

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

Message from Emma and the High Street Volunteers... Just to let you all know that this will be the volunteers' last full week of standing outside Spar and Premier. From Monday [today] we'll be covering Saturdays and a few hours on Friday only. Please let's help the shops by keeping on with the queuing at busy times and checking before entering. I know they've been enormously grateful for everyone's support. We will miss the chats and chocolate bars that get thrust into our hands - thank you, you know who you are! And an enormous round of applause to all the volunteers who've carried on week after week in all weathers.

...having problems recycling your tetrapak-type drinks & food cartons ? Good news - the two recycling bins at the Bring Site have been emptied and are available again

...from Mags. The family of Captain Sir Tom Moore have encouraged people to take on their own "100" challenge on what would have been his 101st birthday weekend. People have been asked to create their own challenge around the number 100 to raise money for charity. Any challenges would take place on the 30 April-3 May bank holiday weekend. Ideas suggested include walking 100 steps, scoring 100 goals, baking 100 cakes or writing a 100-word poem - whatever floats your boat BUT adhering to social distancing guidelines.

...from Annette & the GGs. As from 26 April organised outdoor activities for up to 30 people will be able to take place. Yippee! This means the Guerrilla Gardeners can get back to work. The GG team meet, weather permitting, on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am at a predetermined site and for a couple of hours. There are many areas in Presteigne that are neglected and which we can improve the look of by pruning back shrubs, doing some planting and helping to make our town attractive. The Shoppers Car Park, the footpath running behind the Police Station, areas along the bypass are just a few of the areas we have tackled. We are always open to learn about new areas we can consider working on. So, do come along and join us. Covid social working distances can easily be maintained. **On Wednesday 28th April** we will meet up at the Shoppers Car Park **9.30am** to restore a damaged bed. This is often the arrival point for town visitors so it should give a good initial impression. Bring your gardening gloves and a few basic hand tools. All most welcome. Contact Annette 01544 260151

...from Presteigne Fire Station. While our crew were returning from an incident this evening we were hampered by a parked vehicle near to the fire station. It's lucky we were heading back to station and not out to an incident. Please consider emergency vehicles when parking your vehicle anywhere, especially on the same road as a fire station! Remember, sometimes every second does count. *[ed. the fire engines also have problems with people parking by the Lloyds Bank ATM, which can block the fire engine needing to turn right towards the mini-roundabout]*

THANK YOU

...Presteigne Cricket Club would like to say thank you to everyone who shared our post regarding garden chairs. We have received an amazing amount of donations from the wonderful people of Presteigne and Norton - these have now all been kindly dropped off or

collected. So again thank you so much everyone for sharing our post or donating - it means a lot to our club.

...the Presteigne book & jigsaw exchange in St Andrews Church porch will close at the end of the week, now that the charity shops are re-open and our Library (hopefully!) will also re-open shortly. We want to say a big 'thank you' to the Rector and church wardens of St Andrew's Church for letting us set up in the church porch - and thank you all for your support !

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL at 7.30pm by Zoom (Meeting ID: 882 4016 2145 Passcode: 417484). Meeting papers available on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council. The Zoom link to the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88240162145?pwd=b2JDWEdQSERDRHBQVE42bjRxb2lkdz09>.

Latest planning applications in: [21/0604/HH](#) Grid Reference: E:331088 N: 264080 Proposal: Erection of Single Storey Garden Room to Replace Existing Conservatory Site Address: 44 Caenbrook Meadow, Presteigne. [21/0675/HH](#) Grid Reference: E:331028 N: 264036 Proposal: Erection an extension, to replace an existing conservatory Site Address: 5 Silia Meadow, Presteigne. To be considered at the April meeting of the TC.

COVID

...from Powys THB. We have reached the period of expected reductions in UK vaccine supplies for first dose appointments. Our vaccination centres will be open for a reduced number of days this week and next week, and will focus on areas where we have the largest number of people 40+ still to vaccinate. Thank you for your support and patience. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>

...from Powys THB. Are you aged 18-49 in Powys? Your first dose appointment will normally be at a mass vaccination centre. Please do not contact your GP about first dose appointments.

40+ ➡ If you are aged 40 or over and have not received your invitation for COVID-19 vaccination you can complete our Priority Access Form so that we can fast track you to an appointment: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/priority-access-forms/>

30-49 ➡ If you are aged 30-39 you can join our reserve list at all three sites: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/reserve-lists/>

18-29 ➡ If you are aged 18-29 you can join our secondary reserve list at all three sites: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/reserve-lists/>

More information about COVID-19 vaccination is available from our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>

...from Powys THB. If you have joined our reserve list then we may contact you by phone or email ... or now by text too. A text invitation will come from NHS SMS inviting you to help us fill a cancellation. You will need to show the text message on arrival. Thank you for your help to make sure no doses are wasted.

...from Powys THB. Anyone who can't work from home can now get free rapid COVID-19 tests. Self-testing kits will be available from local testing sites in Brecon and Newtown from Friday. <https://gov.wales/lateral-flow-testing-people-without-symptoms>

...from Hereford CC. Covid-19 Vaccine | People aged 45 & over can now book their COVID-19 vaccine. 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/0sTF9>

...from Powys THB. If you received your first dose on or before 7 February and haven't received your invitation for a second dose then please get in touch so that we can fast-track you to an appointment. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-dose-appointments/second-dose-priority-access-form/>

ELECTIONS

FINAL CHANCE - Thousands of young voters are running out of time to register to vote at the Welsh Senned election, statistics show. For the first time about 70,000 16 and 17 year

olds are eligible to vote when the polls open on 6 May. But, figures gathered by the Election Reform Society (ERS) suggest fewer than 9,000 are registered in six counties - **the deadline to do so is this Monday 19th April**. After legal changes the voting age was lowered in time for the Senedd election, allowing 16 and 17 year olds to vote for the first time in an election in Wales. If you are not already registered, you have until 23:59 on 19 April to sign up. You need to visit the government website https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote?fbclid=IwAR09E-vnLuVX-oGmK3RgDFX8PHeo98g6FORBXA0cY0F1HJ9gJQ_hnJxd2pU and fill in the online form.

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

...from The Warehouse. It was fantastic to be open again. Thank you to all our customers for coming along to buy, browse or just to say hello. Our opening hours for the foreseeable future are Monday to Friday 10-3.30, Saturday 10-2

...from Aardvark Books & Café. We are delighted to welcome you back from today! Bookshop and Cafe are open - we have tables outside for coffee and cake, and lots of books and new greetings cards inside where it's a bit warmer. Wood burner is lit (it is still April after all!) and we are ready....<https://mailchi.mp/c498c226e875/aardvark-books-welcomes-you-back>

...from the Royal Oak. We're excited to unveil our two new additions to the Oak during this lockdown. Visit our FB to see our very own heated Guinness Snug, and Beer Garden Bar. We hope to make use of this new bar area during busier periods and it also enables us to hire out the garden area for private functions

...from Andy. Hi all, just a quick update to say that it's that time of year again when i'm out and about mowing lawns etc, but can be available if you are in need of a load of seasoned logs for them cold evenings, just drop me a message or ring me on - 07976584404 day or 01547560476 eve, thanks Andy

...from Alithea & MidWales Mindfulness. Take a look at my upcoming courses: Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy is a tool that can help us learn to recognise and understand our thought and feeling patterns, enabling us to cultivate a healthier relationship with ourselves and become more resilient to life's ups and downs. MBCT course starting April 21st. midwalesmindfulness.co.uk

...from Weobley Ash Farm Shop. Locally made benches, more garden furniture to come over the next 2 weeks, Inc handmade BBQs, charcoal & hanging baskets. Call 01544 598120

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. Newsletter out now! (link below) Not receiving updates from us? Make sure you sign up on the website to receive the newsletter directly to your inbox [https://mailchi.mp/5ab3c2dc94a4/gallery-reopens?e=\[UNIQID](https://mailchi.mp/5ab3c2dc94a4/gallery-reopens?e=[UNIQID)

...from Chilvers Country Store. Spring bedding and basket plants have arrived!! Loose onion & shallot sets, runner & broad bean and pea seed in stock. Loads of quality "King Seeds" packets available. Fantastic bulb sets (dahlia, begonia and loads more) all available now!! Multi Purpose & Potting Compost, Decorative Bark and Top Soil all in stock ready for you!!

...from Jesi. I am a yoga teacher & new to the area! Just putting some feelers out, looking for interest in my yoga classes, 1:1 sessions & workshops! I take a traditional yet unique approach in my teaching - I like to find playfulness as well as sincerely working on our spiritual growth & our body's well-being! I am fully invested in the progression & support of each & every individual client of mine. I am currently teaching online on Zoom but I'm looking into venues to hire once restrictions for group classes have lifted (all government guidelines will of course be adhered to) for multiple weekly classes in different styles of yoga as well as 1:1 classes, and workshops. If you fancy trying a Zoom class with me, find all info & booking ability here: www.bookwhen.com/omrunayogaweekly. If you are at all interested in classes in Presteigne please leave me a comment on this post/like, follow & msg my business FB: Om Runa Yoga

...from the PNCS Charity Shop - spring/summer clothing, some really lovely clothes from well known brands Fat Face, Sea Salt, Next and more. Last chance to get autumn winter clothing at either £1 or £2

...from Leon's Food to Order. This week's Special - Rabo de Toro con salsa de vino tinto. Meltingly tender oxtail in a Rioja sauce. Bite-size oxtail slowly braised in a rich Rioja red wine sauce, cooked with onions, carrots and garlic - £7.50. Great served with crusty bread, creamy mashed potatoes or saute potatoes. Order from our full Spanish, Moroccan and Thai menu online at <https://thesaltydogpresteigne.com/order-cooked-food/> or phone 01544 262164 or 07805 727486 on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and collect between 9 am and 5.30 pm on Thursday, Friday or between 9 am and 4 pm on Saturday. All of our Food to Order dishes are easy to reheat, assemble and transport.

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. Spent the morning finishing some garden jobs as I prepare to open in the garden in hopefully one weeks time. No takeaway this week but day service menu Monday to Friday and am happy to supply this as pick up as well with advanced notice. See our FB page for full menu.

...Presteigne Bowls Social Club will be re-opening for outdoor service under cover (marquee) from 7.30pm next Monday evening, following on from the official opening of the bowling green at 6.30pm. Interested to take up bowls ? Call into the Social Club next Monday night or contact Dave on 07969 203339 or email daveweale@hotmail.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from PSAFC. Meet our new manager - John Haycox is the man charged with turning around the club's fortunes in the coming seasons. He has been talking to presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk about his hopes and how he sees things progressing in the coming years. If you click on the image at the top of the club website page there is an audio interview with John <https://bit.ly/3ahwb90>

...from the MidBorder News. "Friends, Romans, countrymen (and women), send me your news"! With apologies to Shakespeare (and Romans). The MidBorder News copy deadline is 10 May and we want your news, updates, events, new opening hours, community goings-on and more. If you need to get information out there, we can help: it's what we're for. Charities and community groups get free exposure as always. Get in touch midbordernews@gmail.com

...from Powys CC Care & Repair. Struggling to manage your stairs, get on and off the toilet, be able to bath or shower or get in and out of your house safely? Worried about falling when doing these activities? If you are then please don't hesitate to get in touch with PCC or Care & Repair in Powys. For help with smaller adaptations such as the installation of rails or the levelling of paths, Powys residents should contact Care & Repair in Powys directly on 01686 620760 or by emailing enquiries@crpowys.co.uk. However, for larger scale alterations, such as the installation of stair lifts or making your bathroom easier to use, Powys residents should contact the council's ASSIST team on 0345 602 7050 or online at <https://crowd.in/VDGWC1>. Another way of finding out what help and support available is via the free AskSARA website. This is an online resource which can signpost you to organisations - or indeed equipment - which can make independent living easier. You can find out more at <https://crowd.in/xK4tqd>

...from Dyfed Powys Police. The rural crime team responded to a report of livestock worrying this yesterday afternoon (14/04/21) which has occurred in the area of Farrington Lane, Knighton. The farmer reports that a dog has attacked his flock and one of his ewes sustained fatal injuries. If you have any information that can assist, please contact the rural crime team on 101 quoting incident 239 of 14/03/21 or call Crimestoppers on 0800555111. The rural crime team has responded to 28 incidents of livestock worrying in Powys so far, this year. Some of the incidents resulted in dogs being shot. The effects of livestock worrying can have devastating effects on both farmers and dog owners. Please ensure that dogs are on leads when out, and stick to footpaths and avoid walking through fields containing livestock.

...from Powys CC. How will you vote at the elections on 6 May, in person, by post or by proxy? Cast your vote however it suits you. You can apply for a postal vote by 5pm on 20 April or for a proxy vote by 5pm on 27 April <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voting-person-post-or-proxy/voting-proxy>

...from Powys CC. Pre-School Admissions – Apply Online Now. 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 is now open. 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 need to be made by the deadline of Friday 25 June 2021. Pre-School Admissions Offer Date is Friday 22 October 2021. If you are unable to apply online contact preschooladmissions@powys.gov.uk

...from Presteigne Festival. Very pleased to announce that Luke Styles' new chamber opera 'Awakening Shadow', a joint commission between the Presteigne Festival and Cheltenham Festivals, which incorporates all five of Benjamin Britten's beautiful Canticles, opens the 2021 Festival in August, performed by Nova Music Opera. More news very soon

...from Powys CC. Applications open for Powys Sixth Form courses starting in September 2021, it has been announced. Those interested in studying at a Powys Sixth Form can find the full range of courses on the Llwybrau Dysgu Powys Learning Pathways website - <https://crowd.in/6azRSf>. The website gives parents, carers and learners latest information on the courses as well as FAQs relating to the Post-16 offer in Powys. To find out more about the courses and to apply visit <https://crowd.in/Q8Yy7N>

...from Powys Commercial Recycling. We are all really looking forward to seeing our local non-essential businesses begin to reopen soon. If you paused your commercial recycling contact during lockdown, don't forget to get it reinstated for when you are back up and running. Give us a call for more information 01597 810829

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Caleb Roberts Insurance Services. Insurance Administration Assistant based in our Knighton Office; Full time role Monday – Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm. Applications by Email only. Please forward your CV with a covering letter to: jeanette.fox@caleb-roberts.co.uk

...from The Bleddfa Centre. Volunteer opportunity. Our Gallery, Craft Shop and Café will be reopening in May! Would you like to join our fantastic team? In return you receive complimentary lunch, travel expenses, have fun and learn new skills! We are a COVID-safe, friendly space. Expect a warm welcome from our lovely staff and volunteers. To find out more, pop an email to Emma at hello@bleddfacentre.org.

...from The Swan, Kington. With our ever growing team we have a few job vacancies available! We are looking for...X2 Bar attendants X1 Waitress X1 Pot washer. If you are interested in any positions please pop your CV into The Swan Hotel ASAP!! No experience needed as full training will be given. Hours and Pay will also be discussed. Last day to apply will be 23/4/21 email caseyf@hotmail.co.uk

...from The Harp at Old Radnor. We are looking for a waiter/waitress to work in a busy Country pub with rooms. Shifts - evenings and weekends and will vary week to week. Previous experience of waiting on and bar work would be beneficial but not essential as training will be given. Rates of pay dependant on experience. Good tips. Over 16s only. 01544 350655

...from Cartrefi Cymru. Support Worker. £9.08hr + £62.64 sleep-in (Presteigne & Surrounding Area) <https://www.cartrefi.coop/working-for-us/our-vacancies-2>

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