

**NEXT ISSUE END-OCTOBER... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS midday 30TH OCTOBER
email news@pacdg.org**

- 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 Mike. It's Community Green Flag Award time again - if you love and value The Warden please use this link to vote for us - thank you!!

...from Sheep Music - **Stewards Needed for Presteigne Fireworks!** We are reliant on community support to make this event happen and need more stewards. If you're willing to help, please email info@sheep-music.co.uk and sign up to volunteer here <http://eepurl.com/dvaEpj> as soon as possible. We will then be in touch with further details. Thank you!

...from Ruth - there are a lot of apples at Stocken Farm on Stonewall Hill, self pick and FREE - mixed cookers and eaters (with some heritage apples). They are not sprayed at all.

...Bring Site - if you hadn't already noticed, the paper and glass recycling banks have been removed, never to return - which leaves three PCC cardboard banks, two BHF book banks, and three ACE drink/food carton recycling bins at the Bring Site.

THANK YOU

...from Pam, Phil and PrestFest. Thank you again for your donations, cakes, your support and anyone who helped us raise money last Saturday for St Michael's Hospice and Presteigne and Norton Community Support. It was a great day and night, very lucky with the weather too. The bouncy castle helped a lot to keep the kids very happy and the parents thank you Nigel Gethin. So a big thank you to everyone. We raised £1410.00 to split between the two charities.

COUNCIL NEWS

...A warm welcome to three new co-opted Members - Lewers Firth, Andre Van Hul, John Wilding. All vacancies are now filled. The first meeting for the above will be 19th October. See Council pages on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk for meeting papers

...New Radnor Community Council - Annual Report for 2021/22 available under the Community Council section of the Council-run website <https://newradnor.net/>, copies in the village shop and the libraries in Presteigne, Knighton and Kington. Anyone requiring a printed copy contact the Clerk, Tracey Price at newradnorcc@outlook.com or 01547 528575.

...Latest planning applications to be considered at the October meeting of the Town Council. 22/1526/FUL Grid Reference: E:331215 N: 264770 Proposal: Extension of existing building to provide commercial storage units & garaging for Vintage cars. Site Address: Presteigne Depot, Mill Lane, Presteigne, LD8 2DA. 22/1347/FUL Grid Reference: E:331556 N: 264410 Proposal: Change of use of part of ground floor from business to residential use Site Address: 9 Harper's Lane, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2AN.

SCAM ALERT (from Which? and others)

...The latest energy scam capitalises on the fact that the government's £400 energy grant has started being rolled out this month. It's a text that asks you to click a link to sign up for the grant. DO NOT RESPOND. You will not receive a genuine text about it as it will be applied to your energy account automatically. As we head into the colder months, please remain vigilant about energy scams. [Find out more about them here.](#)

...(from Robin) we all need to "secure" our mobile phone accounts and numbers to prevent criminals "porting" our mobile number onto their phone and so possibly accessing accounts with e.g. Amazon or Ebay etc. by entering the "verification code" sent as an SMS message to a phone cloned

with your mobile number. It's becoming more and more difficult to avoid giving a mobile number when shopping (or shipping, or using the NHS) but to prevent this sort of ID theft it's a good idea to set up a PIN/other security features for your mobile phone account. See <https://blog.dashlane.com/port-out-scam/> for more detail.

...**Watch out for phoney Amazon texts** asking you to follow a link to secure your account following attempted logins, which is a typical tactic to incite panic. If you click the link it takes you to a convincing fake Amazon website where you're prompted to enter your login details. [Here's what to watch out for.](#)

COVID

...**The reserve list for COVID-19 Autumn Boosters in Powys is now open** to eligible people aged 60 and over. Join the Reserve List <https://pthb.nhs.wales/autumn-reserve>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**from Steve - copy for the Parish Magazine** is needed latest by Wed 19 October

...**the PNCS Community Transport office in the High Street will be closed** Thursday and Friday 20th & 21st Oct, and Thursday and Friday 27th & 28th Oct

...**from Lorna's**. Sorry for any inconvenience but the shop will be closed Friday 14th October until Monday 17th October. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday the 18th!

...**Dream Pedallers is still in business!** Several people have asked what the situation is since the bike shop closed in the High Street, but Charlie tells me he is still doing bike repairs - contact Charlie on 07531 672113 or by email to dremped@gmail.com

...**from Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club**. Due to rising cases of Covid-19, Powys Teaching Health Board have asked that we go back to appointments-only and social distancing within Leg Club. To get an appointment please ring the District Nurses on 01547 521270

...**Kington Golf Club**. For those who might want to enjoy high quality winter golf on fast drying fairways and excellent greens please take a look at our low cost Winter membership offers. <https://www.kingtongolf.co.uk/join-us/become-member/>.

...**Samaritans** - If you are having a difficult time, or if you are worried about someone else, whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. Samaritans are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call 116 123 for support or visit: <https://www.samaritans.org/>

...**the John Beddoes Trust Fund** is open for grant applications & welcomes applications from past students who would like to apply for financial support to further their education. The fund is run by a small group of Trustees and grant funding is awarded to both past & present students and to the school - to find out more or apply email johnbeddoestrustfund@gmail.com

...**the AGM of the Memorial Hall** will be held at the Hall on Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm. Please come if you can – it's your Hall as well as ours! Losing Judi Charlton has really had a huge impact on our small Committee. She did so much for the Hall and it's been hard to fill the gap she has left. It would be good to have some other people at the meeting apart from the Committee! Thank you – and hope to see you there! Lynne Owens Secretary

...**East Radnor Care will be opening as a Warm Space at the Day Centre** for people in the community in the coming weeks. We are in the process of making the final arrangements and once all is in place we will let everyone know. In the meantime if you have questions please feel free to send a message to admin@eastranor.care or telephone [01544 260267](tel:01544260267)

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Fireworks** Saturday 5th November - 6.15 pm parade from Presteigne Recycling Centre. Display starts 6.45 pm on Went's Meadow. Cash only on the gate - £5, under 12s free. Includes the parade, fire juggling, a fire sculpture and a fantastic display of fireworks followed by an evening of music and dancing with a live performance by Fight the Bear. See you there!

...**Norton Halloween Fireworks** - Sunday 30 October at Jack's View in Norton, 6pm, £4 (children free). Big bonfire - Raffle - Hot dogs/burgers - Infamous Witch's Punch - Best carved Pumpkin Competition - Best Halloween Fancy Dress.

...**Powys Paranormal still have spaces for the Judge's Lodging ghost hunt** on the 29th of October - visit: <https://powysparanormals.onlineweb.shop/product/judges-lodging-ghost-hunt>

...**Wings of Change Festival** 30th October to 6th November. In these turbulent times of health concerns and global challenges, some have lost jobs, family members, and contact with friends and loved ones, others have dealt with stress, illness, and isolation. Some of us have

lost our dreams and sense of certainty. In order to acknowledge these issues, learn ways to build greater resilience and celebrate the hope and joy of life, we - Grace and Dorothy, are offering a varied programme of free workshops, discussions and more in various venues in Presteigne. Please come and join us. Through expressing and sharing our feelings and experiences we can move forward with greater robustness, support and happiness. See www.facebook.com/WingsofChangeFestival or email liminalspace20@gmail.com

...MidWales Opera presents "Puss In Boots" Friday 28 October at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne 8.00 pm (doors open 7.30 pm). MWO's fifth SmallStages tour kicks off a Fairy Tale season with Catalan composer Montsalvatge's one-act version of the familiar tale of 'Puss in Boots'. This age-old children's story tells of the wealth-seeking, match-making cat who, in return for a hat, a sword & a pair of boots, secures for his young master (a lowly miller) a kingdom & a royal marriage to a princess, tricking a slow-witted ogre out of his castle along the way. Tickets £15 wegottickets.com & (cash only) The Workhouse.

...Lingen Flicks in the Sticks "The Duke" Friday 21 October 7.30pm, Lingen Village Hall. £5 (children £3.50).

...Presteigne Artscene. "Putin's next victims?" a talk by John Kendall. Presteigne Assembly Rooms, Sunday 30 October, 2.30 pm. Following his trip to Russia, John has been on another political tour, this time to Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania - each has a border with Russia. John reports on the effects of the threat from their neighbour. Tickets £5 The Workhouse (cash only) & online from <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/559215>

...from Emma at Presteigne Plenty - Community Apple Pressing on Sunday 23 October (12.30pm-4.30pm) in the garden of The Radnorshire Arms. Bring apples picked from Went's Meadow community orchard or your garden and something clean to take the juice away in. Spectate and have a go - free for all. Big thanks to The Rad for giving us space again!

...Presteigne Little People's Halloween Disco. Wednesday 2nd November 11:30am to 1:30pm. Youth Centre (The Old School), Hereford Street. Prizes for best fancy dress outfits. Ticket only admission, as limited spaces. Tickets £5 per child includes spooky lunch, with one free adult - contact Kimberly [07837390441](tel:07837390441) or email treasurer@playgroup.co.uk.

...Aardvark Books - Car Boot on Sunday 16th October. Lots of stalls of vintage, bric-a-brac, and crafts - event runs from 9am-3pm, Free entry and parking! A day out in the country for all - hot food, cafe refreshments - and the bookshop and cafe are open from 10am-4pm. And.. you will see that we are planning a Christmas Fair!!! All welcome, hope to see you there!

...Presteigne Screen is showing "Licorice Pizza" (15) Friday 21 October, Assembly Rooms 7.30 for 8pm start. Set in the early 1970s, this is an affectionate and sharply scripted rom-com directed by Paul Thomas Anderson (Magnolia, Phantom Thread) following two teenagers as they fall for each other. £5.00 Students £3.50. Book online www.presteignescreen.org.uk

...Contact - an organisation that supports Parent Carers - is offering a block of sessions for parent carers in this area. They are an amazing organisation that promote carers support whilst raising awareness and offering a wealth of information. We have dates locked in to hold these in Presteigne as follows - Thursday 10th November - Wellbeing & getting to know each other; Thursday 17th November - Money Matters; Thursday 24th November - Anxiety support or parents and children; Thursday 1st December - Handling Meetings / Siblings; Thursday 8th December - Group Outing to be chosen by the group. We have some spaces available (limited) for parent carers in Knighton/Presteigne and surrounding areas, so please do get in touch ASAP for more information and to book a space. n.b. - these sessions are aimed as a package so a commitment to try and attend all is needed. Sessions 9:30 - 1:00, lunch will be provided. Contact Leanne at Credu on 01597 823800 or 07971637447

...from Sarah. AFTER DARK: Follow our trail to celebrate lights in the dark with a touch of magic. 27th -29th October, 1st-4th November. 6-8pm. £3 per person. The Pools Farm, Norton, LD8 2EW. Sorry, not suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs. More info on Facebook: radnorwild

OTHER INFORMATION

...Don't let your stamps* go to waste! Regular Royal Mail stamps will have a barcode on them in the future. Old style regular stamps (without a barcode) need to be used up or swapped out before end Jan 2023. <https://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps> (*does not apply to picture or Christmas stamps, only regular stamps with late Queen on them).

...**Thieves are targeting catalytic converters more and more** because they contain valuable metals that can be sold for a profit. Cars that are parked in car parks overnight or on driveways or along the street are at higher risk of having their catalytic converter stolen, as they're easily accessible to thieves. Cars that sit higher off the ground are also more likely to be targeted, as it's far easier for thieves to slide underneath your vehicle and remove the part in a matter of seconds. Protect it by marking it with a unique serial number onto your catalytic converter to help you identify it if it is stolen. A window sticker indicating that your catalytic converter has been marked, discourages criminals from targeting your car.

...**Help with fuel costs now available from PCC.** Grants for helping with fuels cost are now available from Powys County Council and eligible residents are encouraged to apply online. More: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/13321/Help-with-fuel-costs-now-available>

...**Primary and junior school applications now open** for children starting primary and junior school in Sept 2023 <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/13323/Primary-and-junior-school-applications-now-open>

...**Recycling plastic plant pots and trays - update.** Several readers have asked about this, unhappy about putting plastic plant pots & trays in the wheelie bin. PCC have told us that although you CAN'T put these items in your kerbside red box (which is primarily for plastic bottles, tubs and trays from your kitchen & bathroom) you CAN take plant pots & trays (all colours) to the Llandod HWRC for recycling.

...**from Public Health Wales - Bowel Screening.** This month, Bowel Screening Wales will begin inviting people aged 55 to 57 for screening. Evidence shows that screening people at this age will mean more cancers are found earlier, saving lives. People aged 58-74 are already eligible for bowel screening in Wales. Learn more <https://phw.nhs.wales/news/bowel-cancer-screening-age-lowered-to-55/>

...**from PCC Disabled Adaptation Grants.** Do you need home adaptations ranging from a simple handrail to a walk-in shower? Contact us <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7708/ASSIST>

...**You can now borrow an iPad for FREE from Powys Library Service.** The iPads are internet-ready, with a mobile data allowance that allows you to connect to the internet, even if you don't have access to Wi-Fi. New to iPads? No problem - we'll show you how it all works during the handover, and we'll be happy to help at any time during the loan - we'll be glad to answer any questions! <https://bit.ly/3Pk40YZ>

...**SilverCloud Wales** is a free, anonymous and supportive online therapy service to help people manage their mental health and wellbeing. More information: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/services/adult-and-older-peoples-mental-health-services/silvercloud-online-cbt/>

...**Energy Advice Service.** To help respond to the cost of living crisis, energy advice is now available at the Knighton Community Centre on Tuesdays 10am to 2.30pm. Receive free and impartial advice, tailored to your circumstances, on how to reduce the energy use in your home, something we can all benefit from given the big increases in energy prices. You can drop in to the advice surgeries: if it is busy, you will be able to make an appointment for another time. To pre-book an appointment at an energy advice surgery, or to arrange for energy advice to be given over the telephone, please contact Gary Cowell on 01547 520374 or email him at garydkcowell@yahoo.co.uk

...**from PCC. See our Home-to-School Transport Survey** intended to give the Powys Transport team a better understanding of how entitled pupils are using our Transport. Use this link. The survey will close on 1st December <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/13353/Home-to-School-Transport-Questionnaire>

...**Powys Action for Climate Change (PACE)** have created a website for all groups, individuals or businesses located in Powys to list what they are doing to help the climate & nature emergency. It is a way of people finding ways to engage with each other in projects & generally find out more about what is happening in our communities. Please can you create a page for any climate and/or ecological community groups you are part of - see <https://www.powysgreenguide.cymru/community-action> and your events here: <https://www.powysgreenguide.cymru/events>

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**Job Fair at The Community Centre, Knighton, Tuesday 18th October** from 10am till 2pm. A wonderful opportunity to find out about a range of local employers. Manufacturing - Construction - HGV - Manual handling Care - Groundworks - Warehousing - Hospitality. Café available during this time. More details: 07552 805152 rachael.haggan1@dwp.gov.uk

...**Powys Recycles. Drivers Wanted** now in Mid/North Powys. Good rates of pay, plus opportunities for overtime. Full training/uniform provided. Friendly and committed team. Good work/life balance, plus early finish on a Friday! Apply online now! - www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

...**Point-to-Point Services - an Ambulance Fleet Assistant** to join our team at our Leominster base. 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday starting 6am! The role includes: Daily safety checks including tyre depth and fluid levels - Ensuring Ambulances are clean and presentable - Restocking used equipment - Carry out weekly deep cleans. Want to know more?? Simply email hr@p2pservices.co.uk for more

...**Nicky Tranter Tree Care - looking for a climber/contract climber.** Tickets needed: *Basic chainsaw *First Aid *Manual handling *Climbing and Aerial rescue *Chainsaw from rope and harness *Chipper. Must be a confident climber. Please call 07758180669 or email nickytrantertreecare@mail.com

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