

# 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 if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area jobs**
  - 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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

**...from the Town Council. Help needed - were you on Went's Meadow over the weekend?**

Did you see anyone misusing and damaging the outdoor hand gel dispenser sited at the corner of the Scout Hut car park. The dispenser has been repeatedly rocked to and fro and snapped off at the base at some point over the last two days causing considerable damage. This incident has been reported to Dyfed Powys police who are investigating. Please, if you saw anything do contact the police on 101 quoting incident number DP-20210614-061. Or if you prefer, get in touch with a Town Councillor or the Clerk [presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com](mailto:presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com). Further investigation has found additional damage - to a dispenser in the toilet block, part of the skateboard area fence and large amounts of broken glass in the old Barn.

**...Presteigne Dark Skies.** At the last Council meeting, Presteigne and Norton Town Council agreed to trial the fitting of infra-red motion sensors to the 'Dark Skies' street-lighting in Presteigne High Street. If this trial is successful it will be a UK first. The lights will sense when someone is near them and come up to full power. Intelligent lighting!

**...from Welsh Water. Today (Wednesday) the second phase of our £8 million investment gets underway at Presteigne Wastewater Treatment Works!** This investment will help ensure we continue to provide a first-class wastewater service and protect the environment for years to come. For more information visit [www.dwrcymru.com/Norton-Presteigne](http://www.dwrcymru.com/Norton-Presteigne)

**...from Powys CC. Work by the Council to extend Presteigne Cemetery has been completed** providing enough space at the facility for the next 100 years. Read more <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11218/Cemetery-Plans-Make-Progress>

**So if you were wondering what the bang was...** [from Gareth Pugh, Friends of Norton FB page]...So this is what I found inside one of our machines this afternoon initially thought it was a stone jammed but on removal from soil separator realised what it was - a WW2 4 inch mortar bomb. After 1st controlled explosion bomb squad confirmed explosive inside, hence the 2nd larger explosion to make safe.

**...Welsh Water staff working in Norton and Presteigne put down their tools at the end of the day and picked up some litter pickers** to help keep the community they've been working in over the last six months clean and tidy. They tackled some areas around the roadworks on the Presteigne/Norton road that are problematic for the PACDG volunteer litterpickers because of the traffic. Great job - thank you!

**...Are you or do you know EU citizens living in Knighton and Presteigne and district?** - there is an article on the BBC website about the need to apply for settled status by the end of June 2021. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-57441727>. There is also a huge Welsh Government website with lots of helpful advice and linked organisations to help <https://gov.wales/preparing-wales/eu-citizens> in all European languages.

**...from Claire. Broad Sheep** will be up and running again soon, with the JULY issue available printed and online. [www.broadsheep.com](http://www.broadsheep.com)

**...looking for a local tradesman or service ?** We can help ! We've been steadily compiling a PACDG listing of (currently 142!) local trades and services - email us at [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org) and we'll send it to you. The register is continually updated so, if you know someone local who should be included, please ask them if they'd like to be included and let us know. Thanks

**...Presentation and Q&A to explain the Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill.** The Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill alliance has been running a campaign to get the UK government to pass the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (CE Bill) in the Houses of Parliament. The CEE Bill would oblige the UK government to take the strong, decisive action required to match parliament's 2019 declaration of a climate emergency. Across the UK, local, town and county councils have been passing motions expressing support for the CEE Bill, to help persuade their MP to vote in favour. Many people have asked for more information about what is contained in the bill and to address this, PACE has organised a presentation and Q&A specifically for residents of Powys at 7:30pm, Tuesday June 15th, to help give a better sense of what the Bill contains. Please join us to discuss this crucial issue, using the Zoom link below: Topic: CEE Bill Q&A. Time: Tuesday Jun 15, 2021 7.30pm. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88405711642?pwd=am9pd0tZdzVkbzBoZXYvUmdUN202QT09>

## COVID

**...from Herefordshire Council.** If you're aged 25 or over, or if you turn 25 before 1 July 2021, you can now book your COVID-19 vaccine [http://orlo.uk/nhs\\_ngFX](http://orlo.uk/nhs_ngFX)

**...from Powys THB.** If you received your first dose in Powys on or before 2 April and haven't received your invitation for a second dose then please get in touch so that we can fast-track you to an appointment. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-dose-appointments/second-dose-priority-access-form/>

**...from Powys THB.** Following confirmation of cases of the new Delta variant in the county, health chiefs are renewing their call for residents to "get tested" if they have symptoms and participate in vaccination. "Throughout June, PCR tests for people with COVID-19 symptoms continue to be available from our testing sites in Brecon, Builth Wells, Machynlleth, Newtown, Welshpool and Ystradgynlais. You can also order these tests by post. "We have also increased the number of locations where you can drop in to collect Lateral Flow Devices for regular tests if you don't have symptoms. These are available for anyone who cannot work from home, for volunteers, and for unpaid carers. Lateral flow devices can be collected from Brecon, Builth Wells, Crickhowell, Hay-on-Wye, Knighton, Llandrindod Wells, Llanidloes, Machynlleth, Newtown and Ystradgynlais. You can also order lateral flow devices by post. "And, throughout June we have a rapid walk-in testing centre in Newtown for people who do not have symptoms. This is open to everyone. It is located at the Park Street Day Centre in Newtown and is open seven days a week from 10am to 6pm." If you have COVID-19 symptoms then you should follow the latest guidance on self-isolation. People with confirmed COVID-19 are also encouraged to take part in contact tracing to help stop the spread. More information about testing in Powys is available from <https://pthb.nhs.wales/find/ttp>

## SCAM ALERT

**...from Which Scam Alert.** Census 2021 phishing. Scammers are continuing to tell people through fake texts that their Census submission either hasn't been received or that information is missing, and because of this they risk being fined £1,000. It essentially tries to panic you into proving you've already taken part in order to extract your personal information and target you with further scams. [Here's how to deal with the fake messages.](#)

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

**...from the Town Council's FB page.** Our Councillors work hard in a number of varied areas - on Friday, members of the Council met a representative of Natural Resources Wales to discuss the erosion of the bank/weir just below the allotment site. Pictured is Cllr. The meeting was followed by talks with NRW to get advice on best sites etc for improving biodiversity on the Council Meadows - a project led by Cllr. Rose Bamford.

**Next Town Council meeting** is Wednesday 16th June at 7pm. Meeting papers available on the Presteigne website now - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>

**Latest planning applications in:**

21/0907/HH Grid Reference: E:331578 N: 264500 Proposal: Retrospective application for the rebuilding of a rear chimney stack Site Address: 1 Church View , Broad Street, Presteigne.

21/0977/HH Grid Reference: E:330454 N: 268126 Proposal: Installation of a two bay stable with tack room Site Address: Thistle Brook, Meeting House Lane, Norton, Presteigne.

To be considered at the June meeting of the Town Council.

**...Grass Cutting Schedule for Wilson Terrace Play Area:** This area is owned and looked after by Powys County Council. Grass cutting is done on a three weekly basis and the next cut is due at the end of this week (w/e 18th June).

**NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS**

**...a new shop has opened in town !** Located in Radnor Buildings (in the old barbers shop) opposite the Library, Daniel has opened **Repair Replace** dealing with phone/tablet repairs, sales and trade-ins. 6 months guarantee on all work and sales. Opening hours currently are: Wed-Frid 10am-5pm (closed between 12.30 and 1.30); Sat from 10am-1pm. 01544 209060

**...from Jonathan.** Thinking of a holiday after Covid? Here, in Presteigne, we have our very own tour company - specialising in personalised tours of Georgia. Lovely people, lovely country - great value for money and, no, I'm not on commission!! Check their website out - [www.georgiawineroute.com](http://www.georgiawineroute.com)

**...from Emily George.** We have very limited spaces available in our children's dance classes, we cater for age 3 upwards to age 16! Numerous styles including dance, tap, hip hop and musical theatre. In Knighton and in Presteigne. Please contact us to know more information! Message on FB or email [egeorge95@icloud.com](mailto:egeorge95@icloud.com)

**...from Leon's Food to Order.** Dear lovely customer, I have bad news and good news - the bad news is that I have decided to make next week my last Food to Order week, the reason for this is that I have decided to take semi retirement. This has been a very difficult decision for me to make, but I believe it to be the right one. But the good news is that, I will continue to make my range of curries, which will be available frozen from The Salty Dog. I will also continue with my Supper Club, the next one will be a Curry Night on the 25th and 26th June and if you would like to book a table please phone me. As from the 1st of July, Leon's Supper Club will also be available for private dinner parties. We can accommodate from 10 to 30 people. You will be able to choose any of the following themes - Spanish, Moroccan, Greek, Indian, Mexican, Thai. Or we can discuss a menu that suits you. If you are interested, then give me a call 07805 727486 or message me to arrange a meeting. Price per person from £25. Bring your own drinks. I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your custom and support during the past 18 months, it has been a pleasure to cook for you. My best wishes and take care. Leon

**...from No.46.** Hey guys! We finally have our new menus up and running. The lunch menu runs Monday to Sunday 12pm till 3pm! And our No.46 burgers are back!! We will be serving our burger menu Thursday to Saturday from 5pm till 9pm! Available to eat in or take away!! To book in just phone us on 01544 598 291. We are so excited to be serving food again!

**...a reminder on Paul's** Tai chi class timings - at the Community Barn, Tuesday & Fridays @ 10.30 am, Wednesday @ 6pm. Further info - contact me on [01544 262864](tel:01544262864) or [paul@indetail.org](mailto:paul@indetail.org)

**...from Jessica Fallon's School of Dance.** Have you got a little princess dreaming to be a ballerina? a funky diva? or a fire cracker bursting with energy? We've got a range of classes for all kids from 3yrs. Get in touch to book 07428 006541. First lesson free!

**EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**...Presteigne Repair & Skill Share.** Next session on Saturday 19 June 10 - 12 noon at the Youth Centre (Old School) Hereford Street. Virus precautions in place, please wear a face

mask. If you bring your smartphone or tablet you can now by-pass the paperwork (we'll show you how). Get your household items mended for free!

**...from Presteigne St Andrews Football Club.** The pre-Season fixtures have been confirmed! See <http://www.presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk/?p=20859>

**...2021 Presteigne Festival 26-31 August.** Booking for the 29th Presteigne Festival is now open for online, postal and telephone customers. 32 arts events in 6 days, 10 premieres with new venues for 2021 to include Hereford Cathedral and Leominster Priory. Please book early to avoid disappointment, as we will be operating a Covid-19 safe social distancing policy for events in both Wales and England. Digital version of brochure available to view and download here: <https://bit.ly/2SkGF1N>

**...from Powys CC.** Are you an unpaid carer in Powys? If so, you might be interested in Carers Wales' online 'Me Time' wellbeing sessions. The next one is on [June 29th](#) and will feature Zumba, dru yoga, dance and laughing yoga. More details at <https://crowd.in/lalEEr>

**...from Leon's Supper Club.** Diary Date - Curry Night on [Friday the 25th](#) and [Saturday the 26th June](#). £25.00 per person. Menu to follow on Facebook. If you fancy it, give me a call on 07805 727486, call in at the shop, or message me on the Salty Dog FB.

**...PCC and Stop It Now!** are hosting a free Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Event to help make our communities safer and give residents the confidence to seek help and take action. [Tuesday 15th June](#), 6pm to 8pm via Zoom. Contact [pwbotu@powys.gov.uk](mailto:pwbotu@powys.gov.uk) to book a place

**...Knife Angel Hereford.** Made out of 100,000 knives confiscated by UK Police Forces, The Knife Angel is both a memorial & a symbol of hope for the future. A National Monument against violence & aggression, the Knife Angel exists to spearhead change & raise awareness about the impact of violent crime. It arrives at Hereford Cathedral on [Monday 14 June](#) and will be [here until 12 July](#). During this time, Hereford will celebrate this educational opportunity by hosting a series of workshops & interactive events for young people, & a national conference for professionals. See: <http://orlo.uk/89JSA> for more details of the events.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**...from Herefordshire CC.** From Saturday 12 June, the reuse containers at our HWRCs (Kington, Leominster) are now back open for donations from the public. Due to Covid-19 social distancing measures you will still need to book a slot: <http://orlo.uk/hzwCe>

**...from Presteigne Freegle about school uniforms.** Have you got unwanted but wearable school uniforms lying about? List them today on Presteigne Freegle so they can be #reused locally! Equally, if you need bits and bobs or uniforms for your student children - then check out your local Freegle groups - you'll be amazed at all the wonderful things being given away. <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/explore>

**...from Powys CC. Broadband progress for Powys communities.** Exciting work to bring high-speed future-proof broadband to Powys' rural communities is now gaining momentum, thanks to a pilot project led by Powys County Council. Broadband progress for Powys communities. Read more <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11200/Broadband-progress-for-Powys-communities>

**...Presteigne Colts need a Secretary.** We are looking for a willing volunteer to fill the vacancy for Secretary for the upcoming season. You would be responsible for the registration of players and deal with day-to-day league correspondence and fixture distribution. Full details available from me so give me a ring for an informal chat if you like on 07975 506889. Due to the busy time before a season starts we need to fill the vacancy by the 24th of June at the latest. Without a Secretary in place, we as a club would be unable to continue and junior football in Presteigne would have to stop. Please spread the news and share if possible. Thank you.

**...from Education Wales. School uniform grants** are available for eligible families in Wales. Year 7 learners are entitled to £200, and £125 for school years 0, 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11.

Funding for looked-after children is available in every school year. <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>

**...from Pows CC about Early Years admissions applications.** Parents or carers who have children who are due to start pre-school in 2022 still have time to submit Applications for Early Years admissions - these must be completed and submitted by Friday, June 25, 2021. The applications will be for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 can apply for a place in an early year setting ready to start in 2022. Parents / carers need to complete an online application form which can be found by searching Apply for Pre-School (3 and 4 yr olds) Early Years Education at <https://crowd.in/KcH4HS>. If you have any queries or are having problems completing or submitting the application please contact the Admissions Team on 01597 826477 or email [preschooladmissions@powys.gov.uk](mailto:preschooladmissions@powys.gov.uk)

**...the SME Brexit Support Fund is open for applications.** Small and medium-sized businesses can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to help adapt to new customs & tax rules when trading with the EU. Visit here to find out more: <http://orlo.uk/4lmho>

**...from Hereford CC and Wye Valley NHS Trust. Hand it back** - we are urging residents to check their own homes and their family member's homes for medical equipment that is no longer needed, to help others in need. Millions of pounds worth of equipment is currently on loan in the community. This includes - Height adjustable shower chairs, Commodes, Perching stools, Toilet frames, Door frame ramp, Toilet frame, Bed rails and other equipment issued by the NHS or the council. Please help if you can [http://orlo.uk/HfdsCouncil\\_hbF9m](http://orlo.uk/HfdsCouncil_hbF9m)

**...Report flytipping.** If you see flytipping on the Herefordshire side of the border, please report it using the Hereford CC fly tipping app which makes it quick and easy to report illegal fly tipping. <http://orlo.uk/MwZZX>. If in Powys, report on the Powys CC website <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4073/Report-fly-tipping>

## LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**...from Powys THB.** We are looking for enthusiastic, motivated, forward-facing, patient-centred people to join our nursing team on Panpwnton at Knighton Hospital. We are looking for an individual who can work well as part of a multidisciplinary team, who is caring and kind and wants to develop their clinical leadership skills. You will be expected to work as an autonomous practitioner with the support of the ward manager, senior nursing and therapies staff. <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/916555955>

**...from The Stagg, Titley.** We're a busy family-run pub with a 70 seater Michelin rated restaurant, serving food that champions the best local produce Herefordshire has to offer. We are looking for (a) an Assistant Manager and (b) a talented and motivated Chef with at least a couple of years experience as a Chef-de-Partie or a Commis. Live-in accommodation for two people for the right candidates. Message on our FB page or call 01544 230221

**...from The Garth, Kington.** Health care assistant required for The Garth home care service - Kington/Eardisley/Weobley areas. Car driver preferred. Local area covered. High mileage paid, hourly rate above average and travel time paid. Applications please contact The Garth Nursing Home office on 01544 230 502.

**...Border Floor Restoration are looking for a new employee!** We specialise in stone and wooden floor restoration. Work is predominantly local, with the occasional over night stay. To know more, please email your details and appropriate CV to [info@borderfloorrestoration.com](mailto:info@borderfloorrestoration.com)

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