

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 deadline for contributions 10am Friday 29 September
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**

THANK YOU!

...huge thank you to Tessa and to her merry band of PACDG litter pickers (and see item below): Miranda, Kate, Gordon, Maggie J, Anne, Terry M, Andrew, Susan, Virginia, Piet, Kate, Lizzie, Sara, Rolly, Dorothy, Rachel, Frank, Emma, Maggie W, Terry W, John, John, Ruth, Annette, Bernie, and Ann Marie - you're all brilliant!

...Norton Hub - the fantastic Norton Show 2023 has donated a remarkable £3548 which will go towards the costs of equipping and running Norton Hub. Thank you so much for a great Show and a wonderful donation.

...from Tessa and Maggie - we hope you are loving your scarves and bags bought from our pop-up shop over the Bank Holiday weekend. Thanks to your generosity we raised £600 for the return of our Sleeping Dragon. Thank you! Thank you!

...from Presteigne Carnival - Thank you so much to our wonderful Fire Brigade for taking down the bunting for us - such great community spirit!

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Latest planning applications to be considered at the next meeting of the Town Council.
23/1342/REM Grid Reference: E:331249 N: 267628 Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 22/1871/HH in relation to approved plans Site Address: Westering , Stonewall Hill, Presteigne.

23/1249/HH Grid Reference: E:331556 N: 264410 Proposal: Construction of a single storey garden studio Site Address: 9 Harper's Lane, Presteigne.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...PACDG Tidy Town group: our lovely litterpicking volunteers were out again a couple of weeks ago, getting the town centre streets spick and span ready for our Festival visitors. We're in the process of relaunching the Tidy Town group and would love to welcome some new volunteers. As well as keeping our lovely town tidy and litter-free, it's rewarding and as much fun as we can make it - especially for the winner of the "find of the day" competition! Past winning items have included various items of clothing, jewellery, and - my favourite - a whole cabbage! If you'd like to join the team, or want more info, please get in touch - tessark@aol.com, 07788 567631

...from Annie at Mid-Border News - Greetings! After waiting for summer to arrive, it's suddenly autumn and the apple trees are laden with fruit. Here is the link to the online edition of MidBorder News and we have a jam-packed issue for you: the interview is with Richard Wells, Chair of Presteigne & Norton Community Support; Archaeology of the Walton Basin by Old Peculier; Knighton Festival of Books, Art & Music; Kington wildlife talks; Presteigne news ad events; Brilley Flicks; council news and local markets and lots more. I hope you enjoy reading and if you have any suggestions as to what we might include in the magazine in future issues, just let us know- https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_autumn_2023

...**Presteigne Parish Magazine - a reminder** that latest copy date for the magazine is Wednesday 20 September.

...**Advance Notice - Presteigne Carnival AGM** will be held at the Bowling Social Club on Tuesday, 26th September at 7.30 pm. Please come along if you want to know how we did, to give constructive feedback, to share ideas, or want to get involved in any way - all welcome!

...**Norton Hub - The 100 Club relaunches in September** with even bigger monthly draw prizes – each month a chance to win first prize of £40, second prize of £25 or third prize of £15. And of course the knowledge that you're helping raise funds for our lovely Hub! Full details on our website – www.nortonhub.uk There are still a very few membership places left, so if you haven't already, book yours now by contacting John Refausse (01544 267048) or Maggie James (01544 267109).

...**Dance yourself fit to International rhythms**, toning sticks/dumbbells optional. Thursday's 9-10 am at Presteigne Assembly rooms. Contact Mandy on mandyharrison398@gmail.com or 07538 218273 with any questions

...**Norton Hub - new dedicated Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/nortoncommunityhub>. This will be used for posting details of Hub events, newsletters and fundraising activities. The website www.nortonhub.uk is also being kept up to date with this information so it is worth keeping an eye too.

...**from Presteigne Primary School PTA** - Help support our school!! On Friday 15th September Smoke Shack Waffles will be selling their delicious waffles from 3.15pm until sold out in the playground of the Primary School, cooked to order fresh in front of you. A percentage of all sales goes to school funds. Also, we have teamed up with The Royal Oak in Presteigne so that on Wednesday 27th September, a percentage from all meals (eat in or takeaway) will be donated to school funds. Serving food from 5pm. Walk ins welcome or to book a table: call 01544 260842. We need everyone's help to make these events a big success so please spread the word to all, friends, family, neighbours, teachers, children!

...**from Presteigne & Norton Community Support** - we are very short of drivers again in September. Please only ring for transport if you have no other option. Thank you for your patience. Please help if you can. The shop and warehouse raises money to subsidise the transport costs.

...**from The Judge's Lodging** - Did you know that you can hire our stunning dining room for private parties? Such a unique venue to remember and celebrate those special occasions. Contact us for more details. 01544 260650 www.judgeslodging.org.uk

...**News from Angie at the Presteigne Community Garden (PCG) at The Rodd**: we've been making great strides... we've dug up our first potatoes, harvested beans and plums and given them away in the High St. We've also teamed up with Presteigne Plenty, who turn gluts of produce into jams/chutneys/juice. Together we've started to act as a bit of a hub for the Knighton & Presteigne Food Bank donating fresh organic produce from the PCG and others who've been kind enough to donate. For any fruit/veg we receive that can't wait, Presteigne Plenty have been turning it into jams and chutneys for sale at this year's Christmas fair (with all profits to support community groups). Not bad for our first season! If you have the occasional glut you'd be happy to give to the Food Bank then please email emma.lilley@btinternet.com. We would also love more hands on deck in the garden itself. We try to meet at least once or twice a week. Whether you're a seasoned hand or learning – like the rest of us – and are interested in being part of the PCG project then contact Angie on prestcgarden@gmail.com. See also www.presteignecommunitygarden.org

...**Traditional Upholstery - drop in class** Thursdays (sometimes Fridays) starting 14th September 5.30-8.30 pm at Old School (Youth Centre) Hereford Street, Presteigne. The 3 hour class is £30 per session, pay as you attend, and is geared for beginners and those who have some experience. Contact me for more information at sowerbysupholstery@gmail.com (City & Guilds trained, Devon County Council Tutor 30 years experience)

...**Presteigne Bowls Club - a weekend to remember for the Tigers!** A successful finish to a great season with the Men's side winning away to Knighton on Sunday. This confirmed them as Mid Wales League champions, going through the season unbeaten. Then the Ladies team missed out by a whisker in the Brecon & Radnor League championship, finishing just 3 points

behind Llandrindod. It was also confirmed on Saturday that the club had won the inaugural Mid Wales Super 12 league - a shout out to Jo, Roy and John for organising the Super-12, and to everyone who has played this season in the three leagues. A very special season!

...**Rose Cottage Café. We are back open** from Monday and we have a new phone number 01544 329759 and a new email address rosecottagecafe@outlook.com. Pies will be back for Autumn - this week Steak and Ale. See you soon x

...**Evenjobb Village Hall - our AGM** is on Wed 11th October and you are all invited to join us for a glass of wine to hear about what we have been up to over the last year. We are also looking for new members to join the committee and would especially welcome younger members, as we are getting old and decrepit :) The Hall is the only resource we have in the village, and we want to make our activities relevant for the whole community, as well as ensuring that the Hall continues to be here for future generations. For more info just email evenjobb@btinternet.com

...**Presteigne Little People's Playgroup - proudly introducing our Topic After-school Clubs**. Children will have opportunities to join in with different focus activities. Monday - games; Tuesday - baking/cooking; Wednesday - free play; Thursday - drama; Friday - exploring weird and wonderful (sensory)

...**Andy & Jules from Presteigne's Courtyard Antiques** are getting ready for their next antiquesintents event on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th October hosting 60+ dealers with restaurant and bar at the usual venue of Burton Court. Call 01544 267033 or 07974 356128

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**from Kath and Knill Church - Cancellation of 'My Kind of Music'** - unfortunately, we have had to postpone the musical evening "My kind of music" with Steve Hollinghurst at Knill Church on 15th September. We apologise for any inconvenience.

...**Presteigne Repair Saturday 16th September** our 4th anniversary! Many varied household items have been brought along to be fixed since then. If you have anything that needs mending we are open 10 till 12.00 noon at the Youth Centre, Hereford Street.

...**from The Rad** - we really enjoyed seeing you all at our very first Open Mic Night and had such a great evening that we decided to book another one... Save the date 23 September!

...**Music at The Assembly Rooms - ICHI supported by Emma Daman. Saturday 23rd September**, 8pm. Doors open 7pm. ICHI, from Nagoya in Japan, takes the notion of a one-man band to new limits, combining his quirky handmade instrument inventions (Stilt-bass, Kalilaphone, Balloon-pipes, Hatbox-pedal-drum, Tapumpet, Percussion-shoes & Hattrick-hat) with steel-drum, ping-pong balls, typewriter, toys & everyday objects all in the space of one short set. Emma Daman from psychedelic supremos Islet will be performing some of her new solo work. Tickets £12. <25's £8 (Limited tickets) from The Workhouse or WeGotTickets.com

...**Knighton Men's Shed - Open Day on Saturday 21st October** from 10am until 4pm with demonstrations, a tour of our workshop, tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits. This coincides with the Knighton Literary Festival.

...**Aardvark Books & Café - don't miss our All The Wide Border Day** on Saturday 16th September! Curated by Anna Dreda, we will be welcoming author Mike Parker, whose new book is inspiration for the day; he will be joined by composer Michael Berkeley CBE, National Poet of Wales Hanan Issa, writer Julie Brominicks and artist and writer Simon Moreton for an amazing day of poetry, prose, politics and reflection on the nature of life on the borders, identity and landscape. Contact us for tickets, email Anna or call 01547 530744!

...**from Emma at Presteigne Plenty... this year's Apple Pressing will take place at The Radnorshire Arms** on Sunday October 8th, starting at 12pm and running till 4pm. Bring apples from your garden or picked from Went's Meadow community orchards and containers to take your juice home in. Drink within the week or freeze it - it's just as delicious defrosted!

...**from RTC - First Aid Training in Presteigne** - Don't miss the opportunity to get your First Aid at Work training here in Presteigne! Places available on our 3-day course Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th October 2023 £230 + VAT to include training materials, certification and lunch. Also, Emergency First Aid at Work Monday 9th October. Tel: 01544 302222 for more information, email info@renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk - www.renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk

OTHER NEWS

...**Halo Hair Presteigne - Two bedroom flat available to rent above the shop** .. not suitable for children or pets. Message or enquires please pop into Halo Hair Studio !

...**location of Presteigne's 24/7 public access automatic defibrillators** (1) top of Broad Street by Lorna's Sandwich Shop (2) Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street (3) East Radnorshire Day Centre, Scottleton Street (4) John Beddoes Campus, Broadaxe Lane.

...**from PAVO Community Connectors** - looking for support but not sure who to ask? PAVO Community Connectors can put you in touch with voluntary organisations and community groups to support your individual need working with you to access the right services, support and information from within your local area on a wide range of issues - community activities, transport, benefits, housing, debt management, health conditions, isolation, loneliness and much more. Contact: Hayley on 07935 008 999 (Tues-Fri) email: hayley.lloyd@pavo.org.uk or 01597 828 649 (Mon-Fri) email community.connectors@pavo.org.uk

...**If you find any abandoned young hedgehogs**, you can take them to <https://www.facebook.com/HelpforHogs> in Shobdon. They rewild many in this area too. Donations welcome. Thank you Helpforhogs for all that you do.

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*]

...**CONNECT/Christmas Fayre - We need a team of volunteers** to help us with the Christmas decorations for Presteigne High Street and St. Andrew's Church yard. We have the funds to make it special this year, all we now need is you and your ideas. There will be a meeting on the 19th September 7.30 at Leon's Supper Club. Please get involved will be fun!!

...**Pentre Farm CIC - looking for a new member of our team** - hours not set or guaranteed, so you will need to be flexible and not rely on the income. The position will be to drive the horse box to outreach sessions, care homes, schools or bigger events like carnivals etc. Events and sessions on the farm vary from playgroups, to regular sessions for children from a local school - adult sessions too - and we are looking to expand what we offer. No formal qualifications needed but these are a must: friendly - happy to be outside in all weathers - confident around animals and happy to learn if limited experience - like people (children and adults of all abilities) - happy to have a DBS - happy to be freelance and responsible for your own tax and NI - happy to work alone at times - happy and able to drive a 3.5t horse box to and from venues. Must have a full clean UK license, although no special licence needed. We cover insurance. Desired - Experience /qualifications, working with vulnerable groups of people - Experienced and confident in planning sessions - Forest school training or knowledge - First aid - Worked closely with animals - Understand the importance of being outside with nature and the benefits of animal assisted therapies. Email cv to sam@pentrefarm.co.uk

...**East Radnor Home Support - an experienced carer to the provide On-Call support.** The service provides support to people in an emergency and reduces the pressure on the ambulance service and therefore the wait time. Working as part of an on-call rota team you would be required to respond to Care Line emergency calls as and when activated.

The service is available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and shifts are available overnight and at weekends. Full training on using lifting equipment will be provided by you must be an experienced care assistant, who is calm in an emergency and comfortable to attend call outs on their own at any time of the night. Number of shifts available is flexible throughout the month, can be as little as two or three shifts or more regular work several times a week. Shifts are covered in your own home, and you only need to respond if called out – the number of call outs fluctuate but it does not happen every shift. A contract of employment will be offered subject to a trial period. An On-Call retainer rate is paid for each shift and an hourly rate applies if you are called out. Please call 01544 260360 for more information or email admin@eastradnor.care for a job application form. Old School, Scottleton Street, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2BL Tel: 01544 260267 / 01544 260360 E-mail: admin@eastradnor.care

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