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WE'RE BACK - AND WISH EVERYONE A HAPPIER AND LESS STRESSFUL 2022 !

NEXT ISSUE END-JANUARY - DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 31st JANUARY

email news@pacdg.org to contact the Editor

- 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

...Fanfare of Christmas trumpets - here are the results of the Best Dressed Christmas House Competition:- 1st Steve and Ella, 5 The Plantations; 2nd Willow and Lex (and family!) 10 Forge Meadow, Scottleton Street; 3rd Paula Williams, 27 Kings Court; 4th Chris Sanderson, 13 Lugg View. What a hard decision! On a cold and foggy night, we were absolutely amazed at the wonderful displays we saw - a fantastic thank you to all who entered, those who entered again, those who were first timers, so much work and imagination went in to them, a fantastic Well Done to all. We had a first this year however, a real live baby in the nativity scene at Forge View, plus brothers as animals! So lovely, and we were assured they weren't staying out there! So much originality shown by everyone. Steve and Ella have won the £50 of Spa vouchers, but have very generously donated them to the East Radnor Day Centre and the Food Bank.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...the next full meeting of the Town Council is on Wednesday 19th January at 7.30pm - see meeting papers and joining information on the Town website <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>

...Latest planning application: 21/2306/FUL Grid Reference: E:331453 N: 263966 . Proposal: Erection of 2 no. general industrial units and associated infrastructure. Site Address: Plot 6 , Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne. To be considered at the next Town Council meeting

THANKS

...A big thank you from Presteigne Methodist church for the wonderful support given for our tree festival. The entries were all so good. We had the poignant tree from St Andrews, the beautifully crafted decorations from Clatterbrook WI and some ingenious home-made trees from recycled material plus many more which were a delight to see. Sadly, only one from a child but her decorations took us all back to our childhood with the lanterns and paper chain. Thank you, Eva! We hope to do something similar next year. The event also raised £324 for our roof fund, which has now topped £9,000.

SCAM ALERT

...there are reports of potential doorstep crime/rogue traders operating in Presteigne area. The most common tactics used by rogue traders committing doorstep crime include: -

- Knocking on your door and saying they have noticed a problem with your home that they can fix
- Saying they have leftover materials from another job that they can use at your home, such as tarmac for a drive
- Hard selling - overstaying their welcome in your home or at your door until you agree to them doing the work.

Not all cold callers are rogue traders, but agreeing to have work done on your home by someone who knocks on your door could make you a victim of doorstep crime. There is

detailed advice on this on the Powys CC website: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4506/Doorstep-crime-and-rogue-traders>.

If someone has called at your home uninvited and carried out work that you are unhappy or worried about, or if you want to report an incident on behalf of a friend, neighbour or relative, please do report it to Trading Standards by email : trading.standards@powys.gov.uk, or on tel. [0345 6027030](tel:03456027030), and/or to the police on 101, or talk to Anna, our local Police CPO.

COVID & FLU

...Powys Drop-In First and Second Dose COVID Vaccination Sessions. You can attend our drop-in clinics for your FIRST dose if you are you aged 12+. You can attend our drop in clinics for your SECOND dose if you are 18+ and it is more than ten weeks since your first Pfizer dose OR you are 15+ and received your first Pfizer dose more than twelve weeks ago (AZ second doses are by appointment). If you are 12 - 17 DO NOT attend if you have tested positive for COVID in the last 84 days. If you are 18+ DO NOT attend if you have tested positive for COVID in the last 28 days. See <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/drop-in-vaccination-sessions-week-beginning-10-january/>

...Powys boosters. If you need a booster and are not registered with a Powys GP you can now attend any of our drop-in sessions at our Mass Vaccination Centres. You can see a list of our upcoming drop-in clinics on our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/drop-in-clinics/>. You can attend for a booster if you are aged 18+ and it is more than three months since your second dose.

... UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). People without Covid symptoms in England now no longer need a PCR test to confirm a positive lateral flow. Those who test positive on a lateral flow but have no symptoms must still self-isolate for up to 10 days, but they can end quarantine if they receive two negative lateral flow test results, 24 hours apart, on days six and seven. **The changes, which already apply in Wales,** do NOT apply to people who have symptoms. They will still need to book a follow up PCR test. The change reflects the high prevalence of coronavirus in the community and the accuracy of rapid tests, UKHSA said.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...Town centre retail shop opportunity. The phone shop currently trading as 'Repair Replace' is ceasing to trade (on Hereford Street opposite the Library). The premises are available to rent for any retail purpose. For further information call or message 07952 972746

...from the Judge's Lodging. Ghost Stories !!! <https://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/ghost-stories-for-christmas/>

...Voice Yoga (Yogic Singing) live session every Tuesday 11am - 12pm at Willey Chapel, LD82NA (in between Presteigne and Knighton) or Voice Yoga online via Zoom every Monday 6 - 7pm. No singing or yoga experience necessary! Learn how to connect to your most peaceful place through your voice. Contact Liv: oliviaprey@gmail.com for more details or visit www.voiceyoga.co.uk

...from The Royal Oak. Our takeaway roast dinners are back this Sunday. Available for collection or free delivery within Presteigne and surrounding area. Tables are also available to eat in the restaurant. Booking is highly recommended. T:01544 260842

...from Freedom Leisure. New Aqua aerobics class starting here at East Radnor....Monday 17th January. 7.35-8.20pm. Paying members can book 8 days in advance. Non-paying is 1 day in advance. Please phone to book your space. We have limited spaces due to social distancing and space free for changing.

...from Crocketts. Hello All! Many thanks for all of your lovely support during 2021, we hope 2022 is a cheerful one for you thus far! Crocketts is re-opening it's doors this Thursday night and will be serving dinner every Thurs, Fri and Sat evening. For bookings please email us at - info@WelcomeToCrocketts.com

...Aardvark Books & Café. Read Ethel Aardvark's first 2022 Newsletter, and be the first to know about events at Aardvark Books! - <https://mailchi.mp/456a94029c7b/hello-from-aardvark-books-in-2022>

...from **Presteigne Dark Skies**. Powys Council have just replaced the street-lights in Norton with dark-skies compliant lights. Plenty of light on the road but no sky-glow. Well done PCC!

WANTED

...from **Martin** at Beggars Bush LD8 2PB - I'm looking for a gardener to work with me 1 day a week all year round, in my 2 acre garden. Ring [01547 560394](tel:01547560394)

...from **Virginia**. I'm looking for local secure and dry storage to store some furniture. Not a huge amount of space needed. My contact number is [07785 335902](tel:07785335902). Many thanks!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from **Presteigne Screen**. The current wave of Covid infection has caused a significant reduction in audience numbers to the point where screenings are becoming unsustainable. Consequently we have reluctantly decided to suspended our programme for two weeks until this wave (hopefully) subsides. As far as we are aware nobody has contracted the virus at our screenings and we look forward to seeing everyone again as confidence in public events returns. We hope to resume our original schedule again 4th February with '*Night of the Kings*'. '*Shiva Baby*', originally scheduled 21st January will now be shown on Friday 11th February.

...Talk by **Anna Fleming "Time on Rock"** Sunday 23 January, 2:30 pm at Presteigne Assembly Rooms. Tickets £5 The Workhouse (cash only) and <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/534709>. Anna Fleming, who was brought up in Presteigne, talks about her newly published book, Time on Rock - A Climber's Route into the Mountains. Anna charts her rock climbing progress from terrified beginner to confident lead climber, and the way in which learning to climb offered a new relationship with both the landscape and herself. Anna is a qualified Mountain Leader who has also worked for the Cairngorms National Park Authority and completed a PhD with the University of Leeds. She now lives in Edinburgh. Covid passes will not be required for this talk. Masks need to be worn. Social distancing and limited numbers will be in place for this talk to protect the audience.

...**Lingen Gardening Club** announced their new programme for 2022 but with regret we have decided to cancel the February meeting. We hope to start with the March 1st meeting at 7.30 pm at Lingen Village Hall. The talk will be "Plants for spring and summer including some new varieties" by Paul Green Information can be obtained from Alvin Botting 01544 267463

...**URGENT APPEAL: Could you give blood?** Appointments available at Knighton on Jan 17th, and 110 appointments available over 2 days at Presteigne on Jan 18th & 19th. The Welsh Blood Service is asking for additional support at the moment as they're working on boosting blood stocks. The 7 day cushion they like to have for each blood type has dipped on average to just 4 days. Please share this post as much as you can to appeal to those who can, to consider donating locally. Book today! <https://wbs.wales/PresteigneNortonTC>. Don't know your type? No problem, they'll do that bit for you when you donate.

...**New class at the Assembly Rooms: Setting a New Direction for Life** - meditations for a kinder world. 5-week course starting Tuesday 18 January, 7.30 - 9.00 pm at Presteigne Assembly Rooms. £6 per person (No need to book, drop-in classes). Full information: juliethooperhughes@gmail.com

...**Book and jigsaw swap and sale at Walton Hall** on Wednesday 9th February between 10am and 1pm. Or just come and join us for coffee, cake and a friendly chat.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from **Cllr Bev Baynham**. From **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June** there is a special 4 day long bank holiday weekend to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee! I'm starting to organise a street party where the whole community can come together (Covid permitting of course!). I think it could be a real opportunity for us all to come together after what has been a very difficult time for many. Please can I have your thoughts on whether you'd like to see us have a street party and any volunteers who'd be willing to help either by joining me on a small committee in advance or just on the day to help set up etc.. Many thanks

...**Need support with fuel costs this winter?** From the 13 December 2021 to 18 February 2022 you may be able to claim a one-off £100 payment from your local authority to provide support towards paying you winter fuel bills. The scheme is open to households where one

member is in receipt of certain welfare benefits and are responsible for paying the energy bills. If you believe you are eligible you can apply via your local authorities website. Find out more here. <https://crowd.in/AzC0iu>

R.I.P.

...**Dorothy Rose Griffiths**, Lugg View, Presteigne, peacefully at home on 8th January 2022 aged 93. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne on Friday 21st January at 12 noon followed by interment in the cemetery. The hearse will leave Rose's home at 11.35 and go via Hereford Street to St Andrew's. Family Flowers only please, donations if desired to St Michaels Hospice or Presteigne and Norton Community Support. Enquiries to Geoff Hall Funerals, Knighton 01547528554

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Presteigne Youth Project PYP is looking for new blood to join the existing board of Directors** to help us improve and secure the future of the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street. This much-loved building is well used by a variety of community groups both young and old. Experience in building works or projects, or identifying/applying for potential funding streams, would be an added advantage in connection with our planned renovation and development of the building, however we'd love to hear from anyone who has an interest in keeping local community amenities alive. For an informal chat call Claire on [07769824537](tel:07769824537).

...**Could you help out your library?** We are recruiting more volunteers at Presteigne Library in anticipation of being able to open on a Friday and Saturday again. We are particularly eager to welcome volunteers with computer skills, and those interested in helping to plan and run events. Please email Rhiannon at presteigne.library@powys.gov.uk for more information!

...**Radnor Oak are recruiting for a Sales Executive** at Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2UH. Full-time. Salary: Subject to experience and qualifications. Please email your CV and covering letter to wtyler@radnoroak.co.uk and willytyler@radnoroak.co.uk. See also www.radnoroak.co.uk, www.oakfloorboards.co.uk, www.radnortimber.co.uk

...**Prime Cymru**. Have you lost confidence? Do you feel that you would like to volunteer, but don't feel confident enough to apply? PRIME Cymru offer free one-to-one support for people living in Powys who are long-term unemployed or economically inactive. Contact Jan on 07983 097629 or email janet@porimecymru.co.uk

...**Cambian Group are currently recruiting Care Workers**. Full UK driving licence required and an enhanced DBS check will be complete at the company's expense. We are currently offering £500 welcome bonus for the right candidates who are successful at Interview. Full and Part time vacancies for RCW's and Team Leaders. Email yasmin.fox2@cambiangroup.com.

...**Come and work with our fabulous Presteigne Festival team!** The Presteigne Festival is looking for a part-time Finance and Box Office Manager. For details of the post please follow this link: <https://presteignefestival.com/we-are-recruiting-finance-and-box-office-manager/>. The deadline for applications is 28 January at 5pm

...**We have the opportunity to welcome volunteers at Pentre Farm**. Over 14's welcome, no experience required, but you will get muddy! <https://fb.watch/alv4wGTIGR/>. Please get in touch on FB and tell me what you would like to get out of volunteering

..**Powys Childrens Services**. Join our Children's Social Work Recruitment event for an opportunity to find out about current vacancies, plans and priorities and ask questions to our friendly team. 19th January 6pm – <https://forms.office.com/r/g0hTrHMKcR>

...**Sargeants are recruiting drivers for their depots in Hereford and Kington**. If you have a PCV licence and would like to join our team or have a driving licence and would like to learn to drive a bus then talk to our Transport manager on 01544 230481 or see our FB page.

...**Lloyd Engineering- vacancies for WORKSHOP OPERATIVES**. Kington/Presteigne location. For more information call Matt on 01544 260531 www.facebook.com/lloydengineering/

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