

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 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 Frank. "Lost - Money clip (empty), Jensen stainless steel , Presteigne high street, Thursday/Friday 4/5th March. Please phone 01544 267321."

...from Helen at the Food Bank. From Thursday 11th March, the food bank has temporarily moved out of the Presteigne Baptist Church whilst remedial building work is done to our storage area. If you need a crisis food parcel, please call or text Helen on 07731 524 058. We will continue to support the community of Presteigne & local villages, and will still deliver food parcels throughout this period. Please leave donations at the Spar or let Helen know and she will arrange for someone to collect. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

...dog nappers - update from Dyfed Powys Police - (at the weekend) we reported that two men had been arrested on suspicion of attempted dog theft in Knighton, Powys. Following a swift investigation including full witness accounts, we are satisfied that no crime was committed. Both men were released from custody in relation to the report of attempted theft. However one of the men was further arrested on suspicion of drug-driving, and has been released under investigation. We are grateful to the public for their vigilance, and would always urge people to contact police if they suspect a crime has taken place.

...from Powys Libraries. Do you need help with your Census form while libraries are closed? Did you know we are providing a telephone support service? If you have any questions we are here to help - call 01874 612394 Monday-Friday 9am-1pm, 2pm - 5pm

...from Annette in Norton. Hi, for anyone interested in the construction work taking pace at the Water Treatment Plant, I had a chat to the Manager this morning and he will be displaying a plan/plans so we can see what the work involves. Passing it daily as a dog walker, I am fascinated by "what lies beneath" and I think others will be too. I believe the plan/plans will be attached to the wire mesh fence near the gates into the treatment plant.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS (see Town website www.presteigne.org.uk)

Next Town Council Meeting is Wednesday 17th March at 7pm via Zoom. Meeting papers available on the Town website now - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>. The meeting is starting earlier than usual because a representative from Dark Skies will be addressing the meeting. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and listen (but not speak) - see meeting id and link on the Town website.

COVID

...from PTHB. If you are aged 65-69 and you have not yet received your COVID-19 vaccination invitation then you can use this form to let us know, and we will contact you later this week with details of our Priority Access Form. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uChWuyjgkCoVkm8ntyPriuzNUmgC4hAkcTjOuCqraVUMktRTIJHNDJNNzIDWUdUSlhQWUc5UTBDSi4u.m> More information about COVID-19 vaccination in Powys is available from our website <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>

...from PTHB. If you are providing care and support to a loved one, you may be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. If you are registered with your GP on their carers register then you should expect an invitation. If you are not registered with your GP as a carer then you can use our online tool to check eligibility and let us know: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/unpaid-carers/>

...from Hereford CC. Vaccine appointment text | The @NHSuk will be sending text messages to some people to invite them to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. Remember, the NHS will never ask you for payment or banking details in order to receive the vaccine. For more info: <http://orlo.uk/L7wGw>

...from Powys CC. STAY LOCAL. From Saturday 13th March a new Stay Local rule is in place for Wales. For more information, please visit <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

...from Powys THB. Primary school children are back. We must still limit the spread of the virus to help keep schools and childcare open. So remember:

- Only share a lift to school if you have to
- Wear a mask for school drop off and catch up over the phone not at the school gate
- Always remember - hands, face, space
- School bubbles are for school only
- Keep your child at home if they are unwell – even if you don't think it's coronavirus. There'll be time for birthday parties and sleepovers before long... but for now, thank you for everything you're doing to keep schools and childcare open. Together we'll keep Wales safe.

SPAM / SCAM WARNINGS

...a reader notified us about this WhatsApp scam. "I received very clever WhatsApp scam today - started like this : *Hi mum, I changed provider. temporarily have this number. Waiting for number porting :).* Needless to say it went on asking for credit card details! Beware!"

...and lots of us are receiving scam text messages pretending to come from a bank advising that a suspicious payment has been detected on our account and inviting us to press '1' in case this payment is not genuine. Report and delete !

[ed. remember please to report suspicious text messages by, making a note of the sending number, forwarding the text to 7726, and then texting the sending number]

...and ignore any messages from 'Gordon Taylor' ...in whatever language !!!!

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET (local businesses are still adapting to changing circumstances - so check information on websites/Facebook pages)

...from Presteigne & Norton Community Support. The transport scheme is still available for health appointments, but the High Street office will not be open to the public until Monday 12th April. If you require transport please email transport.pncts@gmail.com or contact us on 01544 267961. There is still time to join our Annual fundraiser Community Draw. Please contact us on above telephone number or email. Thank you for your continued support.

...from Judge's Lodging Community Survey. We need your help! The team at The Judge's Lodging is considering how we can become a better community resource and as part of this we want to understand how people value the Judge's Lodging and to explore new activities. The survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete, we promise. English <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SDYMB8W>. Cymraeg <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8B8BYW8>

...from Maggie. Lock down for barbers has ended. The Barbers shop opposite the Library is available for full time or part time rental. Possible 'rent a chair'. Call me on [07952972746](tel:07952972746).

...from The Warehouse. We have been busy reorganising and tidying up ready for reopening as soon as we are allowed - unfortunately it now looks as if we'll have to wait until April at the earliest - watch this space ! The collection box will stay in place for your donations but PLEASE, if it's full, don't leave items outside as they will get wet and be unsaleable. And PLEASE don't leave large items such as furniture or electrical white goods outside either - if they get wet we then have to pay to dispose of them. So a donation then costs us money!

...from Amanda's Bread. Please order today or asap for deliveries on Saturday 20th March to the Presteigne area. Email asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com asap, thank you.

...**Presteigne Methodist Church** will be opening again on Sunday 21st March. The service is at 10.30am. Many thanks, Beth

...**from Aardvark Books & Café.** We have Cookery books coming in - a really eclectic mix! Also interesting geology books, and much much more! Keep checking our website for all the books we have available! Our shelves at the Bookery are filling up in many sections....

...**from Weobley Ash.** Looking for a post-Mothers Day Gift with a difference? We offer butchery courses for lamb and pork or a sausage making course. Prices from £49-£69 including all equipment and meat to take home. Call 01544 598120 or book or call into the shop

...**from Grace Beauty.** Following the announcement from the Welsh Government this weekend we will remain closed until the provisional date of Monday 12th April. We will update you when we are starting to take bookings from this date. We are almost there! Looking forward to seeing everybody very soon. Keep safe and happy! Grace & Rhi xx

...**from Amy, Mobile Hairdressing & Barbering.** My appointment book is now open - looking forward to getting busy making people pretty again. Call 07812163344

...**from Sarah at Slix Hair Studio.** Fabulous news!! We have been given the key to our padlock and to start using our scissors once again !! We are delighted to say that the government has given us the go ahead to reopen on Monday 15th March!! Due to the high volume of calls / messages we are receiving please be patient with us. We are currently working through our priority list of clients canceled from December due to the government lockdown. However all our clients are important to us therefore if you would like to make an appointment please either ring the studio on [01544267381](tel:01544267381) Or call or message our Slix Mobile :- [07983355125](tel:07983355125). Our team at SLIX are very much looking forward to welcoming you back and offering you some long awaited pampering once more.

...**from The Workhouse.** Hope springs eternal! We will see you in a month...Reopening day: Wednesday, 14th April 2021. Newsletter out now <https://mailchi.mp/ab24c23cec68/one-month-to-go>

...**from Sal at Wild Card Tattoos.** I am so looking forward to the 12th April, however I will let you know when I will be taking bookings again as I don't want to jinx anything just yet as I assume it still depends on the covid situation closer the time. Much love to all my past, present and future clients and hopefully I will see you all again soon.

...**from G&A Catering. Mothers Day Hamper winner** is.....CALLUM GRIFFITHS!! Well done Cal, we hope your mum enjoys all her goodies!

...**from Leon's Food to Order.** This week's Meal Deal is Lomo Abodado con Chorizo, with a free portion of garlic fried rice (delicious marinated local pork tenderloin cooked with chorizo, white wine, fried tomato sauce, herbs and paprika) - £7.50. Choose your Meal Deal or other dishes from the menu online at www.thesaltydog.com – and submit your online order on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. You can collect and pay for your food between 9am and 5.30 on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday from The Salty Dog in the High Street - 01544 262164

...**from Rose Cottage.** Thank you for all the lovely messages from my afternoon tea customers they are very much appreciated. See our FB page for the Friday menu and the day service menu for next week or call 01544 260453.

...**from Lockdown Dhaba.** Order now by email to lockdowndhaba@gmail.com for delivery 27th March. Jalfrezi back on the menu this week, this is more of a stir fry style dish with sliced onions, tomatoes and peppers and fried paneer. Pumpkin sabji for the vegans. The side dish is sour lentils, which work well with the tangy and slightly spicy jalfrezi. Pudding is carrots, the best! We've got one more menu after this (10th April, then we are having a week off, back on the 8th May). Happy spring friends!

...**from Marion at The Retreat.** It looks hopeful that I am going to be able to reopen for massage treatments from Monday 12th April. The Welsh Government review on 1st April will

consider whether close contact services can reopen from 12th April if public health conditions continue to be favourable. There is obviously an element of keeping fingers crossed, but I think I can be bold enough to start taking appointments. Session times will be changing as I am going to do a little less massage work going forward. If you would like to come regularly, it may be worth booking at least one appointment ahead. Sessions will be available on Mondays at 6 pm and 7.30 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 am, 12.30, 2 pm and 3.30 pm plus one Saturday per month with the same time slots. If you feel ready to resume massage treatments, please email or call me to arrange your appointment - marian@silvanmassage.com or 07816 981454.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Presteigne Guides. Maureen Kiff has retired from girl guiding after 24 years. This means that we are now looking for new leaders for Rainbows and Brownies. If you volunteer for the role e-learning and training will be provided. Find your place in our team of inspirational women, sharing their skills and passions with girls in a local unit - all the while benefiting from the adventure and opportunities Guiding has to offer. If you are interested to keep these units open, please register your interest at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>. If you wish to contact Maureen for more info on maureenkiff@btinternet.com. We would also like to take the opportunity to say 'thank you' to Maureen for all the years she volunteered for girl guiding. Karen Kirkham Presteigne Guides.

...from Catherine - consumers and local businesses may find this interesting: it's a website for products made in Britain. In the present climate and also for the future of the UK (and the world) we should be producing and buying as many goods and products as possible from the UK and this website is a reasonably new idea. www.makeitbritish.co.uk

...from Anna at Kington Art and Craft Market. We are delighted to announce that Kington Art and Craft market **will be reopening on Sat 17th April**, unless government guidelines change. We have 18 local artist and crafters attending including: Alpaca Products, 3 Artists, Cards for all occasions, Felting, Woodturner, Handcrafted ironware, Potter, Paper Crafts, Wax melts, Knitted, Crocheted and Sewn products, plus other crafts. We are delighted to support local artists and craftspeople. There is something for everyone, with items to suit all budgets. Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome. The Art and craft market is held on the 3rd Sat of each month.

...PAVO. Welcome to the latest issue of the PAVO Well-being Bulletin - view or sign-up at <https://mailchi.mp/pavo/healthwellbeingbulletin090321?e=82ca7399f5>

...from Lois. This new online exhibition at Oriel Bleddfa is on for the whole of March . The safe link takes you straight to it <https://bleddfacentre.org/gallery/current-exhibition>

...from Powys Recycles. Wales is currently third best in the world at recycling. It's something to be proud of, but we can't stop there! To make it to number 1 and become a zero-waste nation by 2050, we need to ramp up our recycling efforts from home. Find out more: bit.ly/377eFIB

...from Powys Children's Libraries. It's Plant a Flower Day today [Saturday] - what an utterly lovely thing. To help inspire you and your children to get out in nature, BookTrust put together a list of super books all about plants and gardens: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/p/plants-and-gardens/>

...from Cllr Baynham. n.b. Contact Number Change for Non Emergency Patient Transport Service from April 1st 2021. Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service (NEPTS) will move from the Powys Call Centre to Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust as part of the Transfer of Work programme and will be live from 1st April 2021. The new number to request Non-Emergency Hospital Transport is 0300 123 2303

From 1 April 2021, all requests for non-emergency hospital transport should be directed to the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust hub above with the following exceptions:

- * If a patient's appointment is in Hereford County Hospital and for any service other than radiotherapy they should call the Powys Call Centre (01686 613200)
- * If the appointment is for Radiotherapy at Hereford County they contact Welsh Ambulance Service on 0300 123 23
- * If a patient's appointment is at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital, Oswestry then they will call Falck on 03300 535695

...from Powys CC. You must be registered to vote if you want to take part in elections or referendums. If you've moved house, you'll need to register to vote at your new address, and if you've never registered before, you'll need to register to vote - go to gov.uk/register-to-vote

...the Borderlines Film Festival returns for 2021 in a new form, as a virtual online Festival. Thanks to support from Film Hub Midlands awarding funds from the National Lottery, we are able to offer reduced price admissions on single films and on Pass bundles for 5 and 10 Films. So if you want to catch Oscar and BAFTA contenders like *Minari*, *The Father*, *Ammonite* and *Limbo*, outstanding documentaries from leading directors and exciting feature films from across the world - from Mongolia to Brazil via Sudan - visit the Borderlines Film Festival Website (www.borderlinesfilmfestival.org) and follow the links to browse the programme and book passes. **The Festival runs from Friday March 26 to Sunday 11 April** and includes 34 feature films and 6 free programmes of shorts made by young, local upcoming talent. Flix15 passes are available and offer a 15% discount on the published admission prices in both the standard and concession prices. Single virtual admission prices are: £8 standard / £6 concessions. 5 Film Pass: £35 standard / £20 concessions. 10 Film Pass: £70 standard / £40 concessions. To get a further reduction of 15% on these prices use the codes: Flix15 for single admissions / Flix15/5FilmPass for a 5 Film Pass / Flix15/10FilmPass for a 10 Film Pass. But Hurry! There are a limited number of these discounts available. www.borderlinesfilmfestival.org

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from PSAFC Presteigne Colts. We are on the lookout for new football coaches for Under 8s/9s for the 2021/22 season. We will provide FA level training and equipment for the first 12 months. Festival Football once a month where all teams come together for a mini tournament around south Powys. If you are interested in running a team please contact Russell on 07975 506889 or email presteignecolts@gmail.com

...from the Small Breeds Farm Park & Owl Centre. Tearoom/Gift shop assistant. A confident, reliable person with good communication and numeracy skills required for part time seasonal work including weekends and bank holidays (ideal for a student). Please apply by email only with some information about yourself. diana@owlcentre.com

...from Powys CC. Looking for work in Powys? Our free one-to-one support can help you improve your skills and gain the confidence to get the job you want. Learn more by visiting www.powys.gov.uk/cfw

...from Powys THB, recruiting for a Staff Nurse, Band 5. We are looking for enthusiastic, motivated, forward-facing, patient-centred people to join our nursing team on Panpwnton at Knighton Hospital. We are looking for an individual who can work well as part of a multidisciplinary team, who is caring and kind and wants to develop their clinical leadership skills. You will be expected to work as an autonomous practitioner with the support of the ward manager, senior nursing and therapies staff. There are various hours and working patterns available on the ward, see https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Knighton/Powys_Teaching_Health_Board/Nursing/Nursing-v3014141?ts=461

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