

# Community News

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- and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.

**...from ERDC.** We are working but 2 minutes silence was observed at 11am. Normally we'd be having a wonderful week of celebration at the Day Centre, with entertainment; fun & laughter and a nod of respect to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Sadly it's not to be at the moment. But we will make up for it when we are able to throw the doors open once again. In the meantime stay safe x

**...from County Cllr Baynham.** Today we intended on having a afternoon & evening celebration on Wents Meadow to honour those who gave so much for their country. Sadly it's not to be, but that doesn't mean we can't all take a moment to think of the people who gave so much for the country's freedom. I've already seen some wonderful photos of homes that have been decorated in Presteigne. I'm actually working today so no Bank Holiday for me but please enjoy a little picnic in your garden with your household to honour VE Day. Most importantly stay safe. X

*(...from Ed.) I just want to say my personal thank you to whoever it was that made and put the lovely little hand painted signs along the bypass (between the road junction to the garage, along towards the Day Centre). The display of wild flowers along there at the moment is stunning, and so many that I couldn't otherwise identify without the signs. Let's just hope they don't get mown down when the PCC grass cutting contractors come along - they have already started work in Norton !!*

**...from George Lancett about Heather Lewis.** "I have been asked to let you know that Heather's last journey past her beloved Warden will be on Tuesday 12th May. Anyone wishing to 'say goodbye to Heather' should stand along the bypass, near the Memorial Hall at 2pm. Please observe the Social Distancing rules."

## UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things keep changing so, best first check information on websites or Facebook pages)

**...from Weobley Ash.** Pepper corn steaks for the bbq, quick easy cooking, in store now. T Bone twins are available from 9am Saturday for £38 for the pair (just 1 pair left), Order by calling 01544 598120 or email [shop@weobleyash.co.uk](mailto:shop@weobleyash.co.uk)

**...from Wegnall's Butchery.** Our current offer is a 10lb bag of our Fresh Traditional Pork Sausage for £25.00. We offer a wide range of fresh pork which can be ordered, is butchered weekly, and we can arrange collection or local delivery. To order or for information contact us: Wegnalls Farm Butchery, Presteigne LD8 2LD, telephone 07890 392132 or 01547 540253

## OTHER INFORMATION

**...from the Welsh Government.** Lockdown in Wales is extended for three weeks. While the first peak of infection has passed, it's too early to significantly lift restrictions. We'll make some minor changes, but maximum caution is maintained. People are being asked to continue working from home if they are able to do so. The First Minister has today announced Wales intends to make a series of small adjustments to the regulations, including [1] Allowing people to exercise more than once a day, but people should stay local. This means any exercise should start and end at home and not involve going a significant distance from home [2] Enabling local authorities to begin the process of planning how to safely reopen libraries and municipal recycling centres [3] Allowing garden centres to open provided they comply with the physical distancing duty. These will come into force on Monday - for more details see <https://gov.wales/wales-extends-coronavirus-lockdown>

**...from Freegle.** We've got some good news for you - so check your email and local Freegle groups later on tonight <https://www.ilovefreegle.org>.

You can read the government's current guidance for waste and recycling here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-to-local-authorities-on-prioritising-waste-collections/managing-household-waste-and-recycling-centres-hwracs-in-england-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic>. Tips and recycling centres are re-opening, but the [government advice](#) encourages you to use online platforms such as ours instead. Many Freegle communities are now open - although some may have restrictions or remain closed based on the local situation.

**Presteigne Freegle** is one of those. We will NOT be opening just yet, pending any decision from Powys County Council on re-opening HWRCs in the county. Hereford County Council has re-opened some sites - the Leominster and Hereford HWRCs - but until Powys follows suit, we do not think it would be right for Presteigne Freegle to resume operation. Meanwhile you can still post your OFFERS, but these will be queued until that decision is made - hopefully within the next few days.

**...from Powys Libraries.** Join up and use our online library to borrow e-books and audio books through BorrowBox. [www.powys.gov.uk/elibrary](http://www.powys.gov.uk/elibrary)

**...from the Welsh Government.** It was announced yesterday that a new mobile testing unit, operated by the Armed Forces, will be travelling around Powys from this week. It will launch this week as an appointment service for priority groups identified in the Welsh Government testing strategy. Specially trained Armed Forces personnel will collect swabs at the mobile sites, before they are sent to laboratories for processing. Powys Teaching Health Board's Press Release is available here: <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/news/52492>. Information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing in Wales is available here: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-your-questions>. Information about key (critical) workers testing policy in Wales is available here: <https://gov.wales/critical-workers-testing-policy-coronavirus-covid-19.html>. Information about the extension of coronavirus testing in care homes is available here: <https://gov.wales/welsh-government-extends-coronavirus-testing-in-care-homes>

**...from C.Cllr Baynham.** Follow the link for interesting statistics <https://public.tableau.com/views/RapidCOVID-19virology-Mobilefriendly/Summary?%3AshowVizHome=no&%3Aembed=true#2>