

# Community News

## Issue 214 - OCTOBER 2020 ...a bumper issue today because of the Welsh 'firebreak' !

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)**

### **A new Test and Trace Support Payment will be available shortly in both England & Wales.**

There is now a legal duty to self-isolate in place from 28 September 2020 if you test positive for coronavirus or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace, with fines for breaches. In response to concerns that people were struggling to self-isolate due to financial constraints, a £500 lump sum support payment will be made available for people on low incomes who cannot work from home and have lost income as a result of self-isolating. The scheme will apply to people notified to self-isolate on or after 28 September, not before that date. Local authorities will be making the payments. Local authorities should have the schemes in place by 12 October. If you are told to self-isolate before then (from the 28 September) you will receive backdated payments, if you are eligible, once the scheme is set up in your local authority.

The criteria for self-isolation payment is:

- have been instructed to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because you have tested positive or are in close contact with a positive case
- are employed or self-employed
- are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result
- are currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit (WTC), income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit

People in the same household can each make an individual application to receive the payment, if you each meet the criteria. The Wales First Minister has said that in addition to providing a £500 payment to support people on low incomes, they will make a change to Welsh law to stop employers from making it difficult for employees to self-isolate when they need to do so.

For Herefordshire residents, you can see more info & how to apply on <http://orlo.uk/deXs6>

**UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET** (further lockdown imminent so things are still fluid with local businesses - best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

**...from David at Presteigne Bowls Club.** The news has been confirmed and it's incredibly hard but the Social Club will now be shut again for the required two weeks from Friday.

**...from Marion at The Retreat.** We will be closed for 2 weeks from 6pm this Friday in accordance with the Welsh Government's Coronavirus circuit break. Marian will be in touch to rearrange the appointments during this lockdown period. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

**...from David at The Judge's Lodging.** Opening hours this week are Wednesday-Friday 10.30am - 4.30pm. Please do come and visit as we have had to bring forward our winter closing to this Friday due to the Lockdown in Wales. Our Halloween Ghost hunt is ready to welcome you and don't forget it's FREE ENTRY to residents of LD8 postcode. May we take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting the Museum during our autumn opening

especially to the museum's Volunteers who have kept our visitors and staff safe under difficult times. It's not our last opening of the year though - we look forward to welcoming you all back to the museum at the end of November for two long weekends of 'art@TheLodging' - a grand exhibition and sale from 24 artists (including our previous artists in residence Simon Dorrell and Matthew Wood). The exhibition covers all three floors of the museum and runs Friday-Sunday, 27th Nov - 6th Dec. See you soon, Diolch The JL team.

**...from Leon's Supper Club.** HALLOWEEN NIGHTS. Due to the recent announcement by the Welsh government regarding the lockdown, unfortunately we have to cancel. So sorry! BUT... please order now for Halloween Night #2 on the evenings of 13th and 14th November. Ring 01544 267720 or email [thesaltydogpresteigne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thesaltydogpresteigne@hotmail.co.uk)

**...from the East Radnor Leisure Centre.** The announcement made by the First Minister of Wales at lunchtime today, means we are once again having to close our leisure facilities from 6pm on Friday 23rd October. We will reopen on Monday 9th November when we look forward to welcoming everybody back. We would like to reassure all our members and those customers who have bookings in place over this period that you will not be financially disadvantaged by this short closure. Please bear with us while we work through what needs to happen and we will be providing more information on how this will be managed shortly.

**...from Ian, Presteigne's Barber.** With the fire break beginning on Friday I will be contacting anyone booked in after that to rearrange for when I can start back. I've a few spaces left for this Thursday and Friday if you are in need of a cut. Stay safe everyone follow the rules and see you soon.

**...from Weobley Ash.** Remember we have a great pumpkin competition for the kids. Best 3 carved and most creative will be drawn to have them displayed in store on the 31st and 3 hampers are to be won. Simply purchase from the store or outside the store and post pictures on our Facebook thread. Good Luck.

**...from Catherine in Norton.** At St. Andrews, Norton (in the porch). Bulbs, plants, fruit, preserves. Please come and browse. Donations gratefully received - proceeds to Norton Community Trust. If you have any preserves, plants to be lifted and separated or excess produce we would welcome your donations - thank you. Also magazine and book 'swap'. Thanking all who have already left donations.

**...from Sharon at PNCS.** Our shop and Warehouse will close on Friday afternoon 23rd October and re-open on Monday 9th November. Community Transport will continue through lockdown, telephone calls only to 01544 267961 - messages can be left on the answer machine. We have a limited amount of volunteer drivers so please give us as much notice as possible. Many thanks, Sharon Jones, General Manager

**...from Chilvers Country Store, Presteigne.** We will remain OPEN throughout the 2 week Wales lockdown, but face coverings and social distancing must be adhered to. We will once again be offering a delivery service on all our goods. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and wish you and your families all the best over the next few weeks. Thank you, Team Chilvers. Dan 07798928909, Andy 07791096941, Emma (Presteigne) 07837166896, Tess 079741293

**...from PBS.** Coronavirus Update. Due to the Welsh government lockdown we will be open to TRADE ACCOUNT HOLDERS ONLY for essential items from Saturday 24th of October until Monday 9th of November. Sorry for the inconvenience. Stay safe

**...from David at the Victoria Fish Bar.** We will remain open during the 2 week lockdown in Wales. Opening hours Thursday to Saturday - 12-2 & 5-9, Sunday - 5-9. If you would like to phone your order through first our number is 01544 260565. Thank you to all our customers who have supported us during these tough times

**...from Deb in Norton.** Due to the latest announcement by the Welsh Government the Norton pumpkin carving competition will still go ahead. The Witches will be able to fly as it is essential

work that can not be done from home. Place your pumpkins in a place they can be viewed from safely at 6pm on October 31st. Open to all age groups. If you live out of the village & would like to take part. Drop me a message.

**...from Arrowfield Vets.** Following yesterday's 'firebreak' announcement we would like to reassure our Welsh clients that we are still here for you but under altered conditions from 6pm Friday 23rd October. Emergency 24 hour care continues unchanged from Kington. For non-urgent cases appointments can be made for telephone consultations. Please also make use of email [admin@arrowfieldvets.co.uk](mailto:admin@arrowfieldvets.co.uk) to send pictures and videos for these as necessary. If as a result of the telephone consultation it is deemed in the best welfare of your pet to be seen, then an appointment will be made for this at Kington. Prescriptions can be dispensed to collect from our Presteigne branch (during more limited hours) to minimise unnecessary travel, or alternatively these can be posted to you. Vaccinations: For Dogs and Cats: derogation has been given from the pharmaceutical companies to delay booster vaccinations for up to 3 months without needing to re-start a course, so these should all be able to be caught up with after the lockdown.

For our farming clients, essential work continues as usual! Once again, thank you all for your continued support and patience in these unprecedented times. Team AVP

**...from G&A Catering.** Over lockdown we are going to try new opening times. From Monday 26th - Friday 6th Nov we will be open 8am - 6pm. (Pre orders can be made earlier as and when required). We have a fabulous new childrens menu served through half term (Wed 21st - Fri 30th) available ALL DAY. We also have some super sharing boxes served from Mon 26th - Fri 6th from 3pm - 6pm!! And finally our next Specials night will be Monday 9th November!! Keep an eye out for the menu!

**...from Radnorshire Arms.** As most of you have most likely heard already, Hotels, Bars and Restaurants have to close in Wales for two weeks. This means, Friday 23rd October at 18:00pm, we will be closing for two weeks. Lets hope everyone stays safe! Please call The Radnorshire Arms Hotel at any point if need be :)

**...from The Farmers Inn.** We will close on Friday 23rd October at 6pm and re-open on Monday 9th November. Thank you to all our customers for your continued support.

**...from Helen at The Hat Shop.** During the next two week lock down, I will still be providing take out meals for the community care (Day Centre) to deliver. I also deliver to a couple of other vulnerable people within walking distance of the restaurant. I will be there Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday if anyone wants this service. I charge £6.50 for a two course meal which I deliver or they can go through Community Care at the Day Centre via Bev Baynam.

**...from Carini Butchers.** The shop will remain open as normal during the next fortnight and, as for the previous lockdown we will be operating a call-and-collect service on 01544 260026, and we can also do local deliveries for vulnerable and shielding customers.

**...from Bennetts Electrical.** The shop itself will be closed for the period of the firebreak but we can take orders for key products by phone 01544 267477 or by email to [nwyllellwop@gmail.com](mailto:nwyllellwop@gmail.com).

**...from Lorna's Sandwich Shop.** We will remain open as normal over the next two weeks, Monday to Friday 8am to 2pm. If you'd like to call-and-collect please ring 01544 26272. Jacket Potato available everyday with fillings of your choice. Perfect on a cold wet day. See our FB page.

**...from Deli Tinto.** We will be open normal hours over the firebreak fortnight. If you need to call-and-collect rather than coming into the shop you can do so on 01544 260534. We may also be able to deliver locally to vulnerable customers.

**...from The Salty Dog.** We will be open as usual Monday through Saturday over the next two weeks. If you are reluctant to come into the shop, you can order & collect by ringing the shop 01544 267720. We can also deliver locally to vulnerable customers. Don't forget, you can still

order lovely ready meals from Leon's Food to Go - see our FB page or visit the website [www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com](http://www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com) for details. Choose your dishes from the menu and submit your online order on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday by 5pm. You can collect and pay for your food between 9am and 4pm on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday from the shop.

**...from Lesley at Rose Cottage Flowers & Café.** The shop and cafe will be closed from Friday evening until Tuesday 10th November. I am available for any catering requirements if anyone requires takeaway afternoon teas, and will be putting out a menu for both the Fridays that we are shut. There will be no flowers available during this time. Thanks to all our customers for your continuing support over these difficult times.

**...from Claire & Richard at No.7.** Good morning!! It has been so wonderful working from Number 7 this month, thank you everyone! Due to the 2 week firebreak lockdown in Wales, running from Fri 23rd Oct to Mon 9th Nov I will temporarily be unable to practice Massage, and will be very happy to begin again on Mon 9th Nov! During this time if anyone would like to contact for info/advice please call Claire Williams on 07969569140 or 01544267172 thank you. Very fortunately Richard Hughes is able to continue with his Osteopathic Practice at Number 7, and can be contacted on 07961352056. He practices osteopathic medicine (including cranio-sacral work) treating musculo-skeletal conditions, sporting injuries, stress-related issues. Please feel free to call Richard to discuss. Take care.

**...from Andy at Courtyard Antiques.** Back in the shop Wednesday and Friday 10am till 4pm.....then it be the LOCKDOWN in Wales for two weeks ....

**...from Rhiannon at Presteigne Library.** The library will be shut from the 23rd to the 9th of November in accordance with directives from the Welsh Government, so during this time the Order and Collect service will not operate. You will be able to pick up books again from the 11th of November, so get your orders in before that date! During lockdown you can borrow ebooks and e-audio books as usual through our app, Borrowbox, including the pick for Powys' first online book club "Skinful of Shadows" by Frances Hardinge. For more info see Powys Remote Readers on Facebook.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION**

**...from Presteigne Carnival. Advance notice...**This Christmas we will be holding a "Presteigne's Best Dressed Christmas House Competition (outside only). In the poetic words of our Chair, Debbie: *Christmas time is coming....And in these times of gloom....We've decided to add some sparkle....In a meeting we had on Zoom!....Dress up your house for Christmas ....We really don't mind how....Christmas lights, bunting, baubles....Make your decorations wow!....Bring some cheer to Presteigne....Brighten up your street....Put a smile on people's faces....Go on, give us a treat!* Free entry - donations to a local charity of your choice if desired. Entries to be made either through Messenger on Carnival FB page or by ringing [07766152000](tel:07766152000). 1st Prize - Christmas Hamper. Entries will be judged on Sunday, 20th December. We'll be publishing a map of entries in the week leading up to judging so that people can walk around and view. So what are you waiting for? Start planning and shopping for your Xmas lights, animated snowman, flashing Rudolph and twinkly trees !!!

**...from Powys Recycling.** All household waste and recycling centres will be closed for the duration of the Welsh Government fire-break lockdown, from Saturday 24 October 2020. The kerbside waste and recycling collection service will continue as normal. The recycling centres will reopen in accordance with coronavirus regulations from Monday 9 November. Please check online for opening days and times: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/725/Household-Waste-Recycling-Centres>. While all of the sites will be open to the public as usual this week, they are likely to be very busy and there may be increased queues. Please only visit if it is essential.

**...from the Welsh Government.** We're giving businesses almost £300m under our Economic Resilience Fund to help them through the firebreak period. We want to get this support to

businesses fast – funds open next week and we'll get the money allocated as soon as possible. Keep an eye on our FB page for updates (*ed. I'll include updates here as well*)

**...from the Family Information Service.** Childcare and Coronavirus Circuit Break: Children can continue to access their usual childcare provider, and you can travel to provide, access or receive childcare. All childcare providers, including Flying Start childcare, can remain open and offer their normal services, including provision through the half term holidays. This includes childcare providers operating from community centres, places of worship and school sites. Nannies can also continue to provide childcare. See 'Education and Childcare' [https://gov.wales/coronavirus-circuit-break-frequently-asked-questions?\\_ga=2.184348262.1986560854.1603110299-1908425565.1603110299#section-53257](https://gov.wales/coronavirus-circuit-break-frequently-asked-questions?_ga=2.184348262.1986560854.1603110299-1908425565.1603110299#section-53257)

**...from Powys CC.** Businesses reminded to apply for 'pavement licences' where needed. Many businesses within the county have already seen the benefits of social distancing measures introduced into town centres, to allow them to trade whilst keeping both their staff and customers safe. However, they are reminded that they must apply for a 'pavement licence' to utilise the space on the pavements and other public areas. Each application will be assessed and consulted on its own merits. Businesses must demonstrate that they can operate within social distancing regulations and highway rules to ensure the safety of customers and other members of the public. For more details or to apply for a pavement licence, please visit: <https://crowd.in/fGhDN9>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Your healthcare appointments in Powys during the national firebreak from 23 October 2020 to 9 November 2020. Hospital outpatient appointments, planned procedures and primary care appointments (including flu clinics) will continue as scheduled in Powys during the firebreak. If you have a hospital appointment, planned procedure or primary care appointment, please attend as planned as long as you do not have COVID symptoms. If you have any queries or concerns about attending your appointment, please contact the relevant service using the number on your appointment letter. Women will continue to be able to bring their partner or nominated other to support them when they are undergoing their scheduled anomaly scan (20 weeks scan) and during active labour. In an emergency, if you have urgent care needs that won't wait but are NOT 999 emergencies, please use the online symptom checker <https://111.wales.nhs.uk/SelfAssessments/> or dial 111 for NHS 111 Wales for health advice and support. The number is free to call 24/7.

**...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup.** Parents/ carers - Estyn is seeking your views from you and your child/ children about education since term began. They are preparing a national evaluation for the Minister for Education about local and regional support in education during the pandemic, and helping to share effective practice. They will also identify what could be done differently. Share your thoughts on wellbeing, safety, communication and more in their short anonymous survey [www.estyn.gov.wales/inspection-feedback/survey](http://www.estyn.gov.wales/inspection-feedback/survey).

## LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**...from PAVO / Home Start.** Home-Start Cymru is looking for a Family Co-ordinator, working with an established Scheme Manager. Salary: £21,589 pro rata (NJC points 12). 25 hours/pw. <http://bit.ly/HomeStartEng>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** We have an exciting opportunity for an experienced, highly motivated and enthusiastic Lead Digital Facilitator (Band 6) to join the Pain and Fatigue Management Team. Band: 6. Location: Powys. Closing Date: 29/10/20. [https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Bronllys/Powys Teaching Health Board/Information Systems Projects Administration/Information Systems Projects Administration-v2670071?ts=26](https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Bronllys/Powys%20Teaching%20Health%20Board/Information%20Systems%20Projects%20Administration/Information%20Systems%20Projects%20Administration-v2670071?ts=26)

**...from Oakchurch.** We're looking for a deli assistant to join our busy farm shop (part-time permanent position - 23 hours per week). The role will include, but not limited to, cutting and displaying cheeses, cooking breads, making sandwiches and assisting in the production of our award winning ice cream. An interest in food would be advantageous, no experience is

needed for this rewarding role as full training will be given. Hours of work will be Friday and Saturday 9am to 5:30pm and Sunday 9.30am to 4.30pm. An additional day a week is required during peak times or to cover holidays. Application deadline: Mon 26th October 2020. Email your CV to [nick@oakchurch.net](mailto:nick@oakchurch.net) or drop it in at Oakchurch marked f.a.o. Nick Price.

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