

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 our Town Council. Following reports of anti-social behaviour, littering and rubbish dumped and/or left on Went's Meadow and the Withy Beds the police have listed Went's Meadow and the Withy Beds as their 'hot spot of the month' for June and July. This means that, in addition to the regular patrols, officers will be required to provide daily updates following proactive patrols which will be reviewed by the local Sergeant daily. The Town Council asks that if you are using the Meadows you take your litter home with you if at all possible (and if not use the bins provided) and that you follow the current lockdown rules for Wales and not meet up in larger groups etc. Members of the public should not hesitate to ring 101 if they notice any incidents of anti social behaviour so the police can attend.

...from Jenny B. Thanks on behalf of everyone to Barbara Sheers for making so many free face masks. Excellent work !

...from our Town Council about changes in the High Street which will be implemented shortly by the County Council in Presteigne High Street, to enable social distancing. This is an unprecedented time, and the measures the authority is taking in towns across the county are in accordance with Government guidance and legislation, to ensure social distancing can be maintained as more stores and businesses reopen, and with the anticipated increase in footfall as and when travel restrictions are eased in the future.

***The work will be undertaken on 30th June** and will involve the removal of the on street parking (the disabled parking bays will remain but may be relocated slightly) to establish wider footpaths on either side of the High Street. Traffic cones will define a central highway for traffic passing through the street. The two parking spaces opposite the Farmers Inn will also be removed. Please note, stores will be permitted to temporarily move the cones for deliveries - provided the public (who may be queuing in the space) are not put at any risk, and the cones are put back in place after the delivery has been made.*

Once this first step has been implemented the measures can be refined as required, and Powys County Council look forward to working with the County Cllr, town council and community during this process.

The Town Council would like to hear the views of as many residents and businesses as possible and will discuss possible solutions at its meeting on 15th July once a trial period of the PCC measures has been completed.

Please note - for every space lost on the street a parking space will be allocated in one of the town car parks and parking in those spaces will be free for one hour.

A map of the proposed changes can be found on the Council News page of the town website here www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council/council-news/

...from Kings College/Zoe about their C-19 Covid Symptom Study Tracker. Nearly 4million in the UK are contributing to this essential study but, as we ease lockdown it's more important than ever that as many people as possible are reporting daily in your area to avoid an

unanticipated second wave. **Please sign up to the NHS-backed Kings College/Zoe C-19 virus tracker by downloading the free app onto your pc, tablet or phone.** Simple daily reporting takes only 1/2 minute or less a day. Thank you for helping our scientists to understand Covid-19 better and provide essential analysis daily to the NHS. You can report individually or also for others in your family.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from Richard at Presteigne Local Food Market. Great news - the Market is back and will be taking place next weekend, Saturday July 4th, in the Memorial Hall Car Park, and for the usual hours of 9am until 1pm. I'm afraid I have no news yet on which stalls will be present, but hopefully we will have a good selection.

...from The Salty Dog. LEONS Food to Order - order Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday for delivery Thursday/Friday/Saturday. Go to www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com or call 01544 262 264

...from Premier. Changes to Post Office hours - now Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm. Saturday 9am to 1pm. Sunday closed.

...from Deli Tinto. Cakes glorious cakes! Croissants, Pain Au Chocolate, Pastel de nata (custard tart), Flap Jack... the yummy list goes on. Come and check them out! And tasty little treats are very reasonably priced!

...from Ian Wood - Presteigne Barber. When I restart on July 13th (hopefully) this is my new shop the "Barbervan" - it will be on the bypass. Please note that for the time being it is by appointment only, message me on this page or on Ian Wood on Facebook or on 07977000741, I will need your name and a contact number to make the appointment. Only one customer will be allowed in at a time (a parent and one child accepted). Please wear a mask, I will provide one at an additional cost and sanitise your hands on entry provided. If you are feeling unwell or have symptoms please do not come to your appointment, just let me know. Cleaning will be taking place between customers so please be patient.

...from Arrowfield Vets. Is your pet due their annual vaccination and health check? (Or overdue due COVID-19? Please contact us on 01544 230567 to book into a vaccine clinic at Kington. (Our Presteigne branch is still temporarily closed for clinical work until further notice).

...from Lockdown Dhaba. Homemade vegetarian Indian food delivered to your door, chilled with instructions for you to reheat. This weeks menu - onion pakora, homemade paneer and green peas, rice, bread and Indian rice pudding, £16 per head. Find us on Facebook at lockdowndhaba or email lockdowndhaba@gmail.com

...from The Royal Oak. Thank you to all that turned up yesterday, it was nice to be back behind the bar again and seeing so many familiar faces. A grand total of £135.10 was raised towards the local food bank and £190.10 so far raised for the bench in memory of Nigel Powell due to some extra private donations. There's still some more money coming in towards the new bench and if you'd like to make a donation I can send over banking details or just post it through the door at the pub. Your support has been greatly appreciated and we hope to see you all again sometime soon.

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. Newsletter out today! (see link below) Reopening next Wednesday! <https://mailchi.mp/0c8693138048/we-cant-wait?e=267b90ac27>

...from the Royal George in Lingen. Exciting news we will be opening on Saturday 4th July! We will be working on a reduced opening hours & menu.
Opening hours :-Thursday - Saturday 5pm - 10pm. Food served 5.30 - 9pm
Sunday lunchtime 12 - 4pm. Food served 12.30-3pm
Please ring 01544 267322 in advance if you require food. Please help us not to have lockdown again by abiding by the government guidelines by keeping a metre plus apart, washing your hands & PLEASE do not come in if you're feeling unwell. There will be plenty of hand sanitizer throughout the pub. One of these guidelines is we require your name & number when you

arrive as we do not have mobile signal for track & trace! Unfortunately there will be no sitting at the bar....sorry Crawford! Please help to keep you & us safe by having no more than 4 people in the bar area at any one time! We have managed to get 3 tables in the bar area & 3 in the restaurant, plus plenty of seating in the garden. Looking forward to seeing you all again

...from Arrowfield Vets. 'Tis the season for Ticks! Are your pets up to date with their parasite control? Flea and tick prevention and worming treatment can be ordered by phone and then collected from either Kington or Presteigne. Ticks are spider-like parasites that suck blood - they bite and feed on your dog or cat for up to a few days, and then drop off once they've had enough! As well as being unpleasant, during this time it's possible the tick could give your pet a nasty disease called Lyme's disease.

STOP ticks from biting your pet by using a tick treatment that kills them if they attach.

CHECK your pets regularly for ticks. To avoid squeezing the body or leaving the head in, you'll need to twist the tick off. This is best done using a tick removal tool.

REMEMBER ticks can attach to people too!

THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...(ed.) the new Lugg Blogg is out - Issue 6 "one metre plus...", and if you haven't yet signed up to receive the Blogg, you're six brilliant issues too late !! It's free, you receive it on email, and it's full of cracking music links and all sorts of good entertaining stuff - intro and music by Pete and contributions by Richard Studer, Peter Wright, Jenny and Dave, Sabina Rüber, Salt, Terry (dogman quiz) and Pip and Gurd (Lockdown Dhaba). View the Blogg now on <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/presteigne-lugg-blogg-one-metre-plus> and/or sign up HERE <http://eepurl.com/gZxBXn>

...from Sarah. Have you discovered I Fagiolini? Amongst their videos, I really must recommend this fantastic one of the Giovanni Gabrieli Magnificat a 14 - go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bPHViiQGA>

...(ed.) Don't You Want Me by the Human Plague. In a completely different vein, enjoy this brilliant lip synch take on the Human League's 80's hit performed by our Dave & Jenny with virtuoso backing on stylophones (taken from Lugg Blogg No. 6) <https://youtu.be/htTT759hml4>

...from Hay Music Trust. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Llŷr Williams concert planned for Dorstone House on 26th July. We will try to reschedule it, but meantime as a taster, Llŷr has recently recorded the entire cycle of the Beethoven piano sonatas from his house in Wrexham, following the cancellation of his live performance of the cycle at the Festival Cultural de Mayo in Guadalajara in Mexico and all 8 recitals are available online via the link below, but are only available until the end of June, so you will need to act quickly if you want to see and hear them! <https://www.festivaldemayo.org/fcmj2020D/repositorio.htm>

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Presteigne Freegle. With so many more of us cycling now, we need this fabulous charity @CycleOfGoodUK that upcycles and recycles old inner tubes! #GoodToKnow. You can post your old tubes or search to see if one of the hundreds of drop-off points is nearby to you <https://www.cycleofgood.com/recycle-your-tubes/>

Please share this information so we can keep more inner tubes out of landfill and incinerators. Happy cycling everyone!

...from SPAR Presteigne. We're delighted to announce the results (for our area) from this week's Community Cashback Grant public vote;

Region 2 (South West):

1st Place (£1,000 Winner) - The Play Yard (The Play Yard)

2nd Place (£500 Winner) - Artis Community (Artis Community)

3rd Place (£375 Winner) - East Radnorshire Day Centre (East Radnorshire Day Centre)

We look forward to seeing how each of these local charities / community groups spend their grant. Next week's finalist will be announced on Monday.

Don't forget organisations can apply to join the scheme until 9th July! All you have to do to apply is fill in our application form: <https://www.afblakemore.com/our-community/community-cashback-grant>

...from Business Wales. Applications for Tech Nation's innovative growth programmes are now open. Details here - <https://businesswales.gov.wales/news-and-blogs/news/achieve-your-potential-tech-nations-leading-sector-programmes>

...from Powys Health Teaching Board. This has been a challenging few months for all of us. Understandably the NHS birthday on 5 July will hold a different place in our hearts, offering an opportunity for thanks and remembrance. We have created a set of colouring-in sheets for children that you can display in your window to mark the day. <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/news/52619>

...from Powys CC. Views wanted on draft ALN / SEN vision. Parents, learners, governors, headteachers and the wider public are being urged to have their say on a draft vision which could strengthen special educational needs (SEN) / additional learning needs (ALN) provision in Powys. Powys County Council has been developing the new vision which will guide the transformation of provision for learners with SEN / ALN. Improving this provision is one of the strategic aims in the council's Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030, which was approved in April. The discussion document can be viewed at <https://haveyoursay.powys.gov.uk/> along with a link to a survey. Paper copies of the document and survey are available from the council by telephoning 01597 826277. To respond to the consultation, people can:

*Respond to the questionnaire online at <https://haveyoursay.powys.gov.uk/>

*Send a written response via email or post to school.organisation@powys.gov.uk / School Transformation Team, Schools Service, County Hall, Spa Road East, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5LG. The consultation will close on Wednesday, July 22.

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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.