

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 the BBC. Local lockdown rules. Coronavirus rules vary depending on whether you live in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland. Millions of people are also affected by extra local restrictions, with England now divided into three tiers: medium, high and very high. Find out what the rules are in your area by entering your postcode on the BBC website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-54373904>. The rules highlighted in the search tool are a selection of the key government restrictions in place in your area. Always check your relevant national and local authority website for more information on the situation where you live. Also check local guidance before travelling to others parts of the UK. All the guidance in our look-up comes from national government and local authority websites (*ed. thanks Mags for this information*)

ed. everything will now change in Wales with a Covid 'firebreak' from 6pm this Friday for two weeks until start of Monday 9th November - the latest definitive Welsh Government information can be seen here: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance>.

The Welsh Government says this:

"Even where something may be allowed, we ask you not to think about whether it is permitted but whether it is truly necessary and sensible. The purpose of this short lockdown is to create a concerted national effort to do everything we can to stop the spread of corononavirus, and every individual contribution to that counts."

...from Bruce. I have moved to the Presteigne area recently and work from home (as mandated by the current Covid 19 restrictions), however I am renovating my property (at Stapleton) and am looking for temporary, possibly longer term, office space. I only need a room, desk and chair as I work from 4G (rather than Wi-fi) so requirements are minimal. It would initially be for 2 weeks starting Monday 26th Oct. If you can help, or know someone with a room to let out, please call me on 07500 030556 or email bruce.auchterlonie@forestry.gov.scot

...from Anna, our PCSO. "Are you concerned about the speed of traffic through the town of Presteigne? Do you have a couple of hours a month free? Are you interested in volunteering locally to help, support, develop and protect your local community? If so, an upcoming Community Speed Watch group may be of interest to you. A Community Speed Watch Group is very important in assisting with the reduction of speed through the town and collecting data that can be used to identify the need for more traditional speed enforcement by the Roads Policing Unit and the installation of traffic calming measures. If you are interested in the Community Speed Watch project and would like more information or would like to register as a volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact PCSO 8079 Anna Bowen of Presteigne Police Station on 101 or anna.bowen@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

...from Mags. Please don't let your disposable face mask become litter! On our litter-picking trips we're seeing numerous disposable face masks on our Presteigne streets. Clearly these lightweight disposable masks are easily dropped without being noticed. There are many

reusable fabric masks available – including at our local PNCS shop and Warehouse – very cheap and so easy to wash and, unlike disposables, they contain no plastic. Please consider switching to these. Or if disposables are really the only option for you, please take care not to drop them, and make sure they are safely disposed of in the rubbish. And by the way, even if the packet claims so, DISPOSABLE FACE MASKS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE - they are made from mixed materials, contain plastics, and have to be put in your wheelie bin.

...an appeal from Karen at Presteigne Allotments. We have put a plea on Presteigne Freegle for rotted farmyard manure but so far had no responses. If there is a local farmer (or someone with horses) with a supply, please get in contact with us. We don't expect it free and need a good trailer load. Time is marching on and it needs to be dispersed on the dormant areas of the allotments. Hope someone can help! Contact Karen on jonesie.lewis@gmail.com

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 The Workhouse Gallery & Café. Back to our full menu including light lunches this week! We will be open Weds- Fri this week and then close for 2 weeks from Saturday, 24th October in accordance with the Welsh Government's circuit breaker plan. Let's all give this a go and on Wednesday, 11th November we will welcome you back to a shop full of wonderful products and some holiday sparkle! In the meantime there are 3 days to shop in store this week and you can always shop online: www.theworkhousegallery.co.uk. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

...from the Radnorshire Arms Hotel. Please like and share our new FB page! We want to make sure the residents of Presteigne are aware we do food on a Monday and Tuesday evening. Monday evenings are CURRY NIGHTS! Curry and pint for £9.95. We also offer takeaway curry for collection only ... and on Sundays we have a roast on the menu for £9.95 - Turkey / Beef / Pork / Tomato Aubergine & Courgette Bake (vegetarian). We cater for Gluten free! To book your table, call 01544 267536.

...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. Another new day time class coming to East Radnor!! Wednesday mornings now sees a fabulous FIT IN 45 class with Kerrie starting next week! Wednesday 21st and 28th October @ 9-9.45am then from Wednesday 4th November it will be @ 9.15-10am every week.

There is still time to book in for our half term activities! There is only a maximum of 10 children allowed in each multi-activity session, so grab your space now. Cost : £5 per day of all 3 days for £12.50. Call the centre on 01544 260302

...from Weobley Ash. The judges decisions are in. We've a finalist in the Three Counties Farming Awards pig farmer of the year!!! Now we wait.. We have a great team here at Weobley Ash Meats with plenty of work done behind the scenes. Here's hoping... Through out the lockdown we shall be open Monday to Saturday and include free local delivery, all the staples inc meat and veg will be fully stocked. Prices shall remain the same, plenty of free parking and hand washing facilities. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to order or call in, the rule of 2 people in store applies

...from No. 46. Don't forget that our new menu is available to eat in or takeaway! Have a look at our BBQ pulled pork burger and our loaded BBQ pulled pork fries!! Give us a call on 01544598291 to order your takeaway or to book a table to eat in! As I imagine you will have seen, we will be closing again 6pm Friday until 9th of November! We will be open our regular hours until then for eat in or takeaway! We will keep you updated with information if anything changes over the next few days! See you all soon!

...from Amanda's Bread. If you want to place an order for delivery in the Presteigne area on Saturday 24th October, see item list and prices on our FB page, and get in touch asap - email asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com or phone / text Amanda on 0775 993 9526 or Julian on 0771 870 4814

...from Kirsty's Hair Studio. Hey lovelys, you may have noticed a lot of hairdresser' posts regarding another short lockdown. I am awaiting the announcement this evening to see what we can and can't do - by the looks of this, if it's going to happen, it will be from Friday this week - please get in touch if you would like a appointment this week 07961 113776

...from Wild Thyme. Book a table at Wild Thyme before the 6:00 Friday lockdown. Or just come for a drink... Staff permitting we will be opening longer during the day on Friday for early dinner reservations. Takeaway available as normal.

...from Grace's Beauty. Here we go again - we will be in touch over the next few days to rearrange your appointment if you have anything booked in the next couple of weeks xx thank you for your support as always x

...from The Royal Oak. The news has been confirmed and it's disheartening to have to close our doors again this coming Friday at 6pm but its been deemed necessary for us to do so. It's been testing and stressful times for many businesses and these last few months we've been very grateful for all your support in getting us back up and running! Albeit this is going to be a short closure we will keep you updated with any takeaway offerings whilst we must close our doors once the dust has settled. It'll be business as 'normal' until we have to close. Team Oak

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from the Town Council. Next Town Council Meeting - Wednesday 21st October at 7pm. Full details on the Town Council pages of the Presteigne website - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>. Latest planning application in: 20/1407/TPO Grid Ref: E: 329372 N: 266482 Proposal: Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order Location: Summer Cottage, Hillside Drive, Norton Manor Park Norton

...from The Judge's Lodging. Ghost Hunt for kids of all ages ! Our Halloween trail starts this Saturday - Follow the trail around the Judge's rooms. Find hidden pumpkins, ghosts, skulls, bats and spiders by the light of the flickering gas and oil lights. Win your own personalised certificate if you find everything! Wed to Sat 17th through 31st October 10.30am - 4.30pm. Don't forget, the Judge's Lodging is FREE to visit this month if you live in the LD8 postcode area.

...from The Bleddfa Centre. Our Standing Together Exhibition is a thought-provoking display, with a section from Hereford art College and local students from age 14, through to some of our regular and established exhibitors. The exhibition invites you to show solidarity, and encourages awareness. The work on display ranges from bold to exquisite, each with a very pertinent message. Do come along and visit this exhibition, open until 23rd October (Thursdays-Sundays 11-4)

...from The Bleddfa Centre. Join us in creating a wonderful Owl or Robin, perfect Winter Workshop... which includes a delicious lunch, and cake! All materials and resources are provided... you are welcome to bring photos of owls and robins too, which can be helpful. Suitable for beginners too. To reserve a place with a deposit, or to find out more, please email emma@folkyffelt.com

...from Full Fact. False information spreading on WhatsApp is a big problem for us. Because it's a private channel, misinformation can be spread to millions of people without fact checkers like us even being aware. So we need your help! If you get sent a dodgy-looking article or screenshot or voice note, you can forward it on to our team of independent fact checkers at our new WhatsApp phone number. We will add the claim to our monitoring queue and aim to get back to you within 24 hours with an answer. So whether it's your family chat or your old work group that is a source of questionable information, it's time to start fighting back with good information! Add our number and share with your friends to help us start clearing up the misinformation landscape! Save our number - 07521 770995 - to your contacts.

...from Powys CC. Secondary School Admissions – Apply Online Now. Do you need to apply for a place in Year 7 at Secondary School in September 2021 ? If so, the Secondary

School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2009 – 31/08/2010 is now open! Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://crowd.in/xFCqoX>. Applications need to be made by the deadline of Friday 13 November 2020. Secondary Common Offer Date is Monday 1 March 2021. If you are unable to apply online, contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Schools in Powys are closed for a two week half-term from 19 October to 30 October. The best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus is to limit your contact with other people. Don't meet with children & families outside your household, or extended household. #KeepYourDistance #KeepPowysSafe www.gov.wales/coronavirus

...from Powys CC. Following the Welsh Government announcement this morning to provide free school meal funding to entitled pupils during the school holidays up to and including Easter 2021. Our catering team and finance team will continue to process supermarket vouchers and BACS payments for all entitled pupils. These will be processed for the October half term (2 weeks) and all holidays up to and including Easter 2021. The FSM allowance will be £19.50 per week per entitled pupil. If parents have concerns or queries they can contact cashless.catering@powys.gov.uk or call 01597 826660.

...from Powys CC. Businesses reminded to apply for 'pavement licences' where needed. Many businesses within the county have already seen the benefits of social distancing measures introduced into town centres, to allow them to trade whilst keeping both their staff and customers safe. However, they are reminded that they must apply for a 'pavement licence' to utilise the space on the pavements and other public areas. Each application will be assessed and consulted on its own merits. Businesses must demonstrate that they can operate within social distancing regulations and highway rules to ensure the safety of customers and other members of the public. For more details or to apply for a pavement licence, please visit: <https://crowd.in/fGhDN9>

...from Waste Ed and Presteigne Freegle. How much plastic is there in a pair of stretch jeans? A lot - see our FB page!! Instead of breaking down, many stretch jeans are still a mess of tangled plastic after being composted for a whole year! Plastic doesn't biodegrade, instead it breaks down into microplastics that end up pretty much EVERYWHERE, even in our food! Hold onto your clothes for longer, look for 100% cotton on clothing labels and say no to synthetic fibres!

...from Recycle Now and Presteigne Freegle. Don't forget to recycle what's in your bathroom. Re-purposing a pretty basket or storage box to use as a recycling bin in your bathroom will help you remember to recycle your plastic bottles, aerosols, toilet roll tubes and toothpaste boxes. Got any recycling tips you'd like to share? Let us know below! <https://www.recyclenow.com/>

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Weobley Ash Meats. We still have vacancies for trainee butchers and shop staff. Aged from 16-24 full training given, working in the butchery and with the stock on the farm. We offer a great working environment, full PPE and the chance to progress. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to apply.

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