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**NEXT ISSUE END-AUGUST... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS midday 30th AUGUST  
email [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org) (n.b. there will no mid-September issue!)**

- 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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

...tell Powys Teaching Health Board what you honestly think about the service they are providing through our Medical Centre. Don't blame our doctors, nurses & staff - tell PTHB who control what they can do. PTHB is asking for our feedback! <https://cutt.ly/FXeTpGU>

### THANK YOU

...from **Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club**. 12 months of scrimping, saving & fundraising and today we finally paid for and took delivery of our very own set of bespoke hockey goals for our club. It is an amazing achievement and one we are very proud of. As Chairman, and on behalf of Leanne our captain and our senior club, I would like to say a massive thank you to all our juniors and parents who continue to support us every week, without you this would not have been remotely possible. Seeing their surprised faces tonight at training said it all! Teamwork makes the dream work, and what a team! Next stop ... astro pitch!?! Thank you Zac Sheppard (steel fabrication & welding) a fantastic job making these goals and we are incredibly grateful.

### LOCAL COUNCIL NEWS

...**Reminder: The Town Council still has three vacancies for the Norton Ward**. Please get in touch if you would be interested in filling one of the vacancies. Closing date 31st August

...**Ultra Fast Broadband Project - Presteigne & Norton: 9th August Update**: Funding application now submitted. Average wait time for a decision is four months.

...**next P&N Town Council Meeting** Wednesday 17th August Assembly Rooms & Zoom. See [www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council) for the July Meeting Minutes and August Meeting papers.

### SCAM ALERT (from Which? and others)

...**The banking app Revolut is being spoofed** and its customers have reported receiving text messages saying that a payment has been scheduled or that a new device has been set up on their account. The text appears to come from Revolut and asks you to call a different number where a scammer will ask for your personal information. [Find out what the scam text looks like](#)

...**from Citizens Advice, Powys - the latest employment scams**. Tempting job offers with statements such as 'easy job, can do at home' or 'earn a daily wage from your mobile phone' are sent to potential victims. These jobs do not exist - the scammers will then ask for personal details, and maybe an upfront administration fee.

...**7 pension scams to watch out for**. The Pensions Regulator says there is a greater risk of pensions scams right now as people who are struggling could be more susceptible to fake promises of early pension access or higher investment returns. There are seven common types of pension scams. Make sure you know [what to look out for](#).

### COVID

**First dose drop-in vaccination clinics for ages 5 - 11** (or aged 12 born on or after 1 September 2009), registered with a GP in Powys and accompanied by a parent/guardian. DO NOT attend if you have tested positive for COVID in the last 84 days. More information: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/under-18/age-5-to-11/>

## NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from Steve, Editor Parish Magazine - It's that time yet again - magazine copy time! The deadline for the September issue is Wednesday 17 August.

...see the latest Presteigne Festival Newsletter here <https://mailchi.mp/6ca97aa7034a/presteigne-festival-autumn-newsletter-5837456?e=9cd7d53306>

...**Presteigne & Norton Community Support AGM** Wednesday 17th August at 2.30pm in The Memorial Hall, Presteigne. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Hope to see you there!

...from Emily George - Last chance to get booked onto our dance classes starting in September!!! EG Fitness and Dance offers classes for ages 3 up to 16 in styles such as hip hop, tap and modern. Classes available in Presteigne, Knighton and Kingstone. Discounts available for multiple classes! Get in touch on FB to know more! Spaces are extremely limited!

...from **Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup**. From Sept 2022, Parents who are in Education and Training will be able to access The Childcare Offer for Wales – funding for 3 & 4 year olds. Eligible parents are either: - enrolled on a Higher Education undergraduate or postgraduate course that is at least 10 weeks in length - includes distance learning courses. For further information & when to apply, get in touch with Powys Family Information Service by emailing [fis@powys.gov.uk](mailto:fis@powys.gov.uk) or calling 01874 612419 or via FB 'Family Information Service Powys'

...**The Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street**, Presteigne. The scaffolding is down - thanks to Graham Lloyd for a brilliant job repairing and repainting the exterior - it all looks so smart!! So if you're looking for an affordable local venue, with wi-fi, computer suite, kitchen, and private parking, for your meeting, exercise or yoga classes, family parties ... whatever ... call 07766 097600 or email [presteignedogman@icloud.com](mailto:presteignedogman@icloud.com) for information and to book.

...from Angie. **A new group is forming in the local community, with a view to creating a community garden** - where food/ideas are grown and shared (along the lines of Grow Local and IncredibleEdible initiatives). Interested? please contact by email [prestcgarden@gmail.com](mailto:prestcgarden@gmail.com)

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Repair** - next session Saturday 20th August 10am - 12 noon The Old School, Hereford Street, Presteigne. Don't dump it if it's repairable - bring it along to be fixed.

...**Welcome to Presteigne Open Studios and Exhibitions 27 - 29th August**. Here's the line-up for 2022! Sara Bamford; Anne Belgrave; Lucy Boyd; Bim Burton; Ann Catt; David Colwell; June Coveney; Deniyal Davies; Alex Dufort; Saffron Guy; Tony Hall; Penny Hughes; Ruth Kirkby; Faith Limbrick; Daniel MacCarthy; Peter Mackenzie; Linzi Morgan-Whitting; Celia Perceval; Kitty Perceval; Keith Pettit; Alex Ramsay; Mark Richards; Mary Smith; Richard Studer; Gill Tennant-Eyles; Malcolm Turner; Jessica Watkins; Jackie Yeomans. The artists and makers will be opening their doors and work will be for sale. Come and discover new work, and discuss the artist's processes and inspiration. The Open Studios are a perfect opportunity to purchase unique artwork directly from the maker. The wide range of work will include ceramics, painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, embroidery, print-making, furniture-making, wood engraving, jewellery and installations. Maps will be available soon.

...**Presteigne Festival with assistance from Presteigne Screen presents a series of films** directed by Wes Anderson, August 26 – 28 at the Assembly Rooms in Presteigne.

Friday 26 August at 7.30pm - **Fantastic Mr Fox** (Classified PG). An urbane fox cannot resist returning to his farm raiding ways, but then must help his community survive the farmers' retaliation. George Clooney, Meryl Streep and Bill Murray voice this brilliant animation.

Saturday 27 August at 7.30pm - **Moonrise Kingdom** (Classified 12A). An island off the coast of New England in the 1960s - a young boy and girl and run away together. Various local factions mobilise to search for them and the town is turned upside down - which might not be such a bad thing. Edward Norton, Frances McDormand, Jared Gilman and Kara Hayward star.

Sunday 28 August at 7.30pm - **The Grand Budapest Hotel** (Classified 15). The adventures of M.Gustave (Ralph Fiennes), the legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa (Tony Revolori), the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. A wildly colourful, beautiful, funny and exciting film.

Tickets £7 [students £3] from [www.presteignefestival.com](http://www.presteignefestival.com), also at the door (cash sales only at the door). There will be a Bar at each screening.

...**The Methodist church will provide a pop-up café during the Presteigne Festival** Friday 26th August to Monday 29th August 11 to 6pm (12 to 5pm Sunday) - coffee and cake, light lunches, cream teas and finally pre-concert snacks. All welcome for food and friendship.

...**from Norton Community Trust – Don't forget the Craft Fair** – Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August, noon till 5pm, on Went's Meadow. FREE ENTRY (but donations always welcome!)

Presented jointly with Norton Show, all proceeds to Norton Community Hub. \* Crafts \* Vintage Cars \* Horticultural Tent \* Car Boot \* Dog Show \* Archery \* Children's Entertainer \*

Refreshments \* Bar \* and lots more! For more details contact Chris Price [01544 267898](tel:01544267898)

...**from Deb - Car Boot** as part of the Craft Fair. Contact [deborah888edwards@btinternet.com](mailto:deborah888edwards@btinternet.com) for further info. £5 per boot.

...**from Margaret - calling all photographers**, Norton Show horticulture tent on Went's Meadow at the Craft Fair - Class 25 is a photo "Dusk to dawn ". Get snapping!

...**plus - the cookery classes are:** Victoria sponge jam filling , lemon drizzle cake, 5 cheese scones, 5 decorated cup cakes, jar of jam, any variety, and a jar of marmalade ,

...**from Vicky - I am doing the Tombola** again at the Craft Fair on Monday 29th August. All proceeds to the Norton Hub. Thanks to all of you who have already donated or promised to donate prizes. I am still looking for more good quality items for this Tombola and forthcoming Raffles. If you have anything that you can donate please do contact me by Facebook messenger or by e-mail [vicky@kivvy.com](mailto:vicky@kivvy.com). I can pick up from you or let you know where you can drop things off. Also do not forget to check the stall out on the day. Thanks so much

...**from Marie Hudson - Yoga**. Autumn term starts 6th September. Mixed-ability and Beginners classes in the Viniyoga tradition with Marie Hudson in Stapleton (just outside Presteigne). One-to-one yoga tuition available. Also, new Vedic Chant beginners group. For details email [marieh279@gmail.com](mailto:marieh279@gmail.com) or phone 07972 492304.

...**CPRW Brecon & Radnor** invite you to join us at our event 'Welsh food and farming – where do we go from here?' on Saturday 17 September, 9am–4pm at Knighton Community Centre. The question of how our farmers and growers can make sustainability work for them as well as for the environment and consumers has never been more pressing. It is key to the transition to a resilient food production system that works for nature, future food security and human health. In the face of the climate emergency what are the barriers holding the food and farming system back from change? And how can we find new directions for our rural economy? Come and join the conversation about our local food systems and the wider questions at our discussion day. Speakers will include: local farmers and growers, representatives from the Soil Association, the Abattoir Sector Group, Young Farmers, the Nature Friendly Farming Network and Stump up for Trees, among others. For tickets go to: [welshfoodandfarming.eventbrite.co.uk](http://welshfoodandfarming.eventbrite.co.uk)

...**Walton Hall Diary of Events:** September 2nd Quiz 7pm teams of up to 6; September 24th Pudding Evening 7pm A selection of hot and cold home made desserts; October 7th Quiz 7pm teams of up to 6; September 14th Mosaic Workshop 1-4pm (contact Alisa Bufton [01544 230 214](tel:01544230214)); September 15th Talk: Guardian of the Bees 7pm; November 4th Quiz teams of up to 6 people; November 19th Talk: Drunkards through the Ages; December - Christmas Party, and Floral Workshop Dates to be confirmed. Also Book and Jigsaw Swap 2nd Wednesday every month 10am – 1pm. Contact K Peachey for more details [01544 350 511](tel:01544350511) or find us on FB

...**The Hub, New Radnor - Fabulous young Scottish accordionist Andrew Waite** appearing at the Hub on Sunday September 18th at 3pm Tickets £12 on the door or in advance by emailing [thehubnewradnor@gmail.com](mailto:thehubnewradnor@gmail.com) or by phone 01544 350559. Check out Andrew's music [www.andrewwaitemusic.com](http://www.andrewwaitemusic.com) & accordionist in Dallahan here <https://youtu.be/bBjAUQycxMQ>

...**NGS Powys** - why not spend a couple of hours on Wednesday evening 17th August at the aptly named garden [Tranquility Haven](#) in Whitton. Sounds of water fill the air at this Japanese inspired garden and visitors can enjoy peace and tranquility from one of the many seats around the garden or in the Japanese Tea House. Wednesday 17th, 6pm-8pm. Tranquility Haven, 7 Lords Land, Whitton, Knighton, LD7 1NJ. See NGS Powys website for info.

...**Knill Gardens are open for one day only** Sunday 28th August 2-6pm to raise funds to keep the beautiful church open. Artisan Market, Live Music, Tea & Cakes & lots more in an absolutely stunning place. Please join us in The Walled Garden if you can. Knill LD8 2PR £5 pp.

...**Exhibition: Alex Dufort "Between Heaven and Earth"**. Radnorshire Hillscapes 2021. Monday 22nd - Tuesday 30th August at Presteigne Assembly Rooms. Radnorshire was eerily quiet during 2021, with movement limited and social interaction restricted. Alex Dufort repeatedly climbed the hilltops, making a series of landscapes from the 400-metre contour. This exhibition records the grandeur of these views and the complete absence of human life. Opening times 10 am - 3.00 pm (unless the venue is in use for Presteigne Festival rehearsals; and not until after 12.30pm on Tuesday 30th).

...**h.Art at St Michael's Church, Discoed**. Venue number 56. Saturday 3rd - Sunday 11th September, 11 am to 5 pm daily. 2022 will be the twelfth year that St Michael's Church has been a venue for h.Art (Herefordshire Art Week). The participating artists will be Simon Dorrell, Alison Grimley, Tony Hall, Jonathan Heale, Lois Hopwood, Kate Kato, Victoria Keeble, Alex Orgill, Shelagh Popham, Gill Tennant-Eyles, Zoe Wright and Guy Lester.

...**Kite Flying on Went's Meadow** 20 August Saturday 10.30 - 12 noon. Part of a national Kite Flying Festival in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan, 1 year after the Taliban takeover. Fly a readymade kite or make your own. Instructions [www.goodchance.org.uk/flywithme](http://www.goodchance.org.uk/flywithme). FREE!

### OTHER INFORMATION

...**from Which** - learn how to fix some of the biggest printer problems, check out the most common complaints from customers about their mobile network, and discover how major online platforms are still failing to filter out fake reviews [https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/top-5-printer-problems-and-how-to-fix-them-aORqp8e07h2Z?](https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/top-5-printer-problems-and-how-to-fix-them-aORqp8e07h2Z?utm_medium=Email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=4177000-C_TN_EM_020822_B&mi_u=215931817&mi_ecmp=C_TN_EM_020822_B)

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... **Free Enhanced Motorcyclist Rider Scheme**. Motorcyclists can sign up to a free enhanced riders training course to help improve their riding skills and the safety of Powys roads. More: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/13093/Free-Enhanced-Motorcyclist-Rider-Scheme>

...**from Roma - fully furnished house to let** near Presteigne. For info call me on [01547530450](tel:01547530450)

...**from Herefordshire Council** - household income < £30,000? You could qualify for a range of support to make your home more energy efficient - more here: <https://orlo.uk/pcP0p>

...**from PCC. All learners in Reception in September 2022 are entitled to free school meals**. If you are on a low income, continue to claim for free school meals via <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11906/Free-school-meals> as you may also be entitled to other support such as the PDG Access grant for uniform and other school clothing. If not, you will be asked to fill out a registration form during the first week of term, provided by your child's school. Don't worry, your child will still receive free meals during the registration period. See <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/12966/Universal-Primary-Free-School-Meals>.

...**Powys THB - Minor Injury Units**, please call before visiting so that we can keep you and our staff safe. Our expert nurses will provide you with advice over the telephone, book an appointment, or refer you to another service. Minor Injury Units in Powys can treat adults and children aged 2+: our nearest is Llandrindod Wells: 01597 828735 (7am to midnight, every day). Outside of these times please contact 111 for medical advice. In an emergency dial 999.

### LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

..**Wanted cleaner** 3 hours every 2 weeks, maybe more for my mum (disabled and immune suppressed), Covid tests provided, must be willing to wear a mask. £15 ph. Please call Mandy Jones. 07787377838

...**from John. Researcher required for grant-funded local survey work** (research into best practices for local community hub). Mostly home based ca 35 hours @ £20 per hour. Call 01544 267048.

...**Firth Construction - looking for part/full time carpenters** (would consider multi-trade) for high end projects in and around the Presteigne / Hereford area. Would consider semi skilled workers, enthusiasm is a must. Email CV to [admin@firthconstruction.co.uk](mailto:admin@firthconstruction.co.uk) or FB message. Previous applicants welcome.

...**Herefordshire Council**. Kick start your new career this summer, work with us! Family Support Worker; Natural Flood Management Project Officer; EAL Teacher; Home Finding Officer; Social workers; & more. Find out more & apply: <https://orlo.uk/TichQ>

...**Cartrefi Cwmru Co-op Support Workers in Presteigne**. Various Contracts available. £10.23hr. £400 bonus paid in first pay. DBS fees/social care fees paid. Generous leave, flexible working arrangements <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2> for more information and ways to apply.

...**Action for Children have vacancies for young persons assistants** in the Knighton/ Presteigne area! Interested or need further information? email [pcan@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:pcan@actionforchildren.org.uk)

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