

Community News

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- **Please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents - email pacdg@icloud.com**
- **and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.**

...from Hannah. *"It occurs to me that many people, like myself, have been having a clear-out during lockdown and are building up a bundle of stuff waiting to be taken.....somewhere! Please can I remind people that when the lockdown starts to be eased we will - hopefully - gradually regain all those re-use opportunities. Freegle will be back at some point, our local charity shops will be keen to gather stock to build up their much-depleted funds, and there are also plans for a Bring-and-Take day locally. So please don't just race straight to the tips and recycling centres when they re-open - hang onto anything that still has some life in it that might be of use to someone else or could be raising money for our local charities."*

...from Barbara Roberts"**Sewing Presteigne.** *"We have got over 400 scrub bags for care homes and hospitals please get in touch with me. All FREE. 01544 260774*

...from Ann. Presteigne's Swifts are back !!! having flown all the way here from Africa! They arrive now and leave early in August, spending only 3 months here with us, just long enough to breed. They bring spectacular action and excitement to our skies, with their evening fly-pasts and screaming parties. Except when nesting, they spend their lives in the air, living on the insects caught in flight. They drink, feed, sleep, find nest materials and often mate on the wing. No other birds spend as much of their life in flight. We have lost over half of our Swifts in the past 20 years. Swifts have shared our buildings ever since the Romans came to Britain. They still breed in our eaves and gables, but not for much longer, as modern and renovated buildings exclude them. The decline in insect populations is another factor, so gardening for wildlife is also important to make sure the birds have plenty to sustain them. Swift Conservation are selling record numbers of nest boxes and the Swift call CD and MP3 recordings which help to attract them to your house. So people stuck at home are thinking "Let's help Swifts! Let's get a nest box or two up and running! You can do it too! Help Swifts, help the World, make or buy nest boxes for friends and neighbours too, and keep your morale up with a nest box project! You'll find all you need to know on this website: www.swift-conservation.org

...from a local resident. WATCH OUT!!!! Presteigne people - Just had some man try entering my back garden gate, luckily my eldest daughter and trusted black lab were about in the garden and disturbed him. Think he was after bikes.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from Presteigne Spar. SPAR shop deliveries to your front door coming soon! Watch this space. But, we do need more drivers to help getting our food deliveries out to customers in the local area, so we're recruiting for Self Employed drivers with a full driving licence, their own vehicle and Business Car Insurance, who would be able to deliver food deliveries within our community. Hit this link: [https://www.afblakemore.com/docs/content-new/Expression_of_Interest_\(050520\).pdf](https://www.afblakemore.com/docs/content-new/Expression_of_Interest_(050520).pdf) to find out more. Please follow the instructions in the link if you're interested in the role.

...from Weobley Ash. Veg and fruit boxes available, £20 and £25 or made to your requirements. We have Cabbage, leaks, Parsnips, potatoes, new potatoes, celery, lettuce, onions, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, carrots, cauliflower, apples, bananas, oranges, Lemons, limes, raspberries. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to order or book a delivery

THINGS TO DO WHILE COCOONING AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from WhatsOnStage. Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "By Jeeves" will be streamed for free on Friday. **Starring Martin Jarvis and John Scherer, the piece is based on P G Woodhouse's classic characters. The streamed show will be the 2001 production, which ran on Broadway after the original show was rewritten.**

The show is the next in a new series of Lloyd Webber's works that are being streamed for free online while a lockdown of UK households continues, which has seen theatres closed up and down the country.

Watch the show here www.whatsonstage.com from Friday at 7pm BST, where it will be available for 48 hours. Click here to [See the full list of shows you can see for free](#). Click here to [Sign up for our daily newsletter for all the latest news](#)

...from Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup. Today is all about outdoor play and exploration. Being outdoors benefits children in lots of ways, it helps improve their sleeping pattern and their mood. It significantly improves physical and mental health and helps children learn how to take manageable risks which helps build their confidence and independence when trying out new activities. See our Facebook page for lots of forest school ideas to have a go at either in the garden or when out and about on your daily walk.

...from Presteigne Freegle. #May4thBeWithYou. Lots of free crochet patterns for tiny #StarWars characters via @ideas4diy (a great way to use up leftover bits of yarn) see <https://ideas4diy.com/star-wars-crochet-patterns>

You probably can't play golf at the mo but you can get creative with old golf balls! Make some #ladybirds for the garden. Free #upcycling instructions via @DIYselfy <http://ow.ly/ABIK30qCzkl>

...from Hereford Cathedral. #MyMappaMundi Over the last few months our world has experienced drastic changes due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are inviting you to illustrate your own version of the Mappa Mundi to show us how your world currently looks. However you feel right now, we would love to see what your view of the world is. Feel free to be as creative as possible and we would love to see your artwork! To find out more and download a pdf template please visit >> www.herefordcathedral.org/mymappamundi

...from PCC, Hay Festival and Where The Light Gets In. Later this month, it would have been festival season in Hay on Wye with both the Hay Literary Festival and the How the Light Gets In festivals taking place in the town. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, neither are taking place as they usually do but it's good to hear that both festivals have moved online.

Hay Festival Digital (<https://crowd.in/aLXwb7>) runs online from May 18-31 and promises free live broadcasts and Q&A sessions from some 100 of the world's greatest writers and thinkers. The full programme will be published tomorrow (May 6). As part of this, from May 18-22 there will be a free film festival for school pupils.

and **How the Light Gets In will be running their online festival** from May 22-25.

<https://crowd.in/T6Mhu0>. Early acts announced for the festival include musical performances from Mr Tea and the Minions, Blaenavon Male Voice Choir and Matthew Fredericks and Will Self, Nick Robinson and Jess Phillips MP are on the lineup for the literary/philosophy/political schedule.

Good luck to both festivals and we look forward to visiting you in person in the future.

Hay Festival - HowTheLightGetsIn Festival

...from Birmingham Hippodrome. In our latest blog we are taking you on a flying visit from the Emerald City, to the second city (Birmingham) to the comfort of your own home. We take a look at some facts and figures about the blockbuster musical Wicked and how you can bring a touch of Oz to your day... <https://www.birminghamhippodrome.com/enjoying-the-magic-of-wicked-at-home/>

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Cllr Baynham. Follow the link for interesting statistics about Covid-19 in Wales. Click here <https://public.tableau.com/views/RapidCOVID-19virology-Mobilefriendly/Summary?%3AshowVizHome=no&%3Aembed=true#2>

...from Crowd PPE Powys. It's been all systems go here at Crowd PPE Powys (see our Facebook page). We are pleased to announce that our Mid Wales Coordinator has taken over the role of the Wales Regional Coordinator, overseeing and working with our sister groups across Wales, under 3dCrowd UK. We are hoping this will ensure the continuity of collaboration between Welsh regions to enable the us all to deliver ever increasing numbers of PPE across Wales. If you would like to support us, there are a number of ways to help us ensure we have the materials we require to continue providing front line workers with the PPE they so vitally need.

- Visit our GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/crowd-ppe-powys>
- Like and share our page with your friends, and to keep up to date with what we're getting up to.
- Share our posts on your timeline.
- Get in contact to make a private donation, donate materials, or find out what other ways you can help.

Thanks again, Crowd PPE Powys

...from PCC. Update on Bounce Back Loans - NOW OPEN! UK Government's new fast-track finance scheme will provide small businesses with loans of up to £50,000. Loans will be interest free for the first 12 months and you can apply online today! More info <https://crowd.in/yfMsjJ>

...from Public Health Wales. The latest number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Wales have been updated. See our Data dashboards:

PC - <https://tinyurl.com/wgthkgs>, Mobile - <https://tinyurl.com/ybm8yare>

Find out how we are responding to the spread of the virus in our daily statement here:
<https://tinyurl.com/ydgql6ya>

...from the Welsh Government. As we look towards the future, we want to hear your views on Wales' recovery following lockdown. Share your thoughts with us by... emailing ourfuturewales@gov.wales or on the website <http://gov.wales/coronavirus>

...from PCC. Will you join the virtual Powys street party? Residents of Powys are being urged to come up with their own creative ways of marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day, on Friday, 8 May. #PowysVEDaycelebrations

...from PCC. Update on Business Rates Relief. We have automatically awarded relief to eligible businesses in Retail, Leisure and Hospitality and revised bills are being sent out. This is a total of £10.5m in relief with 1,260 Powys businesses getting a nil bill for 2020/21.

...from PCC / HMRC. HMRC Webinars. To support businesses and employers, HMRC are offering live webinars on a variety of #COVID19 related topics such as: Job Retention Scheme (how to make a claim), Self-employment Income Support Scheme and the Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme <https://crowd.in/OrnIH3>

...from PCC Adult Services. If you think you need support from Adult Services, don't hesitate to get in touch. The council's Adult Services team is reporting that people are delaying getting in touch with the service during the pandemic and when they do, they are often at crisis point. You can get in touch with the council's Adult Services team as follows: Services for adults (ASSIST) - 0345 602 7050 or email assist@powys.gov.uk. The service is aware that the current situation may be particularly difficult for carers especially with limited access to residential respite that may have benefited them previously. Even though residential respite may be difficult to provide at this time the council would urge carers to still get in touch so we can offer advice and support. The service is also aware that some people may have had informal caring arrangements – paid or otherwise – which may now be breaking down. If you feel that you need support at this time, please get in touch on 0345 602 7050.

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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

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