

# Community News

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*"Working Together For Our Community"*

**Next Issue - deadline for contributions 10am Thursday 30th May  
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)

## THANKS

...**Presteigne Little People's Playgroup** - Big thank you to everyone who came and supported our car boot, and a special thank you to everyone who donated prizes/ cakes and all our amazing local businesses donating prizes for our raffle (Radnor Hills, Rose Cottage Cafe, SPAR Presteigne, Dolly Daydream Gift Shop, Daphnes Pizza, Oaker Wood Leisure, Old Railway Line Garden Centre, Jo Lewis for the delicious cakes, Jo & Michelle's Incredible Edibles, & Lorna's sandwich shop). Thank you to the Primary School for allowing us to use the car park. We have raised £332.80!!

...**Presteigne Carnival - the Carnival schedules are out!!** Coming through your doors shortly! Big thanks to Artisan Print for the fab job with the printing and, of course, to all our wonderful sponsors. And a Big Thank you once again to our generous companies and individuals who have donated some wonderful prizes for this year's raffle. Tickets will be on sale in the High Street every Saturday in June, plus at the Farmer's Market on the 1st June, or from any committee member.

## COUNCIL NEWS

...**Public Meeting - re Nant Mithil Energy Park.** 13 June 7pm at New Radnor Community Centre. Organised by New Radnor and Old Radnor Community Councils and County Cllr. Ed. Jones.

## SCAM ALERT

...**from Annie - beware of a sneaky current TV Licence scam doing the rounds.** Looks something like this: *Your TV Licence expires on 31 May 2024. To renew, choose whether you want to pay monthly or all in one go, get your payment details ready and then it's done for another year. Renew now. Renewing on time means more of the licence fee goes towards BBC TV, radio and online services. Thank you. Remember - Your TV Licence covers you to watch or record live TV programmes on any channel or device, or to download or watch BBC programmes on iPlayer - live, via catch-up or on demand. Don't be taken in - ALWAYS check the sender's email address before opening any links or handing over any money. Block sender & delete.*

## EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**FREE event at Presteigne Library: Meditation and Mindfulness taster session with Sarah Dutch.** Tomorrow! An informal session for anyone curious about meditation and what it can do for you. Suitable for beginners and free for all! Wednesday 15th May, 2-3pm.

...**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 or 07903560297. It will be in the Church yard if dry, otherwise in the Church.

...**Spring Shoots: A SoulCollage and Writing Workshop** with Julia Doggart. Saturday 18 May ground floor Presteigne Assembly rooms 10am - 4pm. Pre-registration required at

www.craftedessence.com. This workshop invites us to give time and attention to the seeds of our creative desire. Using the tools of Writing and SoulCollage, we will explore, uncover and nourish these seeds while paying attention to the qualities that support and complicate our creative goals. How is our relationship to the inner critic? What do we mean when we pledge to live a creative life? What truly matters to us here and now? SoulCollage is an easy, intuitive collage process focused around self-discovery. For more information [www.soulcollage.com](http://www.soulcollage.com)

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in 2nd half of May.** Weds 15th May Around Hergest Croft & Bradnor Hill, 8.7 miles. Weds 22nd May Late Spring in Bucknell Woods, 8.0 miles. Weds 29th May Huntington, Offa's Dyke & beautiful hills and valleys, 8.5 miles. For more details see [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call 01544 260524.

...**HART (Hay Animal Rescue Team) - two day fund raising event.** Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June 10am-3pm in 2 Radnor Buildings, opposite Presteigne Library. Bric a brac, clothes, bags, jewellery, come and bag a bargain and help a worthy cause at the same time. We are also asking for any animal food donations please to be dropped off during those two days for the animals that HART currently have in their care. Thank you. Louise George

...**Plant Sale at Presteigne Catholic Church - Saturday , 25th May,** from 10 am to 1 pm, free refreshments of tea, coffee and cakes (donations offered will be gratefully accepted). Everybody welcome.

...**Presteigne Methodist Church - Coffee Morning** on Saturday 18th May at 10.30am. (Yes, we're still here!) Only a few plants this year, but cakes, bric a brac, draw etc as usual. Please drop in if you can. We'd love to see you.

...**Music from the Parish. A fundraiser for St Michael's Hospice in memory of Andy Leavis** will take place on Wednesday 19 June, 7 pm at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. Compered by Ian Marchant, with Little Rumba, Jessica Rising, Presteigne Pop Choir and Rev. Steve Hollinghurst. Bar, snacks and raffle. Tickets £15 from The Salty Dog, The Workhouse Gallery and Courtyard Antiques.

...**Art Fair at the British Legion, Presteigne** - first Saturday of each month Art Fair 10 - 1pm. Craft and art work welcome £10.00 a table in the main hall, supporting local artists to sell their work - next date Saturday June 1st. Call Kay 07724379335

...**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

...**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.

...**Remember it's Presteigne Repair & Skill Share** coming up on Saturday 18th May. If you have household items that are not working or broken '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. Every day we throw away thousands of items which, if given some attention, might have their use extended, saving money and waste. Please empty hoovers beforehand. Assistance dogs only inside. All of May is 'Big Fix' month to encourage folk 'not to bin but bring'.

...**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](mailto:camilla@littleweed-music.org)

..**Sidney Nolan Trust - two new exhibitions** of work by Resident Artists Daisy Dixon and Kate Green. 16 May – 13 July. Daisy Dixon: "A Presence, A Home?", Kate Green: "At the Water's Edge"

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - Pinhole photography workshop** for young people 7 – 14. Saturday 1 June, 10am – 2pm

...**Norton Community Hub 'Village Walks & Lunch'** - Monday 27th May. From 10 - 3pm. Two led walks followed by a 2 course ploughman's lunch. Just come for lunch if you don't want to walk. Lunch served from 12 noon Price - Adults £10 Children (under 16 ) £5. To book a walk and / or lunch - please contact Chris Ruby 01544 267749 or Tony Morgan 0744 333 9609.

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - Abet, a creative group for adults** working with artist Richard Harris. Thursday 30 May, 11am – 2.30pm

...**Sidney Nolan Trust. FREE Annual Community Day** returns on Saturday 6 July, 12 – 5pm. Music by Iris Rei, Presteigne Pop Choir, Storytelling by Fiona Collins, arts activities, food and bar.

...**Presteigne St Andrews Football Club** - two course hog roast with various meats & salads as well as desert. £20 pp. Sparks Disco to follow! From 7pm - please Mark Weiland to reserve a space.

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

...**Presteigne Cricket Club** - any local businesses or people interested in sponsoring a home match for Presteigne Cricket club this summer? Sponsorship is £50 a match, for this you will be posted over clubs social media, put on matchday poster board at club, and welcome to join us for a drink and tea down the pavilion. If interested please get in touch with the following: Andy Bray +44 7817 655975, Fred Chilman +44 7817 655975

...**Rotary in the Marches are looking for new members to join our team**, who can bring with them new perspectives and ideas. Together we really can make a difference in people's lives. To find out about volunteering opportunities, contact knightonrotary@outlook.com, Cathy Jones on 07813 733240 or you can find us on Facebook.

...**The Royal Oak, Presteigne** - Hi guys! There seems to be a lot of confusion as to whether we're still a pub or just a restaurant. Just to make it clear, we ARE still The Royal Oak PUB as well as having our authentic Indian restaurant and takeaway. Our bar is located at the front of our building and the restaurant is behind, with lots of spacious seating areas and tables. We also have children's highchairs if necessary. Thank you for your understanding

...**Presteigne Library - Did you know you can borrow more than books from the library?** We now have Balance Bikes suitable for 4 - 6 year olds to help your little one get to grips with riding. They're free to borrow and come with a helmet!

...**Art for All classes every Tuesday morning** 10am -12noon at the British Legion call Kay [07724379335](tel:07724379335) for more information

...**Sidney Nolan Trust - MAKE art group** continues, Summer term, 3 June – 8 July. Every Monday 3.30 – 5pm at Presteigne Youth Centre. Details and booking at [sidneynolantrust.org](http://sidneynolantrust.org)

...**Pen Offa - our dog walking field is now ready for bookings.** It is secure, exclusive and has beautiful views. Please book in advance; our booking site is now available. Take advantage of our opening offer, use the voucher: 'open20' for a 20% discount. Go to <https://www.penoffa.farm/pawpaddock/> for more information. Penoffa Paw Paddock, at Penoffa Farm, LD8 2PB. Open for dogs who have booked, from Thursday 16th May. If you have any difficulties with using the website, you can contact Miranda on: 07962803253.

...**Norton Hub 100 Club - Results for the May draw are :** 1st - £40 number 64 - Jan Maynard; 2nd - £25 number 39 - Allan Flexman; 3rd - £15 number 55 - Rolly Badstock

...**The Judge's Lodging - Would anyone like any leaflet display holders ?** Different sizes available. Any cash donations in return gratefully received. Call in between Wednesday and Saturday. 10.30am to 4.30pm and ask staff. Please bring your own bags to take them away in. Broad St. Presteigne.

...**Presteigne Fire Station - Congratulations to our newest recruit Thom Wilcock** and all the other new recruits throughout the brigade who completed their initial course today! We look forward to Thom joining us on station!

...**Rose Cottage Café - Summer opening times now** - we are open from 10am till 4pm with last food orders at 3pm and then tea, coffee, cakes and cream teas till close. Slightly changed summer menu as well. Here's hoping the sunshine is here to stay.

...**Royal Oak, Presteigne** - Friday, Saturday, Sunday - Happy hours from 5pm-8pm. ALL pints £3.50 - how much better can it get!

### **OTHER NEWS**

...**from Ruth & Richard at Stocken Farm.** Our daughter is getting married from our home (Stocken Farm) on 25th May. (150 guests) I hope we are not too late, but would you put out some information if possible. Firstly, the lane going past our house (on Stonewall Hill) is likely to be congested, so it will be worth avoiding it between 12 noon and midnight. Secondly, There is likely to be quite a bit of noise/music etc but this should finish by midnight. Thirdly if anybody is able to provide lifts to get people from Presteigne or Knighton or Kington to Stocken Farm, (for a fee) please phone our son-in-law, Mohassin. Tele 07572578714. We have a number of guests who are staying in the area but who do not drive. Thank you! Ruth White and Richard Crellin.

...**Powys Recycles - Empty plant pots CAN'T be recycled in your red recycling box,** instead: Keep them for cuttings or planting seeds - Give them to friends and neighbours - Return them to the garden centre for them to reuse or recycle - Take them to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre

...**Care & Repair Cymru. Today we are launching Older Not Colder!** A new Wales-wide service that will support older people to keep their homes warm and their energy bills down. It is a free service for people in Wales over the age of 60, who own their own home or privately rent. It is made possible by our partners, Wales & West Utilities. Here's how the service will help... Our friendly Home Energy Officers will visit homes and provide a free home assessment. They will look at the heating system, insulation, and other factors that might impact warmth. They will offer expert advice and information on what repairs and behaviour changes would increase the home's energy efficiency and overall warmth. The Home Energy Officers will provide guidance on energy bills and fuel debt, signposting to other organisations that can help. They will also address any damp, mould and condensation issues that may be present in the home. Finally, they will then support the homeowner to find funding to make the changes needed, and even help apply for grants to help make it happen. Find out more about Older Not Colder here: <https://careandrepair.org.uk/oldernotcolder/>

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

...**Helen Marie Ackland of The Granary , Norton,** died peacefully at home on 2nd May aged 75. Funeral service at St Edwards Church, Knighton on Monday 20th May at 11am followed by burial at Hay Meadow Burial Ground. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the Society for the protection of Animals Abroad (SPANNA). Inquiries to Geoff Hall Funerals 01547 528554

**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.]

...**East Radnor Care - expansion of our services means we have a number of job vacancies** \* Office Assistant - 15hrs per week \* Kitchen Assistant - 6hrs per week \* Bathing Assistant - 5hrs per week \* On Call Support Worker - Flexible hrs. These are basic hours and more could be available in the future once the roles have been developed. Also one individual could apply for more than one role to make it more financially viable. Rates of pay dependent on experience but all roles exceed Real Living Wage. For info email [admin@eastradnor.care](mailto:admin@eastradnor.care)

...**Maples Tearooms are looking for more staff** to join our team in a very busy tearoom, situated in the beautiful Hergest Croft Gardens.; We are looking for a very enthusiastic, hard working individual to work 4/5 days a week including weekends and Bank Holidays. This will be flexible and possibly a job share. Have or willig to do Food Hygiene Level 2 or above and Food Intolerance Qualification. Please send CV to [maplestearoom@hergest.co.uk](mailto:maplestearoom@hergest.co.uk)

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