

Community News



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HAPPY EASTER !

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

The latest edition of the Parish Magazine is out. If you'd like to be added to receive this issue and/or to be added to the email distribution, or submit any articles of local interest for publication, please email the Editor, Roger, on standrewsintray@btinternet.com

...the April 2021 Special Online issue of Broad Sheep is out now - www.broadsheep.com

...**John Arkell of Presteigne** passed away peacefully at Llandrindod Wells Hospital on 23rd March 2021. Much loved and greatly missed by all his family and friends. Private funeral at Hereford Crematorium on Wednesday 14th April. For those wishing to pay their last respects we will leave the family home on Castle Road at 11.00am, along the bypass, Hereford Street and on to Hereford. Donations to Llandrindod Wells Hospital League of Friends. Enquiries Geoff Hall Funerals 01547528554

...**William Charles Hughes (Bill) of Presteigne** passed away on Monday 15th March 2021, aged 88 Years . Much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Due to current circumstances the funeral will be private. Enquiries A.W.Hughes & Son 01544 267778

...**The funeral of Howard ('Howie') Owens** from the Moor Farm will take place at Presteigne Baptist Chapel at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 7 April. Due to current restrictions, sadly the funeral itself will be invitation only but, should anyone wish to pay their respects, the hearse will travel down Letchmoor Lane at around 1.30pm to Kinsham Cross and then on to Combe Corner and up Broadheath Common. It will then turn left at Greenfield Roundabout to the by-pass. It will travel up the by-pass and turn down Warden Road by the garage and then into the High Street before heading on to the Chapel in Hereford Street. Lynne, Trevor and Cathy would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, cards, letters and support at this sad time.

COVID

...**from PTHB.** If you are aged 50+ and have not yet received your invitation then you can use our [Priority Access Forms](#) to let us know. A [reserve list](#) for short notice first dose appointments is open for people aged 40-49.

...**update on Welsh lockdown rules.** From April 12: schools can fully re-open to all pupils following the Easter break while all post-16 learners will return to further education and training centres and university campuses will be able to open for blended face-to-face and online learning for all students ... all remaining non-essential shops can re-open ... close contact services like massage therapists and tattooists can open again and this includes mobile services ... travel into and out of Wales from the United Kingdom and Common Travel area (the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and the Republic of Ireland) is once again permitted but travel to any other country [requires a reasonable excuse](#), such as work or compassionate grounds ... viewings at wedding venues can resume by appointment ... outdoor canvassing for elections can begin ...driving lessons can resume

From April 26: outdoor attractions, including funfairs and theme parks, would be allowed to re-open ... hospitality can resume outdoor service including at cafes, pubs, and restaurants but indoor hospitality will remain restricted

From May 3: organised outdoor activities for up to 30 people can take place ... weddings receptions can take place outdoors but will also be limited to 30 people

From May 10: gyms, leisure centres, and fitness facilities can re-open. This will include individual or one-to-one training but not exercise classes ... extended households will again allow two households to meet and have contact indoors

NB. The next review will take place on May 13 led by the next Welsh Government but "preparations will be made to allow the following relaxations to be considered".

From May 17: Wales would enter alert level 3 ... children's indoor activities would be able to resume ... community centres would be able to re-open ... organised indoor activities for adults, including exercise classes, would be allowed to resume for a maximum of 15 people

After May 17: consideration will be given to enabling indoor hospitality and remaining visitor accommodation to re-open "in advance of" the spring bank holiday on May 31.

...Coronavirus restrictions are being cautiously lifted across England. Here's what you need to know. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

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 Farm Shop. Empty egg boxes needed. If any of our customers would like to return any egg boxes, particularly 1/2 dozen boxes we'd appreciate it.

...from Jessica Fallon. Enjoy musicals and dancing ? I run a dance fitness class Tuesdays 6.30pm on zoom. Come and have a go. Send message on my FB page using FREE code.

...from Lockdown Dhaba. This is going to be our last menu for a while! We are pleased to share that there will be a Lockdown Dhaba baby joining the crew in July. We wanted to keep cooking a little longer but the last few weeks it's been getting harder, so we figured now is a good time to stop. We hope to start up again when baby is around six months, (approx January 2022) and we will start back monthly for a while to see how we go. In the meantime we will have a think of what opportunities there may be to do something on a smaller scale, any ideas let us know! I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support! This has been a long held dream and you all made it come true. Enjoy your summer!

...from Sal at Wild Card Tattoos. Good morning folks, finally some good news about reopening again. It looks like I am allowed to reopen from the 12th April. I have messaged all those who have previously paid deposits and need line checks (please check your inboxes) For those wanting to book in for a consultation please DM me (a consultation is still £5). I look forward to seeing you all again soon

...from Grace Beauty. "A Thyme for change". Our family is fortunate to live in the countryside just outside of Presteigne, between the villages of Kinsham & Lingen, where we have a calm, rural setting. It is only through taking a step back that we realised the importance of this beautiful surrounding and how we would like to share this space with our wonderful clients. Therefore, from 1st of September 2021, our new salon 'Thyme' will open its doors to you all to share this special location and allow me to work from home. We are incredibly excited to bring this modern, sustainable salon to everyone and we hope you enjoy the peace and tranquillity. Grace Beauty gift vouchers will of course be accepted at Thyme. If you are unable to make the move with us, please contact us to book an appointment before we relocate. Grace & Rhi

...from Delphine at St Michael's Hospice Shop. We will open on April 12th at 9.30am. Donations can be brought in during trading hours. Social distancing will be in place with 3 customers allowed in the shop at one time. We look forward to welcoming back all our loyal and patient friends and customers

...from Lynne at The Warehouse. Great news, The Warehouse will be reopening on Monday April 12 at 10 am. We look forward to welcoming you back and thank you for your support. Lots of new displays to browse and many bargains to be found. We are accepting donations but ask you to make sure that they are saleable as it does cost us to dispose of unsuitable items. We are able to collect larger items if necessary but appreciate it if you are able to bring them to The Warehouse during opening hours. Opening hours will be Monday to Friday 10am-3.30pm, Saturday 10am-2pm.

...from Presteigne Leisure Centre. With the First Minister of Wales indicating the reopening of leisure centres in Wales from 10 May (hopefully!), we're as excited as you are that we can soon get you back into your local community leisure centre where you can exercise in the pool, the gym and outdoors again. Our site teams remain on furlough so are unable to answer phones, emails and social media messages but we will be issuing more information on our website and social media as soon as we are able but please stay patient.

...from Presteigne & Norton Community Support. Our office will reopen on Monday 12th April. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

...from The Workhouse. Happy Easter from all of us at the Workhouse! Only 10 more days until the gallery can reopen on Wednesday, the 14th of April!

...from Small Breeds Farm Park & Owl Centre. Check our new updated website www.owlcentre.com to see full details for opening on Monday April 12th.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Powys CC. Remember to fill in your census this Easter...to avoid getting a knock at the door from a field officer - get on and fill in your census this Easter weekend. Field officers are already out and about and will visit households who have not submitted their census this Easter weekend. The operation will reach its peak next week so more officers will be knocking at doors where our records show there has been no response. **Everyone is required by law to respond to the census and if you do so now you won't be fined.** It only takes 10 minutes per person in a household. Field staff will never need to enter people's houses; they will always be socially distanced, be equipped with PPE and work in line with all government guidance. They will be operating in the same way as a postal or food delivery visit. They also carry ID to show they are genuinely working on the census. All households will have been sent a letter in the post in early March with instructions for taking part. If you have lost the letter or have a second address you have not visited, go to <https://crowd.in/SQLSqq> to request an online completion code for your address via SMS text message. You'll find all the help you need online, or visit one of our local census support centres to get help to fill out your form.

...did you miss BBC Radio 4's Book of the Week readings of our own Helen Attlee's "Lev's Violin?" Don't miss out - you can listen to it now on BBC Sounds.

Fix your bike voucher. If you live in England have a bike that's gathering dust, you could get help from the government's 'Fix Your Bike' scheme to get your bike back on the road. Apply for a £50 voucher today & enjoy the benefits of cycling this spring. Further info & to apply: <http://orlo.uk/4U6QY>

...from Presteigne Dark Skies. Presteigne at night from the sky! Check out the link below to see what Presteigne currently looks like at night from above. We're planning to use the footage to compare the amount of light pollution produced before and after the street-lights have been replaced! Enjoy! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5OEe1aitQQ>. Today, the 5th April 2021 is the start of International Dark Sky Week. Check out the events on the the link below! <https://idsw.darksky.org/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a90567b0-290c-463a-999c-d8878a72e7e5>

...from Newtown High School (John Beddoes Campus). Available from the link below is an guide on the reopening of Newtown High School on the 13th April 2021 with a re-integration of all Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 students from Tuesday 13th April (Monday 12th April is a non-pupil day). Please read this documentation to re-familiarise yourself with our operational guidance.

es <https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/main/index.php/john-beddoes-campus-news/news-jbc/1124-summer-term-return-to-school-13th-april-jbc>

...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. The first THREE lessons are free and then just £8 per lesson. Equipment can be provided. Please contact pro@kingtongolf.co.uk or wedouglas@btinternet.com for more details

...Leominster & Hereford Mayfair has been postponed until the summer. Following a meeting of Herefordshire's Safety Advisory Group, a decision has been taken to move the Mayfair from its usual date slot due to the pandemic. More info: <http://orlo.uk/xUCq6>

...from Herefordshire CC. Show your creative side | Residents are being invited to create works of art inspired by Grayson Perry to be displayed at Hereford Museum & Art Gallery with Grayson Perry's 'The Vanity of Small Differences' exhibition, from October 2021. Full details: <http://orlo.uk/bYJWP>

...from Community Connectors. Worried about the continued Covid-19 lockdown? Concerned about future changes to restrictions and accessing your community? PAVO Community Connectors will put you in touch with voluntary organisations and community groups who can support you. We will work with you to access the right local services, information and support to help improve your health and wellbeing. Contact: 01597 828649, email Community.Connectors@pavo.org.uk @powysconnectors

...from Credu. Are you looking for support, advice and reassurance. Credu supports Young and Adult Carers in the ways that matter to them. This can include: Practical information, Emotional Support, Financial support, Groups and events, Courses and training. Contact via 01597 823800 carers@credu.cymru www.credu.cymru

...from Powys CC. Report rogue traders and doorstep crimes to Crimestoppers. If you think that rogue traders are targeting your community, or you know someone who has become a victim of a doorstep crime, you can now report it anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit <https://crowd.in/7ykStP>. Your information can help keep communities across Wales safe. If it is an emergency or a rogue trader is at the property contact 999, or if you need advice to help with a dispute, concern or suspicion call Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133.

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...Presteigne Primary School. The governing body has a vacancy for a Community Governor. The governing body is made up of staff, parents and people from the local area who each bring their own experience and skills to help with the governance of this thriving, successful and popular school. If you are interested and would like further information on the role please email the school office on office@presteigne.powys.sch.uk. The school re-opens on Monday, 12th April.

...The Harp at New Radnor. Great opportunity for an enthusiastic and committed chef/cook in a country pub with rooms. This position would suit a Chef de Partie, Junior Sous Chef or someone interested in a future in catering. We are in a rural location so own transport is essential. On site live in accommodation possible. Excellent tips. Salary depending on experience. Job Type: Flexible but mainly breakfast/lunch service shifts. Experience: Cooking: 2 years (preferred but not essential as training will be given). Qualifications: Food Hygiene level 2 (preferred). Email mail@harpinradnor.co.uk or call 01544 350655

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