

Community News

St David's Day

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Happy St David's Day !!



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

...the March issue of the Parish eMagazine is now out. The hope is that the Magazine can resume issue in printed form soon but, until then, if you'd like to receive the Parish Magazine by email please contact the Editor on standrewsintray@btinternet.com. Deadline dates for Copy and Artwork for April issue is Wednesday 24th March. The electronic version of The Parish Magazine can be downloaded to print off or read on your computer screen from <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10690/>

...from Annie. Welcome to the spring issue of the MidBorder News! Please feel free to share this link to our online issue https://issuu.com/midbordernews/docs/midborder_news_spring_2021

...from Arrowfield Vets. Lambing season is upon us here at AVP. With heavily pregnant ewes and young lambs out in the fields, this is a critical time in the farming year. Let's give our farmers one less thing to worry about by KEEPING DOGS ON LEADS at all times around livestock and following the footpaths. Many people don't realise Sheep worrying is a crime, and it is not worth the risk to the sheep or your dog.

...from the Powys Waste Enforcement Officer. If the cardboard recycling skips at the Bring Site are full please take your cardboard back home - DO NOT leave it on the ground by the skips. Apart from it being unsightly and likely to blow around littering our town, this is FLYTIPPING and, if it is traced back to you, you WILL be fined a substantial amount. Note that cameras are now being utilised at the Bring Site to help identify people dumping contaminating rubbish in the recycling skips or on the ground - **you have been warned !**

...from Debs/Helen in Norton. There is now a box in the porch of the former church in Norton to recycle used ink cartridges, alongside a collection point for the Food Bank & the book exchange. Please be very aware of following the covid guidelines. Keep safe x

...from April at Presteigne Medical Centre. Flu Vaccinations – If you are aged 50 or over, you are eligible for a flu vaccination. If you wish to have the vaccination, please contact the practice to book in for an appointment - phone 01544 267985.

...from the Mid-Border News. n.b. road closure - 15 March for 12 days, for fibre installation. C1027 Titley Station Rd from A44. Diversion signed locally. Herefordshire CC 01432 261800.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS (see Town website www.presteigne.org.uk)

...from Cllr Baynham. "You may notice works taking place in Presteigne Cemetery over the next few weeks. A joint effort between PCC & Presteigne & Norton TC has seen us secure burial land to increase the capacity of the cemetery and will also see the creation of 20 much needed car parking spaces. I can't stress how much work has gone into this project over the

last couple of years, but I'm sure you'll agree it will be a great asset to the community as the cemetery was almost at capacity. With special thanks to Cllrs Colin Kirkby & John Wilding for their support and determination to get this project done."

...Latest planning application in - 21/0272/HH Grid Reference: E:331507 N: 264121 Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension Site Address: 27 Townend, Presteigne. To be considered at the March meeting of the Town Council.

THANK YOU

...from Tessa. Thank you so much to the volunteers who continue to litter pick in different areas of Presteigne and Norton while out on their daily walk. As the restrictions start to lift, I'm thinking of setting up a rota of pairs (as we were doing between lockdowns) until we are completely freed, and I hope that the hint of Spring in the air will bring a burst of enthusiasm to all for a Spring Clean of Presteigne... so to speak! If you'd like to join the merry band, email news@pacdg.org.

...[ed. St David's Day is surely the best time to say a big thank you to all who have donated bulbs and to all the volunteers who have given their time and effort over the last few years planting daffodils, snowdrops and crocus around Presteigne and Norton - Spring is coming!]

COVID

...(PTHB) the latest edition of our weekly newsletter about COVID-19 vaccination in Powys is now available to download or read online: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccination-newsletter/>

...(PTHB) our reserve list is closed for this week. Thanks for your interest. As the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is now only available for second dose vaccinations we do not currently need the same type of reserve list as we did earlier this month. Instead, where cancellations do occur we are calling on people who'd not yet received their invitation or who had to miss a previous appointment (e.g. due to travel disruption) - as well as people who've already filled in this week's reserve list before it closed. We therefore don't currently expect to reopen our reserve list for the time being. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/age-65-to-69/are-you-able-to-attend-a-mass-vaccination-centre-appointment-at-short-notice/>

...(PTHB) on eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination for unpaid carers. We expect to receive more information next week (week beginning 1 March) about how eligible unpaid carers can request vaccination <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/unpaid-carers/>

...(PTHB) on vaccination for those with underlying health conditions. In order to vaccinate as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, those aged 16-65 with underlying health conditions are being divided into two groups:- Those aged 16-49 will be vaccinated at their GP practice - Those aged 50-65 will be vaccinated at one of the three Mass Vaccination Centres in Powys. Please note, it is not possible to 'switch' locations between GP/MVC. PLEASE DO NOT phone to make an appointment; we have your details and will be inviting you for vaccination as soon as we are able. Thank you for helping us to make the system as effective as possible to protect the community. More information about the current eligibility in this priority group is available from our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/adults-with-underlying-health-conditions/>

...(PTHB) in line with national guidance we want to offer you your second dose around 11 weeks after your first dose. If you received your first dose vaccination on or before 26 December and have not yet received your invitation for your second dose then please get in touch. More information about second dose appointments, including a Priority Access Form if you received your first dose on or before 26 December, is available from our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-dose-appointments/>

...Herefordshire CC. With eligible groups changing, check if you meet the current criteria to book your vaccination online. Even if you have not had a GP letter you could be eligible to book. To find out more: <http://orlo.uk/VQ2J2>

...from PNCS Community Transport about transport for COVID vaccinations. If anyone in Presteigne, Norton or the surrounding area is having difficulty travelling to a COVID vaccination appointment, PNCS is pleased to be able to offer transport, both to PNCS members and non-

members alike. **Due to the extraordinary situation, PNCS is offering this service free of charge.** Anyone who needs transport to a vaccination appointment should contact the PNCS office by telephone on 01544 267961, or by email on transport.pncs@gmail.com. (Please note: Whilst we will do our best to accommodate everyone, we do only have a limited number of drivers available. If you can use your own transport to attend an appointment, please do that so we can use the available drivers to support those who really need help.)

SPAM / SCAM WARNINGS

...a warning from DVLA about online companies called Licence Safe, Licence Secure, Driving Licence Assistance, Electronic Check Ltd or 'DL Renewal Online' - these are all scam operations which have their own website but also manage to pick up business via the DVLA site. If you want to renew your licence, inform DVLA of a change of address or insure your licence (why would you do that?!), and even if you think you are in touch with DVLA, you may be directed to these people and asked to pay a subscription of £97 or more; they offer to do everything for you: but this is unlikely. They might be just within the law (!) but there is a warning on the DVLA site and much criticism on uk.trustpilot.com

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

[ed]. the following Presteigne shops are operating order & collect, and/or delivery options for those having to self-isolate: Salty Dog - order & collect 262 824; Carini's - order & collect 260 026; Deli Tinto - order & collect plus home delivery 260 534; Lorna's - order & collect 262 727; Spar - order & collect plus home delivery 267 328; Premier - order & collect 267 702; Weobley Ash - order & collect plus home delivery 598 120.

...from Presteigne Local Food Market. Looking forward to seeing Customers, old and new this SATURDAY 6th MARCH at the Memorial Hall ! Hoping to welcome a NEW STALL, so watch our FB page later in the week for the Stallholders who will be attending

...from G & A Carpet and Beds. We continue to arrange measures and installations throughout the Lockdown period even though our showroom is currently not open to the public until the non essential restrictions are lifted, but we can arrange for sampling to be collected or delivered, if required please contact us on Facebook or email sales@gacarpetandbeds.com. We hope to reopen on March 15th but in the meantime we continue to follow the national guidelines and we can still assist you in all your flooring requirements - thank you for your continued amazing support. Stay safe, Graham & Amy

...from Victoria Fish Bar. New Food Added To The Menu - Lemon Sole, Skate Wings, Southern Fried Chicken Meal 3 piece or 5 piece, Mexican Style Lamb Burger

...from Downton Delights. Our Mother's Day S'mores Kit. All your favourites in one box perfect for a night of toasting. Shop here <https://www.downtondelights.com/product-page/mother-s-day-s-mores-box>

...from G & A Catering. We would like to thank all our customers for their continued support and thank you for the huge success with the Valentines theme night we held - we really enjoyed cooking and serving you. Look out for what we have in store for March.... You have asked and now you get - we have introduced The Big Breakfast available Weds and Sats. please look out for our specials over the next few weeks. Open as usual 8-2 Monday to Saturday - loyalty cards still available for our regular customers.

...from Wild Thyme. This week's takeaway special: Braised lamb shank with red wine, olives, tomatoes and capers, accompanied by saffron risotto! Order on our FB page, to davidsplace01@gmail.com or 07854 428668

...from Weobley Ash. Mothers Day Gifts. We have a range of oak/elm cutting boards and cheese boards. All locally made using wood from Stokesay Court, Harley Estate, Downton Estate and Ludlow. Each board is unique and finished in olive or sunflower oil.

...from Sarah at Slix. Dear Clients, I hope you are keeping fit and well during these ever changing unprecedented times. Please accept my sincere apologies in not having made contact earlier, this was due to illness and needing to take time to recuperate. I had hoped that as you had experienced in past lockdowns where we had looked after our clients on reopening and booked you in a fair and orderly manner that you knew we at Slix Hair Studio would do the same after this lockdown too. As with previous lockdowns if you had an appointment booked with us you are classed as a priority client and we will be in contact with you in due course to offer you a booking when the government gives us a definite go ahead. If you did not have an appointment however would appreciate an earliest available appointment to tend your lockdown locks please notify us by text message or phoning [07983 355125](tel:07983355125). We will endeavour to attend to each and everyone of you precious clients in due course, please be patient with us while we attend to you all in a fair and sensible manner. Thank you in advance for your kind understanding. We very much look forward to welcoming you back to Slix Hair Studio in the not to distant future. We have very much missed you. Take care & Stay safe. Sarah Morgan xxx

...from Amanda's Bread. Please order on Monday or asap for deliveries on Saturday 6th March to the Presteigne area. Email asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com asap, thank you.

...from Leon's Supper Club. Happy St David's Day. ! This week's Leon's Food to Order Meal Deal is: Slow-cooked beef cheeks, meltingly tender, with a rich, deep flavour, cooked with red Rioja, cocoa powder, carrots, peppers, onions, tomatoes, herbs and garlic - £7.50 with a FREE portion of creamy horseradish mashed potato. Order by phone 01544 262164 or online <https://thesaltydogpresteigne.com/order-cooked-food/> on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, and collect between 9 am and 5.30 pm on Thursday or Friday, or between 9 am and 4 pm on Saturday. All our Food to Order dishes are easy to reheat and assemble.

...from Lockdown Dhaba. Order now from our vegetarian or vegan menu for delivery on 13th March - go to www.lockdowndhaba.com. Email info@lockdowndhaba.com for more info.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. Book in now for the Easter Holiday Club. Ages 9 months - 12 years. Monday 29th March – Thursday 1st April, Tuesday 6th April – Friday 9th April. The setting will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday. 30 hour free childcare offer accepted. BOOKING ESSENTIAL email Sam: info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

...see the latest information from Plantlife here <https://mailchi.mp/plantlife/spring-into-action-on-road-verges?e=c0aac14851>

...from Sargeants. Great News Everybody! Normal services will resume across the 461/2 services from the 8th March 2021. Please remember that face coverings must be worn when travelling on our services. Also, please be aware, if you are an Herefordshire Concessionary pass user, from Monday 8th March the pre-0930 fare will apply (info from Herefordshire CC)

...from Presteigne Festival. Happy St David's Day from us all at the Presteigne Festival. We've got everything crossed for a live Festival this year, please save 26-31 August in your diary.

...from Education Wales. New school years are now eligible for the PDG Access school uniform grant. PLUS If you have bought uniform you can now use the grant to purchase a laptop or tablet. Find out if you can apply: <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>

...from Powys CC. If you're aged 16-17, or a foreign national living in Wales, you can now vote in Welsh elections. We're calling for people across Wales who've never voted before to put their opinions to good use and have their voices heard by voting in this years' Senedd elections. To register to vote please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

...from Kington Golf Club. Finally we have a date for when Golf will return....It will be Monday 29th March. There will be more information to follow but if you need to contact us for anything see below. We can't wait to see all our members and visitors back out on the links.

...from Riversimple. The 'Circular Revolution' is boosted in Wales – with a pioneering £2.3m Circular Economy Centre based in our Llandrindod Wells HQ. The Circular Economy Innovation Centre for Wales will be the first business-led hub in the UK, and is delivered in partnership with Swansea University and University of Exeter, and part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Welsh Government. We are thrilled to be able to host the centre, and drive circular thinking forward globally from Wales. <https://bit.ly/2ZLWZsB>

...from Lingen Web and Knighton & District Rotary Club. “Young Photographer Competition” - calling all budding young photographers from North Herefordshire, South Shropshire and Powys. “NATURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP” is the theme for the competition, entry is FREE & you can use your phone or camera. Competition ends on March 31st 2021, gift vouchers will be awarded to the best three entries in each age group & certificates will be sent to all entrants. Age groups: 6 to 11 years, 12 to 15 years and 16 to 18 years. Full entry details are on www.lingen.org.uk 'news' page. *[ed. if you live anywhere near to Lingen then the Lingen Web is essential reading for anything going on in and around the village. Join on their website]*

...from Powys CC. Are you over 50 and looking after someone else, perhaps a member of your family, neighbour or friend? And are you unpaid for doing this and not receiving any formal support? If so, Age Cymru would like to hear from you on this survey - <https://crowd.in/PHfj9k>

...from Newtown High School (John Beddoes) - a letter to students about assessment arrangements for vocational qualifications. You can read more from the link below: <https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/main/index.php/news-mainmenu-35/school-news/1109-qualifications-wales-assessment-arrangements-for-vocational-qualifications>

...from Presteigne Freegle. With most kids going back to school soon, remember to use your local Freegle group to give away unwanted uniforms - (and anything else you no longer want). Download our sharing app to get started. It's as easy as A,B,C...<https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>. Freegle is also a great way to find uniforms and other useful #school stuff that you do need - and everything is #FREE so you save money while reducing landfill and you'll meet other lovely locals along the way - all at the same time!!

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from R. T. Jones. We are looking at recruiting a couple of members of staff for our Poultry Cleaning business - they must be: • Very reliable • Trustworthy • Extremely hard working • Willingness to learn & work long hours/days • Competitive rates of pay • Driving license is essential (trailer license is an advantage) • No experience needed as full training will be given • Must be strong as job is physically demanding. We are based in Kington but cover all surrounding counties. Please contact me on here or at mollieskyrme@yahoo.co.uk for more information! Feel free to share!

...Shobdon Parish Council are looking to recruit a new Parish Clerk a self confident, experienced administrator with good IT skills, who can manage a diverse and at times complex range of work and is keen to be involved in community projects. The post is p/t, 12 hours a week, mainly working from home. Working hours flexible but the post holder must be able to attend the monthly council meetings. The full job advert can be found on the parish council website (<http://www.shobdonparishcouncil.co.uk/>) and for an informal chat about the role and further details , including a job description and person specification, contact: Emma Lewis, Clerk to Shobdon Parish Council, Tel: 01568 708694, Email: shobdonparishclerk@gmail.com

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