

Community News



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DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS 10am Monday 14th August

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

THANK YOU!

... **thank you, everyone in Presteigne & Norton, for your incredible support for Carnival** - rain threatened all day but stayed away long enough for the Parade and first few hours until the heavens opened but we carried on and fortunately the weather then stayed relatively kind for the evening music - Kickback, DJ Stef and the Fabulous Bordellos - brilliant! Congratulations to all the competition, games, TOW and Parade winners, to our lovely Carnival Queen Daisy and her attendants Plamena, Olly, Freya and John, and to Glenys for opening this year's event. Carnival wouldn't happen without so much preparation, imagination and hard hard work by the Carnival committee led by the force of nature that is Debbie Davies, and the indefatigable Potts brothers, but we also owe special thanks to Trevor for compering, Matt for the electrics, Rory for all his events kit (tables and lighting), Tony & Andrew for the PA, to John, Ben and Roy for their beautiful old cars, to Colin and his lovely band of stewards for organising the road closures and safely marshalling the Parade through town and, finally but not least, to all the wonderful local volunteers who gave their time over the weekend to help with setting up, manning entrances, parking, stalls and games on the day, and clearing up afterwards. So many people to thank, we can't mention you all, but Carnival wouldn't (couldn't!!) happen without you. Carnival 2024 - bring it on! Saturday 13 July. Want to get involved in planning or volunteering for 2024? - email Debbie now on dbrhdvs6@aol.com.

...**from PSAFC** - big thank you to the Pegasus team for digging in a French drain to stop our training pitch flooding. Top job by a top team.

...**Presteigne Carnival - Thank you to everyone who entered the Country Fair Classes.** The winners of the cups are as follows:- Home Grown Produce - John Chrimes; Home Grown Flowers - Sarah Kilby ; Floral Art - David Freake; Cookery - Sarah Kilby; Home Crafts - Amaryllis Bell & Soo Linacre; Hobbies & Interests - Martin Dyer; Best in Show - Viv Freake; Children under 6 - Arthur Kirkby; Children 7-14 - Joe Lunn. Thank you to the Knit and Natter Group for the donation of a cup for the Hobbies and Interests class in memory of Pat Mather, and to Paz Clee for the donation of the cup for the Best in Show prize.

...**from the organisers of Kinsham Classics Show** thank you to all Exhibitors, Traders, the Mid Wales Axe racing team and Presteigne Fire and Rescue service and every one who came today to make the show a great success.

...**an enormous Thank You from Carnival to Drew and Dale** for organising the Treasure Hunt on Saturday, to Meg for helping, and all the lovely families who came and took part! Wow, such fantastic support, a great first event to start the week! Thanks also to Sarah Kuegler for having the idea, and congratulations to Tom and Marnie who were drawn as winners.

SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...**Fraudsters are targeting homebuyers with fake mortgages.** Action Fraud has warned about a rise in mortgage scams at a time when rates are soaring. In the past two weeks alone, it has received 538 reports of fake emails from supposed mortgage lenders. The emails claim to offer low-rate mortgages on limited-time deals and include links to check your eligibility or get a personalised rate. However, these links lead to fraudulent websites designed to steal your banking information.

...**Scammers impersonate your friends for gift cards.** The latest wave of gift card scams involve fraudsters impersonating one of your email contacts and asking you to buy a gift card for them as a favour. This scam begins with a fraudster sending a bogus email posing as someone in your contacts list. They then request gift cards for retailers such as Amazon, claiming that they need help purchasing

the cards for a sick family member. As the message appears to come from someone you know, you might think it's real and agree to buy - be careful, double-check any unusual requests, even if they appear to be genuine at first glance.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...from PCC - across Wales, most roads with 30mph default speed limits are changing to 20mph from the 17th September 2023 - see <https://bit.ly/3MlvD06>

...**Latest planning application** to be considered at the July TC meeting: 23/0859/FUL Grid Reference: E:331532 N: 264397 Proposal: Change of use from disused vacant doctors surgery to 4 one bedroom flats to rent Site Address: Surgery , Harper's Lane, Presteigne, LD8 2AN.

...**next full Presteigne & Norton Town Council meeting** Wednesday 19th July at 7pm, meeting papers available now from the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk

...from Powys CC - **Have your say on the Powys Leisure Review.** We would appreciate your feedback to help design a sustainable leisure offer for the future. Take part online now: <https://www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/powys-leisure-review-2023>. Paper versions of this survey are available from Presteigne library. The closing date is: Monday 28 August

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Food Bank in Presteigne - change of day/time.** We are now operating from Presteigne Youth Centre - the Old School, Hereford Street, on MONDAYS, between 10am and 11.30am. The foodbank is preparing for a significant increase in referrals to support parent and carers of school age children who during term receive free school meals and/ or breakfast. The holiday break can put a strain on already hard pressed families and finding money for extra meals can be difficult if you are on a low wages, working tax credits, disability benefits or claiming Universal Credit. We can offer additional help by providing food parcels to parents of school age children during July and August, especially, but not exclusively, for those who normally receive free school meals. Contact Helen [07731 524 058](tel:07731524058)

...**Judge's Lodging** - excitement is mounting here for the start of our summer season this weekend, but not so much as the excitement of the return of our beloved Victorian pickle jars!!! They've been hiding behind the scenes, whilst we lovingly changed vinegar, sealed tops with wax and then created new flour-paste tops.....and whatever you're thinking about the contents of the big jar, we've heard it all before! (It's pickled marrows, stuffed with horseradish and spices, honestly). Sundays...a time for relaxing, yes? For all of July, August and September, we are also open on Sundays, so come on down and relax in the Judge's chair!

...**Freedom Leisure - We currently have space for children age 4+ in Wave 1 beginner groups.** Spaces are as follows: Monday - 4.30pm; Tuesday - 4pm; Wednesday - 4pm & 5.30pm; Fridays - 4pm & 5.30pm; Saturday - 9.30am & 10am. £29.80 per month for one half hour lesson per week, for 50 weeks of the year, PLUS, unlimited swimming to practice for FREE! Contact us at eastradnor@freedom-leisure.co.uk or 01544 260302 to find out more!

...**Little People's Playgroup - Holiday Club 17th July** (Presteigne Primary School's Inset day) We have a small number of spaces available for school children on the day. Contact the nursery asap.

...**Emily George Dance Classes** - We will be accepting new students for our dance classes in September, age 4-16 in Presteigne. We cover various styles such as modern, hip hop, acro cheer, musical theatre and tap. Get in touch egeorge95@icloud.com. Limited availability!!

...from Amy - **Presteigne Girl Guides.** I'm a Leader for the local Girlguiding units (we cover ages 4-14 year olds) in both Presteigne and Knighton area and would love to connect with other people/ organisations that might like to do a workshop/taster session at one of our meetings. This could be anything from dance to crafts to meditation/tai chi or even informative sessions. Contact Amy email amyprice@hotmail.co.uk

...**Presteigne Freegle - School Uniforms.** As the school year comes to an end....remember Freegle is a great way to pass on unwanted school uniform, equipment, books, P.E. kit and just about anything else! And save money by finding different things that you do need - all for free. Check out what's on offer on Presteigne Freegle and other neighbouring groups. Please use Freegle or a school scheme to share your unwanted uniforms so others can rewear them and save money too. Our free app will connect you with many thousands of locals who love sharing their surplus stuff - give it a go (you've nothing to lose!). Grab our app here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/>. School uniforms should be cheaper to buy since a new law came into being to reduce branded garments but it still costs hundreds of £s to buy new items, difficult for many with the cost of living crisis <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/66027873.amp>

...**Royal British Legion Club - large room for hire.** Contact Andy Crowe 07854408577

...[anon] **Want to start doing yoga?** Start by bending down to pick up your dog's mess - it's called the Downward Dog Position - then put it in a bin please. Thank you!

...from PNCS - **We are very short of drivers again through July.** Only ring for transport if you have no other option. Thanks for your patience. If you'd like to find out more about being a volunteer driver please talk to Sharon at PNCS Office, High Street, Presteigne 01544 267961

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Don't miss the Norton Show, Sunday 30th July, noon till 5pm.** Only £3 entry and kids are free! Lots of attractions for all, plus horticultural and craft competitions, vintage tractor and car runs, car boot. Contact Chris Price [01544 267898](tel:01544267898).

...**local celeb Ian Marchant (Radio 4 and multi-published author)** talks about his new railway book this Sunday 16 July 3pm, Assembly Rooms - to whet your appetite, see this video for rail buffs on the Leominster/Pembridge/Kington/New Radnor/Titley and Presteigne line https://youtu.be/NysA_nluEFM. Ian is a very witty and relaxed presenter - don't miss him!

...**from PNCS - Five Day Art Sale** from Tuesday 1st August to Saturday 5th August at Shop No. 2, Radnor Buildings, Hereford St (Opposite The Farmers Inn). We have a large collection of original works by local artists, quality prints, art supplies and art related books, all at very reasonable prices. Shop open from 10a.m to 4 p.m. - please note: Cash Sales Only)

...**Presteigne Repair this Saturday 15th July** at the Old School (Youth Centre) 10am to 12noon. Please bring in items to be mended *before* 12noon, thank you (n.b. a basket with egg cartons & green hat was left in the Old School at the last Repair session - please collect!)

...**Presteigne Festival - 24-28 August 2023.** Presteigne Festival has just completed a project creating and performing songs with 75 children from 5 local schools, including Presteigne Primary. We'd like to thank all involved, especially the staff and teachers. Looking ahead to the end of August, this year's festival features the music of one of the most prophetic voices of the twentieth century, Czech composer Leoš Janáček. In the translation by Nobel prize-winner Seamus Heaney, Janáček's darkly atmospheric *The Diary of one who disappeared* takes centre stage on opening night. We're very excited to be welcoming Roxanna Panufnik as composer-in-residence, whose music was featured at the Coronation of King Charles III and who was recently described by *The Observer* as 'a gifted composer with a fast-growing reputation for heart, spunk and individuality ... distinctive in voice, serious, bold and appealing'. Alongside pieces by Bartók, Beethoven, Brahms, Britten, Debussy, Fauré, Poulenc, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky, our vital tradition of commissioning and premiering new music continues. New works from Panufnik, Michael Berkeley, Charlotte Bray, Edward Gregson, Thomas Hyde, Sarah Frances Jenkins, Claire Victoria Roberts, Adrian Williams and James B Wilson receive premieres. A world-class artist roster includes the Solem Quartet, Ivana Gavrić (piano), Rachel Roberts (viola), Mathilde Milwidsky (violin), Robert Plane (clarinet), Mark Wilde (tenor), Julien Van Mellaerts (baritone), Zoe Drummond (soprano), Alexei Watkins (horn), Chris Hopkins and Timothy End (piano), the Choir of King's College, London under Joseph Fort and the Festival Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble. We are delighted also to feature actor Christopher Good in our opening night concert. Radnorshire Wildlife Trust is partnering with us to lead two *Bees, Bugs and Flowers* walks. The first one sold out so quickly that we have just added a second event, also on Friday August 25th. Also included is poetry from Rhiannon Hooson, Christopher Reid on Seamus Heaney, Sioned Davies on *The Mabinogion*, Gavin Plumley on his book *A Home for All Seasons*, Barrie Gavin's film celebrating David Matthews' 80th birthday, three recent films from *Ffilm Cymru*, together with exhibitions and the popular Presteigne 'Open Studios' weekend, which celebrates the work of local artists and makers. Online and telephone booking is open <https://presteignefestival.com/events/> 01544 267800

...**Presteigne Methodist Church - Summer Fair** on 22nd July from 10-12, in the church garden (or if the weather continues like this, in the church). There will be plants and produce, a raffle, cakes, bric a brac and preloved items. Tea and cakes will also be served. Do join us!

...**Crocketts - Buenos Dias!** Following the success of our Portuguese food and wine pairing - now Viva Espana! - Wednesday 26th July - a 5-course tasting menu, with wines carefully chosen by Mark & Rita at The Real Wine Company. Also live piano with a Latin flavour, courtesy of Senor Simon Deeley.

OTHER NEWS

...**Dyfed Powys Police. Called 999 by accident?** The majority of abandoned 999 calls are accidental. Each time this happens, our call handlers spend time investigating if that person is safe. Some of these calls are genuine emergencies, but many are pocket dials. So, please stay on the line if you call us by accident, just to let us know you're okay. This will allow our Call Handlers more time to answer genuine calls for help

...**John Beddoes and other School leavers - do you know?** - if you were thinking of applying to Hereford Sixth Form College you may be able to get the Wales education maintenance allowance which is £40 a week. Eligibility applies. See <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/further-education-funding/education-maintenance-allowance/eligibility/>

...**from Rolly - Congratulations to Vicky Barnett** of Norton, the winner of the Wildflower Quiz given out by Verges for Nature at the recent Green Fair on Went's meadow !

R.I.P.

...**David Charles Richard Hancock of Presteigne**, died on 10th June aged 75. There will be a memorial service to celebrate and honour Dave's life at 1.15-2pm on 21st July at Hereford

Crematorium. Family flowers only please - if you would like to donate to a charity in remembrance, please do so in the name David Hancock to the British Heart Foundation: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/>. If you can't join us in person, please join the memorial online on July 21 at 1:15 pm. using: <https://watch.obitus.com/> Username: guho3440 Password: 967943

...Michael John Napolitano of Presteigne - passed away suddenly after a short illness on 18th June aged 75. Funeral Service at Presteigne Roman Catholic Church Tuesday 11th July at 1pm followed by burial at Presteigne Cemetery. Please wear a small touch of red. Donations, if desired, to Bracken Trust Cancer Charity - for further information 01544 267778, 01544 370217

...Maise - it is with the greatest sadness we hear of the passing of Maise, a stalwart of Norton. Maise was former shop & postmistress in Norton & a huge supporter of all events in the village, and served for many years as a representative on the P&N Town Council for the Norton ward - Maisie's funeral will be on Friday 28th July at 12noon in St. Andrews Church, Presteigne

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]

...2023 Norton Show - Volunteers needed - Sunday 30th July - the Norton Show back on home turf and raising funds for The Hub which is due to open this year. No event can be run without volunteers and that's where YOU can help. No need to sign up for all afternoon - 1 hour of YOUR time would be fine, longer would be good. Lots of man hour volunteers needed to help with stewarding, car parking, helping in the tea tent etc. Please spread the word - not everyone accesses Facebook - word of mouth, neighbour to neighbour. YOUR community. YOUR event. YOUR time and help would be much appreciated. Please email volunteering.nct@gmail.com

...Cleaner for two independent holiday let businesses, one based nr New Radnor and one In Burlingjobb - to help with changeovers and clean 4 properties, 2 cabins and 2 cottages. You need to be extremely thorough and organised plus laundry if possible (but not essential). £16 per hr. Call Susan 07941 807492 or Rachael [07901615132](tel:07901615132)

...Orbis Education & Care - Support Worker Summerril House, Presteigne. We have an exciting opportunity for a caring and compassionate Support Worker to join the Orbis team in our beautiful Summerril House service. As a Support Worker, you will be supporting children with complex needs associated with autism to attend school and complete day-to-day tasks - an important role in enabling the individual to live as independent & fulfilling life as possible, all whilst having fun! See bit.ly/3XxsL9I

...Presteigne Medical Centre - Experienced Cleaner required for 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 11:30am to 2:30pm. £12.50 per hour. You will be required to complete an enhanced DBS, expense to be met by employer. Call Carrie on 01952 461078 or email cpestana@nicgroup.co.uk

...Powys Teaching Health Board - Want to become a nurse but don't want to move away to train? Want a degree but can't afford to go to university? Live in Powys? We will pay for your nursing degree AND pay you a salary at the same time. You will study in Powys with remote access to university. - you don't have to leave home. Work as a Health Care Support Worker while you study on full pay. Have a guaranteed career in Nursing after you finish with opportunity to develop further. https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Powys/Powys_Teaching_Health_Board/Aspiring_Nurse_Training/Aspiring_Nurse_Training-v5412982?_ts=1693

...Knighton Hotel - Part-time cleaner/receptionist (8/16 hours per week). jobs@theknightonhotel.com

...John Beddoes Campus - cleaner, 12.5 hours per week. 41 weeks per year plus holiday time. £10.72 per hour. For further details, please contact the school office on 01544 267259

...Dyfed Powys Police - INTERNS - We have an exciting opportunity for four undergraduate students to join us as interns from September. This is a chance to learn new skills in digital media, business intelligence, digital forensics, or finance, while bringing new ideas to the force. You'll work alongside your degree study with a salary of £20,188. For full details, and to apply, click the appropriate link: Digital media: <https://orlo.uk/KRVqY> ; Business intelligence: <https://orlo.uk/IMNhQ>; Digital forensic: <https://orlo.uk/AbtdG>; Finance: <https://orlo.uk/MVKWu>

...Sun Care (Home Care) - Full time care worker for Kington and Presteigne areas, 7am start, 35 hours to include 2 evenings and alternate weekends. Car driver essential. Part time hours also available. Monday to Friday £11.55 Saturday and Sunday £12.10. Call on 01544 231413 or call into the office for a chat. Come and join a company that have been providing care for over 25 years and see how you can help us make a difference to people's lives

...Join our Stagg Team! We are looking for all positions Front of House and Back of House - Waitressing Staff, Kitchen Porters and Chef de Partie, part-time and full-time. Experience is recommended. Email us on enquiries@thestagg.co.uk or give us a call at 01544 230221

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