

NEXT ISSUE MID-APRIL ... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS NOON 15th APRIL
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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

COUNCIL NEWS

...the next full Town Council Meeting is on Wednesday 20th April. See the TC page on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk for details, agenda and Minutes of March's meeting.

...Latest planning application 22/0592/HH Grid Reference: E:331832 N: 264071 Proposal: Single storey extension to existing garage Site Address: The Garden House, Greenfield Road, Presteigne. To be considered at the April meeting of the Town Council.

THANK YOU

...from Presteigne Carnival - Sponsorship and Raffle Donations. Wow Presteigne, we have been totally blown away with your generosity! A massive Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who have very kindly offered sponsorship money and prizes, just fantastic! Thank you to our regular donors who have supported us over the years, and to our new donors, welcome and Thank you. If you haven't been asked, and would like to give something, please contact us on this page or on 07766152000. A list of the amazing people above will be published shortly, and will also appear on the Schedules and raffle tickets.

...from Sandra. I'd just like to say a big thank-you to everyone involved in planting all the daffodils around the town. Such a brilliant display this year! *[ed. and in Norton village too]*

...from Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club. We said farewell to our No.1 Umpire Percy Steele on the weekend, who has been a constant for PLHC for many years. We thank him massively for his commitment to our team and will miss him greatly. Good luck in your retirement!

COVID & FLU

...Those who are eligible can now register for a spring booster. 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 14 November 2021? - Are you registered with a GP in Powys? - Could you attend a main vaccination clinic (Builth Wells, Bronllys, Newtown) at short notice? To book go to <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-booster/>.

...COVID-19 lateral flow test kits are still available to collect in Powys for those who are eligible. More <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12567/COVID-19-test-kits-still-available>

UKRAINE

...Presteigne Area Community Refugee response update: a big thank you to everyone who attended the meeting to discuss the refugee crisis and how we can help as a community. About 70 people attended, around 30 of whom say they are thinking of hosting. A large number have also signed up to offer their practical support (from language teaching to 'buddying' with host households). If you weren't able to attend then here's how you can host if you're interested: you'll need to register both with the UK Homes for Ukraine scheme (<https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine>) and with the charity Reset who are working to match people with individuals / families in need and will carry out safeguarding checks (<https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/>). The Welsh Government will be able to access information filed on both portals and will also take into account the impact on local communities - schools,

medical care etc. If you'd like a copy of the minutes or would like to add your name to the support list, then email emma.lilley@btinternet.com. From Lee, Rolly and Emma

...Businesses and organisations in Powys wanting to help Ukrainian refugees coming to Wales can now register their offers of help and support with the Welsh Government. If you are able to help, visit <https://gov.wales/register-business-or-organisation-help-ukrainian-refugees-coming-wales>.

...If you are able to offer a place in your home for refugees & their immediate family as an individual, register here:Homes for Ukraine scheme <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

SCAM ALERT

...received an email from 'The Ukranian red cross' about donating in bitcoins ? A scam of course. Forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk and delete

...the Wales Government £500 payment for unpaid carers - scammers are apparently asking people to share their bank details to receive this money. The payment can ONLY be claimed by registering with your council - registration will open in May. NEVER share your bank details. See <https://gov.wales/unpaid-carers-wales-receive-500-payment-part-29m-investment>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from Steve, Editor of the Parish Magazine - it's that time again - copy for the magazine is needed by Thursday 21 April. Send your information to standrewsintray@btinternet.com

...from Rotary. We held a Young Photographer competition late last year and the photographs from the 31 entrants will be on display at the Knighton Library during their opening hours after 19th April. There were wonderful entrants from Presteigne and Norton, as well as from Knighton and the wider community.

...from Emily. EG Fitness and Dance are now taking on brand new pupils for our classes in September!!! To avoid disappointment book now! Classes available for children age 3-16 in 3 venues: Knighton church hall, Presteigne Memorial Hall, Kingstone Village hall. Dance classes are a variety of styles such as modern, jazz, hip hop and tap! Get in contact to book in!

...would you be confident how to use a defibrillator and do CPR if there was an emergency in the street or at your place of work or sport ? The Co-Responder demonstration session at the Fire Station a couple of weeks back was immensely useful and reassuring. There is already significant interest for subsequent sessions at the Fire Station and if you are interested to take part or find out more, just email news@pacdg.org

...from the Judge's Lodging. The coffee has been roasted and the cakes baked...our pop-up Welsh tearoom is open from this morning!

...from next week, Presteigne Plastic Project will have three specialist recycling bins inside the gate to the Old School/Youth Centre in Hereford Street: one will be for Ink Cartridges, one for Ink Toners, and the other one for pill blister packs - all be clearly labelled.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz Night@The Bowls. General knowledge pub quiz with a twist. Wednesday 20th April. 7pm for 7.30pm start. £2.50pp. All welcome. Teams of up to 4. Prior table booking essential - text Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

...Open Garden with Marion & Chris. We are opening our Spring Garden and having a plant sale on Easter Monday April 18th, 14 Hereford Street, 2pm until 4pm in aid of Ukraine.

...East Radnor Ramblers 4 mile walk on Thursday 21st April - **note change of venue** - to start from from Nash Woods Car Park at 10.00am.

...Presteigne bowling green will officially Open on Tuesday 26th April. Tuesday is the club social night when anybody is welcome to turn up and have a game. So, if you've always fancied having a go at lawn bowls and want to find out what it's all about, just turn up on Tuesday the 26th at the green and make yourself known - you'll be very welcome. Bowls are provided, you just need flat soled shoes. Come along and give it a try!

...Who's keen to see the return of the Wheelbarrow Race this year? Pencil it in your diaries - Friday 8th July. We're looking for any local businesses that are willing to sponsor the event so that we can get it back up and running. Please message the FB page or get in touch with Owen Davies or Dale Gorman if you're interested in doing so.

...**Repair & Share Sat 23rd April.** Get things fixed / be inspired to give it a go yourself, its free too! For those who have a smart phone, filling in the form needed to access the service can be done easily on your phone. It helps us & saves on the paper work! Bring household items to the Youth Centre in Hereford Street between 10am & 12 noon. More info? call 01544 260766

...**Aardvark Easter Garden Event**, tomorrow Saturday 16th April! 10am-3pm, our first event of the year with RHS Gold Award-winning nursery The Cottage Herbery, plus stalls of garden vintage, bric-a-brac/antiques, and live music from Jack Brett & friends - a lovely day out in the country, with shopping, cafe refreshments, music & of course lots and lots of books. Still have a few spaces for stalls on the car park, call 01547 530744 to book. Free entry, free parking.

...**Celebrating 15 years of teaching Karate in Presteigne**, Lee is attempting to complete 24 hours of performing Karate Kata to raise money for the local charity Mid & North Powys Mind. Lee believes the charity resonates with the aim of his Karate clubs, of helping people of all ages improve their health and well being physically and mentally! Especially after the last 2 years!! Friday June 24th-Saturday 25th 2022 at Presteigne Memorial Hall 12noon-12noon
<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/24-hour-kata-thon/>

...**Cecily Sash 1925 - 2019. Exhibition and Sale** on May Bank Holiday weekend Saturday 30 April - Monday 2 May at Presteigne Assembly Rooms 10am - 4pm of drawings, lithographs and pastels from Cecily's oeuvre. Also books, prints and postcards. Now is your chance to buy a piece of work by this internationally renowned artist, ranked as one of the 100 best South African artists and who lived in Presteigne for the last 30 years of her life. Organised by MBA.

...**Presteigne Festival 25-30 August 2022.** Excitement mounts for the 40th anniversary Presteigne Festival – full programme will be announced soon. Very pleased to be welcoming Julian Philips as composer-in-residence. The Festival programme includes performances of 6 major works, including 'Looking West', a new concert/theatre piece to a fabulous libretto by Rebecca Hurst, specially commissioned to celebrate Vaughan Williams' 150th anniversary year.

...**Trees and Cake at the Warden.** Sunday May 8th 2-4pm. A FREE family afternoon for all ages. Meet the Trees. Explore the Warden. Organised by the Warden Guardians Foundation and Presteigne Tree Group

OTHER INFORMATION

...**from Debs, Norton Speedwatch.** Thank you for the volunteers that came to the training with Dyfed Powys Police force yesterday afternoon. Road safety has always been very top of my list for personal reasons and a concern I hear on a regular basis is the speed of traffic through the village of Norton & beyond. If you have concerns, would like to keep our communities road safe & can spend a little time doing so as part of our local speed watch group. Please contact myself & I will pass your contact number on to Dyfed Powys Police

...**the Dyfed-Powys Rural crime team report that they are starting to see an increase in calls of livestock worrying.** This time of year ewes and lambs are being turned out in to the fields and are an easy target for escaped and unsupervised dogs. If you are walking your dog in the countryside: Do not allow your dog to enter a field on its own, and keep it under your control at all times. Keep your dog on a lead when crossing through fields that contain livestock. Stick to public rights of way. Ideally we would recommend avoiding entering fields containing livestock, even if a public footpath runs through the field. When at home: Make sure you know where your dog is at all times. Ensure that your property is secure and that your dog cannot escape (day or night). If you know your dog has previously chased or attacked livestock, then take responsible measures to prevent it happening again.

...**from Morrisons, Leominster.** We've now launched soft plastic collection points in all of our stores so you can recycle those hard-to-recycle soft plastics - like confectionery wrappers, pet food pouches and wraps like the ones you find on your grape punnets. Look out for a large trolley on wheels at the front of your store to collect your materials. You can drop your used batteries and ink cartridges in our cardboard bins at the front of the store as well.

...**'67 year old lady seeking accommodation in the centre of Presteigne.** 'Sue is currently living in appalling accommodation in Southampton and is unable to have her (beautiful and very well trained) eight year old collie/labrador cross live with her. She suffers from COPD and is unable to walk far. Do you have a room she could live in, with access to a bathroom and

kitchen? Would you be able to help walk 'Danny' her dog or, maybe, share the walking with someone else? Sue is willing to pay you £450 pcm and is desperately hoping that someone could offer her a home. For fuller details, please contact Jonathan on 01544 260800.

...is drink costing you more than money? Alcoholics Anonymous can help. We have been through unprecedented times recently & there are some of us who have found solace in alcohol. If you repeatedly drink more than you intend or want to, or if you get into trouble when you drink, you may be an alcoholic. We are a fellowship of men & women who have lost the ability to control our drinking and have found ourselves in various sorts of trouble as a result of drink. We attempt, most of us successfully, to create a satisfactory life without alcohol. For this we need the help & support of other alcoholics in Alcoholics Anonymous. **AA is available in Presteigne**, there are no fees, we keep no attendance files, you need disclose nothing about yourself and no-one will bother you if you don't want to come back. We are here to help.

Please phone our 24hour Helpline 0800 917 7650 or go to www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

...New Radnor Community Broadband. Great news this week. The funding application has been submitted to Government for approval. The time taken for a decision can vary but as soon as we know the decision an update will be given on our FB. Thanks again to all who registered. Please if you can continue to get people to do so it will make the process quicker and easier when the project moves to the next stage.

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...Volunteer Opportunities in Presteigne Rainbows, Brownies & Guides Units. Volunteering with Girlguiding isn't just about campfires and helping girls to get their next badge - although those are special moments that we all share. It's about empowering girls and giving them new experiences, being a role model and helping girls to realise their full potential. Due to a huge increase of interest after our successful taster sessions **Presteigne Rainbows and Brownies** would love to welcome another adult Unit Helper (18+) (Tuesday Nights 5:15-6:15/6:30pm). Also an Assistant Leader and/or Unit Leader, where you will receive full on-going support and training to complete the Leadership Qualification. Even if you can't commit to every week we would still love to hear from you as we are happy to work out a unit rota between parent helpers and existing volunteers. **Presteigne Guides** would love to welcome an Assistant Leader or Unit Leader to their leadership team. You will have support from an existing Assistant Leader as well as other local unit leaders and full training will be provided. Ideally, you would need to be free between 7-9pm on a Tuesday evening to help with setting up and tidying away at the end of the weekly sessions. The DBS checks required for these roles are provided free through Girlguiding. **Finally, we also have volunteer roles** for Unit Administrators including Treasurer role across the different units to help with contacting girls on waiting list when spaces become available and/or managing the unit budget and helping with accounts. For more info on any of the above please call Amy on [07769912809](tel:07769912809) or email knightonrainbows@hotmail.com

... Housego Accountancy – exciting opportunity for full or part qualified semi-senior accountant. Full/part-time permanent position, office-based leading to office/work-from-home arrangement. Send current CV and letter to Mr Stephen Housego sfh@shousego.co.uk.

...Weobley Ash. Apprentices Required. Working towards a fully qualified nationally recognised qualification. We pay for a CBT test, the use of a moped for work (or allowance per mile for a car), own knives, bonus scheme, team building events every quarter, farm and market visits and a generous discount on meat purchases. Call us on 01554 598120 or PM us

... Chevron Green Services Ltd seeks an experienced accounts and payroll assistant for a part time role. We are a national firm based in Presteigne. 12-18 hrs per week over 2/3 days, flexible approach to home working and school run commitments. Email info@chevrongs.com

...The New Inn at Pembridge is looking for staff for weekend work, please ring 01544 388427 for details.

...The Garth Care Services are seeking Laundry Worker, Day and Night Care Workers to join the team. - call 01544 230502 or enquiries@garthcareservices.co.uk

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