

Community News

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an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Group "Working Together"

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- **Please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents - better we receive it twice or three times than not at all ! email pacdg@icloud.com**
- **and if you're self-isolating or need assistance in any way, you can also email pacdg@icloud.com and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.**

Don't forget - Clocks go forward tonight !

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET (things are still changing every day so, if you have access to the internet, please check websites or Facebook pages)

...from PBS. We have reluctantly closed the business from midday today until further notice. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause. Everyone stay safe. We will keep you posted on developments

...from Weobley Ash. Full up again, fresh veg, breads, meats including beef dice, mince and fore joints, pasta, rice, margarine, cereal, tea, biscuits, toilet rolls etc. Order 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk for delivery on Tuesday. Meat on counter or to order.

A lovely gentleman called in yesterday and bought some potatoes for baking, he unfortunately left them in store, we have put them by and will make sure you get them, we didn't get your name - pls contact us.

...from Spar. As our dedicated team work night and day to refill the shelves and serve you at the checkout we ask that you continue to help us keep everyone safe by following these simple steps: Come in by yourself - Stay only as long as needed - Keep at least 2m from other shoppers - Please only buy what you need - Be patient while queuing - Where possible use contactless payment. Thank you.

Message from ERDC - received this message earlier today so thought I'd share it! High praise indeed from Vicky.

"I rang East Radnor Home Support yesterday to register my husband for prescription delivery, as he has several health issues and needs a monthly repeat prescription (I no longer drive). I felt a nuisance, but they could have not have been more pleasant and helpful under what must be a terrific workload at the moment and, even though I said we were alright until next week, they delivered his prescription today. I can't thank them enough - more heroes who are risking their own lives to protect ours! Diolch o galon!"

A message from our Neighbourhood Police Team...

We have gorgeous scenery everywhere in Powys within a short drive, but.....it will still be there in a few weeks time ! You **must not** make any non-essential journeys in your car. Every part of the UK is now under lockdown.

This means you **must** remain in your own home, **except** for the following reasons:

- Shopping for basic necessities such as food.

- Daily exercise, e.g. walking, running or cycling **from your home address**. This also includes dog walking.
- You have a genuine medical need or are caring for a vulnerable person.
- Travel to and from work - **if essential**.

For more information visit dyfed-powys.police.uk.

Stay home, save lives. **These measures apply to everyone** and are essential to preventing the spread of the virus. They also help protect key workers and the vulnerable, including people with existing health conditions.

...and this is being reported...

Police forces across Powys are on patrol to crack down on people heading out and about in the county. Road policing teams have been using powers created this week to send home anybody who is out and about on a non-essential journey. Fines of £60 can be issued against people for non-essential travel – a sum which can double on each subsequent offence.

From Powys County Council - URGENT VACANCIES - JOIN OUR TEAM. We've got a number of urgent vacancies to support our efforts responding to Covid-19. To apply visit www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE raise awareness of this.... Farmers are absolutely begging people to stay off their land and the bridle ways and footpaths that cross their farming land. With the closure of the beaches, the National Parks and forests, farmers are very suddenly seeing a big increase of people exercising their dogs on their farm land and the paths that cross it.

Please... It is the middle of lambing season, dogs around sheep at this time cause real difficulties. If farmers catch Covid-19 from contact with contaminated gates, styles etc and become ill themselves (farmers simply do not have the facilities to constantly wash their hands when out on their land), their farms will 'go down', their animals will go uncared for. Crops desperately need planting - the winter has been harsh enough on us as it is. Farmers are totally on their own in this. **So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE stay off farmland and the paths that cross it.** Dogs will get through this crisis. If a farmer and his farm goes down, the animals and crops on his farm may not.

Message from Dale and David...The Grand National maybe called off next week but ITV are holding two virtual nationals at 5pm on Saturday 4th April - this year's virtual Grand National and a Champion of Champions National. So if you want something to look forward to on the lockdown we're doing a sweep. £5 will get you a horse in each race. Prize money for each will be as below with £50 from the pot going to the local Food Bank. Entry via bank transfer (please message Dale 07772 700603 or David 07969 203339 for details) or dropping it in an envelope with name on at 20 Hereford Street with David Weale if that's easier whilst you're out on daily exercise. Payment required to be included in the draw.

Prizes - 1st £25, 2nd £20, 3rd £15 , 4th £10, 5th £5. A list of your horses will be posted on Facebook when the draw is full and been done. A 2nd draw may be held if demand is high, with same prize money and proceeds to charity.

From PCC about Free School Meals. We are waiting for advice about a National voucher scheme from Welsh Government. In the meantime all Free School Meal-entitled pupils will receive a bank payment into parent/carer's accounts via our Income & Awards team. This will be allocated until the end of term. Parents/carers will be contacted and an online form will be available to complete where individual details are required.

Free Daily Resources For Children



PE with Joe Wicks On YouTube

Week days at 9am but you can visit any time on youtube to view the workout.

Wildlife With with Steve Backshall On Facebook

Every day at 9:30am for answering all your wildlife, biology, conservation, geography and exploration questions.



Science with Maddie Moate on YouTube

Weekdays 11am. Maddie & Greg chat about science and nature!

Dance with Oti Mabuse On Facebook

Every day at 11.30am but children can view the class at any time.



Maths With Carol Vorderman

Free access to the her maths website:
www.themathsfactor.com

Music with Myleene Klass on YouTube

Twice a week. Next one Friday 27 March 10am, but can view any time.



Storytime With David Walliams

Free story everyday at 11am on his website:
www.worldofdavidwalliams.com

From PCC about NHS equipment. We're asking people to help their local NHS by returning any equipment they've been loaned and no longer use. Please have a look around your house or those of the people you care for and if you have a bed, a walking frame or a chair etc. that is no longer needed, please contact your local NRS Healthcare service centre who can arrange for a FREE COLLECTION (with particular regard to safe practices in relation to Covid-19). Details of your local service centre can be found here: www.nrshealthcare.com/about-nrs/our-locations

From Freegle - Socialise online not in person: Our ChitChat feature <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/chitchat> is staying open. Join us here to swap hints, tips and tell others how you're filling your day. Share your knowledge and questions on #upcycling #reuse #crafts #gardening #cooking #hobbies #GrowFood #Local

From the AA about MOTs for your vehicles. The government has announced that MOT due dates for cars, motorcycles and light vans will be extended by 6 months; however, 'You must make sure your vehicle is safe to drive ('roadworthy'). It can be unsafe even if your MOT expiry date has been extended.'

Ok, good, but a car is designed to be used. How long can you go without driving it? Not an immediate issue but if the lockdown goes on for longer than 3 weeks? Perhaps if you have more than one car in the family then alternate their use when you have to shop for food or pick up medicines? Some helpful advice here: <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/laying-up>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-mots-for-cars-vans-and-motorcycles-due-from-30-march-2020>

A reminder from PCC that the household waste recycling centres at Kington, Leominster and Llandrindod are currently CLOSED in line with government guidance. A quick 'trip to the tip' is NOT an essential journey right now!

From Powys County Council about Public transport. Public transport in Powys will be reduced to a modified Sunday service as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

From our Town Council... Latest planning application in -

Application Reference: 20/0458/FUL. Grid Reference: E:331556 N: 264410.

Proposal: Erection of artist's studio. Site Address: 9 Harper's Lane, Presteigne, LD8 2AN

Full details can be found on the County Council website planning pages - <https://pa.powys.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple>. Public comments can be emailed to the Town Council at presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com by Friday 2nd April. Please note that comments made to the County Council are no longer posted on their website so should also be emailed to this address if you wish Town Councillors to be aware of your views.

To all blood donors - Travelling to donate blood is essential for the NHS. Extra safety measures are in place at all sessions, so if you're fit and well, please #KeepDonating! #coronavirus <https://www.blood.co.uk/news-and-campaigns/news-and-statements/coronavirus-update/>

Extracts from a PCC Press Release - A significant package of support has been made available to help ease the damaging effects of Coronavirus on Powys businesses. As part of the COVID-19 financial support scheme recently announced by UK Government, Powys will be awarding reliefs and grants estimated at £60m. This package includes a £10,000 grant to all businesses eligible for Small Business Rates Relief with a rateable value of £12,000 or less. A grant of £25,000 will be given to businesses in the retail, leisure and hospitality sector with a rateable value of between £12,001 and £51,000. To provide further support, all retail, leisure and hospitality businesses in Powys with a rateable value of less than £500,000 will receive a year-long business rates holiday. Rates bills for the new financial year 2020/21 have already been issued without the relief included, but those who are eligible will receive an updated bill shortly and direct debits will not be collected in the meantime. Businesses that qualify for this support will not need to do anything at the moment. The council knows which businesses are eligible and they will receive information at the earliest opportunity. From next week, commencing 30 March, we will be paying the grants directly into bank accounts of businesses where we have their bank details.

If you think you are entitled to one of the support grants and do not hear from the council in the next few weeks, contact the support team on 01597 827463.

Further updates on how we're helping businesses can be viewed here

www.powys.gov.uk/coronavirus/helpforbusinesses

PACDG - the PRESTEIGNE AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP... "WORKING TOGETHER"

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 - simply email pacdg@icloud.com.

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - email text (not poster images please) at least 3 weeks in advance to pacdg@icloud.com.

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