

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 Friday 29 November
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

...A massive Well Done to Sheep Music and their lovely gang of volunteers for the torchlight procession and fireworks display last night, it was amazing! Such a lot of work and organisation to make another epic Presteigne event!

...Dear Friends of Knighton & Presteigne Foodbank. Thank you for the collection of food gathered from your various Harvest Festivals and also donations via Spar, Co-op and individual goodies brought into the food bank. The selection of food items donated was very timely, as our shelves were looking decidedly bare after a few months of high demand for our service. As a result, I am pleased to report that we have a healthy supply now, which will help with the increase in referrals we are experiencing and the added challenge of Christmas just around the corner. This brings me to my request for donations that will provide some much needed Christmas cheer and, most importantly, how we are aiming to distribute all food hampers no later than Friday 20th December. Preferably, I would ask that if you wish to donate some festive treats, it would be good to have them during November, as many of our families will be worrying about how they can afford extras this year. The sooner they know what we are gifting them, the better, as it means they can concentrate their budget on heating and bills, thus not getting into debt.

- Please let us have any Advent Calendars in November so that they can be enjoyed from the 1st of December!
- Please ease off giving us boxes mince pies ... last year you took me at my word and we had just the right amount and no sad, unwanted pies left all through January!
- Please offer us new gifts and new decorations – any pre-used items will be disposed of and that means more work for our volunteers.
- Please, if you are giving tree lights for example, or toys, could you include any necessary batteries?

I am always touched by the choice of food, gifts and personal necessities that arrive, showing, as they do, such grace, kindness and empathy for our friends needing someone to walk beside them for a short while. If you have any queries or would like to discuss a donation you are thinking of making to support our local families, please contact me 07731 524058. Once again, thank you all for supporting our work in such a meaningful way and for putting a smile on someone's face when earlier there were tears.

With kind regards, Helen

...The Circle - I sincerely thank everyone for their support with The Circle's Bonanza last Saturday. An amazing amount of effort from everyone which resulted in £970 being raised. Thank you so much Presteigne for your generosity and community spirit it is beyond fabulous. The Circle is a special group of people who will certainly benefit from this, regards Tina, The Circle coordinator

COUNCIL NEWS

...Presteigne & Norton Town Council is seeking to appoint a self-employed contractor to carry out limited street cleaning and tidying duties on an occasional basis. Duties include – Ensuring streets and public areas are clean and reporting any maintenance issues - Carrying out general street cleaning duties to comprise of litter picking, weed clearing, road sweeping, graffiti removal and waste management. You will be working outside in all weather conditions as and when needed, for example prior to town events such as the carnival and annual music festival, invoicing on a monthly basis. Pay negotiable. If you would like to discuss the above contact either the Town Mayor, Cllr. Trevor Owens (07910 072825) or the Town Clerk, Tracey Price (07866 815622). Applications should be made to the Town Clerk, preferably via email to presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com. Please include details of your hourly rate and availability and note that, if appointed, you will be expected to hold your own public liability insurance. Tracey Price, Town Clerk

...Planning applications in so far this month to be considered at the November meeting of the P&NTC - [24/1598/HH](#) Grid Reference: E:331825 N: 264037 Proposal: Two storey rear & side extension to existing dwelling Site Address: 4 Greenfield Road, Presteigne, LD8 2AY. [24/1349/TRE](#) Grid Ref: E: 331233 N: 264564 Proposal: Removal of a mixed species hedge Location: 1 Wherby Cottage, Presteigne, LD8 2DD. [24/1568/LBC](#) and [24/1567/FUL](#) Grid Reference: E:331461 N: 264311 Proposal: Removal of Lloyds TSP fascia signs and ATM Site Address: Lloyds Tsb Bank Plc , High Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AU. [24/1504/TRE](#) Grid Ref: E: 331379 N: 264626 Proposal: Removal of a boundary Laurel shrub and Holly tree, and the crown raise of a Yew tree and Dawn Redwood tree Location: The Rectory , St David's Street, Presteigne LD8 2BP. [24/1455/HH](#) Grid Reference: E:331476 N: 264421 Proposal: Demolition of existing lean-to utility and construction of single storey kitchen/dining room. Site Address: Hafod , Broad Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AD.

SCAM ALERT

...from Keith - beware if you receive a CD/DVD claiming to be from the Department of Works and Pensions. On running a search I discovered that a number of CD/DVDs had been stolen from the DWP a while ago. Even if the disc is addressed to you personally do not put the disc in your computer!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...KCS Winter Concert - Handel's baroque masterpiece "Messiah" at St Andrew's, Presteigne on [Saturday 23rd November](#) 7.30pm featuring world-renowned soloists (from Harry Christophers The Sixteen) and the Bannau Brecheiniog Chamber Orchestra supporting the Kington Choral choir under the baton of Rob Evans. Tickets £20 (<18s free) available now from Salty Dog (Presteigne), Tower House Gallery (Knighton), Border Bean (Kington) or online from [trybooking.com](#).

...Charity Concert - Presteigne Pop Choir and Press Gangers shanty band are joining forces to put on a gig at the Community Hall in New Radnor on [Saturday 16th November](#). Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Bar. £10 (<18s free). Tickets available now from ESCOs in New Radnor, Salty Dog in Presteigne or online from [trybooking.com](#). Raising funds for Lifeboats in this RNLI 200th anniversary year, and CureEB (accelerating research to end painful skin conditions)

...POP-UP-SHOP in Presteigne - last few days! Yen Robinson - Porcelain paperclay lighting; Naomi Ocean - Travel the world through textiles; Kiya Corrales - Precious handmade jewellery with delicate textures and natural gemstones; Kate Kato - Paper sculptures inspired by nature. [11th- 16th November](#) 10am - 4pm daily, 10am - 6pm Friday. Radnor Buildings - opposite The Library, Presteigne

...Presteigne Repair - Saturday 16th November at the Youth Centre (Old School) in Hereford Street, Presteigne (apology for the mistake in the last Parish Mag and Community News!). Last chance this year to bring your broken household items along to be fixed (n.b. no Repair session in December) but we will be back again on the 3rd Saturday, 18th January 2025 - a date for your diary!

...Breathwork For Health with Elisabeth Reissner - A practical workshop exploring research-based, breathing practices showing *how* and *why* they are beneficial for our physical and mental wellbeing. Improve your ability to cope with stress, aid relaxation and sleep, increase your emotional resilience and positively impact chronic conditions. [Saturday 16th November](#) at The Old School, Presteigne [3 - 4.30pm](#) All welcome. £10 suggested donation. Further info: wingsofchange24@gmail.com

... MBA presents 'Yoga as Pilgrimage' a talk by Ranju Ray about his book [Sunday 17th November](#), 3pm, The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Tickets £5 from The Workhouse Gallery or [midborderarts.com](#)

...the Hub at New Radnor 'Pagoda Project' [Sunday 17th November](#) 7.30 pm. Paul Hutchinson and Karen Wimhurst, accordion and clarinets. An innovative fusion of Folk and Jazz, poignant and captivating. Tickets £15 from 07870 752325 or on the door.

...the Hub at New Radnor "It Happened Here" 60 years on. [Saturday 30th November](#) 11am-4pm Including screening of the independent film of an imagined Nazi occupation of Britain, part filmed in New Radnor and first shown in 1964 at the Cork Film Festival and Mannheim International Film Week. With legendary co-director of the film Kevin Brownlow and local participants. Tickets £15 (including buffet lunch) Tickets from [eventbrite.com](#). For information: mariannemckiggan@gmail.com

...Flowers for Fun: these informal classes on Thursdays, from 12 till 2.00, in Whitton hall will continue on [21st, 28th November and 5th December](#). Open to all, £5 per session. Further details 01544 340453

...Gather Round with Marion Rowlatt - dates for November and December are as follows. We meet in the Baptist church at 11o'clock [Saturday 16th November](#) and 2 opportunities in December - [14th and 21st](#). The 14th is an extra practice for the Manchester Carols which we are singing as part of a "Retelling of the Christmas Story" a presentation in words and music in the Baptist church [at 3pm on Sunday 15th December](#), followed by tea.

...The Legion Craft Group: Tuesday Craft Afternoons in the British Legion hall, Hereford Street, Presteigne and will run from 1 – 3 pm. Make a no-sew Christmas wreath using up-cycled fabric and a wire ring: Just £3 for materials, or bring your own. Easy to make, friendly guidance, everyone welcome. £5 per session to cover hall hire. More crafting plans for [Tuesdays 19th, 26th November](#). For further information contact Libby 01544 350333 or email l1bby.j15@outlook.com

...Presteigne Bowls Club Xmas Bingo is back! but this time at a new venue - John Beddoes School main hall. Saturdays 16th, 23rd and 30th November. Prizes include £200 cash, Xmas Hamper, TV, laptop plus many other prizes. Doors open 6pm for 7.30pm start. Bar applied for. All welcome!!

...Amy Gennis, Jess Morgan and Jenny Gibbon invite you to join them every Friday morning, starting Friday 22nd November, from 10 - 12noon in the Old School (Youth Centre), Hereford Street, Presteigne. Join us in a variety of activities - craft, painting, games and more. £3 Donation - everyone welcome. Email Jenny on jennysgibbon1989@gmail.com for more information.

...HART (Hay Animal Rescue Team). Fundraiser back by popular demand. Friday 6th & Saturday 7th December from 9.30 to 15.30. 2 Radnor Buildings (Opposite the Library) Presteigne. Selling Bric-a-brac, pre-loved clothes, Jewellery, Prints/paintings. Featuring a Christmas Corner with lovely items for sale. Come and bag a bargain. Cash only. The charity has had a very challenging year and have been overwhelmed by animals needing to be rescued. We are also asking for any animal food donations, slip leads & cat litter to be dropped off **ONLY** during those 2 days for the animals that are currently in their care. Thank you in advance for your support.

...The Greatest Story Ever (re)Told. The Gospels are just the starting point for the Nativity story and don't include many of the details we all know as part of the legend. Where did they come from? Discover the fascinating ways in which the Christmas story as we know it has evolved. Some surprises guaranteed! All are welcome at this talk with readings, images and live music at 3pm on Sunday 15th December at the Baptist Church, Hereford Street. Refreshments and entrance free, donations only.

...Be Brilliant Dogs - 1.5 hour workshop looking at building your dogs focus around distractions on Wednesday 27th of November, We'll cover why distractions are hard, what to do to build your dogs focus, motivation, reward strategies and the age old question of what to do when it goes wrong. Suitable for all breeds and ages. Dogs need to be comfortable working in a group environment in a village hall. £15, start at 5pm in Evenjobb Village Hall. Pre and post homework included.

...Our next fabulous event at Norton Community Hub - Friday 29th November - Infiniti Magic and Curry Evening. A fantastic evening of family entertainment with stage-front and table-side trickery, whilst enjoying a delicious curry meal. Card tricks - Predictions - Mindreading. 6pm for 6.45pm show start. £18pp (£10 accompanied under 16s). Tickets from www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/69864 - or phone 07709 603641. For more details about this world-renowned close-up magician, see <https://www.infinitimagic.com/>

...Peter Wright will discuss his new book, "How did I get here? Memories of six decades in motorsport, and musings on the future of Formula 1 and the planet" with motoring journalist, Mark Williams. Sunday 15th December 2024 at 3pm, in the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Copies of the book will be available for sale. Voluntary contribution to MBA will be appreciated. www.howdidigethere.co.uk

...Presteigne Screen presents "Wicked Little Letters" (100 mins 15) Friday 15th November. The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. A chance to catch two of British cinema's punchiest actresses, Olivia Coleman and Jessie Buckley, in a delightful comedy that tells the true story of small-town neighbours – devout spinster Edith and swearsy Irish newcomer Rose – caught up in the bitchiness of an anonymous poison-pen campaign. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea and Cakes. Films start 8:00pm

...Wings of Change will be hosting a "Grief Space" at the Assembly Rooms in Presteigne on Sunday December 1st (3 - 5pm). This is a welcoming space to have conversations about grief and loss whilst enjoying a cup of tea and a slice of cake. Grief is not limited to mourning the loss of someone who has died. We can lose many things such as our health or job, or less tangible things such as our hopes and dreams - whatever your loss it's valid to feel grief. Grief can't be fixed, but it can be helpful and healing to share our experiences and feelings with others. If the time and space is right for you, we'd love to see you there. Grace & Dorothy. For info email wingsofchange24@gmail.com

...your Invitation to the launch of "The Room at the Back" Courtyard Antiques, Presteigne. Saturday 16th November includes a previously unseen box of delights from Newells, the contents of which will be sold with proceeds going to the Judge's Lodging. This is a must see !!!! an exciting opportunity to own your own little piece of history from Newell's of Presteigne, 'ironmongers extraordinaire', and say hello to the town's newest antique business.

...Drum and Bass Fitness will be starting on the 19th November in The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne and then every Tuesday, 17:45-18:30 with the first class being FREE for everyone. This class is a full body workout to the beat of the music with only body weight exercises and simple dance steps easy for everyone to follow. To book contact Jade on: 07964171215 or email Hellyjad@gmail.com

...Midwinter Concert - Merry music and cheery songs. Whitton Voices led by Sue Harris with Benji and George Kirkpatrick plus a surprise guest. Saturday 21st December, 5pm at St Michael's Church, Discoed, LD8 2NW. £10/ children free. Proceeds to the Refugee Council. Booking essential 01547 550158 or sumariharris@btinternet.com

...Crafting Sessions at The Legion, Presteigne. Informal relaxed crafting afternoons continue on Tuesdays in the British Legion small room from 1 till 3 pm. On Tuesday 19th November we'll be making cute gonks - just bring one toilet roll middle. On Tuesday 26th the theme will be decorative Christmas items and on 3rd December Christmas gift ideas to make - all from upcycled hi materials. The cost is £5

per session to cover room hire and a maximum of £3 for any materials required. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Everyone is welcome. Contact Kay at Kayyendole@rocketmail.com for further information.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Winners for the October draw of the Norton 100 Club** are: 1st - £40 - No.99 - Jack Ruby; 2nd - £25 - No.56 - Dave Rowing; 3rd - £15 - No.59 - Anita Lewis

...**Don't forget - It's the double issue of Broadsheep - December AND January.** Any events in both/ either months email info@broadsheep.com for FREE listings before 15 November! Broad Sheep covers Herefordshire, Shropshire & Powys.

...**PNCS - our Christmas Raffle tickets are now on sale** at The Charity Shop, The Warehouse and the PNCS Office in the High Street - this is our Annual Fundraiser, please support us!!!

... **Presteigne Little People's Playgroup** - We need your help. Next week we will be decorating for Christmas! If you have any of the following that you no longer need/want then we would happily take it off your hands! - Tinsel - Fairy Lights - Christmas Decorations - Wrapping Paper- Empty Cardboard Boxes - Baubles. Thank you for your continued support!

...**Rose Cottage Café, Presteigne** - we are starting to fill up for Christmas bookings so if you are meeting up with friends and family during December it is worth giving us a ring or sending a message to book your table. Does not have to be Christmas menu as we will also be running our usual menu.

...**John Beddoes Campus - GCSE Certificates** for the 2024 leavers are ready to be collected from the school office. Please come to collect within school hours as they will need to be signed for. Thank you

...**Mid Border Arts** in Presteigne is making great strides in community support thanks to funding from The National Lottery Community Fund which will enhance the venue's facilities and enabled MBA to appoint Julia Doggart as an outreach officer to work with the community, ensuring the programme at the Assembly Rooms caters to a wide range of interests. Julia Doggart has been actively engaging with the community, gathering valuable feedback and ideas for future events. If you haven't yet shared your thoughts, there's still time! Surveys are available at various locations, including the Salty Dog, Victoria Fish Bar, Slix, Lorna's, Rose Cottage, the Leisure Centre, Warehouse, Workhouse, Dukes Arms, and Farmers Inn. You can also find the survey online www.midborderarts.com/survey

...**Presteigne Medical Centre**, which joined the Shropdoc family in 2023, has teamed up with its local pharmacy by supporting a team member with his independent prescriber qualification. This will be of great benefit to local patients and will improve capacity in the healthcare system. <https://shropdoc.org.uk/news/presteigne-medical-practice-teams-local-pharmacist-benefit-p>

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

...**Presteigne Little People Playgroup - Christmas Holiday Club Booking Form.** It is very important that you fill this in by the end of November so that we can staff the nursery during this time! Visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11qG3MJrtakbCtMk5MF0085fKxHFABTBYaCLGhg1Ovfc/edit?pli=1>

OTHER NEWS

...**MIC Marches Investment Club is 'open' for new members.** We meet once per month on Tuesday evenings in Presteigne. Interested to know more? Email news@pacdg.org and we'll pass your details on to the MIC Secretary.

...**Do you have any unwanted equipment issued by Millbrook Healthcare or NRS Healthcare?** If so you can arrange for it to be collected by contacting 0345 123 6350. By returning unwanted equipment such as walking frames, wheelchairs, beds, bed rails, chairs you're contributing to a more sustainable environment by reducing waste and supporting others in maintaining their independence at home.

RIP

...**Michael Heseltine of Presteigne** passed away in Gloucester on Monday 28th October aged 85.

...**Rowand William Valder Himbury of Norton** passed away at home on 7th October 2024 aged 77.

...**Joan Bishop Parker of The Paddocks , Presteigne** peacefully at Hereford County Hospital on 8th November 2024 aged 91. Funeral service at Hereford Crematorium on Wednesday 27th November at 1.15pm followed by refreshments at St Andrews Church Hall Presteigne from 3pm onwards. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Smile Train UK. Inquiries to Geoff Hall Funerals 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 Tyre Services - Vehicle mechanic / MOT tester (class 4 & 7).** Monday to Friday 8-5. Well known family run business. Salary from £31,000 per year. 28 days annual leave. Numerous employee discounts. Call 01544 267240 for more info

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