

# Community News

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

### Next Issue - deadline for contributions **10am Tuesday 30 July** 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)

[ed.] What a super day yesterday at Presteigne Carnival - the weather gods behaved, it looked like a record crowd - great entertainment, food and music - so much to do for the kids this year - and some really impressive floats and costumes in the Parade headed up by the magnificent Police horse and St Gregory's Marching Band. We are really so lucky to have Carnival in Presteigne and must say an enormous thank you to Debbie and her incredible Carnival Committee for the work they do throughout the year to prepare for and organise this event and to the lovely band of volunteers on the day who help set up, steward, and clear up afterwards. Thank you all. Looking forward to next year already!!!!

#### THANKS

...**The Radnorshire Arms** - A Big Thank You to everyone who have been supporting our Meat raffle. We have raised significant monies to local charities and are continuing the draw every Sunday at 1pm

...**Presteigne Fire Station** - a huge thank you to Presteigne Tyre Services for sponsoring our open day with an extremely generous donation! The local businesses and community have been fantastic in sponsoring us with donations and prizes! If you'd like any raffle tickets please get in contact with any crew member or this page! Also if you're interested in joining our fantastic team again please contact any crew member or this page! Thank you for the support as always!

...**Presteigne Primary School PTFA** - WOW!! A huge thank you for all parents, carers, grandparents and friends who supported our raffle and the refreshment stall. We raised an amazing £482.00!!!

...**Presteigne Carnival** - Congratulations to Dolly Daydreams for winning the Best Decorated Window Competition, Deli Tinto 2nd, Slix 3rd and to all the entries, such a difficult choice for the Day Centre Lunch club (thank you to them as well for judging). Thank you to the pupils from John Beddoes School for your help in setting up on the field, you were fab. Also for the rest of the Friday crew who have worked so hard - and a big Thank you to Lorna's for the sustenance to keep us going!!

#### COUNCIL NEWS

**Latest planning application** in to be considered at the July meeting of the Town Council: 24/0871/FUL Grid Reference: E:332402 N: 263963 Proposal: Erection of a building containing two workshop units (B1 & B8) over an existing concrete yard area Site Address: Unit 1 Presteigne Mill, Presteigne, LD8 2HG.

#### EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**A Picnic to investigate a Murder** at Went's Meadow, Friday August 16, Went's Meadow, Presteigne. Murder starts at 3pm. Bring your own refreshments and seating. Prizes for best and worst solutions. Raffle. Entry by ticket only £3.50 pre-order or £4 on gate. Tickets available from [prfwi.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:prfwi.secretary@gmail.com) or 07920637038

...**Knill Open Gardens 2024**. Sunday 25th August 1-5pm. We are once again throwing open the gates of Knill Gardens for one day only, to raise funds to keep the church. Like last year we are inviting a small number of local Artist/Makers the opportunity to have a stall, this year in The Rose Garden. You will be able to drive up very close to the pitch to drop off. You will need your own table/gazebo/chair. If you would like to sell your work at the gardens all we ask is for the small fee of £10 to be paid in advance please. Arrive early to set up then sit back and enjoy the beautiful scenery, tea and cake. Otherwise please join us as a guest. £5 pp on the gate.

...**Recitals & Lectures in Summer 2024 at Presteigne Baptist Church**, Hereford Street. Sundays at 3.00pm. Each event lasts under an hour and is followed by tea and cake. No charge for admission. Donations welcome. Proceeds towards the Church Restoration Fund  
21 July - Alison Martin, harp. A programme of Bach, Elgar and Debussy. 28 July - Richard Williams, organ. A programme of romantic favourites. 11 August- Michael Tavinor, speaker and organ. The life and music of Sandy Macpherson, *theatre organist*. 18 August -Tim Bridges. A talk on churches around Presteigne.

...**Radnorshire Arms - a reminder on July events** - a Curry Club every every Monday evening, 6pm to 8.30pm for £12.95 or add a pint £16.50. Also a Quiz night every third Thursday of the month, (this month is the 18th July), and Open Mic Night on the 27th July

...**Norton Community Hub - with the new Hub now in full swing, we have a superb event coming up in September**. Don't Go Into the Cellar! theatre company bring new adaptations of nineteenth-century literature's greatest ghost and horror stories to modern-day audiences. And we're delighted to say that this one-man show is coming to Norton Hub, with their original one-man performance of HG Wells' "War of the Worlds". Tuesday 3rd September, 7.30pm, at Norton Hub. Tickets are £12.50 each, advance bookings only, and we expect them to sell fast so do hurry if you'd like to come. Tickets can be bought online directly from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DPAI> Or you can phone Dave on 07709 603641 for further information and tickets. If you'd like to see more details about this fascinating theatre company, their website is <https://www.dontgointothecellar.com/welcome.htm>

...**Presteigne Repair and Share Sat 20th July at the Youth Centre 10 til 12**. Got a broken household item? Bring it along and our clever friendly team will have a go at fixing it! Learn more about how you can mend things yourself. It all helps your Pockets and the Planet. Please empty hoovers before you come. Assistance dogs only inside venue.

...**East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in July** Weds 17th Bryngwym, 9 miles. Weds 24th Aymestry, Bircher & Croft, 9.3 miles. Sat 27th Llanbister Road to Knucklas (linear walk), 9.3 miles. Weds 31st Stunning walk from New Radnor, 8.1 miles. For more details see [www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor) or call 01544 260524

...**Save the date! Sheep Music presents: SUMMERTHING SPECIAL on Saturday 31 August 2024** from 4.30pm at Went's Meadow Presteigne. An end of Summer party featuring the funkiest band in Britain STONE COLD HUSTLE and local rock and rollers POOBAHS. Plus live radio broadcast from Ian Marchant's Radio Free Radnorshire. **Bar/Food/Children's Activities**. Tickets available soon from The Workhouse Gallery, The Salty Dog & [www.sheep-music.co.uk](http://www.sheep-music.co.uk) Adults £20.00/12-17years - £12/Free for 11 and under.

...**Walton Village Hall Events - Dates for your Diary:** Autumn Talks starting at 7pm - August 17th : Radnor Wildlife Trust, September 21st : Blood Bikes by *Ray Rand*, October 19th : Winter care for horses and ponies by N Dodeman MRCVS, November 16th : A School in Gambia. Tickets £5 on the door. ALSO..... 5th October Games Night £2 per person BYOB, 23rd November QUIZ NIGHT £2 per person Max 6 per team BYOB

...**Play Radnor - Looking for activities over the Summer?** Play Radnor are running a series of sessions on Went's Meadow 23rd July 1.30-3pm; 30th July 10am-12noon; 6th August 10am-12noon; 13th August 10am-12noon; 27th August 10am-12noon. Plus - on the morning of Tuesday 23rd July Pentre Farm CIC will be on site running an interactive pop up farm and craft activity from 10am to 1pm. Why not make a day of it, attend both and take a picnic?

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

...**Good news!! Norton Community Hub (formerly Church of St Andrew Norton) is now fully operational** - and available for local community and private hire events. We have a magnificent flexible space with seating for 70, a well-equipped kitchen, an accessible WC/baby change, a separate small meeting room, a PA system and audio induction loop - and we are the most beautiful venue around (probably!) For further information contact Dave our booking secretary on [07780 642496](tel:07780642496), or book directly at [www.nortonhub.uk](http://www.nortonhub.uk) If you'd like to come and have a look before booking, you'd be very welcome!

...**Bad news!! The Presteigne branch of Lloyds Bank will be permanently closed as from 3rd March 2025.** It seems the ATM will disappear at the same time! <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2024/03/lloyds-halifax-bank-of-scotland-branch-closures/>

...**Presteigne Fire Station** - We have had some fantastic prizes donated for our raffle on the open day including a top prize of £100 cash kindly donated by Tom Lewis Electrical Contractor JTLewis Electrical Limited, contact Tom on 07527897048 for any electrical jobs! We've also had a £50 voucher for Daphne's, £20 fuel voucher from the garage and a voucher for a 30 minute trial flight at Shobdon along with many more prizes! Raffle tickets are £1 each if you'd like some please contact any crew member or message the page and we will get some to you! Thank you for your continued support as always!

...**Presteigne Little People's Playgroup** - We are looking to improve our 'home' corners and cosy up the setting this summer in preparation for September. We are looking for things like: -Picture frames -Rugs -Blankets -Cushions -Lamps -Lamp shades -Cooking tools to play with If you're having a clear out this summer, please keep us in mind, we would be so grateful.

...**Norton Show - Volunteers needed.** Can you help with setting up the showground? Or can spare a few hours on the day, help on stalls, assist in any way? Please contact David Rowing [07780642496](tel:07780642496) or email [volunteering.nct@gmail.com](mailto:volunteering.nct@gmail.com)

...**Presteigne Screen - the new season of Screen films** will start on Friday 6 September. Sign up to their mailing list via this link: [http://eepurl.com/iyY\\_0](http://eepurl.com/iyY_0)

## OTHER NEWS

...**Powys Recycles** - the average household in Powys uses 600 food cans and 380 drinks cans each year! If you stacked them all end to end they'd be around 29 meters tall which is higher than Hendryd Falls, in Coelbren, the tallest waterfall in south Wales. Let's make sure we rinse and recycle them all to help us make Powys greener and support the steel industry in Wales!

...**Powys Teaching Health Board** - You can find the coming week's Powys Minor Injury Units opening times on our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/features/service-updates>

...**Cyber Clinic - I am writing to invite you to our upcoming free cyber law workshops**, designed to help people better understand how to support children and young people to stay safe online. Please pass this invitation on to any colleagues, parents, youth workers or volunteers you work with? The first few sessions will take place online and focus on protecting young people in relation to:

- Cybercrime and Hacking: [Monday 15th July – 16:30-18:00](#)
- Privacy and Personal Data Breaches: [Monday 22nd July – 16:30-18:00](#)
- Using AI and Being Creative Online: [Tuesday 3rd September – 16:30-18:00](#)

**The workshops are primarily aimed at people in the Powys area. They will be fun, relaxed and will assume no prior knowledge.** You can find more information about each session and future workshops on our website here: <https://bit.ly/CyberLawWorkshops>. Please share this invitation with anyone who may be interested and let us know if you have any questions.

All the best, Swansea Cyber Clinic, Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law, Swansea.  
Email [cyberclinic@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:cyberclinic@swansea.ac.uk) [www.swansea.ac.uk](http://www.swansea.ac.uk)

...**Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank - it's Summer, school's out but please don't go hungry.** Our summer project is aimed at supporting children and families who will find it hard to provide lunch and breakfast during July and August. We are very pleased to offer this

additional help, thanks to a grant funding from the Welsh Local Grant scheme and also amazing donations from our supporters. Please feel free to share the information (one of which is facebook ready) with your colleagues, groups and any contacts you have that need this information. There is no need for a referral for this part of our work, people can contact me direct. If you could do with help providing breakfast or lunch during the holidays call or text Helen on 07731 524 058 or visit [www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk). Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank is a Registered Charity operating as a CIO no.120012

**...Powys Teaching Health Board - For urgent mental health support** call 111 and press OPTION 2. For advice and support from a mental health professional in your area 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. Healthcare advice you can trust.

**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]*

**...Bateman Arms, Shobdon - join our kitchen team.** Part time flexible hours evenings and weekends.

**...Dyffid Powys Police - Serious collision investigator, dog handler, detective...** When you've trained as a PC, there are many different paths you could take as you develop your career. With a keen interest in technology, Alex is now one of our drone pilots alongside his role in roads policing. He could be called at any moment to look for suspects following serious incidents, to find heat sources in searches for missing people in vast rural areas, or to spot children lost in the crowd on a busy beach. What skills could you bring to the force? Find out more about the role and how to apply on our website

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