

# Community News



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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)

### THANK YOU!

...from the **Celtic Dragons** - finally we have sorted the money from Prestfest and would like to thank everyone for their support - Henmans for donating the marquee, Behind Bars for donating their equipment, and everyone who donated time and money. Thank you to the bands that played, and the food van feeding us all. And a big thank you to all of you who helped us raise £3000.00 for Presteigne and Norton Community Support and Alfie Retallick, a local boy who needs home adaptations and equipment in his home. This will be the last Prestfest - we are taking a break from fundraising as it is too much organising, but the 2024 May party will still go ahead. Thanks for all your support.

### TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...Next full **PNTC Council meeting** is on Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm in the Assembly Rooms. Meeting papers available 12th October. Latest Draft Minutes for the 20th/27th September plus the Meeting papers for the October meeting can be seen on the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk)

...from **Beverley** - for clarity **Presteigne Bypass was excluded from the 20mph rule** and has remained at 30mph. The core of the town & housing estates are 20mph as dictated by The Senedd but you are fine to continue at 30mph on the bypass!

### SCAM ALERTS (from Which and others)

...**The digital switchover**, which is expected to be completed in 2025, will involve UK telephone providers moving customers from old analogue landlines to services which use digital technology. The move is free of charge, but there have been reports of fraudsters calling vulnerable people claiming they need bank details as part of the switchover or their service will be disconnected. Unfortunately, these scam attempts will likely rise as the switchover date nears. Stay alert to calls out of the blue and share this story with friends & family.

...**Fraudsters target Halifax customers** - there are multiple reports about unsolicited emails from scammers posing as Halifax. These messages appear to come from Halifax, but the true sender addresses are hijacked TalkTalk and Tiscali accounts. The scammers used convincing Halifax branding and claimed to be asking customers to 'refresh their contact details' as an extra security measure, inviting them to click a link that redirects to a fake Halifax website. Legitimate banks will NEVER ask for sensitive information such as your PIN or full password via email.

...**Hijacking headlines: how scammers exploit the news agenda** - Fraudsters are quick to exploit major news events to deceive unsuspecting victims. Scammers can easily set up copycat websites or social media profiles in just a matter of minutes, posing as an organisation currently in the headlines and using these platforms to trick people into various scams. One example involves scammers impersonating Ofgem to offer an 'energy bill rebate scheme' to families struggling to meet their payments.

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

...**Presteigne Pop Choir are on the look out for Sopranos**. If you can sing high and enjoy performing with others we would love to have you. Reading music is advantageous but not essential. Please contact John Hymas if you are interested. Email [john@johnhymas.com](mailto:john@johnhymas.com)

...**Presteigne Carnival** - at our AGM on Tuesday, it was agreed that next year's Carnival will be on Saturday, 13th July - date for your diaries! We welcomed 2 new committee members, Kelly and Adam, however we were very sad to say goodbye to Chris, Terry, Sarah, Rob, Nick and Dorothy, and Angie. We'd just like to give our huge thanks to these wonderful people, some of which have been on the committee for a considerable time, and all of which have worked so hard to help make the carnivals the

wonderful, happy events they've been. We will miss you all dreadfully. With that in mind, **we now need some new members to join us!!** It's such a lovely event to be involved with however, we need new ideas, new suggestions, different perspectives, all to continue to improve the day! Please have a think - it doesn't need to take up much of your time... get in touch if you want to know more - message or ring 07766152000, or speak to a committee member

**...Judge's Lodging, Presteigne - Do you need somewhere super unique and different to hire for your venue ?** e.g. for your conference or group talk ? See our Courtroom space. Lots of seating and view points. Contact us for a quote and to check availability. 01544 260650

**...Dolly's Soul Food- Good 'Ole Home Cookin'.** Inspired by frequent holidays to the States and a lifelong love affair with country and western music, Dolly's is a family company bringing you the food enjoyed across the American South. Like most country singers, we're starting out small and humble. Limited delivery slots will be available for our extra special food and we will only be cookin' around twice a month. Look out for our special menus and get your slots booked in. The more you do, the more we can grow, and the more we can bring you the food that we love. Our first night's menu is out! Check out our menu on social media - delivery only. Please text, email, call, or message us on our socials to book your slot - Presteigne and Norton: 6-6:30pm or 7:30-8pm. Limited delivery slots available so we will allocate slots on a first come first come served basis. If there is a lot of interest we may add more slots so keep an eye out! Cash on Delivery. [dollys.soul.food@gmail.com](mailto:dollys.soul.food@gmail.com) 07902 477098

**...the Judge's Lodging - If You Come My Way... an exhibition** running from 20th September to 5th November. In Summer 2023, pupils from our two local schools – Presteigne Primary School and John Beddoes High School – joined museum staff on a creative journey through some of the rooms, objects and stories at the museum. Led by professional writer, Emma Beynon, they explored their feelings and responses to these objects and moments from the past through creative writing. This exhibition shows their work, along with the objects and rooms that inspired them. Hear the tale of Sarah Chandler, transported to Australia for forging just three £5 notes, or the brave farm labourer, William Davies, who fought and died in the Crimea fighting for Queen Victoria. Look further into the lives of the POWs who lived at Camp 48, Presteigne, during World War II. Imagine yourself as a piece of furniture in the Judge's Dining Room, or surround yourself with the sounds of the busy kitchen below. Read the incredible set of poems 'If you come My Way' – a collection of works to welcome refugees to the area. Much of the poetry can be seen in the Tea Room and Exhibition Room which is free to visit.

**...Norton Show AGM 4th October 2023.** Old School, Hereford Street, Presteigne.

**...Presteigne Community Garden** - Earlier this year we shared a video of Presteigne's new community garden, it was pretty brown as no work had been started. Now, 6 months on, thanks to a group of volunteers and lots of hard work, it's producing loads of veggies that are being shared within the community! Give us a shout if you'd like to do something similar in your neighbourhood. If you want to know more or volunteer then visit our FB page or [www.presteignecommunitygarden.org](http://www.presteignecommunitygarden.org).

**...PNCS Warehouse - Xmas items now on display** and selling well! Buy now and spread the cost as well as getting bargains. More stock to put out over the next few weeks.

**...East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in October** Tues 3rd, Hergest Ridge Circular 5.3 miles, please book 01584 873467. Weds 4th, New Radnor - 2 Peaks, 9.5 miles. Weds 11th, Leominster 8.0 miles. Weds 18th, Ashes Hollow, Long Mynd, 8.6 miles. Weds 25th Chapel Lawn & Caer Caradoc, 6.5 miles. Sat 28th, Bishops Castle Circular, 7.0 miles. **Knighton Festival Walks**, from Knighton Community Centre, please book on 07970 695753: Fri 20th, Garth Hill, 4.4 miles. Sat 21st, Panponton Hill & Heart of Wales Line Trail, 7.6 miles. Sun 22nd, Pont-faen Brook & farmland, 4.2 miles. For more details see [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call 01544 260524

**...Presteigne Industrial Estate - could visitors to The Warehouse retail outlet** on Presteigne Industrial Estate please park responsibly and not block gateways and access to other units on the estate. Bear in mind also that HGVs need access to those units to deliver and collect goods and plant and machinery.

**...from Maggie at PCCS Books** - We are offering 10% off our counselling books at [www.pccs-books.co.uk](http://www.pccs-books.co.uk) - use the promo code 'Academic2023' at the checkout. Our latest counselling studies catalogue is at - [bit.ly/academic23](http://bit.ly/academic23)

**...Courses and regular events at The Old School (Youth Centre)**, Hereford Street, Presteigne. Mondays - Food Bank, MAKE (Sidney Nolan), Youth Club. Tuesdays - The Circle, Presteigne Quilters, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides. Wednesday - Little Peoples Playgroup, RNID Hearing Clinic, Yoga. Thursday - Upholstery Class, Presteigne Quilters. Friday - Upholstery Class. Saturday - Local Food Market, Presteigne Repair. For information or to book call/text Terry on 07766 097600.

**...from St Andrew's, Presteigne - The October issue of The Parish Magazine is now available ...** distributors can pick up their bundles from St Andrew's, and you can buy single copies in the church, at the other churches in our group of parishes or from the community shop in the High Street, price £1. Thank you to all our contributors, the editor, advertising sales manager and everyone who helps to print and collate the magazines and deliver them around the community.

**...from the PNCS Warehouse - A huge selection of books** now out for sale in our warehouse. £1 each or 3 for £2 !!! Lots in new or very good condition. Maybe Xmas presents??

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Oktoberfest - tomorrow!** Saturday 30th September at Went's Meadow Barn, Presteigne, 5:00 - 10:30pm. Line up: Packet Racket, Fight the Bear and tunes from the poo flickers. Charity fundraising event in aid of Herefordshire Expedition Group 2024 - a charity that focuses providing the young people of Herefordshire (include those of Presteigne) with life changing experiences in challenging locations. Bar (including German beer), German food and good vibes. Tickets: £10, under 18's £5, under 12's free. Ticket sales on the door only.

...**Crew members from Presteigne Fire Station will be holding a cake sale tomorrow** either inside or outside Daphne's on Presteigne High Street 30th September from 09:30-12:30. If anyone could help by making a cake please message our FB page - any help would be greatly appreciated! In other news we are pleased to announce we have been nominated for northern station of the year alongside Aberystwyth and Machynlleth fire stations! Thank you for your continued support of our station!

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - do visit before the season ends tomorrow** 30th September. As well as lots of Artists there is the Earth Photo 2023 exhibition in the Orchard. 36 of the award winning and short listed entries are on display. There were 1400 entries. [www.sidneynolantrust.org](http://www.sidneynolantrust.org) Located just outside Presteigne.

...**Halloween Pub Quiz - 30th October**. Presteigne Bowling Social Club, Hereford Street, 7pm start. Teams of up to 4, £10 per team. Prize for the winning team. Full bar. Raffle. All proceeds go towards Presteigne Carnival 2024. Halloween fancy dress encouraged!! Please contact Vicky Davies to book your table [07769113421](tel:07769113421) or via Facebook (Victoria Rachel)

...**Presteigne Local Food Market - Saturday 7th October** - remember we're at our new temporary venue, the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street. 9am to 1pm

...**'Get Stitching'** Saturday 21 October Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street, Presteigne. 2 til 4 pm drop in. Free. Presteigne Repair Fixers & Friends are sharing Sewing, Knitting & Crochet skills. Basics to advanced: mending, darning, altering, making, patterns. Also use of hand & electric sewing machines. It's International Repair Day & we are on the map!

...**Presteigne Repair - Saturday 21 October**. Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street, Presteigne. Usual Household items for Repair 10 til 12noon.

...**Royal Oak, Presteigne - BareBacks 'live'** at The Royal Oak - put this date in your Diary - Friday 13 October music from 9pm ( £3 entry)

...**from Meg - The Fine Art of Paper Flowers workshop**. Join me for a relaxing and enjoyable introduction to the fine art of paper flower making and create your own beautiful crepe paper poppy to take home. Thursday 19th October. 6pm - 9pm at The Old School (Youth Centre) 44 Hereford Street, Presteigne. LD8 2AT. £40 (incl. refreshments and homemade cake). To book email or call Meg on [07711 091436](tel:07711091436) [floragami.paperflowers@gmail.com](mailto:floragami.paperflowers@gmail.com)

...**Annie Nethercott for Early Music in The Marches**. Tickets are going well for our concert in St Andrew's at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 27th October. Marches Baroque Chamber Orchestra, with guest violinist Julia Bishop of Red Priest fame will be playing music by Handel and his contemporaries on period instruments. The programme includes a concerto for four violins by Vivaldi and Tartini's Viola da Gamba Concerto - a rare opportunity to see gambist David Hatcher in action as a soloist. We'd love to share this exciting music with young people who may not have had the opportunity to experience a classical music concert before, so the event is free for under eighteens (under fifteens to be accompanied by an adult please). The concert is part of our annual Early Music Weekend, which includes a two-day workshop for singers and instrumentalists led by Julia and David. Tickets for the concert (£22 to include a drink) and more information about the workshop from [info@EarlyMusicIntheMarches.com](mailto:info@EarlyMusicIntheMarches.com)

...**Sing for Fun with Marion Rowlett** at the Baptist Church at 11oclock on Saturday October 21st. We now meet every 3rd Saturday.

...**Presteigne Catholic Church is having an Autumn Open Day** on Saturday, Oct 14, from 10 am to 1 pm. Everybody is welcome to visit the church and join us for free refreshment of tea/coffee and cakes. Variety of useful items and ideas for Christmas will also be on sale.

...**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.

...**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!

...**Mellow Moods - Simon Deeley (piano) and Steve Hollinghurst (vocals)** invite you to an evening of classic popular songs, mellow jazz and atmospheric piano originals. St. Andrew's Church, Presteigne Saturday 14th October 7.30 pm. £10 (incl. drinks) on the door or from [01544 267777](tel:01544267777) or [revsteve.hollinghurst@gmail.com](mailto:revsteve.hollinghurst@gmail.com)

...**Lingen and District Gardening Club** Tuesday 3rd October at the village hall. Mike King will be talking about carnivorous plants. These curious plants have evolved to take nutrients from living creatures, Mike will unlock the mysteries of how they do it and how to cultivate these fascinating group of plants. Lingen Village Hall starting 7.30 pm. Visitors £4 to include a cuppa.

...**Recycling Advice Session at Presteigne Library** - the what, where, and how of recycling in Powys. Pop in between 2 and 5pm on Tuesday 3rd of October to speak to a member of our recycling team with your questions.

...**First Aid Training in Presteigne** – Final reminder First Aid at Work training in October. Places still available on our 3-day course Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th October £230 + VAT to include training materials, certification and lunch. Also, Emergency First Aid at Work Monday 9th October £110 + VAT. Visit [www.renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk](http://www.renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk). Email: [info@renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk](mailto:info@renewabletrainingcentre.co.uk) or Telephone: 01544 302222 for more information

...**from St Andrew's - There will be a 'Clocks Back' Charity Quiz Night** at St. Andrew's Church Presteigne on Saturday 28th of October, 7.30 pm. Quizmaster Ian Marchant invites you to test your general knowledge in aid of the charity Tear Fund. £10 per table, no more than 6 people per table. Bring your own drinks... Glasses and nibbles provided. Don't forget, you can have a lie-in in the morning! First prize, a hamper of lovely things, provided by local suppliers!

## OTHER NEWS

...**Presteigne Freegle - There's no such thing as waste. Just stuff in the wrong place. Freegle gets stuff to the right place!** Lots of us will have (or should have!) a declutter from time to time. Sorting out all that STUFF whether in the loft, overflowing cupboards, crammed sheds or piled up in the garage or spare room is a great way to clear some space and your mind BUT please don't rush to the tip or even worse pop unwanted things on the street (that's fly-tipping!). Most things can easily have a second (or third) life...you never know what people are looking for or what wonderful projects they might have on the go that need what you have! We make it super easy to find a new home for your unwanted things, wherever you live in the U.K. Download our free #REUSE app from here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile> to join your very own great, big 1-STOP-FREE-SHOP. No more trawling a zillion different groups, pages, forums and shiny copycat apps – you just need Freegle. Yay to that! Your local Presteigne Freegle community is a faff-free way to pass on things so they get reused and don't go to waste. We match up unwanted stuff with locals who can reuse, repurpose and upcycle it. Give it a go! You'll be surprised how easy it is to #WasteLess and #ShareMore

...**Powys CC - Care & Repair** can provide repairs and adaptations in and around your home to keep you safe from trips and falls. Contact your local Care & Repair Agency to find out more. <https://careandrepair.org.uk/our-agencies/>

...**East Radnor Astro Turf Committee** - a working group raising funds to provide East Radnor with a badly-needed all-weather sports pitch. We had a successful meeting this week for the provision of an all weather pitch at JB in Presteigne .... please get on board and share, like, and follow our new Facebook page. Let's do this after 20+ years of trying!!! [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0kEN1mtZe84TxRJBmWccRbB58QCbWkxkCvepe16XPgqNTVvZ3knQ3PqqozstL5h8ZI&id=100047289316331&dl\\_redirect=1](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0kEN1mtZe84TxRJBmWccRbB58QCbWkxkCvepe16XPgqNTVvZ3knQ3PqqozstL5h8ZI&id=100047289316331&dl_redirect=1)

**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]

...**Radnorshire Arms, Presteigne - looking for casual staff members** to join our dynamic team. Weekends and evening shifts and competitive rates of pay. Ring or call in to the hotel.

...**Presteigne Brownies - Volunteer Unit Helper/Leader**. Due to our ever increasing numbers of young members we would love to welcome another adult volunteer to our existing leadership team either as a Unit Helper or a Leader. This role is ideal for anyone looking to gain experience working with children and young people - No experience needed as all training will be provided. You'll receive ongoing support for our existing leadership team and other local volunteers. If you could spare approximately an hour and half of your time on a Tuesday evening (5:15-6:30) either on a weekly or fortnightly basis we would love to hear from you. Why not come along for a couple of taster sessions to see if you enjoy the role before committing? Contact [amyprice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amyprice@hotmail.co.uk)

...**Presteigne Medical Centre - Experienced Cleaner** required. Monday to Friday, from 11:30am to 14:30pm -15 hours per week. £12.50 per hour. Start immediately. The successful applicant will be required to complete an enhanced DBS, expense to be met by employer. To apply: Call Carrie on 01952461078 or email your CV to: [cpeстана@nicgroup.co.uk](mailto:cpeстана@nicgroup.co.uk)

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