

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 pacd@icloud.com
- and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.

Queue the Music... Saturday morning live music from the Assembly Rooms' windows; to entertain shoppers in the High Street and on Broad Street. Promoted by Mid Border Arts, with thanks to Presteigne musicians. Contact: info@midborderarts.com

...from Ruth Kirkby. *"Please can you let the Presteigne and Norton public know that I raised £350 selling cards and plants from the front of our house which will go to the NHS Charities Together. Thanks to all those who bought cards or plants and also to my friends and neighbours who donated the plants. Best wishes, Ruth"*

...from the Town Council. The Town Council is still receiving reports that small groups are gathering on Went's Meadow. Please remember that the rules in Wales have not changed and follow Welsh Government guidelines. The police are patrolling the area.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from Ian at Woods Barbers. *When restrictions are lifted I will be barbering but not at the shop in Presteigne. I'm working on continuing in another way, more details to follow. Talk has been July (I wish) but also August, September and even October - please be patient I will return. Stay safe and thanks to all my customers.*

...from Weobley Ash. Fresh as a daisy, plenty of veg, new Cornish potatoes, strawberries, Peaches, Lettuce, cherry tomatoes, salad etc. Mid week mini fruit box incl. strawberries £10, Cornish new potatoes £4.95 kilo, Strawberries 2 punnets plus cream £6.50. Pork chops off the bone, peppered steaks, feather steaks and more. Alex Gooch bread fresh in this morning £4.95 loaf. Also 49 day aged mutton leg - the texture and marbling is stunning, this will be some of the finest eating of mutton, will feed 6 amply. Offered at £49. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to order or book a delivery slot.

...from The Stagg Inn. See our website/Facebook page for our new Takeaway menu for this weekend, available for collection Friday to Sunday! To order email reservations@thestagg.co.uk anytime or call 01544 230221 (after 3pm on the day).

THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN

...The fourth issue of the Lugg (lockdown) Blogg is now up - don't miss it ! With intro and music recommendations by Pete and contributions by Alex Ramsay, Baldwin & Guggisberg, Mark Williams, Clare Stevens, Sara Bamford, Kay Foreman, Ian Marchant,

John Hymas, Sabina Ruber and Mid Border Arts. Plus outstanding lip syncs by Salt and Pope. <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/from-powys-with-love>

...from Presteigne Artscene. There are a couple of outstanding lip sync performances in the new Lugg Blogg. Full of charm and elegance, this is a truly outstanding performance by Pope and very good to see the understated naturalistic performances from the supporting actors. Read the full blog here: <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/from-powys-with-love>. Any more takers? What about joining in with the lockdown sync performances? Those of you who feel the need/are up for a bit of a performance are very welcome to contribute - all age groups, the more the merrier! Choose your own song or, if you need a suggestion, email luggblogg@outlook.com who will give you a song to lip sync to. Perhaps lockdown households would like to make costumes and props too. Send the video via email or WeTransfer. But most of all, have fun!
<https://vimeo.com/422383333>

...from The Judge's Lodging. Five thimbles in the Judge's Dressing Room in our Half Term Hunt the Thimble challenge. Visit our Facebook page - Hit 'haha' if you find them all !

...from Presteigne Freegle. Are you an artist, maker or crafter? Keep an eye on Presteigne Freegle for a supply of #free materials <http://ow.ly/DbOu30nyjdj>. And give away any unwanted things, even if you don't know what to do with it-you never know what someone else will do!

...from Ken Rodmell. Tonight, May 27, sees another pass from the ISS (International Space Station). It should become visible in the west at around 10.57pm, rising to an elevation of 33 degrees to the SSW at 11pm (*ed. followed by the SpaceX rocket - see below*) and fizzling out of view to the SSE at 18 degrees elevation shortly after - this last item being well worth watching, for the sunset (as seen from the ISS) takes a mere seven seconds! Data from the excellent 'Heavens Above' website (recommended). Planet Venus is rapidly 'catching -up' with the Sun, prior to inferior conjunction on June 4, but will still be visible for a day or so yet, shortly after sunset and very close to the western horizon, after which it will be lost to the sun's glare or afterglow before reappearing as the 'morning star' heralding sunrise.

DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN, WHETHER WITH BINOCULARS OR THE NAKED EYE. If you enjoy a challenge, try seeking out Mercury. Start by using Venus as a signpost then slowly pan your binoculars in the 'half-past-ten' direction from there. Be patient - it's tiny but it's truly rewarding to witness something that even many professional astronomers have never seen!

There's a special bonus tonight, because, as the skies are forecast to be clear, we should also be able to see the The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket which will lift off from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida around 9.33pm in the UK to join the ISS. The historic flight from SpaceX and NASA will see astronauts Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley journey to the International Space Station on board the Crew Dragon spacecraft - and it will be the first crewed spaceflight from the US since the retirement of the Space Shuttle programme in 2011. It will also be the first time a private company has attempted to send astronauts into space.

...from the i newspaper...how long the ISS will be in the sky in brackets. Here's when to see it:

- May 27 – 10:56pm (5 minutes)
- May 28 – 10:09pm (6 minutes)

- May 29 – 10:58pm (3 minutes)
- May 30 – 10:10pm (5 minutes)

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Becky & Little People's Playgroup. For those going into Reception in Sept, just seen there is a letter on the website http://www.presteigne.powys.sch.uk/?page_id=2445&lang=en_GB

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. If you have a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste & smell, you may have coronavirus. You must request a test as soon as possible. Tests are most effective when taken in the first 5 days of symptoms, so you should take this test as soon as you receive it. It's very important to follow the instructions for the test. Here's Jamie Roberts showing you how to take the test - watch this video in full first (at <https://youtu.be/3cuAzdz2-oI>) before you begin the process. You can then watch it back if you want to go over any steps. Get a test. Stop the spread. Keep Powys Safe. <https://gov.wales/using-coronavirus-home-testing-kit>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. The latest update from the Office for National Statistics confirms that sadly 84 people from Powys have died with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. This includes 34 people in hospital, 45 people in care homes, and 5 people in their own home. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/datasets/deathregistrationsandoccurrencesbylocalauthorityandhealthboard>

Every death, and every life, is important to us. Through our Five Point Plan to respond to COVID19 we aim to save lives at home, in care homes, in hospitals and right across the county. <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/stayhomesavelives-covid-data>

...from Music in New Radnor MiNR. Cancellation of concerts for autumn 2020. It is with a heavy heart that I have to tell you that the MiNR team have decided to cancel our autumn concerts. The committee has thought long and hard about this, with many emails and phone calls pinging back and forth. Even though the start of the season is over four months away, we had to come to a decision: the majority vote was to cancel the autumn bookings then reassess later in the year for the two spring concerts. We will proceed on that basis. Thank you to all who responded to the question 'would you attend in autumn' and I hope that you won't be too disappointed. We will, of course, let you know any further developments later in the year, once we have a clearer picture of the Welsh performance scenario. Do feel free get in touch if you have any questions / comments /suggestions for people you would like to see come to the wonderful resonant community hall in New Radnor village. With all best wishes. Stay safe at home, Mary

...from Powys Recycles. If you visit your local Recycling Centre, only one person may leave your vehicle to unload your waste and recycling, and staff are unable to help you unload any items, therefore please only take items you can carry yourself. Please segregate your waste before arriving to help keep your visit short.

n.b. You can only visit the HWRC if you have extra waste at home which cannot be collected through the normal kerbside collection service.

These are the rules: Do NOT visit the HWRC if you, or anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms! Only cars will be allowed in - Initially, no trade permits, or commercial vehicles or trailers permits will be allowed in. Please be prepared to wait patiently in your car. Strict social distancing rules will be in place at all times. Only one person is allowed to leave the vehicle to unload - this means that you can only take

things that can be carried by one person. Please segregate your waste before arriving to help keep your visit short. Check our website for opening days, times and full details of HWRC rules: www.powys.gov.uk/recycle.

Any residents needing extra recycling boxes for additional recycling (paper and card, plastic and cans, food waste or glass) can order more online. www.powys.gov.uk/newbinsandbags

...from the Fire Service. The fire service is warning of the dangers which can be posed by disposable BBQs as they respond to a number of call outs. Over the bank holiday weekend Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service had to extinguish a number of disposable BBQs which were becoming dangerous. Please only BBQ where it's safe to do so - remember that everything is tinder dry at the moment - and remember to fully extinguish your BBQ when finished. Then take everything home with you - leave only footprints. Thank you!

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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](mailto:pacd@icloud.com).