

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"*

**Next Issue deadline for contributions 10am Thursday 14 September
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

...DON'T FORGET - the Food Market this Saturday is at the **Old School, Hereford Street!**
...**Presteigne Panto** - all are welcome to the read through/casting session for the Presteigne Panto 2023: 'A Christmas Squirrel', in which Ebenezer Scrote arrives in Victorian Presteigne and wants to make some unwelcome changes which will threaten the wellbeing of the townspeople, including Bob Scratchitt and his vast family... If you can come along, it's at **7.30pm on Monday 4th September at the Workhouse Gallery**, Presteigne (please bring your diaries so you can let us know your availability for rehearsals - these will always be Monday nights but you won't be needed every Monday). If you'd like to be involved, as an actor or backstage, but can't come along on that date, please drop Sarah a line sarahburton@me.com.
...**Public Meeting on the future of the East Radnor Leisure Centre in Presteigne** - 7.30pm **Monday 11 September** at the Leisure Centre. The meeting will be a chance to bring everyone up to date and discuss a way forward. If the Leisure Centre is important to you, please go!

SCAM WARNING (from WHICH and other sources)

...another copycat website scam. The retailer Wilko recently announced it had gone into administration, and fraudsters have been quick to capitalise. WHICH found ads for 10 fraudulent websites impersonating Wilko being promoted through Facebook ads, so watch out!
...be wary of email/photos phish. People are receiving emails seeming to come from friends saying something like "I'm sorry, I should have sent you these photos before" or similar. Your friend's email has been hacked - don't open the email and delete!!

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...**Presteigne & Norton Town Council had their monthly meeting on 16th August, followed by a Town Walk by Councillors to view particular areas of interest or concern.** To read the notes and for how to contact the Town Council go to <https://www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council> and scroll down to "Latest draft minutes available here".

Latest planning applications - to be considered at the next meeting of the Town Council.

23/1306/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331415 N: 264589 Proposal: Works to trees within a conservation area Location: The Vine, St David's Street, Presteigne.

23/1304/TPO Grid Ref: E: 329473 N: 266616 Proposal: Works to tree subject to a Tree Preservation order Location: Green Acres, Norton Manor Park, Norton Presteigne.

23/1277/FUL Grid Reference: E:331376 N: 264462 Proposal: Change of Use of Mixed Use Building to A3 Use Class (Part Retrospective) Site Address: 11 High Street, Presteigne.

...**Presteigne Cemetery: Please do not exercise your dogs and allow them to run free on the cemetery.** Dogs are permitted on leads but this is not an area for exercising your dog! The Town Council provides Went's Meadow for dog walking and free dog poo bags on the site.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Presteigne Area Community Development Group** - a reminder about PACDG AGM on 5 September, a short review of our activities over the past year. If anyone would like to come

along, you'd be very welcome - a good chance to find out who we are, what we do (in addition to this Community News!) and maybe consider getting involved. Contact admin@pacdg.org.

...**East Radnor Care AGM** Thursday 7th September 7pm East Radnorshire Day Centre, Scottleton Street, Presteigne. Please come along to find out more about the various services we run, including East Radnor Home Support and future plans for the Day Centre. Papers & refreshments available from 6.30pm. Please RSVP to admin@eastradnor.care. For a copy of the papers please call 01544 260267 / 01544 260360 or email admin@eastradnor.care

...**from Sarah - Yoga at the Old School**. Please note no sessions on 30 August and 6 September - restarting Wednesday 13th September 6.30pm. Info from Sarah 07900 911194

...**East Radnorshire Care** provides a range of services including East Radnor Home Support, East Radnorshire Day Centre, Lunch Club & other short-term projects, supporting people in the community. Home Care - supporting people to live independently at home, providing advice & support. Transport - a wheelchair accessible minibus for a door-to-door service. Lunch Club - two course hot lunch and refreshments provided. Bathing service with specialist bath. 24hr rapid response to emergencies via Care Line. If we can offer any assistance, please do get in touch. admin@eastradnor.care. 01544 260267 or 260360

...**Yoga in the Viniyoga tradition** of T Krishnamacharya and his son, TKV Desikachar, classes in Stapleton, Presteigne. New term begins 5th of September. If you can breathe, you can practise yoga. You do not have to be flexible or have a 'perfect' body. Tuesday morning and evening group classes. One-to-one tuition available to address therapeutic and other needs. For more information, contact Marie Hudson on marieh279@gmail.com or 07972 492304.

...**from Sargeants - Student Passes!** It's that time of year again - if you would like to order a student pass for any of our services, please could you email us at: office@sargeantsbros.com. Please include where the student will be travelling from and to, and whether it is a School or College pass that you require. We will then get back to you with the relevant information.

...**1st Presteigne Scout Group is really excited to be re-opening the Scout Section**. We will be running on a Thursday evening 1830 to 2000 at the Scout hut on Went's Meadow, starting on 7th September. You need to be 10 1/2 - 14 to join us, boys and girls are both very welcome. Come and try us for 4 weeks to see if it's for you, bring your friends to share the fun. If you are interested in more information please contact 1stpresteignescoutgroup@gmail.com and see <https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts> or facebook.com/PresteigneScouts

...**Nona Caterina Italian Food** - Finally you might all be able to eat in the garden (Italian style)! Home delivery to Presteigne area. Please give us your address, postcode and phone number, when you order. *Feel free to ask if your location isn't listed! See our Facebook page.

...**The Judge's Lodging** - now selling scrumptious homemade Scones with jam and cream in our delightful tea room. We have lots of choice when it comes to tea and coffee too from our Judges Choice to Dragons Breath.... soft drinks are available for children too. Pop in and see for yourself and if the weather is kind then sit in our beautiful garden. Open 1030 am until 5pm.

...**PNCS Charity Warehouse - mobility scooter** for sale at £500 or near offer! Freerider Mayfair scooter in excellent condition with extras. PAT tested. First come - we cannot reserve!

...**Presteigne Dark Skies** has received a Magic Little Grant through the partnership between Localgiving, and the Postcode Community Trust, a grant-giving charity funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery. Localgiving is the UK's leading membership and support network for local charities and community groups. The project received £500, which will be used to obtain suitable drone footage to publicise Presteigne and Presteigne's new street-lighting. This publicity will be used to encourage other towns to become Dark Skies Communities.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**The Celtic Dragons present PREST FEST** - a family friendly festival at The Woodcutters Arms, Knighton Road, Presteigne 2nd September, 2pm to late. Kids games, bouncy castle & play area, food van, licensed bar, free camping. Live Band: Eternity Road; Presteigne Pop Choir; Press Gangers Shanty Band; Undaunted; The New Deadly; Empire of Lights. Pre book £15, £20 on the gate, <16s Free. Call Pam on 07974954526 (proceeds going to Presteigne and Norton Community Support, and to Home Adaptations and Equipment for Alfie Retallick)

...**Presteigne Screen - "Rye Lane"** (UK 2023 82 mins 15). Friday 8th September. As uplifting as it is street-wise, the bubbling wit of Raine Allen-Miller's *Rye Lane* supplies the sort of tonic we could all well do with these days. For film info, to book and for full programme of screenings, see Presteigne Screen's website <http://www.presteignescreen.org.uk/index.php>

...**PSAFC 1st Team fixture list over the next few weeks** (Central Wales League South) 2nd Sept vs Penparcau (A); 9th Sept vs Aberaeron (A); 16th Sept vs Tregaron (A)

...**New Radnor Table & Garage Sale** 1am-3pm Sunday 3rd September. £5 to participate. Funds go towards upkeep of the Community Centre. Contact Carlee Evans: 07989 506042 carlee.evans@btinternet.com or Trudi Pritchard: 07796 447960 trudijp@hotmail.co.uk. Selling tables, Refreshments, Information and village location map from the Community Centre.

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society** - next meeting in Lingen Village Hall on Wednesday September 13th at 7.30pm - a demonstration by Dean Sharp, entitled 'Be Different'. The competition - open to all - is 'Upcycle', a design without using floral foam. The informal flower classes in Whitton Community Hall resume on Thursday 7th September, 12-2pm. £5 charge per session. Contact the Secretary for dates and further details on 01544 340453. See our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/610659036597894>

...**Theatre at The Assembly Rooms - "Piece of Work"** by James Rowland. Saturday 09 September, 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm. Master storyteller James Rowland returns to Presteigne with "Piece of Work", he explores how the landscapes we exist within effect the way we think and feel; how searching for something is an end in itself, regardless of whether the search is successful. It's about our sense of home, and the hope that makes our lives liveable. Tickets - £12. Under 25's - £8 (Limited tickets) from The Workhouse or online at WeGotTickets.com

...**Chatterbrook WI** - next meeting on Thursday September 14th at 7pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, celebrating Powys / Radnor Federation's Centenary with an evening of history and reminiscences. Visitors, especially ladies interested in joining us, are very welcome to come along - find out what the WI is about in 2023! - £4 on the door. Further information 07536 979665 and see <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

...**Norton Harvest Lunch** (in support of Norton Community Hub) at Old Impton Barn on 17th September 12.30 pm. Two-course Lunch to include wine, beer & soft drinks. £20.00 p.p. (children under 16 free) Tickets from Chris Ruby (01544 267749) Chris Refaussé (01544 267048) Tracey McAdam (07896 281164)

...**Presteigne Bat Walk** Friday 8th September 7.30pm. Presteigne Dark Skies along with Radnorshire Wildlife Trust have organised a guided bat walk at the Withybeds nature reserve. Meet at the entrance to the Withybeds, Knighton Road, Presteigne. Bring a small torch, stout footwear and suitable clothing. Bat detectors will be available. The event is FREE but donations would be welcome to cover Radnorshire Wildlife Trust costs. Places limited, so call Leigh on 07490 153528 or taylorfarmhouse@outlook.com to book or obtain more information.

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in September** Tues 5th Group Social Event with short walk. Weds 6th Hills & Valleys east of Llandrindod Wells, 7.5 miles. Weds 20th Hay on Wye, Clyro & Llowes, 7.8 miles. Thurs 21st Knill & Little Brampton, 3.7 miles. For more walks and further details please see www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor-group or call 01544 260524

...**Abet - a new contemporary art group for adults based at The Rodd** (Sidney Nolan Trust) starting Saturday 14 October, 10 am to 2 pm. Price = sliding scale of £20+ including lunch, beverages and materials. for creative beginners through to practicing artists, aged over 25+. To find out more please contact Antony on learning@sidneynolantrust.org or 01544 260 149.

R.I.P.

...**Janice Margaret Kuegler 'Jan' of Presteigne**, passed away peacefully at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham on 16th August, aged 62. Committal Service will be on Friday 8th September at Hereford Crematorium, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's, Presteigne at 1pm. Family flowers only please, donations (if desired) to the Renal & Dialysis Unit, University Hospital, Birmingham. Enquiries to Geoff Hall Funeral Services 01547 528554

OTHER NEWS

...**Presteigne recycling** - the East Radnorshire Day Centre collects used postage stamps to raise funds, and printer ink cartridges for recycling. At the Old School in Hereford Street there

are specialist recycling bins for printer ink cartridges, laser print cassettes, pens, pill blister packs, and small electrics/electronics (NOT household goods). Crisp and snack packets (which used to be collected by No. 46 Wine Bar) can now be put in with your soft plastics/film etc and recycled at main supermarkets. Presteigne Spar accepts small batteries for recycling.

...And now you can also recycle your used razors and razor blades for free. How it works - Gillette® has partnered with TerraCycle so you can recycle any brand of razors and razor blades. Get a **free** pre-paid shipping envelope through the Gillette website <https://www.gillette.co.uk/recycle.list>, send in your waste. Each household can request 4 envelopes per year, with a maximum of 16 razors and/or razor blades to go in each envelope.

...Powys CC - Do you need home adaptations ranging from a simple handrail to a walk-in shower? Contact us for more information at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7708/ASSIST>

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]

...Houseworks Cleaning Services - looking for additional cleaners. £12ph paid on day you work. Work available near to Kington and surrounding areas. Please txt name and area you live to us and we will call you back 07955 573915

...Bateman Arms, Shobdon - cook or chef to join our friendly team. Experience is important but we would also love to hear from people who have a passion for cooking and are eager to learn. If you are interested please FB message Mike, or email mike@thebatemanarms.co.uk

...Labourer or semi skilled worker required for work in Presteigne area. Please contact Ian on 07717 401427

...S. Kay Construction Ltd - agricultural building erectors and labourers. Working around Herefordshire, Shropshire and mid Wales. May be required to work away from home from time to time. Must hold a full UK driving license. On the job training will be given. Dayrate/hourly and price work available. Rates negotiable dependent on experience. We currently have teams based in Hereford and Presteigne. Contact s.kayconstructionltd@gmail.com or 07964054104

...MiNR (Music in New Radnor) - Volunteers. We need two (or more) people to come on board to do specific jobs as part of the existing MiNR Committee - a Minutes Secretary, which requires attendance at our monthly meetings in New Radnor - and a Distributor, someone to send posters out to the people who put them up. This is a job that is done from home. If you're interested to get involved in MiNR and either of these roles pique your interest, please get in touch with Mary on 07790435411 or minrmailings@gmail.com in the first instance.

...Seconds & Co. - admin office worker, must be computer literate and confident on Excel: Presteigne, Wednesday-Friday. 8.30 - 4.30, £11.50 ph. Holidays: pro rata. Please send your CV to info@secondsandco.co.uk or call for information on 01544 260 501 or 07788 500295

...Royal Oak, Presteigne - bar staff wanted, 21yrs+, available to work weekends. Immediate start in order to train you up for upcoming events (open mic night, live band, dj night) - must be able to work till Christmas. Previous bar work experience desirable but not essential. To apply or for more information please send us FB message or call on 07773 953214.

...Shropshire Spice Co. (Clun) - three full time staff, working hours Mon - Fri 9-5, some opportunity for overtime - positions involve some lifting/working on production line as part of a small team. Interested or need information? Call Rob 07970801648 or Sheila 07531 066861

...Chevron Green Services - Admin Assistant to join our Head Office team in Presteigne, providing admin and personnel support to Chevron Green Services which offers environmental consultancy, arboriculture services and commercial vegetation management across the UK. See the full job spec and apply here: <https://careers.chevrontm.com/job/cgs-admin-assistant/5803> or email your questions to: info@ChevronGS.com. We can't wait to hear from you!

...Knighton Town Silver Band - looking for new members, front & back row - Cornet players, Percussion, and a Bass Trombone. We are a friendly, non-contesting band and we welcome all players. We have just completed our successful busy Summer season of fetes, shows & carnivals and are looking forward to preparing for a couple of Autumn concerts then its onward to the frantic Christmas season. Rehearsals Tuesday evenings St. Edwards Church Hall, Knighton, 7-9pm. Email knightontownsilverband@gmail.com or call Andy 07816 259784

...Powys CC - multiple vacancies, across the whole county, for (Apprentice) Highways, Grounds & Street Scene Operatives - an exciting opportunity to 'earn while you learn' and gain practical skills on the job £10.90/hr. 37 hrs p/w. Fixed 2 year contract in line with the apprenticeship, gain qualifications on the job. Positions in North/Mid/South Powys <https://en.powys.gov.uk/view-job?id=640914bhjh&lang=USA>

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