

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

Have you signed up to the Zoë Covid Symptom Support Study? Please join the over 4 million people in the UK who are reporting daily to aid national efforts to track the evolution of the C-19 virus and help the UK keep tabs on the epidemic, and identify and understand where infection rates are increasing, or declining. As well as providing critical anonymous data to identify outbreaks and help direct testing, the study also gives you information on cases - daily and active - in your area. Please download the (free) Zoë app today onto your phone, tablet or computer from both Google Play and the Apple App Store, and encourage friends and family to do the same. Thank you.

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 East Radnor Leisure Centre. We've had some lovely comments from returning customers in our first week back and we're soooo happy to hear them

"Love the set up guys, easy to follow and stuff to clean down in the gym! Awesome job "

"I love the new, modern showers. They look great."

"The centre feels so clean and safe, really enjoyed my visit today."

...from The Royal Oak. Apologies to those we turned away last Sunday. Booking in early is recommended to avoid disappointment. Our roasts are available to eat in or takeaway with free delivery within Presteigne and surrounding area. For any dietary requirements please ask as adjustments can be made.

...from Lynne at the Methodist Church. Just a reminder that the church has reopened and there is a service every week on Sunday at 10.30am. All Covid guidelines are, of course, in place. Thank you! Lynne

...from Amanda's Bread. Dear Amanda's Bread customer, Thank you for ordering produce from Amanda's Bread. (If you would rather not receive our weekly reminder, do say and I will remove you from our list.) If you want to place an order for Thursday 10th September or Saturday 12th September, please get in touch on Monday 7th September using the contact details below. (If you miss the Monday deadline, please still get in touch and we will supply your order if we can.) We intend to continue with our weekly delivery to the Presteigne area on Saturday alongside attending local markets (Montgomery this weekend). Email us for the Product List (updated 30th August '20) for our full range of breads and savouries available to order. (A couple of prices have been amended.)

Contact Details: - email Amanda on: asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com or phone / text Amanda on 0775 993 9526 or Julian on 0771 870 4814. Thank you, Amanda and Julian

...from The Farmers. Please note changed opening hours - now Mon (closed), Tues/Wed/Thur 1pm to 9pm, Frid/Sat 1pm to 11pm, Sunday 12pm to 6pm. Food served Tuesday thro' Sunday. Booking still essential for food and drink due to social distancing measures.

...from Rhos Market Garden - organic growers and providers. Our fruit and veg stall continues at the Assembly Rooms, every Thursday 10am to 12noon. Contact info@rhosorganic.co.uk or tel. 01547 5283

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. As of this week I am going to be changing the Friday ready meals to lighten my load, as the Cafe is really busy and afternoon tea, both have in and takeaway, has really picked up. So week 1s will be curry and week 2s will be other savoury. I do have some frozen meals available and can always make a tray (6 portions) of a particular dish if requested. Hopefully this way I can continue with my takeaway service and this does not inconvenience anyone too much. See our FB for more information.

...from Kirsty's HairStudio. Appointments available this week. Direct message on FB to book.

...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. We are so happy to be back open! And we are glad to have seen so many of you already within our first week of opening. See our FB for details of our programmes for the Gym and Swimming Pool. These slots must be booked and paid for prior to your visit. Your well-being, as always, is very important to us which is why we have enhanced our cleaning procedures to keep you as safe as possible during your visit. To book into any of the slots shown on FB please give the centre a call on 01544 260302

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Deb from Norton Show. Car Treasure Hunt on Sunday 13th September. 10.30 am start at Home Farm Norton LD8 2EF. £10 per car. Raffle with good prizes. Bring a picnic lunch (to eat at finish). Covid restrictions will apply. Come join in the fun. If you need more information please contact Ann Price 01544 267221

...from Powys CC. Applications for £500 Care Worker payment are now open. PCC are proud to be administering these payments on behalf of Welsh Government. <https://crowd.in/HH58CK>

...from Paula. As you have probably read that the London Marathon is different this year. I will be now be running two marathons in two different races, winning two medals in two different years! On the 4th October, I will run the London Marathon 40th Race virtually around my local area, which will be tracked and recorded by the event holders. Then I will also run another marathon in London with the crowds and atmosphere with a guaranteed place in October 2021 or April 2022, this is awarded in ballot form which will be allocated later this year. I'm fundraising for two charities special to me. Macmillan, who believe no one should face cancer alone and Coeliac Uk, who help people with Coeliacs disease, which I have had since birth. I feel truly honoured to be able to run for these charities. If you could spare a small donation, the links are below. Thank you! If you see me out running, please feel free to wave or hoot your support!
Thank you, Paula

Macmillan Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paula-randell20>

Coeliac Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paula-randell2020>

...from Royal Albert Hall Home - it's a wrap! Last Friday, we streamed the last session of our series of shows from artists' homes to yours. We wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all of you who tuned in and supported us. REMEMBER You can still watch #RoyalAlbertHome anytime on demand FREE <https://www.royalalberthall.com/about-the-hall/royal-albert-home/>

...from Recycle Now. Will you get involved and support this year's #RecycleWeek starting on September 21st? First staged in 2004, Recycle Week is now the UK's largest national annual recycling campaign! It's the week where citizens, media, local governments, and brands come together to meet one goal: galvanise everyone into recycling more of the right things, more often. Although this year we're doing things a bit differently.... <https://bit.ly/32veEpn>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Flu vaccination from your GP is different this year

2020 has been a very different year than we are used to. We have all had to make changes to the way we live. As we come into Autumn it is time to think about the dangers of Flu as well as COVID-19. The Flu vaccine will shortly be available but there will be a few differences to the way it is delivered at your GP this year. Each GP practice will be posting specific information about how you can access the vaccine on their websites (*ed. see the Presteigne Surgery website www.presteignemedicalcentre.com*), but the general guidance is:

*Vaccines will be by appointment only, please check your practice website for your details. Some practices may contact you via text or phone *There will be NO DROP-IN CLINICS this year *Please attend at the time given; it is essential you do not arrive early or late. *Please wear appropriate clothing so that the vaccine can be given in your upper arm easily *It is essential that you wear a 3-layer face covering to attend your appointment *Please do not attend if you or a close contact has symptoms or have had recent contact with a suspected/confirmed case of COVID-19 *Please come alone unless you need the support of a carer *You may be expected to stand in a queue for a short time, which could be outside. If you are not able to do so please let the practice know when they book your appointment *Please do not bring unnecessary bags etc. *Understand the toilet facilities will not be available *Understand the clinics are for flu only, and please don't ask for other advice during your appointment *Primary School children will be vaccinated in school as normal and will be contacted by the school or school nurse *Entrance and exits may be different from usual, and will be marked clearly.

From September, the following people are eligible for a Flu vaccine from their GP:

*Children aged 2 to 4 (if not receiving vaccine in nursery) *People aged 65 and over *People from 6 months of age with long term health conditions *Adults with a BMI of 40 or above *Unpaid Carer *Pregnant Women *People with a Learning Disability

...from Presteigne Freegle. How well do you know what's changes are planned to the Highway Code? Try this quick Road Safety Quiz <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-54027461>. The government wants us to walk and cycle more to keep fit and help the environment. ...[See more](#)

...a forwarded post from Facebook about (*ed. assumed genuine but can't be certain*) Dog snatching. "Dear all, police have made Clun dog owners aware that they have just arrested a person in Ludlow with 24 stolen dogs in a van, all taken from private homes. Possibly part of a bigger circle of people taking dogs for re- sale on black market or worse! It doesn't bear thinking about.....! Please, I have been asked to spread this news quickly so pass on! A cable tie is often used put around the gate to indicate a potential dog for snatching, also chalk marks on doors, to be aware of these and anyone taking interest in your dog."
(*ed. and there's a further FB report of two dogs - cocker bitches - stolen from kennels just outside Titley - so much closer to home - be aware !!*)

...from Hereford CC about changes at the HWRCs. The pre-booked system (*ed. already in force at Kington HWRC*) will be introduced for Hereford and Leominster household recycling centres on Monday 14 September, with residents able to book their slots online from Friday 4 September. Residents who are unable to access the booking system online can call the customer services team at the council on 01432 260000 who will be able to book a slot for them. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a limited number of residents are allowed on site at any one time. This has caused traffic congestion around the Hereford site in Rotherwas and Bridge Street in Leominster. It is hoped that the booking system will prevent queues leading up to the sites. The household recycling centres are only open to Herefordshire residents, and appointments must be booked online in advance. Residents will be able to book up to four slots every two weeks and will receive a pass before visiting. An address and vehicle registration number will be needed to secure the booking.

...from Recycle Now. The single-use pods used in many coffee machines are not usually accepted in your recycling collections from home. However, some types/brands of coffee pods (and other difficult-to-recycle items) are collected by a company called TerraCycle. Some coffee pods are made from compostable plastic. If it is labelled as simply compostable then local authorities may collect them through garden or food waste collections if their processes are appropriate. Always check with your local authority <https://bit.ly/2l3ltFy>

...from Little Peoples Playgroup. Check out if you are able to get tax free help with childcare payments as a working parent: <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

...ref Road Closures. if you're used to taking the A4110 (past Luctonians) to Hereford, please remember ROAD CLOSURES at LAWTON'S CROSS crossroads 24TH AUGUST TO 30TH OCTOBER - There are road improvements and a mini roundabout being installed so A4110 and B4529 will be closed in stages with diversion routes from 24th August - 30th October. Details and maps below and on our website here <https://bit.ly/2EaoHHC>.

...from Presteigne Arts Scene. Autumn days ahead. The new Lugg Blogg with intro and fantastic new video by Pete plus contributions by Stephen Hugh-Jones, Tony Lawson, Dave Luke and Vera van Heeringen, George Vass, Gill Tennant-Eyles, John Hymas, Sabina Rüber, David Ashby, Tim Craddock and Terry Wells is now out ...read it at <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/autumn-days>

...from Bryony Cullum, seeking information about William Henry Jones 1856-1923. The Judge's Lodgings are hoping to put on an exhibition of my grandfather's art work when they open next spring. Grandfather, William Henry Jones, according to the 1881 census was looking after his uncle's house, Stonecote in Presteigne and was a landscape artist. I have inherited a collection of sketches of the Marches area, mostly done in holiday time, and a few watercolours and oil paintings. They are of museum quality. His picture of Broad Street was used by Mr Keith Parker on the front cover of his 'A History of Presteigne' as by an unknown artist. WHJ was a prolific artist. He monogrammed nearly all his work in a bottom corner WHJ. It would be great to know of any other pictures or sketches. On leaving Presteigne he had a connection with the Cathedral School in Hereford and tutored the Bishop's daughters. He gained a reference from him to become the Principal of a school in Torquay. Did he teach in the school in Presteigne? As he died 16 years before I was born I am mystified about many aspects of his life. I should like to find out who the Mr Kinsey was who owned Stonecote in the late 1870's and early 1880's, My middle aunt was Helen Kinsey Jones. How did the connection come about between Jones and Kinsey? Grand mother's maiden name was Warner. I should be very pleased if anyone has information about William Henry Jones or his work or advice on how to do further research to be in touch with me. I have been to the records office in Hereford. They wish to have the sketches when there are no more members of the family. Contact. bryonycullum@gmail.com tel. 01568 760558. Thank you.

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

...from Dunkerton's Cider. We need an apple picker urgently for Pembridge and surrounding area. Must have own transport. Immediate start, no experience necessary and full training given. Call 01242 650145 asap if you are interested.

...from Atrium Conservatories. We are looking to recruit at least one additional site installer for immediate start. Experience essential. The role would initially require you to shadow one of our senior site fitters to learn our methods with the potential of progressing into a senior site fitter yourself, installing your own projects and leading a fitting team. Your progress in the company is dependent on your ability and the responsibility you assume within your function. There will be occasional working away from home (Monday-Friday) but 95% of our work is within 1 and a half hours drive away from our factory in Kington. Work away from home is shared out amongst the installers fairly and accommodation and evening meals are included. A full clean driving licence is essential. Call 01544 231769 for info or send your CV to sales@atriumhereford.co.uk

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