

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

...**FOUND - a set of keys in Nash Wood** - the keys are attached to a small green boot.
Contact Richard on 01544 260464

...**from Recycle Now. Today's top tip:** Once empty, ALWAYS replace the lids and tops of your plastic bottles on before putting them in the recycling bin. If they stay on the container they WILL get recycled.

...**from Herefordshire CC. Travel anywhere in the county on weekends for FREE!!!** Funded as part of the Council's Covid-19 recovery plan.

...**from Herefordshire Council. Secondary school admissions.** Applications for secondary school places 2022 is now open for children born between 1 Sept 2010 & 31 Aug 2011. Don't leave it until the last minute, find all the info & how to apply here: <https://orlo.uk/G02by>

THANKS

...**from Debs at the Norton Craft Fair.** Wow wow wow we are over whelmed & utterly amazed. Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts, never ever did we think there would such an amazing turn out! We are dead on our feet but utterly buzzing! To each & everyone of you that volunteered. To the crafters. Food vendors. To the carbooters. The Classic car owners. The amazing dogs & their handlers. The litter pickers. To everyone who lifted a table, chair or gazebo. And to each & everyone who came & supported the event. Its not very often I'm lost for words & there was a moment I got a little teary with joy. THANK YOU - you are an amazing community.

...**from Presteigne Festival.** Well, we did it – a very special 6 music-filled days in and around Presteigne. Stunning new works from composer-in-residence Cecilia McDowall and James Francis Brown, Gary Carpenter, Ninfea Cruttwell-Reade, Nathan James Dearden, Sarah Jenkins, Adrian Sutton, Matthew Taylor, Freya Waley-Cohen, James B Wilson and Luke Styles. A very big thank you to all the audience, artists, management and supporters who made this year's Festival such a brilliant success – we're so very glad we could go ahead in a Covid-19 safe way.

...**from an appreciative customer.** A very big thank you those who have been helping keep the Market at the Memorial hall in Presteigne stay open inside or out, through some difficult times. This has involved Volunteers & stall holders too, who have done a lot of extra organising & gazebo fetching & carrying towards making this a successful event. As well as serving the local community it brings in visitors from other places who then go on into the High Street & look out other attractions.

...**from PSA Social and Football Club.** Great weekend for the club. Massive crowd Friday night for the local derby, great takings on the gate. The clubhouse was packed afterwards, the

support was fantastic throughout. To cap it off the club lotto was won by a local lady Deborah Jones on Sunday afternoon. We thank you for all for the support, without you we don't survive.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Latest planning applications** in to be considered at the September meeting of the Town Council: 21/1116/FUL Grid Reference: E:331463 N: 263902 Proposal: Erection of an extension to existing unit Site Address: Unit 4, Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne. 21/1523/FUL Grid Reference: E:331399 N: 267686 Proposal: Change of use of holiday let to residential dwelling Site Address: Faraway, Stonewall Hill, Presteigne.

...**Cemetery Dedication - PRESS RELEASE** - on Wednesday 18th August Presteigne and Norton Town Council held a short ceremony of dedication at the new extension to Presteigne Cemetery. Town Mayor, Cllr. Fiona Preece spoke on the history of the work and thanked those involved for their efforts in bringing the project to fruition. As long ago as 2014 the Town Council had become aware that the existing cemetery was reaching capacity and had commenced discussions with the County Council on how to secure ground to provide for local burials into the future. The Town Council then bought the initial area in 2017, selling it on to the County Council in due course and also holding discussions with another adjacent landowner on more land to enable a car park which PCC agreed to buy with a financial contribution from the Town Council. A much needed new facility for the Cemetery was then possible. Work was finally completed in May 2021. County Councillor for Presteigne Ward, Cllr. Beverley Baynham (also Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance and Regulatory Services which is responsible for cemeteries in the County) spoke on the benefits of collaborative working and the success of the partnership of Town and County Councils. She thanked all involved in carrying out the project at County and Town Council level. Rev. Steve Hollinghurst then spoke a few words of formal dedication for the new area.

SCAM ALERT

...**the Lottery email scams are in circulation again!** e.g. *Dear winner, I am writing to let you know about your recent winning email address. We are here to inform you that your email address has been selected as the winner of this year's Molottery 2021. You have won £1.8 million!* This example is not very convincing fortunately. Report to report@phishing.gov.uk and delete.

COVID

...**from Powys THB.** Yesterday (1 September 2021), the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advised that a third COVID-19 vaccine primary dose be offered to individuals, aged 12 years and over, who were severely immunosuppressed at the time of either, or both, of their first two vaccine doses. This is because some individuals who are severely immunosuppressed due to underlying health conditions or certain medical treatments may not produce a full immune response to COVID-19 vaccination. These individuals need additional protection and I welcome this advice. The JCVI advice details the groups who will be eligible and our NHS in Wales will work quickly to identify eligible individuals who will be contacted by their Health Boards. The decision on the timing of the third dose will be important for some patients, and will be determined by their specialist clinicians. Their appointment will be at an appropriate time during their treatment plan. [There is no need for patients to contact their health board or clinicians to check eligibility.](#) Work will begin immediately to identify and plan for patients to be vaccinated and communications from Health Boards will follow as soon as practicable. We are working with specialist clinicians to identify and contact individuals who are eligible for a third dose under the latest guidance. Please do not contact your health board or GP practice about third doses. National guidance has not yet been published about booster vaccination. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/jcvi-advice-offering-further-vaccinations-to-individuals-who-are-severely-immunosuppressed/>

...**Been to a festival or other event over the weekend?** As public events like festivals start to happen again, we are seeing sharp rises in COVID cases as well. If you have been or are going to a festival or other large capacity event, please take a COVID test both before you go and once you return. Have fun, but stay safe. Visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus to book a PCR test or

to access lateral flow testing kits visit <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing/no-symptoms/>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...Presteigne Library. Now open Tuesday (10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm) and Wednesday (1pm-6pm) only. Sorry, we're not able to open at any other times at the moment. Two-person bubbles at any one time. If all you need to do is return books, then please pop them into the porch box.

...from Olivia - my Voice Yoga sessions will from September 13th onwards now be held on Mondays (online via Zoom) and Thursdays (in-person session held at Willey Chapel LD82NA) both at 6pm. Info about VY: Voice Yoga uses the voice to help people connect with the true self. It helps people to peacefully reside in the sacred space held deep within them and in doing so, frees the voice and the body from the entrapments of the human mind. Voice Yoga sessions provide a safe space in which you can feel comfortable in expressing yourself fully. Through the process of realising and releasing your voice, in a supportive environment, Voice Yoga will help you know yourself better. The sessions will include: *a guided meditation for grounding into the body, *pranayama/breathing techniques *mantra singing, *non - verbal call and response singing using some simple Indian raagas techniques to tap into and release your authentic voice *a closing, grounding meditation and *a sharing circle. You will be accompanied by a live 'Shruti drone' and supported at all stages by experienced vocal coach/music therapist and yoga teacher Olivia Preye. No singing experience necessary, we will sing together with our eyes closed. For more info and/or to book, please contact Liv via www.voiceyoga.co.uk or by email oliviapreye@gmail.com

...from Presteigne Freegle. What do you think of the cost of school uniform? The BBC is reporting that the average uniform now costs well over £300! If your children have outgrown their uniform, instead of binning it or leaving it languishing in a drawer why not Offer it (for FREE) on Presteigne Freegle. Or if you're already a member and need some uniform items just post a WANTED. Join the nearly 4000-strong Presteigne Freegle community by visiting www.ilovefreegle.org

...from Lorna's Sandwich Shop. As from today, Hot Pork Rolls served every Wednesday instead of a Thursday! Ready from 11.00 Lorna x

...from the Workhouse Gallery & Café. Normal service resumes today following a lovely week of festivities in Presteigne. Thank you to all our customers from near and far who came to see us over the past week! We are back to opening: Wednesday-Saturday 10-4 for gallery shopping and full cafe menu

...from Eileen. The Evergreens Club is due to re-open on the first Wednesday in October, 2.00 pm, at The Memorial Hall. We look forward to meeting old and new friends. See you then

...from Marie. Viniyoga in the tradition of TKV Desikachar. Classes for 2021: Monday - antenatal yoga 6.30-8pm; Tuesday - experienced group 10-11.30am; Tuesday - experienced group 6.15-7.45pm; Wednesday - Vedic chanting 10-11am; Thursday - beginners group 6.30-8pm. One-to-one lessons available for individual therapeutic needs. All classes held in Stapleton, just outside Presteigne. No drop-ins, please. For more information, please ring Marie Hudson on [01544 260352](tel:01544260352) or [07972 492304](tel:07972492304) or email marieh279@gmail.com.

...from Freedom Leisure Centre. Our new pool timetable starts Monday 6th September. Call us at the centre for more information (01544) 260302

...from No. 7 Massage & Osteopathy. From Monday 6th September, we are happy to welcome Sharon Spence to our team. Sharon is a MLD/DLT Practitioner, ScarWork Practitioner, Holistic Therapist, & Massage & Bodyworker. For further advice, appointments or information please contact: Sharon: 07542 683072

...from Norton Community Trust. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Craft Fair/Fundraising Day on Went's Meadow on the Bank Holiday. We raised a magnificent £1300 for our project to adapt the former Norton church building into a Community Hub, and

we were really pleased to see so much support for the project from the Presteigne and Norton community. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

...from Grace Beauty. 1 month to go. Our final month of Grace Beauty in Presteigne after almost 12 years. We cannot wait to share our new adventure Thyme Beauty & Wellness and the wonderful space it has to offer. Keep your eyes peeled for updates.

...from Jessica at Fallon Dance. Tap, ballet, modern jazz, street and acro classes for 3 to 16 year olds. For more info contact jessicafallondance@yahoo.com. Join me on Facebook @JF-Dance, messenger @jessicafallondance.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Memorial Hall AGM. It's on Tuesday 7th September, in the Hall at 11am.

...from St Andrew's Church: Roll up, roll up! Do come along to St Andrew's Church Hall on Saturday 11 September from 10.30 am and join us for our monthly coffee morning: there will be refreshments and conversation, a small selection of things to buy and the all-important raffle, in aid of church funds. The hall is in the churchyard opposite the west end door of the church, between the bottom of St David's St/Church St and the bottom of Broad St / The Scallions. Depending on the weather the coffee morning will take place either in the courtyard or in the hall, finishing at around noon. We ask you to be aware of social distancing and to sanitise your hands on arrival, but otherwise our popular coffee mornings are very much back to normal and everyone is very welcome to attend.

...Presteigne Screen is reopening! "With some trepidation, of course, but we're hoping that with a certain amount of caution we'll be able to bring films back to Presteigne throughout the Autumn of 2021. Our next film will be "Nomadland" on Friday 10th September at The Assembly Rooms. Film starts 8 pm. Full programme here: <http://www.presteignescreen.org.uk/index.php>

...from Chatterbrook WI - We are pleased to be able to resume our evening meetings and will be in Presteigne Memorial Hall on Thursday September 9th at 7.30. Our speakers, postponed from last year, will be Kay and Jane who will outline their project 'Uganda Dream'. There will be a Fair Trade craft stall in support of their work in Africa. Visitors are very welcome to join us - £3 on the door. Reminder : face coverings must be worn. Find us on <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI> Or phone 01544 26724

From Presteigne Floral Art Society : The club will meet again on Wednesday 8th September in Presteigne Memorial Hall at 7.30. The demonstrator will be Lorena Dyer and her topic to illustrate in her flower arrangements is 'Lipstick , Powder and Paint' . Visitors are very welcome - £5 on the door. Please remember your face covering! Further information from the Secretary, 01544 340453.

...from Chatterbrook WI - Macmillan Coffee Morning: this annual fundraising event is back! It will be held on Friday 24th September in the Memorial Hall from 10.30 till 12 noon. Come and enjoy tea, coffee and cakes and meet up with friends and neighbours - at the same time support this important cause which helps people surviving cancer. The event is hosted by Chatterbrook WI. For more information contact the Secretary, Margaret Galliers, 01544 267245

Steve Hollinghurst in Concert at 7.30 pm on Saturday 18 September in St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. The versatile Rector of St Andrew's presents an evening of Songs from the Shows and Easy Listening Standards, in aid of church funds. This event was to have taken place in March 2020 but was postponed because of the pandemic. Fingers crossed Steve will be luckier this time! Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine, available in advance from keithatfield66@gmail.com or revsteve.hollinghurst@gmail.com

...from Emily George. Children's dance & sports Half-Term Workshops. When? Monday 25th and Thursday 28th Oct. 9am-3pm with early drop off from 8:15-8:30am. Children in reception upwards. At Presteigne Memorial Hall. £16 for 1 child, £12 for any additional siblings, and extra £10 for attending the second workshop. £1.50 per child for early drop off. Only 5 spaces on each remaining so book now to avoid disappointment email egeorge95@icloud.com

...event in the **Big Green Week**. Tuesday 21 September 7:00 to 8:30 pm online - "Delivering a Nature Recovery Action Plan for Powys". Join Holly Dillon, Biodiversity Officer, from Powys County Council and James Hitchcock, RWT CEO, to hear about the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Powys and the work of the Powys Nature Partnership. Sign up here <https://www.rwtwales.org/events/2021-09-21-delivering-nature-recovery-action-plan-powys>.

...from **Courtyard Antiques**. Our next "**Antiquesintents**" event will be on Friday 15th October 12noon-5pm, and Saturday 16th October 9am to 4pm at Burton Court HR6 9DN. 50 dealers - country, decorative, traditional. Admission £5. Restaurant & bar. Enquiries to Andy / Jules at 01544 267033 or 07974 356128. See www.antiquesintents.co.uk

...from **BeBrilliant Dogs**. Do you want to train your dog to find a specific scent? Does your dog love sniffing but you aren't sure how to harness it? Does your dog need more mental exercise as the nights draw in? Join me for scent-work classes, starting 20th September in Evenjobb Village Hall! Scent work is great for: *Burning off mental energy *Low impact activity so suitable for all ages of dog (puppies 4 months up to senior dogs!) * Enriching your dog's life and building your bond together *Building your dogs confidence *Learning more about how a dog experiences the world through their nose. Only 2 spaces left to book! Email me jen@BeBrilliantDogs.co.uk or send a message to the page or call 07472 701887 to book in.

...**People's Walk For The Planet** 13th to 17th September 'Marches Camino'. The Camino to COP 26 is a 'Pilgrimage for Climate Justice' this September/October, walking from London (and beyond including from Europe) via Birmingham to Glasgow in time for COP26. An Western route from Ludlow and Hereford (via Leominster) will join at Tenbury Wells on the 15th September and then travel east to join an Eastern Camino at Stourport on the 17th and on to Birmingham to meet with the main walk. This is organised by faith communities but not restricted to people of faith. Walkers can join for a day, or more, the purpose of the walk is to build alliances, engage communities along the route & to spread the word about the urgency of the need for meaningful action to address the global climate and ecological emergency. If you are interested complete the Marches Camino Participate & Support Form here <https://forms.gle/uxyZ9GdK6f46vgG99> for more information & be put in touch with local folk here walking from Leominster to Tenbury. Check the Main Camino website for background info - <https://caminotocop.com>

...from **Walton Hall - coffee and cake morning** this Wednesday 8th September from 10am to 1pm. Books and jigsaws will be available to swap.

OTHER INFORMATION

...a reminder from the **Fire Brigade**. **Chimney Fires** - prepare for the winter now by ensuring your chimneys are swept and your smoke alarms are all working.

...from the **Family Information Service, Powys**. Childcare Offer For Wales Application Round Now OPEN!!!! If your child was born between 1 April 2018 - 31 August 2018 and you meet the eligibility criteria, you can now apply for up to 30 hours funded childcare now in 2 parts:

(1) 10 hours at an Early years Education setting – all children in Powys are entitled to this, for more information on applying for this part of the funding please visit <https://en.powys.gov.uk/.../Apply-for-Pre-School-3-and-4>

AND

(2) 20 hours at a childcare setting. If your child is 3/ 4 years old and born before 31st August 2018 and you meet the criteria, you can apply NOW! Via the following link: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/.../6346/Childcare-Offer-for-Wales>

...from the **National Garden Scheme, Powys**. See the latest NGS Newsletter here <https://mailchi.mp/b36f45361bd7/gardens-open-in-powys-8889773?e=5c07b6a7d9>

...from **Powys CC**. **FREE Enhanced Motorcyclist Rider Scheme**. The DVSA Enhanced Rider Scheme is suitable for full motorbike licence holders who want to improve their riding skills, for those returning to riding after a break, riders who have just passed their test, people upgrading

to a more powerful motorcycle and/or those who want to check their riding standard. The course consists of a short online theory session and a half-day practical on-road session (on a weekend) with an experienced trainer. There is no test, but riding will be assessed, and appropriate training given to each participant who, all being well, will receive a DVSA certificate of competence on completion of the scheme. Dates for up-coming courses are: Thursday 30 September 2021 - online theory session (evening) / Saturday 2 October 2021 (practical half day) / Sunday 3 October 2021 (practical half day). Spaces for these free courses are limited and fill up quickly. Please get in touch to reserve your places as soon as possible: 01597 826924 or miranda.capecchi1@powys.gov.uk. Please see this video for more information on the DVSA Enhanced Rider Scheme: <https://crowd.in/m3EJmL>

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...Powys CC. Commercial Recycling Officer. 37 hours. Permanent, Rhayader. Closing date - 23/08/2021. To administer and promote the councils' commercial recycling and garden waste service. For more information and to apply visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

...from Powys CC. We need Supported Lodgings hosts to provide a spare bedroom, plus guidance and mentoring, for young people aged between 16 and 25 in Powys, who have previously been in foster care or are at risk of becoming homeless. As a Powys County Council resident, you could provide a stepping-stone to independence for a young person. *Do you have a spare bedroom? *Do you live in a town in Powys or within an easy commute of colleges and local amenities? *Would you be willing to provide accommodation and support to our Care Leavers within Powys? You could receive a financial reward, additional training and support along with regular supervision and guidance from one of our two fantastic Supported Lodgings Co-ordinators. For more information and to apply now please contact the team on 01597 827325 or email supported.lodgings@powys.gov.uk or more information online here <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1394/Help-with-Supported-Lodgings>

...join us at Sargeants. We are recruiting qualified PSV drivers to join our team. Our benefits include • £200 Bonus after three months trial period • Excellent rates of pay • Pension scheme • All CPC, DBS, Medicals paid for. To apply for the role please contact head office 01544 230481 or email transportmanager@sargeantsbros.com

...from Victoria Fish Bar, Presteigne. Server wanted. We are looking for someone to join the Victoria Fish Bar for 6 hours per week, 3 hours on a Friday & 3 on a Sunday. Duties include serving customers, general cleaning and restocking fridge and freezers. Immediate start

...from Lloyd Engineering. As a growing business, we are always keen to hear from ambitious people with experience and skills in fabrication and engineering – please get in touch and let us know what you could bring to the team! Good pay and conditions, modern equipment 01544 260531 or email matt@lloydengineering.co.uk

...from NFU Mutual's Agency in Kington - currently recruiting for a Full Time Customer Sales Executive. Full time. Qualifications required: Maths and English GCSE at Grade C or above (or equivalent). To apply, please send a copy of your CV to rebecca.rogers@nfumutual.co.uk.

Closing Date: 26th September 2021

...from J&P Turner, Kington. Staff Vacancy, Store Person and Delivery Driver. Local person an advantage, minimum age 25. For more details and to apply please call 01544 230536 or drop your CV into store.

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