

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

...**from Presteigne Fire Station.** On 13th July, 17P1 mobilised alongside 08P1 Knighton Fire Station to alarms actuating at the Judge's Lodgings in Presteigne.

When attending the call, three vehicles were parked on double yellow lines across the top of the road next to Lloyd's Bank (whilst the drivers were using the cash point) slowing our response down - please think about where you park!!!!

...now that everything's starting to open up, are you thinking about resuming or taking up new interests, hobbies or pastimes, or perhaps volunteering locally? Check out the **PACDG Register of Local Organisations** on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations to find the club or group or society in Presteigne and Norton for you. If you run a local club or group, please check the Register for your entry and let us know if anything needs updating - email news@pacdg.org - thanks!

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Next Town Council Meeting is this Wednesday 21st July at 7pm. To be held via Zoom. Video Conferencing link is - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85176695584?pwd=MllsYTBnVFpxQ0pUNEtpa3JBWUpXdz09>. Meeting papers, draft Minutes of the June meeting, and Zoom link are all available now on the town website now - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>. Please note the earlier start time to accommodate an address by guest speaker Martin Kemp, from Powys CC, on Climate Change.

THANKS

...**from the Judge's Lodging.** Thank you, thank you, thank you to Presteigne Fire Station and Knighton Fire Station for getting to us so swiftly this afternoon. We are very grateful to know you are there. We can confirm it was an alarm issue - no fire - we're absolutely fine.

...**from Presteigne Primary School.** What a lovely last day of term we have had! Firstly a very lovely chance to say farewell and good luck to our wonderful Year 6s. They're all ready for their high school adventure - we are proud of everything they have achieved. We have also wished a very fond farewell to our very lovely Mrs Gwilt who has been a TA at Presteigne Primary for 36 years. We will all miss her terribly - she has been a huge part of our school community. We wish her lots of love and luck for her next adventure. Thank you to everyone for your support during this past year - it really has been a year like no other! We wish you all a very happy summer holiday! Stay safe!

...**from PSAFC.** Was brilliant to finally be able to open up our clubhouse last night. Thanks to everyone (too many to name) who has contributed in getting it ready and covid-safe, also many thanks to supporters and players for following the rules. It was so great to see a good crowd watching an excellent game. We hope for your continued support this season as we rebuild.

SCAM ALERT

...beware of scam phone calls from someone purporting to be the Energy Adviser for this area saying that your loft may be inadequately/inappropriately insulated leading to condensation, mould etc and offering to do a (free?) survey. Ignore even if the number displayed is local - scammers can now manipulate the number showing on your screen. Just put the phone down.

...from Dyfed-Powys Police about fake Amazon Rewards. Have you received one of these fake Amazon emails offering you "exclusive rewards"? Don't take the bait! The links lead to genuine-looking phishing websites that are designed to steal your Amazon password, personal and financial information! Delete!

COVID

...from Powys THB. Free rapid COVID-19 tests are now available to collect at pharmacies for those who are eligible. 1 in 3 people with Coronavirus have no symptoms. Get tested to #KeepWalesSafe. Collect yours today <https://gov.wales/get-rapid-lateral-flow-covid-19-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms>

...from Powys THB. 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/>

...for residents in Wales. Get the NHS Covid Pass to show your vaccination status for travel <https://gov.wales/get-nhs-covid-pass-show-your-vaccination-status-travel>

...for residents in England. Get the NHS Covid Pass to show your vaccination status for travel via the NHS website <https://covid-status.service.nhs.uk> or, if you are registered with a GP, the NHS app <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk> (not the NHS Covid-19 app, which is used for contact tracing).

...from Powys THB. Are you aged 18+ in Powys and still need your first dose? We have first dose drop-in appointments available this week at our Mass Vaccination Centres:

Bronllys Hospital:- Tuesday 20 July 8:30am-6.30pm - Wednesday 21 July 8:30am-6.30pm - Thursday 22 July 8:30am-11:30am - Friday 23 July 8:30am-6.30pm

Builth Wells Royal Welsh Showground:- Wednesday 21 July 8:30am-6.30pm - Thursday 22 July 8:30am-3:30pm

Newtown Maldwyn Leisure Centre:- Tuesday 20 July 8:30pm-6.30pm - Wednesday 21 July 8:30am-6.30pm - Thursday 22 July 8:30am-6:30pm - Friday 23 July 8:30am-6:30pm

First dose appointments are available with Pfizer and AstraZeneca on a first-come first-served basis. Please keep checking our social media channels for updates. More information about COVID-19 vaccination in Powys is available from our website at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/covid-vaccine>

...from Powys CC. Thanks to everyone's hard work, coronavirus rates remain low in Wales. This means we can lift more restrictions and fully move to Alert Level 1. Please see the key changes here <https://gov.wales/next-steps-towards-future-fewer-covid-rules-first-minister>

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...[ed] correction. The item in the last issue about a successful Lottery grant application providing continuity for Stay and Play & Thursday Drop-In facilities was mistakenly attributed to Ruth & The Hub in New Radnor. Apologies to confused New Radnor residents !!!!! Ruth however would like to remind everyone that the New Radnor Hub is open every Friday from 6.30 for food and drink, including real ale, and with outside seating in the marquee and garden.

...from The Judge's Lodging. Our shop is stuffed to the hilt with some lovely new things. Here's just a few to savour - English Soap Company's Kew Garden range - Enamel mugs by wildlife illustrator Jennifer Chance - Museums & Galleries stationary

...from Helen B Pilates. Better movement for summer. Better movement for life. It's never too late to start moving more. Community classes at Presteigne, Lyonshall, Titley. Suitable for all ages and abilities. 01544 23151. Book your space in any pilates class here: <https://app.gymcatch.com/provider/2174/events>.

...from Haydn at PSAFC. Full time 2-2 in the FAW Amateur Trophy match but Radnor Valley win on penalties. Well done both sides for a very good game.

...from The Salty Dog. We have a great number of stackable plastic trays, brilliant for storage in the garden, greenhouse or garage. **Free** to a good home. Collect from passageway at the side of the shop. Take as many as you like !!

...from Presteigne Bowls Club. What a week !!! Mid Wales Men's County Finals - Singles wins for Geoff O'Keefe and Robert Weale along with Triples success for Nathan, Robert and David Weale mark a good day at Llandrindod for the club! Plus ... Super 8 result: Presteigne 39 Ely Valley 31. Then Presteigne ladies team got back to winning ways with a two shot win last night against Hay on Wye. The ladies continue a solid start to this season! Well done Tigers !

...from Ger's Burger Van - open from Monday 19th July - yes, this Monday !! Open Monday - Saturday 8am - 2pm, you'll find us in Presteigne Memorial Hall Car park. See you all soon!

...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. The Summer Holidays are finally upon us. See our FB page for our pool timetable for the holidays. We have swim 1.30-3.30 and 6-8 today (Monday), so come along and cool off in our lovely pool. We also have Under 8s Multi Skills on today 1-4pm, for children aged 4-7 years old. Booking is essential as we have just 4 spaces left, so call now to book in. (01544) 260302

...from Ian. Presteigne's Barber. A few spaces left available for this week call or text 07977000741 to book an appointment.

...from Rolly and Presteigne Repair & Skill Share - another successful event last Saturday with the greatest proportion of a wide range of items bought in fixed, to the satisfaction of all involved, whether volunteers or 'customers'! Both first timers & regulars were appreciative that this monthly event continues to allow the ongoing use of, or pleasure from, things they can carry on using; no need to buy new or throw away. The sharing of knowledge, skills, & advice plays a big part in it all too. We will be back on Sat 21st August 10.00 til 12.00

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from Steve. Kinsham Classics of Yesteryear - Car and Country Show is on Sunday 25th July 2021.....well worth a look. Gates open 11am, £4 (children free). Information from 07891 909325 or 01544 260366. We cordially invite all vintage and classic vehicles and machinery enthusiasts to our annual show which has now been going for almost 25 years. Held in the fields behind our village hall by kind permission of the Chilman and Joseph families. No need to pre-book, just turn up on the day and fill in an entry form on arrival. Covid precautions will apply. Proceeds this year in aid of St Mary's Church, Byton and All Saints Church, Kinsham.

...from Herefordshire Council. Unfortunately the Mayfair, originally postponed from earlier this year, until the summer, has been cancelled: <http://orlo.uk/A0Kxq>

...Craft Fair. Monday 30th August (Bank Holiday Monday) 12 noon to 5.00 p.m. Went's Meadow Barn, Presteigne. Craft Stalls; Car Boot Sale; Dog Show; Vintage Cars; Refreshments. Proceeds to Norton Community Hub project. Further details - Chris Price [01544 267898](tel:01544267898)

...from Rolly. Diary date: next session of Presteigne Repair & Skill Share Saturday August 21st.

...Radnorshire Wildlife Event - Free 'Talk & Walk' on Wednesday August 4th. Helping us to recognise & understand the importance of insects, flowers & grasses in our local landscape. Learn more about biodiversity. Lots of visual aids & fun 'models'. Based at the Community Barn on Wents' Meadow between 10.30 & 12.30 All ages welcome, children accompanied by an adult. Look out for more information in the next newsletter, around town, & RWT wales.org website.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from BBC Wales. This summer's Tokyo Olympics sees 26 Welsh athletes representing Great Britain - the highest number at a Games held outside of the UK. For 18 of the 26, this will be their very first Olympics. There is an equal split (13/13) of men to women, the youngest is just 18 while the oldest is double that, at 36. The group will be aiming to emulate the achievements of the Welsh contingent in Rio five years ago. They won a record ten medals - four of them gold. See the BBC Sport website to see info on the athletes to follow in Tokyo.

...from Powys CC. Across Wales bilingual children tend to achieve better results – including in English. 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 Powys CC. To coincide with the new academic year (2021/22), all Powys learners using the home to school transport service will be issued with a new bus pass. Find out more about the new school bus pass online: <https://crowd.in/w82sR3>

...from the NGS National Garden Scheme. We're on the look out for some handy people. We have some stunning gardens that open in Powys and particularly in Knighton + Presteigne, but some of the gardeners are so busy gardening that they need some help on their open days. Could that be you (and your friend)? We have gardens in many towns and villages so do get in touch wherever you live. Please share, post it on your village notice board and tell your friends! Thanks! Contact Susan for a chat 01686 650531 or email susan.paynton@ngs.org.uk

...from Herefordshire Council. Electoral Services will be sending out their annual canvass emails & reminders shortly asking you to check & update your household information on the electoral register. Look out for it & don't lose your right to vote. For info & our annual canvass FAQs: <http://orlo.uk/cZD2W>

R.I.P.

...from Vera. Beryl Darsley age 90 last May, died on 11th July at Hereford Hospital after a fall at the Garth Nursing Home, Kington. She was my friend and neighbour on Rockbridge Park and I have known her since she moved here in 2011, but most in town will know her from The Farmers Arms. She was a fantastic friend to all who knew her, including all the dogs she fed treats to when doing her shopping. The funeral will be at the Methodist Church at 2.30 on Tuesday 27th July, afterwards at the Hereford Crem and the wake at No. 46 High St, The Wine Bar. Donations will be taken and shared with the various animal and other charities she helped. She will be sorely missed, but never forgotten

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...Check this out. 20 jobs going in Tesco Llandrindod Wells. All online. www.tesco-careers.com. Closing date TODAY 19 July !!!!

...from Aardvark Books. Part-time Online Bookseller. We are looking for a bookseller to help with our online bookselling processes and stock management; also someone who can assist with serving customers in the shop. Start: August / September 2021. To Apply: Please send CV and covering letter to: ethelaardvark1@gmail.com or by post to: Sheridan and Sarah Swinson, Aardvark Books Ltd, The Bookery, Manor Farm, Brampton Bryan, Nr Bucknell SY7 0DH

...from Cartrefi Cymru. We are actively recruiting in your area at the moment. Check out our vacancies and apply here <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2>.

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