

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 us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area job opportunities**
- **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 PACDG: Is there anyone who would like to help us try and keep our town clean and tidy? We have some money (kindly given by the Town Council) to pay for cleaning neglected parts of town - this is work which falls outside the remit of work our lovely litter picking and guerrilla gardening volunteers do. It's work that can be done as and when you have the time and when weather allows. We can pay up to £9.30 an hour. If you're interested please contact us for more information - contact@pacdg.com or [01547 560813](tel:01547560813).

...from Kate and the Presteigne Allotments Association. Did you enter the Allotment Association / Community Market potato growing competition back in March? If so, bring your entry to the Community Market on September 5th at 10.30am for the weigh-in and prize-giving. Please bring the whole plant in its soil / compost, in the original bucket. They will be tipped out and the crop assessed. There will be cash prizes for the heaviest crop, the largest single potato and the weirdest shaped potato. If people could please bring a bag to take their potatoes and compost home again, as we'd like to keep the buckets for next year's competition. If your crop failed but you still have the bucket, please return it either at the market or directly to the allotments. Thank you.

...from Rhiannon at Presteigne Library. I'm working hard to make the library safe for browsing in line with social distancing guidelines, which means a lot of things need to be moved around, but in the meantime you can still order bags of books from the library for pick-up on Saturday mornings, either on our website or by ringing [01597 827460](tel:01597827460). The service is available for adults and children, and we can put together a special Summer Reading Challenge bag for kids if you mention it when you order! Computers in the library can be booked by appointment starting on the 10th of September, along with a printing service. Appointments are at 2 and 4pm on a Wednesday, and you'll need to wear a mask. To book please phone [01597 827460](tel:01597827460).

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things are settling down now but still best to first check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from Dale at The Royal Oak. The Nigel Powell bench sits proudly outside the Oak (*ed. see the Oak's Facebook page for photo*). A special thank you to Adrian Pearce for making the bench, Bill Davies of Knill Farm for the donation of the slab of Oak for it, Dougie Preece for staining it, Ben Crane & John Hewins for fitting it in place and lastly to everyone for all the generous donations. We have rounded it up to a £1000 to be donated to the Welsh Air Ambulance in memory of Nigel.

...from No. 46 Wine Bar. So, we have been busy baking at No.46 again!! We have some lotus biscoff cheesecake and some chocolate brownies for you guys to enjoy! Remember these are available to eat in or take away! You can also enjoy these with your favourite tea, coffee or hot

chocolate for only £4 with our Coffee & Cake deal!! We are open Monday to Thursday 12-6pm Friday and Saturday 12-10pm. **n.b. we are still collecting the crisp packets** (ed. these go for recycling providing funds for the Guide Dog charity)

...from Nicky Tranter Tree Care. All types of tree and hedge work - Stump grinding - Cherry picker and man hire - Chipper and man hire. Please call 07758180669 or email nickytrantertreecare@mail.com - thanks

...from Wild Card Tattoos. I still have appointments available on the following days for ink Wednesday 26th August @ 11am; Thursday 3rd September @ 1pm; Wednesday 9th September @ midday. If its only a consultation please pm me to sort out times/dates, evening appointments are available for both ink and consultations.

...from Kington Market. At Kington Market on Friday: Weobley Ash meats, Alex Gooch Bread, Number 25 Deli, Alexandra's homemade chocolates, and Hannah's Chaat Walla stall making fresh pakoras as you wait! We can't wait to greet you!

...from Knighton Community Market. So the long awaited news is finally here!!! We are allowed to run our market in the car park of the community centre on Saturday 22nd and 29th August.... It will be from 9.30 am until 12 noon, there will be a one way system in place and social distancing will be required with only one person per stall at any time. The public toilets are going to be open. We do ask that although this event is outside, if you or anyone you've had contact with is suffering from c19 symptoms that you do not attend. Confirmed so far are Amanda's Breads, The Pie Creator, Lou's Baked Treats, John's honey, Phil's upcycled, Aloi Skincare, Hils cakes, Jan's quilling and cards, Muckleton Meats, Caws Marmahs, Malcolm's stone carving, Mick's plants, Richards knife sharpening, Augernik fruit, Malcolm's Pottery, Wendy's knits, and Rachael's wax melts....We look forward to welcoming you all back....and keep your eyes peeled for further updates.

...from Leon's Supper Club. Don't forget Tapas Night on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th August. Booking recommended. Call in at the Salty Dog or see Facebook page for the menu or to book.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Presteigne Freegle. Afternoon everyone! If you're having a Sunday declutter be sure to list unwanted stuff on Freegle so someone local can reuse it. Download our free sharing app to do that <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>

...from Powys CC. Emergency work to repair damage caused by flash flooding to multiple structures on the B4355 between Dutlas and Lloyney will begin shortly. Details of the permanent repairs will be made available in due course. Residents are reminded to not ignore road closure notices and safety signs, to plan their journeys in advance and to follow the signposted diversions.

...the Presteigne Plastics is up and running ! The aims of the of Group are: *To inform people about the plastic problem, including local initiatives and what is in the news *To encourage the recycling and reduction of plastic use and set up recycling points for difficult to recycle plastics (Terracycle) *Encourage use of sustainable alternatives so reducing plastic use, and *Involve local schools, shops and businesses. The group's first (free) Newsletter has been issued - to sign up or for more information, email Helen on hgooderham29@gmail.com

...from Presteigne Freegle. Earth Overshoot Day was yesterday 22nd August 2020 - it marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year <https://www.overshootday.org/>. Take a Step to #MoveTheDate. We know it can be overwhelming to think about how your personal Footprint contributes to global overshoot. The truth is, you can take steps to chip away at your impact on the planet. Join Freegle (go here to do that: <https://www.ilovefreegle.org>) to make sure you pass on your unwanted stuff to be reused and so you can find things you do need for free in your local area. This easy behaviour change reduces the new raw materials required and the

carbon emissions associated with making, transporting and selling new stuff. #reuse also means we avoid unnecessary waste. Good for people and planet!

...from Ken Rodmell. Brocchi's Cluster aka The Coathanger - I hope you found a break in the clouds in which to see double star Albireo (issue 198) but don't worry if you didn't - it will still be there tonight! Today we'll stick around inside the Summer Triangle, close to Albireo and seek out a wonderful pattern of stars forming a straight line and a question mark that really does mimic a coathanger! Astronomers categorise brightness by Magnitude, a logarithmic scale placing Venus around minus four, Vega around Zero and our naked-eye limit around plus six. You'll definitely need binoculars to bag the Coathanger because, for the most part, its stars lie just beyond naked-eye perception at around plus 7. Do look up 'Brocchi's Cluster' on Wikipedia for some inspirational pictures, further info and a very helpful finder chart to take you there.

...from Mirthy Online. Free online History talk. "Sentenced to Beyond the Seas" // Thursday 27 August at 5pm // The true story of eight Worcestershire women sentenced to death or transportation in the 1780's who all ended up on the first fleet of convicts to Australia. One came back a rich woman, another became the progenitor of the largest living family of descendants living in Australia today. Limited spaces, so register now <https://mirthy.co.uk/talks/>

...consultation on changes to the Highway Code. There are 3 main interesting changes proposed through this consultation:

- * introducing a hierarchy of road users which ensures that those road users who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to others
 - * clarifying existing rules on pedestrian priority on pavements and that drivers and riders should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross the road
 - * establishing guidance on safe passing distances and speeds when overtaking cyclists or horse riders, and ensuring that they have priority at junctions when travelling straight ahead'
- For the consultation, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-highway-code-to-improve-road-safety-for-cyclists-pedestrians-and-horse-riders/summary-of-the-consultation-proposals-on-a-review-of-the-highway-code>

...from the Powys Family Information Service. Child Care Offer Revised Date for Autumn term. With thanks to the efficiency of the team in Ceredigion we can confirm a revised date for applications for children who were born between the 1st of April 2017 – 31st August 2017. Children who were born during this time can now apply sooner than previously advised...from 9th of September instead of the 21st September. Please allow up to 28 days for your application to be processed. If a parent uses childcare before their application is approved, the parent is liable for paying the costs of the childcare and no childcare funding can be back-dated to account for the period before an application is approved. Parents/Carers must have the following information available in the format of a photo or electronically ready to upload as part of their application *Child's birth certificate *Proof of address (Council Tax Bill or Utility bill dated within the last 3 months) *Payslips – 3 most recent monthly payslips for each parent or if paid weekly each week for the last 3 months *If self-employed your most recent Self-Assessment Tax Return *If parents are in new employment and do not have a payslip. They must have a copy of their contract or a letter from the employer confirming the income and hours worked. Anybody having trouble uploading evidence as part of the application should e-mail the evidence to this address immediately after completing the application. Email: gofalplantpowys@ceredigion.gov.uk. Apply here: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/6346/Childcare-Offer-for-Wales>

...from Wales and the Borders Live Music Events Group. Here is the link for this week's fortnightly TODAY Sunday 23rd August music session on Zoom. Come and along and play a few songs or just come and listen to some great music. Starts at 7.30pm and if you want to perform and you haven't let us know just log in at 7.15pm Looking forward to another great night of music

...**from The Mid-Border News.** The MidBorder News is published quarterly and covers the Welsh Marches towns of Kington, Presteigne, Knighton and surrounding areas - contact midbordernews@gmail.com for information and to sign up.

...**from Knighton Festival.** Plans are being made to provide an on line Knighton Festival in October of this year, we are featuring Books, Art & Music. If you would like to become part of the steering group, or take part in the festival, please private message (our Facebook) page & we will get back to you.

...**from Powys CC & Macmillan.** Are you a Powys resident living with cancer? If so, we are keen to hear from you. Join our engagement network and help us shape future support and services for people following a diagnosis. #ICJPowys @MacmillanCymru @PTHBhealth email fevans@macmillan.org.uk

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...**from J R Morgan.** We are looking to recruit enthusiastic individuals who are flexible and reliable to join our team in providing a range of work within the poultry industry. Jobs would predominately include relief hatchery work, tipping of chicks and pullets, catching for vaccination and grading amongst many others. Please apply or enquire by email to apstocker2@gmail.co.uk.

...**from Powys CC.** We have some exciting job opportunities in Children's Services. Take a look at <https://www.indeed.co.uk/Children-Services-jobs-in-Powys>

...**from Burgoyne Marquees.** We are looking for hard working individuals to assist in erecting and dismantling marquees on a adhoc basis over the next couple of months. Due to the current nature of the events industry, work is coming in very slowly with odd days of work each week, although this is not guaranteed. We will typically be able to let you know your working patterns with at least a weeks notice. We work in the local area, across the Midlands and Wales, and a days tenting is usually a long physical day so applicants will need to be prepared and willing to carry out manual labour. We are based in Lyonshall and work will start from our yard when required, if you would like any more details please contact us.

...**from The Bleddfa Centre.** We are seeking 6 more volunteers to help steward the craft shop & café, who can spare a half/whole day per week/month. We can help with expenses, & provide lunch. Thank you! Please email hello@bleddfacentre.org

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