

# 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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** You've probably heard a lot about the breakthrough in the development of COVID-19 vaccine. While this is great news, it will be some time before it's ready. Until then, please keep doing your bit to prevent the spread of coronavirus, see [www.gov.wales/coronavirus](http://www.gov.wales/coronavirus). 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 CC.** Going out for food or drinks? Remember to... Book a table in advance... Go with your household, or as a group of up to 4... Take ID for contact tracing... Take a face mask (for when you're not at your table)... Keep social distancing. More info <https://crowd.in/i9MCFf>

**...(ed. I couldn't resist including this item of local news!).** A member of the Powys public handed over a package containing half a kilo of cannabis to police on Friday, after it was sent to the wrong address. Dyfed Powys Police announced on Twitter that the package was handed in to Presteigne Police Station after being found by a law-abiding citizen. Radnorshire Police tweeted at 4.35pm: "Handed in at Presteigne Police Station today by a member of the public who found this half a kilo of cannabis which will not be on the street today as it was sent to the wrong address!!" Although approximate, half a kilogram of cannabis could hold a potential street value of £3,500.

**...from Claire at Broad Sheep.** Our Dec/Jan double online issue is now on the website [broadsheep.com](http://broadsheep.com)

**...are you signed up to local Facebook page Presteigne Memories ?** Don't hesitate ! There's so much fascinating stuff on Presteigne Memories including lots of photographs from past years. Recently Alison sent a link to the page for an article in the County Times on Mary Morgan. Presteigne churchyard is the resting place of Mary Morgan - the last woman to be executed in Wales. Mary's tale is a tragic one which was once regaled to each passing generation - such had been the circumstances of her death on April 11, 1805. See the article here <https://www.countytimes.co.uk/news/18885967.presteigne-woman-sent-gallows/?ref=rss>

### WITH THANKS ..

**...from Annie at the MidBorder News.** Our Welsh distribution has been carried out by three lovely ladies! Emily has done Presteigne, Annette has done Knighton, and Catherine, at David Parry & Co, made it all possible by getting the magazines to the towns. A humongous THANK YOU to them! If you haven't been able to get your hands on a print copy you can read the magazine online, just follow the link given in the pinned post at the top of the page. Or email us and we can send you the link or the pdf. [midbordernews@gmail.com](mailto:midbordernews@gmail.com)

**...from Connect.** Thanks to everyone for helping on Saturday with putting up the Christmas lights in the town centre which were switched on last night - and don't they look good ! Thanks to Leon, Fiona, , Grace and David, Rory, Dave P, Terry, and Simon, to Colin and Ben in the cherrypicker, and to David TE and the Town Council.

**...from Ann & Roly at Presteigne Repair & Skill Share.** We had another successful morning on Saturday in the Radnorshire Arms garden- after a dither of shall we/shan't we, on account of the gloomy damp weather. But it managed not to rain, all our fixers turned up & plenty of punters too, so it was well worth it. Thank you to Adam at the Radnorshire Arms and to all the fixers and volunteers involved in Presteigne Repair. A few things were taken home to fix but most could be repaired on the spot. Fixed: altogether 24 items (3 items unfortunately non-repairable) including wooden chairs, toy landrover, slow cooker, lamps, various items of clothing, ornaments, garden shredder, shears & secateurs sharpened. We won't have a Repair session in December - just too close to Christmas, so the next one will be in the New Year - the usual 3rd Saturday in the month. Watch this space nearer the time.

## **SCAM ALERT**

**...please be extra aware about all the email, text and phone scams that are doing the rounds at this time in the run up to Christmas.** These often 'confirm' your subscription to Amazon Prime, Netflix etc., or your purchase of something, saying that a chunk of money has been debited to your account and encouraging you to click on a link or press a button to confirm this was your intent, query the payment, or change your preferences. Be very wary - unless you know you did purchase something, don't be tempted to correct a 'mistake' - these are phishing scams - ignore, report and delete !

**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 East Radnor Leisure Centre.** Nominations are open for the Swim Wales Virtual National Awards 2020! Would you like to acknowledge a Freedom Leisure Swimming Instructor? Nominate your 'Swimming Teacher of the Year here: <https://buff.ly/3pCZsB1>

**...from The Bleddfa Centre.** We are looking for a long loan/donation (or purchase) of a pop-up gazebo/marquee to use in our café garden, and for events. If you have one lurking, or know someone who does, please let us know... [hello@bleddfacentre.org](mailto:hello@bleddfacentre.org). Thank you!

**...from The Royal Oak.** See our FB page for our Sunday Roast menu for this week. Available to eat in or takeaway with free delivery within Presteigne and surrounding areas. To book call us on 01544 260842

**...from Leon's Supper Club.** You can now order our Thai food online at [www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com](http://www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com) or phone us on 01544 262 164 or 0780 5727 486.

**...from No. 46.** So here at No.46 we have decided we are going to switch up our opening hours! Starting tomorrow, we will be opening from 3pm - 9pm Monday - Thursday! We will also be serving food every evening starting tomorrow between the hours of 5pm and 8pm! Available for eat in or takeaway! We understand this is a big change, however we believe it's for the best and we hope you all do too! Make sure to follow our page over the next few weeks for some fun new winter deals and Christmassy additions to our menus! We look forward to seeing you all!

**...from Broadaxe Farm Xmas Trees & Wreaths.** We are starting to have enquiries about Christmas trees and wreaths... we are officially open from Saturday 28th November but if you fancy having your tree, wreath or hazel heart sooner please get in touch via our FB page or call 01544 267031

**...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup about their Christmas Holiday Club.** Please could all spaces be booked by Friday 27th November. Call 01544 262130 or message on the FB page. Thank you

**...from East Radnor Leisure Centre.** Black Friday deals - Monday 23rd to Monday 30th November - Monthly membership - First 3 months for just £19.99 a month! Annual membership - Get 12 months for the price of 9! Pop in to the centre next week or call us on (01544) 260302 for more information or to sign up to one of these fantastic offers!

**...from PG Timber.** Call us on 01544 260339 or 07974 954526 to get your orders in before Christmas.

**...from Amanda's Bread.** We have a full range of cakes, vegan pasties and preserves available this week. Please order asap for delivery to Presteigne area on Saturday 28th November, thank you, and remember, we will be at Knighton Market on Saturday. Contact Details: email Amanda on [asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com](mailto:asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com), phone / text Amanda on [0775 993 9526](tel:07759939526) or Julian on [0771 870 4814](tel:07718704814) for full product list and to order.

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

**...from the Judge's Lodging.** So excited to be welcoming back our Artist in Residence from last year, Matthew Wood, exhibiting new works at our art show opening this weekend.

**...from Lou and Knighton Market.** This Saturday 28th sees our next Christmas Market at Knighton Community Centre - come along and support our local vendors. You will be able to get something for everyone we have: Lou's Baked Treats, Amanda's Breads, Richard's Knife Sharpening, Wild Welsh Wool, Aloli Skin care, JAM Designs, Craftique, Mr Grumps Pies, Wynn's Poultry and Game, John's Honey, The Forest Small Holding, Malcolm's Stone Carving, Khesh's Indian Foods, Wendy's Knits, Sue's Quilting and cards, Berriew Cider, Phil's Upcycled, Muckleton Meats, Jenny Knoll Yarns, Dave's Stained Glass, Restorella, Busy Bee, Knighton Xchange, Jan's Quilling, Hil's Cakes, Knucklas Allotments, Men's Shed, Glow with Nature & Welsh Valley Hearts. Market starts at 9.30am until 12.30pm - please ensure you wear face masks. Our next markets are on the 12th and 19th December. For info call Lou [07805722237](tel:07805722237)

**...from Powys Libraries.** Library Service online book group – meeting soon! The Library Service is proud to launch Powys Remote Readers, an online book group for adults across the county. Keen readers are invited to join the online book chat every two months, from the comfort of their own homes, with meetings taking place on Zoom. The first meeting will be on Friday 27th November. Dr Rhiannon Hooson, branch librarian at Presteigne Library, and an award-winning author and poet, will be leading the group. Titles will be e-books selected from the library's free Borrowbox collection. To sign up to Powys Remote Readers and receive the link to join the first meeting, please email [presteigne.library@powys.gov.uk](mailto:presteigne.library@powys.gov.uk). Anyone who hasn't already tried the Library Service e-books, e-audio downloads, e-magazines and e-comics are encouraged to do so – all you need is your library card. For advice on getting started, library staff are happy to help. Contact the team on 01597 827460 or email [library@powys.gov.uk](mailto:library@powys.gov.uk).

**...from Mary at Music in New Radnor.** From the 18th November, The Sixteen will be presenting a six-part series of programmes: A Choral Odyssey, presented by Simon Russell Beale, featuring 1,000 years of choral music performed in iconic, pertinent surroundings – from Byrd in Elizabeth I's childhood home of Hatfield House, to Purcell in the reconstructed 17th Century Theatre of the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse – this promises a fantastic restoration of the acclaimed Sacred Music series broadcast by the BBC nearly a decade ago. Further details and how to watch can be found here: <https://thesixteen.com/a-choral-odyssey/> and here's a link to the Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBoOOZ9TQP4&feature=youtu.be>

**...from Alison at Presteigne Festival.** All of us at the Presteigne Festival hope that you are keeping well and remain in good spirits despite this extended period of uncertainty. Many of you will have already heard that, due to the continued unwelcome presence of Covid-19 in all our lives, the 2020 Winter Festival Weekend has been cancelled. We hope that what we include here will be of some consolation. Presteigne Digital is available until 31 Dec 2020. We've been amazed at the number of people who have viewed Presteigne Digital events online. The specially made high definition films showcase fabulous performances from the Carducci Quartet, Amy Dickson, Christopher Good, Clare Hammond, Tim Horton, Mathilde

Milwidsky, Bradley Smith, Oliver Wass and members of Nova Music Opera together with readings from leading writers Peter J Conradi, Nicholas Murray and Fiona Sampson. The repertoire includes commissions from Martin Butler, Amelia Clarkson, Ninfea Cruttwell-Reade (Presteigne Festival 'Evolve' composer), Robin Haigh, Tarik O'Regan, Joseph Phibbs and Emma-Ruth Richards, and a range of contemporary British pieces together with masterworks from Beethoven, Britten, Janáček and Schubert. [Presteigne Digital content is free-to-view via this link](#), please make sure you enjoy the content before it disappears at the end of the year! We also hope you will want to donate to our Festival Futures Fund via 'Just Giving' – there are several 'Donate' buttons on the website.

**...from Business Wales.** Part of the Welsh Government's commitment to help people back to work includes additional support for individuals considering self-employment. In addition to the existing start-up service, a grant has been announced to support unemployed individuals. The grant will be open to all unemployed individuals looking to start in business, however priority in allocating funding will be given to those most affected by the Covid-19 outbreak: Women; Disabled people; People from BAME backgrounds; Young people not in education or training. Full details and further guidance can be found here - <https://businesswales.gov.wales/news-and-blogs/news/business-wales-barriers-grant>

**...from the Welsh Government. Calling freelancers!** The eligibility checker for Phase 3 of our Freelancer Fund is now live. Please check your eligibility now <https://fundchecker.businesswales.gov.wales/culture>. The fund goes live Monday 23 November 10am.

**...from Credu Connecting Carers about Emergency Grants Available for Young & Adult Carers.** We have emergency grants (from Welsh government) to support Young and Adult Carers through winter 2020/21 with things like food / fuel / access to the internet / wellbeing. Please feel free to contact us if such a grant would help support you. Contact your Outreach Worker or the office on 01597 823800 / [carers@credu.cymru](mailto:carers@credu.cymru)

**...from Jonathan for the Presteigne Investment Clubs.** Covid has presented both challenges and opportunities for Presteigne's three Investment Clubs. PIC, the Town's original Club - formed in 2001 - has not only recovered from its post Covid downturn, but is now doing better than ever before with Members enjoying significant gains. MIC - Marches Investment Club - formed in 2017, continues to learn from its successes and failures and, although still bearing a post Covid loss, has bounced back from its lowest point earlier in the year. EPIC, Presteigne's newest - and only 'Green and Ethical' - Investment Club is uniquely placed to take advantage of the growth in green technologies whilst also taking pride in its ethical investments. After only a year or so since EPIC's formation, members are already enjoying a modest growth in their portfolio. All three Clubs are full, with the legal maximum of 20 members each. However, anyone interested in joining PIC, MIC or EPIC is invited to put their name down on the single waiting list for all three Clubs. For further information, please call Jonathan on 01544 260800.

**...from Powys CC. 16 and 17 year olds will be able to vote in the Senedd Election May 2021.** Make history in 2021! We are the second country in the UK to allow young people to vote. Please make sure you are registered to vote <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. Even just one vote has the power to change the future

## LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**...from Powys CC about Careers in Social Care.** You need to be caring, empathetic and driven, and someone who wants to make a change to people's lives. Social care is not just a job, it's a career to be proud of. Do you want to make a difference in people's lives? Discover the roles available at <https://crowd.in/18Xds8> #WeCareWales

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