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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

...from **Presteigne & Norton Community Support. PLEASE HELP!! We desperately need more volunteer drivers** to be able to continue our service to the community. Mileage payments are made so you're not out of pocket. If you can spare any time and are able to help, please call in to see Sharon at the PNCS High Street office or call 01544 267961. Thank you!

...from **Richard. Dog walkers in Norton please note**, Ewes and lambs now in the fields at Norton Mill and likely to be both sides of the village in the coming days. Please take care whilst out walking, dogs must be kept on a lead where livestock are present. Thank you.

...from **Beth at Knit and Natter (at the Methodist Church) - Ukraine**. We have long been sending our knitting to International Aid Trust who have people working in Ukraine and Moldova. Before I committed, I wanted assurances that they could get the goods through to where it was needed. They responded by saying their team has stayed on in Ukraine, dispensing food medical items and toiletries. They have a truck ready to go there and permission to enter the country. They have already sent a truck to Moldova to distribute to refugees there and the paperwork is complete for them to take the aid to Romania (also to help refugees). [We are coordinating a response. There will be collection points at the side door of our Methodist church and inside St Andrews. A full list of what they urgently need is on our notice board and the boxes. Please note they have asked that the food has at least 1 year's sell by date.](#) Even if hostilities end soon, this will be a long term problem for the refugees and their host countries. Your help will be greatly appreciated! In light of this news, our next Lent Lunch (on 2nd April) will give the donations to the Ukraine appeal to help with transport costs.

COUNCIL NEWS

...**Community Ultra-fast Broadband Project, Presteigne & Norton**: Every household and business should now have received letters about the project. We need 30% take-up for the project to move to the next stage - but as of this morning we have just over half the number of registrations needed. Please, if you haven't done so, can you register asap. It only takes a few minutes online or you can do so by filling in the form you should have received and returning it. There is NO COMMITMENT at this stage but by registering you will be helping the project to go ahead. To register your interest, please do so in one of the following ways: Complete the form you've receive and return it to the Clerk to the Town Council by post or email... or, go to www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk - enter your postcode and register your interest online.

...**Adopt a Bench Scheme - Presteigne & Norton**. After a full refurbishment/replacement of the town benches in 2021 the Town Council is organising a scheme to invite residents to 'adopt' a bench near to them - to keep it clear of weeds and litter and report any repairs needed. If you have a bench near you or would like more information please contact the Clerk on 01547 528575 or presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com

...in **May 2022 all current Presteigne & Norton Town Councillors will be automatically stood down and formal elections held to chose a new Council**. Nomination papers need to be submitted by anyone interested in standing for election. They can be sent in a number of ways - see full guidance on the PCC website for details. Papers will be accepted from 15th

March until 4pm on 5th April. For more detailed information and how to request a nomination paper pack please see <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/5738/Find-out-about-upcoming-elections>. The Town Clerk also has a limited supply of nomination papers that can be posted out to you - email presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com. To discuss becoming a Councillor or for more info on the Council, please speak to the Clerk 01547 528575 or any current Councillor.

...from County Cllr Baynham. Local elections take place this year on the 5th May for both Town Council & County Council. For the County Council election, following a review, the Wales Boundary Commission decided to remove Norton from the Presteigne Ward. Norton will now be served by a new Councillor who will cover Llangunllo, Whitton, Norton, Dolau and all the rural areas in between. I have taken the decision to stand again as CC for the Presteigne Ward and hope you may be able to support me in the upcoming election. However, if you have any concerns in the meantime please do not hesitate to drop me a message. If you are thinking about standing for the 'Llangunllo with Norton Ward' and would like further information, please feel free to contact me. Many Thanks, Beverley cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk

COVID & FLU

...Rules are easing in Wales. You now no longer have to wear a mask by law in many public places indoors, BUT they are still legally required in shops, on buses/trains, in hairdressers & salons, and in health & social care settings, unless you are exempt. However the Welsh government strongly recommends people still wear masks "even where you don't have to". Read more: <https://bit.ly/3stpWsk>. **BUT**, from 28 March it looks like ALL rules will end.

...Spring booster appointments will begin soon in Powys. In the meantime you can join our Reserve List if you can answer YES to all four questions: - Are you aged 75 or over - Did you receive your first booster on or before 4 October 2021 - Are you registered with a GP in Powys - Could you attend a main vaccination clinic (Builth Wells, Bronllys, Newtown) at short notice. If you can answer YES to all four questions, you can join our Reserve List via our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-booster/>

THANKS

...We are so grateful to the Blakemore Foundation, the charitable organisation associated with Blakemore Foods, for its generous support for community activities at St Andrew's. They have donated Spar vouchers helping us to buy provisions for our Christmas Fayre and for our monthly coffee mornings. Thank you very much, Blakemore & Spar!

...A huge thank you to Cllr. Rory Bennett and helpers for the renovation of the natural stage in Went's Meadow, also to Presteigne Carnival & Sheep Music for donating towards materials.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from Freedom Leisure. We are super pleased to be announcing that we are starting a new aqua natal class for pre/post natal. Also suitable for those who want a gentle Aqua class. Started 7th March. Every Monday 9.10-9.55am. Free for members, non members £5.40 per class. Booking is essential for all classes. Please contact (01544) 269302

...Norton Community Speedwatch: Our PCSO Anna is looking to arrange training for a new group of volunteers to assist with the Norton Community Speedwatch. Once trained volunteers can commit as much or as little as they want to to the Scheme. If you would be interested in finding out more or would like to become a volunteer please get in touch with the Town Clerk, Tracey Price via email (preferred) at presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com.

...from Wegnalls Farm Butchery. **Free Range Half pigs** available from next week packed and ready for the freezer, comes with 5 kilos of award winning sausage, leg and shoulder joints, pork chops and belly pork. To order call or text 07890392132

...from Broadsheep - Pete's editorial is featured in the March issue of Broad Sheep, out now and online - www.broadsheep.com

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. One of our most award-winning product lines at The Workhouse are the gorgeous creams, oils and balms from @silvanskinicare. Made by hand right next door, you don't get much more special or local than that!

...from Freedom Leisure. **New class = Aqua Natal** for pre/post natal. Also suitable for those who want a gentle Aqua class. Starting from Monday 7th March. Every Monday 9.10-9.55am.

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...from PNCS. Please join our monthly Community Draw - only £15p.a. enters you into our draw with 3 prizes each month. We have lost funding & the Monthly Draw helps us to continue our much-needed community driver service. Pay by BACS, cheque or cash. See Sharon at our High Street office before 31st March. Thank you.

...Victoria Fish Bar. Due to the huge increase in the price of fish we will only have fish ready in the cabinet in between the hours of 5pm & 7pm. Any other time, including lunch times, fish will be cooked to order. Our phone number is 01544 260 565 if you would like to phone your order through to save waiting in the shop. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. n.b. Starting in April we will be OPEN Tuesdays but CLOSED Sundays, starting 5th of April Tue-Sat 12-2pm, 5-9pm.

...B.W. Roberts. The last delivery we had was astronomically expensive at £1.92 for diesel and £1.75 for unleaded! Please don't be angry with staff on site, the price is out of our control.

...After a 2 year break, Presteigne carnival is back on the 9th July! We are now looking for sponsors to help towards paying for this wonderful community event. If you can support us with either money or a raffle prize, please message us on FB or ring/text on 07766 152000, or alternatively, speak to a committee member. All sponsors will appear on the carnival schedule, so great PR for you! The schedule goes to print mid April, so please don't delay! A Big Thank-you to the wonderful businesses and organisations that have already offered their support.

...Judge's Lodging. The feather dusters and beeswax are being put away, as The Judge's Lodging finishes its pre-season clean in preparation for opening on 30th March. The staff are so excited to be able to welcome Spring visitors for the first time in two years. Do drop by and say hello. Full details of opening days and times can be found in the website, <https://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/visit-us/opening-times-prices/>

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Presteigne Repair & Share. This Saturday 19th March 10-12 noon. We Repair Household Stuff of all sorts for free! Youth Centre, Hereford Street. Do you enjoy fixing stuff (and showing others how to do it themselves - electrical, mechanical, general ? If so we need more fixers for our monthly Repair sessions - starting this Saturday !!!! It only requires 2 hours or so once a month and is very sociable - with lots of thank-yous from grateful customers, and the occasional Fixers social. If you can help or like to hear more, please call Rolly on 01544 26766.

...Save the date: Jubilee Walking Treasure Hunt, in aid of the Norton Hub. Sunday 5th June, £5 per family. Cash prizes and refreshments. Collect maps and question sheets at start in Will's View at 10am and 12 noon. Further info from Margaret 267537 or Eileen 262710.

...from Presteigne Festival. We've got a very exciting Festival this year, celebrating 40 years – save 25-30 August in your diary, it's going to be fabulous!

...from The Judge's Lodging. All FREE to watch. Poop-poop! The incorrigible Toad rides again in this wonderful telling of his adventures, all filmed in The Judge's Lodging <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HjOqS0cvDw>. **AND** ... another other. Dare to watch the horror of Dr Jeckyll's secret unfold in this retelling of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of terror <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3CXsAgC9GI> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8ewnMLz0Fg> **AND** ... The Judge's Lodging becomes 221B Baker Street! Sherlock Holmes investigates in The Sign of Four <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cg4MIsNQPM8&t=1226s> **AND** a beautiful, moving, dance work, created during the a bleak lockdown time. Stunning to watch. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0bmy97d?utm_source=BBC&utm_medium=New+Creatives&utm_campaign=Testimony

...from Presteigne Bowling Club - Easter Bingo! With the easing of covid restrictions we are holding a Easter Bingo at the Memorial Hall on the 26th March. More details to follow.

...from Lingen Garden Club - next meeting Tuesday 5th April at 7.30. Tammy Hall will be speaking about her business "The Wild Bunch". Enquiries to Alvin Botting [01544 267463](tel:01544267463)

...Presteigne Screen AZOR (12A) – Friday 18 March at the Assembly Rooms (Borderlines Film Festival): Tickets: <https://www.courtyard.org.uk/events/azor-12a-presteigne-screen/>

...MBA/Little Rumba. Saturday 2 April 8:00 pm. Assembly Rooms. Little Rumba's sound has touches of Eastern Europe and South America, as well as jazz and blues; with beautiful

melodies, infectious beats and songs that tell stories. Tickets £12 The Workhouse (cash only) & [wegottickets.com](https://www.midborderarts.com/whats-on/little-rumba-mid-border-arts). See <https://www.midborderarts.com/whats-on/little-rumba-mid-border-arts>

OTHER INFORMATION

...**PCC. Plans to invest £83.5m building over 500 new council homes** in the county as part of its 'New Homes for Powys' programme. More: <https://crowd.in/Exi0SV>

...**from Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club**. If you have any problems like wounds or swollen legs please contact the district nurses on 01547521270. Leg Clinic in Knighton hospital Monday and Thursdays.

...**FREE Qualifications with PRIME Cymru**. Would you like to stand out to employers by adding to your CV? You can learn something new and build your confidence with qualifications like Health & Safety, First Aid, Control of Substances Hazardous to Health and Food Hygiene. Free training! – call on 01550 721813 or email enquiries@primecymru.co.uk to find out more.

...**FREE Enhanced Motorcyclist Rider Scheme**. Motorcyclists are invited to sign up to a free enhanced riders training course to help improve their riding skills and the safety of Powys roads. More: <https://crowd.in/oAUcH1>

...**FREE ADVICE on saving energy and finding help to keep you warm**. HURRY - ONLY AVAILABLE TILL THE END OF THIS MONTH. Gary Cowell is our Big Energy Saving Network Champion - you can speak to him by phone or arrange to meet at a public venue. Contact him on 01547 520374 or garydkcowell@yahoo.co.uk. Supported by Citizens Advice.

...**What does Presteigne need to make it a healthy, supportive, rich and varied place to live and work, both now and into the future? Share your ideas with us!** If you have an idea you'd like to take forward in your community, share it on our Have Your Say Powys page to start a discussion <https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/powys-localities-initiative>

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Presteigne & Norton community** has been chosen to receive funding to provide **household energy advice** aimed at reducing energy bills and their carbon footprint. We need volunteers to help us deliver this service. They will undergo a day's training then visit householders who have requested help to gather some basic data for the experts at Lightfoot Energy who will create a bespoke advice report for them. The funding stream runs out in June, so this is not a long term commitment. If you can help, contact Kate [07506718853](tel:07506718853) or katevandenende@btinternet.com

...**Rose Cottage Café. Saturday staff required** - two staff, over 16, to work alternating Saturdays to start, with the possibility of extra work during our busiest times. The job will include washing up, making drinks, taking orders etc. FB DM or call 01544 260453

...**Wild Thyme - front of house staff wanted**. You will need to be available nominally 10-3 for morning and lunch service and 6-10pm for evening service. Variety of shifts Wed - Sat available on a flexible rota system. Experience of front of house duties is desirable. Message me direct on 07854 428668 or via FB Messenger with your details.

...**Small Breeds Farm & Owl Centre - Tearoom/Gift shop assistant** required for part time seasonal work including weekends and bank holidays (ideal for a student). Please apply by email only with some information about yourself. diana@owlcentre.com

...**Powys CC. Highways, transport & recycling division needs staff** from grounds maintenance, to civil engineering, waste management, motor mechanics and more. We particularly need HGV drivers in our sector visit www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

...**Heart of Wales Line. Development Manager**. E-mail info@devco.org.uk for more information and how to apply. Closing Date 21st March 2022. <https://www.heart-of-wales.co.uk/job-development-manager>

...**Herefordshire Council. Communications Hub Officer, Social workers, Legal Assistant, 16+ Personal Advisor & more!** Find out more & apply: <https://orlo.uk/lkqbC>

...**Weobley Ash Farm Shop. Head Butcher** (full time) - to break down beef, lamb and pork carcasses for the shop, mail order and restaurant orders. £13-£14ph 01544598120

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