

Community News

Issue 204 - SEPTEMBER 2020

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

email news@pacdg.org to contact the Editor

- 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 us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area job opportunities
- 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

...from the Welsh Government. People in Wales must wear face masks in shops and other indoor public spaces from Monday, the first minister has announced. Mark Drakeford said the change came as 20 people in every 100,000 in Wales now had coronavirus. Indoor meetings of more than six from an extended household will be illegal from Monday. The rule will not apply to children under 11, AND up to 30 people from different homes can still meet outside.

...from Maggie: Now we have it now we don't! **PCC Climate Emergency declaration motion succeeded ... then failed!** PCC recently declared a Climate Emergency by a very tight margin (the casting vote in favour was our PCC Councillor Bev Baynham). Subsequently it seems that this vote was miscounted and so the motion has fallen. The motion will be put before the county councillors again at the full council's September meeting. If you have strong feelings, either way, about this then please do write urgently to our representative Cllr Baynham on cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk

...be beware...there was a burglary at Dolley Green last **Sunday night**. Electric bike; junior quad bike; assorted electric tools. The owners were at home watching tv; heard nothing. Van was 'hidden' in adjoining field. Please be aware, and keep your outbuildings etc. well secured.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things are still fluid with local businesses so best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from the Town Clerk.

- Latest Planning Application in: 20/1375/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331621 N: 264587 Proposal: Application for works to trees in a conservation area Location: Bridge Inn, Broad Street, Presteigne. To be considered at the September meeting of the Town Council.
- A outdoor hand gel dispenser has been provided and is located adjacent to the Scout Hut car park for use by residents using the Scout Hut, outdoor gym, and MUGA games area.
- The Local Places for Nature Garden Project grant application was successful and the plants should be delivered very soon for installation in the new garden at JB High School.
- The next full Town Council meeting will be a video conference on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm on Zoom. See www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council for meeting papers and to join the meeting as an observer.

(ed. Note that, given the current Covid situation, there are no Council surgeries at the moment. If you have any questions or information for the TC, please contact your local councillor or email the Town Clerk on presteigneandhortontc@outlook.com)

...from Repair Presteigne. We are back !! - weather and Covid restrictions permitting, on Saturday 19th September 10am to 12 noon in the garden of the Radnorshire Hotel under the big awnings, all suitably distanced, with all necessary Covid precautions.

...from the Bring Site. Unfortunately Powys CC have now removed the WEEE small electricals recycling box from the Bring Site...and it won't be coming back !!! Shame, because this now means you have to take all broken electrical items to your local HWRC, either at Llandod, or Kington or Leominster. If the item works, and is saleable (not just junk) then please take it into the PNCS Charity Warehouse for them to sell. Fortunately the Book bank, clothes bank, and the drinks container recycling bins are not operated by PCC and will remain at the Bring Site.

...from John at The Dukes. We are now open and our opening hours are 12 - 12 Monday to Saturday and 12 - 2.30pm and 7 - 12pm on Sundays.

...from Knighton Market. Our next market will be held on 26th September from 9.30am til 1230 pm back in the community centre!! We will have to adhere to very strict C19 requirements including:- track and trace information, a strict one way system, 2 metre distancing, masks are not compulsory, but you are very welcome to wear one, you must remain courteous at all times...to vendors and other customers alike, there will be a limit to how many may be in the building so this may mean that you have to wait outside briefly, we are not permitted to have the cafe open currently and public toilets are found directly outside the building for your use. So after all that we can't wait to welcome you all back and we thank you for supporting all of us as small business holders....this is our livelihood and we hope you enjoy the products we bring you. Any questions please message on Facebook....See you soon

...from Rhos Organics. We are in Presteigne (outside Daphne's) every Thursday from 10am to 12.30pm and we are also happy to do regular veg bags for people, or take orders as well. Call 01547 528315, or email info@rhosorganics.co.uk

...from Grace's Beauty. From tomorrow we will be adding in a temperature check in our pre-treatment screening. We are working as hard as we can to keep everything clean and sterilised, and feel the temperature check will heighten safety in the coming weeks. Many thanks for your support. Plus...As we are running by appointment only at the moment, we have introduced an e-voucher so you can purchase from us at any time and print off at home. Give us a call to order an e-voucher. They make the perfect present.

...from Weobley Ash. Meat Boxes - beef, pork, hogget or mixed - 4 ppl £60. Free local DELIVERY or £5 per order. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk

...from The Hub, New Radnor. We are opening the bar on Friday nights 6.30-11pm. Socially distanced tables etc. Hobsons Best on draft.

...from Learn Welsh Cymru. Our Welsh classes will be starting up again in the area from the 21st of September, and there's a 50% discount available on the entry level classes in Presteigne and Knighton! All classes will be on Zoom to start with, until at least Christmas, and we'll be returning to the classroom only when safe to do so. Please feel free to contact me via Facebook, or the Learn Welsh department Aberystwyth University on 0800 876 6975

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Information from Welsh Government / Llywodraeth Cymru on a COVID-19 vaccine, who will get it and when. <https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccine-update>. #coronavirus #COVID19 #KeepPowysSafe #KeepWalesSafe

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. Calling all drivers booked onto NDORS courses in September/October – we need you to get in touch! Since the beginning of the #COVID19 pandemic, face-to-face courses for the National Driver Offender Re-training Scheme have been suspended, and we won't be holding these for the foreseeable future. We've introduced the option of completing your course online by accessing our digital classroom, but to do this we need you to get in touch with us to let us know that's an option you'd like to take up, and to make the arrangements. If you're currently booked onto an NDORS classroom course in

September and October, and you're able to complete this online instead please contact us on 01267226479 or by email to: CJITNDORS@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk. Our phone lines are open 9am to 12:30pm Monday to Friday, and are extremely busy at the moment, but outside of these hours or if you can't get through please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible. If you're unable to complete your course online, or you want to decline the online offer, you'll need to contact the original force who referred you to the scheme (you'll find details of who this is on your original options letter). If this is South Wales Police, you'll need to contact them on 01443 660402 (option 4) or by emailing SWPCTOSUPPORT@south-wales.pnn.police.uk. If we don't hear from you to book online, or to decline the offer, your booking on the scheme will be cancelled, refunded, and we'll refer your case back to the original force.

...from Presteigne Freegle. Throwaway fashion is putting increasing pressure on our planet and its people – it's unsustainable. Every week 13 million items of clothing ends up in UK landfill! Please shop secondhand and reuse via Presteigne Freegle! www.ilovefreegle.org.

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Powys Teaching Health Board therapy and health science services for adults (Audiology, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Radiography (X-ray and Ultrasound) and Speech and Language Therapy) are gradually reintroducing their normal services. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/update-on-adult-therapies-and-health-sciences-services-in-powys/>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. We need to understand your thoughts on video calls for health and social care. NHS Wales is rolling out a Video Consultation Service between the public and clinicians. You may already use video calls on apps such as FaceTime, WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger, but taking this short survey will help us understand how you think video calls could be used in Health & Social Care in the future. Please share your thoughts on these changes here: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9RS57ZY. For data protection purposes, please do not enter any personal details on this form such as your name, or other people's names. The survey is open until the 30th September 2020.

...from Powys CC. Latest news: Parents urged to work with schools to reduce coronavirus risk. Concerns have been raised that parents in Powys are gathering outside the school gates and are not following social distancing measures, the county council has said. School leaders across the county have raised the concerns about the gatherings with Powys County Council, who are now urging parents to work with their child's school to reduce the risk of coronavirus spreading. Parents are also being reminded to make sure that they have provided their child's school with up-to-date emergency contact details.

...from Powys Recycles. An Autumn 'Spring' Clean. Join in with Keep Wales Tidy Autumn Clean Cymru and be part of the pick. Having postponed the popular Spring Clean Cymru event back in March, we are calling on residents and communities to do their bit and join in with a re-scheduled Autumn litter pick from 11-27 September. Autumn Clean Cymru will be a bit different from the usual clean-up campaigns. To make sure everyone stays safe and well, we're encouraging individuals and households to clean-up the streets, verges and parks on their doorstep. It's part of the Great British September Clean which will be happening across the UK at the same time. It seems that, more than ever, people are recognising just how important a clean and safe environment is to their health and well-being. There's also been a real sense of frustration at the increase in litter since restrictions have eased, much of which could easily have been recycled. Autumn Clean Cymru is a chance for us all to take a stand and declare that litter is not acceptable. How to get involved: 1. Organise a private clean-up for your household in your local area. 2. Pledge to do your own individual clean-up. For more information on Autumn Clean Cymru and how to get involved safely, please visit www.keepwalestidy.cymru

LOCAL JOB AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Position in Presteigne Medical Centre for a Physician Associate. Are you a newly graduated #physicianassociate? Interested in living and working in the stunning countryside of Powys? If so, we have a new and exciting band 6

internship in rural primary healthcare that could be for you! Apply by 13th September 2020.
[http://jobs.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/job/UK/Powys/Presteigne/Powys Teaching Health Board/General Medical Services/General Medical Services-v2570307? ts=1](http://jobs.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/job/UK/Powys/Presteigne/Powys%20Teaching%20Health%20Board/General%20Medical%20Services/General%20Medical%20Services-v2570307?ts=1)

...from Border Oak. Exciting opportunity in Kingsland. Apprentice/Junior Green Oak Frame Carpenter. Due to our continued growth we have an exciting opportunity for a junior carpenter to join our workshops based in Kingsland, Herefordshire. Carpentry experience and knowledge would be preferred but not essential as full training can be provided. It is physical work so will require a good level of fitness and strength. We are ideally looking for someone at the early stages of their career, or wishing to start a new career in bespoke green oak framing. This position is well suited to someone looking to make a long term commitment to a well regarded local business and to progress during their career. Email sarah.powney@borderoak.com.

...from Powell & Co. We are recruiting. Class 2 Driver is required by Powell & Co for deliveries and collections nationwide. If you are interested in the role that requires flexibility, working within a team and in isolation then view more information online at https://www.powellbuildings.com/job_vacancies/class-2-driver/

...from Arrow Plant Hire. Job opportunity in Leominster with immediate start. Plant Mechanic. Based in Leominster, HR6 0QF. The roll will include maintaining our hire fleet of diggers, dumpers, telehandlers etc as well as PDI'ing new Takeuchi excavators for our sister company Bow Plant Sales. You will be working in a busy workshop alongside other mechanics, so must be able to work as part of a team and take instructions. The chosen candidate will be expected to carry out onsite repairs when necessary using a fleet vehicle. 7:30 until 5PM Monday to Friday with overtime available when busy - call Leominster depot for more details 01568 615161

...from Presteigne Primary School. Job vacancy: School Cleaner. To commence ASAP 10 hours per Week / 38 weeks per annum (plus holiday entitlement). The post is for 10 hours per week term time only: 3.30-5.30 p.m. Monday – Friday. The above position is offered as a temporary post until the end of August 2021 in the first instance. The successful candidate will work as part of the school team, working under the overall supervision of the caretaker and Headteacher. The post requires a committed and flexible approach. You can apply for this post online at www.powys.gov.uk/jobs or you can request an application form from Powys County Council. Application forms are also available from the school office. Closing date: Monday 21st September 2020. Interviews: Monday 28th September 2020.

...from Evenjobb & Community. We have some exciting news: We have secured funding for the new Evenjobb, Saturday Cafe, which we hope will be open (with social distancing) very soon. We are looking for a reliable self-employed Cafe Manager to run the enterprise. Hours - Saturday 10am to 4pm. It would be great if you could share this opportunity far and wide, so that we can get the cafe up and running as soon as possible. Thank you! Email evenjobb@btinternet.com. Closing date Friday 9th October.

...from the Sidney Nolan Trust at The Rhodd. Do you have a passion for gardening? Why not join our gardening team? Currently, our gardens may seem wild and unkempt as we are in the process of creating a vision for what they could look like in the future. Gardening expertise is welcome but not essential. We are looking for any volunteers willing to help us bring this vision to life. Time commitment: We would like 1 shift commitment per week, but understand this isn't always possible, so as much or as little as you like! Contact Hollie Brookes or Kiefer Whitlock on 01544 260149 or email hollie@sidneynolantrust.org

...from Powys CC. Climate Change Officer. 37 hours, Fixed term until 31/08/2021 at Llandrindod Wells. To play a lead role in the development of the Council's response to climate change. Closing date - 14/09/2020. Interested? Visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development 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 news@pacdg.org with REMOVE in the subject line & we'll immediately take you off the mailing list.