

Community News

Issue 208 - SEPTEMBER 2020

The Community News is an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group
"Working Together For Our Community"

email news@pacdg.org to contact the Editor

- 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

...from the Welsh Government. The NHS COVID-19 app for England and Wales launched on Thursday. If you want to ...know your risk level ...book COVID tests ...help us keep Wales safe ...please download the #NHSCOV19app today.

App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/nhs-covid-19/id1520427663>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.nhs.covid19.production>

...from Rolly. The Presteigne Repair & Skill Share event went well last Saturday. A good number of varied items were brought in, with the broad expertise & knowledge of the fixers put to good use. The event had a good community feel and the garden venue lent to the general success of the morning. Very many thanks to the team of Repairers, Helpers & Organisers, to those who bought along items, & especially to Martin at the Radnorshire Arms for the use of their outdoor area, very well set up, & just right for our purposes at the present time.

...from the Town Clerk. Latest planning application in: 20/1415/TPO Grid Ref: E: 329473 N: 266616 Proposal: Works to three trees Location: Green Acres, Norton Manor Park, Norton. To be considered at the October meeting of the Town Council

SCAM ALERT

...residents are receiving scam Amazon phone calls. A message says that it's the Amazon Security Dept checking on a large payment for goods, asking you to press 1 to confirm or 2 to cancel the payment. You can report the call by noting the phone number then send details by email to phishing@hmrc.gov.uk giving your phone number, the caller's number, time & date of call, and brief description.

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 Presteigne Local Food Market. Just a reminder about next Saturday's Local food Market 3rd October in the Memorial Hall. 9am-1pm. Look forward to seeing you all. Will update on Stallholders attending nearer the time!

...from Presteigne Repair & Skill Share. Do you need PAT-testing for your home office electrical and IT equipment, or perhaps for a student going off to a uni Hall of Residence. We can do the PAT testing for you. Contact Rolly on rollybea5@gmail.com or 01544 260766.

...message from Powys Library Service: People who need to use the computer at Presteigne Library (including printing, scanning and copying) can now book an appointment for an hour on a Wednesday afternoon, with the workstation cleaned thoroughly after each user. The Order-and-Collect book bag scheme is working well in Presteigne, and the librarian will

shortly be using her excellent knowledge of her readers to make up the packs locally. We envisage that we will keep this service running for some time into the future, for those who are vulnerable and are choosing to continue to isolate for their own safety, and as the situation remains so unpredictable. If there are residents that you think would benefit from using this scheme, but may not be aware, please don't hesitate to let them know about it. Please note: the library is currently closed apart from computer bookings while we make it safe for borrowers, so please call our library line on 01597 827460 or email us on library@powys.gov.uk to order books or make an appointment.

...from No. 46. Hello everyone! So, following the Welsh ministers speech yesterday there are going to be a few changes to the way we do things here at No.46. So I would just like to break these things down to you! It is now table service only, so you are not allowed to order any drinks at the bar. So when you enter No.46, take a seat at a table and we will be with you as soon as possible! Please be patient with us as we are a very small team of staff and will do the best we can to serve you as quickly as we can! Also, the government has now set a 10pm closing time for all bars and pubs in Wales. Therefore on Fridays and Saturdays last orders will need to be in by 9:15pm and we will be asking you to leave before 10pm. (Normal closing hours at 6pm on weekdays) Please don't be offended by this, or take it out on our staff as this decision is unfortunately out of our hands! Obviously we understand these new rules are not ideal and we appreciate all of you guys being patient with us and continuing to support us! Thank you!

...from St. Andrew's. There will be two services in the Presteigne Group of Parishes next Sunday, 27 September (Trinity 16) - 11am Morning Service (Common Worship) in Presteigne, and 6.30pm Harvest Holy Communion (Common Worship) in Discoed. It will be wonderful to gather for the evening service in St Michael's Discoed for the first time since lockdown! As ever, all are welcome at both services, but social distancing measures will be in place, you are asked to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the churches, masks must be worn unless you are exempt, and sadly we cannot sing our much-loved harvest hymns. But we will be singing them in spirit!

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. Need some good news? Our newsletter is out today <https://mailchi.mp/94f8e7cef2f6/these-are-a-few-of-our-favourite-new-things?e=267b90ac27>

...from East Radnor Leisure Centre. Badminton is back. We are kicking off the return of badminton with a great offer! £1 per court - Offer available until 27th September so book in now! Give the centre a call on 01544 260302 to find out the availability and any changes following COVID 19 guidance. Plus, Saturday morning sees the introduction of BODY BLITZ with our new instructor Helen! Come and give it a go @9:15-10am. Call 01544 260302 or message on our FB page to book your place!

...from Helen. New Pilates Class in Presteigne. New Pilates Class in Presteigne at the Assembly Rooms. Come and try my COVID secure and socially distanced pilates for all levels class. You do need to book. Starts next Thursday 1st October 9.30am to 10.30am. More details on my website <https://helenbpilates.com/>. To facilitate simpler payment and keep everything cash and paper free, you will need to use a website called Gymcatch <https://gymcatch.com/>. To book and pay for any class, including my online classes, you will need to go to the website or download the app to your mobile phone or tablet and search for helenbpilates (all one word).

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. Busy week, helped by the lovely weather, not looking so bright for next week so maybe only able to use indoors. See our FB page for Menu for Friday takeaway curry and for the following weeks meals as well. Wednesdays we will be doing a homemade soup and dessert special for £7.50, details to follow.

...from Len at Presteigne Taxi Service. Hi sorry for all the inconvenience, Presteigne Taxi service is back up and running, we are taking bookings so don't hesitate to call us for a quote 07572 112757 - we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your support, Len.

...from The Royal Oak. In the constant cycle of ever changing government guidance, we want to try and keep you all updated as much as possible. You are now required to wear a face

covering whilst you are not seated at a pub in Wales. That means on entry until seated and if you have to go to the toilet etc a face covering is to be worn. Thank you all for your continued support during these testing times. Plus 2 pint takeaway beer containers now available at the Oak. Purchase them for your night in or they can be ordered until stop tap to take home with you once you are finished (takeaway beer must be off the premises by 10pm!). Please abide by current guidelines when drinking at home.

...from Nicky Tranter. All types of tree and hedge work plus stumpgrinding. Please call 07758 180669 or email nickytrantertreecare@mail.com.

...from The Farmers Inn. We've been keeping an eye on the news like the rest of you, so we can run our pub safely and securely for all of us. The Welsh Government have announced that we have to stop serving alcohol at 10pm with a drinking up time of 20mins. We will now be operating table service only which means no one can stand at the bar to order a drink. A member of staff will take your order and serve your drink to the table. Please be patient with our staff. We will be asking you to wear a face mask when moving round the building.... Toilet, smoking. The mask can be taken off when you are seated at your table. We already have a trace and trace system in place this is to keep you and us safe so please continue to do this. This is now Law. We also encourage you to use the NHS Covid-19 App - our QR code is displayed around the building. We are not allowed to book tables of more than 6, tables should be people who are in the same or extended households. Lastly but most importantly we would like to thank you all for your continued support in these difficult times.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Knighton Festival Committee. Due to the current Covid19 situation, we have decided to be brave and provide this year's Knighton Festival: Books, Art and Music as a free on-line event on the 10th, 17th, and 24th October 2020. The festival program with times and booking details will soon be published ... so watch this space and see more detail on our FB page.

...from Powys Teaching Health Board ref Flu vaccination for 50-64 year olds. This year the NHS in Wales will be extending the offer of flu vaccination to those aged 50-64 years of age. Additional vaccine supplies have been ordered for this purpose by the UK Government, but please note that these will not start to arrive in Powys from central stores until late November. Please also be aware that the vaccines will be supplied on a phased basis. What this means is that vaccine is not yet available and, when it is available, it is likely to be administered over a period of weeks and on an age-based approach, i.e. starting with the oldest age groups first. Exact details of how people aged 50-64yrs will be invited for vaccination and where vaccination will take place will be made available nearer the time, but in the meantime, please DO NOT contact your GP for a flu vaccine if you are in this age group as vaccine is not available. This does not apply if you are already eligible for flu vaccination as someone who is in a pre-existing at risk category, and you will be contacted by your GP surgery to arrange vaccination as per usual. More information will be released by Powys Teaching Health Board via social media, the Health Board website, and your GP website about vaccination for 50-64yr olds in the next few weeks as arrangements are confirmed.

...from Powys CC. 15-Minute Heritage Grants from National Lottery Heritage Fund. Grants of between £3,000 - £10,000 for projects based in Wales that will encourage engagement with their local heritage - projects delivered in Wales only - open for applications until 14 October 2020 - projects must be delivered by 31 March 2021. Find out more here <https://rb.gy/yy5u4n>

...from the Welsh Government. Do you own a business? Displaying a QR code will allow customers to check in to your venue easily and securely through the NHS COVID-19 app. Download yours to #KeepWalesSafe <https://www.gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster>

...from Presteigne Fire Brigade. Presteigne's firefighters are teaming up with colleagues from Knighton and Kington stations for a 24-hour fitness marathon that will take place on Friday, 2-Saturday, 3 October. It's in support of the Firefighters Charity - can you help out with a bit of

sponsorship? Sponsorship forms at Carini's and the Bowls Social Club, or any firefighter will take donation, or use justgiving.com (Douglas Preece Firefighters 24 hour relay)

...from the DVLA. If your photocard driving licence or your entitlement to drive expires between 1 February and 31 December 2020 it will be automatically extended for 11 months from the expiry date. We'll send a reminder when you need to renew. For more info: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dvla-coronavirus-covid-19-update#renewing-a-driving-licence>

LOCAL JOB AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

...from Sidney Nolan Trust: We are looking for a dynamic and ambitious new Director to lead our team. This role requires an inspiring leader, responsible for the creative, financial, and public-facing success of the Trust. Further information at sidneynolantrust.org/vacancies or email richard.catt@btinternet.com.

...from Powys CC. Domiciliary Care Assistant / Home Care Assistant. 25 hours, Fixed term for 6 months. North, Mid and South Powys. Closing date - 30/09/2020. For more information and to apply visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

...from ERDC Home Support. Job Vacancy: Home Support Co-Ordinator. An exciting opportunity has arisen at East Radnor Home Support. We are looking to recruit a motivated individual to the post of Home Support Co-Ordinator. Based in Presteigne but covering Presteigne, Knighton and the surrounding villages; Home Support offers low level practical support to the over 50's. We are not a care agency however a background in care or working within a care environment will enhance your knowledge of the role. We also offer a 24hr rapid response to emergency calls via Care Line, through an on-call rota. Duties will include supervising a small team of staff, writing care plans, risk assessments, policies and general admin as well as some hands-on support. Knowledge of CIW regulations are desirable but not essential as training will be given. Hours of work are Monday to Friday 9am-4pm with on call duties, to be discussed at interview. A full driving licence is essential, access to Home Support vehicle is available during working hours. Remuneration dependent upon skills, qualifications, and experience. Post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. You will be supported by the Chief Officer, but this is an exciting time to join the charity as we are looking to expand and enhance the service. Please contact Beverley Baynham on 01544 260267 or beverley.baynham@eastradnor.care for further information and to request a job application pack. Closing date for applications: Friday 9th October 2020

...from Omni-RMS. We're looking for experienced an experienced Site Supervisor who is looking to further their career by joining our Hazardous Materials company at our Depot in Presteigne. Reporting to the Defford Site Manager, you will be responsible for Supervising a Liquefied Petroleum Gas Bulk storage and distribution site, delivering safety and compliance, and effectively supervising all aspects relating to people, assets, processes and performance associated with the site. Salary - £28,000 to £29,500 (depending on experience). Working Hours - Monday to Friday (Flexibility around start and finish times and weekend working). Apply <https://www.cv-library.co.uk/job/212494499/Depot-Supervisor>

...from Powys Citizens Advice. We have six volunteer opportunities based throughout Powys. Interested in this opportunity ? Would you like to help local people access the support and advice they need ? then register on <https://powys.volunteering-wales.net> and search for 'Citizens Advice volunteers across Powys'

...from Powys CC. Interested in adopting ? The next online information evening will take place on Thursday 15th October at 6:30pm. Please register to get the link to join this informal session <https://bit.ly/2EmhCo9>.

PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group... "Working together for the Community"

You are receiving this email because you asked to receive the Community News & be kept informed about

PACDG activities. If at any time you decide not to receive further PACDG emails, contact us on

news@pacdg.org with REMOVE in the subject line & we'll immediately take you off the mailing list.