

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

...from Paula. So I ran the Virtual London Marathon and am super chuffed with myself! The hardest thing I've ever done and got totally soaked, but totally worth raising money for my charities, even if I am still aching. I managed to run the marathon in 4:54:46. Thank you all so so much for your donations and lovely messages, it really means a lot and we raised £470 for Macmillan Hospice & £250 for Coeliac UK! (with more to come in I hope). Roll on next year in London x

...Tim Craddock has suggested that "...the Community News could publish occasional lists of readers' recommendations on local businesses and tradespeople which offer services to help people maintain their gardens or houses, for example plumbers, electricians and occasional gardeners or tree surgeons. The old style "Yellow Pages" and, even internet searches, do not in many cases provide reliable and up to date information, and we all know instances of when it has been difficult to find someone to do small jobs around the house".

ed. DO YOU THINK this would be useful, as well as a way of supporting local businesses? Please let us know by emailing news@pacdg.org and if you can recommend local services please provide their name, business, and a contact tel. number and/or email address.

...from Ken Rodmell. Several people have asked me what that bright red thing is in the sky. Well, it's planet Mars, currently shining at a whopping -2.5 magnitude, the brightest and closest to Earth that it will be for the next fifteen years. It culminates (i.e. is at its highest) to the south around 1 am - 2 am, when it is clear of the worst of the atmospheric haze and turbulence but still presents a mighty fine view from around 10 pm onwards. Large binoculars or a modest telescope should bring out tonal differences on its surface. Enjoy it while you can!

...from PCC about contact tracing. If it's been confirmed that you've been in close contact with someone who has coronavirus, a contact tracer will call you. Following this call, daily check-ups will be made by text for 14 days to support you through your isolation period. Please note, daily text messages will **only** be sent from number +447775106684 and will include a title message NHSWALESTTP (English) or GIGCYMRUPOD (Welsh) depending on your selected language of choice. **A text message from any other number may be a scam.** Please be careful.
<https://gov.wales/contact-tracing-if-you-are-confirmed-contact>

SCAM ALERT

...from Gareth about a TV Licence scam. "As I am 75+ I have applied to renew my TV licence – like many others I suppose – including setting up a new direct debit. A few days ago I received an email purporting to be from TV Licensing claiming that my application could not be processed and inviting me to visit their site in order to sort it out. Obviously I declined this invitation! It is clearly a big scam problem as the real TV licensing phone line directed me immediately to an alert about this issue. They will only contact you by post (not email) in the

event of a problem with all relevant details of your name, address, postcode and reference number.” (ed. thanks for the information, Gareth)

...from Dyfed Powys Police. We're asking the public to be vigilant in respect of any unexpected calls claiming to be from Dyfed-Powys Police. A resident recently received a telephone call where the caller claimed to be a police officer from Dyfed-Powys Police, and that they were going to be arrested. The call was eventually terminated, but if it had gone on there would have inevitably been a demand for funds. Worryingly, the scammers had gone to great lengths to make it look like the call had come from the force – as the non-emergency number to call if you're outside of the force area was displayed on the victim's mobile when it rang– 01267 222020. The scam caller also stated that they were calling from a station local to the victim. Please be aware that if an officer from Dyfed-Powys Police was genuinely trying to contact you via telephone, this 01267 number would not show up. Therefore if you receive a call like this, please do not engage with the caller or carry out any actions they may ask you to do, and instead terminate the call as soon as you become suspicious.

...be aware of scam calls pretending to be from the Police Serious Crime Squad telling you your account has been used for a large payment in London or Birmingham etc. and they think this may be fraudulent. It's the phone call that's fraudulent ! They may even give you a number to call to check that they're genuine - ignore it. Note the numbers, put the phone down and report it.

...ed. do you already know about the MidBorder News? The MidBorder News is a quarterly news magazine covering Kington, Presteigne, Knighton and surrounding areas. The next issue is out at the beginning of November and the copy deadline is 15 October. The MBN is distributed to many venues in the three towns and is also available online and via pdf. It is run as a non-profit community benefit. For advertising info or to join the mailing list contact the MBN on midbordernews@gmail.com Also see www.facebook.com/midbordernews

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 Catherine in Norton. There are boxes of books and magazines in the porch of St Andrews Church (Norton) that are waiting to be collected and read! Please help yourselves (and donate if you wish) Enjoy - and continue sharing.

...from No. 46. So we are super excited to finally announce our new menu here at No.46! Starting yesterday, we have a brand new winter menu featuring our new list of burgers. We will be serving this menu lunchtimes Monday till Sunday and on Friday and Saturday evenings. It will also be available to take away! Pictures of the new menu to follow shortly on FB. If you would like to be one of the first to try out our new menu, don't forget to book asap.

...from G&A Catering. We offer hot food from 7am - 2pm. Breakfast all day along with Burgers, hotdogs & chips Monday to Friday - card payments accepted, Pre orders are welcome - call or text [07487 246276](tel:07487246276) FB or Insta Message. Come and see us - we are located @ G & A Carpet and Beds on the industrial estate in Presteigne.

...from Grace Beauty. *I'm dreaming of a local Christmas.* Before heading to Amazon or to the high street elsewhere, have a little thought for your small local independent shops and businesses this Christmas. Support them where you can, even the smallest purchase can make a big difference. We are offering a personal shopping experience this year where you can stay home and be safe! We want to help take the stress away from panic buying online or heading to busy shopping centres. We can mix and match any products, treatments and gift vouchers to create a unique and personal gift that your loved one will adore. Let us know who you are buying for, any ideas you may have and a budget and we will do the rest - small businesses need you - more than ever!

...from The Salty Dog. The Pumpkin Man's made it back! and he's all Covid secure - come get your pumpkins at The Salty Dog

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Presteigne Repair & Skill Share. Our next session is on Saturday 17th October under cover (with usual virus precautions) in the garden of the Radnorshire Arms (unless the weather is really really bad!). Please wear a face covering. There are 4 good reasons to fix stuff: money, environment, climate change AND... satisfaction. So bring your broken things & our clever volunteers will do their best to fix them (or if not possible on the day, may take them away to be repaired for later collection). Small electricals, hoovers, lamps, heaters, anything to be glued, sharpened or fixed. Don't bin it - fix it!

...from Emma. Community Apple Pressing Sunday 18 October (from 12.30pm) at The Radnorshire Arms - organised by Presteigne Plenty: turn your apples into juice... come along and enjoy some socially-distanced community spirit with a pint of cider. We'll be pressing apples from 12.30pm Sunday 18th in The Rad's garden (last pressing at 4.30pm). Bring plastic containers to take your juice away in - and what you don't drink you can freeze for Christmas!

...from Amy at G&A Catering. On Monday 19th October we are hosting an American night, menu available on FB & Instagram, or text [07487 246276](tel:07487246276) for a menu. Available 5pm-9pm, card payments accepted, Pre-orders welcome, call/text [07487 246276](tel:07487246276) FB or Insta Message.

...from Sheep Music. Sadly COVID-19 has forced us to cancel the hugely popular Presteigne Fireworks. No surprise, but let's look forward to the best yet next year. Meanwhile please go to our Facebook page to see some fantastic photos from last year's spectacular event. © Alex Ramsay Photography

...from Powys Family Information Service. Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The amount of Council Tax reduction you can get is worked out by looking at how much money you have coming in, your savings, your personal circumstances and the amount of rent you have to pay. If your household is on a low income, you could receive support towards some or all of your Council Tax bill through the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. If you are receiving the benefits below, you can make an application to have your entitlement assessed and applied to your council tax bill: Job Seekers Allowance; Employment Support Allowance; Pension Credit; Income Support; or you're a low income household. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4813/Council-Tax-reductions>

..from Powys CC. Latest news: Economic Resilience Fund Phase 3 - find out if your business is eligible for support. Businesses across Powys are being urged to see if they can access the third phase of Economic Resilience Funding launched by the Welsh Government. The Eligibility Checker for the fund is available at: <https://fundchecker.businesswales.gov.wales/erfphase3>. Applications can be made w/c26th Oct on a first come first serviced basis.

...from Powys CC. What could be done to make cycling and walking within your area easier? A Powys County Council engagement exercise, to identify areas of improvement and new active travel routes within Powys, has begun. Perhaps it's simply somewhere safe to leave your bike whilst you pop to the shops. Maybe a cycle lane would make you feel more confident to ride on the road. Perhaps a zebra crossing would allow pupils to safely walk to and from school. Or maybe the pavement needs improving to make walking to town with the children and a pushchair easier. There are lots of different options which could be considered to improve the 'active travel' routes within your town. To find out more and to let us know your ideas on improving active travel routes in your area, please visit <https://crowd.in/CzDSEB>

...from Presteigne Festival. Winter Festival Weekend, 27-29 November. Very sadly, due to Covid-19 coronavirus restrictions introduced recently by the Welsh Government, it has been necessary to cancel our planned Winter Festival Weekend to have taken place at the end of November. Thanks to the generous support of our funders, the artists who had been engaged to perform, many of whom have been prevented from playing in public since the end of March, are being afforded generous cancellation fees. 'Presteigne Digital' is still available, online via the Festival website, until 31st December 2020. There are eleven specially recorded Festival performances, recently reviewed in Musical Opinion Quarterly: 'This enterprising and

thoughtfully planned series of events preserves faithfully the Presteigne Festival's questing, creative spirit. Picture and sound quality are exemplary throughout and constitute a model of how to present chamber music online'.

...from Presteigne Library/Powys Remote Readers. Welcome to Remote Readers, an online book group for readers all over Powys. We hope you'll join us for book chat, recommendations, and a live book club - all from the comfort of your own home! The first book we've chosen for discussion is A Skinful of Shadows by Frances Hardinge, which is available to read or listen to for free on our library app, Borrowbox. We'll be chatting about it on the 27th of November, so there's plenty of time to read and enjoy!

...from Presteigne Freegle. Do you know someone who needs to clear an office or workspace? Please suggest they use Freegle to find a new home for unwanted stuff. It's SO much better than just chucking everything out or getting skips! <https://www.ilovefreegle.org>. Just about everything can be re-used, remember just because you don't need something anymore does not mean someone else won't - Freegle makes it easy to find that someone else

LOCAL JOB AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team as our Volunteer Coordinator. Based in Bronllys, with a reasonable amount of home-working, organising and looking after our army of amazing volunteers who work with patients and families during end of life care. 35 hours pw, pay between £21,892 - £24,157 per annum pro rata. For more details and to apply visit <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/916215145>

...from The Riverside Inn. Looking for a dedicated, passionate Chef de Partie to assist our small kitchen in our 2 AA rosette award winning kitchen and business. Job Type: Full-time, Contract. Salary: £7.00-£10.00 per hour. Additional pay: Tips, Benefits, Company pension, Employee discount, Flexible schedule. Apply on our FB page, call 01568 708440 or email enquiries@riversideaymestrey.co.uk

...from Tir Coed. As part of the Elan Links: People, Nature & Water project, an Activity Leader to be based in Elan Valley, Powys. Tir Coed provides accredited training, practical learning opportunities, volunteering and wellbeing activities, in local woodland settings, to a wide range of people. Activity Leaders lead on the delivery of training courses and activity sessions in woodland sites across the county, including the delivery of accredited and certificated courses. For more information and to apply visit www.tircoed.org.uk/work-with-us. Applications by 5pm 22nd November. Interviews Monday 7th December via an online platform, planned start date of January 2021. Applications to admin@tircoed.org.uk

...from Powys CC. Could you provide a caring home to siblings in need of support in Powys? Do you have plenty of room to spare to provide a caring and safe environment within your home? In Powys we have an urgent need for Foster Carers who can support large sibling groups. By fostering through the Council, you will be providing a caring home for local families in your local area, with access to local 24-hour support. If you're interested in fostering to find out more, call our friendly team on 0800 22 30 627, visit <https://crowd.in/RGU7J0> or email fostering@powys.gov.uk

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. We have an exciting opportunity for an experienced, highly motivated and enthusiastic Clinical Skills Trainer to join the Clinical Education Team. Band: 7. Location: Bronllys. Closing Date: 22/10/20. https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Powys/Powys_Teaching_Health_Board/Clinical_Education_Training/Clinical_Education_Training-v2680277?ts=777

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