

Community News

Issue 168 May 2020

an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Group "Working Together For The Community"

You are receiving this email because you asked to receive the Community News & be kept informed about PACDG activities. If at any time you decide not to receive further PACDG emails, contact us on pacd@icloud.com with REMOVE in the subject line & we'll immediately take you off the mailing list.

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

- Please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents - email pacd@icloud.com
- and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.

Electric car charging points in Presteigne. To those of you who have been asking about the two newly installed ENSTO electric vehicle charging points in the Hereford St. carpark located just behind the toilet block - these are NOT operational yet, still needing a power supply. Watch this space !

The **June 2020** all-colour online **Parish Magazine** (for the parishes of Presteigne with Discoed, Kinsham, Lingen and Knill) has just been issued, with Literary Mysteries Supplement. If you're not already signed up to receive the free Parish Magazine, please email Roger at standrewsintray@btinternet.com

Rev Steve Hollinghurst has recorded a video message for Pentecost which can be viewed on the St Andrew's Church Facebook page @StAndrewsPresteigne

...from Sally Hall. Roy Lewis of The Plantation, Presteigne passed away peacefully at Hereford County Hospital on 27th May 2020 aged 83. Donations if desired can be made directly to Wales Air Ambulance. Roy's final journey will leave the Plantation at 11.35am on Monday 8th June via Hereford Street, the bypass, High Street, Broad Street and on to the cemetery for those wishing to wave farewell.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things keep changing so, best first check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from Lyonshall Nursery. A massive thank you to all customers who have supported us in these tricky times. Personally, seeing your faces when you get out of your cars with those big smiles on your faces because it's your 1st time out in weeks is priceless. It's so great to be open again and seeing all of our regulars and a lot of new faces. Being the front person handing out trolleys and chatting to you all has been fantastic to be honest and hearing your feedback of how our system is running really helps. If anyone can leave a bit of feed back it would really help us - good or bad is fine. Thanks all again - see you again soon. The Lyonshall team.

...from Weobley Ash. Plenty of bbq meats in stock, kebabs, chicken with coriander, sage and lemon. Beautiful Hereford steaks, fillet, sirloin, rump and ribeye. BBQ boxes £45, beef boxes £60, burger BBQ box £25. Order if you can please. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to order

...from Wild Thyme. Hi everyone! Just to let you know we are still doing takeaways on Friday and Saturday. Same menu as last posted - see our Facebook page or call/text 07854 428668 for information and to order.

...from Presteigne Tyre Service Ltd. At last....we are re-opening on 1st June 2020 for vehicle servicing, MOTs, tyres, exhausts, batteries and other mechanical work. As we are phasing in the return of our staff it would be helpful if you could ring and make an appointment first on 01544 267240 to enable us to schedule jobs. We will also continue to support our local community for the key and essential workers doing vital journeys and can be contacted on our out of hours EMERGENCY NUMBER - 07831 615675 to help with any urgent vehicle issues. Please be re-assured that we are following Government guidelines and cleaning and sanitising vehicles, work and reception areas in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your loyalty and support during the last few weeks and we look forward to seeing you again at Presteigne Tyres. Nigel & Jackie

...from MidCounties Co-op. If you know someone who is vulnerable, elderly or self-isolating, why not let them know about our home delivery service ? Visit <https://www.midcounties.coop/landing-pages/home-delivery-service/> for more details.

THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN

...from Presteigne Festival. Congratulations to everyone at the BBC Proms for going ahead with such an ambitious programme at a hugely uncertain and difficult time. Plans for the 2020 Presteigne Festival will be announced on Monday 1 June.

...Dates for Your Diary from BBC Proms from 17 July to 12 September. The 2020 season will open on Friday 17 July on BBC Radio 3 and Sunday 19 July on BBC Four • 8 weeks of broadcast on television, radio and online • A unique First Night commission by Iain Farrington for a Grand Virtual Orchestra to mark the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth • Plans for special live performances later in the season culminating in the Last Night of the Proms bringing the nation together on 12 September.

125 Years on from its creation, the Proms will once again provide a summer of music, fulfilling founder Sir Henry Wood's vision to 'bring the greatest classical music to the widest possible audience'. The current situation with COVID-19 means that the season we had originally planned is sadly no longer possible. Instead the Proms in 2020 have been reconceived in a different format, but our aim remains the same – to create the world's greatest classical music festival by reflecting world-class music-making from leading artists around the globe, highlighting and featuring work by some of today's most exciting and innovative composers. The 2020 Proms will celebrate the past, reflect on the present and build for the future. See www.bbc.co.uk for more details.

...from Pentabus Theatre Company. Call out for local writers! Alongside the brilliant theatre company Paines Plough 'COME TO WHERE I AM' series, we're looking to commission new 5-10min plays to be written & performed by writers currently living in a rural context. COME TO WHERE I AM – a series of short plays about the places we call home. We are offering £250 per commission. We are specifically looking to commission writers from The Marches - Shropshire, Herefordshire and Mid-Wales. If you are a writer and you are currently living in a rural context and local to Pentabus (within 30 miles), then we want to hear from you! Apply here <https://pentabus.co.uk/artists/come-where-i-am-rural>

...Dates for Your Diary from Whats On Stage at Home. New York's prestigious Lincoln Center will be streaming musicals for free in June. As part of their "Broadway Fridays" series, the venue will be streaming Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel, Douglas Carter Beane's The Nance, and James Lapine's Act One. Carousel stars Kelli O'Hara,

Nathan Gunn, Stephanie Blythe, Shuler Hensley, Jason Danieley, Jessie Mueller, Kate Burton, John Cullum, Robert Fairchild and Tiler Peck, and is accompanied by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. It will be available from 5 June 2020 at 8pm ET.

A week later on the 12 June, Nathan Lane will star in The Nance, while Lapine's piece about the story of Moss Hart runs from 19 June. The Center said: "Carousel will be available on demand for 60 days after the initial stream. The Nance and Act One will be available on demand for two weeks after their initial streams. All will be available to stream worldwide." The shows will be available on Lincoln Center's YouTube channel, Facebook page, and on the Lincoln Center at Home service.

...from The Judge's Lodging. Final day of our Hunt the Thimble challenge. 'Thank goodness' we hear you say, 'our eyesight will never be the same again!' We are being mean by using our gloriously jumbled Lamp Room last. Answers for all the rooms on our Facebook page on Sunday. 'Haha' if you spot them all.

...John Lennon Tribute. A UK first since lockdown! Details of a John Lennon Tribute groundbreaking live stage show broadcasting UK wide on 6th June, 7pm from Level III Swindon via the stream tab on <http://www.johnlennontribute.com>. See fb event John Lennon Tribute UK Live Stream <https://youtu.be/ehTBB4Mz4e0>

OTHER INFORMATION

...from J P Turner, (Garden Centre) Kington. Did you know our blue and grey pots can be recycled? ... we're doing our bit to try and cut down on single use plastic.

(ed. this is true for Herefordshire CC whose website says they accept plant pots in the household collection - but NOT black pots. I checked with Powys Recycling, and plant pots and trays - whether black, grey or green - CANNOT be put into your kerbside recycling boxes. You can however take these to be recycled at any of the Powys HWRCs i.e Llandod for our area. So the issue of all black plastic pots and trays going to landfill is still a real concern)

...from Public Health Wales. Kids driving you mad? The FREE <https://inourplace.co.uk/> online courses are backed by the NHS and are for parents & parents-to-be of kids from bump to 19 years. Access code NWSOL in North Wales and SWSOL elsewhere

...from the RSPCA. Rescue pets can be rehomed again in Wales for the first time since coronavirus restrictions came into force. That's great news for dogs like this veteran sharpei crossbreed Cassie, at RSPCA Newport Animal Centre - who is one of scores of RSPCA rescue animals looking for forever home happiness. It is not permissible to open animal centres in Wales for the public to visit or collect animals. But new guidance from the Animal Welfare Network for Wales, published by the Welsh Government, means we can safely find new homes for animals in our care - adhering to social distancing rules and other Wales Covid-19 restrictions. Find out more, and #FindEachOther today: <https://news.rspca.org.uk/2020/05/15/great-news-for-rescue-animals-as-rspca-can-restart-rehoming-in-wales-again/>

...from PAVO/Welsh Government. Scope of Covid-19 Welsh Government funding increased. The grants, previously unavailable to organisations receiving discretionary rate relief, will be administered by local authorities to organisations in the retail, leisure & some hospitality industries. [Read full article here](#).

...from PAVO/Mind. Mums Matter support is still available. Mid and North Powys Mind are continuing to offer their Mums Matter service online. [Read full article here](#).

...from PAVO/Macmillan. Macmillan understand that people are worried about coronavirus (COVID-19). If you have cancer, you might be worried about how coronavirus affects you. This is an anxious time for people with cancer and supporting you continues to be our priority. [Read full article here](#)

...from PAVO/Children's Commissioner for Wales. Coronavirus and Me is an online survey asking Wales' children and young people for their views and opinions during the Coronavirus pandemic has launched today. [Read full article here](#)

...from Powys Recycling. Please only come to the HWRCs if it is really essential Non-essential is putting yourselves, other members of the public and our staff at risk from spreading the virus, as well as increasing the length of the queues at the sites unnecessarily.

...from the Welsh Government. Contact tracing will be in place in Wales from Monday. This is an important next step in our response to coronavirus and we've been trialling this across Wales to get it ready. If you're showing symptoms of coronavirus, you can get a test here <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test>

...from Education Wales. Are you in Year 11 & wondering what options may be available to you? Our Hwb platform now has a dedicated section for resources and information available to you: <https://hwb.gov.wales/distance-learning/post-16-learning-and-skills/year-11-bridge-to-post-16-learning-and-skills/>

PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group... "Working together for the Community"

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 - simply email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacd@icloud.com).