

Community News

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"Working Together For Our Community"*

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- 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



WILD FLOWER SIGNS...Does anyone know what's happened to the flower signs on the bypass? Several have gone AWOL, it's a mystery! A lot of hard work has gone into painting and putting them out in the verges for folk to enjoy, and it would be great if they reappeared. Thanks Rolly

...A message from Helen Ackland, Church Warden & guardian of the graveyard here in Norton. They are struggling to dispose of the grass & hedge cuttings from the graveyard. In the past these have been made into a bonfire, but with concern for surrounding neighbours & not wishing to smoke out the village, she asks if anyone has a piece of land or an area locally that they are prepared to allow grass & hedge cuttings to be removed to ? If so please contact Helen on 01544 267073. Many thanks in advance.

...from The Royal Oak. Warning ! It's a shame to see this happening to our town but please keep an eye on what your children may pick up, as two disused needles have been found just off the pavement in town this week.

...from Rolly...if it's not possible to Reuse, Repurpose or Repair, here are some useful sites for recycling, showing where & what we can do: <https://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling> - search for where to recycle different materials locally. https://myrecyclingwales.org.uk/local_authorities/powys - your recycling & what happens to it. <https://preciousplastic.com/solutions/community-platform.htm> - innovation in plastic recycling

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...Draft Minutes from the June 2021 Council meeting available now on the Town Council pages of the Presteigne website now. <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>

...Quotes sought for tree works on Went's Meadow/Eddie's Meadow. Please email the Clerk for more information - presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com. Works to take place in the Autumn/Winter months. Insurance documents and risk assessments will need to be supplied.

SCAM ALERT

...beware of Scam emails that look like they are from the NHS are asking people to pay money for a digital pass in order to show your vaccination status. You can access the NHS Covid Pass for free online, and will not be asked to pay for it.

...and another Bank scam. You may get a text message appearing to come from Lloyds, or HSBC, Barclays etc, saying that a payment request has been made from a new device and, if that was not you, to click here to action. Don't click - it's a scam of course. Be very suspicious of any bank or other text that doesn't address you by name and with other account information. Note the originating number and report to 7726.

...from several residents. "Received a call from 0208 3176800 (automated call) pretending to be from BT saying they had been trying to contact us unsuccessfully. They went on to say we would be disconnected from our BT line and internet due to suspicious activity". Don't press any buttons or call back - just put the phone down.

COVID

...Vaccinations. Any adult in England, over the age of 18 can now book their COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments can be booked via the National Booking System & new slots are becoming available regularly: Call 119 or visit <http://orlo.uk/FuYGU>

...from Powys THB. 18+ in Powys and not had your first dose? Get in touch so that we can book you into a Pfizer clinic in July: Bronllys 6-11 July; Builth Wells 14-16 July; Newtown 6-7 July. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/find/priority-access>

...from the Welsh Government. From today (25 June) people in Wales will be able to access their vaccination status on the internet via a digital NHS COVID Pass if they need to travel urgently and meet the vaccine requirements relevant to the country they are travelling to. The NHS COVID Pass can be accessed here: www.gov.wales/get-nhs-covid-pass-show-your-vaccination-status-travel. Access to the NHS COVID Pass in Wales means that proof of vaccination will be available for people to show on their phone, tablet or laptop and should be the default option for all those requiring proof of vaccination status when travelling internationally. Please direct any enquiries regarding vaccination passports to Welsh Government via the link above, and not to your GP or health board.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...Presteigne Local Food Market this SATURDAY 3rd JULY. Great array of Stall holders for the next Local Food Market - Amanda's Bread in addition to no gluten, vegan and vegetarian pasties and cakes!; Weobley Ash Apple Juice; Presteigne Honey; Continuum Conceits; Celia's Cosmetics; Hay Charcuterie; Wegnalls Farm Butchery; Planet B; Elise's bakes; Khesh's Indian Delights; Primrose Organic Veg; Planet and Plate; Jean's Plants; Filled bagels and Trenwydd Yolks back with their eggs! Plus this great butterfly challenge to identify the different species on each stall

...from the PNCS Warehouse. Apologies but we will be closed on Friday 9 July and Saturday 10 July and there will not be any access to the donation bin from Thursday 8 up to and including Sunday 11 July. Sorry for any inconvenience.

...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. Gym Re-open! We are happy to announce that the refurbishment has gone very well and we have reopened our gym to you all on Thursday 24th June. To celebrate we have a great promotion on offer on our annual memberships until the end of June. Grab one before it's too late! Contact us for more information 01544 260302 or email eastradnor@freedom-leisure.co.uk

...from PSA FC. We look forward to inviting supporters back to Llanandras Park following the news that FAW are allowing a max 100 supporters in to spectate. In turn we are making plans to re open our wonderful clubhouse to supporters in the very near future. Obviously this is going to create a lot of work for our club volunteers to keep us covid compliant so we can only do so if our customers help us by following all of the rules that will be in place. If anyone is interested in helping out on match days please let us know. Pm me or any of the committee. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

...from No.46. Don't feel like cooking? We've got you covered! Our burger menu is available to eat in or take away! Give us a call on 01544 598 291

...from Aardvark Books & Café. The bookshop and cafe are still here! Tuesday-Sunday 10-4, and we welcome summer visitors in all weathers; the aardvarks have been a bit preoccupied with a family house clearance just now, we have staff changes and Mr A has been having a few days off - for more news from the bookshelves please read the last 2 blogs! <https://www.aardvark-books.com/the-aardvark-blog>

...from Jonathan. A Greek Evening of Food, Music and Dance? An adventurous weekend in North Wales? An early Christmas lunch at the Cider Barn? What have any of these got to do with Presteigne's three Investment Clubs? Actually, quite a lot because, collectively, they form our social calendar for 2021. We each invest a maximum of £1 per day which is ours to keep, subject to the ups and downs of the stock market. We meet once a month, often having dinner

together before our meeting and also, two or three times a year, enjoy collective social activities. Although attendance at meetings or social events is entirely up to you, most of our members find that belonging to one of Presteigne's Investment Clubs is FUN. Membership of all three of our Clubs is full. Why not join the waiting list so that you, too, can meet new friends while at the same time, hopefully, make a pound or two as well. For further information, or to join the waiting list, please contact Jonathan ajonathanwilson@aol.co.uk or [01544 260800](tel:01544260800)

...from Haydn at Presteigne St Andrews FC. The hardworking ground staff have kept everything looking great throughout the pandemic but as we get nearer to opening back up we are looking for volunteers to help with some jobs that need doing around the clubhouse. We are meeting Thurs evening to get some of these done, if you are able to help please message me on PSAFC Facebook or 07905 285686. Thanks in advance

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. Weather is not looking good for this week so if you're coming for lunch it's worth booking. Specials this week include smoked haddock chowder, beef goulash and summer vegetable quiche. On the Day Service menu this week - fish pie, meatballs, cheesy leek, spinach and potato pie, shepherds pie and roast chicken with lemon tart, orange and strawberry shortbread, cheesecake, fruit tart and carrot and ginger sponge.

...from Tony Lawson and Presteigne Screen. Presteigne Screen has been showing films for almost fifty years. If Covid restrictions allow, we will be re-starting screenings this autumn. We think there's no substitute for seeing films on a large screen and with an audience. The season runs from September through to April, during which films are screened every two weeks. The shows are run entirely by volunteers but we would love more. We would welcome anyone with an interest in movies who would like to help with the selection and screening of films. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Tony on 01544 260326 or TonyL@presteignescreen.org.uk

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from Broad Sheep. July Broad Sheep now online - PLUS - WE'RE BACK IN PRINT!!!
Will be distributed early next week so look out for it...

...the next Local Food Market in Presteigne is on 3rd July, which happens to be National Meadows Day. We are challenging all you knowledgeable people to try your hand at recognising some of our beautiful varieties of butterfly. Jenny has very kindly offered to display one of her hand made butterflies on each of our stalls present at the Market and we invite you to see how many you can identify! Your reward will be a packet of butterfly-friendly seeds.

...East Radnor Ramblers programme of walks in July:

Tues 6th July Around Pembridge 5 miles from CP by Arrow bridge; Weds 7th July Church Stretton to Cardington 8 miles from main CP in Church Stretton (fee). Optional pub lunch.
Sat 10th July Castle Hill 9 miles from CP at start of track to Water Break it's Neck; Weds 14th July Orleton 8 miles from Orleton VH; Weds 21st July Ffynnon Gwynydd 9 miles from Common nr old school; Thurs 22nd July Gladestry area 5 miles from Gladestry VH; Sat 24th July Bradnor & Herrock Hills 9 miles from Mill Street CP Kington (fee); Weds 28th July Shaky Bridge & Gilwern Hill 8 miles from Shaky Bridge CP. Details of walks during August will be on our website (see below). Walks start at 10am. Everyone welcome! Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Further information, and photos of recent walks can be found at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or from E & S Williams on 01544 260524

OTHER INFORMATION

...about the Hollie Guard App. Everyone should feel safe. The Hollie Guard App turns your smartphone into a personal safety device at the touch of a button & can help protect you in a number of situations discreetly. For more info & to download the app visit: <http://orlo.uk/igdhhy>

...from Hereford CC. Discretionary Restart Grant - will close at noon on Friday 2 July 2021 for both new & reapplications. Make sure your business doesn't miss out, for all the info & to apply visit: <http://orlo.uk/9SVDv>

...from Powys CC. A four-week engagement exercise to seek the views of businesses, residents, and visitors on the future of Powys town centres begins today. Have your say here: <https://crowd.in/i6BC6L>

...from Prime Cymru. We have been working hard during the pandemic and still offer 1-2-1 tailored support for long-term unemployed people, 25 years+ who are looking to enter into volunteering, are interested in training, looking for employment or are thinking of going into self-employment. We can help you to develop your business ideas and research - ready to create a Business Plan. Training and support are available for anyone who is eligible for our Active Inclusion PPE Project. To be eligible for the project you will need to have been out of work for over 12 months, or on Employment and Support Allowance, the sickness element of Universal Credit, are on a pension or living from their savings. For more information contact Jan Allen-Darby on [07983 097629](tel:07983097629) or email: janet@primecymru.co.uk

R.I.P.

...from Viv about Lisa Deakins. To those who taught her or were at school with her, I'm sad to report that Lisa Deakins has passed away after some time in a hospice. Her sister Claire wishes the community to know.

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...Radnor Oak Ltd are recruiting! Oak Framer: Full Time. Start Date: Immediate. Based at our Presteigne workshop, Carpentry experience and/or qualifications are required. Salary is subject to experience. The full job description can be found here - <https://www.radnoroak.co.uk/vacancies>. For further information, call us on 01544 260727. If you would like to apply for this position, please email your CV and any relevant information to wtyler@radnoroak.co.uk

...Arrowfield Veterinary Practice. Veterinary Nurse. We are in search of a Qualified Registered Veterinary Nurse to join our lovely team of nurses, student nurses and animal care assistants. Full-time position / Part-time considered. For further details please visit our website: <https://arrowfieldvets.co.uk/job-opportunities/>

...from Mairi. Catering Assistant to help on our catering van located in Presteigne. It will be 1 day a week and 1 or 2 Saturdays a month. (maybe other days to cover at times too) For more information please contact Geraldine Fletcher on either telephone 07968953449 or email ger.fletcher@hotmail.co.uk

...from Newtown High School (John Beddoes). Learning Support Assistant (TA). Two posts are available (one on the Newtown Campus and one on the John Beddoes Campus) 32.5 hrs per week term time only plus annual leave. Fixed term contract 1/9/21 to 31/8/22. Salary: £14350.00. Deadline for applications: 2nd July 2021. Job Description available here https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/main/images/docs/SCH4_Teaching_Assistant_-_Generic_Level_2.pdf. Application form available here https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/main/images/docs/application_form_12-feb_2019_English_only.pdf. See <https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/main/index.php/about-us-nhs/jobs>

...from Llewellyns. We are recruiting! We are also constantly on the lookout for new carpenters, joiners and other suitable candidates with other building skills to join our ever-growing team. If you're looking for an apprenticeship or just starting out in the trade, we would love to hear from you. For more information please contact Paul Llewellyn on 07970 171 963 and/or email your CV to enquiries@llewellyns.co.uk

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