

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 on news@pacdg.org**
- **please email us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents**
- **and 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**

URGENT REQUEST from the PNCS Warehouse. The Warehouse is in desperate need of someone who has a van to collect larger items of furniture and occasionally stuff from house clearances. Do you have a van, or perhaps you know of someone with a van who would be able to do this on occasions ? Please call in at the Warehouse or call 07792 102780 (*ed. or email news@pacdg.org to pass on a message*). Thanks Lynne

...from Chris R...in response to Mag's question about where you can recycle plastic bags/film now that Morrisons have apparently removed their collection points, Chris says that Tesco in Llandod do, and the collection point is outside the store so you don't have to enter. (*ed. thanks Chris - so maybe other Tesco stores provide the same ? Please let us know if you shop there or at other supermarkets who provide a collection point*)

...from the Town Clerk. Latest Planning Applications in:
20/1159/FUL Grid Reference: E:331637 N: 264197 Proposal: Change of use from A1 (shop) To A3 (food and drink) and external alterations to include the installation of a fan duct Site Address: The Little Shop , Hereford Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AT.
20/1225/HH Grid Reference: E:331170 N: 264135 Proposal: Proposed Two Storey Side Extension Site Address: 21 Caenbrook Meadow, Presteigne.
To be considered at the August meeting of the Town Council.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from Emma at The Bleddfa Centre. The Bleddfa Centre is delighted to announce that we are now open once again! We will be open every week, Thursdays – Sundays, 11am to 4pm, along with our new Café, Caffi Celf, is serving fresh, homemade light lunches, drinks, and cakes. Of course, our Oriel Bleddfa is open for you to visit our exhibitions, along with our crafts shop and some new workshops will be in place soon as well. We have a one-way system, lots of safety measures and plenty of room to sit in our garden or orchard too. We are really looking forward to seeing you. Enquires to hello@bleddfacentre.org and browse our website www.bleddfacentre.org too.

...from Sheep Music. We'd love nothing more than to be welcoming you all back to Went's Meadow for the first day of Sheep Music 2020. Although we can't all be together this weekend, we're already casting our minds forward to 2021. What are your nostalgic moments from Sheep Music? Share your photos and stories on our Facebook page.

...from Gaby at The Judge's Lodging. As many people in the town may have already noticed- we've made it back! We opened the doors on Wednesday and have been delighted by the responses of visitors to the town and some local familiar faces who have dropped by to see us.

Our opening times have had to change to accommodate our Covid-Secure operation, so they are now Wed-Sat 10.30am-4.30pm until the end of October. There's a bit more information about what to expect inside on our pavement boards when we are open, or on our website <https://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/visit-us/covid-secure-opening/> (the website's new, by the way, so do check it out). Lots of changes to ensure as safe a time as possible for visitors and workforce, but we have aimed to make sure every visit is as enjoyable and stress-free as possible. All done with our usual humour, even down to the cartoon judges washing their hands at hand-sanitiser stations throughout the building! There's also a game of 'extreme hunt the thimble' going on throughout the rooms with over 30 thimbles to find. It's hard- we can't now see them all and we put them there!

...from Cath at Walton Hall. Powys County Council have agreed that the hall can reopen. However, strict social distancing must be kept, face masks must be worn and hands sanitised upon entry. There will be a one way route around the hall during sales.

August 22nd table top sale from 1pm until 4pm on behalf of Walton Hall, Knill church and St Stephens church Old Radnor.

September 9th book and jigsaw swap and sale 10.30am to noon

September 22nd Walton Hall AGM 7pm

October 14th Book and jigsaw swap and sale 10.30 am to join

October 16th Radnorshire Society talk 7.30pm

November 11th Book and jigsaw swap and sale 10.30 to noon

...from Spar Presteigne. SPAR have been cooking up something special for you all – they now have a fresh new recipe section on their website with lots of new and delicious recipes!

Whether you are looking for quick and easy dinner inspiration, how to perfect a classic roast dinner or an indulgent sweet treat, there's something for everyone #ThereForYou

<https://www.spar.co.uk/recipes>

...from No. 46 Wine Bar. So, we have been busy baking at No.46 again today!! 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!!

...from Amanda's Bread. We presently deliver our breads, savouries, cakes and preserves to Presteigne and the surrounding area every Saturday. If you are interested in having a delivery of sourdough, slow yeasted breads, vegan / vegetarian savouries, interesting cakes or local preserves, please get in touch: asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com or telephone 0775 993 9526 for Amanda or 0771 870 4814 for Julian. Thank you (p.s. we will also be back at Knighton Market this Saturday, so if you prefer to collect your goods from there please get in touch).

...from Chilvers County Supplies. 5 bags of Stud & Breeding mix. Ordered specially, no longer needed. Short dated ! So special price. To enquire phone 07798928909 or call in to Chilvers Country Supplies, Presteigne

OTHER INFORMATION

...from the Welsh Government. Thank you for all of your efforts to keep Wales safe this weekend. From 22 August, if cases of coronavirus remain low, four households will be able to form an extended household. We'll also allow up to 30 guests to have a socially distanced meal at weddings and funerals.

...from Ken Rodmell about the Summer Triangle. At this time of year, as night falls, the first star you'll likely see is brilliant Vega, a hot blue specimen of unparalleled beauty close to the overhead. Vega forms one corner of the semi-officially named 'Summer Triangle' in company with Deneb and Altair (the next two stars you'll likely see as darkness encroaches). Do learn to recognise the Summer Triangle (Google it for pictures) as it's

an important 'jumping-off' point for all sorts of astronomical discoveries that I'd like to share in future issues. Today, however, I simply invite you to train your eyes in that general direction to see our own Milky Way - which runs horizon-to-horizon right through the Summer Triangle. A humble pair of binoculars should reward you with the jaw-dropping sight of a dense backdrop of countless pin-prick stars, glistening like miniature diamonds. No one knows how many stars comprise our galaxy but estimates tend towards the 400 billion mark, spread over a 100,000 light-year diameter. With a clear, and really dark sky, you could see a fair chunk of them this very night!

...from Network Rail....Passengers using the Heart of Wales line are encouraged to check before they travel as the railway between Shrewsbury and Llandrindod Wells has been closed owing to extensive damage caused by extreme rainfall in mid-Wales on 12 and 13 August. Near Knighton, the railway has been damaged at various sites including across a 350m stretch where ballast has been washed away and significant debris has been washed onto the track meaning it is completely buried in some areas. Network Rail engineers are working around the clock to inspect and repair the damage and will confirm how long the closure will last as soon as possible. The closure means buses will replace trains between Shrewsbury and Llandrindod Wells with passengers advised to check before they travel at National Rail Enquiries or with Transport for Wales. *(ed. thanks to Maggie for this information)*

...from Helen and the Presteigne Plastic Project. This will be a relaunch of Plastic Free Presteigne building and their work. The idea is to work along with official UK Plastic Campaign Groups to spread the message about the urgency of single use plastic, overuse and disposal of the plastic we use. If you would be interested to participate in any way or have any ideas or questions please email Helen at hackland31@btinternet.com to receive further information and a monthly newsletter.

...from the Welsh Government. Even in these difficult times it's important to keep paying your rent if you can. But if you've been struggling recently, support could be on its way. We're providing a new £8m Tenancy Saver Loan Scheme to cover rent arrears – supporting tenants and landlords <https://gov.wales/welsh-government-unveils-package-support-keep-people-their-homes-and-end-homelessness>

...from Public Health Wales. Not getting a Coronavirus test because you don't want to self-isolate puts others at serious risk. There's financial help available if you're worried about paying bills <https://gov.wales/find-support-affected-coronavirus> #KeepWalesSafe

...from Powys CC. Remember, if you feel you have received the wrong grade, the first step is to discuss this with your teacher/lecturer or the exams officer within your school or college. Appeals cannot be made through WJEC directly. See our Appeals factsheet: <https://bit.ly/WJECAppeals2020>

...from Sport Powys. FREE Summer Dance Programme! When? 17th – 21st August. Who? 7-19 year olds. Where? All on Zoom! Covering a wide variety of dance styles! For more information and to sign up get in touch! #BeActiveWales

...from Recycle Now. Your bathroom is awash with recyclables. We all use toiletries and bathroom cleaners on a daily basis and our bathrooms are packed full of stuff that can be recycled after we've finished with it. The great news is, most people are doing just that, but there's always room to recycle more. Take a look at our top 5 hacks to help you keep your bathroom recycling in check: <https://bit.ly/31fc0TT> #Recycle

...from Shropdoc and Powys CC. At the start of the COVID19 pandemic, Shropdoc became aware that some patients and their families were waiting a long time to receive a call back from the overburdened 111 system. For patients experiencing distressing symptoms towards the end of their lives, this was causing unnecessary delay in patients receiving the care they needed. Additionally, since the out-of-hours number switched to 111 in 2018, some patients and carers had reported delays inherent in the new system, and some voiced frustration at having to speak to someone 'out of county' before being put through to Shropdoc. As a result

of these observations, Shropdoc set up a direct dial local helpline at the end of March 2020 and would now value feedback on how the system is working for the people of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and Powys. Healthwatch undertook a review of Palliative Care in Shropshire County last year, so they have kindly agreed to run a more formal survey to gauge how the new helpline is working and to receive any other feedback you may have about palliative care services in the out-of-hours period. Your feedback is invaluable in helping Shropdoc continuously improve our services. Take the survey here <https://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/out-hours-palliative-care-survey>

...from Wales & The Borders Live Music Events Group. Join us on Sat 5th Sept online from 12pm to 8pm for a free live-streamed festival coming directly from Jacs Aberdare - Featuring a whole variety of different bands/artists and fun interviews all day long - All in aid of raising money for the Cwm Taf NHS Trust. More details and full line-up can be found in the event page on facebook.com/jacsaberdare

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Are you shielding? Or know someone who is? From yesterday (Sunday, 16 August), Welsh Government will be pausing shielding. You may feel anxious about this change. Here is some help and advice on safely returning to your day-to-day lives. <https://gov.wales/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-people-defined-on-medical-grounds-as-extremely-vulnerable-from-coronavirus-covid-19-html>

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Powys CC. Domiciliary Care Assistant. 25 hours, Fixed term for 6 months. Various Locations in Powys. Are you looking for a rewarding role? Do you have an interest in a career in care, prior experience in a caring environment or have a genuine caring nature and enjoy helping people? If so, then we may have the right role for you! Visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/> to find our more or alternatively email recruitment@powys.gov.uk for an Application Form.

...from Lloyd Engineering. We have a spacious factory layout and have implemented social distancing and safe working practices to take account of Covid-19. Lloyd Engineering design and manufacture innovative screening buckets that are exported all over the world. We are a small but expanding company. Due to our location between Presteigne/Pembridge/Shobdon/Kington, a car is essential. Our ideal candidates will have:

- Ability to take instruction
 - Knowledge of engineering and fabrication processes
 - Ability to work with minimum supervision and work with team members
 - Good attention to detail, ensuring work conforms to quality and output requirements
 - Positive, reliable, punctual and committed attitude to work
- Working hours are 07.30am to 5.00pm but overtime will be available and expected during busy periods. Salary will be based on experience. Please send your CV to matt@lloydengineering.co.uk

...from Powys CC. Now hiring! Following the recent launch of the Council's new Transforming Education Programme, we have some exciting opportunities available to join the Transforming Education Team. For more information and to apply go to <https://crowd.in/rSMR>

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