

Community News

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The Community News is an information service from the Presteigne Area Community Development Group
"Working Together For Our Community"

**Next Issue - deadline for contributions 10am Sunday 14th April
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

...Don't forget the clocks go forward on the 31st, so we'll get 1 hour less rain!

... In case you missed it "Why Presteigne is one of the best places to live 2024" - a very positive and complimentary article in The Times. Cut & paste this Facebook link.

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...Broad Sheep - See what's on in Herefordshire & The Marches in April's issue which is now online - www.broadsheep.com. Hard copies are out and about now.

THANKS

...from Nick - a belated thank you to the Gorilla Gardeners for their clean up and cutting back of the Ligné Barn garden at Went's Meadow.

...Presteigne Firefighters - a massive thank you to everyone who supported our car wash today! A huge £1149.83 was raised for The Fire Fighters Charity and Presteigne YFC! We are always so grateful for the support we receive on our "patch" and surrounding areas! Also a big thank you to the members from Presteigne Young Farmers who assisted at the car wash today! With our New Radnor car wash we have raised over £1700 and washed 148 cars for 3 great causes! Thank you all so much!

COUNCIL NEWS

...Fold Farm Footpath – the path opposite St Andrews church running past Fold Farm and along the River Lugg was blocked in 2012. The Town Council is still trying to get the route put on the definitive map. To help it do so it needs more witnesses. If you remember using the path between 1992 and 2012 and would be willing to sign a witness statement or like more information then please contact Cllr Colin Kirkby on [01544 267811](tel:01544267811) or colinkirkbymb@gmail.com.

...Presteigne & Norton Town Council. There are currently two vacancies on the Town Council, one for Norton Ward and one for Presteigne Ward. Could you join us and contribute to your community? Closing date 31st March (TOMORROW!!) Feel free to get in touch if you would like to find out more via presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com or via Facebook Messenger.

...Presteigne & Norton Town Council. Would you like an allotment plot? New rental year starts on 25th March and there are vacant plots waiting. Please email the Clerk to the Council on presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com for information on how to apply. Annual rent is £28. The site is at the bottom of Went's Meadow, adjacent to the river.

...Latest planning applications in to be considered at the April meeting:

[24/0262/HH](#) Proposal: Installation of an air source heat pump. Site Address: Corner House (The

Cottage), 53 High Street, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2BE. [24/0285/LBC](#) Proposal: Retention of the

erection of a timber frame outbuilding and renovation of an existing outbuilding to form a manager's

cottage. Site Address: Radnorshire Arms Hotel, High Street, Presteigne, LD8 2BE. [24/0284/FUL](#)

Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of a timber frame outbuilding and renovation of an

existing outbuilding to form a manager's cottage. Site Address: Radnorshire Arms Hotel, High Street,

Presteigne, LD8 2BE. [24/0338/FUL](#) Proposal: Erection of a holiday chalet, extension to drainage field

and installation of new private treatment plant Site Address: Holiday Chalet at Harp Meadow, Warden

Road, Presteigne, LD8 2NL.

...Went's Meadow Community Work Day - all welcome to help with a general tidy up on the site on 20th April, 10am to 4pm. Bring your own gloves/tools. Contact Cllr. Fiona Preece if you need any more information - fiona.preecepntc@gmail.com

...**Presteigne and Norton Town Council wins One Voice Wales National Award** for Presteigne Dark Skies project!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**St Andrew's Church is hosting a Fashion Show**, 18th April from 7pm. Tickets £5, to include a glass wine, tea or coffee. Contact for tickets 01544 267857 or 07903 506297.

...**St Andrew's Summer Craft Fair** - 8th June from 2pm. If you wish to have a stall to sell your crafts contact 01544 267857.

...**Walton Village Hall AGM** April 23rd 2pm (open to the public) followed by OGM. If you would like to join our committee please come along. Spring Clean April 30th 2pm Volunteers wanted!!

Also: Craft Afternoons 1st & 3rd Tuesday every month 2-4pm. Come along and do your craft with other crafters. £3 per session inc refreshments. Book & Jigsaw Swap 2nd Wednesday every month 10am - 1pm. Hundreds of books (& jigsaws) to swap or buy. Refreshments available including homemade cakes. Walton Village Hall will be in the Kington Community Shop from Wednesday 29th May. Donations of goods and volunteers for the shop required (more info next month). Tel: 01544 350 511 for more details, or contact a committee member.

...**Flicks in the Sticks at Lingen Village Hall "Edie"** starring Sheila Hancock and Paul Brannigan. Edie's husband passed away and her daughter tries to send her to a care home, but Edie has other ideas and goes on an adventure to climb a Scottish mountain, it's never too late!!!! Friday April 19th at 7.30pm. Adults £5.00 Children £3.50. Enquiries 01568 770920. Bar and Ice Creams.

...**Chatterbrook WI** –Our meeting on Thursday April 11th at 7pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, will include a Chair Yoga session led by Sarah Williams – wear loose clothing! Visitors are most welcome to join us - £4 on the door. We also welcome prospective new members, as the new programme year begins. Further information 07536 979665 and see <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society**: members are reminded that the Society's 22nd AGM is on Wednesday April 10th at 12 noon at The Corners Inn, Kingsland. It is followed by lunch. Further details and menu choices to the Secretary on 01544 340453.

...**Flowers for Fun**: Maybe you would like to know how to arrange flowers? Join our friendly group to see what we do - at Whitton Community Hall on Thursdays 18th and 25th April from 12 – 2 pm (May dates to follow) . Come for a coffee and a chat – all welcome -£5 per session but first visit free! Phone Sue on 07368350379 for more details, or just come along.

...**Lingen & District Gardening Club** - The next talk is from Pip Smith. Tuesday 2nd April 7.30-9.30pm. He will be talking about "The Principles of Garden Design. He aims to help not only those starting a new garden but to provide inspiration for those who wish to re vamp their existing garden. Visitors £4

...**St Andrew's Presteigne - Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop** on Thursday 18 April at 7pm (doors open 6.30pm), organised by Colours [FUN]draising Fashion Shows and taking place in the church, LD8 2AB (bottom of Broad Street/The Scallions or via St David's St/Church St). High street brands will be modelled, provided by Colours Fashions, and can be bought for 50% or more less than normal retail prices. The evening also includes a raffle and a glass of wine or hot drink is included in the entry fee. Tickets cost £5 buy in advance from Di Hammersley 01544 267857 or from 07903 506297.

...**St Andrew's, Presteigne - exhibition of local children's work** in the church from Tuesday 2nd of April showcasing works by children from John Beddoes High School, Presteigne and Knighton Primary Schools, and Bedstone School.

...**Presteigne Screen - "Scrapper"** - Friday, 5th April. The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. When 12-year-old Georgie's single mum dies, Georgie at first fakes the roles of mum and dad herself, while dodging official attention in this comedy-drama. Resourceful and street smart, she has an income (nicking and selling bikes) and sidesteps unwelcome adult (ie, social services and school) interference by producing an uncle out of thin air (a friendly local shopkeeper who records reassuring adult vocal snippets on her phone). Then a young man claiming to be her long-lost father, Jason, hops over the back fence and into her life. The inevitable mutual suspicion becomes the subject of Charlotte Regan's charming and acclaimed debut feature. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea and Cakes. Films start 8:00pm. Tickets £5 at door. Buy online through our website or direct at www.wegotickets.com. Scrapper is the last film of our Winter Season - thank you all for your support. The new season of Presteigne Screen films will start on Friday 6 September.

...**Presteigne Little People - Car boot sale**. Sunday 5th May 2024 10am-1pm at Presteigne Primary School. £5 per car / £10 per van. Prize raffle. Refreshments available. For further information and to book please contact 07837390441

...**MidBorder Arts - Liz Ikamba Quartet** Supported by Adam Ash Saturday 6 April, 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm. The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. British-Congolese (DRC) singer and multi-instrumentalist Liz Ikamba cross pollinates musical and cultural influences, seamlessly blending the rich and vibrant sounds of Congo folk music with elements of Jazz and Soul. Groove-driven riffs and sun-fuelled rhythms fuse with soulful vocals, catchy hooks and harmonies, to create a bold and timeless Afro-Soul-

Folk sound. Tickets - £12. Under 25's - £8 (Limited tickets). Available online at wegottickets.com/event/605270

... **Music in New Radnor at the Hub: James Lisney** – an evening of romantic piano music, Saturday 13th April. Tickets £15 (under 14s, £3) In the first of a series of collaborations between MiNR and The Hub, pianist James Lisney will perform an evening of piano music on the Bechstein B grand piano at this intimate venue. James believes in the `small is beautiful` presentation of chamber music, in intimate settings and non-standard formats, with audiences feeling that they are an integral part of the occasion.

...**Easter Sunday at St Michael's Church, Discoed.** March 31 6:30pm Holy Communion. All welcome.

...**Art & Craft Fair** - British Legion, Presteigne Saturday 6th April 10-12 noon

...**Light...Take Flight. Yen Robinson and Naomi Ocean are co-hosting a pop-up shop** in the Radnor Buildings; opposite Presteigne Library. Yen's Porcelain wall lights (clearance) and Textiles collected by Naomi from around the world. Monday 29th April to the 4th May 10-4pm each day also 6-8pm Friday.

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in April** Tues 2nd Kinsley Wood & Offa's Dyke Path, 4.6 miles. Weds 10th Moorland near Builth Wells, 9.5 miles. Sat 13th Wart Hill Wander, 10.0 miles. Weds 17th Aston on Clun, taking in Burrow & Hopesay hills, 8.3 miles. Thurs 18th Offa's Dyke Path to Bradnor and Rushock circular, 5.3 miles. Weds 1st May Up the Bluff, 8.5 miles. For more details see www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or call 01544 260524.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Presteigne Festival SPRINGBOARD Sat/Sun 11 & 12 May** - Presteigne Festival presents a brand new weekend of creative events in town to celebrate the approach of summer. Contributors to the programme are **Ian Marchant, The Radnorshire Wildlife Trust, Press Gangers, Sue Harris, Nicholas Murray, George Vass and Dr Toby Driver**, author of The Hillforts of Iron Age Wales (Logaston Press). There is also a film exploration of Gustav Klimt's iconic painting The Kiss from Exhibition on Screen, and violin and harp recitals with **Emma Roijackers and Heather Brooks** featuring the music of J S Bach, Telemann, Massenet, Saint-Saëns and Debussy.

In addition, Saturday May 11 sees Presteigne's lively shops supplemented with **Broad Street Brocante**, 9.30am to 2.30pm, plus live harp music in the Library. Throughout the weekend, Ruth Kirkby and Penny Hughes **Open Art in the Yard** behind Daphne's Pizza, with creative events and displays for droppers-by, 10am to 4pm, both days. Tickets and more information from presteignefestival.com 01544 267800

...**from Kay - new weekly Art for All classes are starting up** on Wednesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm in the Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street, Presteigne commencing Wednesday 3rd April. £5. Contact Kay Yendole for more information and to book your space.

...**from Olha - Hello! Just a reminder. I've still got some accessories, easter decorations** as well at 34 High Street, Presteigne. Feel free to come and help me raise more money for next John's Red Bus trip to Ukraine in April. Each trip takes around £1000 for fuel itself. And more to buy and drive so much needed vehicles at the frontline. Thank you! See you!

...**Age Cymru - Money MOT programme in Presteigne - interested?** Age Cymru Powys are currently offering one to one and small group sessions to help people aged 50+ to identify your numeracy skills relevant to your financial position. Would anyone be interested in attending four short sessions in Presteigne, in June or even one-to-one help? We currently have five areas of Powys already booked in. Please contact me or our Office in Newtown if you are interested. Stephanie.griffiths@acpowys.org.uk or enquiries@acpowys.org.uk. See Other News below for more details.

...**Norton Hub - 100 Club March Draw** - 1st (£40) Danielle Bayes - number 27; 2nd (£25) Dorothy Price - number 85; 3rd (£15) Denise Hobson - number 12

...**1st Presteigne Scouts** - After a fantastic launch term the 1st Presteigne Scout Group Squirrels section have opened up some more spaces for young members soon, please get in touch with us at beckylscouts@gmail.com if your child is interested, young members aged 4-6 years. If anyone would like to volunteer for the group we would welcome you. Every volunteer has a unique skillset that makes them brilliant. Discover yours: scouts.org.uk/volunteer

...**Emily George - Summer Workshops!!! Monday 29th July @ Presteigne Youth Centre and Wednesday 28th Aug @ Presteigne Scout Hut** (plus other area locations). From 9-3pm, early drop off available from 8:30am for an extra £1.50 per child. £25 for 1 workshop. £45 for 2 workshops. £20 each for 3 or more workshops. Sibling discount available at 10% off for second/subsequent children. Workshops will be a day of dance, crafts, games and films! Child to provide a packed lunch and drink and wear clothes suitable for moving like leggings/joggers and trainers. Suitable for any child (student or not) who are of reception age and above. (If your child attends our classes and is age 4 and NOT at school please speak to me as we may be able to accommodate!). Places are very limited and payment required by 1 April to secure their space, otherwise I will have to re-advertise their space.

...**Foot Care with Jane Stockton at Number 7 Clinic Broadaxe Business Park**, Presteigne. Nail Cut and File / Corns Callus, Verruca & Fungal Management / Diabetic Foot Health Checks. Qualified with SMAE Institute, Insured with BAFHP. Call/text 07443601078 Text for information and appointments.

...Winnicare - has launched a falls management initiative in Presteigne, aiming to improve outcomes for elderly fallers by reducing ambulance wait times, long lies, and caregiver injuries. The initiative includes donating two Mangar Lifting Cushion Community Boxes to common fall areas like high streets and community centres. Positioned at the East Radnorshire Day Centre and Winnicare manufacturing facility on the Presteigne Business Park, the boxes contain lifting equipment and ISTUMBLE® for fall assessment. Volunteers will be trained to use the equipment in May 2024. CEO Simon Claridge emphasises the project's importance in safeguarding the local community and promoting falls management best practices. For more information or to discuss similar projects, contact Daniel.colclough@winnicare.uk

...Open Studios Presteigne - Open Call for Artists - Practising artists and makers within a 5-mile radius of Presteigne who would like to be considered for this year's Open Studios (23-26 August 2024), please send 3 images of your work to openstudiospresteigne@outlook.com. Work can be in any medium and must be original. If you have your own space to exhibit, please include details and your address. If not, your work may be considered for exhibition within an existing space. Subscription is £10 and 10% commission is taken on all sales during the event. Deadline to apply - 20 April 2024.

...Tennis & Croquet - looking for a healthy and fun social activity? Eardisley Tennis & Croquet Club has lots going on for people of all ages and abilities. Tennis and croquet offer a great way to get outside in the company of like-minded people. Don't be put off if you haven't played in a while, we welcome all comers and will show you the ropes to get you settled in. From drop-in Club Play sessions to county league competitions, we cater for all levels. <https://Clubspark.lta.uk/eardisleytennisandcroquetclub>

...Our Share Offer to purchase and restore The Radnor Arms pub for the community in New Radnor opens on Saturday 30th March! This is your chance to buy shares - anything from £25 to £20,000 - and help bring our village pub back to life. Visit our website to look at the Share Offer, Business Plan and fill in the Investment Form. Please share these with neighbours, family and friends to help spread the word. This is our chance to own our local pub. Let's grab it. Become a shareholder and save The Radnor Arms. Have any questions? Please get in touch: Website: <https://www.rah-cbs.org>, Email contact@rah-cbs.org, Call: 07469 094136. Thank you! The Radnor Arms Benefit Society

OTHER NEWS

...Age Cymru Powys - Money MOT – FREE support to master your finances for people aged 50+ in Powys. Would you like to improve your workplace numeracy skills, plan for retirement, increase your financial security, or just feel more confident with numbers? Age Cymru Powys will help you assess your current financial situation and plan for the future. Your personalised report will tell you what to prioritise and offer guidance on how to improve your financial wellbeing from midlife through to retirement. The charity is offering fun group courses across Powys on money management topics including numeracy skills for: • Maximising income • Reducing expenses • Budgeting • Comparing prices • In the workplace • Using technology. Also on offer are Bitesize Drop-in Workshops and 1:1 support, including at your home if you're unable to attend a course. No IT experience or equipment is required. Age Cymru Powys is visiting venues across Powys to help you make the most of your money matters – pop in and see us with any questions. Call to find out when we are next in your local area or register for a course. And most importantly... Free tea, coffee, cake, refreshments will be available! Contact Stephanie Griffiths, Financial Inclusion Officer at Age Cymru Powys, Old Warehouse, Parkers Lane, Newtown, Powys SY16 2LT. Call: [01686 623707](tel:01686623707) Email: enquiries@acpowys.org.uk Website: www.agecymru.org.uk/powys

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.]

...Herefordshire Council - we're hiring! Wanting to change career or just looking to start something new?. For opportunities in social care visit:<https://orlo.uk/OiHwS>. For other positions across Herefordshire Council, find out more & apply here: <https://orlo.uk/hNXUz>

...Cartrefi Cymru - Support Workers in Presteigne. No experience necessary as full training is provided. You need to be over the age of 18 and have a passion for supporting others to thrive. 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 that you would consider working

...Forest Coaches, Bucknell - Driver wanted. Join our friendly team at our Bucknell depot. We would like to hear from you even if you can only commit to a couple of hours a week or even just occasional work. Permanent and part-time positions available. Freelance/self-employed drivers welcome. Interested? Call Simon 07956669910 or email chloe@forestcoaches.uk

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