

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

DON'T FORGET THAT THE CLOCKS CHANGE THIS WEEKEND...

...a reminder from the Welsh Government. Remember, from 6pm on Friday, the 17-day national firebreak lockdown will come into effect across Wales. During this time, we will all need to follow these rules → Stay home → Only go out for food, education, care, health, work or exercise → You must not meet people you do not live with either indoors or outdoors, including in gardens. ***There are exceptions for people who live alone.** You can find answers to many of your questions here <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-firebreak-frequently-asked-questions>

...from Lynne. "The Memorial Hall car park will be closed for a few days from Monday 26th October for essential drainage work. Hopefully, this will get rid of the huge puddle near the entrance, that always appears after it has rained. Sorry for any inconvenience."

...from Reverend Stephen Hollinghurst about the closure of St Andrew's, Presteigne and St Michael's, Discoed. "Sadly, I have to confirm that we are not allowed to hold Sunday Services in, or to open the churches for private prayer or to visitors until November 9th. This means that the All Souls Memorial Service and the Remembrance Sunday Service (as well as this Sunday's Morning Service) are cancelled." (*ed. watch this space for news on what will be happening, or not, on Remembrance Sunday in Presteigne*)

...from Deb in Norton. It has been confirmed that on Sunday 8th November 2020 there will be a small act of remembrance at the War Memorial in Norton, to keep within current guideline it is requested that all who wish to attend wear a face covering and maintain the <-> 2m <-> gap

...from the Editor of the Parish Magazine. The Parish Magazine is produced by loyal volunteers and many contributors for St Andrew's Parish Church for subscribers either side of the border including Discoed as well as those in Kinsham, Lingen and Knill. However it can neither be published nor delivered to subscribers during a lockdown. Just as issues were available from April to July, an ONLINE version of the November Issue will be available towards the end of October, COMPLETELY FREE. It is intended to continue this arrangement during any local lockdown to keep people in touch as much as possible not only with their Parish Churches but also local groups, local tradespeople who advertise, etc. If you or anyone you know would normally have a copy delivered, or if you don't subscribe but would like an online Parish Magazine, then simply email standrewsintray@btinternet.com with your name and email address to be added to the Parish Magazine circulation list (naturally, personal information will be used for no other purpose.)

...from the Town Clerk. Latest planning application in: 20/1600/FUL Grid Reference: E:330649 N: 266627 Proposal: Enhancement of the existing vehicle access to include a hardstanding splayed access with associated gates, access track widening and landscaping works Site

Address: Norton Wastewater Treatment Works, Norton, Presteigne. To be considered at the November meeting of the Town Council.

SOME INFORMATION FROM THE RECENT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING... (the Minutes of the Meeting will be posted on the Town website in due course)

Remembrance Sunday: Small gathering in Norton at the war memorial. Information is awaited on Presteigne.

Future of Knighton Hospital: Assistance to be sought from MP, Fay Jones. Powys is actively trying to recruit staff nurses so they can reopen ward/s.

Norton Community Trust: £2000 to be allocated.

Youth Club. Council ready to give a grant to help out if they can find the necessary directors.

Wilson Terrace. Play Area: Zipwire to be extended to 21m long.

Tree works on Norton Manor: general objections raised with regard to loss of screening of the site.

Judges Lodging: unanimous support for plans to create 2 rented holiday flats, a café and disabled facilities.

Active travel – Signs re cycling on the route are on order. Nothing further to report on PCC's one-way plan for Hereford Street.

COVID update for the High Street. TC to arrange a meeting with High Street businesses to consider the shared use of the street – tables, chairs, canopies etc.

SCAM ALERT

...from Dyfed Powys Police. We've been made aware of calls being made by people claiming to offer a telecare service with six months free if you provide your bank details up front. We believe that this is a scam, replicating the genuine service offered by Delta Wellbeing. We know that a lady who received a call, asked a few questions of the person calling... and they hung up! Ask questions. And if in doubt, keep asking questions or hang-up. They are calling you. You have the power to end the call if you questions what they are offering. Don't provide any bank details or part with any other personal information if you have any doubt at all about the motives of the caller. PLEASE SHARE this message with those you care about, and help us keep them safe.

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

...from Presteigne Tyres Ltd. Hi Everyone, we will remain OPEN during the next two weeks Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. We are COVID compliant and are taking the necessary safety precautions and will be here to fulfil current bookings and new emergencies, however if you wish to discuss or re-arrange your booking contact us on 01544 267240. Please remember that any MOT TEST due in this next fortnight should be done as there has been no extensions granted this time! Thank you all for your support, stay safe. Nigel & Jackie

...from Dani at Daphne's. Here is the way we will operate for the time being. Take Away ONLY, serving from the stable door on the High Street. We cook from 5-9pm Thursday - Saturday and 5-8pm on sundays. To order call 07377909216 FROM 4PM on days we are open. We will be offering pizzas, salad, ice cream and bottles of beer, cider, wine and apple juice for take away. The menu can be seen in the window of the shop or online. Card payment preferred please.

...from the Radnorshire Arms. Through the two week 'fire-break', we will be offering a takeaway service COLLECTION ONLY on food and drinks. Orders have to be through the phone 01544 267406. See our FB page when we finalise what we can do as takeaway. Fish and chips, chicken or veg curries will definitely be on the takeaway menu. Lets hope this is only for two weeks. God bless!

...from Elda at the Coffee House. I'm afraid we will be closing The Coffee House until Monday 9th November due to the lockdown in Wales, we hope you all stay safe and hope to see you when we reopen in 2 and a half weeks.

...from Presteigne Gates. To All Our Customers. Presteigne Gates will remain open over the next two weeks! We are just over the border in Herefordshire, England so there is no need to close. We would like to remind you all that when coming to the yard that you must wear face coverings and keep your distance. Thank you

...from The Royal Oak. For those on our bonus ball list it will be stopped at last Saturday and be restarted the Saturday after we re open. The meat raffle will also not be held this week and tickets already purchased will be kept in the draw for our first Sunday back. Meanwhile...Happy Lockdown Part Two. The Oaks doors are now closed again until Monday 9th November. Our social media will now be turned off until early next week to take a break from reality. We will get back to any queries then and give an update with regards to if we are able to offer any takeaways during our lockdown. Thank you all for your continued support, it's greatly appreciated. Take care and stay safe! See you all again soon.

...from Weobley Ash. We have RC SWIFT BAKERS bread in upto 6 days a week. Please ring through your orders and we can have in for the next day. ALSO GLUTEN FREE BREAD, please order 2 days in advance. Tuns, loafs, sticks, rolls the range is vast. Free local delivery during the next 2 weeks, simply email shop@weobleyash.co.uk or call 01544 598120 to order and pay over the phone, delivery normally next day. Shall deliver to the wider area at cost. ALSO we will now be open on Mondays starting tomorrow until after Christmas. 9-4 6 days a week.

...from GA Catering. You ask, you get...We will now be delivering FREE of charge (Presteigne only) throughout Covid lockdown. Being added to the menu from Monday is.... Vegetarian Burger, Vegetarian Sausage, Onion rings. That's Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm & Saturdays 8am - 3pm

...from The Judge's Lodging. Lockdown Bear is back! Do give him a wave when you walk past us! Stay safe everyone.

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. See our FB page for the takeaway menus for the next two weeks while we are closed. Don't forget afternoon tea and trays of main meals are available to order, just let me know. Look after yourselves

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Cath at Walton Village Hall. The next book and jigsaw swap at Walton Hall will be on Wednesday 11th November from 10.30am until noon. Bring items to exchange, or take some away for a donation to the hall. Many thanks, Cath

...from Sharon at PNCS. Please support our Xmas Raffle fundraiser. The prizes will be displayed in the office window from Monday 9th November. Tickets will be available to buy from The Warehouse, The Charity Shop and The Office from Monday 9th November. Thank you for your continued support in these difficult times. Covid guidelines will apply.

...from Powys Health Teaching Board. Changes to Drive Through Testing Facilities in Mid and South Powys. To support our COVID-19 testing programme across the county, the drive through testing facility has relocated from the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells to Brecon from Monday 26 October. Located at The Watton Car Park, Brecon, Powys, LD3 7EE, the unit will be open daily from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Testing is by appointment only. Appointments can be booked online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by phone on 119.m Find out more: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/changes-to-drive-through-testing-facilities-in-mid-and-south-powys/>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Maternity appointments, GP appointments (including flu), Therapies and Health Science services (Audiology, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry Speech and Language Therapy and Radiography) appointments (virtual or face to face) are continuing as scheduled in Powys during the firebreak taking place from 23 October to 9 November. If you have a face to face appointment, please attend as planned as long as you do not have COVID symptoms.

...from Powys CC. Halloween under the circuit break will be a lot different this year but Powys residents are still urged to make sure their leftover pumpkins don't meet a frightening end by being chucked away with the rest of the rubbish. Across the country, 25% of all pumpkins bought at Halloween are thrown out with the normal household rubbish. That means a whopping 18,000 tonnes of pumpkin ends up in the bin. That would be enough for everyone in the UK to enjoy a tasty bowl of pumpkin soup. Closer to home, spooky Powys residents will go through around 15,000 pumpkins this Halloween, creating around 75 tonnes of extra food waste in the process. What is most terrifying, is that most of this will only be used for decoration and won't even be eaten. The council's recycling teams would like to remind us all as well as using the shells for carving, they can also make use of the insides of the pumpkins to make many delicious recipes such as pumpkin soup, pumpkin tart or even pumpkin lasagne. The seeds can even be baked for a delicious snack. You'll find loads of recipe ideas on the Love Food Hate Waste website: <https://crowd.in/UtpEoj>. Any bits of the pumpkin that aren't used, including the shell, can then simply be recycled by using the weekly household food waste collection service. Not only will this stop food waste going into landfill, it can create green energy and produce an environmentally-sustainable fertiliser to help Welsh farmers grow more. Some of the pumpkins can be quite large, so leaving it alongside the food caddy is just fine. They'll be picked up sent off for recycling with the rest of the county's food waste.

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...from Presteigne Freegle. The humble tin can, can be #upcycled into fab #halloween decorations. Here's some ideas that are easy to make with the kids during half-term <http://ow.ly/2gtb30pKNsl> via @upcycledworld

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. As we're heading into half term, a lot of families in Wales will be resting easy knowing that the Welsh Government is providing councils with the funds to continue free school meal provision. But less than half of kids in poverty qualify for free school meals, and hardship and food insecurity are affecting many more people during the pandemic. If you are completely broke and have no food YOU DO NOT NEED TO GO TO THE FOOD BANK. There is a specific scheme in Wales, called the Discretionary Assistance Fund, that can make a quick, non-repayable grant to people who are experiencing an emergency because they have run out of money. The Welsh Government want you to use it instead of using foodbanks. The foodbanks want you to use it instead of using foodbanks. You can get a payment to help pay for essential costs, such as food, gas, electricity or clothing for yourself or your children. You can apply for a grant if you: - have lost your job - have had a flood or fire in your home - have applied for benefits and are waiting for your first payment - are experiencing financial hardship. You do not have to pay the money back. If you or anyone you know needs help now, please apply here <https://gov.wales/discretionary-assistance-fund-daf>.

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Kington Co-op. We are recruiting for part time colleagues in Kington Co-op. Please visit jobs.coop.co.uk for details and to apply. No applications can be processed in store.

...from Powys CC/WeCareWales. Thinking about a career in care. Why not try 'A Question of Care' interactive video challenge to see what a career in care is like? At the end you'll receive a detailed personal profile that tells you if you've got what it takes. www.aquestionofcare.org.uk/

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