

Community News

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

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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 - 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

URGENT about The Old School in Hereford Street. This much-used facility is currently run by the Presteigne Youth Project, and has been a popular venue for all types of community groups for ten years. Three of the current directors have decided to retire and, unless replacements can be found, the building will be closed and returned to Powys County Council for disposal. Presteigne Youth Project has run a youth club in the building, but it is not necessary that this carries on for the building to continue to be made available for community groups. Presteigne Youth Project is a charity, has good financial reserves, and is well organised. If you are at all interested in keeping the Old School facility available for the community, please contact James Tennant-Eyles for an informal discussion. Email jtennanteyles@gmail.com, or telephone 01544 267363.

...from Margaret Fry. Ref the first 2 articles in the previous Community News about Street Cleaning, I would like to point out that 94yr old Mrs Glenys Millichamp has been spraying the weeds in and around Presteigne high street all summer with vinegar and salt. Some people think she has been using chemicals but this is not the case. I think she is an unsung hero and needs recognition.

(ed. well-said Margaret. If there's anyone else who would like to say a public thank you to unsung heroes in our community, please email news@pacdg.org and we'll be glad to include it)

...from Dawn Lloyd. The funeral of Roy Creed will be held on 28th September at a private funeral at Hereford crematorium due to COVID-19. Anyone wishing to pay their respects can do so on the bypass at 10.15am. Any donations to Welsh Air Ambulance xx

...a reminder from Presteigne Medical Centre about FLU vaccinations for 2020/21. Due to COVID-19 Social distancing requirements the practice this year have worked closely with Powys Teaching Health Board to provide vaccination clinics from Knighton Hospital. This is to minimise risk to our patients and staff. Please note: Vaccinations will be available by appointment only with NO DROP IN CLINICS this year. We request that patients who fall within these eligible categories need to contact the surgery to book an appointment • **Anyone over 65 years of age or who will reach the age of 65 before 1 April 2021** • **Under 65 in an at-risk group** • **Pregnant women** • **Unpaid Carers**. The Appointment will be arranged by one of the practices dedicated 'Flu-co-ordinators'. The Flu co-ordinator will seek confirmation of your age as there are different clinics and different vaccines. The practice is expecting further information later in the year about the over 50 vaccinations that fall outside of the eligible criteria. Once this is received the practice will update all information systems used. Please do not contact the practice to request information or a vaccination. If you become ill with potential Covid symptoms pls phone the Surgery for advice. You will only be admitted to the clinic when

it is your designated time slot. On arrival to the Hospital site there will be clear signage to access the clinic area via the reception area. A Receptionist will check your appointment time and direct you to the clinic area. We request that you follow the points below: • Do not turn up more than 5 minutes before your appointment slot • Please leave all bags and belongings in your car • You may be required to queue within keeping of the social distancing requirements • Wear clothing that you can remove and carry • Use hand gel on entrance and avoid touching any surfaces • Understand that the toilet facilities will not be available • Understand that the clinics are for flu only - please don't ask for any other advice or information during your visit. The practice staff appreciate your support and understanding with the changes that have been made this year.

SCAM ALERT

...from Public Health Wales. A contact tracer will only ask who you've recently spent time with and how to contact them. They will never ask for financial details. Be vigilant for scam callers. If you have any doubts, don't provide information. <https://gov.wales/contact-tracing-your-questions>

...from Dyfed Powys Police. Received an email telling you that you have a Penalty Charge Notice? HM Courts and Tribunal Service are NOT sending these emails, scammers are. Don't click the links, and don't pay - forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk instead.

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 Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. See our FB page for the menus for the next two Fridays, orders for Friday by Wednesday 11am please. Looks like it's going to be a lovely week so why not pop down to our lovely garden for morning coffee, lunch or cream tea - we are open till 5pm Tuesday to Saturday.

...from Chilvers Country Supplies. Commercial Rabbit Pellets. We have 10 bags of commercial rabbit pellets, dated until 14th October 2020. Ordered in specially but customer no longer wants it. Now on offer for £8 per bag. Call into Chilvers Country Supplies, Presteigne or phone 07974129392

...from Pauline at Pear Care Services. Pear Care provides local care to your door - if you need a little help at home, personal care, shopping, home help, dog walking or respite, give me a call: contact me on [07805282462](tel:07805282462) or pearcare20@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook.

...from Maggie at PCCS Books. As it's the 'back to college' time of year, we are offering trainees and students an additional 10% off our (already discounted) online prices at www.pccs-books.co.uk. Just use the code [Academic2020](#) at the checkout. Offer ends October 31st

...from Freedom Leisure - East Radnor Leisure Centre. Your fitness has never been more important! Here's an offer which gives you a terrific saving, flexibility and the incentive to get started. Pick up this great offer on our multi-site memberships! 3 months for £89.

...from The Royal Oak. Back on draught by popular demand - Stowford Press & Robinsons Flagon Cider. Note that the kitchen will be closed this Sunday but for Sunday 27th September we are doing a one off 'Eat Out To Help Out' special offer on our Roasts to eat in or takeaway. 20% off our normal prices advertised. Tables are limited to eat in to adhere with current guidelines. To book message us on FB or call 01544 260842.

...from Mid-Counties Co-op. You can receive 10% off every Tuesday if you're over 60 and a member! Offer available in selected stores only.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Presteigne Freegle. Wouldn't it be great if it was easier to fix broken stuff? It is! There are hundreds of Repair Cafés all around the U.K. run by lovely volunteers and we have our own

here in Presteigne - REPAIR PRESTEIGNE - which is running its first post-lockdown session in the Radnorshire Arms garden, this Saturday (**TODAY!**) from 10am to 12. Look out for posters and dates of future sessions on the Community News, usually 3rd Saturday morning each month. Don't bin it. Fix it. <https://repaircafe.org/en/>.

...from Powys Children's Library Service. Sunday is Roald Dahl Day and what better way to celebrate than to launch a competition. Write and illustrate your own Revolting Recipe, send them in to us and you could win a prize. Email your entry library@powys.gov.uk before Wednesday 30th September.

...from How The Light Gets In. The world's first virtual reality festival experience goes live in two days. Start off in the box office, then head out into the wide open festival space - you've got 7 venues to choose from, running livestreamed debates, talks, music, comedy and workshops throughout the day! Inside the central bar area, stop for a drink and a Zoom chat with fellow festival goers about the day's events. Last few tickets here: howthelightgetsin.org/global/festival-passes

...from Powys CC. Please remember, disposable face masks and gloves must NOT be recycled. Put them in your general waste.

...from Presteigne Freegle. It's not waste until you waste it! Take responsibility for your unwanted stuff – we make that easy. Find a new home for your unwanted things, download our #Freegle #free #sharing app to do that and join the 3000+ like-minded freeglers in the Presteigne area

...from Powys CC. Have your say on Council Tax premiums on long-term empty properties. Owners and the wider public are invited to have their say on Council Tax premium charges on long-term empty properties, which does not include second homes. Unfurnished and unoccupied for more than a year, since 1 April 2017 long-term empty properties in Powys are subject to a Council Tax premium of 50%, resulting in a total Council Tax charge of 150%. Regulations allow for a 100% Council Tax premium to be charged on these properties resulting in a total charge of 200%. Councillor Aled Davies, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, said: "We are keen to understand why some properties, almost 1,000 in Powys, are left empty for long periods of time by their owners and what impact increasing the premium may have on the numbers of long-term empty properties we have in the county." "We are interested in the potential impact increasing the Council Tax premium on these properties would have in bringing them back into use, potentially supporting an increase in affordable housing and how this would impact the local communities in general. "For owners who would like to bring their residential property back into use, the Council offer an interest free, home improvement loan scheme, funded by the Welsh Government, more information can be found on our website." To respond to the consultation, people can complete the online survey at <https://crowd.in/3dLBGJ>. The consultation opens on Friday 18 September and will close on Friday 30 October.

...from Powys CC on Secondary School Admissions – Apply Online Now. Do you need to apply for a place in Year 7 at Secondary School in September 2021 ? If so, the Secondary School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2009 – 31/08/2010 opens on Monday 21 September 2020. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://crowd.in/iGIDbv> by the deadline of Friday 13 November 2020. Secondary Common Offer Date is Monday 1 March 2021. If you are unable to apply online please contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

LOCAL JOB AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...from The Town Clerk and The Judge's Lodging. The Judge's Lodging are currently looking for up to three new Directors from the Presteigne area to sit on their board to support with exciting plans for our future development. As part of this, we need Directors who can speak for and are from the local community. Whilst no previous experience of being a Trustee or Director is required, we are looking for people who have a passion for the building and are willing to roll up their sleeves and get involved in securing the future of this remarkable building. For further information, please visit our new website www.judgeslodging.org.uk or contact Diane Gwilt, Chair, Board of Directors dianegwilt@btinternet.com.

...from The Stagg Inn. We're looking for hard working and friendly waiting staff to join our team. Prior experience would be beneficial, but our main requirements are a willingness to learn, an interest in food, and a positive attitude! Work would likely be part-time to begin with, but with scope for hours and responsibilities to increase over time. We are looking for people to start work as soon as possible. If you're interested or would like more information, message us or email reservations@thestagg.co.uk

...from Presteigne Art Scene. Job opportunity - Involvement Artist with a starting salary of £25,034 per annum for full time hours. This is a permanent contract. "Are you someone who will enjoy sharing and gathering real-life examples of the simple changes and interesting examples people and organisations can make to improve Wales for future generations?" Closing date tomorrow: 12 noon Thursday 17th September 2020 See <https://www.futuregenerations.wales/careers/were-recruiting/>

...from Sidney Nolan Trust. We are seeking a dynamic and ambitious new Director to lead our small and dedicated team at the Sidney Nolan Trust. As we prepare for a Major Capital Development programme to reintegrate Rodd Court into the Trust's original site and make the facilities at The Rodd fit for twenty-first-century use, our new Director will need to have the vision to shape this major project from fundraising to completion. For more info see <http://www.sidneynolantrust.org/about/VACANCIES>

...from Powys CC. Could you make a real difference to the lives of children, young people and families in Powys during this pandemic? Powys County Council urgently need Personal Assistants to provide care and support and overnight short breaks for children and young people with disabilities and complex needs. If you have experience and skills caring for children and young people, and would like to work with families via a direct payment this could be a great opportunity for you. Children and young people need you all across the county, either for a session, a day, or for weekend residential support, to allow families to have a short break from their caring responsibilities. Rates of pay will vary from £8.50 - £9.50 per hour and all relevant training will be provided. It's a difficult time for us all, but particularly for families who have children with disabilities and complex needs. So, if you have a caring heart and want to step up to do something incredible for children and families during this pandemic then apply now. For more information or to make an application please visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. We are recruiting a Practice Education Facilitator (Band 7). We are looking for a highly motivated individual with a keen interest in developing and supporting the practice education of healthcare practitioners. Working in partnership with many HEI's such as the University of South Wales, Swansea University and Bangor University, you will provide an effective clinical learning environment for students of nursing whilst in Powys Teaching Health Board and support clinical staff in their assessment of student nurses ensuring that they are fit for practice and purpose at the point of registration. http://jobs.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/job/UK/Powys/Bronllys/Powys_Teaching_Health_Board/Clinical_Education/Clinical_Education-v2609094?ts=1019

...from Powys CC. We need a Project Support officer within our Adult Social Care team. If that sounds like you why not take a look at our Powys County Council Jobs profile? Please note that the deadline for this post is fast approaching! Project Support Officer (Adult Social Care) 18.5 hours, Fixed term until 31/03/2021. Llandrindod Wells. Closing date - 20/09/2020!! For more information and to apply visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

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