

# Community News

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The Community News is an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group  
"Working Together For Our Community"



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email [news@pacdg.org](mailto: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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

...from Helen. I am delighted to let you know that Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank will once again be offering an outreach service to the community of Presteigne and surrounding villages. We are grateful to the Youth Centre committee for their help and support and look forward to providing a food point for our friends in need. We commence on Friday 24th February, 1.30-3pm at The Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street, Presteigne.

...from Pete about the Sleeping Dragon. Finally we have a live funding mechanism for the proposed makeover and reinstatement of Presteigne's Sleeping Dragon, should you followers of the Sleeping Dragon like to contribute. The final chapter in the story of the Sleeping Dragon is about to be written. Please share further afield too. [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sleeping-dragon?utm\\_term=WbMJvPWb](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sleeping-dragon?utm_term=WbMJvPWb)

[ed. Special Issue all about Presteigne's iconic Sleeping Dragon and how you can support its return will follow later this week]

...from Claire at Broad Sheep. Pete's editorial featured in the February issue of Broad Sheep - out now and online - [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com)

...from Steve, Parish Magazine editor - A reminder that the copy date for the March magazine is Wednesday 22 February. Many thanks to those who have already submitted material.

### THANK YOU

...from The Warehouse. After a very busy and successful first month in our new premises we would like to thank everyone for the support and good wishes we have received. The donations and sales have been fantastic. Looking forward to continuing to be able to provide good quality useful items that may otherwise have been taken for landfill.

### COUNCIL NEWS

...Presteigne & Norton Town Council - next full Council meeting tonight Wednesday 15th February 7.30pm at The Assembly Rooms. See Town website for draft Minutes of the January meeting, and papers for this February meeting.

### SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...Microsoft impersonation scam - in dodgy emails telling recipients they must update their Hotmail password. If you click the link in this email, you'll ultimately be asked to enter your email address and password on a website that uses fake Hotmail branding - do this and you'll be giving scammers access to your emails.

...PayPal 'money request' email scam. Scammers are exploiting PayPal's 'request money' feature to scare customers into calling dodgy phone numbers and giving away their personal data. This scam involves fraudsters sending fake emails requesting payments for high-value items, or posing as HMRC to demand 'overdue' tax payments. If you call the number in the email, you'll be ringing a scammer phishing for your personal information.

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

...a Local Apple Juice business is currently looking for new premises to act as its base. With industrial units in Presteigne proving really hard to come by, Richard Pitts, the owner of the business, is now broadening his search. If anyone knows of any other potential premises as close to Presteigne as possible, perhaps on a local farm, he would be very keen to hear from you. There is a need for both (seasonal) production space as well as (year round) storage, which need not be at the same location. Any premises would need to be at least 100m<sup>2</sup> (10m x 10m). If you know of anywhere, or would like to find out more about what is required then Richard can be contacted on 07896 707441.

...from **Rhiannon at Presteigne Library**. Feeling chilly? The library has temporarily extended its opening hours during February and March and is always warm and cosy! Until the end of March we will be open Tuesday 10-1, 2-5, Wednesday 10-1, 2-7, Friday 10-1, and Saturday 10-1.

...**Freedom Leisure. Fancy a game of Badminton?** Courts are available in the evenings or weekends. Advance booking needed. Evening courts for adults are £10.30 or if you have children, joining in to its £7.90. Weekend courts are £4.70 for all. Free racket hire with each court.

...**Coming soon at The Farmers Inn - 'Riccardo's'**. To book a table ring 01544 267389. Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Vegetarian options available on request

...**Freedom Leisure Swimming**. You and your child will be more confident because you see and feel the value of swimming. 1.88 million young swimmers feel 3.3% more confident of achieving their goals than non-swimmers. Enrol in our Swim School programme now. Click <https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/swimming-lessons-enquiry/>

...**Presteigne Local Food Market**. a great start to the new year..... a very busy market with a great atmosphere. THANK YOU ALL. A new cider stall so hopefully they'll be back next month. Sorry to have to mention this but we have a NO DOGS policy. I am a big dog lover and fully understand the majority of dogs are really well behaved but last year we had a few too many incidents and cannot take the risks so sorry, no dogs for future markets please! Look forward to seeing you all next month Sat 4th March.

...from **Annie at Mid-Border News**. Hello lovely people! We're putting the spring issue together now, for publication at the beginning of March (it covers April and May too), so if you have any news or events you want to tell everyone about, let me know asap at [midbordernews@gmail.com](mailto:midbordernews@gmail.com)

...from **Mandy - Low Impact Dance Fit** with optional toning sticks/dumbbells for added strengthening. Memorial Hall, Presteigne, each Thursday 10-11 am. Pay as you go classes. Contact Mandy 07538 218273, [mandys.mail@virgin.net](mailto:mandys.mail@virgin.net) or FB message for more details

...**New Art Club opening in Presteigne in March!** Call us for for more details 07938 563716 [www.villageartclubs.co.uk](http://www.villageartclubs.co.uk)

...from **Lee Taylor. Fancy trying Kickboxing?** Get yourself down to Freedom Leisure - East Radnor Leisure Centre All levels and abilities welcome Friday's 7.30pm. FB Message for details

...from **The Royal Oak - reopened on Monday night** - we done lot of hard work - please come to have new look at The Royal Oak (little bit modern but with a traditional look) - very thankful to you all

...from **Rose Cottage Café. This week's pies** are Chicken, bacon and leek, we also have on Winter beef casserole, seafood and spinach lasagne, garlic mushrooms with crusty bread and quiche. Three soups to choose from and our toasted sandwiches. Please try and book for lunch if you can as space is limited in the winter and the last few weeks have been very busy.

...**Freedom Leisure. Don't miss out! Make the most of our 50% OFF offer** and join our healthy community TODAY. Be quick, offer ends 18 February 2023! <https://bit.ly/3ZuWX3>

...**Kington Golf Club. £90 Trial Membership** to 31st March 2023. Full membership to 31st March 2024 - from £229 to £660. Our membership trial is proving popular. If you are unsure if Kington is the course for you then why not come and see the challenge the course presents. It's in great condition at the moment. Get a full £90 credit against membership if you decide to join. Contact:

[membership@kingtongolf.co.uk](mailto:membership@kingtongolf.co.uk)

...from **the PNCS Warehouse**. If you have any large items of furniture could you please telephone before fetching them to the warehouse. We are very full at the moment and would struggle to fit any more in. We are happy to take your details and contact you when we can take them. Telephone 07496732067 Thank you.

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Household items not working or broken?** Come along to Presteigne Repair & Share at the Old School (Youth Centre) this Saturday February 18th 10.00 til 12.30 pm. Please remember to empty hoovers & toasters first if you are bringing them !

...**Presteigne Clothes Swap & T-Shirt Printing** Saturday 18th February 14:00-16:30 at the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street. This FREE event is taking place during London Fashion Week, but with a theme around slow fashion! Just bring your clean, unwanted clothes along...someone else might love them! This is a drop-in event, open to everyone! Come and talk to our friendly Stand for Nature Wales team and the Presteigne Repair & Skills Share team to learn about slow fashion, repairing clothes, and upcycling! We will also be offering a free t-shirt printing workshop as part of the event. There will be two 1-hour sessions available: 2:15-3:15 pm and 3:30-4:30 pm. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential for the t-shirt printing. If interested, please email [chloe@rwtwales.org](mailto:chloe@rwtwales.org) with the number of participants, participant name(s), age, and the time interval you would like to book. Note: This session will require using a scalpel, so is suited for anyone over the age of 13 years old only. Also, please remember to bring your own plain t-shirt for printing onto. For more info, visit: <https://www.rwtwales.org/events/2023-02-18-presteigne-clothes-swap-t-shirt-printing>

...**Presteigne Firefighters Charity Car Wash** 25th February at the recycling layby from 10:00-14:00. Any funds raised will be split between the Fire Fighters charity, the Sleeping Dragon fund and Turkey/

Syria earthquake appeal! So if you fancy having your car washed by some absolute hunks and 2 lovely ladies please come and support us! Thank you!

...**John Peel's Shed** at The Assembly Rooms - a storytelling show by John Osbourne> A love letter to radio and how it punctuates our lives featuring a box of records won in a competition on the John Peel Show. Saturday 18th February 8pm, doors at 7.30pm [www.midborderarts.com/events/john-peels-shed](http://www.midborderarts.com/events/john-peels-shed)

...**Lunchtime Concert of Classical Music** 1pm Friday 21st April, St Andrew's, Presteigne. Come along and enjoy the sound of strings in our wonderful church and at the same time support a very worthwhile charity. Hilary Summers, 'cello, and members of Sounds Interesting will be playing to raise money for the children's brain tumour charity Team Cleo. One of our musicians tragically lost her daughter to brain cancer and has set up this charity which aims to raise awareness of the early signs of a brain tumour in children with the intent that an early diagnosis means a greater chance of treatment being successful. Contemporary classical music by American-born local composer, John Charles Hyslop: String Quartet no.3 & Suite for 3 Violas. This piece of music depicts a journey on foot along the Ridgeway to an event at the Hindwell Enclosure near Walton featuring songs & dances that could have been popular 5000 years ago. Many thanks to the church for hosting this event. Free entry. Donations requested.

...**Royal George, Lingen** - Save these dates in the diary...March 17th - Cheltenham Gold Cup ticket day from 10.30am; April 1st - Live music from Venus; May 6th - Right Royal Pub Quiz and Garden Party; July 1st - Live music from The Barebacks (& beers & BBQ); August 19th - Live music from The Innocent Criminals (& beers & BBQ)

...**Lingen Village Hall Flicks in the Sticks** - "Mrs Harris Goes To Paris" Friday 17th January, 7.30pm; "Where The Crowdaddy Sings" Friday 17th March, 7.30pm.

...Presteigne Screen presents "Decision to Leave" South Korea - [2022 - 139](#) mins - Rated 15. Friday, 17th February, 8pm. The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Films start 8: Tickets £5 at door, or online at [WeGotTickets](#).

...**The Judge's Lodging is opening its doors for the half term week.** It's only the second time in its 25 years it has ever done this - the first time was in 2020, when it suddenly felt like it might be the only time we might open that year! This year we're hoping it will feel a lot more relaxed and fun. We've got toys and games throughout the period rooms for visitors to have a go with, plus a special area where people can 'meet the collection', as we get out toys from the Presteigne Community collection and will be on hand to chat with visitors about them, from WWII toys home-made from old kitchen tins, to dolls with human hair! The volunteer-run tearoom will be open with yummy cakes and warm drinks too. <https://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/february-half-term-fun/>

...**from Beth at Presteigne Methodist Church - two Lent Lunches this year** on Saturday 4th March and the second one on Saturday 1st April, from 12-1pm. There will be a selection of home-made soups and crusty bread, finishing off with a cup of tea and slice of cake - no charge for these lunches, but donations received will go to the Turkey and Syria earthquake relief work. We hope that you will be able to join us for one or both of these lunches.

...**Your invitation to Aardvark Books Events 2023** - <https://mailchi.mp/127ea20f11ac/at-last-your-invitation-to-aardvark-books-events-2023> - have a look to find out our dates for your diary and news from Aardvark Books in Brampton Bryan!

...**Presteigne YFC Entertainment Evening** Sunday 26th February Memorial Hall, Presteigne. An evening of entertainment and fun with various acts and comedic sketches. Doors open 6.30pm, curtain up 7pm. Tickets on door £5 (under-16s £3). Refreshments available.

...**MAKE 11-14 – free half-term arts session.** The Sidney Nolan Trust is running a special half-term session of their MAKE arts and creative club for 11 – 14-year-olds on Tuesday 21st February. The session will be fun, informal and suitable for all ability levels, running from 10 am to 1 pm at The Rodd, Presteigne. The participants will use a wide range of media from drawing and painting, to photography and sound. Drinks and snacks will be provided. To sign up, and for further details, please email Antony at [info@sidneynolantrust.org](mailto:info@sidneynolantrust.org).

...**The Hub, New Radnor - another Fundraising Quiz** following the success of the last in aid of the Radnor Arms Hotel refurbishment fund. Sunday 5 March. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Teams of six £2pp.

## OTHER INFORMATION

...**Shop in Presteigne to Rent** (previously Presteigne Barbers), opposite the Library and adjacent to St Michael's Hospice Shop. All enquiries to [07952 972746](tel:07952972746).

...**from Ohla - looking for accommodation.** Hello. I'm a Ukrainian woman with my daughter, some of you in Presteigne know and support us, very grateful for that, you have an amazingly supportive community! We're looking for a new dwelling starting from March as our sponsor will put the house we're currently living on the market. A house/flat/bungalow are acceptable in Presteigne/Kington area to have a possibility for my daughter to finish John Beddoes school, it is approximately until autumn. I'm ready to pay rent and utilities. Preferably 2 beds or one bedroom with large living room. Good Wifi Internet is a must. Will appreciate any help, please email [uvarova.working@gmail.com](mailto:uvarova.working@gmail.com). Thank you!

...**from Open Reach** - we've upgraded the network in Wales! Check your postcode for faster, more reliable broadband. Upgrade isn't automatic, if access is available for your address now - you need to contact your choice of service provider to connect to the new network. Go to <https://bit.ly/3zJqcnp> to check your address.

...**PCC Green Waste**. Residents across Powys can now subscribe to this season's easy, clean and simple garden waste recycling collection service, offered by the county council. You can subscribe to the service for the 2023 season by visiting: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/gardenwaste>. More: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/13952/Registration-for-the-2023-garden-waste-recycling-collection-service-is-now-open>

### **R.I.P.**

...**Frank Baker of Presteigne** passed away peacefully on 20th December 2022 aged 87. Funeral service was held at Hereford Crematorium on 6 February

**LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** [ed. for other jobs in our local area, log on to <https://freegle.in/presteigne> and see *Jobs Near You* column on r.h.s]

...**Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. Day Care Nursery Setting Manager**. We are looking for a warm, committed person to take over the running of our well established and much-loved setting. We are a not-for-profit committee run full day care setting with 48 places for children aged 6 months to 12 years. Can you manage a busy business? Do you have childcare related experience / qualification and or business experience / qualification? Salary: From £26k depending on skills and experience. Location: Adjacent to Presteigne Primary School. Closing date: 27/2/2023. Interviews: week Commencing 6/3/2023. Informal visits are welcome. For more details contact Ann Wake 07734528571 email [chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk)

...**PNCS - volunteers to help out in the Warehouse!** Since opening at the new premises at unit 6 Presteigne Industrial Estate, we have been very busy and could do with some help. Duties would include assisting the staff with sorting donations, cleaning, tidying, serving and helping customers. If you are interested and could spare time on Monday Wednesday or Friday morning or afternoon please either come to the Warehouse and fill in a volunteer form or call in the PNCS office on the High Street.

...**Powys CC Apprenticeships**. We have provided opportunities for 10 apprentices in the last 12 months in education, childcare, ICT, property design, and engineering. Could you be our next apprentice? Join our Apprenticeship Talent Pool and be the first to hear about our apprenticeship roles with us in Powys. The application is simple and only takes a few minutes to complete! <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/13859/Apprenticeship-Talent-Pool>

...**Knighton Sports Centre. Recreational Assistant/Lifeguard**. Applicants 16 years + and either have NPLQ qualification or be prepared to take on the training <https://apply.workable.com/j/49E78CE2B1>

...**DM Recruitment - General operatives** to work in a busy factory in Knighton. 6am-6pm /6pm-6am rotating shifts, 4on/4off £10.50ph. Progressing and temp-to-permanent opportunities for the right candidates. Immediately start, 28 days holiday, Weekly pay, Pension scheme

...**Hereford Cathedral - Two positions** have arisen within our prestigious and vibrant music department here at the Cathedral: a Liturgy and Music Administrator, and a Alto Assistant Lay Clerk. Opportunity to combine these roles. More info [www.herefordcathedral.org/vacancies](http://www.herefordcathedral.org/vacancies).

...**Powys Teaching Health Board - Public Health Advisor**. Band 5 - £27,055 - £32,934. Location Flexible. Closes 15 Feb [www.healthjobsuk.com/job/v4918943](http://www.healthjobsuk.com/job/v4918943). The role will include managing new referrals, assessing client's motivation & readiness to change behaviours, interventions in line with the evidence base & National standards, organising/delivering support groups/individual appointments.

...**Evenjobb Saturday Café** is looking for one or more self-employed people to join our café management rota to run the café 10pm to 4pm on 1 to 3 Saturdays per month, £15ph. Please share this request as far and wide as possible. Interested in applying? please email [evenjobb@btinternet.com](mailto:evenjobb@btinternet.com)

...**Pembridge New Inn is looking for staff** - general assistance in all areas, cleaning, waiting on tables, vegetable preparation and customer service and care - please phone 01544388427 for more information. As we are a pub, weekend work will be required, thanks

...**DM Recruitment is actively recruiting line runners** to work in a busy factory environment. Location Knighton. Hours 6am-6pm /6pm-6am rotating shifts. System 4on/4off. 12.60-13.90. Progressing opportunities for the right candidates. Temporary to permanent opportunity. Immediate start, 28 days holiday, Weekly pay, Pension scheme

...**Presteigne Building Supplies. HGV Driver** wanted! We are looking for another member of staff to join our team. Delivery Driver/Yard & Shop assistant. Full time with HGV class 2 license required. Call in or email for application form [pbspresteigne@gmail.com](mailto:pbspresteigne@gmail.com) 01544 267284

...**Sargeants - School Bus Drivers** wanted. 01544 230481 or email [offices@sargeantsbros.com](mailto:offices@sargeantsbros.com). Part-time 20hrs/week. fully-funded training provided.

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