

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

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 Weobley Ash. Our Christmas Savers Club is running to help spread the cost. Simple to set up and pay weekly, forms in store and on our website www.weobleyash.co.uk. And a reminder...Spooky!!! Halloween special !!! Mums and Dads this is the last week and chance to enter our great pumpkin competition for the kids. Best 3 carved and most creative will be drawn to have them displayed in store on the 31st - 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 No. 46. So we have decided to do takeaway this Friday and Saturday between 4pm & 8pm! We have reduced the menu for takeaways to make it easier! See our FB page. Orders will be taken through the phone on 01544 598 291 and we will be answering from 3pm onwards! You will not be permitted to enter the premises, so collection will be through the back door! (Entrance through the side gate). We are super excited to serve you all again! See you all soon.

...from The Radnorshire Arms. Over the 2 weeks Lockdown, we are offering a Takeaway Menu see our FB page. Please pay by contactless card, order over the phone 01544 267406.

...from The Hub, New Radnor. Great news...the Radnor Valley Amenity and Recreation Centre (that is the Old School Building...the Hub) has been chosen to be one of three local community organisations to receive donations from Kington Co-op loyalty card scheme. The money will be spent to improve disabled access, lighting & other improvements. Use your card to nominate us...there is a Co-op app which is simple to use, and we will start to earn money straight away.

...from Rhiannon at Presteigne Library. The library will be closed during lockdown, and we ask that you please keep your books at home for the moment. All books are being automatically renewed, so there's no need to worry about fines! You can still access ancestry.com via the library website, and borrow e books and e-audio books! The first pick up day for Order & Collect books will be Wednesday the 11th of November, so get your orders in before then!

...from Chilvers Country Supplies. **Like, Share & Tag a Friend competition**As we weren't able to have an official open day here at Chilvers Country Supplies, Presteigne, we've decided to celebrate by running a very exciting 'Like, Share & Comment' competition as our way of saying thank you for all of the support we have received throughout these tough times! There will be 6 categories altogether and you can enter a MAXIMUM of 3. See our FB page for details, prizes and how to enter. You must enter by Thursday 5th November as the winners will be chosen and results posted on Friday 6th November. Good luck!!

...from Lockdown Dhaba. Our next delivery weekend will be Saturday 14th November which is Diwali! The festival of light. See our FB page for our Vegetarian and Vegan menus, they are a

bit different this time – 8 courses including samosas and masala chai, chaat, main, side, rice and bread, dessert and Indian sweets. Along with your meals you will also receive a Diwali lamp – called a diya – along with a tea light and sparkler so you can celebrate the festival of lights in sparkling style. Any questions please let us know! Take care, Pip and Gurd
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...from The Stag Inn. CHRISTMAS AT HOME. We're fully booked for lunch on Christmas Day, but now you can have the full Stag experience at home. We're offering a three course menu for you to collect on Christmas morning. Everything will be ready prepared and simple reheating instructions will be provided, making your day as relaxing as possible. Order yours here: <https://www.thestagg.co.uk/product/christmas-lunch-at-home/>. We will only have a limited number of meals available, so order early to avoid disappointment

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Stephen, the Rector of St. Andrew's, Presteigne. Sadly, we are not allowed to hold our Remembrance Sunday Service in St Andrew's Church in Presteigne this year due to the Welsh Lockdown. This is entirely beyond our control and I am deeply saddened and disappointed that this important event in the life of our community may not take place this year. There *will* be a Wreath-Laying Ceremony with a Short Service of Remembrance at the Presteigne War Memorial on Sunday November 8th, **but attendance at this is strictly limited** in accordance with Welsh Government Covid restrictions. The small number of people we are allowed to have at the Ceremony means that attendance must be limited to Officials of the Presteigne Branch of the Royal British Legion and those laying wreaths. **Members of the public are asked to remain at home** to mark this solemn occasion either by keeping the Two-Minute Silence at 11am on your doorstep or by watching the National Remembrance Day Ceremony from the London Cenotaph on the television. But even though we may not mark Remembrance in the usual way this year, please don't forget to support the vital work of the Royal British Legion by buying a poppy.

...from Knighton Royal British Legion ref 2020 Remembrance Sunday and Poppy Appeal. Poppies and Crosses are available at The Banc, Costcutters, JDs Cafe, Black Sheep Cafe and Clock Tower Tea Shop in Prince and Pughs. On Remembrance Sunday there will be no Parade or Standards only a much reduced 11am ceremony to comply with Welsh Government rules and Royal British Legion guidelines. There will be a two minute silence preceded by the Legion Exhortation and followed by the Kohima prayer. The wreaths will be then be laid in the order called by the Parade Marshal. Organisations laying Wreaths are asked to have only the minimum number of members attending the ceremony. All those attending are asked to observe social distancing rules and, if possible, to wear masks. The Local Branch of the RBL appreciate that this much reduced Ceremony will be disappointing to many but hope that this limited Act of Remembrance will still honour the memory of those who served.

...from John Kendall. PUTIN'S RUSSIA. John went on a most unusual trip to Russia with a company called Political Tours. He made a presentation about the trip in 2019 which went down well in Presteigne. He's updated the talk and is giving it to a Hereford group on Wednesday 4th November. If you'd like to watch it, here are the details: The Zoom invite: Topic: DKP - Putin's Russia - Talk by John Kendall Time: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82705455806?pwd=OHd2VkZwck12R2Y2ZIRncFVzTGcrZz09> Meeting ID: 827 0545 5806 Passcode: 180415. If you can't join in on the day, you can also watch the resulting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvDLSIGgn42SmPLzXp4LBONd91jxm6nF-> . It will be uploaded a few days after the talk. The link is to the playlist that will contain the video

...from The Hub, New Radnor. As we are in lockdown this Halloween, why not take photos of your pumpkins and outfits and we will create a grand photo parade on the Facebook page....and for the grownups...there's such a wealth of photo opportunities when out and about on our local

walks...submit your best photos of autumnal colour and we will add them to the parade. Send photos by email to thehubnewradnor@gmail.com by 9th November

...from a reader in Toronto (yes, really!). *"Oh no - I'm told the clocks go back on November 1st and I can't remember where I bought it from !!"*

...from 1st Presteigne Scouts. Scouts Cymru have organised some sessions for young people: Young people will need to sign up individually, or through their parents for our younger sections, in order to receive the joining information. Spaces are limited, so make sure to register quickly.

Beavers and Cubs - Digital Reptile Encounter. 5th November 17:30. Join us as we learn about the natural world and meet some reptile friends! Beavers will be able to work towards their Animal Friend and Global Issues badge, whilst our Cubs get stuck in with their Animal Carer badge. Register here: <https://scoutscymrunews.org.uk/5JP6-3OJ5-4I3I1-253C8-1/c.aspx>

Scouts & Explorers - Digital Reptile Encounter. 5th November 19:00. Join us as we learn about the natural world and meet some reptile friends! Scouts will be able to work towards their artist and scientist badge, whilst Explorers can get stuck into their naturalist badge. Register here: <https://scoutscymrunews.org.uk/5JP6-3OJ5-4I3I1-253C9-1/c.aspx>.

UK Parliament Week. 3rd November, 7pm via Zoom. As UK Parliament Week falls during the firebreak, we wanted to make sure our young people didn't miss out on the opportunity to explore democracy! Activities will go towards the UK Parliament Week badge and our Democracy Challenge. Register here: <https://scoutscymrunews.org.uk/5JP6-3OJ5-4I3I1-253CA-1/c.aspx>.

Additionally, are asking for parents to complete the survey below so that we can get feedback on how to improve virtual camps and understand what parents would like from a virtual camp. It should take no more than 3 minutes <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RG5XLMQ>

...from the National Trust. In line with Welsh Government legislation and the 'fire break' lockdown, all our places in Wales will temporarily close from Saturday 24 October to Monday 9 November. We're sad to be closing again, even for just a short time, but we urge everyone to follow government legislation, stay at home and not to travel at this time.

...from Helen. Please recycle your used batteries either at SPAR in Presteigne, or at SPAR or the CO-OP in Knighton and Kington. "Zombie batteries" are causing hundreds of fires a year at waste and recycling centres, industry experts have warned. They are urging people to ensure dead batteries are NOT thrown away in household rubbish or recycling

...from Knighton & District Corona Virus Support (for readers nearer to Knighton). Flu injection update: there have been some questions on Facebook about whether the flu injection sessions at The Knighton Community Centre are postponed because of the temporary lockdown. We have checked with Wylcwm Street Surgery and because this is essential health treatment, the flu injection sessions will be continuing as normal during the lockdown and The Knighton Community Centre will be open for the purpose. The outstanding sessions are: • Wed 28th October 2020 • Tues 3rd November 2020 • Wed 11th November 2020

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. During the national 'firebreak' period, Flu vaccination appointments are important medical reasons to leave your home. More information at www.beatflu.org. If you are not sure if you are eligible for a free flu vaccine, talk to your doctor or nurse, visit www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk or call NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47 (or 111 if available in your area). If you are an adult in a risk group, are pregnant, or are aged 65 or over, you can get your flu vaccine at your GP surgery or at some community pharmacies. If you work in health or social care, ask your employer where to get your free vaccine. Care home staff and domiciliary carers should talk to their community pharmacy about getting a flu vaccine. If your child is in a group at increased risk of becoming very ill if they catch flu, or is aged between 2 and 10 on 31 August 2020, you should be contacted by their GP surgery or school nurse. If you think your child might have missed their vaccine, contact the school nurse if your child is at primary school. If they are not at primary school, contact their GP surgery.

...fromThe Bleddfa Centre. Selvedge Winter Of Making - This winter we are putting together a six month long initiative to get people making. Whether you are new to a craft or want to learn new techniques to develop your craft skills, we are hoping to be able to offer something for everyone. Due to continuing restrictions, this will be held virtually <http://ow.ly/H0q930rgL2T>

...from Kirsty Williams. The Lockdown Business Fund in Powys will be available to apply for online from 3pm today until 5pm on the 20th November or when the fund is fully committed. The financial assistance is available to businesses that are facing operational and financial challenges caused during the lockdown in Wales. For further details on the several different grant schemes visit: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/9877/Lockdown-Business-Fund>

...from Presteigne Freegle. Trick or Treat will be difficult if at all this year. Try a #halloween quiz with the kids instead! The @nspcc have sorted that out for you <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/fundraising/go-green-for-halloween/quiz-for-children.pdf> and Good Housekeeping have published a spooky quiz for adults <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/halloween/a34105121/halloween-quiz/>

...from Powys CC. Digital Research Questionnaire 2020. We are conducting a research study in Powys and are particularly looking for the views of: • Those who volunteer providing home support in Powys or are thinking about providing home support. • Care providers or those who are thinking of starting their own business in this area and would like to inform our research. • Anyone aged 50+ who is looking for someone to help support them with basic tasks or care in their home or thinking about this for the future. We would like to find out what motivates you, what barriers you are experiencing, if any, and if digital solutions could help overcome them. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and is anonymous, unless you choose to share your contact details with us: <https://crowd.in/L85hhy>

...from Heart of Wales Railway. Following extensive repairs work by Network Rail to the track north of Knighton we are delighted that the line north of Llandrindod will reopen on Monday Nov 2nd. This will extend at a later point down to Llanwrtyd. There are still only 2 trains a day in each direction, however TFW will be implementing a more passenger-friendly timetable with a morning & an afternoon train. The timetable will be up as soon as we have it. Follow us on FB.

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...Royal Mail are looking to take on 33,000 temporary workers to help out during the busy Christmas period - with jobs available in locations across the country. To apply for the role, go to Royal Mail's careers website online to find if jobs are available near you and (click here) [fill out an application](#). If you are registered with Angard for work with Royal Mail, you don't need to apply for Christmas Casual work. You can speak to your Angard representative (click here) [via the website for more information](#). If you are under the age of 18, you are not legally allowed to work night shifts. Pls do not apply for a Christmas role at more than one location, as you may still be considered for other sites close to your local area. Multiple applications will be deleted.

...Powys CC are advertising for Public Protection Officers (COVID -19). 37 hours, Fixed term until 31/03/2021. Location/ Work Base: Agile - North, Mid or South Powys. Closing date - 01/11/2020. * to assist managers across the Environmental Health, Licensing and Trading Standards teams in cost effective and efficient delivery of the Council's policies and legal obligations in relation to enforcement of Coronavirus legislation * to assist with inspections of commercial premises in relation to public protection throughout the County including advice to businesses and the general public with regards to coronavirus and deal with any investigations that occur. For more information and to apply visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

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