

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

...from the Welsh Government. Full guidance about the coronavirus rules that will be in place from Monday 9 November is here: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance>

...from Helen. Good news - you can now easily recycle your used printer ink-jet cartridges (both original printer-manufacturer inks and refills) for charity rather than having to put them in the bin to go to landfill. From Monday we will have a special collection box for these at The Warehouse in Presteigne. Thanks Helen

...from Cllr Beverley Baynham. F.A.O: Kings Court Residents. My apologies for the complete mess there and the strange stone road that has been put on the grass. I have been told it will be there until Monday! I'm currently waiting for various PCC officers and the contractors to respond to my questions & complaints. I have had confirmation that the recycling lorry did get manage to get through but I am awaiting urgent confirmation that the fire engine or ambulance can get through under the tree. I have made strong representations that the area needs to be reinstated as it was found. If anyone wants to make a direct complaint please email me as at least I can record them all. I'm sure we all appreciate a little disruption is acceptable but I was reassured several weeks ago that there would be little effect on Kings Court residents. Thanks

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 Presteigne Local Food Market. Looking forward to your valued support in these unprecedented times! Presteigne Local Food market operating under Covid safe regulations will be outside the Memorial Hall car park this Saturday, 7th November from 9-1 with: Fletchers Honey, Alex's Chocolates, Weobley Ash Juice, Mary's Dried fruit/pulses, Khesh's Indian delights, and Wegnall's Farm Butchery who will all have their local products for sale.

...from Debbie at Presteigne Carnival. Big Big Thank-you to Blakemore Foundation, the charity arm of Spar, for their very kind donation of the money for the Christmas hamper for our Best Dressed Christmas House Competition. Also, very excitingly, we've had our first entry! Please either message through FB or ring/text me on 07766 152000 to enter! Please include your name and address. So exciting....

...from Rhiannon at Presteigne Library. Powys Libraries are able to pick up where they left off on 23rd October, following the fire break, which is very positive news. It may take a week or two to clear the Order and Collect orders which have come in over the last fortnight, and get back up to speed, but at least we can look forward again to resuming covid-secure services for our readers. Order & Collect and all of the e-services will remain available, for anyone who is

isolating or otherwise unable to access a library, and we are happy to help people to set up the e-loans on their devices if they contact us on library@powys.gov.uk

...from the Radnorshire Arms. We are back open as normal from Monday 9th November! We still have guidelines to follow, so please remember to wear a mask when entering the building. It is advisable to book a table if your coming to dine. We look forward to seeing all of your faces very soon!

...from The Warehouse. Great news for our customers! We reopen on Monday 9th November Come and buy your Christmas decorations. Many electrical items for sale, coffee makers, kettles, toasters, food processor and more. All PAT tested. Our menswear is looking good! Ready for reopening, we have been sorting and tidying the many shirts, jumpers, jackets, suits, coats, scarves, hats and shoes! To give you extra time to snap up those Xmas bargains, throughout November and December we will also be opening on Thursdays. Our opening times will now be: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-3.30pm, and Saturday 10am-2pm.

...from Arrowfield Vets. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we enter a second period of lockdown in England we will continue to operate within the Government's guidelines for veterinary practices. We will continue to provide veterinary care and treatment and will continue with the procedures put in place to minimise the risk and to protect the wellbeing of our team, and you, our clients. The overall message of the national lockdown is to stay at home although members of the public are permitted to travel to access veterinary services. We will assess cases in that context and, in some cases, it will be appropriate to delay seeing a pet for the duration of the lockdown. We would ask that you respect our decision in these cases. If your pet is already booked in for an appointment / procedure one of our team will contact you and discuss options, please bear with us as we work through the lists! We will continue to offer phone triage consultations as we did in the previous lock down, these will be chargeable and payment will be taken at the time of booking, before the vet phones you. As before if then deemed necessary an appointment will be booked at one of our practices. As the Welsh restrictions are easing on Monday 9th Nov we are able to make routine appointments for our Welsh clients at our Presteigne branch, as available. Any patients requiring further treatment can then be referred to Kington as necessary. Stay safe

...from Seconds & Co. We are Open and Delivering or of course you can Collect. As part of the supply chain to the construction industry we will stay open to service our customers but we would ask the you use our hand sanitiser stations keep your distance and wear a mask. We would also point out that our drivers will only do kerbside deliveries and that 2 people are on site to accept deliveries so that contact with drivers are kept to a minimum.

...from Maggie about Presteigne Barbers. Unfortunately Sharlene is finishing at the Barbers in the near future. There might still be a few appointments after lockdown. Call Sharlene on [07377519597](tel:07377519597). She thanks everyone for their custom and says she will miss you all !! This means the shop is available to rent again. This could be as a full tenancy or on a 'rent a chair' basis (days to suit). Alternatively the premises could be made available for any other business. Please call or text Maggie on [07952972746](tel:07952972746).

...from Chilvers Country Supplies. Congratulations to all of our winners - Shirley Hughes, Carina Greenham, Hannah Hopkinson, Stephen Hodges-Small, Jo Preece, Emily Dee. All prizes are ready to be collected from Chilvers Country Supplies, if for any reason you are not able to receive your prize, please get in touch with us via the FB page or phone 07837166896.

...from The Royal Oak. As the firebreak ends this weekend we prepare to reopen our doors again. We will reopen at 4pm this Monday. Due to the current climate, after this first week back we have taken the decision to close on Mondays for the time being. The new guidelines for pubs have at last been released and here is a brief breakdown of the new guidelines to be in place:

* Please wait behind the barriers at the bar until you are meet and greeted by a member of staff. The track and trace form will be on the bar in the waiting area for all patrons to sign in.

- * It is now a maximum of 4 people per table unless all visitors in your group are from the same household. If from the same household then that number is unlimited to allow families to visit together.
- * Only patrons living in Wales are allowed to visit the pub during the English lockdown.
- * New guidelines recommend you to pre book tables and for specified time periods. Walk ins will be allowed if we're not at capacity.
- * Social distancing of tables, sanitiser stations and many of the other previous rules will still be in place.
- * The updated rules will yet again be placed on the tables so you can get acquainted with them. Please adhere to the government guidelines to enable a safe environment for all. Thank you for your cooperation!

...from Andy Price, Firewood. Hi all just a quick update, as a few customers have asked whether I'm still delivering logs due to the Lockdowns, well as I see it I could just sit on my ass and claim off the Gov BUT rest assured that's not like me and I would soon lose all my customer base that has taken years to establish, and as I see it, firewood comes under Essential needs as that's the only form of heating some rely on, so with that in mind I will still be delivering throughout the winter months being mindful of social distancing, I will except cash / cheque left in an envelope, or if you would prefer to pay by BACS just ask for my Bank details when ordering, thanks for your custom and stay safe. Andy 01547 560476, 07976 584404

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from East Radnor Day Centre re Meals on Wheels. Since the Day Centre closed, we have been delivering a meals on wheels service with The Hat Shop providing the meals for us. Helen has agreed a sale on The Hat Shop and will soon be enjoying a much deserved early retirement! A huge thank you to Helen and her staff at the Hat Shop who have been providing the Day Centre meals since 2016. We are now having meals provided by G & A Catering on a Monday, and Rose Cottage Café on Tuesday through Friday. If you are interested in a Sunday Lunch, The Black Sheep Café in Knighton provides a delivery service to Presteigne every Sunday. Please ring Julie on 01547 520224. A new menu will be available every four weeks. I have included one with the newsletter on this occasion but in future if you would like a menu sent out please do let us know. If you have meals you will be sent one automatically. We are now offering a more flexible approach and you can order a meal as a one off rather than an ongoing arrangement. If you see a meal you would like on a particular day all you need to do is ring us by 10am that day. Invoices can be sent out at the end of the month so there is no need to be handling cash.

The Autumn Newsletter from the ERDC & Home Support has just been published - if you want to be added to the Newsletter distribution contact ERDC on 260267 or admin@eastradnor.care

...from Presteigne Freegle. We're still here. In a world where you can be anything be kind. Share with care. <https://www.ilovefreegle.org>

...from Sally and Presteigne Climate Action. Presteigne has been selected as one of the sites of the 'National Forest' which will span Wales. Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, said: "I am delighted to announce the very first sites which will form part of our National Forest. They are among the very best woodland in Wales, and will serve as exemplars for the benefits we would expect from other sites and new woodlands before they could become part of the National Forest." The 14 sites are: Gwydir Forest Park, Clocaenog Forest, Coed y Brenin Forest Park, Dyfnant Forest, Dyfi Forest, Bwlch Nant yr Arian Forest, Hafren Forest, Coed y Bont/Coed Dolgoed, Presteigne forests, Brechfa Forest, Afan Forest Park, Spirit of Llynfi Woodland, Wentwood, Wye Valley Woodland. See <https://www.facebook.com/welshgovernment/videos/1142084909526469>

|...from Powys Teaching Health Board. The latest information about coronavirus cases at community-level in Powys is available from the Public Health Wales data dashboard at: <https://>

public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Coronavirus Testing in Powys Week Beginning 2nd November 2020. If you have symptoms, get a test:

(1) Mass Drive-Through Testing Centres in Powys - at Brecon and Newtown - <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test> 119 (0700-2300). People with hearing or speech difficulties can call 18001 119

(2) Home Testing Kits: Apply at <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test> - or call 119 (0700-2300) . People with hearing or speech difficulties can call 18001 119

(3) Local Testing Units in Powys: Builth Wells - email powys.testing@wales.nhs.uk or call 01874 612228

For more information, visit <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing/>

...from Reverend Hollinghurst. Dear Friends. You will probably be aware by now that recent announcements by the English and Welsh Governments are having a major impact on church life on both sides of the border - and, therefore, for the churches in our Benefice. As far as I understand it, (and as it stands today - who knows what will happen tomorrow?!) the situation is as follows...

Due to the English lockdown ... there can be no Sunday services in Kinsham, Lingen or Knill until the 9.30 Morning Prayer service at Lingen on December 6th. Hence, although the church buildings can be left open for private prayer, sadly the Holy Communion BCP scheduled for Knill on Sunday Nov 8th, the Holy Communion CW scheduled for Lingen on November 15th and the Morning Prayer BCP scheduled for Kinsham on November 22nd are all cancelled. When the Welsh lockdown ends on Monday November 9th ... Sunday services can restart in Presteigne and Discoed and churches can reopen for private prayer. Hence, although the Remembrance Sunday service scheduled for Presteigne on November 8th remains cancelled there will be a Holy Communion BCP in Presteigne on November 15th, a Morning Service CW in Presteigne and a HCCW in Discoed on November 22nd, a Special Service for Advent in Presteigne on November 29th, and a Holy Communion CW in Presteigne on December 6th. I have to remind church members in England that, regrettably, travel across the border to attend worship in Presteigne or Discoed is not permissible under Welsh Government regulations. I'm really sorry and very sad about the closures but there is very little we can do about it. I understand that representations are being made to the Westminster Government by the leaders of various Christian denominations and of other faiths, so the situation may change in England. I will be in touch with you again if there is a change of heart and people of faith are once again allowed to freely practice their religious duties. Of course, I'll be sending out services and readings every weekend (by email and on paper) as before, but if you haven't been receiving these and would like to do so, please get in touch. With every best wish and prayer. Stephen

...from Powys Recycles about green waste collection. The residents and subscribers of waste collections from the garden are reminded that there are only a few weeks of waste collections from the garden left for 2020. The service, which starts in March every year, is collecting waste from the garden every fortnight until the first week of December. To find out the remaining collection dates, check out the 2020 subscription sticker on your green bin, or go to: <https://cy.powys.gov.uk/article/752/Diwrnod-casglu-binia>. Subscriptions for service in 2021 will open in January, with services restarting at the beginning of March. For more information on the garden waste recycling service, please visit: <https://cy.powys.gov.uk/gwastraffgardd>.

...and staying with the green theme. If you're gathering up autumn leaves....be sure to leave a few piles of leaves in out-of-the-way places – under hedges, for example – leaves can provide shelter for overwintering wildlife. But remove leaves from your lawn, paths (which can be slippery) and borders. Use those leaves to make leaf mould, a great soil improver! - see Garden World Mag guide <https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/maintain-the-garden/how-to-make-leaf-mould/>

...from Presteigne Artscene. Literature festivals, literature development agencies, publishers, freelancers, venues, programmers or curators, libraries, creative collectives, writers, illustrators, and other literature professionals based in the UK are invited to apply for this grant of between £1500 - £8000. <https://literature.britishcouncil.org/blog/2020/funding-opportunities-for-work-with-oda-countries/>

...from Powys CC. Poultry keepers in Powys are warned and asked to stay vigilant about avian influenza after two cases were recently confirmed in the UK. Despite the overall risk being low, two different strains of bird flu were confirmed at a premises in Cheshire and at a small commercial premises in Kent this week. Control measures have been put in place in both areas, but bird keepers in Powys are being urged to ensure the necessary biosecurity measures are maintained to help reduce the likelihood of local infections. The UK Government's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs have said the risk of bird flu occurring in the UK is 'medium' in wild birds, and 'low' in poultry, provided there's a good standard of biosecurity. Please keep an eye out for any signs of bird disease and if found, report it immediately to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) on 0300 303 8268. Welsh Government guidance can be found here: <https://crowd.in/Hogitt>

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from East Radnor Day Centre/Home Support. We are currently recruiting for a Relief On Call worker to be on the on-call rota, and an experienced Registered Manager. For further details on either post please contact Beverley 01544 260267 or admin@eastradnor.care ERDC are also looking for new Trustees. Being a Trustee can be very rewarding. As a Trustee you have the chance to support and shape the work and strategic direction of an organisation, and you can make a significant difference to a cause that matters to you. If you think you would be interested in becoming a Trustee please do not hesitate to get in touch for further information and an 'Expression of Interest' form.

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Are you a nurse looking to become part of a forward thinking, enthusiastic and dynamic team? Look no further – Y Bannau Ward, Brecon Hospital currently have a vacancy for a like-minded registered nurse. Job Title: Staff Nurse Band: 5. Please contact Shanto for an informal chat: Shanto Thomas - Ward Manager Tel: 01874615700 Email: shanto.thomas@wales.nhs.uk. Closing Date: 16th November. For more information, see <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/91625204>

...from Kington Medical Practice. Here at KMP we are seeking new additions to our reception team. We are looking for applications from candidates who have great people & communication skills, are organised and methodical. If you have a strong desire to help others and work within a great team please click the link below for more details on the Medical Receptionist Apprenticeship vacancy we have available. This apprenticeship opportunity is open to anyone aged 16 and over, subject to the required qualifications or equivalent. Applicants can apply either via the college or with a CV and covering letter emailed to Kington.reception@nhs.net marked for the attention of Katy Lloyd. Successful CVs will be forwarded to the college. <https://www.hlcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancy/5fa414737adc2>

...from Newtown High School - John Beddoes Campus. Technology Technician needed. A unique opportunity to support the vibrant and well-equipped Technology Department at John Beddoes. 15 hours/week, term time only. Closing date for applications is Friday 13th November. Email hr@newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk for further information, job specification and Application Form.

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