

# Community News

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### SCAM ALERT

**...from Bill with a warning of an Amazon Prime scam:** *I was rung by a call centre purporting to be from Amazon, offering to refund the Amazon Prime subscription if I had signed up in error. I do not have a Prime account with Amazon although I have mistakenly signed up for one in the past; it's easy to do. The caller had a strong sub-continent accent and was very persistent ie rang back several times. The call was from the no. 01268 396974. My Amazon account was checked and call ignored!*

### UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

**...from the Town Council.** Monday 22nd June 2020 brings the re-opening of non-essential shops in Presteigne. It has been a long 12 weeks for local businesses and it has been tough. Now is the time to show your support. Presteigne & Norton Town Council would like to ask all residents to shop locally as much as possible and to support local businesses, whilst adhering to social distancing measures which are still in place. During lock down there have been so many groups, individuals and services which have been crucial in supporting our residents, particularly those who may have been shielding or socially isolating. The Town Council wishes to give its thanks to everyone who has volunteered, supported or helped out during these unprecedented times.

**...from the Town Clerk. Good news!** Following the opening of non-essential shops on Monday the Town Council has now re-opened the Hereford Street toilets. Hand washing facilities have been adjusted and the toilet flushes work via automatic sensors to minimise the touching of surfaces. Thanks to the cleaner and handyman for working hard to get the premises ready at such short notice.

The toilets at Wilson Terrace will be re-opened as soon as arrangements have been made to keep the public as safe as possible from infection.

**...from The Royal Oak. Free beer this Friday!** Due to having to destroy our remaining beer in the cellar we are giving it away. Most of the barrels are past the best before dates but these are unopened so still fresh and by all means drinkable. We will have Carling, Coors Light, Staropramen and Carling Dark Fruits on. All we require is for you to bring your own vessels for us to fill. If you wish to make a donation, any proceeds will be split between the local food bank and purchasing a new bench, in memory of Nigel Powell, for outside the pub. Please note: \*This will be available from 4pm till 7pm. \* No reservations, it's a first come first served basis only \*Do observe social distancing and form an orderly queue if there are others waiting at the door \*Hand sanitizer will be available \*Do NOT enter the pub \*Refrain from drinking the alcohol outside the premises. This is for home consumption only! \*3L limit per person. Thank you and stay safe

**...from Steve The Rector.** I'm delighted to say that following the Senned's announcement of eased Covid restrictions, St Andrew's Church in Presteigne and St Michael's Church in Discoed will be opening for private prayer or quiet moments from Wednesday 24th June. The buildings will be open from 10am - 4pm daily - except on days when we have church funerals - in which case they will be closed to the public for the whole day. Please study the posters at the church doors and follow the instructions! St Michael's Church in Lingen is also open for private prayer, but for the moment, Kinsham and Knill Churches are remaining closed. We're so pleased to be able to welcome everyone back to the churches for quiet moments, but are eagerly anticipating being allowed to meet again for Sunday Worship. Hopefully we won't have to wait too long...

**...from Bryans Ground.** The gardens at Bryan's Ground (Letchmoor Lane, Stapleton) will remain closed for the remainder of this year. Details of next year's plans will be on its website ([bryansground.co.uk](http://bryansground.co.uk)) when they are known. The website contains many photographs of the garden and new ones are posted on an almost daily basis on David and Simon's Instagram accounts: @hortusjournal and @bryans.ground

**...from The Salty Dog.** Fresh Turmeric, Giant Spring Onions, Bunched Radish, Corn on the Cob, Heritage Carrots and Okra all fresh in this morning....and it's all getting very fruity around The Salty Dog today.... beautiful Honey Mango

**...from SPAR Presteigne.** New Home Delivery Service. Get your SPAR shopping delivered to your front door if you live nearby. Head to [www.afbspar.co.uk](http://www.afbspar.co.uk) to order your shopping and to find out more

**...from Lockdown Dhaba.** TAKE TWO...Our next menu is ready to pre-order! You can place your orders up to Friday 26th June, for delivery on Saturday 4th July. Cost for starter, main course, two sides, bread, dessert is £16 per person and the meal will be delivered to your home, chilled with instructions on how you should reheat. Please email your order to [lockdowndhaba@gmail.com](mailto:lockdowndhaba@gmail.com)

**...from Weobley Ash.** Please pre order Bbq packs. If you require a bbq pack for this week or the weekend please try to pre order to avoid disappointment. We have all the steaks, sausages, bacon, chicken, beef boxes, pork etc. Fresh fruit & veg in tomorrow morning from 9 (Tuesday) - Cabbage, Leeks, cauliflower, Peppers, salad tomatoes, cherry tomato, onions, spring onions, Jersey new potatoes, mixed salad leaves, garlic, apples, nectarines, peaches, cherry, bananas. Chiller full of beef, pork and chicken, mutton and lamb available from Wednesday. Call into shop from 9-4 Tuesday to Saturday or call 01544 598120 or email [shop@weobleyash.co.uk](mailto:shop@weobleyash.co.uk) to to reserve

**...from Artisan Print.** We have now re-opened for business. Opening times: Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm (we stay open through lunchtime). Our reception is approximately 2 metres square, so to observe social distancing we ask customers to enter the shop one at a time. A sign outside the shop will remind customers of this rule. We have a perspex screen on our counter top, to protect us and our customers and there is hand sanitiser on the counter for customer [use](#).

**...from Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup.** We are reopening on 29th June !

**...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café.** Great news, the Flower Shop will be opening on Thursday. Next week Carla will be opening Tuesday through to Saturday 9am to 5pm with an earlier close on Saturday at 3pm. For the immediate future flowers can be delivered on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday just give us a ring or pop in. So looking forward to getting back to normal and welcoming back our customers. Hopefully it won't be too long before the café can be open as well - until then Lesley will carry on with her food deliveries twice a week.

**...from Lyonshall Nursery.** NHS , Carers & Key Worker Wednesday evening 6-8pm. This will be our last evening for the time being. We appreciate all you have done within our community.

**...from PNCS Community Shop.** The Charity Shop is planning to re-open on Friday 3rd July. Opening hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am-12.30pm and 1pm-3.30pm. Saturday 10.30am-12.30pm. Because the shop is so small, they can only have one customer (with small accompanied child if necessary) in the shop at any one time. All necessary COVID-19 procedures will be on notices inside and outside the shop.

### THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**...from The Show Must Go On!** An encore screening of The Sound of Music will be the next in "The Shows Must Go On" series on YouTube. The production will be available for 48 hours from 7pm BST on Friday 26 June. More musicals will be announced on a weekly basis. Carrie Underwood plays Maria Rainer and Stephen Moyer Captain Georg von Trapp. The production also stars Audra McDonald as The Mother Abbess. Laura Benanti as Elsa Schraeder and Christian Borle as Max Detweiler. Based on the original 1959 Broadway production, featuring classic tunes by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, the show first aired in 2013. We will have the link available from 7pm BST

**...from Presteigne Freegle.** Fancy trying your hand at novelty knitting?...A great way to use up leftover wool you may already have at home or can easily source via Freegle! Download lots of free knitting patterns from [#JeanGreenhowe](#) here >><http://ow.ly/pMZB30qBbe9>. And if you're into tiny-knitting?...[See more](#) here.

**...from [royalalberthall.com](http://royalalberthall.com).** Singer-songwriter Martha Wainwright will deliver an exclusive set from her home as part of the **Royal Albert Home** sessions broadcast for free on this page at 19:30 BST on Wednesday 24 June 2020. With an unmistakable voice and an arsenal of powerful songs, Martha is a beguiling performer and a refreshing force in music. She began building a buzz with her well-noted EPs prior to her successful eponymous debut LP, which was followed by her highly regarded sophomore album, I Know You're Married But I've Got Feelings Too and the acclaimed Goodnight City.

**...from [royalalberthall.com](http://royalalberthall.com).** LA-based singer-songwriter Azniv Korkejian, better known as Bedouine, will deliver an exclusive set from her home as part of the **Royal Albert Home** sessions broadcast for free on this page at 19:30 BST on Thursday 25 June 2020. When you listen to Bedouine's love songs, you will be reminded of Karen Dalton's world-wise voice or the breathy seduction of Minnie Riperton's vocals, the easy cool of French ye-ye singers, and the poetry of Joan Baez. Her folk is nomadic, wandering across time and space, sometimes meandering into danceable jams

### OTHER INFORMATION

**...from our Town Council.** Latest planning application in: 20/0957/HH Grid Reference: E:330331 N: 266737 Proposal: Erection of single storey extensions to provide disabled facilities Site Address: Tiburon, 13A Caefelyn, Norton, Presteigne. To be considered at the July meeting of the Town Council.

**...from MidCounties Co-op.** Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our members and customers, we've raised more than £40,000 to support our partner foodbanks. We're still accepting donations both in our Food stores and online: [www.midcounties.coop/our-values/responsible-retailing/food-bank-fund/](http://www.midcounties.coop/our-values/responsible-retailing/food-bank-fund/)

**...from Powys CC.** Work to introduce temporary pavement widening in some towns across Powys is due to start shortly. The infrastructure will allow people to social distance more safely when visiting - and queueing for - shops and, in turn, allow businesses to safely get back to work sooner. Powys County Council is considering placing temporary barriers and cones, where necessary, in the main shopping streets in:

Machynlleth; Llanidloes; Newtown; Welshpool; Llanfyllin (tbc); Llandrindod Wells; **Presteigne**; Knighton; Rhayader; Builth Wells; Hay on Wye; Brecon; Crickhowell; Ystradgynlais. Councillor Heulwen Hulme, is the Cabinet Member responsible for this work and she commented: "Like many other councils across the UK, we are taking this action to make it easier for people to socially distance when they are in town centres. As we know, some of our town centres have

narrow pavements which don't lend themselves to safe social distancing without walking on the road. As road traffic increases we need to introduce safe spaces for people to walk." She explained that temporary barriers and cones will be used to section off the walking spaces by removing on street parking - disabled parking bays will remain though. There may also be temporary road closures in some towns, but access for deliveries and street residence will remain. "These measures will also make it easier for businesses to cope with people who may need to queue outside their premises, so as to comply with social distancing. It may mean that some businesses will be able to get back to work sooner than they would otherwise," she added. "You may have seen similar arrangements in large towns and cities across the UK however we know that our small rural towns will have different needs and this will mean different solutions for Powys 'high streets'." To assist with the implementation and evolution of this process, an acting liaison officer will provide support and engagement with town councils and the local community during the coming weeks. Further details will be announced in due course. [The temporary infrastructure will be introduced, where necessary, in the listed towns initially before the council looks at other communities in the county. These are the initial and temporary measures, and the council will be working closely with local councillors and businesses to refine the best possible solutions as the situation develops.](#)

**...from Powys CC.** Latest news: Childcare settings can now re-open from Monday, June 22. Powys County Council is working with the sector to encourage more providers to open and to help them operate safely. The Welsh Government announced the Coronavirus Childcare Assistance Scheme (C-CAS) funding will continue up until the end of August, allowing the children of critical workers and those identified as being vulnerable to attend childcare settings. Eligible families in Powys will still need to register online by searching Emergency Childcare Hubs on the Powys website. Families who have not yet used the provision are welcomed. Funding for children already accessing the 30 hours of free childcare offer before the end of March will continue.

Julie Morgan, Welsh Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services announced the Welsh Government will continue the suspension of new applications for the 30 hours of free childcare in Wales until the start of September.

Any hours which were booked prior to end of March will continue to be funded providing the setting is open and the child is attending regularly.

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Do you employ critical/essential workers in Powys? All critical/essential workers can access Coronavirus testing online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers>. Employers can use this handy toolkit to raise awareness in your organisation: <https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-toolkit-critical-worker-employers>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Shielding Update 22 June 2020: You may have seen news reports about changes to shielding arrangements in England. Welsh Government has confirmed that "there are no changes to our advice to the group of people who are shielding in Wales. We are asking this group of people to continue following the shielding advice set out in the Chief Medical Officer for Wales' most recent letter sent out at the beginning of June, until 16 August." Announcement from Welsh Government on 22 June: <https://gov.wales/statement-deputy-chief-medical-officer-wales-dr-chris-jones-coronavirus-shielding>. Information from Welsh Government about shielding: <https://gov.wales/shielding-extremely-vulnerable-people>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** The latest weekly update from @ONS indicates that sadly 91 people from Powys have died with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Our thoughts are with everyone affected by COVID-19 in our communities and across the world. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/datasets/deathregistrationsandoccurrencesbylocalauthorityandhealthboard>

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