

Community News

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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 – **simply email pacdg@icloud.com** – or collar one of the Steering Committee in the street and tell us what's on your mind. You can also leave a written message at the Library for us – remember to include your name and a contact telephone number !

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) – **email pacdg@icloud.com**

LOCAL BUS SERVICES - USE THEM OR LOSE THEM !

Rolly emailed the News to encourage us all to use our local buses where practical even if we have cars, not only for our own well-being and to take some cars off the road, but to help those who do not have them by keeping the few remaining local bus services viable. This is important if we are to attract more employment to the area too. And if you are lucky enough to have a bus pass, you can go to lots of places - FREE !

One of the problems is that many of us may not be really aware of what services are running. It is difficult to find, and then make sense of, all the different bus timetables, and to be sure that if we do go somewhere, we can get back home the same day.

In response to this problem, Chris Lewis has taken the time - thank you Chris ! - to put together a general guide to Presteigne & Norton local bus services, and bus passes, as of September 2016, and here it is.....

(there are paper copies of the Bus Service Guide at the Library and the Judges Lodging)

DIRECT BUS SERVICES

Monday to Friday - there are direct bus services from Presteigne Recycling Centre serving Knighton, Kington and Llandrindod

On a Monday only there is a direct bus service to Ludlow.

On Saturday, there are direct bus services to Knighton and Kington only.

There are no Sunday services nor any services on Bank Holidays.

Sergeants Bros of Kington (www.sargeantsbros.com) (01544 230481) operate the 41 service between Kington-Presteigne-Norton-Knighton, the 463 service between Presteigne and Llandrindod, and the 461 & 462 services between Kington-Hereford and Kington-Llandrindod.

Browns of Builth (01982 552597) operate the X11 service between Presteigne-Ludlow.

CONNECTING BUS SERVICES

All services from Presteigne to Kington connect with services to Hereford and Llandrindod Wells, these connecting services are "guaranteed".

The Monday to Friday direct service from Presteigne to Llandrindod Wells connects with services to Aberystwyth^ / Rhayader* / Newtown* / Builth Wells* / Brecon* / Merthyr Tydfil* / Cardiff^.

Additionally on a Tuesday and Thursday there is a connection to Talgarth* / Crickhowell* / Abergavenny*: on a Wednesday to Hay on Wye*: and on a Friday to Llandovery* / Llandeilo* / Carmarthen*.

* all these destinations have a return service to Presteigne on the same day, allowing a minimum of 2hours 30minutes at each destination.

^ these destinations have return services to Presteigne but do not allow return on the same day as the outward journey.

PICK-UP POINTS

There are official bus stops, often with up to date timetables, at the following points:

Norton - Millbank

Presteigne - Recycling Centre, Banks/Police Station, Beddoes View, Clatterbrune

Services additionally pick up, and set down, along the length of their route, and there are regular pick-up points in Norton (at the Church and entrance to Norton Manor) and in Presteigne (at Warden Close and Kings Court).

BUT.....experience suggests that not all drivers have the same understanding of the route through Presteigne, and the additional Sargents services on school days do not call at all points in Presteigne.

If you're not absolutely sure, it's best to use the official bus stop at the Recycling Centre!

TIMETABLES

The base timetable applies during school holidays, there are additional services during school term time dates.

See timetables at the official bus stops. On line timetables are available through Traveline Cymru at www.traveline.cymru

BUS PASSES

A Welsh Concessionary Bus Pass is available to all those who are resident in Wales and aged 60+, Presteigne residents need to visit The Gwalia in Llandrindod to obtain a pass.

The Concessionary Bus Pass is valid on all bus services in Wales plus services which start in Wales and continue into England / service which start in England and continue into Wales. A pass is valid Presteigne to Hereford return and Presteigne to Ludlow return also on all services Presteigne to Llandrindod return.

From 1st October to 31st March a Concessionary Bus Pass is additionally valid on the Heart of Wales railway line on all services between Shrewsbury and Swansea. On line Timetables are available via Traveline Cymru or via nationalrail.co.uk .

(The usual provisos apply...this information is given in good faith as a guide to what's available, you use it at your own risk and should check validity before travellingetc. etc. etc.)

Feel free to pass this on to friends in the area and ask them to let us know their email address so we can add them to the distribution. If you can help spread the word and publicise this on Facebook/Twitter as well that would be brilliant !

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