

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 us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area job opportunities
- 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 Tessa. Over the last fortnight we have had two litter picking outings around town - our monthly pick just around the town centre, and one last Wednesday around the whole of Presteigne - and I would like to thank all of those who joined in to help keep our town looking so clean. You are the Best! Everyone kept within current Covid safety guidelines and we avoided the rain but managed to catch up with friends and enjoy ourselves. On a serious note, overall the amount of rubbish was less than usual and I think there are many folk out there who quietly do their bit cleaning up their area and thank you for that. Anyone who fancies joining a more social way of litter picking, you would be very welcome, please get in touch. Email tessark@aol.com, or text/call 07788 567631. Tessa and the PACDG Tidy Town team.

...from Helen at the Presteigne Plastic Project. The second PPP (free) Newsletter is now available - email Helen on hackland31@btinternet.com to be added to the distribution.

...from Ruth. There are just two places left for my Painting Flowers in Watercolour workshop at the Bleddfa Centre this Saturday 10th October 10am to 4pm. The Workshop is suitable for both intermediate and beginners. For further information or to book, contact Ruth Kirkby by email to ruthkirkby@btinternet.com or tel. 01544 267811.

...from the Town Clerk. Latest planning application in: 20/1598/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331567 N: 264266 Proposal: Removal of 12 leylandii trees Location: Ivy House, 10 Hereford Street, Presteigne Powys LD8 2AR. To be considered at the October meeting of the Town Council.

SCAM ALERT

Be aware of the current batch of phishing emails appearing to come from Copper and Geneluc (and others) congratulating you on signing up and asking to complete your sign-up by clicking to confirm your email address. DON'T be sucked in, and also DON'T click on the 'unsubscribe' button - that goes for any suspicious email - you're not unsubscribing, just giving away your email address as a 'responder' and linking you to a scammer's website. Forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk and then delete.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things are still fluid with local businesses so best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from G&A Catering. New to Presteigne....Catering van permanently located at Unit 8 Presteigne Ind. Est. Open from 7am - 2pm Monday - Friday. Don't forget you can message us on Instagram, FB call or text 07487 246276 to place orders to save you waiting.

...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. We've loved having you back at our centre since reopening! Check out this short video to find out more about the safe reopening of our centres across the Freedom Leisure group. THANK YOU for your support! <https://youtu.be/g5vErHqUr88>

...from Amanda's Bread. If you want to place an order for Saturday 10th October, please get in touch asap using the contact details below. (If you miss the usual Monday deadline, please still get in touch and we will supply your order if we can.) We intend to continue with our weekly delivery to the Presteigne area on Saturday alongside attending local markets. Email us for the Product List for our full range of breads and savouries available to order. Contact Details: - email Amanda on: asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com or phone / text Amanda on 0775 993 9526 or Julian on 0771 870 4814. Thank you, Amanda and Julian

...from Weobley Ash. Its a strange year with planning having to be done well in advance, so were sorry but the Christmas Order Book is open. The Christmas savers club is live, pay as much or as little as often as you like. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk for an order form and to open your savers account.

...from Leon's Supper Club. It's a Halloween Night Special - Friday the 30th and Saturday the 31st October. 5 Courses £30.00 per person, bring your own drinks. Fancy dress optional. Bookings on: 01544 267720 or 01544 262164.

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. The cafe will only be serving coffee and delicious cakes this week. (And our full drinks selection) We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Maggie. The last Community News issue gave information on the Warm Homes scheme for England. The FAQs for that scheme link through to NEST for possible equivalent help in Wales <https://www.nest.gov.wales/en/>. The Welsh Government Warm Home Scheme also offers a range of free, impartial advice and, if you are eligible, a package of free home energy efficiency improvements such as a new boiler, central heating or insulation. *(ed. thanks for providing this info Mags)*

...from Deb in Norton. It is with great sadness that there WILL NOT be the usual bonfire party in the village this year, the witches have been put on a limited flight zone. But we WILL be having a BEST PUMPKIN COMPETITION. Saturday 31st October. Judging from 6pm. Open to all age groups. Prizes for Adults and Children. Please place your pumpkin out by your gate so they can be seen from the road - the witches will be round to judge. To enter please Contact Chris Price on 07813 984722 or myself 07794 351569. If you don't live in Norton and would like to enter please call or PM me on Friends of Norton FB.

...from Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup. Book now for our October Holiday Club Mon 19th Oct-Fri 30th Oct. Open weekdays 7.30am to 5.30pm for children age 1year to 12 years. £4.50 per hour, or 30 Hour free childcare offer accepted. Booking Essential. Contact Sam (01544) 262130 or email info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

...from Rhiannon at Presteigne Library. In response to popular demand, readers will be able to place online requests for specific books on the library catalogue once again from Monday 5th October 2020. The move means that readers can now choose the exact books that they would like, from the council's entire stock of 170,000 titles. All loans will continue to be renewed automatically as people are unable to return their books, and there are no fines. Our Order & Collect service is still going strong - to place an order for a bag of staff-selected books, please visit the Powys Libraries website or phone [01597 827460](tel:01597827460). And finally, if you'd like to keep up to date with library updates, Presteigne Library now has a facebook page.

...from Powys Teaching Health Practice ref Practices afternoon closures. Due to the Powys-wide flu vaccination programme, your GP practice will be closed for the afternoon on the dates below. 6 October, 14 October, 20 October, 28 October, 3 November, 11 November. We ask that patients do not contact or visit their GP practice during this time. Routine requests such as appointments, repeat prescriptions and test results should be made the following day. Anyone needing urgent GP care during these afternoons should contact Shropdoc on 01743 455364. Practice telephones will also be diverted to the Shropdoc number. Refer to Presteigne Surgery website for further information if you have not yet arranged a Flu vaccination.

...from Arrowfield Vets. Covid-19 update. The second wave of the Coronavirus infection has now caused the temporary, but complete closure of a Veterinary Practice in Wales due to positive cases amongst staff. This has brought very close to home the current increasing risk to our team both of infection and of maintaining our service to clients should any of our staff need to isolate. As a result we have further increased our measures to limit infection entering the practice and from affecting significant numbers of our team should this arise. When handling our wonderful patients, it is of course impossible for us to fully maintain social distancing measures that are required. Therefore we cannot avoid the need to self-isolate should a team member become positive despite the use of appropriate PPE. If this does ever occur, please be assured that we will do our utmost to maintain our 24 hour emergency cover and as much of our regular services that we possible can. We are so grateful for all the patience and kindness shown to us from our clients over the last few months. We will continue to keep you updated and do our part to help our community stay safe & free from infection. Many thanks Team AVP

...from Powys Schools Nursing Service. Powys School Nursing Service has started its flu vaccination programme in primary schools across Powys. This winter we may see both COVID-19 and flu circulating, so it's very important to protect your child from flu. Last year, seven out of 10 primary school children in Wales had a flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is offered to all children from Reception to Year 6 and is given as a fine mist sprayed up the nose. Consent forms and information will be sent out via the schools and completed consent forms should be returned to the school before the vaccination session. After vaccination, side effects are usually mild and only last a day or two. These may include a stuffy or runny nose, headache, aching muscles, reduced appetite or a slight temperature, Mild fever after any vaccine is a common and expected reaction, isolation and COVID-19 testing is not usually required unless other symptoms mean COVID-19 is suspected. For more information about flu vaccination for children, contact Powys School Nurse Team Leaders, Bernette Venables 07854495254 or Rebecca Hamley-Locke 07967803130, phone NHS 111 Wales on 111, or visit www.beatflu.org.

...from Small Breeds Farm Park & Owl Centre. We are NOW OPEN EVERY DAY UP UNTIL 1ST NOVEMBER 2020: 10:30am-5pm. To prepare for your visit ...Booking is NOT necessary but...* We must insist that all visitors wash hands on arrival to and departure from the farm *We have provided numerous hand sanitisers around the farm *A numbered one-way system is in operation around the Owl Centre and the Farm in order to encourage natural social distancing *We are serving both hot and cold food *Our tea room and shop are designated a retail area, as such, face coverings are required to enter just that part of the farm *Our toilets are open for use * During very wet weather a new under cover one-way system is now in place.

...from Powys CC about Primary School admissions. Do you need to apply for a place in Reception at Primary School in September 2021? If so, the Primary School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017 opens on Monday 5 October 2020. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place. Applications need to be made by the deadline of Friday 8 January 2021. Primary Common Offer Date is Friday 16 April 2021. If you are unable to apply online please contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

...for Herefordshire residents about recycling and rubbish collections. How and when rubbish bins are collected in Herefordshire will be changing in the next few years as councillors consider more sustainable options. What do you think of the council's thoughts? Read more in the HT

...from Presteigne Freegle. If you've got unwanted electronics, electrical items and cables there's a few things you can do so they don't go to waste. Firstly please NEVER put those items in your black bin bags of rubbish! Try giving them away on Freegle so they can be reused, upcycled or repaired by someone local to you <https://www.ilovefreegle.org> ... or ... take the items to the next Presteigne Repair session and learn to fix anything broken yourself before replacing broken things with something new! <https://repaircafe.org/en/visit> ...or ... Lastly, if these aren't options, please take waste electrical items, cables, plugs etc to your local WEEE recycling facility - Kington or Leominster HWRC for Herefordshire residents, or Llandrindod

Wells HWRC for Powys residents. Use website <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk> to locate HWRCs. Recycle Your Electricals (WEEE = Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment). As Powys Recycles says ... Wales may be a small country, but when it comes to recycling, we punch way above our weight. Be mighty. Recycle. walesrecycles.org.uk #mightyrecyclers

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. This year the NHS in Wales will be extending the offer of flu vaccination to those aged 50-64 years of age BUT vaccination for this age group is NOT yet available, probably not until late November. The vaccines will be supplied on a phased basis, and pre-existing eligible groups will be prioritised for vaccine use in the first instance (see www.beatflu.org). You will be contacted by your GP surgery as usual.

LOCAL JOB AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...from Arrowfield Vets. We are an independent employee owned mixed practice and we are in search of a **Qualified Registered Veterinary Nurse** to join our lovely team of nurses, student nurses and animal care assistants. Completed forms should be returned to Practice Manager Mandy Naylor at mandy.naylor@arrowfieldvets.co.uk with closing date 23rd October 2020. We are also recruiting an **Animal Care Assistant apprentice** for Kington. See <https://arrowfieldvets.co.uk/job-opportunities/> for more information and application form email admin@arrowfieldvets.co.uk

...from Articulture Wales. Looking for a freelancer or company who can help us updating our website so it's more accessible and can enjoyed by everyone <https://articulture-wales.co.uk>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic Radiographer to join our Radiology Team in Powys in the role of a Band 7 Team Lead Radiographer. Apply by 14 October 2020 at www.pthb.nhs.wales/jobs. We are also looking for Health Care Support Workers. Apply by 18 October 2020 at www.pthb.nhs.wales/jobs.

...from Jacques Intl. We have vacancies for both an AutoCAD Operator and a Stores/In & Out Coordinator at our office/premises in Shobdon. Both full or part-time. See details on FB. Contact by email to enquiries@jacquesintl.com, 01568 708644 or via FB/Twitter/Linked In.

...from Weobley Ash. Weobley Ash Meats have 3 vacancies for trainee butchers. This is for a 6 month period, full training and PPE included starting November 1st in our Presteigne store. Min of 25 hrs per week and a discounts on Instore produce email shop@weobleyash.co.uk

...from The Swan at Letton. A brand new pub, restaurant, B&B and Campsite. Looking for a job? They have some fantastic opportunities available to join the team. To apply, send your CV to byron@swaninnletton.co.uk. Interviews to be held at the end of October.

...from G&A Catering. Great opportunity for an enthusiastic person to join our team. Must be able to cook and enjoy meeting people. Level 2 in food safety and hygiene is preferred. Hours would be 9-2 but days to be confirmed, flexibility is desirable. Message Geraldine Fletcher if interested or call on 07968953449.

...from Marches Architectural Hardware. We are a growing family run business based in Llandrindod Wells and looking for an enthusiastic person to join our warehouse team in the construction/interior design market sector on a 12 month training plan, covering all aspects of our work. Job Type: Full-time, Permanent. Closing date: 16th October 2020. CV's and covering letters to be sent to simond@marchesironmongery.co.uk

...from Lady Hawkins School. Recruiting 2 Teaching Assistants - Level 1. 30hrs/week. Fixed term, part-time, term time only (2/11/20 - 16/7/21). Closing date 19th October. For information/application call 01544 230441 or email enquiries@lhs.hereford.sch.uk

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