

# 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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

**...Please 'shop local'.** Just five (5 !!) weeks until Christmas - hard to believe. When you are doing your Christmas shopping please don't forget our local shops and businesses who've gone the extra mile in making their premises Covid-safe, and done so much to help keep us going with order&collect, home deliveries, takeaways and so on during lockdowns and the firebreak. We are being told how quiet all the stores and suppliers are. It has been a tough year for everyone and it feels very low at the moment, but bear in mind our small shops and businesses - it may be cheaper and quicker to shop online with Amazon, the big supermarkets, others, but if we want our High Street still to be there for us when these difficult times are over, local businesses need our support and loyalty, now more than ever. Please 'shop local' wherever possible.

**...from Mags about recycling of plastic film.** Morrisons in Leominster have reopened their plastic film recycling container - yay! It's just inside the 'out' door unfortunately and of course these days you can't go in the 'out' door... - but at least it's there and open again if you're shopping at Morrisons.

**...from Hughes, Funeral Directors about Stan Bowen of Presteigne** who passed away peacefully at Hereford County Hospital on 3rd November 2020, aged 64 years, dearly loved Husband, Father, Brother and friend to so many. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, Presteigne on Saturday 21st November 2020 followed by a burial at St Michaels Church, Bryngwyn. Due to the current circumstances the funeral will be private but anyone wishing to pay their final respects are asked to do so on Presteigne bypass on the day of the funeral. The hearse will leave St Andrew's Church at approximately 11.45am and travel along Broad Street, a short section of Hereford Street and up Station Road. It will then turn left at the by-pass and on towards the private burial at Bryngwyn. For further enquiries please contact A.W.Hughes & Son, Funeral Directors, Presteigne: 01544 267778

### WITH THANKS TO..

**...from Maggie (PACDG Chair) – this new section in our Community News will be a space where we can say our thanks to anyone who has gone that extra mile to help out locally - neighbours, volunteers, people who work in our shops or provide our services, trades people who have done an extra good job for you. Please make it brief and you MUST get prior permission from the person mentioned to publish their names and (if relevant) their contact details.**

**...from Diana.** Having been self-isolating for medical reasons, we have been so grateful to the Presteigne food shops. They have been so helpful in keeping us supplied by putting together deliveries for us, which have mainly been collected for us by two good friends. They have been totally reliable fetchers and carriers for us since March and continue to look after us each week. A big thank-you to them all.

**...from the Town Clerk.** The Town Council is pleased to report that a small area of woodland has recently been created by the Council supported by some very willing volunteers. A mix of oaks, hazel, rowan, hawthorn, birch, crab apple and blackthorn donated from the Woodland Trust were planted with the help of Piet, Kate, Rolly, Hilary, Richard, Jenny and Ally. Special thanks to David who owns the field and has allowed it to be used for this purpose.

**...from The Judge's Lodging.** Today, the Judge's lockdown bear wants to thank all of you wonderful people who help places like us when you play the Lottery. Without you, he was facing a year of staring out of the window, but your help got our doors back open, our gas lamps lit and our bear taking a rest! #ThanksToYou #NationalLottery

**...(ed.) along with the PACDG noticeboards in town, the Parish Magazine is the prime source of information on local services as it carries many pages of adverts for local tradespeople and businesses - for information on how to receive the Parish Magazine email the Editor at [standrewsintray@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewsintray@btinternet.com). See also the Town website <https://www.presteigne.org.uk/services-businesses>, and local Facebook pages where you can ask for other people's suggestions e.g. Presteigne Life and Presteigne Area Small Business Group. If all else fails, email [news@pacdg.com](mailto:news@pacdg.com) and we may well be able to point you in the right direction.**

## SCAM ALERT

**...from Dyfed Powys Police.** SCAM WARNING about fake Royal Mail emails - do not respond. Please share this warning with loved ones that aren't on social media. The email claims Royal Mail has tried to deliver a parcel - then asks you to pay £1.99 to arrange redelivery. The style of the email makes the scam appear legitimate. It directs you to an official-looking page designed to encourage you to enter your bank details. DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK. Forward the email to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

*(ed. similar current scams impersonate other courier services as well as Royal Mail.)*

**UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET** (local businesses are still adapting to local restrictions - best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

**...from Presteigne Repair & Skill Share.** REMINDER: Our next session is on Saturday 21st November under cover (with usual virus precautions) in the garden of the Radnorshire Arms (unless the weather is really really bad!). Please wear a face covering. 10AM TO 12 NOON.

**...from The Warehouse.** More items are being put out for sale every day. Come and take a look and get a bargain before it has gone. Lots of Christmas decorations, toys, men's clothing, beds, glasses, crockery, furniture, and much more. All electrical items are PAT-tested. New opening hours until Christmas, Monday to Friday 10-3.30 and Saturday 10-2.

**...from Marian about Silvan Skincare at The Retreat.** Gift sets, balms, body oils and more. Silvan Skincare is handmade in Presteigne with the highest quality organic and sustainable plant-based ingredients. We can send your present directly to your friends or family, beautifully wrapped together with a handwritten greeting (no extra charge) - free UK delivery on all orders too. The skincare and body products are certified as cruelty-free under the Leaping Bunny programme and our range of balms and lip balms are registered with the Vegan Society. Our gift wrapping uses fully recyclable paper and card with biodegradable wood pulp ribbon. Please call or email to arrange local delivery or collection from The Retreat, [info@silvanskincare.com](mailto:info@silvanskincare.com) or [07816 981454](tel:07816981454). Or alternatively order online <https://silvanskincare.com/> and leave a message at checkout if you would like your purchase gift wrapped together with your greeting. Thank you.

**...from Glenys Morgan.** On Saturday morning 21st November, Cerys and I will have a cake stall in Presteigne High Street, selling cakes and raising money for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). If anyone would like to donate a cake I would be extremely grateful. (I can collect from Kington and Presteigne on Friday.) Thank you. #CRYGreatCakeBake 2020

**...from Maggie Wood.** The shop (opposite the Library) that is currently Presteigne Barbers is available for long term or short term rental. Currently equipped as a Barbershop but could easily be adapted for other usage. Possibly a pre Christmas opportunity if anyone wants to do a 'pop up' shop ?? Call or text Maggie on [07952972746](tel:07952972746)

**...from The Hub, New Radnor.** The Hub is open again every Friday...6.30-10pm  
Food from 6.30pm. This week there is free range chicken pie, or leek and cheese pie, with coleslaw and beetroot salad cooked by Alison Spalding. It will be delicious. Groups of max 4 please. Table service only.

**...from The Radnorshire Arms.** Just a reminder - Due to covid rules we are following, and having a maximum capacity in place, please can we advise, anyone who is wanting to dine, to book a table. We can only allow 4 to a table. This is to try and prevent disappointment. To book a table, please call 01544 267536.

**...from G&A Catering.** American Night Round 2. After great demand all we can say is, you ask - you get...Monday 30th November 5-9pm. See FB page for details. Pick up slots available

**...from The Stag Inn.** Our weekend takeaway menu is now available to order!nTry our new crispy tempura soft shell crab. Or warm up with our tasty guinea fowl and smokey pit beans. Click here to order now <https://www.thestagg.co.uk/takeaway/>

**...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café.** From filled croissants for brunch, homemade soups, toasted sandwiches, coffee, cakes and afternoon teas to gifts, flowers, homemade jam, Christmas wreaths and arrangements we have got it covered, plus curry takeaways on a Friday and delivered hot food on a Tuesday to Friday, we are here to help. Pop in and see what we do.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION**

**...from Knighton Community Market.** I would like to thank all of our vendors, our local Rotary Knighton 6, Dave and Michael for all coming and helping in lots of ways at this past Saturday's market. Dates for your Diary - our next markets are on Saturday 28th November, Saturday 12th and 19th December. Keep your eyes peeled for who's attending - and please come and shop local and support our fabulous businesses.

**...from PAVO.** Our latest Health & Wellbeing Bulletin bulletin is just out. We've lots of useful workshops all centred on the theme of recovery and there's still time to [book here](#). If you'd like to receive this bulletin by email, or our PAVO bulletin with news and information related to Funding, Training, Volunteering, Events and Jobs [please subscribe here](#)

**...from Linzi and Penny.** December sees an exhibition of work by local artists and artists from across from the Midlands all the way west to Pembrokeshire and even further across the sea to Southern Ireland! Shed Gallery, Green End, Presteigne, opening for its first ever exhibition weekend Friday 4th – Sunday 6th December & Friday 11th-Sunday 13th December. Opening times 10am-4pm Friday & Saturdays and 11am-3pm Sundays. Artist works including pottery, needle crafts, original paintings & prints, raku ceramics, jewellery, xmas present ideas and greetings cards & more. Our first weekend will run along side The Judges Lodgings exhibition and The Assembly Rooms which is exciting.

**...from Powys CC. Latest news: Avian flu alert for Powys.** A prevention zone to protect poultry and captive birds from a strain of avian flu has been declared in Wales, following confirmed cases in the UK. The council's Trading Standards Team are now warning Powys' poultry owners to keep their birds indoors or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds. The Welsh Government has introduced enhanced biosecurity requirements to mitigate the risk of infection following recent confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N8 in England. A veterinary risk assessment for Great Britain shows that the risk level for disease in wild birds is now 'high'. The risk associated with direct and indirect transmission to poultry has also increased to 'medium'. Although there are currently no findings of avian influenza in Wales, the Wales-wide avian prevention zone has been introduced as a precautionary measure in response to the increased risk level. All keepers of poultry and

other captive birds, irrespective of how they are kept, are now required to take the following steps:

- \*Ensure the areas where birds are kept are unattractive to wild birds, for example by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird food sources
- \*Feed and water birds in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds
- \*Minimise movement of people in and out of bird enclosures
- \*Clean and disinfect footwear and keep areas where birds live clean and tidy
- \*Reduce any existing contamination by cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas and fencing off wet or boggy areas

Keepers with more than 500 birds are required to take some extra biosecurity measures, including restricting access to non-essential people, changing clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures and cleaning and disinfecting vehicles. The Welsh Government is continuing to monitor the situation closely and has increased its surveillance activity. More information on avian influenza can be found here: <https://crowd.in/WoZUsn>

**...from Powys CC. Cabinet portfolio changes**, which only affect a couple of services, were announced today (Wednesday, November 18) following the recent Cabinet changes, which saw Cllr James Evans step down and Cllr Iain McIntosh appointed. The changes see Countryside Services move over to Cllr Heulwen Hulme from Cllr Aled Davies while Cllr Graham Breeze will now be responsible for Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Emergency Planning and Community Safety. The remaining portfolio responsibilities remain the same.

The portfolio holder responsibilities will be:

- Cllr Rosemarie Harris, Leader
- Cllr Aled Davies, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transport
- Cllr Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Welsh Language
- Cllr Graham Breeze, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Engagement and Regulatory Services
- Cllr Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for Education and Property
- Cllr Heulwen Hulme, Portfolio Holder for Environment
- Cllr Iain McIntosh, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning and Housing
- \* Cllr Rachel Powell, Portfolio Holder for Young People and Culture

**...from Powys Recycles.** Freegle groups across Powys have reopened, in line with the WG covid secure regs. Don't throw it away, give it away! Free online giving locally run by volunteers from across Powys. If it's free and it's legal you can find a home for it on freegle. Its like online dating for stuff ! #choosetoreuse. Visit <https://t.co/E3affLMhdB>

## LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**...from Powys CC.** This week is #WeCareWales Week 2020 which is highlighting the many roles available in social care. We're pleased to be supporting this alongside our colleagues across the country. To see the social care roles available with us, take a look at our recruitment page <https://crowd.in/xnFGU1>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Powys Teaching Health Board currently has two vacancies to join their Board as Independent Members. Independent Members play a vital role in the governance of the health board, bringing their knowledge, experience and challenge to help ensure the best possible decisions about health and healthcare for the people of Powys. Applications close on 27th November 2020, and full information about the role and how to apply is available from the Welsh Government Public Appointments website: <https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/8/opp/6924-Independent-Member-Powys-Teaching-Health-Board/en-GB>. For further information about the selection process please contact [publicappointments@gov.wales](mailto:publicappointments@gov.wales) or further information about these roles or about Powys Teaching Health Board, contact [vivienne.harpwood@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:vivienne.harpwood@wales.nhs.uk)

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