia UK and Hereford Special Care Unit.

...**Celtic Dragons Party in the Yard - Friday 26 to Monday 29 May** at The Woodcutters, Presteigne. Live bands (Barebacks, Eternity Road, Innocent Criminals), tattooist, bike show, licensed bar, food. Tickets 07472 394491 / 07974 954526. Day Pass £10, weekend camp £20 & parking £10 (trikes/bikes/blue badge free). All profits to Welsh Air Ambulance.

## OTHER INFORMATION

...**from PCC. Empty plant pots CAN'T be recycled in your red recycling box, instead:** Keep them for cuttings or planting seeds - Give them to friends and neighbours - Offer them on Presteigne Freegle - Return them to the garden centre for them to reuse or recycle - Take them to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre

...**from PCC. Have your say on the Powys roads winter service review.** We are re-examining the way Powys roads are serviced, or treated, during the winter months to ensure we provide a fair and equitable service for the whole county - have your say in the review process online now: <https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/powys-roads-winter-service-review>

**LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** [ed. for other jobs in our local area, log on to <https://freegle.in/presteigne> and see Jobs Near You column on r.h.s]

...**Powys Samaritans are recruiting listening volunteers for training in June.** No previous experience required, you just need to give your time and a listening ear to help ordinary people like you and me who are going through a difficult time. Volunteers are asked to give 3 or 4 hours every week at our offices in Llandrindod Wells with free parking and travelling expenses reimbursed. Find out more here: <https://www.samaritans.org/support-us/volunteer/> and either telephone [01597 822911](tel:01597822911) or email [volunteer@powyssamaritans.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@powyssamaritans.org.uk)

...**Night nurse position at The Garth**, 12 hour shifts. For details please call 01544 230502

...**Presteigne Little People: Play Assistants & Apprentice** - motivated level 2/3 Practitioners (Early Years) to join our growing team, full time, flexi part time, Bank staff. Also an Apprentice to learn on the job with free in-house training. Open to Job Share options. Closing date: 14 May. Contact Ann 07734 528571 email [chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk)

...**volunteers to help us sand and paint the outside of Presteigne Scout hut.** Monday 8th May 10am-5pm - a fun day with refreshments and cake and a 'thank you' BBQ.

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