

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 Sunday 14 July
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

July Broad Sheep is out now! Plus online - www.broadsheep.com

THANKS

...a big thank you to everyone involved in organising the **General Election Hustings last night** in St Andrew's, and to all who turned up to make it an interesting evening - 200 in the audience - brilliant turnout Presteigne! The only downside was the absence of the Reform and Plaid Cwmru candidates. Email news@pacdg.org if you would like to receive a copy of the Reform UK candidate Adam Hill's apology and election Statement.

...from **Marion - the Hidden Gardens of Hereford Street**. We have just returned from the Hospice where the money was counted from our Hidden Gardens of Hereford Street on Sunday. I am delighted to tell you that the total was £1400. Thankyou so much to the owners of the six Gardens and to the 200 plus people who supported us through thunder and torrential rain. Also to the amazing team at the Baptist church who supplied tea and cakes and shelter all afternoon!

...from **Kate. Thank you to everyone who came to the Grand Summer Sale** in the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 15 June, and helped to make it such a success. We're delighted that, between the door money, cafe proceeds, donations table and the plant stall, we took a total of £462.50 for our two charities - St Michael's Hospice and Knighton & District Refugee Support. The money will be divided equally between them. We're planning to put on our next Grand Sale in the spring next year; please contact Kate katebull6@gmail.com if you'd like to be kept informed.

...**Music from the Parish raised over £5,500!** The event was organised as a fundraising memorial for Andy Leavis in aid of St Michael's Hospice. We are extremely grateful to all those who attended on such a lovely evening, and to those who helped with the organising of it. Fantastic performances by Little Rumba, Jessica Rising, Presteigne Pop Choir, and a spirited performance by Rev. Steve Hollinghurst of classic songs, including some from his favourite singer Matt Monro. Compered by the incomparable Ian Marchant, the evening ended with a moving finale by all the performers who came together to the stage to sing the Bill Withers song 'Lean on Me' whose lyrics are the perfect tribute to St Michael's Hospice. Jules explained how the evening came about, "Gratitude is the motivation behind this fundraiser, inspired by the level of kindness and quality of medical care Andy, and many other friends, received from all the staff at St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree." The raffle included very generous donations by local businesses and the community including paintings, ceramics, prints, restaurant vouchers, food & wine. Wonderful photos from the evening by Alex Ramsay, with thanks.

...**Presteigne Carnival** - Some wonderful inflatables booked again this year for the Carnival, plus the new Children's Pirate Ship! A Big Thank you to our volunteers who've stepped up again this year to help us run these - James Williams, Rich Wilding, Ollie Davies, James and Sonia Owens, Ryan Stokes, Josh Traylor, Jordan McQueen, Charlie Minskip, Kim Vanezi

(committee), Ben Vaughan, John Scott, Sonia and Bahadir Ozsoylu, Chris Gurney, Shaun Ford, Vicky Davies (committee) and Rachel Dyer (committee) - Thank you so much!!

COUNCIL NEWS

Latest planning application in: 24/0767/HH Grid Reference: E:331192 N: 264446 Proposal: Single storey ground floor extension to create sitting room with cloakroom Site Address: 42 Castle Road, Presteigne, LD8 2EB. To be considered at the June meeting of the Town Council.

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Presteigne Carnival Saturday 13 July - we are getting very excited as only 2 weeks to go! Making their debut appearance, we have an incredible main act, Boom Circus, who tour internationally, and are bringing a spectacular show of amazing aerial and acrobatics with a pirate theme. We also have Stiklings, a non-profit group who will help people discover the joy of circus and circus skills! Along with donkeys, magicians, dancers, ukulele band, Dog Show, Country Fair and our very own Fire Brigade, plus delicious food and drink, it's shaping up to be an excellent day! In the evening we have 2 live bands, Head Honcho and Kickback, along with DJ Stef Mo to dance to until the end of the night, along with more delicious food and drink!!

...Presteigne Carnival - Family Treasure Hunt TOMORROW! Sunday, 30th June. A Big thank you to Terry Wells for setting the hunt, Jessica Watkins for the wonderful art work on our poster, and the Radnorshire Arms for hosting this event. Looking forward to seeing you and your families on the 30th, it was fab last year.

...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, bar.

...Rakhi Singh performs a solo violin concert at Pant Hall Cloister Gardens LD8 2LY on Saturday July 6th. Gardens open at 3pm, performance at 5pm. Bring a picnic and enjoy the unique surroundings. Rakhi Singh is an internationally renowned musician, founding the Manchester Collective and playing an eclectic mix of classical, contemporary and European music see - www.rakhisinghmusic.co.uk . Tickets £25 - must be bought in advance - phone 01544 260066 / email cloistergardens@gmail.com or see www.panthallcloistergardens.com. Sorry no children under 16 or dogs allowed in the Gardens due to insurance.

...Presteigne Community Garden - on Saturday, 6th July, Presteigne Community Garden are pleased to be taking part in The Sidney Nolan Trust Community Day at The Rodd. We are hoping to have “ A Taste of our Garden” with little bits and bites available to sample. Come and visit us in the old kitchen garden to see and taste what we're about.

...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 or 07920637038

...Kington and District Operatic Society invite you to their Summer Serenade, a concert of favourite songs from popular musicals, operetta and more. Saturday 29th June, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. Tickets £8 on the door. U16s free. Proceeds to St Andrew's Church funds. Enquiries to Rev Steve [01544 267777](tel:01544267777) or Lynne Owens [07980 794750](tel:07980794750).

...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.

...East Radnor Ramblers - Walks in July. Weds 3rd July Shropshire Circular Ramble, 8 miles. For more walks and further details see www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor

...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. Alison has been principal harp with English National Opera for 40 years and has just finished performances of *Butterfly* and *Tosca* at Covent Garden

28 July - Richard Williams, organ. A programme of romantic favourites including Jerome Kern. Richard was Vicar of Hay-on-Wye, 2001-24 and has recently retired to Presteigne.

11 August- Michael Tavinor, speaker and organ. The life and music of Sandy Macpherson, *theatre organist*, who gave the opening recital on this organ in 1950. Michael was Dean of Hereford 2002-21 and now lives in Presteigne

18 August -Tim Bridges. A talk on churches around Presteigne. Tim is Victorian Society Conservation Adviser for Birmingham and the West Midlands. The organ at Presteigne Baptist Church has recently been restored and this will be a good opportunity to hear it.

...**Chatterbrook WI** – Our meeting on Thursday July 11th is a picnic to celebrate our 9th anniversary at The Barn on Went's Meadow, from 6 till 8 pm. Norton musical duo Jerry and Lorraine will again be entertaining us. Prospective new members and visitors from other WIs and are most welcome to join us. Details from Claire on 07712 649458 or Margaret mail@galliers.org.uk and see <https://facebook.com/ChatterbrookWI>

...**Presteigne Floral Art Society:** The next meeting is a demonstration of floral art on Wednesday July 10th at 7.30 in Lingen Village Hall. We welcome Andrew Lloyd making a return visit as the demonstrator with his title Mid-Summer Madness. Andrew's designs will be raffled at the end of the evening. Light refreshments available. Visitors will be welcome - £6 on the door. Further details from Ann, our Secretary, on 01544 340453.

...**Flowers for Fun:** Maybe you would like to know how to arrange flowers? Our last session for now will be on Thursday 18th July from 12 till 2pm in Whitton Community Hall. Come for a coffee and a chat – all welcome – We are taking a break in August, but classes will begin again in September. Phone Ann, as above, for more details.

...**Radnorshire Arms Hotel - Comedy Night.** Friday 12 July. Fancy yourself as a comedian? Please contact the hotel to book your 20min open mic slot! 01544267536

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**Presteigne Carnival News - Introducing our Carnival Queen for 2024 Amelia Preece** and her attendants Hemi Minskip, Amelia Vaughan, Finley Pritchard and Darcie Fletcher. Thank you to the Primary School for arranging the attendants, and to PNCS for sponsoring. Our wonderful Presteigne Fire Brigade has been putting up the bunting yet again for the carnival. Also the Carnival Committee are proud to announce that the carnival will be opened this year on the 13th July by Dave Lloyd, one of our Fire Brigade, in honour of their 60th Anniversary....

Presteigne Medical Centre - Dear Patients, We've been fortunate to experience a low rate of missed appointments at the surgery, and we're grateful to those who have promptly cancelled when necessary. Your cooperation helps us serve everyone efficiently. Just a gentle reminder: if you need to cancel an appointment, please contact the surgery through our usual channels. This ensures we can offer the slot to another patient who may need it. Your timely communication is greatly appreciated. To further reduce missed appointments, please attend or cancel in advance if your plans change. This allows us to provide timely care to others in need. Did you know? If we have your current mobile number, you should receive a text reminder for your appointment. You can simply reply with the word "cancel" to cancel your appointment. Alternatively, you can cancel by calling us or visiting in person. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain our service standards.

...**Presteigne Fire Station - Open Day.** Now that the dust has settled on the cricket ticket raffle (huge thank you to everyone who sold/bought tickets) we are pleased to announce our next event! July 2024 marks 60 years since the current fire station was opened so to celebrate we are holding an Open Day on the 20th July! Our appliance will be on show, we are hoping to have specialist appliances (depending if they are available and not at any incidents), we have some great prizes to raffle, various stands for recruitment and mental health, games and entertainment! So if you have some post Presteigne Carnival blues make a note in your diary and come down to see us! The open day will run from 12:00-16:00 with an hour from

11:00-12:00 for any children or adults with autism or other sensory difficulties where the sirens and appliances will be switched off and any noise kept to a minimum! Thank you for your continued support of the station. We are reaching out to our fabulous community for some help, during the Open Day we will hold a prize draw and bottle stall, if anyone has any prizes that they can donate or any bottles/cans that are sat in the back of your cupboards....please don't hesitate to drop us a FB message. All donations will be greatly received. Many thanks.

...Marches Investment Club (MIC). Interested in getting to know more about

investments? We are a small friendly investment club that meets each month in a pub in Presteigne, when we discuss new investment ideas, the performance of our portfolio over a drink or two, sometimes with a meal beforehand. Each member pays in £30 a month, and all are free to suggest investment ideas for the club. We are now seeking new members - you don't need to be a financial expert - most of us aren't! If you'd like to find out more, you're welcome to sit in on one of our meetings. Reply via news@pacdg.org and we will contact you.

...Results of Norton Hub 100 Club draw June 2024 : 1st - £40 - No.5 - Lorna Bird; 2nd - £25 - No.59 - Anita Lewis; 3rd - £15 - No.86 - Colin Pugh

...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_0M

...PSAFC - Football School!! Confirmed Dates - Week 1: 29th - 31st July ; Week 2: 5th - 7th August ; Week 3: 12th - 14th August ; Week 4: 19th - 21st August. First come first served basis! (Maximum of 30 per day). There has been a slight change to the age range, it is now for ages 6-12 due to our coaching regulations. Pick your dates and email or DM the Football Club. Medical form and T&Cs will be sent and place confirmed after payment.Thank You!

...The July/August double issue of The Parish Magazine is now ready for collection in St Andrew's ... if you don't have your own regular subscription you can find single copies on the font to the left of the main south door, price £1. The magazine is a great source of information about what's on in our area and provides contact details for many local businesses.

OTHER NEWS

...Powys Recycles: Did you know? The metal you put in your red box each week could be transformed into another can, or a bicycle, or even a phone, the possibilities are endless! That's why we're urging Powys residents to make your metal matter by recycling it in your red box every week. This helps improve our economy, creating local jobs in collecting and sorting the material here in Powys as well as feeding raw resources back into the Welsh steel industry! In Brecon, our in-house operational team work hard to sort through the contents of your red boxes. Using electro-magnets to automatically remove ferrous cans we produce high quality steel bales to feed the steel works in Port Talbot!

...Powys CC - Do you own or manage a business in Powys? We are offering a rate relief scheme to those in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors to support them as they continue to face challenging economic times. To apply, please visit <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/15224/Business-Rates-Retail-Leisure-and-Hospitality-Rates-Relief-2024--2025>

LOCAL AREA JOB & VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...Burgoynes - Class 2 (C) holiday cover drivers required. It's that time of year when our lot have some time off, so we are on the lookout for holiday cover drivers to come join our team. You'd be driving 18 ton curtain sided lorries (usually DAF LFs, with large, cantilever taillifts) and using electric pump trucks (training would be given). Deliveries around the HR, LD & GL14-18 postcodes, doing mulitdrop as a proud link in the Pallet Track network. Have a current C (Class 2) license, valid tacho card, current DCPC and some spare time during the week? pop into the yard, email: jonty@burgoynes-lyonshall.co.uk or ring 01544 340515 if this is of interest.

...Carini Butchers - looking for an experienced butcher to join our busy shop based in Presteigne. Tel: 01544 260026 / Email: carinibutchers@gmail.com. Essential you have previous butchery experience, can demonstrate good knife skills. Hours and pay negotiable, but need to be able to cover holidays when required. Need: Good communication & customer service skills. Ability to advise customers in the shop. Maintain a well presented display. Ensure compliance with food safety regulations/quality standards. Maintain a clean & organised work area. If interested, please contact Gary by either phone or email (as above) or pop in to see us!

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