

**NEXT ISSUE END-JUNE. DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 10am Thursday 29 June
email 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

...from **Annie at MidBorder News**. It feels as if summer is finally here – now we need some rain! Our summer issue has four extra pages (28) as there is so much going on: fetes, music, open gardens, fundraisers, festivals, carnivals, exhibitions, markets, theatre, talks and lots more. We live in an amazingly creative area, especially in terms of the arts, so I hope you find time to go and enjoy what's on offer over the next three months. The print edition of the magazine was distributed last week, but they seem to fly off the shelves, so if you haven't managed to get your hands on one, here is the link to the online edition. I hope you enjoy reading it. https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_summer_2023

THANK YOU

...from **Marion** - after my 3rd Open Garden Afternoon plus the contribution from Gather Round we have sent £330 to the Return of the Dragon Project. Thank you everyone. x

...from **Nick** - thank you again to the Guerrilla Gardeners for their work on the Ligné Garden.

...from our **Town Mayor, Beverley Baynham** - the new nature reserve is a fantastic demonstration of people coming together and making things happen. The project has seen a collaboration from the Town Council and volunteers within the community who have helped with various tasks, including the children from Presteigne Primary School planting trees. It really has been and will continue to be a community project that will grow and evolve over the coming seasons. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way.

SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...**Beware of HMRC scammers**. As the tax credits deadline approaches, scammers are attempting to deceive people by pretending to be HMRC. They may claim that your information is outdated, a payment has failed, or you'll face arrest if you do not settle a tax debt. These scammers may contact you via unsolicited phone calls and emails that contain phishing links.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING**: 21st June in The Assembly Rooms at 7.00pm, or join by Zoom. Details of how to join by Zoom, and the June Meeting papers, are all available on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk including Draft Minutes of the May meeting.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Looking for an affordable local venue for your meetings or club/activity sessions?**

We're continuing to upgrade the facilities at The Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street, Presteigne with new carpeting throughout and plans to install additional double-glazing to keep it cosier in the winter. To find out more and check availability, call Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

...**Presteigne Bowls Club** - one-day Open Pairs Competition for the Sheila Scotford Memorial Trophy Sunday 2nd July 9-30am start. 24 pairs round robin format. Entry £15 a pair. Contact Dave Weale 07969203339 or Rob Weale 07866241179 to enter.

...**The Knighton Mens Shed** were recently honoured to attend the House of Lords as one of 3 nominees for **Community Shed of the year out of 1,500 UK Mens Sheds**. Fancy a bit of company? New members always welcome to join our happy band of jolly shedders. Come and have a cuppa and a biscuit any Monday or Wednesday morning 10am till 2pm to see what we are about. Teme Mill, Station Yard, Knighton LD7 1DT

...**PNCS Community Transport** - we are very short of drivers through June. Please only ring for transport if you have no other option. Thanks for your patience

...**Presteigne Carnival Tug of War**. We'd like a few more ToW teams for this year's event. Come on guys & gals, let's all pull together and form a team. Teams of eight. For more info or to enter a team call Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

...**Presteigne Wheelbarrow Race 2023**. Thank you to S.Kay Construction, R.B Landscaping and JH Property Maintenance & Landscaping for their generous sponsorship towards the Presteigne Wheelbarrow Race, it's greatly appreciated. The event can only happen with your support. If you'd like to sponsor the event please get in touch! Don't forget to get planning your entries. Only one wheeled wheelbarrows will be eligible for fastest team but different modes of transport and more than two persons in a team are welcome to enter. The more the merrier!! Date: Friday 7th July, Time: 7pm, Entry: £15 per team of two, Prizes: £50 for fastest men's, women's, mixed races and best fancy dress.

...**Lee Taylor - fancy martial arts but not sure where to start?** Try our Kickboxing class, every Friday 7.30pm in Presteigne at Freedom Leisure - East Radnor Leisure Centre. All abilities welcome 14+ yrs! Try it you might like it! FB message me for details or email leetaylormkg@outlook.com

...**White Oak Aikido** - just a short drive from Presteigne & Norton, new Aikido classes have started in Whitton at the Community Hall on Monday nights 7 - 9pm for over 18s. Aikido is a traditional Japanese martial art, using throws, joint locks and weapons. Our focus is on optimising how you use your body to maximise your efficiency and power, developing a deep understanding of how your body works and how this power can be used most effectively. Training can help you develop fitness, suppleness, good posture, co-ordination, self-confidence, relaxation, mental calmness and awareness, all in a non-competitive and non-aggressive environment. For more details, see our website www.whiteoak-aikido.co.uk, send us a FB message or contact us to book your free taster session.

...**from Victoria Fish Bar - the shop will be closed from 11th June to the 19th June** for us to go on holiday with our families. Sorry for any inconvenience caused

...**Father's Day this Sunday**. Get him a personalised apron from the Great British Apron Company, designed & printed here in Presteigne. 100s of designs to choose from. <https://www.etsy.com/uk/listing/1273813017/dad-super-hero-apron-personalised-add>

...**Locally based composer and pianist Simon Deeley highlights his new album, here in Presteigne**. The new album, entitled, *String Rise Azure Traces* comprises seven original compositions by the composer. The album is, currently, being featured at The Workhouse Gallery, Presteigne, LD8 2UF theworkshopgallery.co.uk . A special offer to purchase the album for £6.50 plus, further price offers on two more titles, from the composer, is currently running at the gallery (continues to 31 July).

...**Renewable Training Centre in Presteigne Wednesday 28th** June. Emergency First Aid at Work Course – Learn CPR & how to use an AED. Other dates available monthly. BPEC Heat Pump Installer Course available monthly & now BPEC Water Regulations. Contact 01544 302222 or info@renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk. Visit www.renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk

...**Available in the PNCS Warehouse unit 6 Presteigne industrial estate** - Russian pottery, excellent condition. Looks lovely together in a cabinet and some unusual pieces, from £10.00. Lots of baskets all shapes and sizes, prices from 50p ! Now reduced to £15, complete cutlery set in good condition. And so much more - come and browse. Cash payments only please.

...**and in the High Street PNCS shop sweet peas are back!** Thank to Dave Preece for once again supplying us with his lovely, and very popular sweet peas - just £2.50 a bunch

...**Sidney Nolan Trust MAKE** - is an arts and creative club for young people aged 10 - 14. Mondays (Term-time) 3.30 pm - 5 pm, The Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street, Presteigne. Upcoming MAKE dates Monday 19 June - Monday 10 July

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Advance date for your diaries! Family Treasure Hunt** - Sunday 2nd July. To start Carnival week off, a Family Treasure Hunt! Registration in Radnorshire Arms garden starting from 10.30am. Prize of £20 for the winning family. Big Thank you to Drew and Dale for doing this for us. Come along, have some fun, free entry, what's not to like?

...**East Radnor Ramblers Walks in June:** Weds 21st Glascwm 8.3 miles. Thurs 22nd Llynheilyn Lake short walk. Weds 28th Eardisley 8 miles. For more details see www.org.uk/east-radnor or call 01544 260524

...**Evenjobb Village Hall. "From hunter-gatherer to farmer - the changing landscape of the British Isles"**. Join us for a talk with archaeologist Dr Caroline Rosen at Evenjobb Village Hall Wed 21st June 7.30pm – 9.00pm. About 6000 years ago, the people of Britain were about to undergo a fundamental shift in the way they procured food. This change from hunting and gathering to farming has shaped the landscapes we know and love today. During this talk we will explore the landscape of Britain and people's relationship to it, both before farming and how this changed with the introduction of this new way of life. Tickets £5. Refreshments available. To book a place please email: projectlink@btinternet.com

...**Sidney Nolan Trust Community Day 2023** - 1st July from 12pm – 6pm, come and join us at The Rodd while we host our 2023 free Community Day! There will be plenty to see and do for all who visit: - Sidney Nolan's former home, 17th Century Rodd Court, will be used to present new and evolving interpretations of the artist's life and work - All of our other exhibitions will be accessible as per normal - Hands-on art activities will be running throughout the day in our Dutch Barn alongside Willow Craft workshops - Live music will be performed by Pamela Shannon as well as Dave Luke & John Hymas - Kestrel Morton will be storytelling - Food & drink will be on offer c/o our bar and BBQ areas - Pete Smith will be demonstrating his Blacksmithing skills. The Sidney Nolan Trust are excited to welcome our friends of all ages, both new and old to The Rodd. Can't wait to see you at our Community Day!

...**Presteigne trotting races** - Saturday 24th June starting at 1.30pm on Broadheath Common. Fun for all the family, bookmakers, refreshments, bar and bouncy castle. All welcome. £10 entry, under 16s free.

...**Presteigne REPAIR this Saturday 17 June** at the Old School (Youth Centre). NB for this session opening time 9.45am. Some of us have to leave a little early, or need to finish promptly due to being involved in other Big Green events afterwards. Please bring items to be mended in *before* 12 as we will be closing at 12.30pm.

...**Transition Presteigne: Big Green Fair** Saturday 17th June, 10am till 4pm, in the Barn on Went's Meadow. Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature, with events and activities taking place across the country. Transition Presteigne are organising a Big Green Fair - to showcase local organisations doing their bit and encourage everyone to join in. Free Entry! Come and see what's already being done locally, and see how you can get involved.

...**"The Armed Man" concert in Presteigne** in St Andrew's Church on Saturday 24 June at 7:30pm. Kington Choral will be joined by the Bannau Brycheiniog Chamber Orchestra, soprano Serena Jopson, and muezzin Abdul Quddos for a very special performance in Presteigne of Karl Jenkins' hugely popular work. The concert will start with Handel's rousing Coronation anthem, "Zadok the Priest" followed by music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton, and the very first performance of "The Storm" by local composer Julian Reeves. £20 (under-18s free). Bar/refreshments. Tickets from the Salty Dog (Presteigne), Tower House Gallery (Knighton), Border Bean (Kington) and online <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CJNG>

...**The Big Breakfast at Evenjobb** is on Father's day, Sunday June 18th. from 9 am to 1 pm. Come, with family and friends, for a friendly morning.

...**Plant Sale at the Catholic Church, Presteigne** on Saturday, June 17th 10am to 2pm. We will also be serving tea, coffee and cakes.

...**A Walk on the Wild side!** Saturday 17 June. Enjoy the lovely flowers and grasses on the roadside verges and in the Warden by taking a short, easy, guided walk led by Warden Guardians and Verges for Nature volunteers. Talk with them about how the management of

these green spaces encourages biodiversity. 2pm start from the Barn (Local Green Spaces banner). No booking required, all ages welcome! Look out for handouts of a pictorial sheet of 20 flowers seen on our verges & a quiz based on wildflowers at the Barn all day.

...**Green Hearts available at the Library for children (& adults)** to write their Wishes for the Planet on, as part of the Big Green Week. These will then be displayed on a library window for passers by to see. Please come in and add yours!

...**Trip to Powys Castle: organised by Chatterbrook WI. There are a few places left** on a coach outing to Powys Castle, National Trust property near Welshpool, on Saturday 24th June, leaving Presteigne recycling car park at 10 am, returning by 6pm. The cost is £8 for the coach plus the entrance fee of £22.25 – but entry is free to National Trust members. All are welcome to join us for this day out. The Internationally renowned fine artist and designer, Kaffe Fassett, has a special exhibition of his colourful textiles displayed in the castle – included in the entrance fee. To enquire further, and to book a place please contact Claire Brown – 07712649458 email cebrown001@gmail.com

...**Sidney Nolan Trust Exhibitions** - Dean Cross *“Sometimes I Miss The Applause”* in the Gallery, The Rodd until 29 July; *“Sidney Nolan Revealed”*. A series of new displays reveal the concept of Process as central to Nolan’s artwork and expose new artworks and artefacts from the Trust’s collection and archive 22 June – 30 September; Rick Greswell *“Silent Spring”* 22 June - 29 July 2023. Inspired by the seminal environmental work of Rachel Carson in 1962, the artwork highlights the rapid decline and threat to British breeding birds by reference to their songs, which are rapidly disappearing from our countryside.

...**from Sarah - there will be a Musical Memorial to celebrate the life of Chris Green**, for many years organist and choirmaster at St Andrew's church, Presteigne, on Wednesday 5th July at 2pm. There is a selection of his (mostly) organ music in the church. Please help yourself, donations to the church.

...**Sidney Nolan Trust Annual Community Day** Saturday 1 July, 12noon-6pm, The Rodd. Our popular community day returns for a third year. The Free event includes live music, storytelling, arts & craft activities, and entry to our exhibitions. Enjoy locally sourced food and drink in our beautiful gardens and space to gather with family and friends.

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]

...**Wanted. Fabricator welder to work on classic car restorations.** Ideally suitable for semi retired. Hours to suit yourself. No hassle environment. Located in Clun. Ring Laurance on 07890 558616

...**SunCare - Home Care assistants** urgently required Kington area. Hours - alternative weekends 7-2pm or 4- 10pm, evenings 4- 10pm. Experience not essential as full training given. Contact us for further information 01544 231413

...**Bateman Arms - a second chef** to work alongside our fantastic Head Chef Martin. Salary based on experience, if you need a new challenge and would be a great addition to our kitchen team please contact Mike@thebatemanarms.co.uk

...**Presteigne Building Supplies - Counter/Yard assistant**, full time and full UK driving licence required. Email or call in for an application form.

...**Presteigne Little People are looking for a warm, committed person to lead on the running of our busy Three Plus room** offering education sessions plus childcare wrap around throughout the year. Can you help manage a busy business? Do you have childcare related experience and relevant qualification? Salary: From £21,500 depending on skills and experience. Based: Adjacent to Presteigne Primary School, Slough Road, Presteigne. Closing date: 2/7/2023. Informal visits welcome. Contact: Ann: chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk or 07734528571 or Michaela: 01544 262130 manager@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

...**Arrowfield Vets - Trainee Veterinary Nurse.** An exciting new opportunity has arisen to join our nursing team <https://arrowfieldvets.co.uk/job-opportunities/>

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