

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

The two EV (electric vehicle) 2-car charging units installed at the back of the Police Station in the Hereford Street car park are finally 'live'. Please spread the word. Apart from Presteigne, EV charging points are now available in the following Powys County Council car parks: Maengwyn Street Car Park, Machynlleth, Mount Street Car Park, Llanidloes, High Street Car Park, Llandrindod Wells, Groe Car Park, Builth Wells. For more info <https://crowd.in/SfEVhF>

About the Leominster and Kington Household Waste Recycling Centres... Several residents living on the Herefordshire side of Presteigne, but with LD8 postcodes, have expressed concern that they won't be allowed to book to use the Leominster or Kington HWRCs. You can - the booking system accesses your address - not just the postcode - to check you pay Council Tax to Herefordshire. *(ed. this confirmation came from a discussion at the recent Presteigne Repair session with one of the Herefordshire Waste & Environment team who brought something in for repair. We took the opportunity of expressing the frustration of residents and the environmental illogicality of preventing border communities using nearby HWRC facilities and being forced to expend time and vehicle miles travelling to their nearest county HWRC - in our case at Llandrindod. The situation here in Presteigne, being refused use of the Kington HWRC, is mirrored by Herefordshire border residents being refused access across their border with other counties. We were assured the message will be passed on - if only it would then be acted on !!)*

SCAM ALERT

..the Quotation scammers are active again ! If you receive an email appearing to come from sharepoint.com (from anyone of several names) asking you to quote on a small house extension project DO NOT be tempted out of curiosity to click on the Sharepoint link to see the drawings of the work. This is a scam - report by forwarding the email to report@phishing.gov.uk then delete.

(ed. Please note... You should not report a crime to the NCSC in this way. If you think you may have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, and live in England or Wales, you should report this to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2020.)

..and the old delivery scam... emails appearing to come from Royal Mail or others (e.g. couriers) saying "According to our tracking system, your item is waiting for delivery and/or collection. Please confirm the shipping fees (£xx) to have your package delivered. You can go [online](#) to make payment & check on delivery status (details below)." Report and delete !

and the fake Paypal payment scam...an email apparently from Paypal saying your authorisation of £xxx payment to some company is successful and will appear on your bank or card statement as XXX. The email is very detailed and looks convincing but the scammers have replaced items with fake links. A genuine Paypal advice will address you by name. If it's a company you don't recognise or payment is in e.g. \$ or € instead of £, forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk. If you're unsure, go to your browser and check separately on the PayPal website.

...a warning from the Welsh Government. A contact tracer will only ask who you've recently spent time with and how to contact them. They will never ask for financial details. Be vigilant for scam callers. If you have any doubts, don't provide information. <https://gov.wales/contact-tracing-your-questions>

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things are still fluid with local businesses so best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. Updated FITNESS CLASS schedule. Monday - Spin 45 - 5:30-6:15pm; PIYO - 6:45-7:30p. Tuesday - Fit in 45 - 6-6:45pm. Thursday - Kettlebells - 7-7:45pm. Friday - Body Blitz - 9:15am-10am. Saturday - HIIT - 10-10:45am. All classes need to be booked and paid for in advance, call (01544) 260302 now

...from Weobley Ash. We have 7 week old weaned Oxford Sandy Black piglets for sale, some gilts to breeding quality and/or meat pigs. £40 each for meat pigs. We offer a discounted cut and pack rate for anyone who buys them for meat. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk to reserve or make appointment to view

...from Knighton Community Market. We are back in the Community Centre this next Saturday 26th for our Community Market!!! Confirmed vendors: Malcolm's pottery, Lou's Baked Treats, Amanda's Breads, Mr Grump Pies, Muckleton Meats, JAM Designs, Mick's plants, Richard's Knife Sharpening, Jan's paper quilling, Khesh Indian Delights, Craftique, Aloli Skincare, Honey, Tid's Massage, Malcolm's stone carving, The Forest Small Holding meats, Sue's quilting and cards, TVEG, Wild Welsh Wool, Beci's bodyshop, Busy Bee. Strict guidelines are in place and need to be adhered to so everyone can enjoy a safe shopping experience. In order to enter the building we are required to record your name, contact number, address & email(if you have one), this is held securely for 21 days Sadly if you are not willing to provide this information we are unable to permit you to access the building.. We are restricted to how many people can be in the hall at one time, so you may have to queue outside for a few minutes while others are shopping. We will have 21 stalls selling a wonderful array of products, from food to crafts and more besides. With the new ruling now in force face masks **MUST** be worn at all times whilst in the building (some exemptions apply). Public toilets can be found directly outside the building - there are no toilet facilities available inside the building during the market. We look forward to welcoming you back on Saturday, if you have any questions please drop me a message on our FB page.... thanks for your continued support - Lou and the market vendors!

...from Mandy. I am finally able to resume exercise classes at the Memorial Hall on Thursdays 10 – 11 am. Low impact dance to music with optional toning sticks/dumbbells and a good standing stretch at the end. Contact Mandy 07538 218273 , 01544 387958 or mandysmail@virgin.net for more details.

...from Chilvers Country Supplies. We now have 25kg bags of ESTIMA POTATOES for sale at Chilvers Country Supplies, Presteigne. To enquire, phone Dan on 07798 928909 or call into the shop on the Presteigne bypass

...from Freedom Leisure East Radnor Leisure Centre. The sports hall is finished! It's sparkling! The work carried out has been funded through the Freedom Leisure and Powys County Council partnership. We are now taking bookings for anyone looking to hire the hall - for more information on what you need to do or whats available please contact the centre to discuss on 01544 260302 or email at eastradnor@freedom-leisure.co.uk. Plus - Squash is back! We are happy to announce that we are able to welcome back the hire of our squash courts!

Please be aware we are following COVID 19 rules so please call the centre for more information on 01544 260302

...from MidCounties Co-op. You can receive 10% off every Tuesday if you're over 60 and a member! Offer available in selected stores only (*ed. includes Knighton*). Terms & Conditions apply: www.midcounties.coop

...from Wegnall's Farm Butchery. We are proud to announce that we have just be awarded a Gold Star for our Traditional Pork Sausage from the Great taste awards 2020!!! To celebrate we would like to give you a chance to WIN a £50 voucher to spend on some of our lovely products. All you need to do is got to our FB page and Like - Share - Follow for a chance to WIN!! The winner will be drawn on the 4th of October.

...from Dale at The Royal Oak. In response to yesterday's announcements there will now be a couple of small changes to how we deliver our services from Thursday 24th September. Face masks are not a legal requirement in Wales' pubs yet but staff will be actively wearing a mask when doing table service indoors so please don't be offended when staff are wearing one. We have been doing table service as much as possible but as of tomorrow you will no longer be able to order from the bar, it will be full table service only. Please bear with us during busier periods. Track and trace will still be done once in the premises by old school use of pen and paper but you will now see the new NHS Covid-19 posters dotted around the pub. The QR code on these can be used to check in on the NHS Covid-19 test and trace app. You are actively encouraged to use this app when in hospitality venues in the aid of the NHS. We are now legally obliged to be closed at 10pm. This means doors locked and all customers having left the premises so last orders will be called at 9pm with stop tap by 9.20pm and drink up at 9:45pm. There are large fines if we do not adhere to this. Please do not be offended if we have to ask you to drink up, we do actually enjoy your company. Hopefully the sooner we adhere to these new regulations, the sooner we can get back to normal (whatever that is).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from New Radnor Community Hub - MacMillan Fundraising Day. This Friday 25th September All welcome to drop by. 10am-2pm Outside Esco's village shop, Broad Street - takeaway coffee, tea, bakes and lunch. 2.30-4.30 Cream Teas at The Hub, School Lane, table service. 6.30-10pm PHuB night with grand draw, food auction and bar, table service. Throughout the day there will be a sponsored static bike ride..participants welcome. Covid 19 Welsh Government guidelines will be followed.

...from Katie LeStrange. I have just begun a 1 month long art exhibition (Covid 19 permitting), at the No.46 Winebar in the High Street, Presteigne. Unfortunately due to Corona there will be no Opening Night or Private View...so please feel free to go and check it out at your convenience. 20% profit of any sales will go to the Holding Umbrellas Foundation, who are currently fundraising for Quarantine Centre Food support in Yangon, Myanmar. <https://www.facebook.com/MagicofMandalay/>. <https://magicofmandalay.com>

...from Presteigne Freegle. Freegle has been contacted by the producers of a new TV show to be filmed in Huddersfield and shown on BBC2, see info below for further information. "We are looking for people from all over the UK but will be filming locally in Yorkshire. Have you got an object that you love but never use? Can't face throwing it away? Our new BBC series could transform it into something completely different that you'll actually use. Find out more and apply www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/take-part/saved-remade, tel. 01413 437782 or email transform@redskyproductions.co.uk. Applicants must be aged 18 or over and be a UK resident.

...from Powys Recycles. Small electrical items, such as laptops, cordless power tools, mobiles, toothbrushes, and cameras, can be recycled at our Household Waste Recycling Centres. But, where possible, please remove any batteries first and put these in the containers provided. If you can't take the batteries out, please put the whole item in the battery recycling container. (*ed. as announced in the earlier issue, the WEEE (small electrical items) collecting box has been removed by PCC from the Presteigne Bring Site so the only option is your local HWRC.*)

...from Powys CC. This might be worth a look? 'Me Time' is a chance for unpaid carers to do something for their own enjoyment. These online sessions, funded by the Welsh Government, are a place where carers can get involved in a range of activities that they may not be able to do normally. Find out more here: <https://crowd.in/fvV8BI>

...from Presteigne Freegle. Now in its 17th year, #RecycleWeek 21st to 27th September is a celebration of recycling. See <https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-knowledge/recycle-week-campaign>. This year, the theme will thank the nation for continuing to recycle despite the challenges that COVID-19 has presented, under the banner 'Together - We Recycle'. We want Recycle Week 2020 to recognise the sacrifices that key workers and citizens have made to keep recycling going and create positive change in the world around us. Our recycling and waste key workers have heroically carried on collecting while the world slowed down around them. Recycle Now have a fab postcode search for what you can and cannot #recycle in your local area. Go here <https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-knowledge/recycle-week-campaign> to use it!

...from Powys CC. Keeping Powys warm – ECO3 funding now available. PCC are taking part in ECO3, the nationwide energy saving grant scheme, funded by the Energy Company Obligation (ECO). The grant is designed to assist in the provision of insulation and energy saving heating improvements to households living in fuel poverty across the county. Households eligible for support include private tenants or owner occupiers on low income and/or receiving benefits. Residents interested in applying or looking for more information should contact Warm Wales on 01656 747 622, email information@warmwales.org.uk or visit <https://crowd.in/zXEZVO>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. You can use this card to show that you are exempt from wearing a face covering. This is a personal choice and is not necessary in law. <https://gov.wales/face-covering-exemption-card>

...from Little People's Playgroup. Check out what help you may be able to get for your child. Childcare Calculator: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

LOCAL JOB AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...from The King's House, Pembridge. We are hiring. Looking for someone to help us in our busy restaurant on a Wednesday and Thursday evening and the odd weekends for cover for our great team. Duties will be mainly waiting on tables. Good rates of pay. Own transport is essential. Applicant must be +18. A little experience would be an advantage. Interested? - Please telephone Jan on 01544 388029 in the first instance

...from Powys Wellbeing. Powys Befriending Service currently offers telephone, online, email and letter writing befriending to people over 50 yrs who are lonely or socially isolated. Due to Covid-19, Powys Befriending Service has had a large increase in referrals into the service. We are currently experiencing a shortage of volunteers to undertake telephone befriending. CAN YOU HELP? We are currently recruiting new volunteers to help deliver this service. The commitment is minimal, to make one call per week for up to an hour to a client who has similar interests as yourself. You could make a real difference to a lonely person. To enrol as a volunteer, please call Lesley Austen, 01597 822191 or email pbs@pavo.org.uk. After reference checks you will be matched up to a suitable client to start telephone befriending.

...Reminder from Evenjobb Village Hall Committee. We are looking for a self-employed Café Manager for our new Evenjobb Saturday Café. Working hours 10am-4pm Saturdays only. For job brief, to apply or for more details, email evenjobb@btinternet.com. Closing date Friday 9th October.

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