

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

The latest issue of the wonderful Lugg Blogg is now out - entitled Optimistically Sceptical - Intro and a great new video by Pete plus contributions by Alex Ramsay, Sabina Rüber, Peter Wright, Lois Hopwood, Mark Williams, Alexia Tucker, Nigel Dodman, Kenneth Rodmell, Anne Belgrave, Dave Luke, Martin Minogue, Christine Hugh-Jones and Terry Wells. You can read it here <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/optimistically-sceptical>

The May issue of the Parish Magazine is also available - it may well be the last emailed issue before Roger reverts to the normal booklet deliveries. If you're not on the distribution and would like to receive the Parish Magazine, please contact Roger Curtis, Editor, Parish Magazine for St Andrew's & St Michael's PCC by email: standrewsintray@btinternet.com

...and even more...**A Special May issue of Broad Sheep** is now online - click here to view www.broadsheep.com

...**Don't forget election day, this Thursday 6th May** - for Powys residents, voting for Senedd/ Welsh Assembly members - for those in both England and Wales, voting for your Police and Crime Commissioner - and in some Herefordshire areas, for Ward or Parish Council elections and Neighbourhood Planning Referendums. No matter which party you support, or even if you just want to spoil your ballot paper in disgust, the important thing is to use your democratic right to vote. **BUT feeling unwell on May 6?** Do not go to the polling station to vote in person. Find out about alternative voting options at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voting-person-post-or-proxy/voting-proxy>

...**from Pete Smith.** Hi all. As we move into spring you will notice the ongoing change in the grass cutting regime in and around town. This is to allow corridors of passage for our smaller wildlife and also to see what wild flowers have suppressed for so long by the inexplicable need to be in control of, rather than live in harmony with, the natural world we are part of. Flowers are starting to show themselves, sometimes for the first time in years and some of those are on the rare spectrum. In the interests of the plants and for the interest of horticults and the benefit of all who can be bothered to look & learn, signs have been put up, little signs at ground level, indicating what plant is growing there and a little bit about it. A lot of work from people who want you to know what lives here in Presteigne with you. These signs are so wonderfully well done to the point where someone has taken a shine to them and taken some of them home (best case scenario) or just trashed them somewhere. This is a real shame at a bad time on so many levels. So, if you find a sign somewhere obscure, *[please email news@pacdg.org]* so it can be collected and returned. Thanks for reading. Pete

Age Cymru Powys is looking to start a Toenail Cutting service in Presteigne, and it would help to know how many residents in Presteigne and the surrounding area would be interested to use the service? Please contact Age Cymru Powys on [01597 825908](tel:01597825908), where they will be more than happy to provide more information and put you on a waiting list.

[ed. alternatively, you can email news@pacdg.org and we will forward your email to Age Cymru (Simply Nails)]

...from Powys Recycles FB page. A Presteigne resident has been fined for fly tipping after this waste was found dumped by the allotments in Presteigne. Our local waste enforcement officer investigated and the matter has been settled out of court via payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice for fly tipping. We are clamping down on this criminal and anti-social behaviour.

...from Herefordshire CC. Fly tipping | If you see it, report it. Our fly tipping app makes it quick and easy to report illegal fly tipping. <http://orlo.uk/OR7da>

...Lingen's War Memorial Clock. For the last year it may have seemed as though time has stood still. This feeling will have been exacerbated by looking at the clock on our village church. Last year it started to run erratically and, despite the attentions of several local experts, eventually came to a standstill in the summer. The clock was manufactured in Derby in 1920 and was installed as the village's memorial to those of the Parish of Lingen who gave their lives in the Great War. It is therefore an important part of village life and its history. With members of the local community, we felt that the village might like to contribute to preserving this memorial. We mounted a joint village/church appeal to help meet the cost of a full overhaul by one of the few church clock specialists in the country. We were all delighted with the speedy and generous response, from long-standing residents and recent arrivals, from non-churchgoers as well as congregation, from Willey, Birtley and Deerfold alongside Lingen. There were important donations from village organisations. We now have enough to meet the quoted cost, as well as a margin for regular future servicing. Very many thanks to everyone involved. We now wait our turn in the clock company's queue, before we hear the hours ring out again over the valley.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Latest planning application in: 21/0693/LBC Grid Reference: E:331443 N: 264395 Proposal: Relocation of door to access second floor wardrobe Site Address: 1 London House , Broad Street, Presteigne. To be considered at the May meeting of the Town Council.

COVID

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. In Wales, you can now get lateral flow tests for you and your household if you volunteer or cannot work from home. If you get tests through your employer or education setting you should continue to do so. **You can also now order rapid lateral flow home test kits online:** <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits>. You can order 1 home testing kit (7 tests) at a time. Delivery takes 1 to 2 days. You can also collect testing kits in person. Find your nearest collection point and opening times online: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>. You can collect 2 home testing kits (14 tests) at a time.

...from NHS England. If you're aged 40 or over, or if you turn 40 before 1 July 2021, you can now book your COVID-19 vaccine. Visit nhs.uk/covid-vaccination to get started.

...from NHS England. Everyone in England can take a free, rapid COVID-19 test twice a week. Get yours at nhs.uk/get-tested

SCAM ALERT

...from Which. Sign up to our free Scam Alerts to stay one step ahead of the Bank Impersonator and other scammers. #OutsmartScammers www.campaigns.which.co.uk

...from Ofcom. The UK telecoms regulator is warning the public not to trust caller ID on their phones as it tries to help stop people becoming victims of fraud. Fraudsters are increasingly changing their caller ID to disguise their identity, known as number spoofing. *[ed. We've had spam/phishing calls apparently originating from 01544 numbers, so this is fair warning].*

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

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. We are all ready to welcome you back to our new outdoor cafe! Don't let the forecast put you off- our new, extended deck area is covered and

heated! Your favourite coffee and treats await you along with a new Spring Menu full of light lunch options- hopefully see you soon? The Gallery and Cafe are open Wed - Sat, 10am-4pm

...from the Salty Dog. We'll be closed over Bank Holiday Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th May, then open as normal.

...from Mandy. LOW IMPACT dance sessions, optional toning weights, re-starting Memorial Hall, Presteigne, Thursday 10-11am from Thursday 13th May. Contact Mandy 07538 218273 or mandys.mail@virgin.net for more information.

...from The Warehouse. This week only, all books are 10p each in The Warehouse and the charity shop. Stock up now for your summer reading. Meanwhile, please could we ask you not to donate any more books for the foreseeable future. We are absolutely swamped with them and do not have the room to store any more. We will have to refuse any that are brought in unfortunately so want to avoid you making a wasted journey. Thank you

...from Aardvark Books & Café. May News! We are open on Bank Holiday Mondays - so next Monday 3rd May, the Bookery will be open 10am - 4pm for browsing our many #books , with takeaway coffee and cakes outside - in the sunshine we hope! And we will be open on Bank Holiday Monday 31st May too - more chance of sunshine then perhaps? - but definitely lots of books, with coffee, tea, cakes! Also news of our Car Boot on Sunday 30th to come...

...from The Mens Shed. Finally we are going to be allowed to re open the Shed. We will be opening our doors on Monday 17th May at 10am. There will be a QR code check in linked to the NHS COVID-19 App in the entrance vestibule. Because of limited space we would ask all visitors to wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser provided in reception. Thank you in anticipation for your custom. For more information call John on 01544 232750....and, now we're out of lockdown, The Mens Shed will be eagerly manning a stall at the Knighton Community Hall market on Saturday 22nd May. Come along and see what we have for sale, it will be great to meet people again and have a chat.

..from Jesi. I am a Yoga Teacher & new to the area! I am currently teaching online on Zoom, but I'm also in the process of setting up group classes in Presteigne for when restrictions have lifted. I take a traditional yet unique approach in my teaching - I like to find playfulness as well as sincerely working on our spiritual growth & our body's well-being! I teach a variety of different styles of yoga & meditation, as well as 1:1 sessions and regular workshops! If you fancy trying a Zoom class, see here for info & booking: www.bookwhen.com/omrunayogaweekly or if you are interested in classes in Presteigne, please get in touch via my website www.omrunayoga.co.uk or Facebook www.facebook.com/omrunayoga Namaste!

...from Leon's Food to Order. New Madras and Korma curries added to our menu for this week's Indian and Thai curry Meal Deal. Order any of our delicious curries and get a free portion of aromatic Basmati rice. Go to <https://thesaltydogpresteigne.com/order-cooked-food/>

...from Amanda's Bread. Julian and I shall be baking to order next week, with deliveries on Saturday 8th May in the Knighton / Presteigne / Kington areas. If you would like to put in an order please get in touch by the end of Monday 3rd May asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com. Thanks

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. See our FB page or call us 01544 260600 for the day service menu for next week. We are open Tuesday to Saturday this week from 10am - 4.30pm serving brunch, lunch, tea/coffee, cream teas and cakes. Let's hope the weather gets better.

...from Sarah at Slix. Thank you for all your entries to our fun GIF and comment competition, on Hairstylist Appreciation Day, to show our appreciation to you, we loved them all! The winner was chosen by a random wheel spinner and is... Charlotte Marklew-Davies. Congratulations!

...from G&A Catering. Apologies for late notice but we are CLOSED today Monday 3rd May....Open again tomorrow at 8am - 2pm. Also hosting our "Time for a Cuppa", raising money for Dementia UK tomorrow from 11am, lots of lovely cakes, Tombola and Wonderful Raffle - 32 prizes to be won.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Sheep Music - holding their AGM virtually through Zoom on Wednesday 5th May at 8pm. If you're interested in attending, please email for details info@sheepmusic.co.uk

...from Mid-Wales Opera. We are utterly thrilled to announce our first live, covid safe performances since December 2020. We're starting **at The Judge's Lodging**, Presteigne on Saturday May 15th in association with Mid Border Arts. Open air shows, three shows per day, only 26 tickets per performance. Please contact admin@midwalesopera.co.uk to book.

...from the National Open Garden scheme - gardens in your area open in May: 2 & 9 May Pontioni House, Aberedw, Builth Wells. Recently constructed small walled vegetable and fruit garden. Walks through wildflower meadow along a mile of old railway line with bluebell woods to Aberedw Rocks. 23 May Llysdinam, Newbridge-on-Wye. Noted for a magnificent display of rhododendrons and azaleas. The Victorian walled kitchen garden and greenhouses grow a variety of vegetables, hothouse fruit and exotic plants. 31 May Llanstephan House, Llanstephan, Llyswen. Victorian walled kitchen garden and greenhouses, 100 year old wisteria, woodland walks, specimen trees and immaculate lawns. Celebrated views of Wye Valley and Black Mountains. 31 May Llwyn Madoc, Beulah, Llanwrtyd Wells. Terraced garden in attractive wooded valley overlooking lake; yew hedges; rose garden with pergola; kitchen garden and small orchard; azaleas and rhododendrons. You can pre-book tickets to the majority of gardens on the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk Before travelling, please check the website for updates.

...from Hay Digital Festival. We're delighted to launch our programme for the Festival's 34th spring edition, broadcasting for free online from Hay-on-Wye to the world 26 May-6 June. Over 12 days, more than 200 acclaimed writers, global policy makers, historians, poets, pioneers and innovators join us to inspire, examine and entertain in events for all ages. All events will be closed-captioned and available to watch for free 24 hours from their live broadcast <https://www.hayfestival.com/wales/home>

...from Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club. Just a reminder while Leg Club is shut we are still seeing patients in a clinic at Knighton hospital. If you need an appointment please ring Knighton District Nurses on 01547 521 270 .

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. Charity shops are not the right place to get rid of unwanted knives. If you can't make it to one of our amnesty bins this week, you can also dispose of them at your nearest recycling centres. Visit your local council's website for locations and opening times: Powys County Council: <http://orlo.uk/wJ2yY>

...and on the subject of knives..the Knife Angel is visiting Hereford Cathedral this Summer from 14 June - 12 July. They are looking for volunteers for this exhibition helping young people understand the impact of violent crime on communities, families and individuals. See website www.knifeangelhereford.co.uk/ - call 07917 162172

...from Toinette. 'Ladies New To Golf' lessons continue at Kington Golf Club every Wednesday at 12.00 noon. Learn a new sport in beautiful surroundings, followed by coffee/tea in our newly refurbished Clubhouse (outside on our balcony until 17th May). Lessons with Keith, our friendly Professional cost just £8/week. Equipment can be provided. We look forward to welcoming you! Phone [01544 230340](tel:01544230340) option 1 to sign up or for more details.

...from Chatterbrook WI. Our May meeting will be on Zoom but we are looking forward to meeting in person as soon as restrictions allow, and have a programme of events and speakers lined up for the rest of the year. The WI subscription year begins in April but it's not too late to welcome new members - 'visitors' may try us out free-of-charge. Contact Margaret for details mail@galliers.co.uk

...from Sidney Nolan Trust. Do you enjoy gardening? We're looking for new volunteers to join our gardening group at the Sidney Nolan Trust, just outside Presteigne, Tuesdays from 9.30am

til as long as you like! If you're interested please email hollie@sidneynolantrust.org and see more details here: <http://www.sidneynolantrust.org/support-us/volunteer>

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. Full Time Play Assistant. Presteigne Little People are looking for a motivated level 3 Practitioner (Early Years) with at least 2 years post qualification experience to join our growing team. Experience of working with children with additional learning needs is essential. Willingness to undertake further fully funded training essential. Closing date: Thursday 20th May 2021. Interviews: week commencing Monday 24th May 2021. Please contact Sam to arrange an appointment 01544 262130. Enquiries, application forms and job description / person specification available from Ann Wake: 01544 260695 email chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

...from Cartrefi Cymry. We are recruiting now for Presteigne & surrounding area. The role will involve supporting people in their own homes and in the community to live a good life. <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2>

...from Herefordshire CC. Polling clerks wanted in polling stations on Thursday 6th May 2021. Click below to register your interest & we'll send you the relevant forms to complete. To find out more regarding this paid role visit: <http://orlo.uk/MCDlp>

...from Arrow Medical Ltd. Production Operatives required for the Cleanroom at Arrow Medical Ltd. No experience required as training will be given. 40 hours per week. Call 01544 231760

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