

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.

...from Martha Perks (on Coombe Corner Floodwatch Facebook page). Missing!!!

Tab is a very small tabby cat hasn't been home for 4 nights now really not like her. Can everyone keep an eye out please for her. If everyone on Kings Court could check their sheds please I would be so grateful. Thank you x *(ed. no phone number given so, if you can help, message Martha on the Coombe Corner Facebook page)*

...from Hilary. Has someone lost a little purple toy bear? *He's about 5 inches/13cm tall and was lying on the right-hand side of the road going down the hill from Norton towards Presteigne.....he may be somebody's best friend....or her, of course!*

Email pacdg@icloud.com if you can help.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from Salty Dog. Freshly picked this morning, delicious Moorcourt Farm strawberries ! Last day to order your fruit & veg for collection on Sunday 10 - 12 noon. If you're ordering for delivery, please give us at least 3 days to put your order together - e-mail thesaltydogpresteigne@hotmail.co.uk for our detailed order form (also for fish and Leon's Food) - we deliver in Presteigne on Tuesday and Thursday, and to Norton on Wednesdays.

...from The Stagg. Visit our Facebook page to see our takeaway new menus for this weekend - email reservations@thestagg.co.uk to order! Collection is available from 5-8.30 on Friday and Saturday and 12-3 on Sunday

...from Presteigne Spar. We've lowered the prices of many essentials across our store. So think of us the next time the bread bin's looking a bit bare or the fridge needs filling. We're here for you and for lower prices.

...from Wegnalls Farm Butchery. Bank holiday weekend - Who's interested in our £25 BBQ deal!!! 2 Packs of Pork Sausages; 1 Pack of four Pork and Apple Burgers ; 1 Pack of four Beef Burgers; 1 Pack Tennessee Belly Bites, 1 Pack of Beef and Garlic Kebabs Drop us a message with your order now!!! wegnallsfarmbutchery@gmail.com

...from Mark at Real Wine. It's almost time for two more Friday Try-Days on Friday 29th May and Friday 5th June. A six-bottle Interim Case for £79. Price includes Two Friday nights of fun! [Buy Case here](#). Check out the "Refer a Friend" link on the website for a £5 coupon for anyone new to The Real Wine Company when they buy, plus a £5 Thank You

to you for the introduction. [Refer a Friend here](#). Looking forward to raising a glass (or three!) with you, Mark. Email us: mark@therealwineco.co.uk

...from Weobley Ash. **orders for the weekend **. We are closed bank holiday Monday, please order your pork, beef or chicken kebabs, bbq boxes, spatchcock chicken tomorrow or latest Friday morning for Friday pm collection or Sat delivery. Bbq box £45. Beefburger sausage bbq box £25. Sirloin steak 4 pcs £20. Beef, pork, lamb boxes £60 4 ppl (or a mix of all 3 meats) Breakfast box £15. Fresh in today strawberries and raspberries - Raspberries 2 for £3.50 - Strawberries 2 for £5 - or with cream £6.25 Peaches £1.95 punnet. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk 01544 598120 shop@weobleyash.co.uk

THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN

...from Ken Rodmell - Mercury viewing opportunity! Relatively few people have ever seen our innermost planet, Mercury, but the next few days offer a chance to do just that. You'll need patience, a clear horizon to the west and to identify brilliant Venus as a starting point. Binoculars should pick up Mercury in the vicinity from around 9:30 pm, becoming a naked-eye object around 10:00 pm. It will appear far smaller than Venus and significantly dimmer. Do check online for Mercury's precise relationship to Venus as changes occur markedly from day to day. Never point your binoculars at the sun!

...from Lyonshall Nurseries. Make your own birdhouse with these tips and tricks to attract the birds <http://www.lyonshallnurseries.co.uk/news/1049/make-birdhouses>

...Broadsheep needs you ! Final reminder - 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." The DEADLINE is 23rd May, so email me - info@broadsheep.com and the best will be included in the June online issue of Broad Sheep and on Facebook. Good luck!

...from Village Circus (your local event company). Webare teaming up again with DJ Max Galactic to bring a kitchen disco to your place!! The theme this Saturday is Burgers and Cocktails. A Rule of Tum in Hereford are doing a one off delivery to Hay on Wye especially AND Village Circus are also doing a relay to bring orders back to Presteigne, they will be available to collect from our blue camper at 1pm on Scottleton Street on Saturday. Order here: <https://www.burgershophereford.com/> IMPORTANT, please let us know your order number if you wish us to collect for you. There is an order deadline - TODAY - so best do it now! Follow the link for information on how to join the livestream disco : <https://m.facebook.com/events/573040626958071>

...from Margaret. I've come across a free app called SEEK from iNaturalist, which identifies plants, insects, creatures etc in your garden using your phone or tablet camera. It also links with WWF weekend, and kids can earn badges the more they spot. Find SEEK by iNaturalist in your IOS or Android App Store.

(ed. I've tried this, looks really useful, and is far less annoying than the Identify This plant recognition app mentioned in a previous News which is really good for identification, but constantly trying to steer you towards signing up for a paid Premium service !)

...from Stephen Fry and Alzheimers Research. The fantastic Stephen Fry will take up his mantle as quizmaster again for a very special virtual quiz night in support of Alzheimer's Research UK. Join Stephen from 8:15pm this Friday for an evening of

quizzing, quips and quality entertainment and help support us through the difficulties we're facing due to COVID-19 - sign up at our website www.alzheimersresearchuk.org Last week Stephen joined Jay Flynn, host of The Virtual Pub Quiz, as a special guest-host and the pair raised over £200,000; Stephen was so delighted by the response he's agreed to host a full takeover of Jay's quiz! So join us this Friday for another fantastic night of quizzing. Sign up for a reminder to make sure you don't miss it, and check back on this page for updates.

...from PCC. Did you know that it's National Creativity & Wellbeing Week this week? And did you also know that our friends at Arts Connection are offering a great range of activities online – from B-Boying/B-Girling for Beginners, to Clown Workshops and Drawing Games and Challenges. Sessions are free of charge but donations are welcome. You can find out more at <https://crowd.in/>

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Presteigne Freegle. Moving house this year? Don't be overwhelmed with all *that* stuff! Join #Freegle now* to: find a new home for clutter - find free boxes + packing materials - save money <http://ow.ly/DbOu30nydj>. Check our covid guidelines before you jump in <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/covidsafefreegling> (n.b. Presteigne Freegle restarts next week 26th May - post your offers now and they will be queued to be released when we restart)

...from Recycle Now. PPE such as disposable gloves and face masks should not be put into your recycling. Please dispose of them safely by putting them in your general waste bin. If wearing a cloth face covering in public, wash it after every use in line with manufacturer's instructions.

...from Powys County Council. Latest news: Test, Trace, Protect partnership launches in Powys. Strong partnership working between Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council means that the county is well-placed to deliver the Welsh Government's new Test Trace Protect strategy. The Test Trace Protect sets out the strategy for Wales for testing the public, tracing the spread of Coronavirus, helping to the country to relax lockdown restrictions. The strategy is due to be launched in Powys next week. It will work by:

- ➔ Identifying those who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, enabling them to be tested while isolating from wider family, friends and their community.
- ➔ Tracing those individuals who have been in close contact with the symptomatic person, requiring them to take precautions and self-isolate (for 14 days).
- ➔ Providing advice and guidance, particularly where the symptomatic individual or their contacts are vulnerable or at greater risk.
- ➔ Ensuring that if the individual tests negative and the symptoms are not due to coronavirus, individuals and their contacts can get back to their normal routines as soon as possible.

More information about the Welsh Government's Test, Trace Protect strategy is available from: <https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-html>

...from Presteigne Freegle. The single best thing we can do for the planet is consume less and reuse more! Try this fashion footprint calculator via @thredUP <https://www.thredup.com/fashionfootprint> #HowDirtyIsYourCloset

...from Powys County Council. Urgent need for more home care workers - we are urgently recruiting 30 more home care workers to help residents remain independent in their own homes and communities. The posts – domiciliary care assistants – are available across Powys and will be fixed term for six months. The council requires extra staff as a number of the workforce are currently shielding or socially isolating with some 4.7% of the whole council workforce currently unavailable. More information about the jobs can be found at <https://crowd.in/EESbqC>. The jobs are being offered as 25 hour a week positions for the next 6 months. The closing date for applications is Wednesday June 10.

...from the NHS. It's really important that children get their planned immunisations and vaccines to avoid outbreaks of preventable diseases. #HelpUsHelpYou <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>. Talk to your doctor if you have any questions.

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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.