

Community News

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"Working Together For Our Community"*



**NEXT ISSUE MID-DECEMBER... DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 11am 15th DECEMBER
email news@pacdg.org [n.b. there will be no end-December 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

2022/23 COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME

PACDG holds funds of just over £1100, donated for the benefit of the community by the Presteigne and Norton Community Trust, prior to its handover to the Town Council. The funds are held on trust by PACDG to arrange distribution. Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited from local community organisations to receive small grants to assist with a specific project or the purchase of essential equipment. We welcome EOI from any community organisation based in the general Presteigne & Norton area.

Email news@pacdg.org to register your EOI, or call [07766 097600](tel:07766097600) for information.

EOIs must be received by 1st January 2023.

...from Rhiannon. Can you help? The library is in need of a volunteer to help with drop-in IT sessions in the new year! Sessions would be monthly at a time to suit you, and involve helping members of the public with simple issues like setting up email accounts, internet security, accessing particular websites or with searching for things, new devices etc. If you're interested in helping out, please email Rhiannon at prestlib@powys.gov.uk

...Mid-Border News. Here is the link to the online edition of the magazine; it has lots of exciting festive events, a great Interview, some local history and coverage of the great new developments at the Radnor Arms; I hope you enjoy reading it. We wish you a very merry Christmas, a happy new year and good health in 2023. https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_winter_2022

...due to popular demand, the Decorated Christmas House Competition is back! Judging this year will be either afternoon or evening on the 19th December, taking the emphasis away from just lights (and electric bills!) Closing date 16th December - to enter either message the Carnival on FB or ring/text on [07766 152000](tel:07766152000). A map will be created of entries for all to go around and see. Good luck to all who enter - and thank you for bringing a bit of Christmas magic to the town!

...East Radnor Care - providing a Warm Space for the community, opening Friday 2nd December in the Day Centre on Scottleton Street! Everyone welcome - all ages. Drop in anytime between 10am & 3pm. Activities available or can sit and relax, TV, refreshments. No charge for attending. Lunch available at small cost

THANK YOU

...from Debbie on behalf of the Carnival Committee, I'd just like to again thank Chatterbrook WI for making the wonderful bunting that decorated our town this summer for the Jubilee celebrations, the carnival, the music festival and the classic car (old crocks) festival, with special mention to Jeanette Washington for sewing it all together! I'd also like to thank Jeanette and Ann Davies for helping to dry the bunting once it was taken down! Note to self - take down earlier next year! Also, of course, our wonderful firefighters for putting it up. The town looked wonderful - now for the Christmas lights!

...from Presteigne Primary School. Our brilliant day on 21 Nov was finished off by an amazing Careers Fair. We were visited by people from our community who came to tell us all

about their jobs and careers. The children loved learning about them all - and asked some brilliant questions. Ask them to tell you all about it! Huge thanks to all of the volunteers who gave up their time and came to tell us about their amazing jobs. Diolch yn fawr!

...from Rolly. Thanks to all those who contributed to the BOOK STALL at the last Food Market which made £135 - this was all spent on vouchers & other items bought from local shops and given to the Food Bank. Also to all the market stall holders & volunteers who support and arrange space for different local 'causes' at the market throughout the year.

COUNCIL NEWS

...Latest planning application in to be considered at the December meeting of the Town Council. [22/1920/HH](#) Grid Reference: E:331556 N: 264410 Proposal: Demolition of outside toilet & shower; Construction of rear extension to accommodate disabled shower and toilet, cloakroom, utility room and kitchen extension Site Address: 9 Harper's Lane, Presteigne

...from our Town Clerk. My Tree Our Forest Scheme: The first session was very well attended with 97 trees being given out to residents for planting. Don't forget volunteers will be there each Weds (4-6pm) and Saturday (10am-12pm) if you haven't collected a tree yet. Did you know you can also request a tree be planted for you if you do not have a garden or don't have enough space to do so? Sites have been allocated across Wales and we hope to have one in Presteigne too. Ask at the Hub at the Old School or visit <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/pla.../wales-tree-giveaway/>

...from PCC. The 2022 garden waste collections are due to come to an end by the beginning of December. To check your remaining collection dates please refer to the 2022 subscription sticker on your green bin, or visit: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/binday>

...from Powys Recycles. Please bear with us - staff shortages are causing major disruption to the waste and recycling collections across the county. We may not be able to complete all our rounds. If you have not received a collection by 5pm, please check online for details of when we will be returning to collect: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/binday>. Thanks for your understanding

...from PCC - How Your Council Tax is Spent. Waste and recycling services account for less than 5% of the Councils revenue expenditure, schools take over one third of the budget and social services the other third - see "how is my council tax spent" for a simplified view - bear in mind however that 70% of the councils revenue is NOT from council tax - see <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7295/How-your-council-tax-is-spent>

...Presteigne & Norton Town Council - Annual Report for 2021-22 is now available on the Town website and in the Library. **The next Council meetings** are on 21st December in the Assembly Rooms - Sites & Building Committee at 6.30pm, followed by full Council Meeting at 7.30pm. See the TC page of the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk now to see Draft Minutes of the November Meeting, and papers for the December Meeting (from 15 December)

SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...TV Licence and DVLA scams are doing the rounds again! These emails persuade you to click on suspicious links to update your TV or driving licence information or claim a refund. They use official logos to create convincing scam emails that urge you into clicking. We show you the fake emails and explain how to check if an email is genuine. Visit <https://search.which.co.uk/search?asug=&mainresult=mainresult:yes&intcmp=GNH-Search&w=Scams> to learn about current scams.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from Sam. The Memorial Hall are currently working on a new website and are looking for photographs which can be used on the website - e.g. photographs of events which have been held like weddings, markets, displays, concerts, pantos etc. Photographs that show how the hall can be used. Our new email address is presteignemh@btinternet.com where photographs can be sent. Please ensure that if there are any people/children in the photographs that can be identified that permission is sought from them.

...The Hub, New Radnor. We are collecting for the Food Bank Christmas appeal. Leave your donations at the Hub on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning or Friday night just inside the front door. Or call 07870752325 to make other arrangements. Thank you!

...**activities at The Old School, Hereford Street** - Youth Club, MAKE Anthony Nolan Trust, Presteigne Quilters, Presteigne Guides/Rainbows/Brownies, The Circle, Sarah Williams Yoga, RNID Hearing Aids clinic, Little Peoples Playgroup Play 'n Stay, Emily George Adult Dance class, Presteigne Repair, Credu Powys Carers, Tree Distribution Hub, Liminal Space, Ukraine Children English classes + occasional and private hire. For more information on activities or to hire the Old School contact presteignedogman@icloud.com or call/text 07766 097600.

...**Rose Cottage**. We are starting to get a few bookings for lunch in December so don't forget to book as we are a little small in the winter. If you can't think what to buy as a Christmas present we have £5.00 and £10.00 vouchers that can be used for both eat-in or takeaway.

...**The Circle** - we received a Magic Little Grant through the partnership of Local Giving & the Postcode Community Trust. This Trust is a grant-giving charity funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery & the money given will go towards the costs of the venue hire. This is very welcome as it contributes to the continuation of the project run by Community Support. The Circle runs on a Tuesday morning 10.00a.m weekly at the Old School, Hereford Street, for people to meet together in a friendly, supportive & accessible place. For more information phone PNCS on [01544 267961](tel:01544267961) or call into the office at 5 High Street.

...**from Andy, Logs & Maintenance**. If you'd like to place an order for barn-seasoned hardwood logs for December, please get in touch soon, as the book is filling up fast for a pre-Christmas delivery!!! either on 07976584404 (day) 01547560476 (eve), or drop us a FB message at Logs and Maintenance, for load prices and delivery, view services on our FB page.

...**East Radnor Ramblers walks in December**: Tues 6th Presteigne to Paradise, 4.5 miles; Weds 7th tba. ; Weds 14th Covenhope, Blackthorne Wood, Aymestry, 7 miles; Weds 21st Offa's Dyke Path Circular, 8 miles; Weds 28th Shobdon Arches, 8 miles. For more details see www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or call 01544 260524

...**EPIC the Ethical Presteigne Investment Club have two vacancies** for new members. A chance to buy in at (hopefully!) the bottom of the markets. Contact c3utler@googlemail.com

...**activities at Lingen Village Hall**. Flicks in the Sticks, Gardening Club, Carpet Bowls, Lingen Stitchers, Needling Along, Yoga, plus the Post Office (Mon/Thur 9-12.30). For more information contact Kay on 07799 755244 or to book email lvhclerk@outlook.com

...**from Laura. Pop-up Christmas photos** in my home in Presteigne. 15 minutes of fun + 5 digital images you can send to your family this Xmas. £10. Message on FB or 07827 968328

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**The December/January double issue of Broad Sheep is now online** - see www.broadsheep.com with hard copies out very soon.

...**Presteigne Bowling Club AGM** Monday 12 December 7.30pm, Social Club, Hereford St.

...**Next Presteigne Local Food Market** - Saturday 10th December, Memorial Hall, Presteigne 9am-1pm. All your favourite local produce including bread, vegetables, mushrooms, honey, pork, mutton, chocolate, apple juice, gin, eggs, cakes, herbal cosmetics, cheesecake. Please note - the December market is on the second Saturday for this month only.

...**Panto season...it's behind you...Carry On, Don't Look Up!** 7.30pm, Memorial Hall, Thursday 8 December £6/£4 (£17 family), Friday 9/Saturday 10 December £8/£5 (£22 family). Tickets from Salty Dog and The Workhouse (cash only). Presteigne Home of the Free!

...**from Sally at Radnorshire Ales - Phil Ram & The Manana Kids** play their special blend of British rock with a prog punk twist Saturday 3 December 7.30pm in the Iron Bar, Radnorshire Ales, Brookside Farm, New Radnor LD8 2SU. £10 on the door, all proceeds to the Radnor Arms Refurbishment Fund.

...**St. Andrew's Christmas Fair** on Friday 9th of December 2pm to 7pm craft stalls, Father Christmas, Primary School choir singing Christmas carols, Christmas trees, mince pies, mulled wine and refreshments

...**Carols at Presteigne Baptist Church, Hereford Street** on Thursday 15 December 7.00pm. Well known carols and readings with Christmas music, led by the Very Revd Michael Tavinor. Coffee and mince pies for all after the service. All very welcome.

...**A Christmas Pastorale at Knill Church** on Thursday 29th December 3pm. A concert of contemplative seasonal music with Ruth Watson - oboe; Leila Basletic - organ; John Hymas -

violin; Marion Rowlatt - mezzo soprano with the Saint Andrew's Sisters. Works by Bach, Corelli and Berlioz followed by mulled wine and nibbles. Contact 01544 350559

...**Presteigne Screen presents "Small Body"** rated 12A. Voted 'best film' at last year's Borderlines Film Festival, this Italian debut feature follows a young woman embarking on a quest to save the soul of her stillborn child. Amazing scenes and sublimely shot... Don't miss it! Friday 2 December 8:00pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne Admission £5.00 Students £3.50 Visit www.presteignescreen.org.uk for details and to book online

...**Presteigne Methodist Church - A Christmas Pastorale** on Friday 16th December at 7pm. Tickets £10 (including refreshments) from church members or call 01547 560016. A concert of contemplative seasonal music including works by Bach, Corelli and Berlioz, with Ruth Watson (oboe), Leila Basletic (organ), John Hymas (violin) and Marion Rowlatt (mezzo soprano) with the St Andrew's Sisters.

...**Presteigne Methodist Church - candlelit carol service** on Sunday 18th December at 3pm, followed by tea. Everyone is cordially invited to join us for this rather lovely event.

...**from MBA. Fetch Theatre "East of the Sun, West of the Moon"** Saturday 3 December 4pm Presteigne Assembly Rooms. An afternoon storytelling performance featuring Bunraku Puppetry and an original soundtrack. Inspired by a traditional Nordic story, this is a spellbinding tale of adventure, mystery and romance featuring a magical white bear, a young girl and a troll. Suitable for ages 7+. Tickets: £8, £4 Under 16s, £20 Family. Available from The Workhouse (cash only) or online from www.wegotickets.com/event/563818.

...**from MBA. Dave Luke & Chuck Micalef with friends.** Wednesday 28 December 7:30 pm at Presteigne Assembly Rooms. Doors open at 6.30 pm. Country, Americana and Roots classics to fill the post-Christmas, pre-New Year blues. Tickets: £10. Available from The Workhouse (cash only) or online from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/563824>.

...**Chatterbrook WI** – next meeting is Thursday December 15th 7.30 in Presteigne Memorial Hall. This will be a Christmas festive evening. Visitors welcome to this informal and fun gathering - £4 on the door. Further information - 01544 267245 and see <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>.

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society** - next meeting in Presteigne Memorial Hall on Wednesday December 14th 7.30: and will be the Christmas Demonstration – *'Once Upon a Time'* - by National Demonstrator Sarah Fenton. Visitors welcome - £6 on the door. Visit us on our stall with floral arrangements for sale at the Christmas Craft Fair in St Andrew's church on Friday December 9th 2-7 pm. For more details about the club and to hear about our Thursday flower-arranging classes at Whitton, contact the Secretary on 01544 340453.

OTHER INFORMATION

...**from Community Health Council - problems with GP Practices.** For many months, CHCs across Wales have been hearing comments about the difficulty people have with accessing services in their GP practice. We have been reporting these issues to Health Boards and to Welsh Government. We wanted to find out more about people's current experience of accessing GP services in Powys and so, during August, we had a question running through our social media channels to gather people's views. See our full report here: <https://bit.ly/3GIsPCP>

...**Net Solutions Wales I.T. Grants** for the provision of: PCs, Laptops, Smartboards, Projectors and Networks at no cost to your Organisation or any ongoing commitment. Any UK NFP group or Charity with UK beneficiaries is eligible - see www.netsolutionswales.co.uk/e-nsw-2/grants.html (full info on Word document - opens in new window). Applicants email: triana@netsolutionswales.co.uk

...**The Powys Green Guide** launches online Monday Dec 5th - a community resource to help & inspire you in finding ways to reduce carbon emissions, & connecting people & groups working to make their communities sustainable. www.powysgreenguide.cymru

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...**from Ian - local builder looking for a willing labourer or semi skilled person**, male or female to assist with a local project. Please contact me via [07717401427](tel:07717401427)

...**Hereford Council.** Looking for a fresh challenge this winter or just feel like a change - we're hiring! We have positions for: Electoral Services Assistant - Business Support Officer - Desktop Support Engineer & more! Find out more & apply: <https://orlo.uk/xeYrK>

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