

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 jobs
 - 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 Katie. Winter Wonderland in a Welsh town. Cracking Christmas lights !

...from Sally. Leaving Lockdown, again...The new Lugg Blogg is out with brilliant intro by Pete plus contributions by Baldwin & Guggisberg, Sabina Rüber, Tony Lawson, Richard Studer, Mid Border Arts, Lois Hopwood, Pete Smith, Jonathan Lyness, Peter Wright, Richard Studer, Linzi Morgan, Rhiannon Hooson, David Gritten, Terry Wells and Dick Sawle. <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/leaving-lockdown-again>

...from the Town Clerk. Latest planning application in: 20/1867/HH Grid Reference: E:331567 N: 264266. Proposal: Replace 2 no. windows on second floor and 1 no. external door to front elevation of dwelling Site Address: Ivy House, 10 Hereford Street, Presteigne. To be considered at the December meeting of the Town Council.

...from PNCS about their Xmas Raffle. Only a few books left, come buy a ticket. Draw done on Friday 4th December.

...from Caroline. Just had confirmation that works will hopefully start on clearing the arches of the Coombe Corner bridge on Monday and once this has been completed you will all be please traffic lights etc will be removed.

WITH THANKS..

...from the East Radnor Day Centre. We had the pleasure of delivering a surprise Afternoon Tea on Wednesday to everyone who has a lunch from us, curtesy of Ben Crane of BCM Builds. The lovely food was provided by Lorna's Sandwich Shop and paid for by Ben. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and everyone was thrilled with such a lovely surprise in such different times. Thank you so much to Ben for his kindness & generosity and to Lorna for the lovely food.

...from Maggie & Pete. Thanks to George Kirkpatrick for his help with our garden over the past few years. His muscles, his patience and his singing skills are much appreciated!

...(ed.) along with the PACDG noticeboards in town, the Parish Magazine carries many pages of adverts for local tradespeople and businesses - to register to receive the Parish Magazine email Roger at standrewsintray@btinternet.com. **If all else fails, email news@pacdg.com and we may well be able to point you in the right direction.**

SCAM ALERT

...from Peter Mace. Just a quick heads up to lovely Presteigne. There seems to be a young man selling household products going door to door. He let himself in to my mother's house yesterday - in a pandemic- with a self-isolation sign on the door - no mask - just wandered in !

He persuaded her to write him a cheque for products that he then didn't even leave! Keep your eyes open for this scoundrel. Dark hair - 6ft - selling household goods door to door

...from Christine. Yesterday received a text pretending to be from HSBC (from mobile 07882564216) saying "An attempt has been made to add a payee to your account. Stop this immediately if this was not you, edit: *(then with a clickable link to)* online-bankinginfo.com." Don't be fooled. Definitely a scam - reported and deleted !

(ed. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to 7726. This free-of-charge short code enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action, if found malicious)

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)

...a reminder on the normal schedule for local Markets (check their FB pages just in case)

Presteigne Local Food Market - 1st Saturday of each month, 9am - 1pm

Knighton Community Market - 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, 9.30am-12.30-m

Kington Friday Market - every Friday, 9am-1pm

Kington Country Market - every Friday, 9am-12noon

Kington Art & Craft Market - 3rd Saturday of month, 9.30am-3pm (+ Nov 28th and Dec 12th).

...from The Royal Oak. Tables are starting to fill up for Wales v England this Saturday at 4pm. Special offer again of basket meal and a drink for £6 during the game. Book yourself in to avoid disappointment. Hassle free Christmas Day lunch. This is for collection or free delivery available on Christmas Eve. Puddings and extras can be provided if you want to over indulge. To book please ring us in 01544 260842 or message us on FB. Payment to be received by 21st December to confirm booking. And....Fish Fryday is back this week with a special of beer battered cod burger, chips & onion rings for £8.50. Get in touch to book a table or takeaway slot.

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. The menu for Friday is on our FB page, any orders by 11 am on Wednesday please. We are still doing homemade soup and baguette or cheese scone with dessert and cream or custard for £6.95, so why not pop in for lunch. Booking advised as we only have a few tables

...from Weobley Ash Meats. It looks like there may be more families able to meet at Christmas, if this is the case any Christmas orders already placed with us can be amended this week. The cut off for certain cuts, namely beef rib joints, beef fillet, whole turkey, geese and Cockerel will need to be ordered by this Friday please to ensure delivery. Beef, pork, mutton and pigs in blankets will be available without pre-ordering. To order call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to place your order. Order forms available under Christmas tab from www.weobleyash.co.uk

...from No. 46. So to go with our new opening hours we have our new "Adult winter warmers" perfect for the cold weather! We will have this menu throughout the winter ! So if you fancy one of our delicious hot drinks (with a bit of a kick) then pop in to No.46! Don't forget we are serving food every weekday evening between 5pm and 8pm!! Available to eat in or takeaway!!

...from Presteigne Tyre Services. Just a reminder that during this pandemic we are open as usual to keep you and your vehicles safe on the road. Please contact us on 015442672

...from Bianca at Bea's Care Services. Hi everyone. Hope you're all keeping safe out there. Due to a change in circumstances I now have available spaces for calls mid-morning, afternoons and evenings (week days only). If you need me to support a loved one tel. [07816 370853](tel:07816370853) or email me biancaalsobea@gmail.com.

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. The Cambridge Imprint Advent Calendar is now live on our website along with a few more additions if you are doing your shopping remotely this year...<https://www.theworkhousegallery.co.uk/collections/christmas-decoration>

...from Autoworks. Now carrying out free winter checks. Don't get caught out this winter. All your motoring needs - MOTs, servicing, repairs, tyres, batteries, exhausts, brakes. Pop in or call 01544 260280

...from the Radnorshire Arms. Christmas update. After lots of consideration, we have decided we will not be offering Christmas dinner this year. The bar will be open Christmas Day 11:00-14:00, Boxing Day 12:00-16:00. December 27th we will be closed. Please book a table if coming in for drinks to prevent disappointment. Any enquiries, call us on 01544267536.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...Presteigne Plenty will be selling its wares on Saturday 12th December in Presteigne High Street. 10am to 1pm. Come and see us for delicious, freshly pasteurised apple juice & boozy mincemeat made from locally-produced produce. All profits to community projects and our local Foodbank.

...Flicks in the Sticks, Brilley Village Hall. Thursday 26th November 7.30pm “Animals”, Thursday 10th December 2.30pm “Military Wives”

...a reminder on the upcoming Welsh Water work between Norton and Presteigne. Welsh Water are investing £8 million to upgrade the water treatment works in Norton and Presteigne, to improve the quality of water which is released into the environment. Phase 1 will begin at the treatment works in Norton December 2020. They will work along the B4355 towards Presteigne during this time, using traffic lights while they work on the carriageway to keep traffic flowing, these will move as they progress and will be in place from December 2020 until June 2021. If you would like more information www.dwrcymru.com/Norton-Presteigne

...from Annie at The MidBorder News. THE MBN is a non-profit community news magazine published quarterly at the beginning of March, June, September and December. Print deadline is the 15th of the preceding month. We survive on advertising, so if you are a local business or service please get in touch to find out about placing an ad: they start from £10 and we are launching our new Business Directory in spring next year. Charities and community groups get in FREE. You can read this year's issues online <https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/>, you can contact us at midbordernews@gmail.com and you can see our Facebook page here www.facebook.com/midbordernews If you would like to be added to our mailing list just email.

...from Presteigne Carnival. Christmas is coming, the Christmas lights are on, so get your houses decorated, before the time is gone! Don't forget our Best Dressed Christmas House Competition! Be imaginative, go mad for Christmas! Get your entries in, judging 20th Dec. Thank you again to Spar for the Christmas hamper. Message us or ring/text on 07766152000.

...Soil Conditioner. Did you know you can purchase Green Grow soil conditioner made from composted green waste for £2 per bag when available, from the Kington Recycling Centre. Check the Herefordshire Council website for information.

...from Public Health Wales. National planning for the roll-out of a COVID-19 vaccine, when available, is well underway. This includes ensuring our systems are ready to deliver a vaccine to those who are eligible. More info on safety, eligibility and consent here: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/>

...from Presteigne Freegle. Having a pre-Christmas #declutter? There's nothing too small or large that it can't be freegled! Your unwanted stuff might be just what someone else nearby needs, we make it easy for you to find them! Passing things on is so much better than hoarding or binning them. Freegle is free to join and use and everything listed is free too - what's not to love! Give it a go this weekend and please read our #CovidSafe #Freegle guidelines first! See <http://ow.ly/YQLY50CjM1m>

...from Recycle Now. Remember to take extra care when disposing of potentially infectious waste. Double-bag tissues and wait 72 hours (3 days) before putting them out for collection with your non-recyclable waste, if you are self-isolating and feeling unwell. Thank you !

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Flu vaccination for 50-64 year olds. The NHS in Wales is in the process of receiving additional stocks of flu vaccine with the intention of extending the offer of flu vaccination to those aged 50-64 years of age and details of when this will be

available will be announced by Welsh Government soon. In the meantime, please do not contact your GP as they are not able to make appointments until the vaccine is available. This does not apply if you are already eligible for flu vaccination as someone who is in a pre-existing at risk category, or are over the age of 65. More information will be released by Powys Teaching Health Board via social media, the Health Board website, and your GP website about vaccination for 50-64yr olds in the next few weeks as arrangements are confirmed.

...from Education Wales and Little People's Playgroup. From today all adults should wear a face covering when dropping off, picking up pupils or visiting school or Playgroup. It's important that everyone sticks to these guidelines to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Ben, looking for apprenticeship. Hi, I have been made redundant from my apprenticeship as a plumber. I'm 17 years old, can drive, currently doing the level 2 plumbing course at college. If anyone could point me in the direction of or knows of anyone who needs an apprentice that would be much appreciated. Call 07522 84315, Cheers Ben

...from Sun Care Home Care. If you're looking for a job that makes a difference, we have the ideal job for you. We are recruiting for part time home care assistants to work in the local area. We have vacancies for - Afternoons / Evenings and Weekend shifts. We are a local care provider who have been delivering quality care to local people for over 22 years. If you're looking to help make a difference, working hours that fit around your busy day. We'd love to hear from you. Contact - Carole in the Kington office on 01544 231413 or Karen in the Brampton office on 01547 530633

...from Powys CC. Employment Services Assistant. We are looking for an enthusiastic individual with a flexible approach to provide an effective and efficient pre-employment checking service within Employment Services, using electronic systems as well as providing advice and guidance where needed, therefore good computer, keyboard and communication skills essential for this role. You will provide support to managers and new employees, undertake pre-employment checks as well as other administrative functions linked to recruitment processes - such as requesting references. If you are looking for a fresh challenge, love engaging with people and want to help us deliver a high level Recruitment Service, along with the ability to work in a fast-paced, customer-focused team, then we want to hear from you! Visit www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

...from Quality Care at Home. Support Workers in Kington, Leominster & Bromyard. Due to expansion, we are looking to recruit experienced Support Workers for a fixed term contract of 35 hours per week until the 31st March 2021 then with the option of joining our Dom Care Team. Must have access to a vehicle. Shifts 7am-2pm and 4pm-10/11pm (Blocks) include every other weekend. The role involves providing support to meet the individuals needs whilst recuperating from their hospital stay which will include personal care, food and fluids, medication administration etc. Ideal candidates will be motivated, reliable and trustworthy with excellent communication skills. Rates of pay depending on experience - fuel allowance paid at 45p per mile. To apply please send us a FB message or call 01432639736

...from Powys CC. Are you a qualified social worker determined to make a difference for children and young people? If you believe in the positive influences of social work in working alongside families striving to change things for the better, then now is an opportune time to join Powys Children's Services. There are a number of Social Worker positions available in different teams across the service and interviews are being held regularly. Join the team today - visit the recruitment page for more information: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/jobs>

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