

Community News

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"Working Together For Our Community"*

**Next Issue - deadline for contributions 10am Monday 30 October
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!

...**Presteigne St. Andrews Football Club - A big thank to all our sponsors** from everyone at the club! Our Juniors are now all kitted out for 2023/24. Both teams have received new training and playing kits with the help of local businesses. Presteigne Under 12's have been sponsored by: Daphne's Pizza, Lorna's sandwich shop, and SC & KC Poultry. Presteigne Under 14's have been sponsored by: Winnicare, and A.W.Hughes & Son Independent Family Funeral Directors.

...**Presteigne Fire Station - Wow, thank you so much to the people of Presteigne!** We have raised a grand total of £1000.32 from our cake sale this morning! Your continued support of us and our station is incredible. Special thanks to everyone for cake donations - we apologise if we've missed anyone. Lorna's Sandwich Shop, Hester Williams, Jo Preece, Maggs Chilman, Sue Rogers, Debbie Price, Marion John, Becky Barden, Beth Davies, Eva Venny, Amy Parfitt, Anne Wake, Fleur Bright, Sue Bird, Meg Williams, Krystyna Szkarlat, Sophie Preece, Rose Weiland, Christine Wells, Debbie Davies, Anne Davies, Margaret Addis, Dot Griffiths, Dolly's Soul Food, Nikki Jones. The winner of the £50 voucher was Rob Davies! Massive thank you also to Daphne's for letting us use the premises! Great job team Presteigne. Anyone who wants to join the team as an on-call firefighter, we do need more firefighters.

...**and a huge thank you to Joel Ward-Davis manager of Crown Decorating Centres** Hereford for the incredible generosity in donating the paint required to continue with the ongoing renovations on the Fire Station! Once renovations are complete we will post a few pictures on FB and have an open evening or two for the public to have a look around!

...**Oktoberfest final count** = £2639.64 raised for Herefordshire Expedition Group 2024. A massive thank you to everyone who gave up their time to support this event and to everyone who turned up to enjoy the evening - even in the torrential rain!

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Latest planning applications in be considered at the October meeting of the Town Council.** 23/1420 and 1421/HH Grid Reference: E:331434 N: 264351 Proposal: Installation of gas fired central heating and domestic plumbing. Rewiring of the house, and repair of damaged walls and ceilings. Site Address: Millfields, Hereford Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AT.

SCAM ALERTS (from Which and others)

...**Avoiding and reporting shopping scams.** If an offer is too good to be true, the chances are it is. Watch out for any high-end or in-demand items being flogged at low prices. Here are a few more tips to avoid shopping scams: Browse the website, look out for bad spelling and grammar, as well as the absence of terms and conditions and contact details. Check the URL, if it's not the brand's official website, it could be a scam page. Check how long ago the website was created by using a domain checker such as who.is (a newly created website should raise suspicions). To report a scam ad on Facebook, select the three-dot icon on the right-hand side of the page and press 'report'. Scam websites, like these dodgy phishing websites, can be reported to the National Cyber Security Centre. If you have ordered something and belatedly realise it's dodgy, contact your bank to notify them about the scam immediately. Do not be tempted to give the scammers any further details, even if they claim to be 'refunding' you. If you think you may have been scammed, call your bank immediately using the number on the back of your card, report it to Action Fraud or call the police on 101 if you're in Scotland.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Presteigne Pop Choir are on the look out for Sopranos.** We would welcome all new singers but if you can sing high and enjoy performing with others we would especially love to have you. Reading music is advantageous but not essential. We rehearse Thursday evenings at The Assembly Rooms in Presteigne. Please contact John Hymas if you are interested. Email john@johnhymas.com

...**from Annette - the PACDG Guerilla Gardener's team have been busy over the past months.**

Prior to the Music Festival the GGs tidied up the main town area, removing weeds from the pavements and brightening up planters at The Assembly Rooms. Other areas - Hereford Street car park and Back Lane and path to the Surgery, the Ligné Garden, Shopper's car park etc have all had our attention. An invitation to work on the long border at St Andrew's was our most recent task. Many thanks to the hard working team - Sarah Phillips, Jennifer Rusher, Kristina Eddon, Teresa Felgate, Rachel Cosgrove, Carol Driver, Angie Broomfield, Kristine Taylor, Verity Allday and newcomers Jeanette Williams and Sue Molt all working hard to keep Presteigne looking good. The GG team meet every Wednesday, subject to weather conditions, at 10am and work for two hours. Please contact Annette on 07837 495394 if you would like to join the team.

...**from Kay Yendole and Maria Greenwood** - we run the new pop-up shop in Radnor Buildings next door to the St Michael's charity shop, selling curiosities and curios and many collectibles including a wide range of crockery, glass, jewellery and ornaments. We have a large stock in storage and change the stock regularly. We invite you all to come and browse, chat and buy - do ask if you are looking for something in particular as we may well have it in storage. We hope to be here for several weeks up to December - please call in!

...**Huge congratulations to Presteigne's fabulous Judge's Lodging.** They've just received a grant of £187,000 from the UK Governments Community Ownership Fund, to match the National Lottery Heritage Fund already secured. Both of these, together with confirmation of planning permission, make it possible to go ahead with the long-planned project to secure the long-term future for the building by converting the former caretaker's flat into two holiday lets. Well done to everyone involved. More information at www.judgeslodging.org.uk.

...**great news from Advantage Automotive Limited**, a company on the Presteigne Industrial Park. The company (formerly branded as Hadley Hargreaves Limited) is a finalist in the Micro Business category of the 2023 Powys Business Awards. The company manufactures windscreen washer systems for customers as diverse as JCB and Morgan Cars, exporting its products globally. It is actively working with WRAP a Welsh Government funded charity on the development of recycled plastic materials.

...**Winners of the Norton Hub 100 Club** - September : 1st (£40) Jessica Robinson; 2nd (£25) Eirlys Spawton; 3rd (£15) Cheryl Thompson. October : 1st - Belinda Thomas; 2nd - Mark Price; 3rd - Georgina Pearson-Gee

...**Wild Card Tattoos** - pleased to say that I am now registered with Cosmecicheck, which is a UK database of all approved businesses in the beauty/tattoo sector, it would be lovely for anyone I have tattooed to leave a FB review on there for me if you get a spare minute or two.

...**The Judge's Lodging** - We know lots of you like to buy our Christmas Cards every year so our lovely new stock is now in. We close for the season on 5th November but there will be Special days up to Christmas that we are open. Make sure you don't miss out though. Also we have such a lovely selection of gifts for Birthdays and Christmas in our shop including a delightful gift bag with soap (made in England) pure vegetable soap which smell divine.

...**Rose Cottage Café - Christmas menu** - not done that here before, but now we have more space I thought it would be fun. Needs to be booked and preordered 01544 260453

...**Radnorshire Arms, Presteigne - The winter festivities brings Halloween** to our doorstep and we have an action packed week planned for this year. 26 October will be our Quiz night, themed of course, and Halloween dress welcomed. 28 October we have our amazing open Mic night Hosted by the fabulous Mark Richards. And we look forward to meet all the little Presteigne monsters on the 31st October for Trick or Treat 17:00-18:00. During this time we have a 'kids eat half price' offer - one half price child meal per full paying adult when ordering from the kid's menu.

...**Presteigne & Norton Community Support** - Please note that the Transport Office will be closed Thurs 26th & Fri 27th October also Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd November. Please ring for transport on Mon, Tues, Wed only. Thank you

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**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 or via Facebook (Victoria Rachel)

...**Nortons Hub Halloween Fireworks** : Sunday 29th of October - 6.00p.m. - Jacks View, Norton. Adults £4 - Children free. Big Bonfire - Grand Raffle. Best Fancy dress (Halloween theme). Children's Lucky Dip - Tombola. Best Pumpkin. Hot Dogs & Burgers. Ghostly Drinks & Witches Punch

...Friends of John Beddoes - Quiz Night at Presteigne Football Club Thursday 16th November 7pm for 7.30pm start £10 per team (max 4 per team). £50 prize. To book your team contact fojb@protonmail.com.

...International Repair Day Saturday October 21st. Bring household items for fixing to the Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street between 10 & 12 noon. Its free, although donations are also welcome towards hire of venue & insurance. If you are bringing a hoover please empty it first!

...Get Stitching' Saturday 21 October Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street, Presteigne. Open between 2.00 & 4.00 pm 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. Want to learn more ? All welcome, come along & join us, & its free!

...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 or 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) & more workshop information from info@EarlyMusicInTheMarches.com

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

...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!

...Fashion Show hosted by East Radnor Care, Presteigne. East Radnor Care provides a wonderful facility that covers the whole of East Radnorshire. They are hosting a Colours FUNdraising fashion show at John Beddoes Campus doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm. towards the running costs this charity they provide to those who need it. Tickets £5 from Beverley Baynham or Deborah Edwards on 01544 260267 or any member of the care team, or email admin@eastradnor.care

...Charity Quiz night at Evenjobb Village Hall with Quiz Master Drewie! Friday 20th October 7pm onwards. Teams of 6 max - £5 pp. Bar and raffle. Proceeds go to Herefordshire Expedition Group 2024. Booking recommended - call or message Carrie on [07717362554](tel:07717362554)

...New book, local author - ' Buckets of Porridge' by Peter Jennings. A farming journey of 50 years, from horses to satnavs and surviving. Peter came out of the East-end of London to learn farming, ending up here. It's farming lived from the 'inside', what happens when the 'Countryfile' camera stops. Life is full of 'porridge' for all of us, good days and bad. The author progressed from a wheelbarrow to a thousand acres. Come to his talk and book signing at :- Presteigne Baptist Church (next to Police Station car park). Saturday 4th Nov @ 10am. Free admission. Contact For more information peterjennings179@gmail.com

...Interested to join, or learn more about the Mens Shed? They are holding an Open Day on Saturday 21st October 10am till 4pm, lathe demonstrations, see the guys in action and view our range of products. If you have kiddies to bring they can put together a bird box. Tea, coffee and cake will also be available. For more info email jtknightonmensshed@gmail.com

...Presteigne Screen - a special showing of Tár USA 2022 158 mins Rated 15. Friday 20 October. Doors open 7.30 pm for bar, coffee, tea, cake. Film starts 8pm. The Assembly Rooms. 'One of the most grippingly brilliant films of the last 12 months,' says *Sight & Sound*. Cate Blanchett plays Lydia Tár, the first female chief conductor of a major German orchestra. Any great 'maestro' is entitled to her whims and complexities, and Blanchett, for whom the role of Tár was especially written, rewards us with an uncompromising and truly memorable portrayal. Newcomers to classical music needn't fear. The film offers a highly provocative examination of real-world power play, hubris and the emotional demands of staying at the top of one's game. As for Blanchett, this may well be the performance of her lifetime, winning Critics' Choice Award for Best Actress at the Oscars. Tickets £5 wegottickets.com & on door.

...Embodiment: Writing Workshop with Julia Doggart. Saturday 25 November, ground floor Assembly Rooms 10:00 - 5:00. £40. Pre-registration required at www.craftedessence.com. Writers of all

stripes are welcome as we tease out the stories that make up who we are and hone in on various aspects of effective writing. Bring your curiosity, humour & a sense of exploration. Lunch not included.

...**Exciting Baroque Concert in Presteigne** - St. Andrew's Friday 27th October - Baroque violinist Julia Bishop (who is a founder member of the well known baroque ensemble, 'Red Priest') is returning to Presteigne to join forces with members of The Marches Baroque Orchestra. They'll be playing concerti grossi by Handel, Vivaldi (whose nickname was the red priest because of his flaming red hair) and Tartini. Exciting you cry! Classical music?? Well, I think so. For one thing it's a tiny orchestra (4 violins, two violas, a double bass, harpsichord and two cellos) and the violinists will be taking it turns to play the concertante (solo) parts. The programme includes a concerto by Tartini for viola da gamba (David Hatcher is the soloist). It's a really rare treat to be able to hear such a thing, especially locally. Because we are sure the concert will appeal to younger people, admission is free if you are under eighteen. Tickets for all adults are £22 each. Available via: info@EarlyMusicInTheMarches.com or on the door.

OTHER NEWS

...**Free travel on the Heart of Wales Line** for passengers with a Concessionary Travel Pass from a Welsh Local Authority returns until 31st March 2024. All you need to know <https://bit.ly/3RIV2c>.

...**from Ruth - there are lots of apples at Stocken Farm on Stonewall Hill** if anybody would like to come and pick them. Many thanks, Ruth White

...**from Keep WalesTidy - we wanted to remind you about the Local Places for Nature scheme.** We still have hundreds of free garden packages to give away to community groups and organisations. The free packages range from small gardening projects to community orchards and large-scale makeovers. Each one includes native plants, tools and materials, guidance on how to install the garden, and practical support from our expert project officers. Don't miss out – the deadline for community orchards is 27 October, and other packages are being snapped up fast! All the details can be found on our website: www.keepwalestidy.cymru/nature

...**from Presteigne Freegle** - Children back at Uni or just moved into their own place - looking for kitchen equipment, lamps, books, cooking utensils, stationery, furniture, household essentials? No need to go without or buy new. Just download the #Freegle app to connect with your biggest local free reuse community <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>. It's the easiest way to give away stuff you don't want and to find things you do need FOR FREE!

R.I.P.

...**Rose Powell of Townend, Presteigne** sadly passed away peacefully in her sleep last Sunday morning in St Michael's Hospice. Arrangements are being made for her funeral and details will be published in due course.

...**Dennis Morris of Presteigne**, passed away peacefully at Hereford Hospital after a short illness on 18 September, aged 94.

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*]

...**Cartrefi Cymru - Support Workers in Presteigne.** Working as part of supportive team, flexible shift patterns, hourly rate of up to £11.25. Generous annual leave entitlement. Full paid training. Staff benefits portal, discounted shopping and Healthcare scheme. Paid social care registration fees.. Company mobile phone. Dragon Savers (Credit Union Saving Scheme). You can apply via our website <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2> or send your cv direct to us at recruitment.enquiries@cartrefi.coop highlighting the areas in the message that you would consider working in or drop us an email llandrindod.enquiries@cartrefi.coop

...**Radnor Hills - Marketing Channel Executive.** Are you passionate about marketing and want to join one of the top three fastest-growing companies in Wales? Join us in our Marketing department and help us to shape the future of soft drinks in the UK. Apply via our website or LinkedIn.

...**Presteigne & Norton Town Council is seeking to appoint a self-employed contractor to carry out limited street cleaning and tidying duties on an occasional basis.** Duties will include • Ensuring streets and public areas are clean and reporting any maintenance issues. Carrying out general street cleaning duties to comprise of litter picking, weed clearing, road sweeping, graffiti removal and waste management. You will be working outside in all weather conditions as and when needed, for example prior to town events such as the carnival and annual music festival. You will be asked to invoice on a monthly basis. Pay negotiable. Please note all contractors working for the Council are required to hold their own public liability insurance cover. To discuss the above please contact either the Town Mayor, Cllr. Beverley Baynham (07976 928039); or the Town Clerk, Tracey Price (07866 815622). Applications should be made to the Town Clerk preferably via email to presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com

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