

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 Pat Morris. I am looking for someone who can dismantle an electric bed base and take it away next Wednesday 17th or / Thursday 18th as I am having a hospital bed delivered on the Friday 19th. **Can anyone help please ?** I live at 40 Lugg View. I am willing to pay £20 for this and whatever it costs to dispose of it. I am 75 and my husband is 91 and we can no longer do things like this ourselves. Thank you. Pat 07815802727 email carolynmorris035@gmail.com

...from Mid-Border Arts. Annual General Meeting via Zoom on WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 7.30pm. To participate please email info@midborderarts.com for the Zoom link.

SCAM ALERT

...from PAVO. Criminals are exploiting the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown measures to steal from and defraud older people throughout Wales, using sophisticated techniques to get individuals to part with money, share personal information or buy goods or services that do not exist. Covid-19 related scams that have been identified include:

- Online shopping scams where people have ordered face masks, hand sanitiser, testing kits and other products that have never arrived.
- Victims receiving a call with an automated message purporting to be from the government, which states that all individuals now need to wear a face mask when they leave their home. The message tells the victim to press 1 in order to purchase a mask.
- Text messages purporting to be from HMRC advising individuals they can get a tax refund of up to £400. The message includes a link to a fake website where people believe they can check their eligibility for a refund.
- Other Covid-19 scams include requests for donations from individuals and fake charities, phishing scams offering grant money from the World Health Organisation, and fake bills being emailed to customers demanding payment.

...and beware fake Work Quotation emails from ‘Lesley Taylor’ (or whoever!) with a request to click a One Drive link to see the plans. Just DELETE.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from the High Street shop volunteers: just to let everyone know that we're making some changes to the hours we help manage the door queues at Spar and Premier. From next week there'll be fewer afternoon shifts during quieter periods. As ever we'll be liaising closely with the shops and keeping an eye out in case we need to revise our thinking. (The shops' limitations on customer numbers remain in place - max five in Spar; three in Premier.)

...from The Salty Dog. A correction to yesterday's item. Please note that we are now CLOSED on Sunday. We will continue to offer an order-and-collect service for as long as people need it but with collections now on Saturday between 1 and 4 pm (instead of Sunday). The shop will be

open from 9am until 4pm every day except Sunday - note that afternoons are quieter for those who do not want to queue.

...from Weobley Ash. £20 + £30 veg boxes in stock. Fruit and veg, Inc 2 punnets Strawberries. Rain doesn't show much improvement, so we have bbq boxes to order but Beef Boxes in stock. Grass fed Hereford beef, 4 ppl £60 5 ppl £75. Joint, dice, mince, steaks and burgers. Still have sirloin 4 for £20 fillet, ribeye and rump in stock. Order for collection or delivery call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk

...from Deli Tinto. More cheese Gromit? Did you know we sell delicious local cheese? We stock a brilliant range of Welsh and English Cheeses. Well worth a trip to the shop to check out, never mind the moon!!! Look for Vegan or dairy free options? We have a great range available, drop in and take a look

...from PBS. We are now opening again on Saturdays 8:30 - 12:30. We are still only letting 2 customers in the shop at one time due to social distancing measures. Please be patient if asked to wait outside

...from The Royal Oak. Our doors may be closed but we continue to have work done to the pub in preparation for when we can reopen. Thanks to Dave at Border Floor Restoration the bar tiles have been brought back to life.

THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from the Royal Opera House. TONIGHT at 7.30pm streaming on YouTube and Facebook. The first in the Live from Convent Garden series is FREE. The ROH is staging three new performances and this initial free offering sees soprano Louise Alder and tenor Toby Spence perform works by Britten and Handel alongside the world premiere of a new piece by the ROH's resident choreographer Wayne McGregor. www.roh.org.uk

...from Sue. BOOKS IN LOCKDOWN. Getting hold of new books when the shops are closed means that online purchasing is the only option but if you don't like Amazon there is an alternative: www.hive.co.uk which is run by independent booksellers and offers similar discounts on new books and free delivery. A percentage of every sale goes to an independent high street bookshop of your choice (which you select at checkout).

And if you like contemporary poetry, try local poetry pamphlet publisher Rack Press (www.rackpress.blogspot.com) based in Kinnerton which offers same day dispatch (post free).

...from Clare at Broadsheep. To all photographers and artists (professional or amateur). For July's online issue of Broad Sheep, email info@broadsheep.com a jpg/pdf (high resolution) picture of your recent artwork or photograph you've taken (any subject, but achieved or photographed during lockdown) with your name, title of picture and any caption if required. DEADLINE to receive pics - TUESDAY 23rd JUNE. The best will be included in the July issue and on the Broad Sheep FB page.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Marches Grow Local. The '*Marches Grow Local*' initiative has been started with the help of '*Tamar Grow Local*', a very successful community-run project in Devon. We are currently in the exploration phase to see if there's a need and the demand to help join up the people with spare land with those who want to grow (or keep bees, or help others), with those who can teach best practice that will enhance our soil and increase biodiversity while also helping to sequester carbon, all in the aim of producing good, nutritious local food. The absolute key to this is that whatever we create is there to support existing local producers and help others who want to become producers to do so. What is the questionnaire aiming to achieve? The purpose of the questionnaire is to gain a deeper understanding of how our local Marches food system operates. We have been greatly inspired by *Tamar Grow Local* in Devon and would like to find out if there's the appetite here to create a similar food network. We need as many responses as possible to determine how best to take this initiative forward, so we would be extremely grateful if you could spare 5-10 minutes to complete it and, if possible,

share it with your networks. The link for the questionnaire is:- <https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/FIQyH>. We're also happy to post a hard copy of the questionnaire to you if you'd prefer not to do it online, or we can complete it with you over the phone. All you need to do is reply to this email to let us know or call Mike and Louise on 01588 640 520.

...from the Town Council. Latest planning application in: 20/0898/HH Grid Reference: E:331390 N: 264576 Proposal: Alterations to dwelling to include reroofing works, new door and windows to front elevation and erection of a rear extension together with demolition of existing rear extension (Resubmission). Site Address: 4 St David's Street, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2BP. To be considered at the June Meeting of the Town Council.

...from Rolly. Tell the Welsh Government what Wales should look like after Coronavirus. The Welsh Government have asked for ideas about what Wales should look like after this coronavirus pandemic and have set up a dedicated email address for ideas to be sent to. Watch the announcement on this tweet, <https://twitter.com/i/status/1264978328408252418> but it basically says that they are looking for ideas, and have set up this dedicated email address ourfuturewales@gov.wales for people to send their ideas to.

...from Recycle Now. Plastic bottles can easily be recycled. It helps to give them a quick rinse, squash and to pop the lids back on before putting in the recycling bin. Don't worry about removing the labels - they'll get removed during the recycling process.

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. The NHS Test Trace Protect Service in Powys is already helping to stop the spread of Coronavirus in the county. During its first two weeks of operation the county's Contact Tracing Team, developed in partnership by Powys County Council and Powys Teaching Health Board, has made contact with 19 people who have tested positive for coronavirus. Find out more: <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/news/52621>. Get a test in Powys: <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/coronavirus-testing>

...from Powys CC. Join us in beautiful Powys as Deputy Director of Nursing (12 month secondment). Job Title: Deputy Director of Nursing, Band: 8d, Location: Powys, Employer: Powys Teaching Health Board. Closing Date: 23 June 2020
http://jobs.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/job/UK/Powys/Bronllys/Powys_Teaching_Health_Board/Nursing_MidwiferyManagement/Nursing_MidwiferyManagement-v2463040?ts=613629

...from Powys CC. School-based emergency childcare hubs are to close later this month as schools in Powys prepare to re-open before the end of the summer term, the county council has said. Powys County Council is working with school leaders across the county to enable schools to re-open for a limited number of learners each day as part of 'Check in, Catch Up, Prepare for summer and September' - the Welsh Government's next phase for schools in Wales which will start on Monday, June 29. As part of the preparations, the school-based emergency childcare hubs will close on Wednesday, June 24. For Thursday 25 and Friday 26 June, childcare will be offered by individual schools across Powys for their own pupils between 8:30am and 4:30pm. This will be for the children of key workers and the vulnerable learners who are currently accessing childcare. From Monday, June 29, schools in the county will make childcare provision for the children of key workers who have used the emergency childcare hubs between the opening of the hubs in March and the end of May. This provision will be on school days only from 8:30am to 4:30pm from Monday. Additionally, the children of schools' staff will be able to join the childcare facility to allow their parents to work in schools. Vulnerable learners will also be able to access schools for the usual school day, and they will be informed by their schools. For primary-aged children of key workers (who used the hubs between March and May) and the children of schools' staff, parents will still need register online at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/emergency> hubs until the end of the summer term. Other learners will access as many days as schools are able to facilitate but parents and carers are being reminded that no more than 30 percent of pupils will be present at school at any one time. Schools will determine the number of days and inform parents about which children will be able to attend on each day. School transport will be provided to those who usually use that service - with careful social distancing put in place on transport. For the period of the schools' summer holidays, the council is currently exploring options to provide childcare for school-aged children of key workers.

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