

# 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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

**Community News at 200! From Maggie, Chair PACDG.** In 2015 the Community Group that 'owns' this newsletter was set up to kick off the Community-created Action Plan. One of its clear requirements was better town-wide communications. A few noticeboards were the easy-to-do bit of this and these were soon installed (High Street, Library, Memorial Hall, and top of St David's Street) but the biggest opportunity to reach residents was to create and thereafter maintain (!) a Community Newsletter. This was always going to be a big challenge but one of PACDG's founders, Terry Wells, took this on with great enthusiasm, and has done it come rain or shine ever since. It's safe to say that without him it wouldn't have happened or become the go-to information provider that it has, especially during these strange Covid-19 times. I'm sure you will echo our thanks to him ... 200, what an achievement!

**Correction to Issue 199**...an incorrect email address was given in the PACDG appeal for someone to help in keeping our town clean and tidy. The correct email is [contact@pacdg.org](mailto:contact@pacdg.org) (not pacdg.com). Apologies.

**...ref new 20 mph Speed Limit Zone on Presteigne High Street.** Powys County Council has given notice that "...from the date hereof (*Monday 24th August*), it will be unlawful to drive a vehicle at a speed exceeding twenty miles per hour in the length of road specified in the Schedule to this Notice. This length of road may also be subject to other traffic calming measures so that it will form a 20 mph speed limit zone.

Schedule - B4356 (High Street) from a point at its junction with the U1940 (St David's Street) and extending for approximately 168 metres in a south-easterly direction to its junction with the C1089 (Broad Street)".

**...from our Town Council. Latest planning application.** 20/1290/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331331 N: 264489 Proposal: Application for works to 5 trees within a conservation area Location: 39 High Street, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2BE. To be considered at the September meeting of the Town Council.

**...from Powys Recycles.** Recycling and waste collections will take place as normal this August Bank Holiday

### SCAM ALERT

**...Be aware of Council Tax email scam** - emails are being sent to people pretending to be from GOV.UK asking for details to claim a council tax reduction. Do not click on the link, this is a scam and passing on any details will be a risk. Please make friends and family aware. To claim council tax reduction in Herefordshire visit here: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/council-tax-1/council-tax-reduction> or if in Powys visit here: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4805/Apply-for-Benefits>

## 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 Weobley Ash.** Thank you all for the nominations, we'd love to win against such tough competition. You can vote for us by following the link below <https://www.herefordtimes.com/awards/tcf/nom-farming-hero/> (ed. see this in the County Times - "Aden Foster and his wife Rosario have been nominated as Farming Heroes, but to many people in their community they are Covid heroes. The couple had just opened a shop to sell their farm produce when the coronavirus pandemic forced the UK into lockdown. All their business plans went out the window as suddenly they had a new task – providing a vital service to local families struggling to food and supplies. The pair launched a free delivery service and expanded the range of products" etc.)

**...from Wild Thyme Italian.** We're adding this (Tuesday 25th daytime) and Bank holiday Monday 31st day and evening to our open days. So please come along and take advantage of the Eat Out to Help Out scheme.

**...from Leon's Supper Club.** Saturday night is fully-booked but there are tables still available on Friday night. Call in at the Salty Dog or call 01544 267720. Note that The Salty Dog will be closed on Monday 31st (Bank Holiday) and Tuesday 1st September.

**...from Spar Presteigne.** It's competition time! SPAR are giving away a YEAR'S supply of Treasury Wines on their website! To enter their giveaway simply hit this link and fill in the form [www.spar.co.uk/competitions/treasury-wines](http://www.spar.co.uk/competitions/treasury-wines). Good Luck! Entry closes midnight Monday 31st August 2020. 2 winners will be chosen at random. You must be 18+ to enter. Full T+C's can be found here: <https://woobox.com/rjyf4t/rules>

**...from Olwen at Presteigne Baptist Church.** Just a reminder that the Baptist Church in Hereford Street is now open for worship from 10.30am through to 11.45am. For more information or to book the Church or hall please call Olwen on 01544 267 960

**...from Weobley Ash. 15 % off all Luctonian members** orders including Christmas. Simply show your membership card and ID to claim. Call 01544 598120 or email [shop@weobleyash.co.uk](mailto:shop@weobleyash.co.uk) to order or call in, we're open from 9-4 Tuesday to Saturday

**...from The Royal Oak.** We have limited tables left to eat in for our Sunday roast this week. The menu is still available for takeaway to be delivered or collected from the pub. Free delivery within Presteigne and immediate surrounding area. Message us on Facebook or call 01544 260842 to book.

## OTHER INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**...from Maggie - A Localist Revolution.** At 2.00pm on Saturday 5th September the Annual Pales\* Talk will take place on Zoom. The subject addresses the unprecedented challenges we face currently and offers some practical solutions we can all engage with to start a revolution in localisation. What if the solution is right on our doorstep? By creating jobs, businesses, food, energy and leisure opportunities in our communities, we can start a revolution in localisation, driven by the very social fabric of networks and relationships. Localisation has the power to diminish the threat of the climate emergency, whilst building happy prosperous communities. (\*This is organised by Marches Quakers to raise the profile of The Pales, the oldest Quaker Meeting house in continuous use in Wales). Contact [maggie@pccs-books.co.uk](mailto:maggie@pccs-books.co.uk) if you want a link to the talk.

**...from Royal Albert Hall Home.** Join the godfather of British Jazz, Gary Crosby and Tomorrow's Warriors for a special (FREE) Royal Albert Home gig this Friday 28 August 7:30pm [www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com)

**Kington Saturday Arts and Crafts Market is Back!** After a highly successful return in August it will be open again on the third Saturday of every month, with an extra day in November and another in December – perfect for all your Christmas shopping needs! We pride ourselves that all our stalls feature genuinely handcrafted products. These include: Cards for all occasions -

Alpaca products - Felting - Wax melts - Potter Woodturner - Papercrafts - Sewn products - Handcrafted ironware - Artists - Knitted and crocheted garments - Range of different crafts. Dates from now until Christmas 2020 are: Saturday 19th September - Saturday 17th October - Saturday 21st and 28th November - Saturday 12th and 19th December.

We are delighted to support local artists and craftspeople. We have something for everyone and items to suit all pockets. Ideal "hunting ground" for all your Christmas present and home decor needs! Find us at Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on all above dates. All necessary Covid-19 precautions in place. All are welcome!

**...a reminder about The Bleddfa Centre I Home Territory exhibition.** The Bleddfa Centre is currently holding an exhibition of work by Presteigne-based artists Simon Dorrell, Tania Mosse and Josh Partridge running until 30th August, and is open to visitors on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11.00am-5.00pm. Home Territory is also available online via this [link](#)

**...from the Presteigne Festival I August Newsletter.** All of us at the Presteigne Festival have been busy during Lockdown and beyond working to bring Festival events originally planned for our 2020 edition to you in other ways. Utilising Presteigne Digital, our online platform, 11 specially filmed concerts and literary events are available for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home. Last week, thanks to several of our supporters agreeing to re-purpose some of our grant funding, the Presteigne Festival Orchestra recorded some popular Festival commissions from the past for a Resonus Classics CD.

**Presteigne Digital I 24-27 August.** Starting this evening at 6.30pm, Presteigne Digital can be accessed via the Festival website, with music and literary events available to view from time of release until 31 December. Presteigne Digital showcases fabulous performances from the Carducci Quartet, Amy Dickson, Christopher Good, Clare Hammond, Tim Horton, Mathilde Milwidsky, Bradley Smith, Oliver Wass and members of Nova Music Opera together with readings from leading writers Peter J Conradi, Nicholas Murray and Fiona Sampson. The repertoire includes music originally programmed at the 2020 Festival – commissions from Martin Butler, Amelia Clarkson, Ninfea Cruttwell-Read (Presteigne Festival 'Evolve' composer), Robin Haigh, Tarik O'Regan, Joseph Phibbs and Emma-Ruth Richards, a range of contemporary British pieces together with masterworks from Beethoven, Britten, Janáček and Schubert. The full performance schedule is available on the Presteigne Digital page via this [link](#) and we've even put together an online programme book with notes and biographies which can also be viewed or downloaded from the same page. Presteigne Digital content is free-to-view, but we hope you will want to donate to our Festival Futures Fund via 'Just Giving' – there are several 'Donate' buttons on the website.

**...And now for a very different challenge...by Ken Rodmell.** Globular Clusters (of stars) are amongst the most mysterious star formations known and it's estimated that about 150 of them girdle our galaxy. Each cluster might comprise from a few thousand stars to over a million. Globular Clusters are thought to host extremely old stars and to inhabit a vast 'halo' around our galactic core. Their form, reason for being and non-standard motions are only partially understood - if that. Tonight, I invite you to seek out the best-known Globular Cluster for yourself - it's called M13 and is found in the constellation of Hercules, just to the right of the Summer Triangle (Google 'Messier 13' for a finder chart). Thanks to the 'signposting' of Hercules, M13 is really easy to find. You'll probably only see a fuzzy blob through binos but that's not bad going, considering its light has taken 23,000 years to get here!

**...from Aardvark Books & Café.** We have some music on Monday 31st at our Car Boot event: thanks to @jackbrettmusic and Red Magog. So do come along between 10am and 3pm browse the stalls on the car park no in the field - stay safe, space out, keep calm and enjoy a relaxing wander, while listening to the great music! And, there's a book sale in our warehouse for you too! Free parking, free entry, money raised from pitch fees will be donated to Brampton Bryan Church.

**...from Cllr Baynham and Education Wales. Are you eligible for a school uniform grant?** £125 is available for learners in Wales at the start of each key stage: • entering reception class

or year 3 in primary school • entering year 7 or year 10 in secondary school • aged 4, 7, 11 or 14 in special schools, special needs resource bases or pupil referral units. Year 7 learners are entitled to £200 to reflect the increased costs associated with starting secondary school. Funding for looked-after children is available in every school year. <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>. The fund will cover school uniform, other clothing worn at school such as sports kit, equipment for out-of-school hours trips (including outdoor learning), and equipment for activities within the curriculum such as design and technology.

**...from Recycle Now.** Make sure to check the labels before recycling food packaging and always rinse your plastic pots, tubs and trays before putting them in the recycling bin as left-over food residue can contaminate other recyclables. Labels and lids can all be left on but plastic film must be removed and put in the general rubbish bin. Find out more about food packaging recycling: <https://bit.ly/34iTI7A> #Recycle

**...from Powys Recycles.** With heavy rain and wind forecast across the county please help keep your recycling clean, dry and in your box by using the lids / nets provided [www.powys.gov.uk/recycle](http://www.powys.gov.uk/recycle)

**...from Presteigne Freegle.** Are you running a lovely community project that needs volunteers? We can help! List your requests on our local Freegle communities to reach zillions of people nearby to you. <http://ow.ly/NMzg30qi6yf>

## LOCAL AREA JOB AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

**...from the Judge's Lodging. DIRECTORS WANTED.** The Judge's Lodging has been operating as a visitor attraction and community venue in Presteigne since 1997. In 2016, the operation of the building was transferred from Powys County Council to an independent body, The Judge's Lodging Trust. Since then the organisation has successfully secured over £240,000 in grant funding. Most significantly, this has enabled vital repair work to be carried out to the historic fabric, including the repainting of the imposing Grade II\* listed façade. We have provided employment for young people from the area, and some of you have become volunteers helping us look after our visitors and collections. Despite the many challenges presented by the Covid-19 crisis, the overwhelming view of the Directors was that as an important part of the community and economic eco-system of Presteigne, it was essential to re-open to visitors. The Judge's Lodging Trust is run by a Board of Directors which meets regularly to guide its operation and development. Due to recent and impending retirements from the Board, we are currently seeking up to three new Directors from the Presteigne area. The Judge's Lodging has travelled a long way since it became an independent trust, and we have exciting plans for our future development. As part of this, we need Directors who can speak for and are from the local community. Whilst no previous experience of being a Trustee or Director is required, we are looking for people who have a passion for the building and are willing to roll up their sleeves and get involved in securing the future of this remarkable building. For further information, please contact Diane Gwilt, Chair, Board of Directors [dianegwilt@btinternet.com](mailto:dianegwilt@btinternet.com)

**...from The Stagg at Titley.** We're looking for a hard working cleaner to join our team in Titley. The hours will be Wednesday - Friday from 08.15 to around 14.00, making sure our dining rooms and bedrooms are ready to welcome guests. Previous cleaning experience would be preferred, but is not essential. We are looking for someone to start as soon as possible. If you're interested or for more information, message us or email [reservations@thestagg.co.uk](mailto:reservations@thestagg.co.uk)

**...from Hollie at Sidney Nolan Trust?** We are currently recruiting more volunteers to help look after our grounds and gardens. Meet new people, be surrounded by beautiful landscape, and join our community. Travel expenses paid. Email [hollie@sidneynolantrust.org](mailto:hollie@sidneynolantrust.org) for more info!

**...from Powys CC. Domiciliary Care Assistant.** North/Mid/South Powys. 25 hours, Fixed term for 6 months. For more information and to apply visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

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