

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 Kings College/Zoë. The recent lockdown of Leicester has highlighted the need for earlier hotspot detection, particularly as lockdown measures are eased and life begins to return to 'normal'. It is thanks to your ongoing support and daily logging that we are now able to detect potential new COVID hotspots in the UK. With the [COVID Symptom Study data now flagging up potential hotspots](#), it will allow for greater surveillance and more focussed testing that could detect new outbreaks much earlier. To do this successfully, we need more people to join us by using the app each day. Join the 4million already reporting every day. Please download the Kings College/Zoë C-19 Covid Symptom Study app (Apple & Google) now to report daily, and continue to spread the word about the app with friends, family, and your local community.

...from The Royal Oak. Meat Raffle !! Next Saturday morning 11th July we will hold a lockdown meat raffle with all proceeds going towards funding the Nigel Powell memorial bench for outside the pub. Adrian 'Fez' Pearce is kindly going to make us a bench befitting of Nigel to take pride of place outside The Oak. It's £1 a go with entry via bank transfer or just drop any monies through the door at the pub and a note with name and phone number on. We'll have prizes from joints of meat to steaks and burgers. Message us for any more information.

...from Debbie, Presteigne Carnival. Roll up, roll up! We have had some fantastic entries for the Presteigne Carnival Photography competition! Thank you to everyone who entered. Picking 3 winners was impossible...so we chose 4! Congratulations Elaine Millard, Kirsty Roberts, Alex Ramsay and Margaret Lloyd - see the winning entries on Presteigne Carnival Facebook page.

- Elaine's entry (2) is a photo of herself, circa 1962, dressed as Mary Queen of Scots, carrying her own head. Elaine won a prize for originality!
- Kirsty's photograph (10) is of herself and brother, Ian, around 1990. There is a story about Ian falling over in his pencil outfit and not being able to get back up - it may be worth asking him about it next time you're getting fuel
- Alex Ramsay's winning entry (12) is of Hugh Pope capturing the imagination of children with his creativity and enthusiasm.
- Margaret Lloyd's photograph (43) was taken around 1955. Brian Lloyd is on one of the horses, with Bert Price holding the horse. Sir Richard White is standing, with his son on a horse.

SCAM ALERT

...from the National Cyber Security Centre on reporting suspicious messages. The message might be from a company you don't normally receive communications from, or someone you do not know. You may just have a hunch. If you are suspicious, you should report it. By doing so you'll be helping to protect many more people from being affected.

Emails - If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the [Suspicious Email Reporting Service](#) (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk.

Text message - Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to 7726. This free-of-charge short code enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and take action, if found to be malicious.

Visit the website www.ncsc.gov.uk for more information and advice.

...(from Alex) beware emails seeming to come from Herbs 'n Juices offering you £/\$400 pw for vehicle ad wrapping or unspecified job opportunities. Report as above or just delete - do not let curiosity lead you to click on the link!

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from **Broad Sheep**. The Broad Sheep July 2020 special edition is online now - click here broadsheep.com to view.

...from **Presteigne Library**. It is now possible to order books to be picked up at Presteigne library, either by going to <https://en.powys.gov.uk/orderandcollectbooks> or calling 01597 827460 monday - friday, 9am - 5pm. You will then be given a date to collect your books on a saturday morning between 10am and midday from the library. If you are shielding, please let us know, and one of our volunteers will deliver your books to you. Please do not put returns through the library door; all books are automatically renewed and will not accrue fines, but they will get stuck under the front door and cause a hazard if returned improperly. Thank you!

...from **Rose Cottage Flowers & Café**. Lots of lovely country style flowers coming in for Carla to make in to beautiful bouquets for you to pickup or order to be delivered. Plants for indoors and out are here too. Food orders still being taken for pickup or delivery on Friday. Great new - as we are lucky to have enough outside space the Cafe will be open outside only from Tuesday 14th July. Also, see our Facebook page for next Tuesdays menu for delivery. Let's hope the sun starts to shine.

...from **Presteigne Local Food Market**. A very big thank you from all of the Stallholders for supporting us yesterday. You are amazing, it was so good to see you all and be able to supply our lovely local produce again! Thank you to those involved organising the market and meeting the requested regulations(certainly not an easy task). We were blessed with the weather, after an unfavourable forecast! A few gusts of wind on occasions when we thought we were going to experience a bit of "ballooning" with the Gazebos, but all went very, very well. Thank you all!

...from the **Small Breeds Farm & Owl Centre**. Great News! You can now visit the goats and sheep in their enclosures - they can't wait for all the extra attention. See website & Facebook.

...from **Amanda's Bread**. Dear customer, If you want to place an order for delivery to Presteigne area on Saturday 11th July, please get in touch on Monday 6th July, by email to Amanda on : asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com or phone/text Amanda on 0775 993 9526 or Julian on 0771 870 4814 (If you miss the Monday deadline, please still get in touch and we will supply your order if we can.)

...from **Lockdown Dhaba**. Hello from Lockdown Dhaba! Our next vegetarian set menu (vegan options available) is available to pre-order for delivery on Saturday the 18th July – please see our Facebook page for menu details £16. Set Menu: Starter - Mumbai Bhel Puri Chaat: Main: Channa Masala; Sides: Aloo Gajar, Jeera Rice, Batura bread; Dessert: Gubab Jamun. Ordering is open until Friday evening (10th July). You can email us directly to get your order in on lockdowndhaba@gmail.com. We had a lots of fun preparing your food, and meeting you out on delivery. Thank you for all the love and kind words! Pip and Gurd

...from **The Royal Oak**. Thank you to those that ordered roasts yesterday, we hope you all enjoyed. This week's menu will be posted tomorrow but we're excited to bring back Fish Fryday this Friday. Takeaway slots available for pick up at 10 minute intervals from 5pm till 8pm. To book or for any other questions: Message us on Facebook or call 01544 260842

...from SPAR Presteigne. We're on a mission to reduce our food waste. That's why we've partnered with Too Good To Go: the free app that lets you rescue unsold, surplus foods from this SPAR store. Download the app to reserve one of our Magic Bags of surprise, unsold food: <https://share.toogoodtogo.com/>

...from Leon's Food to Order. Our eclectic range of delicious Spanish and Moroccan dishes are now available to order online. See the full order & collect menu on our Facebook page or visit our website www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com. Information/order 01544 262 164.

...from Ian, Presteigne Barber. With a week to go before I'm aloud to start, please remember to book your appointment, bring a mask and provide contact information. To book message on Facebook or phone 07977000741.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Knighton & East Radnor Food Bank - we are once again welcoming callers to visit us at either Knighton Baptist Church (Norton Street) or Presteigne Baptist Church (Hereford Street). Since March, we have been offering a delivery only service but now we feel confident we can operate safely, with a few extra safety precautions in place. We are supplying masks for all our visitors and have reduced the numbers who can be in the food bank at one time, to keep us all safe. We will operate an appointment system but anyone who arrives at our door needing a food parcel urgently will be looked after. If necessary we will offer to deliver their food, in order to overcrowding and to keep social distance. Other Covid precautions are in place as well, eg using hand sanitiser, wearing gloves and wiping surfaces with disinfectant. However, we don't want people to be too fearful of calling in, so we will offer reassurance, kindness and use common sense!

Covid Project + Feminine Hygiene Supplies: We can help individuals and families affected by the Covid crisis and in addition, thanks to specific funding from the Welsh Government, /Powys County Council, we are offering adequate supplies of sanitary products to anyone who cannot keep up with the cost of buying these products. In addition, we will be providing packs of masks and hand sanitiser to our friends calling in, as they cannot afford to buy these. Now that lockdown is easing, we need to make sure that everyone can access a supply of basic PPE and not just those who can afford to buy them.

School's Out Project: If anyone you know or any family you are in contact with, is struggling to provide food during the summer break, please do get in touch with us at food bank. This is not limited to pupils receiving free school meals/vouchers. Knighton & East Radnor Food Bank 07731 524 058

...from Herefordshire CC. Kington Waste Recycling will open on 10th July: book a slot online. You will need to book a time-slot using this link <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HRCbooking> or you can phone 01432 260000 and Herefordshire Council's customer services team will make the booking for you. You need to make a note of your booking reference number as you'll need it to be able to enter the site (thank you to Liz Kelso, town clerk for Kington Council).
(ed. you need to enter a Herefordshire postcode to be able to make an online booking)

...from the Welsh Government. Thanks to your actions over the past few months, coronavirus cases in Wales continue to fall which means we can continue to carefully lift more restrictions. From this Monday 6 July we'll be: *Lifting the 'stay local' rule *Opening some outdoor attractions *Introducing extended households. Thank you once again for following guidance and doing everything you can to #KeepWalesSafe

...from SPAR Presteigne. Vote Now! Your vote will help decide which worthy cause below will receive the top £1,000 Community Cashback Grant in our region - hit this link <https://fal.cn/38ZLp> to find out more about each organisation and to cast your vote.

This week's Community Cashback Grant finalists in the South West Region are:

(1) Rubicon Dance (2) BRACE Alzheimer's Research (3) Community Furniture Aid

Voting will close midday on Thursday 9th July. The group that receives the most public votes will receive £1,000 (1st place), the group with the 2nd most votes will receive £500 (2nd place), and

the group with the third most votes will receive £375 (3rd place). Terms and Conditions can be found here: <https://fal.cn/38ZLp>

...from Powys CC. Advice for Alcohol Licensed Premises. Whilst we await a final decision from Welsh Government on the re-opening of on-licence trade in Wales, we have prepared a webpage with all the latest updates and guidance in one place which we hope is useful. <https://crowd.in/yHc4NL>

...from Powys CC. Is your business back open and following COVID19 guidelines? Tell your customers that you're 'good to go'! "We're Good To Go" is the official UK signal that a tourism or hospitality business has taken the necessary measures to protect its staff and customers. Apply for this status and receive a sign, certificate and practical toolkit! For more information, please visit <https://crowd.in/NfYQC3>

...from Presteigne Freegle. As a new normal emerges...Let us help you promote your lovely community events for free - shout out loud - reaching thousands of local members! List your local #Fundraiser #LitterPick #RepairCafe #Swish #Swap on our website, go here to do that <http://ow.ly/KgXF30qi69H>

...from The MidBorder News. We are gearing up for our August issue that will be all about local businesses and services. During the lockdown, people have increased their use of local providers: wouldn't it be great if they continued to do so now that restrictions are being lifted? We cover Kington, Knighton, Presteigne and surrounding areas and we'd love to see our local High Streets flourishing, so let's get the word out there and promote your business. See website <https://issuu.com/midbordernews> and Facebook for more information and ad prices – don't forget that each issue of the MidBorder News lasts for three months; people like to take it home and refer to it whenever they need a piece of local information. It's also available online, as a pdf (which is sent out to our mailing list) and on our Facebook page as well as the printed version being distributed to many venues in the three towns. The magazine is A4 format, so a quarter page ad is big and bold and only costs £30 per issue (there is a discount if you take an ad in more than one issue) and we can create a professional full-colour ad for you for only £15. So if your business is up and running again and you need to tell people about it, let us help you. The MidBorder News is a quarterly community news magazine run on a non-profit basis. We exist to support our community and the local economy. For charities and community groups and services we can give you free exposure, just get in touch. midbordernews@gmail.com
Autumn issue (August, September, October) - copy deadline 15th July. *(Ed. I think the MidBorder News was formerly called the Kington Chronicle but now spreading its reach)*

...from Recycle Now. Most of us know that #recycling reduces our reliance on raw materials, as well as reducing the amount that goes to landfill and damaging greenhouse gases. But do you know what happens to your recycling once it gets collected? Here's what happens next: <https://bit.ly/2UNRG7C>

...from Powys CC. #makethecallwales. We are supporting a national campaign to keep an eye out for each other. In these difficult times it's good that we all look out for each other. It is important that you know what to do and who to contact if you suspect a friend, a family member or a neighbour is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect. All local authority social service departments are open and can respond to your concerns. You can find out more at <https://crowd.in/7BLNoN>
If you are concerned about harm to a child, contact the council on 01597 827666 (or 999 if it's an emergency). If you are concerned about harm to an adult contact the council on 0345 602 7050 (or 999 if it's an emergency)

...from Powys CC. Job Opportunity! Next year will be the 2021 Census and jobs are available to help deliver the census. For more information about jobs with the 2021 Census, please visit <https://crowd.in/syN4cp>

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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.