

Christmas 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 if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area jobs
 - 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

[ed.] THIS IS IN TRUTH A VERY LONG EDITION OF THE COMMUNITY NEWS BUT SO MUCH HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST WEEK. SO, READ ON, TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, THEN THE COMMUNITY NEWS IS TAKING A BREAK OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR. IT'S BEEN A STRANGE & EXTREMELY DIFFICULT YEAR FOR MANY BUT MAYBE WITH THE PROSPECT OF VACCINES WE CAN LOOK FORWARD WITH SOME OPTIMISM NOW TO THINGS GETTING BACK TO SOME SORT OF NORMALITY LATER IN 2021.

MEANWHILE WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** 🎄🍷🎄🍷🎄

All of Wales is at Alert Level 4. See what this means: <https://gov.wales/alert-level-4>

For readers in Herefordshire (Tier 1) see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-1-medium-alert>
and in Shropshire (Tier 2) see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert>

THE YULE BLOGG IS OUT! A seasonal blog to raise the spirits with plenty of Presteigne Panto and festive contributions - Intro and fantastic new video by Pete plus wonderful contributions by Ian Marchant, Sarah Burton, George Vass, Alex Ramsay, Sabina Rüber, Mid Border Arts, Sam Llewellyn, Dave Luke, Benji Kirkpatrick, Salt, Linzi Morgan, Sonja Parg and Terry Wells <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/yule-blogg-seasons-greetings-from-presteigne>

...from **Gill at Presteigne Pharmacy**. In case you are still to have your flu vaccination, please note we have only a few flu vaccines left - get in touch or call in asap. These are the last - we will not be getting any more.

The Pharmacy opening hours over the next fortnight are: Mon 21st / Tues 22nd / Wed 23rd 0900-1300, 1400 - 1800hours; Xmas Eve 0900 - 1700hrs; Xmas day closed; Sat 26th 0900 - 1100hrs; Sun 27th and Mon 28th closed; Tues 29th and Wed 30th 0900 - 1300, 1400-1800hs; New Years Eve 0900 - 1700hrs; New Years Day closed; Sat 2nd Jan 0900 - 1300hrs

THE LAST CHRISTMAS CRACKERS OF 2020 [thanks for all your contributions!!!]

...from **Zach** "I Renamed my iPod 'The Titanic' so, when I plug it in, it says "The Titanic is syncing"

...from **Jessica** "What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter"

...from **Karl** "Heard about the new restaurant in Knighton called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve!"

THANK YOU

...from **Presteigne Carnival. Best Dressed Christmas House Competition 2020**. The judging panel had a festive time last night judging the competition - so many wonderful entries, and all quite different. We saw the lovely work of the Playgroup in their decorated tree in the window of 6 Broad Street, found a very festive grotto on Warden Close, stumbled down a dark lane to be amazed by the decorations at Arnhill House, Fold Farm, and their neighbours, a sea of Christmas lights, and were blown away by light shows at Kings Court and Lugg View! Every

entry made us smile, just so pretty and decorated with imagination and love. After much debate, and it was a lot of debate, we finally picked the winner, and it is **Aimee Gummer, 71 Lugg View - very well done Aimee and family !!** To our other entries, thank you so much, you were actually all winners, but sadly we only had one first prize. Be proud that you have brought smiles and joy to all who have seen your beautiful houses, and have made a difference in this challenging 2020 Christmas.

Please everyone, do take time to walk around the entries, and stop and enjoy all the decorations, you really have to stand and look, as so much detail in some of them, clever people ! They were: 7 Walkers Meadow (Knighton Road); 19 Warden Close (walk up the drive to the grotto); 26 Warden Close; 9 Forge Meadows (Scottleton Street); 38 High Street; 6 Broad Street; Arnhill House (Fold Farm); 71 Lugg View; 13 Lugg View; 21 Kings Court; 23 Kings Court; 27 Kings Court; 2 The Plantations. Thank you, thank you ! Enjoy every one, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe 2021 from the Carnival Committee.

...from David at the Bowling Club. Thanks to all you very generous people who had tickets to our Christmas Draw which proved a very successful fundraiser - see our FB for list of winners.

SCAM ALERT

...from Helen. Hello, I am notifying you to make others aware. I have just discovered fraudulent activity on my bank account for a very considerable amount of money (despite not losing my card). The Fraud department have advised 'checking my bank account daily' even though I'm not out and about as much as usual spending. I would have spotted sooner and prevented the scammers from getting such a large amount. Other pointers they said 'try not to use ATMs you don't usually use', 'go in branch where possible', when on-line shopping 'check when completing order for the secure padlock sign etc.', and 'report anything that looks suspicious no matter how small'. That's the only way to stop these people.

...from Mark. FYI I've just had a text claiming to be from the Government saying that I've been approved for a Heating Grant, and inviting me to text back for a phone call. It's a scam designed to give my bank details... nuff said. I have reported it.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET (local businesses are still adapting to changing circumstances - so check information on websites/Facebook pages)

...from Richard Studer. After the premature closure of the exhibition at The Judge's Lodging I've opened a new online Gallery and Shop. Lots of new and unseen work for sale as well as a gallery dedicated to my opera designs and images - perfect Christmas gifts for the music lover! Cards, prints, small gifts, framed/unframed works as well as a good smattering of humour to brighten our new lockdown! I will deliver personally on orders over £20 within a 5 mile radius of Presteigne to guarantee delivery before Christmas. There's something for everyone so please check it out and tell a friend - 10% discount to readers of PACDG newsletter with code OPERA2020 until January www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Studerfineart

...from Grace Beauty. I don't know where to begin. We are absolutely devastated we are having to close the salon a week earlier than planned. My heart goes out to all businesses who are effected, we all had a little glimmer of hope for a busy run up to Christmas which has now been shattered. We had such a full diary next week and we are so very sorry to all clients having to cancel your appointments. Our phone line is very busy, if you are happy to send us a message to confirm you have seen our status about your cancelled appointment we would be very grateful to save a little time. We are able to send out e-vouchers so please do get in touch if there is anything you need. Sending all my love and hope for 2021. I can't thank you all enough for your continued support. More than ever this year. Grace x

...from Kirsty's Hair Studio. Yet again we are forced to close our doors - a date hasn't yet been given for when we can reopen. I will in time be contacting people who are booked in the new year.

...from No. 46. Hello all! Unfortunately today's post isn't the good news we were hoping for!

After the governments announcement yesterday deciding to close the hospitality industry down (yet again), we have decided we will not be opening again now until after lockdown. Obviously we are gutted as the Christmas period is usually one of our busiest times and we will miss seeing all of you over the festive period! But we hope you all have the best Christmas after such a terrible year! Thank you for all the support throughout these difficult times! Hopefully 2021 will be a better year, and we can't wait to see you all again when we re-open! Until then Merry Christmas everyone and a happy new year from all of us at No.46!

...from Andy Price Firewood. Hi all just to let you know that i'm fully booked up until Wed, so at the moment Christmas Eve is still free but that can change on a daily basis, I will then be closing until the 4th Jan ! Hope you all have a joyful Christmas, and a better 2021

...from the Rad. Following on from the announcement we will be CLOSED from Monday 21st Dec. We hope everyone tries to make the most of Christmas, and has a great new year! Lets hope 2021 is a much better year! Much love from all the staff at The Radnorshire Arms

...from Victoria Fish Bar. Christmas Opening Hours. Tuesday 22nd 12-2pm & 5-9pm; Wednesday 23rd 12-2pm & 5-9pm; Thursday 24th 12-2pm & 5-8pm. Then closed until 2nd January. We would like to thank all of our customers for supporting us through these very difficult times. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas

...from B W Roberts. Garage Opening hours for Christmas. 24th to 28th Dec Closed. 29th - 31st Dec 9am-12noon. 1st Jan Closed. Stay safe everyone xx

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. Due to the new restrictions that have been placed on us by the Welsh Government the flower shop and cafe will now be close until further notice. All flower and wreath orders will still be honoured for both delivery and collections, as will takeaway food orders. Carla will still take orders for Christmas but on a restricted basis. **Late change:** We are sorry that due to problems with getting flowers because of ferry port closures we will not be able to take any more orders. All orders already placed will be honoured but please bear with us if things are slightly different because of shortages. Carla & Lesley wish all our Customers a Happy Christmas and hope we will be able to see you all soon.

...from The Retreat & Sylvan Skincare. For Christmas delivery please select Royal Mail special delivery at checkout on our website and place your order by 12pm on Wednesday 23 December. We are still offering free delivery on all UK orders - perfect for a treat for the post Christmas Welsh lockdown <https://silvanskincare.com/>

...from Halo Hair Studio. I'm so sorry to all my clients that have booked in with myself next week for their hair appointments..I'm truly gutted that we have been made to close , If we had more than 7 hours notice we could have worked something out but unfortunately we were not given the choice, and for that I'm truly sorry. This year has been sent to try us and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your loyal support and friendships. I couldn't do it without you. Halo Hair Studio would not be here if it wasn't for you all. I really do appreciate it and would like to also wish you all a merry Christmas and fingers crossed that next year will be a better one for us all. Take care all you lovely clients - I hope to see you all in 2021, Ruth Xxx

...from Russell Fletcher at Presteigne Driving School. So after the Welsh government's announcement today I am now unable to teach until lockdown is over. I'll keep you all posted on updates and wish all my students a very merry Christmas & a happy and healthy new year.

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. Well, we didn't see that coming... Due to the new Welsh Lockdown, today was our last opening day in 2020. A big thank you to all of our customers for your wonderful support this year- you have made a very tough 2020 much nicer. In an effort to help those of you who didn't quite finish (or start !) your shopping you can still use our click and collect option on the website...or for things you've seen in our newsletter or in store, email before 1pm on Christmas Eve and we can arrange a no-contact payment and collection for you. Have a safe and happy Christmas

...from G&A Carpet & Beds. So another lockdown begins tonight for us in Wales and we are sad not to personally wish our customers a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Both Graham and Amy have loved seeing you all through a very strange 2020, Thank you for all your lovely comments, presents and cards and we genuinely can not wait to see new and old faces in 2021. We've always been a "Glass half full" type of family business and always trying to make something out of something bad. Think Positive, stay strong and keep going - you're all doing great! Please try as we will to have a amazing Christmas. Thank you Again

...from Ian in the Presteigne Barbervan. Well I'm shut down till next year - hope you have merry Christmas - stay safe one and all.

...from the East Radnor Leisure Centre. In line with the announcement by the First Minister, all leisure centres in Wales are now closed from midnight on 19th December rather than on Christmas Eve. Centres will remain closed until the situation changes.

...from Wild Card Tattoos. It looks like I am closing earlier than originally planned, I will be in touch with anyone who has an appointment booked as soon as I know when I can reopen.

...from Marion at The Retreat. It is with sadness that I need to close the massage clinic once again. With the tier 4 restrictions, I think it is realistic to assume that these will continue well into the new year & at this stage, I can't make any bookings for Jan. If you would like to book for Feb, let me know and we'll keep fingers crossed for that. It is possible that remedial massage therapy for specific conditions/injuries will be permitted but, until that has been clarified, I cannot see people on that basis. However I am available for online or telephone advice, please do contact me directly. Thank you so much for your support, and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, With best wishes in this difficult time, Marian

...from Nicky Tranter Tree Care. Any wind blown or storm damage trees call 01547 520075 or email nickytrantertreecare@mail.com - on call 24 hours.

...from PNCS. Due to the Welsh government guidelines, The Warehouse, Charity Shop and the PNCS Office in the High Street will be closed until further notice. If you have any donations for the shop or the Warehouse, could we ask you to PLEASE HOLD ON TO THEM until we reopen. The Community Transport Scheme however WILL continue as usual. All appointments from 23rd December to 4th January will need to be phoned through by the 23rd December. Any appointments after the 4th Jan will need to be phoned or emailed through until we re-open. Tel: 01544 267961. Email: transport.pncs@gmail.com. We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your continued support in these difficult times.

...from Elda at The Coffee House. Hi everyone, unfortunately with yesterday's announcement we are being forced to close The Coffee House from tomorrow until a further update is made. If you would like any Coffee Beans / Grounded Coffee, you can message me on here, or they are selling at Weobley Ash Meats and Farm Shop. We would like to thank all our customers for a tough year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

...from G&A Catering. We are OPEN Monday (21st) and Tuesday (22nd) this week. Then we will be CLOSED from the Wednesday 23rd Dec until Sunday 3rd Jan. Open for business as normal on Monday 4th Jan 2021 - opening hours will be 8-2 Monday thro Saturday.

...from The Salty Dog. Christmas opening times: 24 Dec 9 to 5.30pm; Frid 25th to Tuesday 29th CLOSED; 30th-31st 9 to 5.30pm; New Year's Day-3rd Jan CLOSED; 4th Jan 9 to 4pm. PLUS - Egg boxes needed, please, please !!!!

...from SPAR. Christmas opening times: 24th 7am to 10pm; 25th 10am to 2pm; 26th 9am to 9pm; 27th to 31st 8am to 10pm; 1st Jan 9am to 9pm; 2nd Jan 7am to 10pm.

...from the Royal Oak. We're going to miss seeing all of you over the festive period this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Fingers crossed for a better 2021!

...from Arrowfield Vets. Please make sure that all your pet's repeat prescriptions are ordered by 12 noon Tues 22nd December so that they will be ready for collection before 12 noon on Christmas Eve. See our FB page or call details of opening times over the next weeks.

...from the Library. Following the Welsh Government announcement all library buildings are now closed, and will remain closed until the Welsh Government guidance changes. Remember, you can join the library and download eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines for free, and library members also get free access to Ancestry.com from home – go to our library catalogue for more information. https://wales.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/powys_en. All books are still being automatically renewed and you won't be fined. For help or advice about your library, contact 01597 827460 or library@powys.gov.uk

...from The Farmers Inn. We would like to Wish all our customers, staff old and new a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and better New Year. We will miss you all at our Christmas and New Year celebrations and all the frivolities. We will see you all in 2021 as soon as we are allowed

...from Sylvan Skincare. For Christmas orders, which can be sent directly to friends and family, please order by midday Wednesday 23 December (or earlier if possible) with UK Special Delivery. For a Welsh or London and South East lockdown treat, FREE delivery is still available for post-Christmas deliveries. The gift sets are already beautifully wrapped, but we can wrap any product for example the hand cream and send together with a handwritten greeting (no extra charge). Please leave a message at the website checkout if you would like your purchase gift wrapped together with your greeting and the address to send it to. Thank you. <https://silvanskincare.com/>

...from Mary at Deli Tinto. Christmas Opening Times: 22nd & 23rd Dec 9-5; 24th Dec Xmas Eve 9-4; Closed 25th - 29th Dec; Open 30th & 31st Dec 9-4; Closed 1st Jan; Open 2nd January 9-1. For Christmas Shopping, we're now offering the chance to browse the whole shop at your leisure. Contact us to book a half hour slot on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evening between 4 and 6pm. If you're self-isolating or just wanting to keep trips into town to a minimum we're continuing to take orders for collection or delivery. n.b. Deli Tinto Christmas Hampers available now - ask in the Deli or contact us hello@delitinto.com / tel. 01544 260534.

...from Presteigne Tyre Services. We will be closed from 5 o'clock tomorrow 23rd Dec until Monday 4th Jan. We will still be available for emergency's and to make appointments for the new year. Please call us on 07831615675. We would like to thank our customers for sticking with us throughout this tough and challenging year. Merry Christmas from all of us at PTS.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. 304 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> or call 119 (7am to 11pm). People with hearing or speech difficulties can call 18001 119. Source: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

...PACDG Notes on TC Meeting 16th December (*ed. these are unofficial notes taken by observers - see Town website www.presteigne.org.uk for full official Minutes of the Meeting*)
Repair and Re-use Grant Application – very short time allowed to submit applications so could not be considered in this round of funding. May apply again in 2021 if funding available.
High Street Covid-measures – the TC has applied for grants on behalf of three local businesses who want to install awnings to protect the queuing public.
Fold Farm footpath dispute – evidence has been provided to PCC that the footpath is a public Right of Way, including most recently map published by 'Understanding Welsh Places' website. TC are following up on a formal legal application made some time ago to PCC to confirm the RoW and order landowner to stop blocking it.

Dark Skies lighting – PCC has done a survey of the lights in town and will be sharing what they have found early in 2021. The testing of different types of suitable lights for the High Street and Broad Street will go ahead when the Christmas lights are down.

Local Walks – a set of local area Walks (with maps) developed by the Ramblers will be put on the Town website when time allows (post-meeting note: this will include an update of existing Presteigne circular walks developed by PACDG/Chatterbrook WI). TC to consider setting aside some funds towards maintenance items identified by the Ramblers.

Climate Crisis – Radnor Wildlife Trust has ideas on linking more woods to extend the Nash Woods initiative. A list has been provided to the TC. Grants for sites were discussed, several sources of funding available. Climate and Tree groups to meet and see if they can progress.

Norton Matters – contractors working at Treatment Plant making a mess of road verges. Clerk to contact authorities. Work is progressing to schedule so far.

Potholes – Discussion about the terrible state of the road down from Stonewall Hill into town. Difficult problem as ownership is shared between Powys and Herefordshire CCs and there is no money for such minor roads. Residents are encouraged to flag up road problems/potholes by reporting on the Council's websites, where location of potholes can be flagged up.

Norton Community Trust – has now got experts in, and planning permission to be resubmitted before end of February. NCT taking on lease of church.

Weir by Withy Beds – in need of repair; meeting with Natural Resources Wales to be arranged. Maybe possible to use some of the money the TC holds for the allotments to go towards repairs to the weir that would otherwise adversely affect the allotments.

Wilson Terrace Play Area – zip wire now being sorted very effectively and will have a much longer run.

Lugg View flooding – flooding was very swiftly and thoroughly sorted by PCC contractors.

Cllr. Bev Baynham – Her 18 months as Chair of PCC is now over. Bev has taken a place on Community Health Council, a body that takes patient's view, accesses health services. Covid vaccine is being rolled out from two centres in Powys, north and south, with appointments from 8.15am–8.45pm every day.

Street Cleaning - TC wished to acknowledge work being done by the PCC street cleaners.

Next meeting – 13th January to set budget. Then normal meeting on 20th January.

...from the Rector & Churchwardens of St. Andrew's. Dear Friends. We're really sad and sorry to have to announce that both the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day Family Service at St Andrew's Presteigne have been **cancelled**. We will, however, still be offering the Carol Service [on Sunday 20th December at 6.30](#) and a Short Service of Holy Communion [on Sunday 27th at 11am](#). The 'Come and Behold Him!' event will also continue as planned [on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, and Christmas Eve from 4-6pm](#). The church will also be open to visitors for much of Christmas Day – why not drop in at some point to enjoy the Crib Scene and a moment or two of peace and quiet? The services in Lingen, Kinsham and Knill will continue as advertised, but attendance is limited to the local congregations due to the small number of worshippers we can accommodate. Although there is no service at Discoed this Christmas, the church will be open for visitors with the lights and heating on all day [on Christmas Day](#).

This decision to cancel the two services in Presteigne has been a very difficult one to make, but we hope you will understand and accept the reasons behind it - our apologies for the disappointment and any inconvenience. The Rector & Churchwardens of St. Andrew's.

...from Grace, Dorothy and Yen. Grace Loveday, Yen Robinson and Dorothy McGuire are setting up a new community group called **Liminal Space** which will offer an opportunity for conversations and support focusing on all aspects of the end of our lives.

- Why do we struggle to talk about death and does that keep us from making decisions?
- Are we missing opportunities to make enlightened choices about our care and wishes which would empower us and make things simpler and less traumatic for those we leave behind?
- Could discussing our hopes, fears and ideas about death enhance our connection with others and help us to live more fully?

When Covid regulations allow, we plan to establish a local discussion group. This will offer a safe space where we can enjoy the freedom to explore our concerns, beliefs and ideas about death, dying and end of life. In the meantime, if you are struggling and need support, want more information, or simply wish to talk about any issues around death and dying, then please get in touch via our email: liminalspace20@gmail.com. Grace, Yen and Dorothy have backgrounds in nursing, palliative care, bereavement and supporting people at the end of life.

...from Powys CC. Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Powys will NOT close as a result of the latest level four lockdown. Current restrictions will remain in place. Sites will be open to the public on the usual days and times, for essential use only. *[ed. at present the Herefordshire CC website shows all their HWRCs remaining open, but with winter timings so closing at 4pm. You need to prebook and receive a pass to use any Herefordshire HWRCs]*

...from Freegle. It's not too late to get books to gift for Christmas! Remember that Freegle is here 24/7 so you can find things you need for free and there are lovely people all around our area who give away wonderful stuff - give it a try, you'll be pleasantly surprised <https://www.ilovefreegle.org>. There's no better place to buy second hand books online than from the wonderful WORLD OF BOOKS who support charities, operate on a circular economy model, employ lots of people, use renewable energy and are just generally lovely see <https://www.worldofbooks.com/en-gb>. If you prefer to buy new, then use this brand-spanking new website so you can buy from YOUR LOCALbookshop but online (you know for Covid reasons and as a realistic alternative to A****n) <https://uk.bookshop.org/>

...from Dyfed Powys Police. DID YOU KNOW ? 101 isn't *just* a phone number anymore... you can also report an incident to us by emailing: 101@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk. Remember: In an emergency, always call 999. You can also report the following through our website? http://orlo.uk/DPP101Online_ywegw - Crime - Traffic incidents - Antisocial behaviour - Fraud - Lost/stolen vehicles - Lost/found property - Civil disputes - Breach of Covid-19 rules.

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. The playgroup and after school club children have been very busy over the last few weeks making decorations for our Christmas advent window. If you have a free moment, please go along to 6 Broad Street to have a look at the children's wonderful Christmas creations.

...from Newtown High School calling all John Beddoes Campus 6th Formers past & present ! As part of our celebration of our 6th Form & its many successes, we are researching the achievements of our 6th Form alumni & would love to hear from anybody who has left our 6th Form in the last 15 years, to find out where they are now & what they're up to! Our aim is to use these success stories to inspire our current students & develop their ambitions & aspirations for the future. If you fall into the above category & are willing to share with us your name, the year you left, what you've done since, plus a photo or brief video clip of you explaining, this would be even better! With your permission, this information would be used in our publicity for the 6th Form. Post contributions on our FB, or send to: alumni@newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk. Pls share this post with other alumni. Thank you for all your contributions!

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Falling off stepladders, burning yourself on the gravy, tripping over Christmas lights – and who knew chopping swede was so risky? Two of our nurses reveal the most common Christmas injuries and ask that you PHONE FIRST before arriving at Minor Injury Units. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/phone-first-for-minor-injury-units-for-your-christmas-injuries/>

...from Powys Recycles. With £100 cash back grants on offer why not make a new years resolution to try real nappies? <https://t.co/tWmPGVIPqZ>. Plus....Metal can be recycled again and again without losing quality. 70% of people in Wales recycle their foil. Please recycle mince pie cases and any (clean) foil used in your Christmas cooking. Discover more: bit.ly/377eFIB

...from Powys CC. Primary School - Reception Admissions Sept 2021 – Apply online NOW for the Primary School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/

Applying-for-a-School-Place. Applications by deadline of Frid 8 Jan 2021. Primary Common Offer Date is Frid 16 April 2021. Otherwise please contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Maggie. The Barber's premises (opposite the Library) is available in the New Year. Fully set up as Barber's Shop. Full-time or part-time Barbers considered. Alternatively the shop could be used for a different business. Please call or text Maggie on [07952 982746](tel:07952982746)

...from Helen. I am looking for a web designer, experienced in Wordpress, who is available asap - please email info@helenbpilates.com

...from PAVO. We're looking for Digital Befrienders to join us to help clients increase their knowledge, skills and confidence to access Befriending services online via an iPad, tablet, mobile phone or laptop, helping them overcome loneliness and social isolation in their own home. Could this be you? Visit [Powys Befriending Service - Digital Volunteers](#) to apply.

...from Dyfed Powys Police. Recruiting now - Contact Handlers. Apply now to become one of our #HeroesInHeadsets. As a contact handler, you'll be the first person someone speaks to when they need us most. You'll be the calm, reassuring voice they need to hear and the person responsible for arranging the help they need. This is a job that's challenging and rewarding in equal measure, but you'll receive the training and support you need to help you deal with anything that comes your way. Interested? Don't delay – apply today. Visit <http://orlo.uk/BwQ1t>

...from Orbis Education and Care. Recruiting Residential Education Support Workers now at Summerville House, our school & residential home in Presteigne, a leading specialist school/care service for children with needs associated with autism. We offer a rewarding long-term career and invest in our staff so that they can achieve their full potential. In addition to a wide range of benefits, all successful applications received before the 31st January 2021 will receive a £100 Love2Shop voucher to spend at 100s of shops on completion of induction. If you can see the potential in children with autism then we will develop the potential in you. Contact us today to find out how you can join our community of amazing care specialists at Summerville House! Call: 02922 800728, email recruitment@orbis-group.co.uk, online: <https://tinyurl.com/y8z9neb5>

...from Herefordshire College of Arts. Exciting Job Vacancy - we are looking for a Technical Demonstrator for our textiles workshop. Responsibilities will include assisting academic staff during practical sessions, offering technical support to students and the maintenance of the equipment. Find out more and apply: <https://www.hca.ac.uk/job-vacancies>

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