

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. From Monday 9 November there are new rules to keep Wales safe

- ✓ Limit the amount of people we spend time with
- ✓ We can form an extended household with one other household
- ✓ Stay out of each other's homes unless you have formed an extended household
- ✓ We can meet up to four people outdoors, and in regulated settings such as cafes, pubs and restaurants
- ✓ Maintain social distancing when near people outside our extended households
- ✓ Limit the times you leave home and the distance you travel
- ✓ Work from home where possible

But we all need to think about what we should do, rather than what we can do. Together, we can keep Wales safe. For full details, see www.gov.wales/coronavirus

..from Helen at the Food Bank. We have a fabulous selection of food and toiletries thanks to the wonderful donations from our caring supporters BUT we would love to receive the following Christmas Treats (as early as possible please):

- Christmas cake - family and single size
- Christmas pudding - family and single size
- Christmas biscuits
- Sweets and chocolates - tins and boxes
- Selection boxes and Christmas stockings for children
- Small gifts for adults, teenagers and younger children - unwrapped please
- Christmas cards
- Christmas tree decorations

We cannot accept fresh / frozen Christmas meat products, however you can purchase vouchers from Tom Pugh the Butcher in Knighton and donate to the food bank. In addition, you can purchase fruit / veg vouchers from Rhos Market Garden (Knighton) and from The Salty Dog (Presteigne) for us to include with the Christmas food boxes.

If you would prefer to give a small cash donation, this will enable us to purchase fresh milk, bread, cheese and eggs and to buy fresh vegetables / fruit vouchers to include with individual food parcels. You may prefer to set up a regular donation to support our work by completing a Standing Order form or Stewardship form (with Gift Aid.) Ask Helen for more information on 07731 524 058 or visit our website www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk.

You can access the Food Bank at Knighton Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays 10 - 11.30am, and at Presteigne Baptist Church on Thursdays 10 -11.30am.

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. There are cases of coronavirus right across the county and 183 new confirmed cases of Coronavirus have been reported in the last 7 days in Powys. If you have symptoms, get a test: <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test> tel. 119 (7am to 11pm). People with hearing or speech difficulties can call 18001 119. Follow the guidelines to stop the spread. 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 the Town Clerk. Latest Presteigne and Norton Planning decisions:

20/1290/TRE, 39 High Street, Presteigne: Approval 13th October.

20/1415/TPO, Green Acres, Norton Manor Park, Norton: Approval 23rd October.

20/1598/TRE, Ivy House, Hereford Street, Presteigne: Approval 28th October.

20/1159/FUL, Little Shop, Hereford Street, Presteigne: Approval 29th October.

For full information visit the County Council planning pages -

<https://pa.powys.gov.uk/online-applications/> and enter the application reference.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET (local businesses are still adapting to local restrictions - best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

..from Knighton Community Market. Hot off the press...just heard we're allowed to hold our regular full market next weekend !! So all your favourite foods and crafts will be there...watch our FB page for a list of who's attending ... Still have to follow social distancing, one way system and masks have to be worn...we will have someone on hand to take track and trace info before entry...thank you for your continued support :)

...from Laura and Forget-Me-Nots. A Massive Thank You to Lorna for displaying my Christmas Cards in her lovely Sandwich Shop in Presteigne. Perfect time to pick up a card or two whilst getting your lunch. Available from Monday!

...from Ian in the Barbervan. Reopening next week, Thursday Friday and Saturday phone, text 07977000741 or messenger me on FB.

...from Freedom Leisure at the East Radnor Leisure Centre. We will be picking up where we left off ! Swimming lessons will be starting back Monday, if you are interested in signing up then please get in touch once we reopen. Contact us on 01544 260302 or at eastradnor@freedom-leisure.co.uk

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. So pleased that we can be back open next week, so if you are looking for flowers, cake, lunch, afternoon tea or takeaway curry and lots of other things we would love to see you.

...from Grace Beauty. My little Christmas Fairy has done a wonderful job bringing a little bit of joy and happiness to the salon ready to reopen again on Monday! A little early, but think we all need a little sparkle in our lives at the moment.

...from The Royal Oak. International Rugby is back at the Oak this Friday with Wales v Ireland at 7pm. We'll have tables available to book inside and under the marquee outside. Due to current circumstances, we will be asking for £6 per person deposit on booking in return for a drink and basket meal during the match, or 2 drinks for those who think 'eating is cheating'. Choice of sausages, nuggets, or curry, all served with chips.

..from The Farmers Inn. We will be open from Tuesday 10th November and look forward to seeing you.

...from Amanda's Bread. Please get in touch if you want to place an order for delivery to Presteigne area on Saturday 14th November using the contact details below. See our FB page for our full range of breads and savouries available to order. On Saturday morning you will find us at Knighton Community Market. Let us know if you plan to collect from the market when you place your order, otherwise we shall deliver as usual, thank you. Thank you for the responses we have received about the idea of Hampers containing a range of products from Amanda's Bread and other local producers. More information soon. Contact Details : email Amanda on asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com or phone / text Amanda on 0775 993 9526 or Julian on 0771 870 4814

...from The Hat Shop. I will be open tomorrow 9th from 10am for teas, coffees, cakes and light lunches.

...from PNCS. Both the Charity Shop and The Warehouse will re-open again on the 9th, fully restocked. Come and see the many items we have for sale and grab a bargain including, in The Warehouse - furniture, kitchenware, glasses, crockery, electrical items, Christmas decorations, lighting, menswear, baby items, toys, and lots of odds and ends in the men's shed. Something for everyone. Please remember your masks - hand sanitiser is also provided for everyone's peace of mind. We look forward to welcoming you back.

...from Leon's Supper Club. 8 spaces available for Halloween Special 2 on Saturday night. Call 01544 2262164 to reserve.

...from Kirsty's Hair Studio. Hi all you lovelys. I can't wait to start back tomorrow the same rules will be in place when entering the salon. Face coverings to be worn at all times. Sanitise on arrival. Please knock before entering to ensure no one else in salon at the same time unless able to keep a 2m distance safely. If popping in for skin test or to buy products a safe 2m distance from other clients will be assured! Drinks are allowed to be brought in if in a disposable cup or bottle. Thank you so much for you all being so great and taking on the rules together, we will beat this and will be sat having a coffee and natter together again soon I'm sure of it. Stay Safe

...from Emily D's bookshop: Virtual Christmas Party this Thursday 12th at 8pm on Facebook. There will be games, prizes, opportunities to see the range of books from Babies to Young Adult (which can be enjoyed by adults). It is not a video event so you can enjoy it on your sofa in your pjs if you like, just follow this link to join in. <https://fb.me/e/2Y3sxyKjG>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup to Playgroup Parents and Carers. Please could all parents/carers of our playgroup children request to join our closed Facebook group: 'Presteigne Little People's Closed Group'. This group will be used by playgroup staff to post reminders, newsletters and share activity ideas. Thank You

...from Annie at the MidBorder News. Hello Presteigne & Knighton folks, I need your help. I'm Annie and I'm the editor of the MidBorder News. Our winter issue came out at the beginning of November, but due to the English lockdown I'm unable to distribute in Wales. Is there anyone who would be able to distribute the magazine to shops and businesses in Presteigne or Knighton please? It usually takes me about an hour in each town, so won't need much of your time (the magazines are printed & packed in an automated system so haven't been touched). You can pm me on our FB page, or email midbordernews@gmail.com. Thank you.

...from Powys CC. Household waste and recycling centres (HWRC) are open again BUT
 * Only visit the HWRC if you have extra waste at home which cannot be collected through the normal kerbside collection service *Do NOT visit the HWRC if you, or anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms! *Please be prepared to queue patiently in your vehicle *Strict social distancing rules will be in place at all times *To help with bulky or heavy items, a maximum of two people may leave the vehicle to unload - these two people must stay together at all times whilst onsite *Staff on site cannot help unload or carry items under any circumstances *THERE WILL BE A STRICT 10-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER VEHICLE WHEN ON SITE *Please segregate your waste before arriving to help keep your visit short. Check our website for full details of HWRC rules: www.powys.gov.uk/recycle (ed. opening times for Llandrindod HWRC are Mon/Tues CLOSED; Wed/Thur/Frid 9am-5pm; Sat/Sun 10am-4pm).

...from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust who will be taking substantial measures to deal with the impact of Ash Dieback disease on some of their nature reserves this winter - including Presteigne. The Trust undertakes tree safety surveys where the public walk every year and last summer saw a significant increase in this devastating disease. Remedial work will include tree felling, hard pruning and closure of footpaths. Ash dieback is a fungal disease that

is affecting ash trees on a national basis and it is expected that 80% of the UK's ash population will die. The dieback is visible in the tree canopy but once affected there is often hidden decay in the tree's root system caused by other fungi. Major remedial work will take place at Withybeds nature reserve on the outskirts of Presteigne involving major tree safety work. There, tree surgeons will reduce the height of the ash trees, making them less hazardous should they eventually fall so they are less of a danger as they die to people walking past. Staff from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust will be on site on Weds 11th November (10-12pm) and Friday 13th November (2-4pm) if anyone wishes to discuss the upcoming work. Nature Reserves Officer Jonathan Stone said, "We need to consider public safety alongside the ecological value of trees on our nature reserves. Ash dieback is going to change the countryside dramatically. We understand that some people will be disappointed about what we are doing but our decisions have not been made lightly. We have discussed this fully with Trustees, our Conservation and Scientific Committee and with arboriculture experts". Further information on the impact of ash dieback on their nature reserves can be found on the RWT website.

...from Presteigne Artscene. Sunday 15th November at The Bleddfa Centre - meet David Mullin and Siwan Gillick. New exhibition of landscape paintings and striking slipware, plus tea and cake in the Caf .

...from Presteigne Bowling Club about their Christmas Raffle. 40 Prizes including.... Christmas Hamper and Turkey; Chocolate Hamper; Drinks Hamper; Wine; Bottles of Spirits; Sweets; Savoury Snacks ...and much much more! Tickets Available Now....£1 Each; Buy 5 get 2 Free; Buy 10 get 5 Free. Please text David on 07969 203339 or FB Message David Weale, Helen Weale, Sharon Duggan or Janine Johns (Llandrindod), to purchase tickets and get payment details. The Raffle will be drawn Saturday 19 December at 8pm in the Social Club.

...from PNCS about their Christmas Raffle. Please support our Christmas Raffle, tickets £1 from The Office, The Charity Shop, The Warehouse. Our only fundraiser this year. Thank you for all our Prizes donated from residents and businesses, we really do appreciate this at such a difficult time.

...from the National Trust in Wales. we're reopening our places in Wales from Monday 9 November, in line with Welsh Government guidelines. Under the new legislation, our places are only open to Wales residents and to groups of four or less (excluding children below 11) unless they are from the same household. Access to outdoor spaces has never been more important and we're looking forward to welcoming you back to enjoy nature, beauty and history. Opening times vary as some of our places have moved to their winter opening schedules and are not open daily, so please [check the website](#) before visiting. We continue to limit numbers to maintain social distancing, so we advise booking to avoid disappointment.

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Powys CC. Contact Tracers. 37 hours, Fixed term until 31/03/2021. Home Working. PCC is looking to recruit around 50 contact tracers & 100 contact tracing advisors. Those recruited will be making phone calls to people who have tested positive for COVID-19, identifying close contacts, providing advice on self-isolating and offering reassurance. PCC is looking to recruit people who are caring and patient and would particularly like to hear from applicants with customer service, care or retail background. Excellent telephone and communication skills are needed along with the ability to handle difficult situations. For more information and to apply visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

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