

Community News

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

...**from Ruth.** Missing on Stocken Hill, near Presteigne, a ginger and white Maine coon cat. This cat is a visitor and usually a house cat. He has only been out once before. He is usually very friendly. Please. Call Ruth on 01544 267738 if found - thank you.

...**from Geoff Hall Funerals.** George Postans of Appletree Meadow, Presteigne passed away peacefully at home on 20th May 2020 aged 77 years. His final journey will leave Appletree Meadow at 10.55am on Tuesday 9th June via Hereford Street, Station Road, the Bypass, High Street and then on to Hereford for cremation.

...**from Carolyn on Combe Corner Floodwatch Facebook.** An Ivor Williams trailer has been stolen from Kinsham - anyone seen anything suspicious ? please contact Dave Oldershaw or message me on the Facebook page. It was taken off the back of his truck within the last hour or so (ed. so, early afternoon).

SCAM ALERT

...(ed.) **if you receive an email with sender ‘NEWS’, beware, it’s not from PACDG or the Community News!!** The email asks you to download today and adds a strange link. This is a phish or maybe even malware. Don’t open - just delete !

...**Covid-19 scammers are hard at work so be on your guard. NHS UK says** “If you're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service, you will **NOT** be asked to provide any passwords, bank account details or pin numbers. The team will call from: 0300 013 5000 OR send a text message from “NHS”. Find out how NHS test and trace works: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-nhs-test-and-trace-service>

...(ed.) **and beware the ‘subscribe’ scammers.** People are receiving phishing texts and emails congratulating them for signing up to a fictional newsletter or information emails. Some of these are obvious scams showing Cyrillic or Urdu text or poor English but others are initially convincing. The temptation is to click an ‘unsubscribe’ link or to change your ‘preferences’ or look at the newsletter. **DON’T!** Just delete without opening.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...**from the ER Day Centre.** See bric-a-brac table outside Day Centre. All items for sale. Please donate whatever you can. Help yourself and leave money in the honesty box. Thank you

...from Lorna's Sandwich Shop. We're re-opening on Wednesday 3rd June ! Note. Change to opening times: Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm; Saturday closed. Thank you for your support. 01544 262727

...from Victoria Fish Bar. We're re-opening on Thursday 4th June. See our Facebook page for latest menu. Opening hours: Thursday to Saturday 12 - 2pm, 5 - 9pm. Sunday 5 - 9pm. 01544 260565

...from the Farmers Network. In a crisis, it's the farmers who are keeping us fed. By shopping local, you can support Wales' community farmers.

...from The Salty Dog. Hello Again Lovely Customers. We are counting down the time to when we don't have to do this any more but until then here we go yet again...Do remember, those of you who are allowed out and would prefer to chose your own goodies, The Salty Dog is open from 9am until 2pm Monday to Saturday for 'normal' shopping and we will be VERY happy to see you.

Leon's Food to Order: All our meals are made fresh to order by our chef, Ross McQueen & Leon. Order from the list below on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday by 5pm and collect between 1pm and 4pm on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

PAELLAS £9.50; MOROCCAN TAGINE £7.50; SLOW COOKED SHORT PORK RIBS £7.50; ALBONDIGAS Beef & Iberico Pork Meatballs £6.50; GAMBAS PIL PIL £6.50 ; HARRISA MARINATED CHICKEN SALAD £5.00; SIDES £2.50; DESSERTS £3.50 per portion. For a full menu or to order email thesaltydogpresteigne@hotmail.co.uk. Take Care. The Salty Dog Team x

...from Artisan Print. We are ready to start work again as soon as non-essential shoos in Wales are permitted to reopen. Our Reception area is only 2m square so we will ask customers to enter the shop one at a time. We have a perspex screen on our countertop (to protect us and our customers) and there is hand sanitiser for customer's use. We're looking forward to seeing our customers again. WATCH THIS SPACE.

...from Amanda's Breads. Dear Amanda's Bread customer, please order today Monday 1st June for delivery to Presteigne on Saturday 6th June. Various breads (email us for a full list), Cakes £1.50 - £2, Vegan pasties £2.90, Preserves £ 2 - £3. thank you. For info or to order email asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com

...from Weobley Ash. New opening hours. From Monday 1st June we shall be closed on a Monday. Open from 9-4 Tuesday to Saturday. You can still place orders by email and Face Book for Tuesday delivery, Fresh vegetables and fruit will be in store Tuesday morning and we hope will keep fresher for the weekend trade. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to place your orders. Thank you, Weobley Ash Meats

THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN

...from the Judge's Lodging. Well, we hope you haven't strained your eyes too much this week whilst hunting our thimbles! We've loved you comments - thank you. Photos on our Facebook page of all of the rooms with answers, just in case any of them were driving you crazy. Now we've got to find them all again ourselves to put them away!

...from Museum Wales. St Fagan's is asking you to document your Covid experiences, collecting photos for an online gallery: <https://museum.wales/collecting-covid/>

...from the V&A. The V&A has an online exhibition of Pandemic Objects: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/blog/pandemic-objects>

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Powys CC. Latest results from the Zoe-Corvid research: 3028 people in Powys are recording daily, rate in Powys today at 0.6%. You can still help the research by signing up <https://covid.joinzoe.com/> - it's free and takes about 2 minutes a day to record your results.

...more information about the daily reporting Covid-19 Symptom Study app for your pc, tablet or phone by visiting www.covid.zoestudy.com. Logging your health daily is more important than ever. With lockdown measures easing, there are plenty of new opportunities for 'R' to increase. As the weather improves and children and teachers head back to school, more people will come into contact with one another. The risk of new COVID hotspots emerging is also likely to increase without adequate monitoring. Our app is a crucial early detection tool to understand if there is a risk of a second wave of the virus. It's more important than ever that you keep logging daily using our app to help us to detect new COVID hotspots earlier. [Protect your community as lockdown lifts by reporting for yourself and behalf of your children to stop the spread of new infections quicker.](#) We would also like to encourage you to share the app with schools, parent's associations, and other organisations within your community. The more of us there are using the app daily, the more accurately and quickly we will be able to identify potential hotspots. [How might I keep my kids safe as they return to school?](#) As children return to school, we know that parents may be wondering how they can protect their children from COVID. We've made sure to cover this topic in one of our latest blog posts. Read our [six tips for keeping your children safe as they go back to school](#). We encourage all parents to take just 1 minute each day to keep using our app to log on behalf of their children. This data will help us better understand how the virus might affect kids and identify potential COVID hotspots as schools reopen. [New incidence data: are the numbers falling?](#) Last week we published insights into the number of daily new COVID cases are occurring in England. We have now added daily case estimates for Northern Ireland, Wales, and Scotland, which you can find [on our website](#). Stay well, Professor Tim Spector (On behalf of ZOE)

...from Presteigne Freegle. There's no queues at Freegle! <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/covidsafefreegling>. Before you head off to a local recycling centre to join a long queue, make sure you hold back reusable things and list them on our sharing platform so somebody nearby to you can collect directly from your home and reuse your unwanted things - so much better than just chucking stuff out! #ChooseToReuse #FreegleFirst

...from the National Trust. From Wednesday [3rd June](#), we're reopening the first of our gardens and parklands in England and Northern Ireland, with more opening over coming weeks. We've heard from so many of you about how much you've missed visiting your favourite places. We've missed you too and can't wait to welcome you back. To open these places safely, we've had to reduce the number of people we can welcome at one time so you'll need to book in advance. From today, you can now plan your visit on our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk to find out what's open near you, check availability and book your visit. We're working hard to open more places as soon as possible. For now, our houses remain closed and we'll open these as soon as we can. [In Wales, we continue to prepare for government guidance to change.](#) Thank you for your patience, support and sharing your stories during this time. We're really looking forward to seeing you very soon.

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Changes to lockdown restrictions in Wales will begin on Monday, but until then the advice remains to #StayHomeSaveLives More information about the changes from Monday is available from Welsh Government at <https://gov.wales/changes-coronavirus-regulations-1-june-frequently-asked-questions>

...from the Welsh Government. Changes to advice for people shielding from coronavirus are being introduced from Monday 1 June, Minister for Health and Social Services Vaughan Gething has announced today. <https://gov.wales/shielding-people-can-meet-others-and-exercise-outdoors>

...from the Welsh Government. From tomorrow, you can meet with another household, but you must - Meet outside - Stay local (around 5 miles) - See only one other household at a time - Keep 2m distance. www.gov.wales/stay-local-to-keep-wales-safe #KeepWalesSafe

...from the Welsh Government. Our contact tracing system is now live. From today, anyone who has a positive coronavirus test result will be contacted by a team of contact tracers and asked for details of everyone they've had close contact with while they've had symptoms. All these close contacts will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days to stop the virus spreading. This is an important step in our response to coronavirus. If you're showing symptoms, get a test. Together we'll keep Wales safe. <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test>

...from Powys CC. If you are living in a situation where you do not feel safe, we, and other organisations are here to help...<https://crowd.in/TXiu9W>; <https://crowd.in/tU9vVJ>

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. Important Notice - Parents who have children born between 01/09/2017 - 31/08/2018 please follow the link below to sign children up to their 3+ preschool education with us. Also, if you have a child who is due to start their 3+ education funding with us in September 2020. This is children born between 01/09/2016 - 31/08/2017 and if you haven't yet completed your pre-school admissions form then please complete this online link ASAP. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/3810/Apply-for-Pre-School-3-and-4-yr-olds-Early-Years-Education>

...from Music in New Radnor MINR. It with a great deal of reluctance that we have to announce the postponement of our October, November and December 2020 concerts. Due to the current uncertainty, and with all venues in Wales being shut for the foreseeable future, the committee have thought this to be our most pragmatic option at the present time. All booked performers will be offered alternative dates and we will resume in the new year if permitted to do so by Welsh Government guidelines. We will not be publishing a brochure for the 2020-21 season, but will keep our Facebook page as lively and up-to-date as we can. On behalf of team MiNR - stay safe.

...from the UK Government. Chancellor Rishi Sunak: "To allow us to introduce this new, flexible furlough from July 1st, we will need to close the old scheme to new entrants on June 30th. Employers wanting to place new employees on the scheme will need to do so **by June 10th** to allow them time to complete the minimum furlough period before then."

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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.