

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

...**FOUND - a gold ring, last week in Church Street.** If this is yours, please contact Roger Millichamp on 01544 267841

...**from Presteigne Youth Project.** We are getting the Old School in Hereford Street ready to reopen for Community use as soon as Welsh Government restrictions allow. While checking the cupboards in the building, we've found some items that look as if they have been abandoned and will be disposed of unless claimed - long cream vinyl banner "Aloe Vera Nature's Gift" - box with branded items from a Lottery Big Lunch event - a large blue zipped carrying case badged 'Beautelle' containing what looks like an almost new adjustable padded leg rest, and a matching 5-leg stool . If these are yours, contact Terry on 07766 097600 by 2nd April. Thanks

...**ref Powys Recycling.** We checked with PCC following some questions from readers...

(1) We're all now seeing packaging and magazine wrappers made from cornstarch which carry 'Compostable' or 'Home Compostable' labels. Unfortunately PCC DO NOT accept these in your food waste kitchen caddy. (2) polythene film is recyclable but PCC DO NOT accept this in your red box. It IS accepted in Powys HWRCs (e.g. at Llandod), and as reported in past issues, most major supermarkets do now have collection points for plastic film.

Trying to find someone to paint your house, do your garden, prune trees, fix plumbing, picture framing, clean carpets, decorating, chimney sweep etc etc ? We have built up a sizeable Register of local trades & services to be able to point you in the right direction - email news@pacdg.org if you need information, or to add someone to the Register.

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

Latest planning applications in - 21/0389/HH and 21/0390/LBC Grid Reference: E:330425 N: 267326 Proposal: Proposed rear single storey extension and minor alterations Site Address: Old Vicarage, Norton, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2EN. To be considered at the TC April meeting

COVID

...**"Stay-local" rules were lifted for Wales from Saturday** and unrestricted travel within its borders is now allowed

...**from Chris.** If you're 40+ you can now book in on the PTHB reserve list to have your 1st dose vaccination at the mass vaccination centre in Builth. Call 03456 027053, ignore the suggestions to book online, wait to be answered and book your vaccination now !

...**from PAVO. Volunteers needed! Can you help by becoming a volunteer Wayfinder Marshall at the Mass Vaccination centre in Builth Wells?** PAVO are looking for more volunteers to help visitors coming for their vaccinations to find their way round the site and to make their visit as quick and easy as possible. Lots more info and links to sign up on the PAVO website - https://www.pavo.org.uk/news/article/news/volunteers-needed-1.html?no_cache=1&cHash=6f01c987664414faf25448e7507bcc60. Several local people are already volunteering at Builth and would be happy to tell you how much they're enjoying it!

...from Hereford CC about symptom-free COVID-19 testing in England. Workers returning to work on the 12 April are encouraged to start getting tested twice a week, from now. From April 12 non-essential retail, hairdressers, salons, gyms, outdoor pubs & restaurants can reopen. Further info: <http://orlo.uk/FFMTd>

SPAM / SCAM WARNINGS

...from Anne. Recently I had a peculiar phone call purporting to come from BT telling me they were about to cut off my line because of "suspicious activity" on it, and instructing me to "press 1". I didn't, instead rang my provider (Phone Coop) who told me this is indeed a scam, and a fairly new one. No idea, of course what would have happened if I had pressed 1!!

...from Which. Fraudsters are bombarding the UK public with scams, ruthlessly exploiting events like the pandemic to catch us off guard. People are falling victim to scams by email, text, phone calls and social media. Scammers are stealing £billions. We need to stay alert. Free Which? Scam Alerts are regular email updates on the latest scams doing the rounds – and practical advice to keep you one step ahead of the scammers. Your friends and family can sign up to outsmart the scammers. It only takes a minute. www.campaigns.which.co.uk

...from Royal Mail. A fresh warning to people waiting for parcels about a scam that claims payment is required for a package to be delivered. Social media is awash with talk about the con, which involves a text message being sent that claims a parcel is awaiting delivery by Royal Mail. Trading Standards officers say people must NOT click on a link which connects to a copycat website run by fraudsters. Royal Mail will never send a text message of this kind.

...from Action Fraud. Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat were the most hacked social media accounts reported to us last year. Check out our top tips on how to secure your social media accounts properly <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/secureyouraccounts>

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

...from Presteigne Local Food Market. NEXT SATURDAY 3rd April----9 till 1 Memorial Hall Car Park. To entertain children up to the age of 10, an Easter special WILDLIFE TREASURE HUNT. A small gift will be presented to all children completing the competition correctly! Even more stalls this month with their fantastic local produce. We especially welcome back Primrose Organic Veg and a new and exciting stall from Richard - Planet and Plate. The regular stalls also present will be; Dugan's Patisserie, Khesh's Indian Delights, Alex's Continuum Conceits, Celia's Cosmetics, Presteigne Honey, Hay Charcuterie, Survival, Weobley Ash Apple Juice, Planet B, Wegnalls Butchery, and Makis with hot drinks and crepes. Look forward to seeing you all for some special Easter food and gifts on offer

...from The Workhouse. Socialising outside is definitely the new normal but there's no reason we can't be warm and colourful while we're outdoors... Check out these gorgeous new knits from Elin Manon's Carmarthenshire studio on the website <https://www.theworkhousegallery.co.uk/collections/scarves>

...from Alithea at Mind Wales Mindfulness. This time last year I was half way through teaching a Mindful Self Compassion course, when an alien term was introduced..... "lock down". Who knew back then quite what that would mean? For me of course, it meant that I had to very sadly cancel all of my courses for the year. I have, like many of you been on hold since. I have not however been idle. With the help of a local web designer, I now have a beautiful new website - thank you Sally Butler!. All of my courses have also been adapted to be Zoom friendly. If you are interested in Mindfulness and Mindfulness in Nature (Shinrin Yoku), take a look at my upcoming courses and events. <https://www.midwalesmindfulness.co.uk>.

...from Richard, Man With A Van. Need something moving ? Contact us for light removals, deliveries, house clearance etc. We are licensed waste disposal contractors, reliable service, fully insured, competitive rates, many years experience. Call 07765 480872, 01544 350559 or email rcourt.manwithvan@gmail.com

...from Chilvers Country Supplies. We will be open over Easter as follows: Friday 2nd April - Closed , Saturday 3rd April - Open 9am - 1pm, Sunday 4th April - Closed, Monday 5th April - Closed, Tuesday 6th April - pen as normal (9am-5pm)

...from G&A Catering Easter opening hours...Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, Monday 5th - Closed, Tuesday 6th - Open (Normal hours 8am - 2pm) 07487 246276

...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 Food to Order. We have just added Vegetarian Wellington to the special Easter Sunday lunch menu! Carrot and Cashew Wellington - puff pastry filled with mushrooms, spinach and cashew nuts and topped with carrot, orange and ginger-spiced marmalade. Served with wild mushroom gravy. Choose your main course and dessert and book your order now online latest 1pm Thurs 1st April <https://thesaltydogpresteigne.com/order-cooked-food/> or phone 01544 262164 or 07805 727486. Choose to collect either Frid 2nd or Sat 3rd April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Tessa and our lovely team of litter-picking volunteers. With Spring in the air, and lock down relaxing ... a bit ... we will be restarting our litter picking around Presteigne in a Covid-aware way by going out in pairs a few minutes apart. The first of these dates are pencilled in for this Friday 2nd April and Sunday week, 11th April. If anyone is inspired to enjoy our normally sociable, healthy and satisfying "picks" please get in touch with me, or accost one of us in our attractive blue PACDG vests, as there is always more litter sadly. I hope to continue this on a regular basis until we can return to a full blown group outing later in the year. Thanks, Tessa. email: tessark@aol.com or mobile: [07788 567631](tel:07788567631)

...from Arrowfield Vets. DEFRA have announced that the risk of Avian influenza to both wild and kept birds has reduced to 'medium' meaning that Wednesday 31st March will be the last day poultry and other captive birds will need to be housed

...from the Food Bank: Presteigne Outreach News. Knighton Food Bank is no longer providing an outreach service from the Presteigne Baptist Church, in Hereford Street. This is due to an unexpected change in circumstances regarding access to and use of the room where we were housed. We will endeavour to continue our support for those in crisis and in need of emergency food in Presteigne but until further notice, we will do so from our Knighton Food Bank, based in Norton Street Baptist Church. The telephone referral service is still in place and we will deliver food parcels to Presteigne and surrounding villages whenever possible. In addition, we can collect food donations or you can continue to leave items (with a long use by date please) at the Spar shop in Presteigne. In the three years since we opened the outreach in Presteigne, we are proud to have provided meals for 2,328 adults and 1.465 children and babies. We could not have done this without the support of the local community in Presteigne, who gave food and cash so generously. For help and more information, **or if you know of a suitable premises that has a high degree of privacy for our food bank to use in Presteigne, please contact Helen on 07731 524 058**

...from Dyfed Powys Police. Drugs have been seized in Presteigne after a series of warrants were carried out last night. Dyfed-Powys Police's Radnorshire team confirmed the successful warrants carried out in conjunction with other units. A spokesman said: "Three positive drugs warrants executed simultaneously in Presteigne (last night) with reassurance patrols carried out with residents. "Fantastic result with drugs being taken off our streets and a great team effort from NPT, Response, ARV, RPU and Dog Unit."

...from Powys CC. Bin collections will take place as normal over the Easter holidays. Recycling and waste collections will not be affected by the Easter Bank Holiday with collections on both Good Friday and Easter Monday as normal. Commercial recycling and waste collections and green garden waste collections will also continue as normal on both Friday 2 and Monday 5 April. Any additional cardboard packaging, envelopes and cards can be

recycled in your blue paper and card box, and hard plastic items and silver foil packaging usually found around Easter eggs can be recycled in your red plastic and cans box.

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. Our nursery is now registered for babies and we are looking for good quality small robust easy-clean baby toys if anyone has any surplus to requirements ? Also any garden sieves so we can start to recover our gravel path from the flower beds !! If you can help, please contact Ann on 07734 528571 or email annpatriciawake@gmail.com

...from Sheep Music. The 2021 Sheep Music AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday May 5th at 8pm. Members of the public who wish to attend should contact Sheep Music at info@sheep-music.co.uk and a link for the meeting will be sent a few days before.

...from PAVO. Our latest Health & Wellbeing Bulletin is available to view or download here <https://mailchi.mp/pavo/healthwellbeingbulletin230321?e=82ca7399f5>

...from Maggie. Recycle effectively this Easter and help the planet: Scrunch the foil from your Easter Eggs into a big ball to ease its passage through the recycling sorting machinery. If you're lucky enough to have more than one Easter Egg, scrunch all the foils together till it's the size of a tennis ball. And flatten the cardboard boxes as well. It really helps!

...from Emily George. We have spaces available for all ages in our dance classes. These will be starting back up outdoors after Easter! We take from age 3 upwards and spaces are limited so get in contact via my FB page to book your child in!

...Pre-School Admissions – Apply Online. Do you need to apply for a place for pre-school admissions in either January, April or September 2022 ? If so, the Pre-School Admission Round for children born between 01/09/2018 – 31/08/2019 opens on Monday 29 March 2021. Parents / carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/3810/Apply-for-Pre-School-3-and-4-yr-olds-Early-Years-Education>. Applications to be made by deadline of Friday 25 June 2021. Pre-School Admissions Offer Date is Friday 22 October 2021. If you are unable to apply online please contact preschooladmissions@powys.gov.uk

...from Kington Golf Club. The course is looking fantastic for the return of golf. We will be welcoming back our members from the 29th March and Visitors from the 5th April. All tee times can be booked through our website www.kingtongolf.co.uk. Any society enquires please email : pro@kingtongolf.co.uk. Membership enquiries : membership@kingtongolf.co.uk

...from Toinette. Ladies' New To Golf Sessions at Kington Golf Club: Would you like to learn a new hobby, make new friends and enjoy fresh air and exercise in a beautiful setting? Kington Golf Club Ladies' Section would love to welcome you to our weekly group lessons led by our Pro, followed by a coffee and a chat, **every Wednesday at 12 noon**. Lessons cost just £8 a week, with your first lesson free. Equipment can be provided. Please contact pro@kingtongolf.co.uk or wedouglas@btinternet.com for more details.

...from Herefordshire Household Waste & Recycling Centres. We will move to summer opening hours from 1 April. To ensure safety & efficiency, residents are required to book a slot to visit. To view opening times & book your slot online: <http://orlo.uk/i2Zvd>

...from Presteigne Freegle. Spring has Sprung & decluttering is in the air! Getting a skip? Off to the tip? STOP! Try giving away your unwanted stuff first. We've got an app for that! <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/mobile>. Join our nearly 4000 Presteigne Freegle members & grow the #ReuseRevolution to save money, meet & help lovely locals & to preserve precious resources. The great thing about our #Freegle community is that there are all sorts of different people using it; some people love tinkering & fixing things, others love to repurpose odd stuff, there's lots of people just starting out in new digs who are short of pennies & need ordinary household bits and bobs, there are sadly deceased estates that need clearing, new parents needing anything baby related, garden-crazy DIYers & everyone in between. So just because you no longer want something does not mean that it won't be appealing to someone else. You never know what or why someone nearby might be looking for! & a timely reminder that, no matter

how good your intentions, just popping things outside your home, on the street, in the High Street rubbish bins, or next to the skips at the Bring Site is flytipping and you might be fined.

...from Powys Libraries. Learn about Universal Credit eligibility, find out how to claim and get advice about its impact on other benefits. Join Money Saviour and Powys Libraries in this interactive Zoom session on Monday 5 April. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/money-saviour-universal-credit-tickets-147959389517>

...from Powys Libraries. Starting Saturday join in Powys Libraries and Museums Easter Egg Hunt! Find our Easter Eggs hidden around town - You can download your Easter pack (with all you need to take part in our Easter Egg Hunt and more!)) from our Facebook page, website, or ask for a paper copy through our Order and Collect service. Print your Easter Activity Pack here: bit.ly/Pasg/Easter Saturday 27 March to Monday 12 April 2021

...A new law has been passed in Wales changing the rules around buying puppies and kittens in Wales. These regulations mean that puppies and kittens must be sold at the same premises where they have been bred, by the people who have bred them. This enables the new owners of pets to see where their animals have been born, alongside its dam [mother] if they wish. Breeders will now need to apply for a license through their local authority, who in turn will inspect their premises.

...from Presteigne Festival 26-31 August 2021. Exciting news: as part of her 70th birthday celebrations, Cecilia McDowall is composer-in-residence at the 2021 Festival. Artists performing her work include Heath Quartet Official, The Choir of Royal Holloway, Fenella Humphreys and the Festival Orchestra. We can't wait to welcome live audiences again this summer - concerts at St. Andrew's Presteigne, Leominster Priory, and Hereford Cathedral.

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. A great opportunity for a translator to join us. Working from home with occasional requirements to work in our Bronllys Office. Closing date: 11 April 2021 [https://biap.gig.cymru/gweithio-i-ni/swyddi-cyfredol/#!/job/UK/Powys/Brecon/Powys Teaching Health Board/Welsh Translator/Welsh Translator-v3031300? ts=147434](https://biap.gig.cymru/gweithio-i-ni/swyddi-cyfredol/#!/job/UK/Powys/Brecon/Powys%20Teaching%20Health%20Board/Welsh%20Translator/Welsh%20Translator-v3031300?ts=147434).

...from Little Orchards Nursery, Kington. Qualified nursery practitioner required for our busy Pre-school Room for rising 3 year olds to 4 year olds. 3 or 4 full days - likely to be Mondays to Thursdays. You must be able to work between the hours of 7.15am and 6pm. This post is permanent and is not suitable for a term time only contract. To apply please email Amanda for an application pack littleorchardnursery@btconnect.com. Visits welcome on Fridays. Closing date Monday 18th April at noon. Start date Tuesday 1st June 2021. This post is subject to a DBS check and reference and identity checks.

.....from Ludlow Farm Shop. Recruitment Day! 10th April...We are looking for enthusiastic food lovers to join the team, various roles are available all over the site: Retail & Takeaway Assistants (flexible hours); Team Supervisor (Ludlow Kitchen – full time); Chef (full time); Team Leader (Clive Arms – flexible hours); Front of House (Clive Arms – flexible hours); Front of House (Ludlow Kitchen – flexible hours); Customer Relations Officer (full time); Trainee Coffee Roaster (Part time leading to full time); Ice-cream Production Assistant (flexible hours). To find out more & register interest go to <https://ludlowfarmshop.co.uk/farm-shop/careers/>

...from Ashley Pools Country Park. We are recruiting! There are numerous positions available. To join our fantastic team ready for when we open after lock down please send your CVs to info@ashleapools.co.uk or ring the office on 01547 530430. Positions open: Cleaner - Hot tub cleaner - Cleaner/ hot tub assistant. Summer jobs also available. Contact the office for more info. Full and part time positions available. Flexible hours are essential. Rate negotiable dependent on applicants and experience.

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