

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 Keith. Notice of death and funeral of Janet Hatfield of The Old Laundry, Broad Street, who passed away peacefully at St Michael's Hospice on Monday 28th September aged 70. Janet was a much-loved wife to Keith and wonderful mother to Cathy, Debbie and David, and grandmother to six, who will all miss her terribly. She has left a legacy of selfless love and caring friendship. A funeral service for family will be held tomorrow Friday October 16th at St. Andrew's church, followed by interment in the cemetery. For anyone wishing to pay their respects, the hearse will pass through Presteigne at around 1.50 pm. Donations will be shared between St Michael's Hospice, Macmillan Cancer Support and St. Andrew's Church, and may be made to Keith, or online at GoFundMe, by searching 'Janet Hatfield Memorial' <https://www.gofundme.com/f/janet-hatfield-memorial>. For further enquiries please contact A.W. Hughes & Son, Funeral Directors, Presteigne 267 778, Kington 370 217

Many congratulations to Bill Higginson MBE, retired county cricketer, umpire and MCC coach, in this year's Queen's Honours List. Bill says "This came about as the result of a nomination by a small group of guys and girls with whom I had been volunteering for almost twenty years for a Charity called the British Association for Cricketers with Disabilities (BACD) initially as the Welsh Team Coach/Manager, then as a BACD Committee member, I became Chairman and ultimately their President. Last year we handed the whole operation over to the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) the National Governing Body. We had started with three counties, Shropshire, Lancashire and Wales and progressed by encompassing 32 county teams, playing in four annual national competitions. They comprise players with either physical (P.D) or learning (L.D) disabilities. Their attitude being at all levels is "*we are cricketers who just happen to have a disability*". We have been so fortunate to play a part in their encouragement, development and successes. From those early beginnings we can now boast full English International teams who have toured abroad in India, South Africa, Dubai, Australia and hosted in England for the past eleven years. My own introduction came through a Llandrindod Wells club player, Simon Hickton, who now lives in New Zealand. The Wales squad were short of a coach one weekend at Christ College Brecon and he persuaded me to come along to assist with their indoor practice. I was hooked from that moment. Their eagerness, determination and humour was amazing. I thought my lifetime cricket career had come to an end until I was privileged to share some time with these, in my book, very special players. All this went together to land this Honour which I shall always consider as a shared experience.

...the latest Lugg Blogg is out ! "Falling Leaves and Rising Spirits". Welcome to the tenth issue of The Lugg Blogg with intro by Pete Mustill plus contributions by Sam Llewellyn, Mark Williams, John Hymas, Sabina Rüber, Kate Bull, Lois Hopwood, Josh Partridge, the Sidney Nolan Trust, Alison Giles, Noreen Davies and Terry Wells. You can view (and sign up to receive) the latest Blogg at <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/falling-leaves-and-rising-spirits>

SCAM ALERT

...from Nick about a Penalty Charge scam. *“Just received an e-mail purporting to be from the Home Office, inviting me to stump up a Fixed Charge Penalty. Just in case any of your readers receive one too, I’m pretty sure that this is a scam a) because my car was parked outside our house in Church Street when the “offence” is alleged to have taken place, b) because of the use of the phrase “at the date and time started below” (instead of “time stated”) and c) North Yorkshire Police warned of a similar scheme in September.”*

..and about a DVLA scam. Drivers are currently being warned about a convincing DVLA scam email that seeks to trick you into thinking you haven’t paid for your vehicle tax. The scam involves drivers receiving an email that informs them that their latest vehicle tax payment has failed. The email is professionally worded and tells you that “some of the billing details associated with you might have expired or were otherwise changed”. You are then encouraged to click on a link to “update and verify” their billing details. You are then also warned that if you fail to pay your vehicle tax on time, you can be fined up to £1,000, or that your details could be passed on to a debt collection agency. Others say something like “...our automated routine check has found some irregularities in your current profile which indicates that the information you have given is no longer accurate or up to date” and then threatens “If you will not update your account details we may suspend your DVLA account.” Of course, clicking on any links would allow scammers to steal your details. *The DVLA says “We never send emails that ask you to confirm your personal details or payment information.”* If you’ve received one of these emails, do not click on any links, forward the email to report it as above, and then delete. *(ed. thanks for all this information, Nick)*

...from Christine. *“Just received a scam text from +447857071577 purporting to come from HSBC saying ‘Dear HSBC Customer. We have detected a new device on your account. To keep your account secure, please follow: <https://devicexxxx.com/hsbc>’. We’ve reported this to HSBC and by text to 7726.”*

(ed. apart from not addressing by name, the IP address shows this is a scam - ignore everything after the backslash (i.e. hsbc) and you can see the website is ‘<https://device8848>’, not HSBC).

Report email scams by forwarding the complete email to report@phishing.gov.uk

Report phone call scams on a BT line to BT see www.bt.com/consumer/edw/scams

Report scam texts directly to your mobile phone provider note the originating mobile number, copy the scam text and then send a report text to 7726 quoting the number and pasting in the text. All mobile operators now use this short code text which is free of charge, and all operators work together to collate information in real time from the 7726 code.

(ed. the Citizens Advice Bureau CAB say you can also report all sorts of scams to them and they will forward information on to the relevant body - Action Fraud, Trading Standards etc. See Advice www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam/)

...from Annette and the Guerilla Gardeners. The GG gardeners worked on the old path at the Warden Rd junction with the bypass today and cleared it after many years of neglect. With the temporary traffic lights right opposite the old kissing gate, many drivers saw the GG’s team of four at work. Check it out. Now that the big green waste skips have gone, the GGs have an ongoing problem to get rid of woody tree and bush prunings - can anyone in town help with this problem ?

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. All our afternoon tea is homemade here at Rose Cottage. Book yours now £10.00 per person to takeaway and £12.50 to have here

...from Weobley Ash. Weobley Ash Meats Christmas gift vouchers and 2021 calendars should arrive in store this week

...well done to firefighters from Presteigne Fire Station, Kington Fire Station and Knighton Fire Station who recently undertook a 24-hour exercise relay in support of the The Firefighters

Charity. They have already raised more than £1,600 but you can still help by donating here: <https://bit.ly/34UimtG>

...from Amanda's Bread. If you want to place an order for delivery to Presteigne area on Saturday 17th October, please get in touch asap email Amanda asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com phone/text Amanda on 0775 993 9526 or Julian on 0771 870 4814. Thank you.

...from Catherine in Norton. 'In the Porch' at St Andrews (Norton): As well as books and magazines: Home- made preserves, plants, bulbs etc. Donations (£ in the tin please) will go towards Norton Community Trust (for renovating the Church). Donations/gifts of produce, plants etc gratefully received. Thank you.

...from Lockdown Dhaba. Hello! Hope you are well and feeling suitably autumnal. See website and FB page for our vegetarian and vegan menus for Saturday 24th October. Please let us know if you'd like to order, by Sunday (18th). Have a fabulous week!!! Pip and Gurd. lockdowndhaba@gmail.com; Instagram: @lockdowndhaba; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lockdowndhaba>

...from The Royal Oak. Fish Fryday special. Two for £12 deal for eating in or takeaway on our Fish and Chips this Friday. Message on FB or ring to book a takeaway slot or a table to eat in.

...from Cathy at Rotary. As Christmas approaches far too rapidly, the Rotary Club of Knighton and District has produced a collection of six charity Christmas cards to raise money to support local groups that help their local communities. These unique cards are based on the artworks of the talented artist Jane Wells of Leintwardine and are available from Angela Ellis by phoning 01547 540504 or emailing her on nanny.cakes@yahoo.co.uk. Each card has a greeting inside that says "Seasons Greetings, Christmas 2020, Stay Safe" A pack of 6 cards, 4inch by 6inch, of two different designs with envelopes is £3.50 or 3 packs (which will provide all six designs) for £10. Postage costs will be calculated by weight. Payment can be by BACS transfer to the Knighton Rotary charity account or in cash if collected. For information and card images, see <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=820772&ClubID=931>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...AJ Jewellers. Antiques Roadshow and Precious Metals Event at the Radnorshire Arms tomorrow Friday 16th October 11am to 4pm. Antiques, paintings, bronzes, pottery, watches, jewellery etc. For more info or to arrange a home visit, call 01773 688912 or 07710770808

...from Ruth at The Hub, New Radnor. We will be holding a table sale at The Hub next Sunday 18th October starting at 12 noon. Outdoors if at all possible, if not, then socially distanced inside. In aid of The Hub marquee fund (the awful gales contributed to our outside marquee being destroyed) .

...and don't forget....Presteigne Repair & Skill Share this Saturday 17th October 10am-12noon, and **Presteigne Plenty Apple Pressing Day** this Sunday 18th October, 12noon-4.30pm, both in the garden of The Radnorshire Arms Hotel (weather permitting).

...from Kington Saturday Arts and Crafts Market – Get Ready for Christmas! Kington Saturday Arts and Crafts Market is gearing up for Christmas with an extra day in November and another in December – perfect for all your Christmas shopping and seasonal decoration needs! Dates from now until Christmas 2020 are:

November: Saturday 21st November, Saturday 28th November

December: Saturday 12th December, Saturday 19th December

All our stalls feature genuinely handcrafted products, including: Cards for all; Potter; Handcrafted ironware; Alpaca products; Artist; Woodturner; Felting; Papercrafts; Knitted and crocheted garments; Sewn products; Wildlife fine art; Range of different crafts.

We are delighted to support local artists and craftspeople. There is something for everyone, with items to suit all budgets. Ideal "hunting ground" for all your Christmas present and home decor needs! Government restrictions permitting, find us at Kington Market Hall and Place de

Marines from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on all above dates. All are welcome! Please join us as we prepare for the festive season. All necessary Covid-19 precautions in place.

...from the Welsh Government. We're giving councils powers to crack down on pavement parking, something 83% of us in Wales see as a real problem. With more of us choosing to walk than ever, we want to create an environment that is pedestrian-friendly and puts people before cars. See <https://gov.wales/welsh-government-give-councils-powers-crack-down-pavement-parking>. The Welsh Government is to give Local Authorities the power to fine people parking on pavements. The current law is not as clear as it could be", said Deputy Transport Minister, Lee Waters MS, who set up the taskforce. "There is no specific offence of parking on pavements, and though the Police can enforce the existing criminal offence of causing 'unnecessary obstruction of any part of the highway', it is rarely enforced", he added.

...from Dyfed Powys Police. RESPECT, PROTECT, ENJOY. That's our message for Halloween this year, as we launch Operation Bang 2020. With so much uncertainty still around, we're asking people to think about celebrating a little bit differently this year...
RESPECT: Your neighbours, who might feel more anxious than ever about people calling at their home, and any local lockdown restrictions in your area. PROTECT: Emergency services: Don't add additional demand on police through antisocial behaviour, or the NHS through the possible spread of Covid-19. ENJOY: Celebrate Halloween as a family at home. Get creative and start some new traditions! Read more here: <http://orlo.uk/o486F>

...from Recycle Now. Did you know some things such as glass jars, plastics pots, tubs and trays need to be rinsed before you put them for recycling. Use your old washing up water to give your recyclable items a quick rinse before discarding them. <https://www.recyclenow.com/>

...from the Knighton Mens Shed. The Shed has been closed to the public since March 17th but following a meeting of 6 allowed members we are opening the doors on Monday and Wednesday mornings to the public from the 2nd November. Because of limited space admissions will be restricted to people from the same family visiting together and we ask that face masks be worn and hand sanitiser that will be available used. We have new lines of stock and wildlife habitats that have been popular in the past for Christmas presents. For more information see our FB page, call 01544 232750 or email jtknightonmensshed@gmail.com

...from Powys CC. Digital Research Questionnaire 2020. We are conducting a research study in Powys and are particularly looking for the views of:

- Those who volunteer providing home support in Powys or are thinking about providing home support
- Care providers or those who are thinking of starting their own business in this area and would like to inform our research
- Anyone aged 50+ who is looking for someone to help support them with basic tasks or care in their home or thinking about this for the future.

We would like to find out what motivates you, what barriers you are experiencing, if any, and if digital solutions could help overcome them. The survey is very quick (5 minutes) and anonymous, unless you choose to share your contact details with us: <https://crowd.in/fOsStp>

...from the Welsh Government and FullFact. Our coronavirus tests DO NOT generate positive results for flu or the common cold. They have been developed to detect the genetic signature of COVID-19 only. Tests are 99.91% accurate. Beware of misinformation – check everything you read with a reliable source. Full Fact is a useful service for checking whether something is true <https://fullfact.org/toolkit/>

...from Powys CC. There's still time to have your say on Council Tax premiums on long-term empty properties. We are keen to hear from as many people as possible. Have your say today: <https://crowd.in/vnb6U0>

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