

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**

*[ed. there was some chat around town last week following on from a blue badge holder being ticketed for parking in the centre of Presteigne. The official guidance says this, about which many badge holders may not be aware ... "Badge holders may park on single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours, but in general **NOT** where there are restrictions on loading or unloading – indicated by yellow kerb dashes and/or signs on plates."]*

...ACE have promised that the overflowing drinks & food carton recycling bins will be emptied this week - fingers crossed ! We do monitor them and give reminders for emptying but obviously something has gone wrong this month. We've been reminded however that bin capacity is more than doubled if everyone would first flatten their cartons before putting them in the bins. Thank you for your patience.

...from the Co-op. You can now recycle your soft plastics at many Co-op stores - 1,500 Co-op stores already across the country and we're aiming to offer this service at another 800 of our stores by the end of 2021. Soft plastics are lightweight plastics that often cannot be placed in recycling bins at home. Think plastic film lids on yoghurt pots, soft fruit punnets and ready meals, as well as plastic crisp packets, pasta bags and chocolate or biscuit wrappers, carrier bags. What they're NOT are plastic bottles, tubs, pots, trays and caps. If you're not sure, a simple test is to scrunch it up and if it pings back, it's a useful indicator it's soft plastic. We can all do our bit for the environment <https://coop.uk/3hNUeji>

[ed. Brilliant news !!! from the Co-op website it looks as if this is available NOW at Kington Co-op, but not until later this year at Knighton Co-op. Let us know how this works for you].

...from Delphine at the St. Michael's Hospice Shop. We urgently need more volunteers at the shop in Presteigne. We are currently open 9.30-1.00 each day apart from Tuesdays and Fridays when we are open till 4 o'clock. Shifts are half a day, mainly sorting and pricing donations, but occasionally working the till for which training would be given. COVID procedures are in place. If you are interested, please call Delphine on 01544 267564 or Roz Casson on 01544 260843; or call into the shop for an application form (two referees are needed in each case).

...a team of eight Guerrilla Gardeners worked at the Ligné Garden, Went's Meadow on Wednesday. It is already looking tidier and we will be back there again next week. Going to keep it natural, not manicured, so there will be borage and other naturally self seeding plants. Lovely red rambling rose, clematis, honeysuckle and other gems hidden in the overgrown greenery. Interested to join the GGS ? Call Sarah 01544 267605 or Annette 01544 260151

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...Latest planning applications in to be considered at the July meeting of the Town Council:

21/0741/HH Grid Reference: E:330764 N: 264777 Proposal: Erection of an extension Site Address: 30 Warden Close, Presteigne.

21/1095/HH Grid Reference: E:331152 N: 264466 Proposal: Creation of a dropped kerb. Site Address: 52 Castle Road, Presteigne.

...next full Council Meeting: Wednesday 21st July at 7pm. Meeting papers available 15th July. Latest draft Minutes (June 2021) available here www.presteigne.org.uk. In face-to-face meetings, members of the public should wear masks and ensure that they sit in the seats allocated and observe social distancing. Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of coronavirus. You will be required to supply contact details to enable track and trace to be used if necessary. Meetings are normally held at the Assembly Rooms in Presteigne but may occasionally be held via video conferencing. Details of venue/link to meeting will be on the relevant agenda.

THANKS

...from Beth at the Methodist Church: A huge thank you to all who came along to our sale of all sorts. We made £588.95, which goes towards our roof fund. Your generous support is very much appreciated. Watch out for our next event.

...from The Hub, New Radnor. Have just received some very positive news from The National Lottery Community Fund Wales, the grant application we submitted in May 2021 has been successful. This translates positively for the Community as it means we are able to continue to offer our Stay and Play service & the Thursday Drop-In. Thanks to everyone who helped us with this application, to those of you in the town who completed the Survey Monkey poll and to local businesses & Churches Together for their ongoing support and guidance. A special thanks to Ruth for being an exemplary guide and mentor & of course a BIG thank you to the Lottery for giving us this great opportunity which allows us to continue delivering these two services. We do very much look forward to the year ahead and seeing you all at Stay and Play & the Drop-In. <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/assets/images/logos/tnlcf/bilingual/colour/digital-white-background.png>

...from Carole Fryer. May I through your group express my thanks to all at Presteigne Surgery. Unfortunately I have had to have quite a lot of contact with the surgery over the last 15 months and everyone has been absolutely wonderful. I am so grateful to them all.

...from St. Andrew's, Presteigne. Thank you to everyone who organised and came along to our Coffee Morning today – it worked really well outdoors, and there was no rain! It was so nice to meet and chat to old friends and new after such a long break.

SCAM ALERT

...from Which. Spot and protect yourself from scams. We've created [two scams protection checklists](#) to guide you through being able to spot scams and put settings in place to reduce the risk of a fraudster targeting you. If you answer yes to any of these questions, there's a good chance it may be a scam.

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. Criminals are trying to make it look like they are Amazon or similar companies calling. They state you owe money or unauthorised spending...Don't press 1. Just hang up...

COVID

...Have you received an invitation to your second dose appointment at a mass vaccination centre in Powys? Do you need to rearrange your appointment? If so, we have a handy form to help you do this: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-dose-appointments/>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from PSAFC. After consultations with both the manager and some senior players, the committee has - with regret - taken the decision to withdraw from the MMP with Norman Lloyd Mid Wales League East for the 2021-22 season. You can read the details on our FB page.

...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. Children's Holiday Programme - spaces are filling up fast !!! Call us on 01544 260302 to book into any of our summer activities starting Monday 19th July! PLUS - We have a fantastic sale on here at East Radnor with upto 50% of all swimwear and accessories - Everything must go! Pop in and grab a bargain before it's all gone.

...from The Salty Dog - Egg Boxes please !!!

...from Presteigne Bowls Club. Match Day Result!! Presteigne seal back to back wins this afternoon with a changed squad. Presteigne 88 Rhayader 39. Presteigne Men continue a return to form by taking all 4 rinks against Rhayader to follow up taking 14 points against Brecon the previous Friday. Next Mid-Wales league game is on the 23th July for the men, with the ladies team playing Hay on Wye on the 16th July! Well done Tigers !!!

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. So hopefully next week looks like the weather is going to pick up. The Day Centre menu this week includes toad in the hole, roast chicken dinner, summer lamb casserole and Eaton mess. In the café we will be running our usual menu with weekly specials of moussaka with feta and olive salad, salmon and spinach quiche and our popular smoked haddock chowder. Why not book a table and join us. 01544 260453

...from The Warehouse. Open again at 10 am today. Come and see the many bargains we have. Electrical items, crockery, men's clothing, tools, furniture and much more!

...from Presteigne Cricket Club. Firstly sorry for lack of updates and posts recently. Secondly Presteigne had a fantastic win over the weekend against Colwall CC. Hoping for another win we will be playing Knighton-on-Teme this Saturday 17th July 1pm at John Beddoes school field. Supporters are always welcome. Match kindly sponsored by Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop.

...from Arrowfield Vets. Covid update. Here at Arrowfield we remain committed to providing all our clients and their animals with as high a level of care as possible during the continuing changes brought about by the Covid pandemic. Because we are such a youthful bunch(!) many of the team had had to wait until now to begin to receive their vaccinations. This means that our team's vulnerability remains high to having a significant number affected by either illness or isolation. In fact, this risk is probably higher now than ever with the rapidly growing cases caused by the highly infectious Delta variant and the proposed further easing of restrictions. As such, we have taken the decision to continuing working in the same Covid safe way that we have established over the last year until this situation changes. Almost certainly this will be through into September. Sadly it also includes not allowing entry to the building for our clients. We do understand that many of you may be disappointed with still not being able to accompany your pets into the practice and having to talk to us outside in the carpark. Please do be reassured that actually, the vast majority of our patients have coped really well with this - much better than many of us might of imagined! In addition we would ask that both farm and pet clients continue to phone in for medication and food orders. Medications for farm clients will continue to be placed for collection in the box outside the farm entrance. We really hope that you will understand our decisions and continue to support us in this way. We strongly feel that it's the best way to protect our service to you all in the coming months. Please do otherwise enjoy the increasing freedom from restrictions this summer with responsible care and keep safe! Thanks, <https://www.facebook.com/arrowfieldvetskington>

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from Presteigne Repair. This Saturday Saturday 17th July 10.00 - 12.00 Repair & Share in the Youth Centre Hereford Street Presteigne. Bring along broken household items e.g. electrical, mechanical, wooden, garments, toys, etc & get them fixed for free. Learn how stuff can be repaired & reused & save it from landfill! Masks & Covid regulations still apply.

...from The Bleddfa Centre. We are all blown away by the stunning exhibition and installations in our Oriel Bleddfa, Hall Barn and Orchard... "Darkness & Light" is a must-see, and of course you can enjoy our café and craft shop as well. Open Thursdays to Sundays, 11am to 4pm.

...NGS Open Garden at Hill House Farm, Knighton LD7 1NA. Sunday 18th July, 15th August, 12th September. 5 acre south facing garden developed over 50 years, set in magnificent hilly countryside. Some herbaceous and extensive lawns around the house. Mown paths lead through shrubs, roses and specimen trees down to the half acre Oak Pool 200ft below. There are 11 sculptures and as many sitting places scattered around this very peaceful garden. Good range of snack bars and biscuits. Suggested contributions into an honesty box. £5 (children free). Click on this date link for full information [Sunday 18th July 12pm - 5pm](#)

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Powys Community Health Council which acts as a watchdog towards the NHS, carefully monitoring the services you and your loved ones receive. Since the start of the pandemic and now following on from multiple strict lockdowns we are very aware that the mental health of young people has been affected. In a bid to try and better understand what could be done to help improve the services available to you as a resident of Powys, we would be very grateful if you could fill in our latest survey which has been specifically set up for young people to tell us their views. The survey can be accessed in Welsh or English by following these links: [Welsh Link – https://cutt.ly/MnOZd7Q](https://cutt.ly/MnOZd7Q); [English Link – https://cutt.ly/OnOXwqM](https://cutt.ly/OnOXwqM) Survey end date – 16 July 2021. All responses are anonymous and we will use the survey results to produce an in depth report highlighting concerns and also the positives. This report will be shared with Powys Teaching Health Board and also Welsh Government for comment.

...from Powys Childrens Libraries. Children across Powys are encouraged to join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how they can make a difference to the environment too. This year, The Reading Agency have partnered with WWF for a nature-themed challenge featuring amazing books and plenty of ideas on how to take care of our environment. There are three ways to get involved: Sign up online for the digital challenge: www.wildworldheroes.org.uk; Choose six books you are going to read. These can be your own books at home or e-books; -Order books through the library's order and collect service: Go to en.powys.gov.uk/orderandcollectbooks or phone 01874 612394 to register for the challenge and order six books. Book bags can be collected from Order & Collect libraries across Powys, and there are also community drop off points in other areas. Visit your local library in person: Register for the challenge and choose your six books from the wide selection available. For more information, visit <https://en.powys.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge> or contact the library service on library@powys.gov.uk or 01874 612394.

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. Did you know, you can now report non-emergency domestic abuse incidents to us without picking up the phone? Save your time, report online. Just visit <https://bit.ly/DPP101Online>. In an emergency, always call 999

...from British Heart Foundation. Our furniture and electrical collection service is back! Book a free collection of your unwanted items and we'll pick them up from your home bhf.org.uk/collection

...from the Welsh Government. We want to make our streets safer for everyone. That's why we're looking to introduce 20mph speed limits on residential roads and busy pedestrian streets across Wales. We want to hear your thoughts on the proposed changes. Have your say here <https://gov.wales/proposal-reduce-speed-limit-20mph-residential-streets>

...from Powys CC. In Wales, being able to speak Welsh fluently is a valuable extra skill which will give your child a head start when looking for work. Visit the Destination Bilingual site today to find out more about the benefits - <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/10742/Destination-bilingual-the-benefits-of-choosing-a-Welsh-medium-education>

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. When someone's hit your car and driven off, you need a quick and easy way to report it. You can now tell us about non-emergency road traffic incidents online in minutes. Save your time, report online. Just visit <https://bit.ly/DPP101Online>. In an emergency, always call 999.

...from Recycle Now. Did you know that more and more of us recycle plastic meat trays! Simply remove the plastic film, give them a rinse and pop them in your recycling bin. Job well done! (just like your BBQ'd steak)

...from Presteigne Freegle. What a wonderful idea to keep football equipment and clothes out of landfill. Give your old kit a new life! Donate to Kits4Causes <http://www.kits4causes.org>. They take unwanted football equipment and have been distributing it to social development programmes around the world for years. Donate football shirts, kits & equipment! They will accept any football related items that you would like to donate including: Football Shirts - All types (replica, amateur team etc.) regardless of age or size; Football Shorts; Football Socks; Football Accessories - Shinpads etc.; Football Boots; Football equipment - bibs, training jackets etc. Please note that any textiles deemed as not being suitable to distribute will be recycled and money will be reinvested back into the charity. Kits4Causes guarantee that all suitable donations in good condition will be distributed to the worthy causes that we support

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...Would you like to work for PAVO? Working in the voluntary sector is rewarding - we make a positive difference everyday! If you are interested in working for our charity, but feel you could only meet some of the requirements of the role, we still want to hear from you, as we can offer on the job training and support to build your knowledge, skills and experience. PAVO has a range of benefits including flexible working, generous leave entitlement (25 days for full time staff in addition to bank holidays), 35 hour working week and 6% pension contribution.

Posts: **Development Officer, Community Network Development Officer, Health Promotion Facilitator, Digital Health Project Officer, "Time for Us" Development Officer, County Development Officer (Community Buildings).** The closing date is Monday 19th July at 12 noon. Interviews will be held during weeks commencing 26th July and 2nd August 2021.

For further information or to apply visit www.pavo.org.uk

...RM Agricultural Engineering Ltd is an established agricultural engineering company looking for a willing person to train as a **welder**. Experience not essential. People with experience are welcome to apply. A willing to learn and train is essential. We are based just outside Presteigne. Required to start ASAP. For more information call Rob on 07792 247280.

...from Seonaid Bulmer. Hello, I'm looking for a cleaner/housekeeper for a large domestic property in Evancoyd and a two-bed holiday let at the property which will need cleaning/linen ironing etc. This may become a full time job as more holiday lets become available and once the house is completed due to the size. I'm also looking for a gardener/groundskeeper to manage the gardens and surrounding land (approx 28 acres). Experience is essential. Please send me a direct message on FB if you know anyone who would fit either role or if you'd like any more information. Please feel free to share — looking for recommendations.

...from Knighton Community Centre. **Caretaker opportunity** available at the centre. Duties include opening and closing for events, helping set up for some events, maintaining the grounds and helping with minor repairs. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more please click on the link to access job description and application form. <https://www.knightoncommunitycentre.com/news.html>

...from Herefordshire Council. **We're hiring!** A large range of vacancies are being recruited for - to view and apply visit: <http://orlo.uk/0H0IL>

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