

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 Tilly. "Bonfire request - as Covid 19 is a respiratory disease and bonfire smoke is an irritant please mention this on your website. Many folk suffer with asthma or other chest conditions and cannot escape it. There have been several incidents of bonfire smoke (one last night) pervading into homes and gardens in Norton. In this lovely weather windows are open overnight for fresh air...and we are confined to our home environment. Is a bonfire really necessary? Thanks, Tilly Tofts

...if you've not already discovered it, please join the Presteigne Life Facebook group. The page is a place to advertise jobs, share local events, make announcements & voice general town & local info.... There are many local pages/groups set up but sometimes it's hard to follow everything going on. This way posts can be shared here for a complete hub of local info which will hopefully be very useful for the community... Please message Presteigne Life if you would like an event/photo or status to be posted.

...and the 3rd Lugg Blogg has just been released - "Staying Alert" - The Lugg Blogg from Presteigne is a collective effort during this time of lockdown. The blog attempts to bring a bit of comfort and joy in the form of art, photography, literature and music not to mention local lore, gardens, food and the recounting of happier times. This issue features articles, photographs and videos by Pete Mustil, Dani Davies, Ian Marchant, Andrea Gilpin, Alison Giles, Louis Hopwood, Sabina Rüber, Pete Smith, Tony Lawson and Alison Parry. If you've not yet signed up for The Lugg Blogg you're missing a real treat! Sign up at www.luggblogg.co.uk/ to be notified and receive each issue by email...and to view the past issues.

SCAM ALERT

...beware the text and email 'phish' that's doing the rounds again from 'Steve Hill' or other names, and some appearing to come from government sources. This is where you receive a request to put in an offer or tender for some type of work, and refers to a link providing all necessary Drawings, Documents and specifications, and may ask you to email confirmation of interest. Don't be tempted out of interest to click on the link or to email a reply. These are phishing scams or in some cases, transmitters of malware.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from Tickle Tots who are looking for seamstresses to work from their office in the Presteigne area - two people with sewing experience (preferably industrial but not

essential) to work part-time on a self-employed basis. Safe working conditions with social distancing procedures in place. Contact Sophia on 07970 338593 or email info@tickle-tots.com

...from Spar Presteigne. Nominate your Community Champion Winner. Over the last few weeks our community has needed each other like never before and so we want to take this opportunity to recognise those amongst us who have gone the extra mile, and to thank them. So now we're asking you to nominate your community champion to win this Fevertree gift set. **Here's how to enter:**

GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE...(1) Comment on this post and tell us who you are nominating and why. (2) Like your comment (3) Ask your family and friends to vote for your nomination by liking your comment. The x3 nomination comments that get the most likes will win a gift set each. **Giveaway closes on 13.05.20.** Our staff are amazing, but we want this prize to go to someone deserving in the community, so please don't nominate our staff to win. For full terms and conditions: <https://fal.cn/37ZuJ>

...from Weobley Ash. South African Boerewors, in the shop, mix of grass fed Hereford beef and rare breed welsh pork. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to order. We have been closed today for computer and till training, back tomorrow (Tuesday) with a shop full of fresh fruit and veg and great quality meats.

...from Barbara (Sew Presteigne). We have only 130 scrub bags left. See Presteigne Life posting - please share.

...a reminder from PNCS. If you start to receive hospital appointments and need Community Transport. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the normal way

...from Leon's Food to Order. All our meals are made fresh to order by our resident chef, Ross McQueen. Order from the list below on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday by 17.00 and collect between 09.00 and 14.00 on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Paellas £8.50; Albondigas(meatballs) £6.50; Spicy chicken wings £5.00; Persian BBQ Ribs £6.50; Thai Green Curry £5.00; Chicken Tikka Salad £5.00; Salads £3.50; Sides £2.50.

...from Amanda's Bread. This week's pasties and cakes available to order for Saturday delivery to Presteigne area - email asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com

Vegan pasties - Spiced sweet potato - Spring greens, green lentil, tomato, basil and walnut. Cakes - Sticky pear and ginger - Rosy rhubarb - Cloister fruitcake (vegan) - Brownie (no gluten) - Fruity, seedy flapjack (vegan) - Walnut bars - Dark chocolate - Lemon cake - Chocolate gingerbread animal biscuits

...update from Chilvers Country Store, Presteigne. Compost is back in stock and selling well! Plants of various descriptions being updated daily. The shop selling gardening supplies, pet and animal feeds as well as agricultural products is open daily and operating a strict limit to people in the shop. Free delivery available. For more information please feel free to ring Dan [07798928909](tel:07798928909)

THINGS TO DO WHILE COCOONING

...Evening 'Star' to bow out - catch it while you can! Few cannot have noticed brilliant planet Venus over the last few months, dominant in the west shortly after sunset. Soon however it will be lost to the sunset's afterglow as it laps the Earth on the inside lane on June 3. In the mean time, why not enjoy the next few evenings with some telescopic

views of Venus? Like our moon, Venus exhibits phases and its current waning crescent is an unforgettable sight at 50 times magnification or more. Further information is easily found on-line. Warning - never look directly at the Sun through your telescope as serious eye damage may occur! (thanks to Ken Rodmell for this)

...have you discovered the Google Arts app ? In case you missed the earlier recommendation in the Community News, this app brings you FREE access to so many experiences currently including ... a Performance of Verdi in your Living Room by artists from La Scala Opera ... Step Inside 200 museums from 80 countries ... 4 spectacular science tours ... a private tour of Versailles ... and so much more. Give it a try !

...from Alzheimers Research UK/Virtual Pub Quiz. Missing your local pub quiz? While we can't provide the pork scratchings, salted peanuts or a pint of the cold stuff, we can offer you an evening of virtual entertainment supported by the wonderful Stephen Fry. Join Jay Flynn, host of The Virtual Pub Quiz, at 7:50pm on Thursday 14 May for a special quiz night, with Stephen Fry guest hosting two rounds in support of the UK's leading dementia research charity. It will be hosted on [The Virtual Pub Quiz's YouTube page](#), where 180,000 people take part each week! It's free to watch, so let your friends and family know to join in! Once you register interest, we'll email you on the day with all the information needed. See website www.alzheimersresearchuk.org for any further info.

...the National Theatre At Home! "A Streetcar Named Desire" starring Gillian Anderson and "Coriolanus" starring Tom Hiddleston are among the next shows to be streamed for free by the National Theatre. Anderson starred in the Tennessee Williams play at the Young Vic, while Hiddleston's appeared in Josie Rourke's Donmar Warehouse production, both of which will be broadcast on YouTube as part of the National Theatre at Home programme. Anderson and Hiddleston took home the best actress and best actor prizes at the Evening Standard Theatre Awards in 2014 for these performances. These are the first plays to be broadcast from NT Live's partner theatres. Inua Ellams' hit show "Barber Shop Chronicles" which ran at both the National and the Roundhouse, and Quiz playwright James Graham's "This House" will also be available to watch. Here are the plays and their release dates: Inua Ellams' Barber Shop Chronicles, May 14, 7pm; A Streetcar Named Desire, starring Gillian Anderson, May 21, 7pm; James Graham's This House, May 28, 7pm; Coriolanus, starring Tom Hiddleston, June 4, 7pm. The broadcasts take place on Thursdays at 7pm, with each show then remaining available on YouTube for a further seven days.

OTHER INFORMATION

...about wild (and not so wild) flowers. (Ed.) In Friday's issue, we mentioned the profusion of wild flowers in the banks on either side of the bypass down by the Day Centre - I can recommend a FREE app for both Android and IOS called PictureThis which will identify, and give you loads of information just from a photograph of the plant, or part of the plant. Open the app, take a photo and within seconds you have the information. To a plant ignoramus like me it's almost like magic !!

...from PCC. Libraries and Household Waste Recycling Centres in Powys will not open just yet, until it is safe for residents and staff. Following the First Minister's announcement, the County Council is working towards re-opening some libraries and HWRCs. However, there is a great deal of work to be done before any service resumes in Powys – no operation will open until the council is confident that measures have been put in place to minimise the risk of infection and spread of covid-19 for both staff and

customers. Corporate Director for Economy and Environment, Nigel Brinn said: *“We need to be absolutely certain that our libraries and HWRCs are safe for both customers and staff before we re-open them, that process cannot be rushed so please do not expect to see your local service open quickly. Further information about the re-introduction of any form of service delivery will be announced as soon as we have accurate information. In the meantime, our regular waste and recycling collections will continue as they have done throughout the outbreak and all books out on loan continue to be automatically renewed and any fines are waived, so please just keep your books at home for now.”*

The library e-resources continue to be available all day every day, with absolutely no risk of infection! So please log on to borrow e-books, e-audio downloads, e-magazines and e-comics, and follow our social media pages for other online resources and activities. Access to [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) for library members using home computers has also been extended to 31st May 2020. If you need any help with setting up accounts and borrowing e-resources, please contact the library service on library@powys.gov.uk. If you haven't used the library before, you can join online here <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1227/Join-the-Library>. Further information about your waste and recycling collection can be found at: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/binday>

...from Presteigne Freegle. Ref PCC's statement above, the Presteigne Freegle online re-use group will remain 'closed' until PCC announce that their HWRCs are re-opening.

...from PCC. Self-employed? Find out if you can use the Government's Self-Employment Income Support Scheme to claim a taxable grant of 80% of your average monthly profits. Claims open on 13 May - check if you're eligible! <https://crowd.in/WWnsXH>

...from Crowd PPE. Are you a community volunteer? Do you work in a care home or the care sector? Are you a home carer? Do you work in a food bank? Do you deliver medications/food to shielding members of the community? Our orders are open to anybody that requires PPE to work, or support individuals. If you are currently working without face shields, or your supply is low, please get in touch so we are able to ensure that you are fully protected while supporting others. See our Facebook page for a request form - takes only 30 seconds to fill in.

...from Cancer Research and University College London. Join a new major online study on health behaviours during the COVID-19 pandemic. The study is run by researchers from University College London in partnership with Cancer Research UK. <https://www.ucl-covid19research.co.uk/>

...to all residents about misuse of the street rubbish and recycling bins. Repeating a warning in an earlier Community News, please everyone be aware that some local residents and business owners are receiving substantial fines from PCC for dumping bags full of household recycling and waste in the street bins. Apart from the fact that this means recyclable items are going to landfill, it fills up the street bins so they're not available for normal use. There are (or were) warning notices on all street bins and PCC consider this misuse as flytipping, no different from people dumping stuff at the Bring Site, hence the fines ! Please share this information.

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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.