

Community News

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- Please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents - email pacdg@icloud.com
- and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.

Calling Wildflower Lovers & Home Educators....Would you like to help make Presteigne's grass verges a flowery haven to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects? A group of Presteigne residents would like to encourage a new generation of wildflower fans. Discussion with Powys CC is ongoing, but a map has been produced showing some areas designated to be cut later than usual to allow wild flowers to seed and multiply. This will provide food for and encourage the bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects vital to pollinate the food that we ourselves eat. You could get to know your wildflowers better by looking for 20 wild flowers to be found in the grass verges below the Warden, using this Wildflower Verges flier and map. Info: felt@cooptel.net

(Ed. note - great to see that the Powys grass cutting team has been really sensitive and carefully avoided all the wild flowers along the ERDC end of the bypass that we mentioned in earlier Community News. Well done to everyone who may have had a hand in this !)

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from Weobley Ash. Fresh in, our rare breed Welsh pig pork for great chops, belly, rolled belly and of course plenty of dry cured bacon. Fresh in vegetables and fruit, New in - red Cabbage and red onions. Beef, pork and lamb, meat boxes, veg boxes and dairy. Let me introduce the belly busting Bacon, Beef & Red Onion burger. Grass fed beef, rare breed Welsh Pork and seasoning. No packet mixes, no gluten, no additives, no E numbers, just good honest made burgers. £8 for a pack of 4, a family meal in itself, full traceability with low food miles. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk

...from The Hat Shop Restaurant. I have an amount of soft drinks which will be out of date before we are reopened. If anyone would like some message me on our Facebook page, and arrange pick up. Helen
Diet Coke x 29 - Luscombe: St Clements x 7, Raspberry crush x 14, Sicilian lemonade x 13 - Bottle Green: Elderflower, Pomegranate x 8, Cocks Apple x 3 - Tonic water x 14.
70p each or 3 for £1.50

THINGS TO DO WHILE COCOONING

...from Emily George in Norton. Dance Party tomorrow!! So the weather looks like it may be okay for our dance party, so I'll be on Millbank Green at about 2:30-3pm, hope you can all join me!!

...from The Sixteen. Like every musician, our singers are missing the joy of performing with each other and for an audience. In an effort to bring us all a little closer together, we hope you enjoy our virtual performance of Sheppard's Libera Nos, the text of which has a particular resonance and poignancy at the moment. Recorded at home by every member of the choir and conducted by Harry Christophers, it reminds us that no matter where we are, music is always with us, continuing to uplift and provide peace and hope in these testing times. To hear more about the project, why the Sheppard means so much to The Sixteen and more, head on over to Scala Radio for an online interview with Harry Christophers: <https://planetradio.co.uk/scala-radio/> (With thanks to CDC Films - www.cdcfilms.co.uk)

...from Broadsheep. Time on your hands? Do you fancy writing for Broad Sheep? All we need is a maximum of 200 words, fact or fiction, replying to the question: "SO WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE GREAT PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN." Email me BEFORE 23rd May info@broadsheep.com and the best will be included in the June online issue of Broad Sheep and on Facebook. Good luck!

...from Recycle Now. Our Action Pack resources are a fun way for children to learn at home. The resources are linked to the school curriculum and teach children about #recycling and how to become active citizens. If you've not had a chance yet, give them a try! <https://bit.ly/3eEfy8n>

...from the King Lear Poetry Competition. Due to the lockdown restrictions being extended, we have decided to extend the deadline for your King Lear Prize submissions to **Friday 19th June 2020**. That means you still have **five weeks left** to complete your work. If you have submitted already, you have time to create another work and submit it to us. You can enter as many works as you wish. We are also delighted to announce a **new £1,000 'Chairman's Prize' for anyone over 60** submitting a creative work of any form. It's a brilliant opportunity if you previously weren't eligible to enter the King Lear Prizes. How to Enter the King Lear Prizes:

[Click here](#) to read the King Lear Prizes rules on eligibility, submissions and judging

[Click here](#) to download the application form, then either fill it in on your computer, or print it and fill in by hand

Submit your entry with a completed application form to: submit@kinglearprizes.org

or [Click here](#) to fill in the application form online and upload a file of your work.

or Submit your entry with a completed [application form](#) to: King Lear Prize Committee, [26 Montagu Mews West, London W1H 2EE](#)

OTHER INFORMATION

Are you are running out of greetings cards ? Ruth Kirkby still has some of her beautiful botanical cards left (blank inside) which are on sale from the front of her house in aid of NHS charities. Suggested donation of £2 each. Also some plants. Use your exercise time by taking the lovely stroll over the old Lugg Bridge to the fourth house on the right. Only available in fine weather as otherwise they will get wet!

...from PCC. Household waste and recycling centres (HWRC) in Powys are due to reopen, with significant restrictions, from Tuesday 26 May. In conjunction with our contractors, Potter Group, all Welsh local authorities and Welsh Government, HWRCs across Powys will open for essential use only. This essential use is for residents who have accumulated waste which cannot be collected through the normal kerbside collection service and which cannot be stored safely at home until the lockdown

restrictions are eased. Non-essential use puts yourself, other members of the public and our staff at risk from spreading the virus. It is very important that residents check the website for up-to-date information and familiarise themselves with the restrictions in place at the HWRC before traveling.” Read more: <https://crowd.in/7QeMZ5>

...from Presteigne Freegle. We'll be open for freegling again on the 26th May. The re-opening of the Presteigne group was linked to the re-opening of the HWRCs by PCC (Herefordshire and Shropshire have reopened already). So, if you have taken the opportunity of lockdown to tidy the kids' bedrooms, the garage, the attic and the garden shed, and are now wondering what to do with all the stuff you no longer need, you'll be pleased to see this announcement. We know freegling will be immensely useful right now, and [government advice](#) is to use online platforms such as ours rather than go to tips or recycling centres. You can offer stuff now, we'll keep your posts 'on hold', and then let members know about them on the 26th. That way you can still declutter while you're stuck at home over the next couple of weeks. We do not want to encourage unnecessary travel and we'd like everyone to stay safe - so we'll be sending out an Admin message before the 26th with updated COVID-19 guidelines for freegling.

...from PCC. We are looking to recruit Domiciliary care (or homecare) workers across the county. Could this be you? Take a look at our jobs post for more details. Domiciliary Care Assistant - 25 hours, Fixed term for 6 months - Various locations throughout Powys! Are you looking for a rewarding role? Do you have an interest in a career in care, prior experience in a caring environment or have a genuine caring nature and enjoy helping people? If so, then we may have the right role for you. All relevant training will be provided before you commence in role and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is provided to protect staff and anyone receiving a service. For more information and to apply visit www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

...from our Town Clerk. Latest planning application in: 20/0723/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331324 N: 264458 Proposal: Works to trees in a Conservation Area - Tree numbers as per plan ref. S86- J1-P Location: The Studio Castle Barn, 40A High Street, Presteigne Powys LD8 2BE. To be considered at the virtual (video conferencing) Council meeting to be held on 20th May 2020. If members of the public have any comments these can be emailed to presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com.

...from HM Treasury. The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme opens for applications today, weeks ahead of schedule. From 8am this morning self-employed individuals or members of partnerships whose business has been adversely affected by coronavirus will be able to apply for a Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) grant worth 80% of their average monthly trading profits, to be paid in a single instalment covering three months and capped at £7,500 – expected to land in bank accounts by 25 May, or within six days of a completed claim. Use this link to [Check if you are eligible for the scheme here.](#)

...a warning from Powys Recyclers. See our Facebook page for photos showing the general rubbish we are finding in some of our cardboard banks at the community recycling sites! This type of contamination means that all the card within the banks is rejected by the recycling processors and sent to landfill. If the community recycling banks continue to be misused they may have to be removed. Please use responsibly. Thank you.

...from the Three Choirs Festival. It is with great sadness we announce that this summer's festival will be postponed until 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our next festival will therefore take place between 24th and 31st July 2021, in Worcester. If you had booked or reserved tickets with us for 2020, we will be in touch with you directly. You can read the full announcement on our website: www.3choirs.org

...from Suzanne at the Sidney Nolan Trust. I just wanted to let you know about an exciting online exhibition that has been organised in partnership with the Sidney Nolan Trust. Our doors might be closed, but this is a great way for people to virtually visit!! This is really exciting as the artworks have been 'virtually' installed into Rodd Court and spaces at The Rodd. Click here for more details: <https://www.informality.co/exhibitions/anthony-white-at-the-rodd/>

...from PCC. This week is Dying Matters Awareness Week and today's theme is support for carers. If you are a carer and you would like support with end of life plans (Advanced Care Planning) or bereavement, our colleagues at Credu Connecting Carers have a team of Outreach Workers working across Powys who can help. Call 01597 823800 or email carers@credu.cymru for more information.

...from the Welsh Government. Our plan to test and trace the spread of coronavirus will help us get back to normal life. It includes:- Increasing testing to up to 20,000 a day - Home testing for the public - An app to tell you if you've had contact with someone with coronavirus. www.gov.wales/new-plan-published-test-trace-and-protect-wales

...from PCC. For all parents/carers of Free School Meal entitled pupils, if you have not yet received either supermarket vouchers or a bank payment for your children's Free School Meal allowance then it is important that you contact us. Either email at cashless.catering@powys.gov.uk or call 01597 826660

...from Citizens Advice Bureau. At Citizens Advice Powys all of our services are still available via telephone. We know that a lot of people have had a drop in income and are starting to struggle to manage their money. Click here to [Read full article](#)

...from the Welsh Government. The coronavirus pandemic has had a big effect on children and young people's lives, and we want to ask them about it. Coronavirus and Me is a survey for those aged 7 to 18, to see how they feel about everything from education to their social lives, which will help us communicate with the younger generation in future. Share this survey with young people in your family <https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirusandme>

...from PCC. Distance learning plan - an information guide to help parents and carers support their child's emotional health, wellbeing and learning at home, has been produced by Powys County Council. The Powys Distance Learning Plan sets out the way forward for learning during the learning during the coronavirus pandemic. The plan provides parents and carers with advice on what is expected of them and how they can help their children at home. To view the plan visit <https://crowd.in/aZrQA4>

...from the Welsh Government. See the update on confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Wales. See <https://tinyurl.com/wgthkgs> or <https://tinyurl.com/ybm8yare>

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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.