

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"

email news@pacdg.org to contact the Editor

- 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

Looking for local trades and services ? PACDG keeps a Register of local tradespeople and services so, whatever you need, if you can't find information in the Parish Magazine or on town noticeboards, we may be able to point you in the right direction - just email us on news@pacdg.org. And do please let us know if you've had a good experience with a local trader or service provider so we can include them on the Register.

Free book/jigsaw exchange. Read all your books? Done all your jigsaws? Help is here! PACDG & Chatterbrook WI have set up a free book/jigsaw bring-and-take in St. Andrew's church porch in Presteigne. Hand sanitiser and disinfectant spray provided. Thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for allowing this to go ahead. *[ed. n.b. thanks to Norton residents, a successful free book exchange has been running for a while in the Norton church porch].*

...from the **Salty Dog**. We always have lots of fruit&veg boxes to get rid of e.g. shallow interlocking plastic trays (useful for keeping stuff in), lightweight wooden fruit boxes (kindling?), and larger polystyrene boxes with fitted lids (useful for keeping your frozen or chilled shopping cold on supermarket trips). All FREE - they're kept stacked in the passageway at the side of The Salty Dog. The door's always open - just help yourself (and you'll be helping us too !!).

DON'T FORGET OUR LOCAL FOOD MARKET TOMORROW 9-1pm in the Memorial Hall !

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Latest planning application in: 21/0047/FUL Grid Reference: E:330478 N: 267125 Proposal: Erection of dwelling house Site Address: Taylors Farmhouse, Norton, Presteigne. To be considered at the February meeting of the Town Council.

COVID

Powys Teaching Health Board:

...all the latest information here: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>.

...if you are a private or self-employed regulated healthcare professional providing intimate care for people in Priority Groups 1-9 you may be eligible for COVID-19 Vaccination now. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/private-and-self-employed-regulated-healthcare-professionals-in-powys/>

...the latest edition of our weekly newsletter on COVID-19 vaccination in Powys is now available from our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccination-newsletter>.

...if you have had a positive COVID-19 test you must self-isolate at home for 10 days. You should not have a re-test unless you have been asked to have one by a public health professional. A re-test could waste valuable NHS resources and will not change the time that you need to self-isolate. For more information about COVID-19 testing in Powys, visit the health board's website at www.pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing

...the NHS Wales COVID Recovery app is now available to support patients across Wales It is available in both English & Welsh to download for free from the Google Play (Android) and the App Store (Apple). <https://healthhub.wales>

...share your experiences about COVID-19 vaccination in Powys. You have been telling us about what went well, and how we can improve. We have added a new form to our website so that you can let us know about your experience: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/information/your-feedback-about-covid-19-vaccination-in-powys/>

...Powys residents who are asked to self-isolate by the NHS Covid-19 app will be able to apply for a £500 self-isolation payment. Until recently the payment was only offered to people who had been told to stay home by Test and Trace staff operators and did not cover app notifications. As of Friday 5 February app users who are notified for being exposed to the virus can apply for the payment through the app if they meet the eligibility criteria of the main scheme i.e. *Employed or self-employed *Unable to work from home and will lose income as a result of self-isolation *Receiving Universal Credit or another specified benefit. The scheme is designed to ease money worries during self-isolation and includes a discretionary element to support those who are not on benefits but remain at risk of financial hardship. Powys CC began processing self-isolation support in November and will be responsible for administering the new app payments. See PCC's website for full details: <https://crowd.in/3f2JfF>

Kington Medical Practice PPG. "A number of patients have asked whether any vaccination clinics will be held at the surgery. I have been in touch with Dr McCaffrey and she has explained that although the Astra Zeneca vaccine could be given at the surgery, to do so the Practice would have to cancel other appointments. The advantage of having the vaccination hub in Leominster is that each of the practices in our primary care network only has to contribute a couple of members of staff, who are able jointly to vaccinate 8 people in 5 minutes. Housebound patients are being vaccinated at home. Dr McCaffrey has vaccinated 10 patients which by contrast took 4 hours. The Practice is asking patients to make every effort to attend the Leominster hub, in order to maximise the efficiency of the vaccination programme at the same time as maintaining some semblance of normal surgery activity. This strategy seems to be working - I gather from the BBC news that Herefordshire is currently among the top 5 authorities in England with regard to numbers vaccinated. With Best Wishes, Kay Birchley, PPG Chair

SCAM ALERT

...getting a recorded message on your home phone supposedly from BT Internet Department ? Message says that there's been suspicious activity on your line - they have to close down your phone and internet Service, and Press 1 to talk to Customer Services to resolve the problem. It's a scam - don't press anything! Note the calling number, put the phone down and then report to BT at <https://www.bt.com/consumer/edw/scams>.

THANK YOU

...from Powys THB. Volunteers fill many vital roles in our county including Digital support for those accessing online services and we want to say **thank you** for everything you do! If you would like to offer your services as a #PowysVolunteer during the pandemic, or at any other time, then can contact PAVO on: 01597 822191 or go to the Powys Volunteer Centre on its website: www.pavo.org.uk

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

...from Weobley Ash Meats and Farm Shop. Freezer deal. £50 of frozen meat for £35.00. Beef, pork, lamb joints, mince, dice, steaks, sausage, chicken whole or fillet. Call 01544 598120 or call in, open from 9-4 Tuesday to Saturday

...from Freedom Leisure. Challenge yourself with this fantastic free home workout <https://bit.ly/2M2X08a>. Join us every Wednesday. Always warm up first.

...from Lyonshall Nurseries. In February the first welcome signs of spring start appearing in our gardens and there's plenty to do to get ready for the coming year. Read our top 15

gardening jobs for February. <https://www.lyonshallnurseries.co.uk/news/1169/15-gardening-tips-for-february>

...a reminder from the Mid-Border News. We are now putting together the spring issue of your local community magazine MidBorder News (copy deadline 15 February) and we are working hard to promote local businesses, services and community groups. We have a new listings style Business Directory: only £10 for 40 words (charities etc free); we have redesigned the front cover; and we have upgraded our online package to include live links so that readers can click through to websites, email etc. If you have a local news story or would like an ad, contact us on midbordernews@gmail.com. **...plus...Would you like to say thank you to someone?** Our Diolch Fawr corner is the place to do it. Just email us the name of the person or organisation etc to whom you'd like to say thank you and your reason why. The best one wins! We will print it alongside a pic of a lovely bunch of flowers midbordernews@gmail.com

...from The Stagg Inn. Our Sunday lunch takeaways are back to keep you warm this weekend. For Friday & Saturday we've got you covered with a beef & mushroom pie and everyone's favourite - fish & chips. Full menu and to order <https://www.thestagg.co.uk/takeaway/>

...from Weobley Ash Farm Shop. Egg boxes needed ! Please return any empty egg boxes when you next shop with us - thank you.

...from Seconds & Co. We have LOADS of good offers on at the moment. Head to our website www.secondsandco.co.uk to have a look at them all! Call: 01544 260 500 or email sales@secondsandco.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Dyfed Powys Police. Livestock worrying continues to be an issue across the Dyfed Powys force area, in Powys alone we dealt with 8 incidents during January, and have had one incident reported so far in February. Incidents occur when dogs are unsupervised, escape from their gardens or when not kept under control when out walking. Livestock worrying results in suffering to the livestock, financial loss and in some circumstances dogs being destroyed. ***Please ensure dogs are kept secure when at home, or kept on a lead whilst out walking. Stick to footpaths when walking in rural locations, avoid fields and footpaths if livestock is present. Farmers will be 'lambing' now, well in to spring !!***

...from Newtown/John Beddoes High School. Next week Tuesday (11th February) we are hosting a virtual Sixth Form Open Evening via Teams, between 6 and 7pm. You are all invited to join us, along with your parents. The evening will begin with a short presentation from Mrs Jones which will give you an overview of Sixth Form provision, and you will then be able to go into subject-specific Channels to see resources from individual subject teachers and ask them any questions. We hope that you will all be able to join us to see what our Sixth Form has to offer you in September 2021! <https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/main/index.php/news-mainmenu-35/school-news/1100-sixth-form-open-evening-11th-february-2021>

...from Rachel, Hear to Help Powys Coordinator at RNID. Some RNID services are currently suspended, but where possible we will continue to support people who are Deaf, have hearing loss or Tinnitus. Please see our website for further information or email us at wales@rnid.org.uk. Alternatively, you can contact us via the Information Line on tel no. [0808 808 0123](tel:08088080123), by text phone on [0808 808 9000](tel:08088089000) or by SMS on [0780 0000 360](tel:0780000360). Thank you

...from Powys THB. Our Minor Injury Units in Powys are currently APPOINTMENT-ONLY. This helps to keep you safe and to keep our staff safe. By calling the service we can make a quick telephone assessment, decide the best course of treatment which may include advice over the phone, and book you in safely if you need it. Please call before your visit: [\[ed. the nearest in Powys is Llandrindod Wells: 01597 828735 \(07:00 to midnight, 7 days\)\]](tel:01597828735) Just dial 111 24/7 for urgent health advice and information. NHS 111 Wales is also available via Interpreter Now for people who are deaf or hard of hearing: <https://interpreternow.co.uk/>

[nhs111wales](https://www.nhs.uk) or you can call 18001 111. Thank you for your patience, and thank you to our staff who are working hard to keep vital services running. www.pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus

...from Plantlife. We're very excited to bring you a new edition of our introductory guide to all things road verges: *The Good Verge Guide*. This edition includes extra information on managing urban verges and sowing wildflower seeds on verges, as well as answering many of the most frequently asked questions and providing you with our top tips for making a difference. We hope it will give you lots of ideas and inspiration for transforming your local verges into wild flower havens. Click [here](#) to download your own electronic copy now.

...from Shobdon Food & Flying Festival. After discussing this year's event with our organising team including our hosts at Herefordshire Aero Club, we are very sorry to tell you that the 2021 Shobdon Food and Flying Festival will not take place. We feel that with the government not able to have all adults vaccinated against COVID-19 until September at the earliest, there is no way we can safely host a large gathering of people in the summer, even if some restrictions are lifted by then. Please share this information. All the very best to you all.

...from Powys CC. Calling 16 and 17 year olds - like to win an iPhone 11 with 64 gb internal memory ? Earpods included with charging cable We have two iPhone 11s to giveaway: The prize draw is for all 16 and 17 year olds in Powys who register to vote in the upcoming Senedd Election. For more information please follow the link <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/10133/Senedd-Election-2021-Prize-Draw>. For any further information or queries please contact Holly Casey – holly.casey@powys.gov.uk. Your voice – your choice

...from Angela. "I read with great interest a the note you published on the Powys.gov.uk/garden waste registration scheme for collecting garden waste for a modest yearly fee. The alternatives are composting it or taking the waste to one of the five recycling centres in Powys. Unfortunately there are some in the Kinnerton /Evenjobb area who are seem unwilling to do any of these; they fly tip their garden waste by the side of the Kinnerton to Evenjobb lane. This is illegal and unnecessary. Please don't."

...from Keep Wales Tidy. The Welsh Government recently launched a 'Litter and Fly-tipping Prevention Plan'. Have your say about litter issues in Wales and what can be done by responding to the consultation <https://gov.wales/litter-and-fly-tipping-prevention-plan-wales>

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from MidBorder News/Sunshine Radio. We are looking for an apprentice to join our team. You need excellent computer skills and be confident talking to people face to face or on the phone. Driving licence essential. Working hours Mon-Frid, max 30 hours per week. Opportunity to train for a Business Admin certificate. Apply to hayley.grismond@hwgta.org

...from Kington Farm Supplies. Looking for a Shop Assistant. Working in our farm supplies shop you will be serving customers, answering phones, driving a forklift (training given), restocking the shop, taking deliveries and unpacking stock for both Arrow Plant and KFS. Retail experience would be good but not essential. Background knowledge of farming, horses, dogs 01544 23066. Apply at <https://www.facebook.com/kingtonfarmsupplies/>

...from Liquitech in Pembrokeshire. We are looking to take on trainee engineers. The position will be full time and will include lodging away. Good promotional prospects. PM on our FB page for more details or send your CV to carl@liquitech.co.uk

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. An exciting opportunity to join our team - Vacancy: Apprentice Trainee Play Assistant. Closing date 16th February 2021. See our FB page for details and to apply.

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