

Community News

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- Please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents - email pacdg@icloud.com
- and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.

...from Pete Smith...firing rockets on Thursdays will cease this Thursday (tomorrow) with a salvo of 5 rockets at 8pm. Best wishes. Pete.

...from Geoff Hall Funerals. Cynthia has requested a change of route for Roy Lewis' final journey on Monday 8th June. We will now leave the Plantation at 11.35am and go left to the roundabout and up to the Bypass, straight along the bypass then down to the High Street, Broad Street and on to the cemetery. Thanks

SCAM ALERT

Beware the current car wrap advertising scam. This occurs now all over the world. Be warned - you may receive an email from a company offering the opportunity to make e.g. \$400 a week to have your car wrapped in a well-known brand's logo such Herbs n Juices, Coca-Cola, Monster Energy, iPhone 6, XS Energy, Johnny Walker, Budweiser etc. Sounds easy money BUT it's a scam - don't be tempted, just DELETE. If you accept the offer, the scammers will then send you a cheque for a large amount of money, according to the length of time you want to be the mobile advertiser. The instructions for cashing the cheque indicate that a certain portion of the money is to be kept as your payment and the rest is to be sent via wire transfer to the company who will supposedly wrap your vehicle. After wiring the money, you'll find out that the original cheque was a fake and the transaction bounced - now your bank is after you for lots of money!

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things keep changing so, best first check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from Presteigne Barbers, Radnor Buildings. We hope to re-open when legally allowed to do so but currently we have no barber. Are there any Barbers out there looking for premises (already fitted out for barbering)? This could be a great opportunity considering likely demand at the end of lock down - email maggiewood99@hotmail.com

...from Susan at Windsor Gray Antiques & Interiors. It is with sadness that I have decided to close the shop "Windsor Gray"....the business continues online @WindsorGrayAntiques on Instagram and other selling platforms. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of the lovely people who have called in the shop, customers and friends. I shall miss it hugely....you have all been great fun and I have made some very dear friends....thank you all.

...from Victoria Fish Bar. We will be operating a one in one out system so we can adhere to social distancing therefore we ask you to please phone orders through so we can reduce the waiting time. Thank you. Phone number - 01544 260565

...from Weobley Ash. Please ORDER Bbq boxes in advance to avoid disappointment. This also helps us order correct levels of buns etc. £45 bbq boxes, £25 beef burger bbq box. Plus whole chicken 2 for £15 , grain fed, Red Tractor Assured, chicken oysters, fillet, spatchcock (oven or bbq). Plenty of great gammon joints and gammon steaks, all dry cured by ourselves from rare breed Welsh Pork. We have the eggs and potatoes too.. Working on the pineapple. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk

...from The Stagg. Burgers are back! by popular demand - this time they're with @haycharcuterie nduja and our bacon jam. Pork is also back on the Sunday lunch menu Email reservations@thestagg.co.uk to order, or call 01544 230221 after 3pm on Friday!

...from Lorna's Sandwich Shop. A polite note to all our customers - as we are opening today please note that we are only allowing one customer in the shop at a time. So to help us with waiting times we would appreciate if you could phone your order through first where possible. Our number is 01544 262727. Also we now except card payments.

...from Presteigne & Norton Community Support Fundraising . Sweet peas available daily from our doorway - only £2 a bunch. Please put the money through our letterbox. Many thanks for your continuing support.

THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN

...if you missed the Hay Festival. Thank you dear festival goers, Haymakers and supporters for a fortnight of pure wonder. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Catch highlights over on Hay Player at hayfestival.org/hayplayer and, if you can, support us at hayfestival.org/donate. See you soon.

...from Radiohead who post footage of live shows every Thursday evening at 10pm on the band's YouTube channel.

...from The Living Room Live. Co-founded by Tamsin Waley-Cohen, enjoy a series of live-streamed solo and chamber concerts by up-and-coming musicians between 6pm and 7pm on www.livingroom-live.com. Coming up - Henry Kramer (piano) on 3rd June, Tabeus Debus (recorder) on 5th June, and Christine J Lee (cello) on 10th June. See website for details and future programme.

...from the Metropolitan Opera. On its free nightly Met Opera streams you can see performances every night, which are then available for 23 hours. On 4th June they have a 1978 performance of Tosca with a very young Pavarotti.

...from Glyndbourne Opera House. There's no picnics this year but Glyndbourne O-en House shares a past production on YouTube each Sunday, free, and available for a week. This week is Mozart's Don Giovanni. For details see www.glyndbourne.com

...from the Wigmore Hall. Each weekday in June, BBC Radio 3 will broadcast live lunchtime concerts from its empty auditorium. See www.wigmore-hall.org.uk

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Sheep Music. This years Sheep Music AGM will be held online via Zoom on Tuesday June 30th at 8pm. Anyone wishing to take part should email Sheep music at info@sheep-music.co.uk

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. The latest update from the Office for National Statistics confirms that sadly 85 people from Powys have died with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. This includes 34 people in hospital, 45 people in care homes, and 6 people in their own home. This is an increase of one from the last report on 26 May. Every death, and every life, is important to us. Through our Five Point Plan to respond to COVID19 we aim to save lives at home, in care homes, in hospitals and right across the county. <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/news/52599>

...from Presteigne Festival. COVID-19 Update. The Presteigne Festival board recently made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Festival. Whilst this is extremely sad both for our regular audience and all the artists, support staff and volunteers involved, it is imperative that the health and safety of the wider Festival community should be of paramount importance. However, the organisation has managed to arrange an exciting alternative to the 2020 Festival comprising 'Presteigne Digital' (a series of specially-filmed mini-concerts to be streamed via the Presteigne Festival website), a Winter Festival Weekend and the Festival Orchestra's first commercial recording project for the Resonus label, highlighting past Presteigne commissions. Fuller details are given on the Festival website <https://bit.ly/3gl5Tyu>

...from Ruth, Presteigne Open Studios. It has been decided to cancel Open Studios Presteigne this year due to the Covid crisis and the fact that the Festival will not be taking place during the August bank holiday weekend. We will be back next year hopefully!

...from Presteigne Freegle. If you're having an office declutter please list your unwanted stuff on Freegle so someone local to you can collect and reuse it all. No need to 'throw it away' (there is no 'away!'). Thousands of people all around the U.K need to set up work spaces at home - so now is a good time to share any unwanted office furniture and accessories, go here <https://www.ilovefreegle.org> to do that!... [See more](#)

...from Powys CC. Resurgence of wildflowers for Powys roadsides. With 127 Roadside Verge Nature Reserves (RVNR's) on the county road network Powys roads are seeing an abundance of biodiversity this spring. Powys County Council, along with contractors, work hard to conserve the wildlife inhabiting the roadsides of the county. A number of current initiatives are underway to leave whole sections of verges uncut or with their own individual management plans to benefit the species present on that site.....In Presteigne, the town council have been working with the council to identify areas designated to be cut later than usual to allow wildflowers and seeds to multiply. This will provide food for and encourage the bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. See <https://crowd.in/DBkXwA> for full statement and explanation from PCC.

...from Powys Libraries. Hi VIS fortnight, taking place from the 1st to 14th of June, celebrates and raises awareness of the range of library services that are available for visually impaired people to access. Whether it's eAudiobooks where you can adjust the speed of the speech, dyslexic-friendly text on eBooks or ebooks that will read you the story! There's something for everyone with Borrowbox. Why not try them out today - free through Powys Libraries. <http://library.bolindadigital.com/powys>

...from Wales Recycles. Used disposable gloves, face masks and other PPE can't be recycled. Dispose of them safely in your general waste bin. Putting them in your recycling bin reduces the quality of #recycling and can put the health of workers that collect & sort recycling at risk.

...from Wales Screen. Boom Cymru, a TV production company based in Cardiff are currently developing a new TV programme idea based on the outdoors and are looking to chat to those who have interests or work in the following areas:- wildlife, birdwatching, growing, gardening, woodwork, farming, carpeting, outdoor cooking, crafts etc. The potential programme will allow them to share their skills and passions while celebrating the re-discovery of simple pleasures that has been highlighted during the recent lockdown. If you or anyone you know would be interested in being considered for this potential project, they would love to hear from you. They are looking for outgoing experts and enthusiasts in the areas mentioned above and the production will be based and filmed in Wales. Please email your details to: daniel.jones@boomcymru.co.uk

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. A new testing centre for people with Coronavirus symptoms is set to open this week at the Royal Welsh Showground, bringing testing closer to home to more people in Powys. Members of the public and critical workers can request a home testing kit. This is available online at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>, by ringing 119, or by ringing 18001 119 if you have speech or hearing difficulties. Members of the public and critical workers can request an appointment at a drive-in testing unit – in Powys this can currently be booked by emailing powysresourcing@wales.nhs.uk or calling 01874 712600, or by visiting the Health Board website at www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/coronavirus-testing. If a drive-through testing centre in a neighbouring county (e.g. Shrewsbury, Hereford) might be more convenient for you then you can book online at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>. Hospital inpatients and care home residents are tested in their hospital or care home. Read more about our testing facilities at <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/news/52597>

...from Powys Health Teaching Board. As part of Volunteers' Week 2020, we would like to say 'thank you' in recognition of the hard work our third sector partner organisations, in particular the Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) play in bringing together & working with volunteers of all ages. Within days of lockdown, PAVO, on behalf of the Powys Regional Partnership Board, responded by organising the Community Support Emergency Response Team (CSERT) with ourselves, the council & key partners such as Age Cymru & Credu. Recruiting, training and deploying volunteers to support front line health & care services was a massive undertaking during unprecedented times, made all that more challenging by remote working using various online meeting places. PAVO's Community Connectors & Befriending Service have also been a lifeline for many residents, regular contact wellbeing calls, organising & delivering care parcels with local volunteers has been nothing short of amazing.

[Do you know a volunteer who has done something amazing to Keep Powys Safe during Coronavirus? If so, you can nominate them as a Powys Star at https://bit.ly/powysstars](https://bit.ly/powysstars)

...from the Welsh Government to all age groups - Schools to reopen Monday 29th June. Education Minister Kirsty Williams says the "phased approach" to reopening schools in Wales will help pupils prepare for a similar arrangement when they start again in September. So on Monday, 29th June - staggered cohort starts with only one third pupils at any one time. Term ends later - 27th July.

See full Press release here: [https://gov.wales/check-catch-prepare-summer-and-september-all-schools-wales-enter-next-phase?](https://gov.wales/check-catch-prepare-summer-and-september-all-schools-wales-enter-next-phase?fbclid=IwAR33DzdXGUzDPIaLxdO7DniNK3gzy3qDTfiT4IEEQ8yVSCxWEIn7QbfWXM)

[fbclid=IwAR33DzdXGUzDPIaLxdO7DniNK3gzy3qDTfiT4IEEQ8yVSCxWEIn7QbfWXM](https://gov.wales/check-catch-prepare-summer-and-september-all-schools-wales-enter-next-phase?fbclid=IwAR33DzdXGUzDPIaLxdO7DniNK3gzy3qDTfiT4IEEQ8yVSCxWEIn7QbfWXM)

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.