

Community News



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"Working Together For Our Community"*

**NEXT ISSUE MID-JULY. DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 10am Friday 14 July
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

...COMING SOON!!! Presteigne Carnival - Saturday 8th July - exciting! See you all then.

*Just to remind everyone, there's FREE PARKING for Carnival in Went's Meadow - enter through the Knighton Road main entrance and you'll be directed through to the parking field. Please drive slowly as people and children will be crossing! There is dedicated blue-badge parking on the main field.

*Also please note, if you are leaving your car there overnight, we WILL be there on the Sunday morning but then the gates will be locked! You have to collect by 10am Sunday at the latest!

*We are so pleased to announce that our Carnival Queen for 2023 is Daisy Carpenter, see lovely photos (thank you, Simon!) on our FB page along with 3 of her 4 attendants for the day.

*Please note, you need closed shoes and shorts/trousers to use the climbing wall, age restriction 6years +.

*Also please note the inflatables will NOT be open until 1.30, when the Carnival officially opens

*With 2 weeks today until Carnival, see our FB page for a reminder of what you can enter in the Country Fair Classes, including some lovely entries from last year. Note, entry forms to be in by Wednesday 5th if possible, and time to deliver entries on the day has changed to 8am - 10am!

...update from the Memorial Hall - Powys CC have advised us to cancel all bookings to the end of the year. Really sorry, but it seems there's nothing we can do about it.

(ed. note: looking for an alternative venue while the Memorial Hall is out of action? See the PACDG Register of Local Venues for Hire on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations or email me to receive the current Register)

...from Lesley and Phil. It is with much sadness that we have to announce that we are unable to continue with the purchase of Rose Cottage. Due to the ever increasing cost of borrowing and all that will be required to develop the premises it is unfortunately beyond our means, therefore the Cafe will be closing at the end of July. Lesley already has some outside catering jobs lined up for August and we will have our home kitchen registered so we can operate from there. We will both be looking for part/full time work to do alongside this so if anyone out there needs help on a permanent or add hoc basis, please get in touch. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our lovely customers who have supported us through some fairly difficult years and have made going to work each day very enjoyable. Finally just in case there are any investors out there, we are very good tenants willing to pay a good rent x

THANK YOU

...I'd just like to say a big thank you to the group of teenagers who found my elderly collie wandering around looking confused after losing me down at the Withy Beds earlier and called my mobile number on his collar, I'm not sure who you all are but I'm very grateful. George is safely home and eating his tea. Thankfully, Debra XX

SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...Lots of people seem to be receiving strange 'photograph' emails saying something like

"Five photographs - posted by (you). I assume you may still remember a couple of them? I probably should have forwarded them a little earlier: see those those 4 images here <http://www.jtsfq.nixxute.xxx/>". Needless to say, don't click on the link. Ignore and delete!

...**Watch out for messages pretending to come from DVLA** saying something like "... payment failed. It appears that some of the billing details associated with you might have expired or were otherwise changed. Our system will automatically retry the billing process once your billing details have been updated. It can take up to 4 working days for the records to update. In order to continue to the payment page please use the following link: (Update and verify billing details). Please Note: If you don't pay your vehicle tax on time you can be fined up to £3000, or your details passed to a debit collection agency. This means we send you an email to let you know when you have a new message". Report and delete!

...**Watch out for fraudulent phone calls targeting O2 customers** with bogus discount offers. This 'vishing' scam involves criminals attempting to gain access to your account by promising a 50% discount on your mobile phone bill. If you accept the offer, you'll receive a text message with a one-time passcode - if you provide it, they can change the password on your account.

...**fraudsters are hacking hotel to steal your card details.** WHICH reports a reader contacted them after being targeted by scammers posing as her hotel. After making an online booking, she received an email that appeared to be from the hotel, stating that new security regulations required guests to consent to them holding their credit card information. The email contained a link to confirm her details which she provided but then, wisely, suspecting a scam, she cancelled her credit card in time.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**In recent weeks there have been increasing amounts of vandalism and graffiti on and around the buildings on Went's Meadow.** Please if you do see anything when using the area do call the police on 101. Officers are aware and there are regular and increased patrols in the area. This is your facility - don't let a minority spoil it for everyone - e.g. the barbecue at the old barn has been damaged and needed removing as it was unsafe. This was available to all to use but not any longer. Several names have been provided to the police in connection with the most recent incidents and those persons will be asked to the police station for interview.

...**Presteigne bypass speed limit:** Members noted that the County Council are seeking to keep the bypass at 30mph and exempt it from the new 20mph areas which will replace the current 30mph areas in September.

...**Leisure Centre:** Powys CC is currently in the process of conducting a full review of all Leisure Centres and a public consultation will be released in the next few weeks. Please do complete it to show the need for our local centre. All are encouraged to use the Centre and to let it know what classes are needed or improvements could be made and to become full members if possible. Did you know the centre has the following facilities – Swimming pool, sports hall, squash courts, gym and classes, children's soft play area?

...**Community Broadband Scheme Update:** Members noted that Broadway Partners was now in administration and that for the present there was no alternative solution.

...**Leominster/Countrywide Roundabout:** Radnor Hills had now planted the roundabout and TC Members agreed that this was looking very good.

...**See full June meeting Minutes & July 19th meeting papers** on the Town website http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town_Council. Next meeting 19 July 7pm in The Assembly Rooms.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**July Broad Sheep** will be out very soon, but already online - www.broadsheep.com

...**The Community Café** volunteers who run the not-for-profit Café are sorry they are to be unable to support the Presteigne Local Food Market every month by providing hot drinks and home-baked cakes while the Memorial Hall is closed and the monthly Market held outside in the Hall's car park or elsewhere. In anticipation of reopening, if you would like to join this friendly, dedicated group of (male and female) Café volunteers, or can bake a cake from time to time, email rogerwgcurtis@btinternet.com or call 01544 262846 – leave a message if needed.

...**The Hub, New Radnor - Regular openings:** Coffee Morning on Thursdays 10am-12noon; Bar and Food on Fridays 6.30-11pm

...**Carboot - part of the Norton Show 30th July 2023.** £ 5 per boot, so if you're having a spring clean & would like to book a boot contact Deb Edwards 01544 260074

...**Emily George Summer Workshops** - only limited availability for our summer workshops, all in Presteigne! 9-3pm, early drop off from 8:15am available for an extra charge. £22 per workshop, sibling discount also available! Reception age-16. Our workshops are a combination of games, arts and crafts, sports and dance. Dates: 31st July; 1st August; 14th August; 22nd August; 23rd August. Booking in advance is essential!!

...**PNCS Warehouse - a large amount of furniture for sale** - dining tables/chairs, wardrobes, Welsh dresser, small tables, bookcases, table lamps, chairs, small cupboards and more!

...**Chilvers - new product.** We are now selling the 'EGO' range - all cordless and battery powered, with petrol matching performance. Less noise, lower running costs and zero emissions! Currently in stock: Zero turn ride-on lawn mower; Strimmer; Double-sided hedge cutter; 40cm Chainsaw; Self-propelled lawn mower; Multi tool kit; Leaf blower

...**Renewable Training Centre in Presteigne** - BPEC Water Regulations & Heat Pump Installer Course available w/c 17th July. £50 off if you attend both BPEC courses in July; Monday 24th July Emergency First Aid at Work Course – Learn CPR & how to use an AED. 01544 302222 www.renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk Email: info@renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk

...**Mid Border Arts - AGM 25 July 7.30pm** upstairs at the Assembly Rooms - all welcome!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Local Food Market** - this Saturday July 1st. 9am to 1pm, outside at the memorial hall, Presteigne. Delicious, fresh local produce including honey, mushrooms, apple juice, mutton, bread, herbal cosmetics, vegetables, cider, eggs, plants, cakes, indian foods, pork and other meats. Come and support your local food producers - hope to see you there!

...**RAB trip to Aberystwyth, Thursday 6th July.** We have some spare seats for senior citizens. Cost/return journey/person £10. £5 deposit required (non-refundable). Contact Mike Edwards: 01544 267 114 or 07787 355 415. Start from the Little Shop 08.30 am.

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - CULTIVATE Art workshops for young people** our creative programme for 15-25s. Saturday 8 July, 10am - 2pm; Saturday 26 August, 10am - 2pm

...**Events at The Hub New Radnor:** Sunday July 9th 2.30-4.30 Strawberry Tea in the Marquee in aid of St. Mary's Church. More info. Christine 07402 351689; Sunday 16th July Walking Treasure Hunt in Aid of the Radnor Arms Hotel renovation. Meet at the Hub at 3pm. Details Jane: 07867 472615; Saturday 22nd July, Little Rumba in the Marquee: music, Rum cocktails and Cuban snacks 7.30 (Doors open 6.30). £5 Details from Ruth 07870 752325

...**Active Hope Workshop by Wings of Change** - Saturday 15 July 10am - 5pm at Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. This one day workshop is based on The Work that Reconnects which is a transformational body of theory and practice, helping people move from a sense of isolation to a sense of participation in the web of life. Participants will be guided through exercises to honour our pain and our gratitude whilst recognising our interconnectedness to life, giving us helpful tools and the opportunity to look with new eyes. This work can help transform despair into constructive and collaborative action. £40. Booking and more information via Eventbrite eventbrite.com/e/active-hope-workshop-tickets-648788964257

...**Walks with East Radnor Ramblers in July** - Tues 4th Llanfair Hill, 4.9 miles; Tues 18th Harpton, Herrock & Garraway, 4 miles; Weds 19th, Bryngwyn, 8 miles; Weds 26th Mortimer Forest, 7.7 miles. Further information www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or 01544 260 524

...**Chatterbrook WI** – Our next meeting is on Thursday July 13th when we will be celebrating our 8th anniversary. Prospective members will be very welcome to join us: for details of place and time please contact Margaret - mail@galliers.org.uk And see our page - <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society:** The next meeting will be with florist Jane Pugh on Wednesday July 12th at 7.30. The title of her demonstration is A Way on the Wild Side. The venue will again be in LINGEN VILLAGE HALL. Visitors are very welcome - £6 on the door. 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/groups/610659036597894>

OTHER NEWS

...from Annie - New home for Tanya & family? Can you help? My lovely Ukrainian guests Andriy and Tanya and their two children have been struggling to find a house to rent near Newtown where they both now have work. The commute from Discoed has proved very difficult as their work hours are different and the journey can be quite challenging in the winter. Please let me know if you have any contacts with a rental property (3 bedrooms & garage if poss) < 10 miles or so of Newtown. Thank you! annie@JohnNethercott.co.uk - 01547 560369

...from Richard & Ruth at Stocken Farm - one of our domestic ducks has just turned up with 11 ducklings in tow, which we do not want. I would love any or all of them to go (free) to good homes - our contact details are: 01544 267738 email: richard.crellin@hotmail.co.uk

...Powys Recycles - Empty paint tins can be recycled at the Household Waste Recycling Centres. Leftover water-based paint must be left to dry out at home first. These hardened remains can then be thrown out with your general rubbish, and the empty tins then can be recycled at the HWRC. Leftover solvent-based paint in the tins can be disposed of at the HWRC's secure chemical recycling section.

R.I.P.

...Sarah Louise Morgan (nee Gilling) of Kington and of Slix Hair Studio, Presteigne tragically passed away on Wednesday 7th June aged 53. Funeral Service will take place at St Mary's Church, Kington on Friday 14th July at 1pm followed by interment in Kington Cemetery. Anyone unable to attend the Funeral but wishing to pay their final respects will have the opportunity to do so when the hearse travels through Kington High Street following the Church Service at 2.15pm. Flowers are welcome or donations if desired will be given to Action for M.E and Kington Church. Enquiries to Oak Tree Funeral Services 01544 327829 or 01568 25003.

...Denise Williams (Denny) of Appletree Meadow, Presteigne passed away peacefully at Hereford County Hospital on 10th June aged 92 years. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church Presteigne Monday 3rd July at 12 noon followed by interment in Presteigne Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation. Enquiries 01547528554

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]

...Advantage Chemicals - Cleaner (preferably local to Presteigne) to join us asap. If interested, please contact me to arrange a meeting so that I can show you what needs doing and discuss pricing. charlie@advantagechemicals.com (include your name and contact details in the email)

...John Beddoes Campus - Cleaner to join our team, 12.5 hours/week. 41 weeks/year plus holiday time. £10.72 per hour. For further details, contact the school office on 01544 267259

...Mangar Health - two production staff to join our team at our facility based in Presteigne. This will be a permanent role. With the working hours; 8:30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday and a 1pm finish on a Friday afternoon. If you think this sounds like a suitable position for you, please send your CV to Debbie.jones@winncare.uk

...Radnorshire Wildlife Trust - Head of Conservation. Full time, Permanent. Salary: £30,000-£33,000. Are you looking for a strategic role? An opportunity to lead a team on some exciting and ambitious work in mid Wales? Love the outdoors, the hills, and the beautiful landscapes? <https://www.rwtwales.org/jobs/head-conservation>. Closing date: Friday 14th July

...Firth Construction - carpenters & general builders to join us on high end projects in the Presteigne and Herefordshire areas. We would consider semi-skilled workers. Enthusiasm and driving licence essential. DM us with your CV, or email info@firthconstruction.co.uk

...Packing Operatives required in Knighton. £11.58ph. Monday to Thursday. Days and Nights available. Text Edward on 07706 735265 quoting "Packing". Starts from 3rd July.

...The Garth Care Home, Kington - chef to prepare tasty meals for our lovely residents. If you'd like to know more, please contact the manager: ramona.otrocol@garthcareservices.co.uk

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