

Community News

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- **Please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents - ideas or suggestions for new hobbies, or things to do at home, especially welcome ! email pacdg@icloud.com**
- **and if you're self-isolating or need assistance in any way, you can also email pacdg@icloud.com and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.**

...from Rockbridge Park Residents Association.

"On behalf of all residents we wish to give our thanks for the fantastic support we get from the Presteigne community - just to mention a few: Spar, Weobley Ash, Pharmacy, East Radnorshire Home Support and many more.

Also to PAGDC who keep us up to date with what's happening and furnish us with useful contact details which really helps because almost everybody on the Park is self-isolating. We have up to now had no incidents of the virus and as at this moment in time there are no reports of symptoms relating to Covid-19 on the Park."

...from David in Norton. *"Hello, I live in Norton up an unnamed lane near the church. Firstly, may I say "thank you" for producing such an informative source of the community during these difficult times. It really is appreciated! I have found a lost Welsh sheepdog pup about nine months old, currently staying as my guest. My contact number is 07917 403464. Would you mind popping an insertion into your bulletin. Thank you, David"*

...from Presteigne Primary School. Hope you've all had a good Easter. We are now back to school for the Summer Term so online work has been set for you all to have a go at. FP please log into HWB and you will find work in Just2easy in shared files and in J2Homework. KS2 you have work set in Teams and an Online Safety task in J2Homework. Hope you're all staying safe and well! Have a look at these great resources to help with your learning at home! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things keep changing so, best first check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from Salty Dog. Leon's Food to Order. All our meals are made fresh to order by our resident chef, Ross Mc Queen. Order any from the list below on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday before 12 noon, and collect on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

This week's Chef's Special - Pork and Beef Meatballs in Romesco Sauce, £6.50/portion
Curries £5.00 each (serves 1 as a main course) - Chicken Tikka Masala - Yellow King Prawn Curry - Thai Green Chicken Curry - Beef Massaman - Thai Yellow Veg Curry
Steamed aromatic Basmati rice - £1.95

Paella £8.50 (serves 2 as main course or 4 as tapas) - Chicken & Chorizo Paella - Seafood Paella - Vegetarian Paella

If you need to talk to us regarding any dietary requirements please call 01544 267729

...from Weobley Ash. 28 day aged grass fed Hereford beef joints, sirloin, fillet and rump in store. Great gammon joints and gammon slices, gammon hocks in stock. Fresh as a daisy fruit and veg, butternut squash, beef joints, beef boxes, pork, mutton, milk, bread, butter, cream it's all here. Free parking, no queues... Walkin from 9 till 1, collections from 1 till 5. To place order or ask for a produce list. Delivery available all week. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk. NEW - Penrhos Spirits hand sanitizer in stock, £15 per bottle.

...from Lyonshall Nurseries. Our delivery service now extends to Presteigne and Norton for a £10 fee (minimum order £30). See website www.lyonshallnurseries.co.uk for full details of what's in stock to order.

...from The Real Wine Company. We can't meet face to face so here's a taste in a case! Order your Spring Tasting Case here - shorturl.at/ipuxO and join our first virtual tasting online this Friday. Simply order your case by Wed 22/04 enter the code 'freeshipping' for free next day delivery and we'll send you either pre-recorded tasting notes to sample at your leisure or an invite to our Friday night virtual tasting....cheers !

THINGS TO DO WHILE COCOONING !

...from Presteigne Dark Skies. Today marks the start of International Dark Sky week. Click on the link below to find out what activities you can do from the safety of your home. And don't forget that you'll be able to see shooting stars, the annual Lyrid meteor shower on Tuesday night, assuming it's clear. Stay safe. Support Presteigne Dark Skies. Reclaim the Dark. <https://idsw.darksky.org/>

...NHS APPEAL. PLEASE SHARE. Wye Valley NHS Trust would like to hear from anyone who would like to get out their sewing machine and help the Trust. While it has stocks of gowns worn by staff looking after coronavirus patients – and is expecting new supplies shortly – it would like to hear from local people who would be willing to make some extra gowns. "The Trust has patterns. The material will need to be fluid repellent and be able to be laundered at 60 degrees. If anyone is interested, they can register their interest by emailing COVIDLogistics@wvt.nhs.uk". UPDATE ... The initial response has been terrific, and further efforts are being coordinated by For The Love of Scrubs, Herefordshire - please head over to join the group! #YourHerefordshire

...if you have Sky Arts. Missing your New Adventures fix? well look no further than Sky Arts at 8pm every Sunday for the next 3 weeks - you'll be able to view Matthew Bourne's most beloved productions.

...from English National Ballet which is delicately tip-toeing in on the live-streaming act. The world-class ballet company has launched ENB at Home, and as part of the streaming series, it will be releasing a production a week for its 'Wednesday Watch Parties'. Each Wednesday will see a fresh dance performance broadcast on ENB's Facebook and YouTube channels, available to stream for free for 48 hours. The first one to air, on Wednesday April 22, is Frida Kahlo-inspired production 'Broken Wings', starring lead principal (and ENB artistic director) Tamara Rojo as the painter.

...from Presteigne Freegle and The Woodland Trust. Explore the @WoodlandTrust printable tree ID guides which are a fantastic way to help children (and dare we say

adults too) learn about trees. <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/tree-id-kids>. Take them outside and use them in your garden or while out and about on your daily exercise. They cover all four seasons so youngsters can discover how trees change throughout the year. Use them to identify leaves, winter twigs, spring blossom and autumn fruits. They are also a hands-on way to connect children to our wonderful natural world.

...from Recycle Now. Looking for some inspiration to help children learning at home? Whether it's getting artistic with drawing or creating a mini film. The Action Pack is a creative and fun way for children to learn about recycling and protecting the environment <https://bit.ly/3eEfy8n>

...from Knighton Community Woodlands Group (formerly known as Knighton Tree Allotments Trust - KTAT). We are a group of local people coming together to enjoy, conserve and enrich our environment. We learn and share woodland skills, and use those skills to improve habitats for wildlife and to allow our members access to affordable woodland products. Whilst our work is currently paused due to the Corona virus, we are still looking for new volunteers ready to expand our work once the current crisis is over. The opportunities we offer conform to the current guidelines as they are home-based. Our volunteer programme allows you to directly benefit local habitats and reduce your carbon footprint by growing a sustainable source of wood-fuel, timber and other woodland products. Skills required: None! You just need enthusiasm and we will match your skills and abilities to a task that needs doing. You will be supported by an experienced and knowledgeable group who have been running for the past 10 years. Contact: Gary Cowell, email: woodland@tveg.org.uk. Website: <http://tveg.org.uk/wordpress/what-we-do/woodland-project>

OTHER INFORMATION

...Latest update from Zoe. Powys and Ceredigion have moved up to the 2% - 3% band and there are now 1704 people in Powys using the app. The more people who use it, the greater the accuracy of the daily count. The good news is that overall in the UK, the number of people reporting symptoms is decreasing. **PLEASE sign up for Zoe today, it only takes 5 minutes.** <https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

...from the UK Government. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is now live: gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wages-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme

...from Education Wales. Schools won't be opening as normal next term, so some learning will take place at home. Do you have questions about this? Tell us by taking our survey! <http://doo.vote/4a946bb>

...from PCC. Latest news: Applications open for Early Years admissions are now open for children due to start pre-school in 2021. Parents or carers of children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 can apply for a place in an early year setting ready to start in 2021. Applications must be completed and submitted by Friday, June 26, 2020. The Welsh Government funds the council to ensure that all children in Powys have access to free part-time early years education from the beginning of the term following the child's third birthday. Each qualifying child can receive a maximum of 10 hours per week of funded early years education if they attend an approved, funded pre-school education setting. Children eligible for free part time education will only receive the funded place if they are attending an approved funded pre-school education setting. The application form can be downloaded by searching Apply for Pre-School (3 and 4 yr

olds) Early Years Education at www.powys.gov.uk. Please submit your completed application and a clear copy (photo or scan) of your child's birth certificate to preschooladmissions@powys.gov.uk. If you have any queries or are having problems completing or submitting the application please contact the Admissions Team on 01597 826477 or email preschooladmissions@powys.gov.uk

...from the Welsh Government. We know it's not at the forefront of people's minds right now but if your home was flooded from recent storms you can still apply for financial help from Welsh Government. More info <https://crowd.in/qvniBA>

...from PCC. Belong to a voluntary group or organisation? There's support and funding available for the voluntary sector during #COVID19. Read more <https://crowd.in/Y97IbP>

...from Kirsty Williams. It was confirmed yesterday that the 2020 Wales results days for AS, A Level and GCSE students will be as originally scheduled. This means that Wales, Northern Ireland and England will share the results days of: Thursday 13th August for AS & A Level, Thursday 20th August for GCSE. I hope that the confirmation of these dates will help learners to make future plans with a little more confidence, although I recognise this continues to be a time of great uncertainty. Full statement available here: <https://gov.wales/written-statement-results-day-2020>

...from PCC about their Economic Resilience Grant Fund. The Fund is open for applications. The second phase of the Welsh Government's Economic Resilience Fund opened on Friday 17th April on the Business Wales' website. This phase will release £200 million of funding and will be targeted at micro businesses, SMEs and large businesses of critical social or economic importance to Wales. The Fund will provide additional financial support to businesses during the coronavirus pandemic to help address gaps not met by schemes already announced by the UK Government, Welsh Government and Development Bank of Wales. It will be in high demand so businesses are encouraged to check whether they are eligible as soon as possible. To be eligible for the second phase of support, businesses must meet a range of criteria. Micro businesses, including start-ups, employing up to nine employees could be eligible for up to £10,000 of support. This includes sole traders employing staff. Small and medium-sized firms with between 10 and 249 employees could be eligible for grants of up to £100,000. Funding will also be available to support large businesses with more than 249 employees. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis to consider where funding can be deployed most effectively to compliment other sources of support. Criteria and applications <https://crowd.in/BErnN4> Further support for businesses <https://crowd.in/DuRYS6>

...from PCC. Huge thanks to the lads from Highways who have been stepping in to cover across the county as relief drivers & loaders to help maintain our waste and recycling collection services at this challenging time. #ThankYou

...from NHS. At Home shouldn't mean At Risk. If you're living with somebody who you're afraid of — free, confidential help and support is available. Domestic abuse or violence is a crime, and should be reported. Find out more. #NoExcuseForDomesticAbuse <https://www.gov.uk/report-domestic-abuse>

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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 - simply email pacdg@icloud.com.