

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.

It would have been Carnival Day on Saturday - and what a lovely day it was for it !!! But this year it's had to be virtual...A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who entered our photograph competition, to Tim Shallcross for putting together a photographic montage of Carnivals oast and present (link here <https://youtu.be/lOR7mwjZgAQ>) and The Barebacks for the wonderful song. We hope you enjoy this video of Presteigne Carnival memories, please feel free to tag anyone you recognise and add any more memories and photographs to the comments on our Facebook page - we love seeing them all!

We'll be back next year with a truly exciting carnival, 10th July 2021 - put it in your Diary - see you there!

And here's a link to the four Photo Competition Winners announced last week <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6qefBs9tts>. Enjoy !

...**from Barbara.** 80th mask going out...thank you so much for the donations which will go to Cancer Research. Also you lovely people for the gifts given to me...and especially the delightful note from Henry.

THE NEW LUGG BLOGG IS OUT!! Here's the latest Lugg Blogg with intro by Pete and contributions by Tony Lawson, Jonathan Lyness, Tania Mosse, Alex Ramsay, Alithea, John Hymas, Sabina Ruber, Liam Newman, Sarah Pearson, Terry Wells and Lois Hopwood <https://www.luggblogg.co.uk/blog/leaving-lockdown-in-presteigne>

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...**from The Workhouse Café.** From this week we'll have outside tables for you to enjoy your café treats.

...**from Amanda's Bread.** Dear customer, If you want to place an order for delivery to Presteigne area on Saturday 11th July, please get in touch on Monday 6th July, by email to Amanda on : asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com or phone/text Amanda on 0775 993 9526 or Julian on 0771 870 4814 (If you miss the Monday deadline, please still get in touch and we will supply your order if we can.)

...**from SPAR Presteigne.** Competition time! Win a drinks fridge, perfect for watching the sport at home. To enter go to <http://ow.ly/MH1K50AsFXi>. Good luck! Closes midnight Sunday 12th July, 2 winners chosen at random. Must be 18+ to enter. Full T&C's: <http://ow.ly/cfQX50AsFXj>

...**from Presteigne Bowls Social Club.** Improvements have taken place over the last few weeks at the social club with new windows making a big difference! The club will soon be open with plans underway! Watch this space.

...**from Presteigne Driving School.** Hello all, I know there is still a lot of questions and uncertainty about when driving instructors can start teaching again in Wales. As soon as I hear

anything (hopefully this week) I will be one of the first to let you all know. Many thanks for your cooperation. Russ

...from Kirsty's Hair Studio. Great first day back - of course, typical Kirsty, forgot any before and after photos as usual!!! I'm so overwhelmed by the amount of support from you all and how you've all waited so long to see me. For info and appointments call 07961 113776

...from Weobley Ash. Fresh fruit and veg in today - New potatoes, cooking potatoes, jacket potatoes, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, salad tomatoes, spring onions, water melons, salads, Moorcourt cherries, Strawberries, Peaches, nectarines. Chiller full of midweek meals, whole chicken, chicken fillets, bacon, gammon, belly pork, chops, sausage, burgers, mince beef and dice. Open from 9-4 Tuesday to Saturday, just call in.

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. Thanks to everyone that ordered food, it was the most we have sent out since we started. See Facebook for the menu for Friday, orders by 11am Wednesday please. So excited to be opening the garden next week and with the news today that we may be fully open the first week in August if all goes to plan. Will be posting the new Cafe menu in the next couple of days. Hope the sun shines and we will see you all in the garden soon. Call 01544 260600 or email rosecottageflowersandcafe@gmail.com

OTHER INFORMATION

...from National Theatre Home. One of the highlights of lockdown (not a phrase we thought we'd ever be saying, tbh) has to have been the weekly theatre dose administered by London's National Theatre. The line-up of plays streamed for free via YouTube – a new one released each Thursday – has kept audiences at home on the edge of their sofas. And they've been pretty starry, too: James Corden, Gillian Anderson, Benedict Cumberbatch, Tamsin Greig and Tom Hiddleston have all already appeared on our on-screen stages.

Alas, all good things (and lockdown) must come to an end, and the National Theatre is now entering the final throes of free streaming.

June 18 'Small Island' an adaptation of the novel by Andrea Levy.

June 25 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by William Shakespeare, starring Gwendoline Christie.

July 2 'Les Blancs' by Lorraine Hansberry.

July 9 'The Deep Blue Sea' by Terence Rattigan, starring Helen McCrory and Tom Burke.

July 16 'Amadeus' by Peter Shaffer, starring Lucian Msamati.

For more information on National Theatre at Home, click [here](#).

...A note from our Rector. Dear Friends, This note comes with my very best wishes. The Welsh Government has announced (very quietly ... I had to look very hard to find it ...) that Churches in Wales may reopen for services from Monday next. This means that we will soon be able to hold services in Presteigne and Discoed – but we haven't decided when yet! We will need to make a lot of plans and put a lot of procedures and safeguards in place first, but we'll start work on these right away and we'll let everyone know when we're going to make our joyous return to Sunday Services. It won't be quite what we're used to – there'll be no singing for a start – but we'll do our best to make it special. It will be wonderful to see everyone and to worship God together again in our beautiful church buildings. In the meantime, Presteigne, Discoed and Lingen churches are open for private prayer and there is the usual range of services and programmes available on BBC TV and Radio. It is my intention to keep on sending out the Collects and Readings for each Sunday by email to anyone who wants them even after we resume services in church. I'm conscious that not everyone will feel comfortable about joining the congregations just yet, but that's fine – and we'll stay in fellowship with each other via the send-out service sheets and readings. You can now download the collects and readings and the short service for use at home from the St Andrew's Presteigne page of the A Church Near You website, which you can find here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10690/news/>. We think this may work better than downloading them as photo images from Facebook. Keep safe and well, Steve

...from Dyfed Powys Police. Information received from West Mercia Police regarding farm trailer thefts (Ivor Williams Trailers). The most recent incident occurred at Bucknell sometime

between 06/07/20 and 12/07/2020. Please review your trailer security, any assistance required please contact Dyfed Powys Police on 101 and ask to speak to you local neighbourhood team

...from Keep Wales Tidy. You've told us that you want to help keep our beautiful country clean - so we're delighted to announce the Autumn Clean Cymru from the 11th to the 27th September. This years' event will be a bit different, with no group activities being planned, but please do join in with your families. Go to <https://bit.ly/3gOS28R> to register your pledge and to find out more information.

...from Powys CC. Registration for the new 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme opened on 13 July. Despite not yet reopening, Powys restaurants can be ready! Residents can #SupportLocalPowys and use discounts from 3 August (when indoor restaurants reopen). Full details here <https://crowd.in/WvhdVC>

..from Presteigne Freegle. It's Plastic Free July! Modern life would be impossible without plastic – but we have long since lost control over our invention. Why has plastic turned into a problem and what do we know about its dangers? Brilliant video via [Unenvironment https://youtu.be/RS7IzU2VJIQ](https://youtu.be/RS7IzU2VJIQ)

How to make a simple Hedgehog House via @WildlifeTrusts <http://ow.ly/BuVr30pscBY>. Find materials you need for free via your local friendly free reuse community, find out what's being given away nearby to you here <http://ow.ly/DbOu30nyjdj>

...from Powys CC. Still time to give views on revised home to school and college transport policy. Learners, their families, schools and the wider public have just two weeks to give their views on Powys County Council's revised Home to School/College Transport Policy. The revised policy has been drawn up to provide reduce ambiguity in order to ensure that the policy can be applied consistently. The proposed changes include:

- * Removal of the practice of reimbursing 16 - 19 aged learners who travel out of county to study
- * Removal of the practice of providing transport following a change of ordinary place of residence for learners in years 10,11,12 and 13
- * Clarified the appeal process to make it clearer.

The review of the policy was carried out following the approval of the council's Strategy for Transforming Education in Powys 2020-2030 in April. Should the Cabinet approve the policy after consultation, the revised policy would come into effect in September 2021. The revised policy can be viewed at <https://crowd.in/BuFvgV> along with a link to a survey. Paper copies of the revised policy 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://crowd.in/At4fcP>
- * 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 Monday, July 27.

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