

Community News

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"Working Together For Our Community"

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(n.b. no end-April 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

Return of the Sleeping Dragon! The Dragon is ready! He returns on Saturday 27th April at 2.30 pm to his original spot behind the Corton (Dragon) Roundabout. Afterwards we are planning to head down to the Radnorshire Arms for a celebratory drink and there may be some music too. The story including the rebuild and the sponsors and donors will all be recorded on memory sticks and in time capsules so the legend can continue.

THANKS

...**Norton Hub** - the doors were finally open last weekend for the Community to have a sneaky peek behind, to see what works have been going on to adapt the building into a multi-use facility. It was lovely to see so many friends, old & new, and to hear the chatter & laughter. Many thanks to the Norton Community Hub committee and everyone who supported on the day. Mixed emotions for some, but amazing support & hopes & ideas for the future — at Norton Community Hub. Most who made it to the Hub today will have met our two horses at the gate and a good number entered the fun by putting forward suggestions for naming them. The draw was made at the close today and we're pleased to announce the winners. Male horse, named by Sarah, will now be known as TROJAN. Lady horse, named by Maggie, will be known as NORTON NELLIE. Enjoy the Easter eggs! Thanks to all for joining in. The horses will be positioned roadside, one at each end of the village at a later date to advertise the Norton Show in July. Great turn out on our Open Day. Thank you all for coming.

COUNCIL NEWS

...**Went's Meadow Community Work Day** - all welcome to help with a general tidy up on the site on 20th April, 10am to 4pm. Bring your own gloves/tools. Contact Cllr. Fiona Preece if you need any more information - fiona.preecepntc@gmail.com

SCAM ALERT

...**from Which? Beware social media hacking and identity fraud on the rise** (a) social media hacking - Action Fraud has issued a warning after 22,530 people reported that their social media accounts had been hacked in 2023. Fraudsters can access your online accounts in a variety of ways. If you find that one of your accounts has been hacked, you may be wondering how they gained access. (b) Identity fraud is the use of a stolen identity to obtain goods or services by deception. A victim can be left feeling extremely vulnerable, especially as the first you learn of ID fraud could be when you get a bill or invoice for something you haven't ordered, or when you have letters from debt collectors for debts that aren't yours. There are important things you can do to protect yourself against identity fraud – go to the Which? website to find examples of both these frauds, how to spot them, and how to protect yourself.

...**from Which? - Keep your tablet secure.** Our research has discovered that some tablet manufacturers support their devices with vital security updates for as little as two years, while others support theirs for five or more. Tablets are computers. And, just like computers, they're vulnerable to security attacks. Use our free website tool to check how long a new tablet will get software and security updates, and find out what to do if your tablet's at risk.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**Presteigne Festival Springboard events:**

Saturday and Sunday 11/12 May - Art in the Yard. Creative events and displays in Daphne's Yard behind Daphne's Pizza, High Street, Presteigne. From 10.00am to 4pm, hosted by Ruth Kirkby and Penny Hughes. Free admittance.

Saturday 11 May Broad Street Brocante. Broad Street hosts a brocante sale from 9.30 to 2.30pm. Pop across the road to hear free harp music at Presteigne Library.

Saturday 11 May Iron Age Hillforts in Wales - Dr Toby Driver. Of all the countries of the British Isles, Wales has a particularly rich legacy of Iron Age hillforts. Dr Toby Driver will discuss his new book (Logaston Press), and the remarkable people and places of pre-Roman Wales. Assembly Rooms, Presteigne, 11am. Tickets £6

Saturday 11 May - Sex and Drugs and Village Halls - Ian Marchant. In the 1970s, every teenage boy who didn't want to be a footballer wanted to be a rock star. Many of those boys are still dreaming, and in this talk, Ian Marchant pays tribute to the almost there wannabies with whom he has shared his life. Assembly Rooms, Presteigne, 2pm. Tickets £6

Saturday 11 May - Solo Violin Recital - Emma Roijackers. The incredibly talented prize-winning Dutch violinist plays a virtuosic programme of music by Telemann, Prokofiev and J S Bach. St Andrew's Church, Presteigne, 6pm. Tickets £10 (students and young people under 16 £5).

Saturday 11 May - Press Gangers - Presteigne's shanty band crewed by enlisted men waiting for their ship to come in – this crew of singers and musicians perform a mix of sea shanties and some Irish songs with rousing harmonies, encouraging audience participation. The Duke's Arms, Presteigne, 7.30pm. Admission £5 at the door (cash only) in aid of the RNLI

Sunday 12 May - Wilder Pentwyn - Radnorshire Wildlife Trust guides lead a visit to the beautiful Pentwyn Farm at the start of its 30-year journey to sustainable farming, that makes space for nature and allows natural processes to develop. Bus departure: 9.30am from Presteigne Recycling Site LD8 2UG, returning by approximately 1.30pm. Travel by bus only. Tickets £20 – advance booking only as numbers are limited.

Sunday 12 May - Singing Walk with Sue Harris - Sue and her Whitton Voices team share spring songs on a musical stroll around some of our loveliest woodlands as leaves unfurl and buds open – walk, chat, listen and join in. Meet at the Community Barn on Went's Meadow, Presteigne LD8 2BW 2.30pm. Tickets £6 – advance booking only as numbers are limited.

Sunday 12 May - Violin & Harp Recital - Emma Roijackers & Heather Brooks. A programme of popular classics from this talented team, to include the music of Bach, Massenet, Saint-Saëns and Debussy. Please join us afterwards for a drink and a brief introduction to the 2024 Presteigne Festival, August 22 to 26 with Artistic Director George Vass talking to author Nicholas Murray. St Andrew's Church, Presteigne, 3pm. Tickets £10, students and young people under 16, £5

Sunday 12 May - Klimt and The Kiss - Painted in Vienna around 1908, the evocative image of an unknown embracing couple has captivated viewers with its mystery, sensuality and dazzling materials ever since it was created. But just what lies behind the appeal of the painting – and just who was the artist that created it? An Exhibition on Screen film. Assembly Rooms, Presteigne, 5.30pm. Tickets £6
Tickets and further information from presteignefestival.com 01544 267800

...Kington Choral - Summer Concert, a date for your Diary. Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Presteigne. Tickets are on sale now. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DIWE>. The concert programme is a collection of seasonal music chosen from 500 years worth of the best choral repertoire - medieval music, madrigals, classical oratorio highlights, romantic favourites, plus some modern treats - something for everyone—from Brahms to Bob Chilcott, Handel to Vaughan Williams and Gershwin. We welcome Welsh Harpist Eleri Darkins as a guest performer with the choir for this concert

...St Andrew's, Presteigne - Fashion Show, 18th April from 7pm. Tickets £5, to include a glass wine, tea or coffee. Contact for tickets [01544 267857](tel:01544267857) or [07903 506297](tel:07903506297).

...St Andrew's, Presteigne - Summer Craft Fair on 8th June from 2pm. If you wish to have a stall to sell your crafts, contact [01544 267857](tel:01544267857).

...Walton Village Hall AGM April 23rd 2pm (open to the public) followed by OGM. If you would like to join our committee please come along. Spring Clean April 30th 2pm Volunteers wanted!!

Also: Craft Afternoons 1st & 3rd Tuesday every month 2-4pm. Come along and do your craft with other crafters. £3 per session inc refreshments. Book & Jigsaw Swap 2nd Wednesday every month 10am - 1pm. Hundreds of books (& jigsaws) to swap or buy. Refreshments available including homemade cakes. Walton Village Hall will be in the Kington Community Shop from Wednesday 29th May. Donations of goods and volunteers for the shop required (more info next month). Tel: [01544 350 511](tel:01544350511) for more details, or contact a committee member

...MidBorder Arts - Luke Wright's Silver Jubilee Friday, 26 April 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm.

The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Over twenty-five years, Luke Wright has built up a reputation for being one of Britain's most popular live poets. This year he tries to celebrate his jubilee but ends up taking a deep dive into himself, throwing up questions about class, privilege and his adoption. Edinburgh Fringe smash hit. Tickets - £15. Under 25's - £10 (Limited tickets). Available now online at wegottickets.com/event/598633

...The Hidden Gardens of Hereford Street. The following Presteigne Gardens will be open in aid of St. Michael's Hospice on Sunday afternoon May 26th from 2 until 5pm. No 14 Hereford Street, Ivy House,

Appletree Lodge, Appletree House, Whitehall and Smiths. Teas will be served in the Baptist church garden, and plants will be for sale at no.14. Donations to the Hospice in memory of Andy Leavis.

...**Gather Round - singing with Marion** on Saturday April 20th at 11oclock in the Baptist church, Hereford Street, Presteigne

...**Change of date and time - talk on the Romans in Radnorshire** will now be on Monday 29th April at 7.30 in New Radnor Community Hall. All welcome - no charge - refreshments available. Hosted by The Radnorshire Society.

...**"Eclectic Finds" pop up shop**, opposite the library in Presteigne. Monday 6th-Saturday 11th May 10am-4pm daily. Seek and ye shall find paintings, prints, mosaics, French finds, china, crafts, jewellery, textiles, books, random things. Curator - Annette Gurr

...**Remember it's Presteigne Repair & Skill Share** coming up on Saturday 20th April. 'Don't Bin It Bring it' and see if one of our clever volunteers can help fix it! Household items for Repair, the Youth Centre, Hereford Street 10 till 12 noon. Please empty hoovers beforehand. Assistance dogs only inside.

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - Birthday Lecture with Ben Rowlence**. "Learning to see with ancient eyes – Reflections on climate, education and social change". Saturday 27 April, 3pm, The Rodd. Tickets £7.50 pp (plus booking fee) at www.sidneynolantrust.org

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - current exhibition 'Painting With Light'**. The exhibition showcases for the first time, the extent of Sidney Nolan's experiments with digital art and presents work by artists including David Hockey, Richard Hamilton and Larry Rivers who played an important part in the use of this emerging art form. Until Saturday 11 May, Tuesday – Saturday, 11am – 4pm, The Rodd

...**Taqasim Foundation presents "Borderless: East meets West"** Saturday 25th May 8pm, Presteigne Assembly Rooms, with Ahmed Mukhtar (oud), Ruba Hillawi (oud), Sonia Hammond (cello), Camilla Saunders (piano). Doors open 7.30, bar available. Tickets £10/£5 concessions, free to under 18s and families. For advance bookings email camilla@littleweed-music.org

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**The Circle drop-in group meets at the Old School (Youth Center)** on Hereford Street, Presteigne every Tuesday morning at 10am - 12pm (10am -1pm alternative weeks). Refreshments/soup are provided free of charge to anyone who likes to have company, a chance to make new friends, participate in fun with games, sing alongs, gentle chair exercises/relaxation, indoor carpet boules, bingo, interesting talks and general information. Everyone is welcome to this group of friendly like-minded people - just turn up, or for more information contact the Coordinator Tina on 07885279964 or PNCS Office on 01544 267961

...**Presteigne Rainbows, Brownies, Guides** - Do you have a daughter, or know of someone that does, that loves to explore the outdoors, get messy, sing songs and try new things? Our Presteigne Units have some super fun activities planned for the new term. As every week is different we offer two free taster sessions, so your daughter can experience Rainbows/Brownies and Guides for herself. Presteigne Rainbows and Brownies (4-10 year olds) meet together on a Tuesday evening - They start back on Tues 16th April. Presteigne Guides currently needs more potential members (10-14 year olds) to be able to restart their meetings, which we are keen to do.

...**Ali Lambie - Mindfulness & Self-Compassion**. It was nice to have a good crowd at The Assembly Rooms in Presteigne for my Introductory Workshop last month. I also led a packed session for the Women's Hour in Knighton where I'm now offering a weekly half hour of practice on Tuesday mornings. If you're already familiar with Mindfulness and would like the support of practicing regularly in community with others you'd be welcome to join one of my ongoing groups (two online options currently and in person coming soon). These are friendly supportive communities of people coming together for two hours a month. See my website for information <https://www.knightonmindfulness.co.uk>

...**Norton Community Hub - winners of Norton Hub 100 Club April draw** - 1st Prize £40 -Eveline Binkert Zenklusen; 2nd Prize £25 - Ruth Wilding; 3rd Prize £15 - D & J Rusher

...**1st Presteigne Scout Group Squirrels** section now have more spaces available for new members. Squirrels are for young members, boys and girls aged 4-6 years. To join our list for a leader to get in touch, please cut&paste this link https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/waiting-list/presteigne-waiting-list/8dbde293-63cc-4878-b951-51b711aee14b/apply?fbclid=IwAR3_xlPJ1g13j2XwGgKN4Xq3AR2tKul4b7ZLCBEZKS65CIBgQ6Uk4j4_57o. This link can also be used for the other sections to register older children.

...**Table Tennis at Lingen Village Hall:** Mondays 8-10pm and Tuesdays 7-9pm - just turn up with or without a bat!

...**new High Street shop OPENING SOON in Presteigne! Wired for Sound** (in the old Schwetz Gallery next to The Farmers Inn - for pre-owned, fully refurbished, tested & guaranteed Vintage & Classic Analogue Audio & Hi-Fi equipment. For more information call 07714 252136 or see www.wired-for-sound.co.uk

...**Eardisley Tennis & Croquet Club** will be holding a Open Day on Saturday 11th May (10am - 2pm). If you are looking for a fun and healthy social activity do come along to try your hand at either tennis or

croquet (both if you fancy!), meet club members and perhaps discover a new passion. Games for children with our LTA accredited coach Luci, a BBQ with Powell's award winning burgers, hot & cold drinks. All equipment provided. Ample parking. Plus 20% reduction in membership fee if you sign up on the day. Enquiries: membershipetcc@gmail.com The Wharf, Eardisley, HR3 6NS (signed off the A438)

...MAKE is a weekly arts and creative club for young people aged 8 - 13. Mondays (Term-time) 3.30 pm - 5 pm, Youth Centre, Presteigne. Summer term dates 2024: Monday 15 April - Monday 20 May; Half Term: Monday 3 June - Monday 15 July

...from Ella Astra Main - Vibe Cycling. Exciting news! New Vibe Cycling class Monday mornings at Presteigne Leisure Centre! Perfect for beginners and those of us that struggle to get to the evening classes! Members of Freedom Leisure - East Radnor Leisure Centre can book anytime, non-member bookings from this Sunday! Hopefully see a few of you on Monday

...Judge's Lodging - Our opening days have changed. We are now open 1030 to 430pm Wednesday to Saturday. Our tearoom is now self service. Cold drinks. Crisps. Fruit etc. There are games, second hand books and of course our shop is open. We have some lovely new stock in which is flying off the shelves. Our museum is the best value around, a great place to explore in this wet weather. Gift Aid with us (at no extra) get a free annual pass in return.

...looking for a welcoming and affordable space in central Presteigne for your club, classes, meetings, activity, birthday party or other gatherings? The Old School in Hereford Street can provide what you need. Contact Terry by email presteignedogman@icloud.com or call/text 07766 097600.

...Presteigne Carnival - We are now searching for our 2024 Carnival Queen! If you know of anyone who would like to enter, all the information is on our Facebook page.

OTHER NEWS

...Free Offer of hardcore - approximately 5 tons of clean rubble in bags is available FOC for collection from Presteigne. Contact Ian on [07717 401427](tel:07717401427).

...Presteigne Life Drawing group is looking for life models on Tuesday evenings 7 - 9pm £50 per session. If you are interested please email owen@owenrimington.co.uk

...A new service for patients with suspected heart problems has been introduced by Powys Teaching Health Board which is seeing patients diagnosed and treated closer to home. The service is already busy; currently, the team is receiving some 50 to 60 referrals to the service each month in the north of the county alone. Up to the end of March 2024, of the 458 patients assessed, only 22 needed to be referred to a consultant at a district general hospital. The remainder were able to be treated in clinic or by their GP with medicines and / or rehabilitation. This frees up the time of consultants at district general hospitals to deal with patients who need further intervention or investigation. It also means that Powys can afford better quality cardiology services and invest in providing these with local staff and their skills. The team operates out of Hereford County Hospital for Mid Powys patients. Plans are in place to roll out a service for the middle of the county (Llandrindod) soon.

R.I.P.

...Phyllis Doreen Williams of Castle Road, Presteigne passed away on 26th March 2024 aged 87 years. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church, Presteigne on Friday 26th April at 12 noon followed by interment in Presteigne Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Wales Air Ambulance. Enquiries Geoff Hall Funerals Knighton 01547528554

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 Youth Project Ltd (PYP) needs your help. Can you spare some time to help run our organisation by joining the existing volunteer team to support young people in Presteigne? PYP runs the Old School (Youth Centre) in Hereford Street, Presteigne, a community building providing a home for Youth Club, Rainbows & Brownies, Play 'n Stay, MAKE Arts & Creative Club - and a number of other groups and activities for both young and old. We have plans to improve our building and need additional expertise and experience to help us do that for the benefit of the whole community. Please contact us for more information or a chat over what us involved. Email diana@king618.co.uk or contact us through the Community News Editor call/text Terry 07766 097600.

...Sidney Nolan Trust - looking for new volunteers to support our creative charitable work. Opportunities include helping with our beautiful gardens, working with Sidney Nolan's extensive archive, and painting collection and greeting visitors in our gallery. If you are interested and would like to find our more, please email info@sidneynolantrust.org

...The Stagg Inn - Creative Chefs Wanted: Historically renowned & refurbished Herefordshire destination Inn. £12-£20p/h. Info@thestagginn.com. 01544 329966

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