

*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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

...**new to town ?** looking for a new local venue for your club or organisation ? to find a club or group that caters for your interests or hobbies ? to find a local tradesperson or service ? We can help - email the Editor at [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org) to receive the latest PACDG Registers

...**PNCS is in desperate need of volunteer drivers** if anybody has some free time in the week. Volunteer drivers take our members to health appointments - our drivers choose what journeys they do, local or farther afield, or both. The drivers are reimbursed at 45p a mile for all mileage. Please pop in and have a chat at our High Street Office opposite Spar.

...**the Parish Magazine now has a new editor.** Steve Bishop has taken over Roger Curtis who for four years did such a sterling job. It appears ten times a year and has over 550 subscribers. It only costs £6 to subscribe – the pdf email version is even cheaper (£5). It contains lots of local information, news, and adverts for local tradespeople. As well as information on the five churches comprising the Presteigne group of churches. The original magazine published in 1869 originally cost one penny. An 1869 penny can fetch over £63. So, £6 for ten issues seems like an outright bargain! For more information contact: [standrewsintray@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewsintray@btinternet.com). To advertise in the magazine contact: [sadvert98t@btinternet.com](mailto:sadvert98t@btinternet.com)

### **THANKS**

...**from Presteigne Primary School.** Thank you to our brilliant PTFA - the money they raised from a raffle over the summer allowed us to buy some fantastic books and games on Welsh history and culture. The children were so pleased to open the delivery box today!

### **TOWN COUNCIL NEWS**

...**One Way Trial: Hereford Street, Presteigne:** The County Council has announced that subject to the completion of the necessary preparation work, the one-way system trial on Hereford Street will 'go live' in the w/c 27th September. Powys CC will post more details shortly.

...**a few observer notes from last week's TC meeting** (see the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk) for full Draft Minutes to be published shortly):

- Noted repairs done to Stocking Lane were completed, all happy with this
- TC following up with PCC on need to open Library on Friday and Saturdays
- Unlikely there will be any further Active Travel Route work in Presteigne for sometime
- Welsh Water works in Norton are now commissioned and in the process of a 28 day trial
- Concern over problems with double parking and congestion at the Primary School and how this could be alleviated
- Concern has been raised re tractors with large loads of hay, log lorries and tarmac lorries coming up Broad Street - difficulty getting around the corner by the library and possible damage being done to the Lugg bridge. TC to contact Herefordshire CC re the bridge and whether it should have a weight limit
- Awaiting final Planning decision on the plans for the Norton community hub - looking hopeful
- Approval

for WI to plant a tree in Went's Meadow to commemorate their 5th birthday to replace one of the trees that had died •Queen's Golden Jubilee - Working Party to be set up •Decided to further postpone restarting Council surgeries due to rising Covid cases.

## SCAM ALERT

...**Fake Wetherspoon meal voucher competition.** Fake meal vouchers are being promoted on Facebook, despite the chain shutting all its social media accounts in 2018. Users who comment on the posts published by the pages imitating the pub chain are told that they will win meal vouchers if they receive comments from Wetherspoon. But these comments come from scammers who have set up the pages. [Here's what the posts look like and more about how the scam works.](#)

...**Fake NHS Covid-19 PCR text.** There have been several scams circulating throughout the pandemic using the NHS's name and/or logo. This time it's a fake text message demanding that you 'order a PCR testing kit'. It's made to look like you've been pinged by the NHS Covid-19 app, but is another example of fraudsters seeking to panic you into following a URL leading to a fake website. [Here's what it looks like](#), and how to differentiate between genuine and fake NHS communications.

## COVID

...**a reminder that Lateral Flow tests (pack of seven) are available from both the Pharmacy and the Surgery. These are FREE.** The NHS advises that about 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. You should do a rapid test twice a week (every 3 to 4 days) to check if you have the virus.

...**from Powys THB. Drop-In First and Second Dose COVID Vaccination Sessions** are available week beginning 20 September. You can attend our drop-in clinics on 21-25 September for your FIRST dose if you are you aged 16+, and for your SECOND dose if you are aged 18+ and your Pfizer first dose was over eight weeks ago (AZ second doses are by appointment) <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/drop-in-first-and-second-dose-covid-vaccination-sessions-week-beginning-20-september/>.

...**from Powys THB.** If your Second dose was in February 2021 and you meet the national eligibility criteria for a Booster dose then look out for an invitation to your appointment through the post soon - those living in residential care homes for older adults - all adults aged 50 years or over - frontline health and social care workers - all those aged 16 to 49 years with underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk of severe COVID-19, and adult carers - adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals. More information about boosters is available from our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/booster/>

## NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...**from Andy Price (Logs & Maintenance).** I'm back for a new season ready to go with seasoned barn dried logs at your service - it's been a tough year and as a result of rising costs to my business I've had to make a slight adjustment to my prices, (but to be fair have been frozen for the last 5 years) if you would like to click on services on L&M Facebook you will find the new pricing laid out, thanks for your continued support and look forward to meeting existing & new customers alike. Andy. 01547 560476, 07976 584404

...**from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café.** We will be taking a break and both the florist and the café will be closed from Friday 17th September and re-opening Monday 27th September.

...**from Slix. Models/clients required for our trainee stylist** Eleanor - free of charge. Enquire at the salon for further details.

...**from Presteigne Bowls Club.** PBC's Geoff O'Keefe's fantastic run in the National Championships this week came to an end with a close match eventually going the way of Ian Powell of RTB Ebbw Vale - 21-18. Great performance by Geoff. Well done to all players representing Mid Wales!

...**from the Salty Dog.** We have a great number of plastic trays, brilliant for storage in the garden, greenhouse or garage. FREE !!!! Collect from the passageway at the side of the shop.

...**from The Royal Oak.** It's coming up to that time of year again where the dreaded C word starts getting mentioned. We are now taking bookings for Christmas Parties at the Oak. Limited dates available through December so booking in early recommended to avoid disappointment. 2 courses £19, 3 courses £23. We will also be doing takeaway Christmas Day dinners again this year. These will be for collection or delivery on Christmas Eve. Only mains and puddings will be available for Christmas Day takeaways. Get in touch for more information or to book yourselves as we have limited spaces available.

...**from Presteigne Little People Nursery. October Half Term Holiday Club.** Ages 6 Months - 12 years. Monday 25th – Friday 29th October, Slough Road, Presteigne, LD8 2NH. 8am-6pm, £4.50 per hour plus food, 30-hour free childcare offer accepted. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Please book spaces by Friday 1st October 2021 to email: [billing@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk](mailto:billing@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk)

...**from Weobley Ash Farm & Meat Shop, Presteigne.** Surging gas prices, CO2 running out leading to meat shortage, supermarkets shelves empty- Happy Monday morning ..... **HOWEVER**, we still have cows, sheep and pigs in the fields, not a bottle of gas in sight and your Christmas turkeys growing on nicely. Local, sustainable, grass fed, low carbon footprint on the doorstep.

...**from 1st Presteigne Scouts. Beavers (6 - 8 yr olds)** starting this Thursday at Presteigne Scout Group. Get in touch for details.

## **EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

...**Norton Halloween Fireworks** - Sunday 31st October. Date for your Diary !!!

...**Macmillan coffee morning:** Friday September 24th from 10.30 -12 noon in Presteigne Memorial Hall. Free entry – donations invited for cakes, coffee and tea. A bring-and-buy sales table, a grand raffle. Bring your friends and neighbours to join the 'biggest coffee morning in the world' and support this important cause which helps people surviving cancer. Hosted by Chatterbrook WI, all proceeds are for Macmillan cancer support.

...**from Crocketts. Coming soon! “Eat the Beatles” Side 2.** A psychedelic culinary trip around the world of the Fab Four! We've played Side A, now this is your chance to book for Side B on Wednesday 13th October @7pm. Call 01544 260017 to book.

...**“Delivering a Nature Recovery Action Plan for Powys”** on Tuesday 21 September 7:00 to 8:30 pm ONLINE -. A chance to learn more about what is happening locally & what we can do to help. Join Holly Dillon, Biodiversity Officer, from Powys County Council and James Hitchcock, RWT CEO, to hear about the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Powys and the work of the Powys Nature Partnership. Sign up here <https://www.rwtwales.org/events/2021-09-21-delivering-nature-recovery-action-plan-powys>

...**Presteigne Screen is back ! with “Rocks”**, Friday, 24th September 2021, Assembly Rooms. UK - 2020 - 93 mins - Rated 12 - “Rocks” is a multi-award-winning film featuring an outstanding cast of young actors, a marvellous coming-of-age drama set in London. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Film starts 8:00pm. To better avoid overcrowding, there will be fewer seats with more spacing than at the first film. Tickets £5 at door, or buy online at [WeGotTickets](https://www.wegotickets.com). To help us manage numbers, please buy tickets ONLINE and please, arrive early (it helps us). The number of tickets for sale at the door will be limited. Seating is unreserved, but tickets BOUGHT ONLINE are guaranteed seats (n.b.The lift at the Assembly Rooms is currently unusable and there is no disabled access to the upper floor)

...**MiNR Music in New Radnor.** “Pagoda Project”. Saturday 9th October. New Radnor Community Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Box office 01544 350268. £12 (concessionary price for children under 14 £3). Wine and soft drinks available at the bar: feel free to bring snacks. Please note that there is no parking available at the hall. (Future performances - Saturday 13th November, John Kirkpatrick - Saturday 11th December Syrinx Ensemble.

**...Presteigne Methodist Church: Join us for our Harvest Festival week-end.** On Saturday 2nd October we shall be open from 10 – 12. Come and enjoy the seasonally decorated church with a cup of tea or coffee and home-made cake. There will also be stalls selling books, jams and chutneys, plants, cakes, bric-a-brac and crafts. Our Sunday Harvest Festival service begins at 10.30 and all are welcome to come along. Tea, coffee and a chat afterwards too.

**...from Presteigne SAFC.** October fixtures: 2/10 - First Team away to Knighton in Cup; 16/10 - CP home to Knighton Reserves in the league and First Team away to Hay Reserves in the league; 23/10 - First Team home to Brecon in league and CP away to St Harmon in the league; 27/10 - First Team home to Felindre in the league; 30/10 - CP away at Brecon in the league

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

**...from Heart of Wales Line. Engineering Work.** Please be aware there is engineering work on the line from 18th September to 24th September and bus replacement service will be available between Llandrindod Wells and Shrewsbury. Check your journey before you travel here <https://www.journeycheck.com/tfwrail/> more info at <https://tfw.wales/service-status/planned-improvement-works>

**...from Powys CC. Looking for information on free school meals** and how to apply? Take a look at the sites below Powys County Council – Free School Meal information and application <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/3758/School-meals-and-clothing-grants>. Welsh Government – Free School Meal information <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/free-school-meals-in-wales-information-for-parents-and-guardians.pdf>

**...from Presteigne Freegle.** Seen recently on a local Freegle re-use group - OFFER “Lifesize cut-out of George Clooney, foldable”. A reminder that almost anything can be ‘offered’ or ‘wanted’ on Freegle - everything your heart desires perhaps !! Join now [www.ilovefreegle.org](http://www.ilovefreegle.org)

**...from Powys Recycles.** Pringles tubes and other paper containers with metal ends (such as hot chocolate, nuts and other products) can now be recycled at Powys Household Waste Recycling Centres, alongside food and drink cartons such as those made by TetraPak and others. Check the online recycling guide to find out what materials can be recycled in your weekly kerbside collection and at the HWRCs: <https://crowd.in/O1dbzr>. *[ed. you can now also put your Pringle tubes and similar metal-ended cardboard containers in the three ACE carton recycling bins at the Presteigne Bring Site on the bypass].*

**...from Powys CC. Secondary School Admissions.** Do you need to apply for a place in Year 7 at Secondary School in September 2022? If so, the Secondary School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2010 – 31/08/2011 opens on Monday 20 September 2021. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>. Applications need to be made by the deadline of Friday 12th November 2021. Secondary Common Offer Date is Tuesday 1 March 2022. If you are unable to apply online please contact [admissions@powys.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@powys.gov.uk)

**...from Powys Recycles. Please recycle all your old batteries.** Across the UK each year, the equivalent of 22,000 tonnes of batteries are disposed of, with only one third being recycled properly - the rest end up in the rubbish bin. These old batteries that are just thrown away can be dangerous. When collected along with other rubbish or recycling, the batteries can be unintentionally squashed, compacted, punctured, shredded, or soaked in liquids. When this happens, often the chemicals and other harmful contents can cause damage to the environment, while some types of battery can get very hot or even ignite. It's not just the everyday batteries that need to be recycled correctly. Many batteries can be found in portable electronic devices such as laptops, tablets, mobile phones, cameras, power-tools, remote-controlled toys, drones, electric scooters and even e-cigarettes. Items such as batteries and other electronics can all be recycled safely at the Household Waste Recycling Centres [HWRC]. Many supermarkets, libraries and schools also have safe recycling points for small, household batteries. *[ed. e.g. SPAR in Presteigne High Street].* Batteries should always be removed from unwanted goods and recycled separately. By recycling batteries responsibly, and never



throwing them out with the general rubbish, we can not only boost our recycling rate, but also make sure they end up in safe, specialist, battery recycling facility. For more information on what materials can be recycled in Powys, please see our online recycling guide: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7744/A-to-Z-of-waste-and-recyclable-items>

**...from Herefordshire Council. Hand it back.** In partnership with Wye Valley NHS Trust we are urging residents to check their own homes and their family member's homes for medical equipment that is no longer needed to help others in need. Millions of £s worth of equipment is currently on loan in the community. We especially need recliner chairs, bed frames & commodes issued by the NHS or the council. Please help if you can <https://orlo.uk/agikD>

### **LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**...Presteigne Little People - Full time Play Assistant.** We are looking for a motivated level 3 Practitioner (Early Years) Experience of working with children with additional learning needs is desirable. Willingness to undertake further fully funded training essential. It's a great time to join us! Salary: depending on skills and experience. Location: Adjacent to Presteigne Primary School. Slough Road, Presteigne, LD8 2NH. Closing date: Sunday 3rd October 2021. Interviews: week commencing Tuesday 5th October. Informal visits are welcome. Please contact the setting to arrange an appointment 01544 262130. Enquiries, application forms and job description / person specification available from: Ann Wake: 01544 260695

**...SIL Services for Independent Living. Become a Care Hero.** Full and part-time roles available. Good rates of pay and generous benefits package. Interested ? Contact us today 01568 616653, [hr@s4il.co.uk](mailto:hr@s4il.co.uk), [www.s4il.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.s4il.co.uk/vacancies)

**...from Kington Farm Supplies. We need a Goods Inwards Clerk/Shop Assistant.** Call 01544 230661 or email [kfs@arrowplant.co.uk](mailto:kfs@arrowplant.co.uk). Working hours negotiable 28-40 hours per week. Rate of pay to be negotiated.

**...from The Swan Inn at Letton - looking for new people to join our fantastic Front of House team!** If you're interested please email your cv to [kai@swaninnletton.co.uk](mailto:kai@swaninnletton.co.uk). Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

**...from Powys CC. Waste & Recycling Operative (Level 1).** Interested? Visit [https://ce0278li.webitrent.com/ce0278li\\_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY\\_ID=170962Ugsd&WVID=1559200y0c&LANG=USA](https://ce0278li.webitrent.com/ce0278li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC107GF.open?VACANCY_ID=170962Ugsd&WVID=1559200y0c&LANG=USA)

**...from Seconds. Still looking for HGV driver - class 2, £12 per hour, £25 night out, Monday to Friday.** To start ASAP

**...from Newtown High School. We have a vacancy for maternity cover of a teacher of Maths,** on the Newtown Campus. You can find out more details, and how to apply, from the link below: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teacher-of-maths-maternitycover-1175770>

**...Wylcwm Street Surgery, Knighton are looking for a receptionist.** If you are hard working, reliable and like helping people, we can offer you a wide range of experience in a busy health care environment. Please contact Juliet, Practice Manager via email and attach your CV to: [juliet.tyler2@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:juliet.tyler2@wales.nhs.uk)

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