

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Community News is an information service from PACDG – the Presteigne Area Community Development Group  
“Working Together For The Community”

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**  
**email news@pacdg.org to contact the Editor**

- 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 - email the Editor on news@pacdg.org
  - please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents
  - and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.
- ...AND IF YOU NEED TO CHECK BACK ON PAST ISSUES FOR INFORMATION, YOU CAN SEE THESE (along with lots of other good information) ON THE TOWN WEBSITE www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar**

**...from the Town Clerk.** The Town Council is pleased to confirm that the Wilson Terrace toilet block has now been re-opened. New alcohol gel dispensers have been installed - please do remember to use these on entering and leaving the building and to observe social distancing. The block will remain open until the end of October when it will close as usual for the Winter months.

An outdoor gel sanitiser dispenser has arrived and is in the process of being installed by the outdoor gym. Hopefully this will be in place early next week.

**...from What3Words.** This week we're encouraging everyone in the UK to get the app and help emergency services #KnowExactlyWhere. What3Words pinpoints your location to a 1m. square anywhere in the world - whether a desert in the middle of Mongolia or the back door of a house in Scottleton Street - enabling the rescue services, ambulance, police, Freeglers, delivery drivers etc. to know exactly where you are and save valuable time. Please spread the word by sharing this appeal. Share this message to social media, community groups, friends and family by copying the text and explainer film link below. Help 999 #KnowExactlyWhere with @what3words [bit.ly/32WNUzV](https://bit.ly/32WNUzV). To get more involved, head to our [campaign page](#).

**...from Helen about Presteigne Plastics Project:** This will be a relaunch of Plastic Free Presteigne, building on their work. The idea is to work along with other official UK plastic campaign groups to spread the message about the urgency of the problem and what we can all do to help. If you would be interested to participate in anyway or have any idea or question please email to receive further information. We will be issuing a monthly newsletter with further information and all emails will be answered (data protection guidelines will of course be followed. Email Helen at: [hackland31@btinternet.com](mailto:hackland31@btinternet.com)

## SPAM ALERT

**ed. from bitter personal experience, beware of scam websites selling ‘bargains’ - the old adage applies - if it looks too good to be true it probably is!! I thought I was reasonably savvy but was conned into buying a handheld mini-circular saw from ciltce.com that I'd seen on repeated Facebook video ads a few weeks ago - purporting to be from a US seller, selling for less than £30 compared with similar items at £55+. (I'm seeing maybe identical Facebook video ads today from Youngh and Sombey - same people ?!). I'd been thinking about buying one for a while - big mistake - all seemed OK, confirming email, link to USPS Tracking but...it never arrived (just a small envelope from a Mr Gu in China enclosing a single saw blade) and of course, no response to follow-up emails. I should have checked the website and if I had, I would have seen this was a newly established website (or a fake piggyback on another sellers website) and several other people were reporting the same problem. So please learn from my stupidity. Apart from following guidance from Citizens Advice and others on how to spot a scam website, if you are not buying through a known marketplace that offers buyer protection**

(Amazon, eBay etc) or from a known supplier or manufacturer, there are a number of tools for checking whether a website is rated trustworthy or is the subject of scam reports - e.g. [www.scamadvisor.com](http://www.scamadvisor.com) and [urlvoid.com](http://urlvoid.com). Unfortunately you can't absolutely rely on the little green padlock symbol - that can be faked! - and a website can operate for a few weeks before scam reports build up causing the site to be scam-flagged. So, if it looks like an absolute too-good-to-miss bargain....don't be tempted until you've done your checks.

## UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

**...from Presteigne Local Food Market.** We are back this Saturday 9-1pm. Stalls outside and social distance measures in place! Great local produce available. Look forward to seeing you all

**...from Presteigne Tyres.** Since re-opening on 1.6.2020 we have been very busy and so from Monday 3rd August our new opening hours will be Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 5.00 pm (closed for lunch 1.00 to 1.30pm). Please ring Nigel or Jackie on 01544 267240 to book in for MOTS, car servicing and repairs, puncture repairs, new tyres and wheel alignment.

REMINDER....from 1.8.2020 the MOT 6 month extension rule no longer applies and your vehicle must be tested by its due date so Book In Soon! It has been great to see old and new customers again and we thank you for your loyalty and support during these unusual times and for adapting to our new procedures. We continue to follow Government guidelines and clean and sanitise all vehicles, workshops and reception areas and operate a one in one out system for social distancing measures. We look forward to taking your call.

**...from the Royal Oak.** We're excited to be a part of the 'Eat Out To Help Out' scheme. This means our Wednesday Steak Night has become even cheaper! All customers including children are eligible for 50% off of their meals and soft drinks upto a maximum discount of £10 off per person. This will be starting as of next Wednesday 5th August and run every Wednesday throughout August. Booking is recommended to avoid disappointment!

**...from The Hat Shop.** Just registered for the Eat Out to Help Out, details to follow.

**...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café.** A superb opportunity to rent a highly efficient & ecological building, consisting of four office and/or studio spaces. Available to rent as a whole building or on individual room basis. Studio 2 is next to The Workhouse Gallery group of business premises on Presteigne Industrial Estate. Other tenants working from individual studios/workshops on the site include artists, designers, makers, writers & musicians: a wonderful chance to become part of a creative and thriving environment. For more information contact: Sara Bamford 07495 249636, [admin@theworkhouse.wales](mailto:admin@theworkhouse.wales)

**...from Weobley Ash.** It's looking like a bbq wkend, Making kebabs, burgers, bbq packs this week. Please place orders for weekend collection of bbq boxes or kebabs to avoid disappointment. Kebabs 4 x pack £7. Bbq pack £45 - 2 x 4 pack of kebabs, 8 x burgers, 24 sausage, bbq chicken wings and bread rolls. Call 01544 598120 or email [shop@weobleyash.co.uk](mailto:shop@weobleyash.co.uk) to reserve

**...from the Salty Dog.** See our Facebook page for our Saturday night burger take away menu, phone 01544 262164 or 0780 5727 486 to book a slot. Meanwhile, at the Salty Dog..... fresh fish makes a return !!

**...from Grace's Beauty ref Facial Treatments.** We are back in the salon tomorrow taking bookings. We are so excited to see everyone. However, although there is no outright ban, the Welsh Government Guidelines strongly recommend avoiding treatments performed on the face. We will currently be pausing bookings for this category but this will be reviewed on a regular basis. We want to keep all our clients as safe as we possibly can. When guidelines are clearer we will hopefully open up our treatment list fully to enable facial treatments to go ahead. We hope you understand our decision for the time being. This is a new way of working and there is lots to take in for everybody. Please be patient. We can't wait to welcome everyone back

**...from Dale at The Royal Oak.** As of Monday we are allowed to open up for indoor service. Not much is changing in the way we currently operate as we are still keeping it continental with table service being the new normal. It's definitely keeping us all fit. Our table capacity has been slightly reduced inside to enable social distancing and the one way system around the pub will still be in place. Booking is recommended to ensure a table is kept but walk ins are still accepted if we're not at capacity. Thank you all for your continued support.

**...from Lyonshall Nurseries & Garden Centre.** We have in stock some lovely oak whisky barrels. Perfect for planters. £75 each or 2 for £130. They won't be around for long !!

**...from the Royal British Legion.** At the moment the legion is remaining closed as refurbishment work is still being carried out as we get nearer to reopening we will update this page - thank you.

A reminder - If you require a wreath for remembrance please contact Eve and Peter by Monday the 3rd of August as they need to order them by Wednesday please call them on 07802 276559 or 01544 260009 as requests after this time may not be able to be met.

**...from Clare.** Particularly for friends who would normally coming to Presteigne for the festival over August Bank Holiday Weekend - the good news is that the Radnorshire Arms will look a WHOLE lot better when you return next year than it did in 2019 - they are gearing up to run an outdoor bar very soon and there's a huge amount of decorating going on inside as well. Let's hope it will be fully open for business in 2021. (*ed. I spoke to the owners last week and they are targeting a limited opening in mid-August*)

## OTHER INFORMATION

**...reported in the MWJ about Powys CC.** Powys Council has declared a climate emergency after a vote by councillors. In January 2019, Machynlleth became the first town council in Wales to declare a climate emergency, and was followed by a number of other authorities (*ed. including Presteigne Town Council*) – and now Powys has added its name to the list. The LibDem Councillor who proposed the motion wanted to see Powys become a net zero carbon authority by 2030. The vote means the council has now acknowledged a need to act on the causes and impact of climate change.

**...from St. Andrew's Church.** The collect and readings for this Sunday, 2 August, for use if you are unable to join us in Lingen or Presteigne and are worshipping at home, can now be downloaded from our page on the A Church Near You website (click on 'Save attachment' at the bottom of the service details). <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10690/>

**...from Weobley Ash. Job opportunities.** Weobley Ash Meats require:

- a store assistant for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8.30 - 4.00. Role will require using the cloud based till system, restocking shelves and general shop tidiness. Will suit a mature person who's bubbly and likes to engage with customers.
- a person to wash down equipment and help with basic prep work in the butchery. No experience required just the willingness to learn and work to exacting standards. Wednesday 8.30 to 2 and Thursday 9-4

Minimum wage and shop discounts apply. Apply through our Facebook page.

**...from Recycle Now.** Ever wondered what to do with your unopened, unused or out of date medicines? Take a look at this link for some tips and guidance on how best to dispose of your unwanted medicines. [#recycle](https://bit.ly/38Xa85T)

**...from the Welsh Government.** Thanks to all of your efforts, rates of coronavirus in Wales remain low. This means we can relax restrictions further and open more businesses. On Monday, indoor areas of pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants can reopen. Also, from Monday 3 August, you can meet up to 30 people outdoors. Coronavirus has forced us all to make difficult sacrifices, including limiting seeing our family and friends. Please reunite with loved ones safely - keep 2 metres apart and follow guidance to keep you, your family and your friends safe.

**...from Ken Rodmell.** Several people have asked me what the very bright 'star' is, low down near the southern horizon around nightfall - well, it's not actually a star but planet Jupiter, the king of planets. Any half-decent binoculars will normally bring out its four main moons, while a telescope at 40x magnification or above will show the fuzzy, rust-red/brown northern and southern equatorial belts on the planet. If you look very carefully, you might notice that Jupiter is not circular - due to its rapid spin rate, it is centrifugally 'bloated' at its equator - about 10% over its polar diameter. While you're looking, don't forget to look a few degrees left of Jupiter to see planet Saturn and its infamous rings. Saturn is both physically smaller than Jupiter as well as being almost twice Jupiter's distance so it will appear much less bright but still impressive once you have it in your sights.

**...from Powys Recycles and the Welsh Youth Parliament.** Whether we mean to litter or not, the rubbish we throw away can pollute where we live and could end up in the sea, and from there who knows? The Welsh Youth Parliament would like to hear your views on how we can reduce litter and plastic waste. <https://www.youthparliament.wales/get-involved/littering-and-plastic-waste>

**...from PAVO.** POWYS BEFRIENDERS NEEDS YOU! Make a difference and make someone smile in these difficult times. We are looking for volunteer telephone befrienders. Call PAVO on 01597 822191 or email [pbs@pavo.org.uk](mailto:pbs@pavo.org.uk). See [www.pavo.org.uk](http://www.pavo.org.uk) for more information.

**...from Powys Recycles Now.** Ever wondered what happens to your glass bottles and jars once they have been collected? This animation shows you how glass is recycled and what it can be turned into. Check this out and give our Facebook page a 'like' if you'd like to see more of these fun and informative videos! Find out more here: [#Recycle](https://bit.ly/304oVaS)

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Here in Powys we are offering more virtual and online clinics than ever before, where this is appropriate for you and for your clinical needs. This will allow you to have more of your health care appointments from your home or wherever is convenient. It will be rolled out across Wales to offer healthcare services in a safe and secure way and is approved by Welsh Government and NHS Wales. The service is delivered via a communication platform called 'Attend Anywhere'. Find out more:  
<https://pthb.nhs.wales/services/virtual-and-online-services/virtual-clinics-with-attend-anywhere/>

**...from Powys CC.** Social Development Moving Forward Fund – NOW OPEN! This fund is available to social value sector organisations who are either delivering activities for vulnerable people affected by COVID-19, or need the resources to restart or set up activities which improve physical and mental well-being. Full details <https://crowd.in/zhbQWA>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Letters from the Chief Medical Officer for Wales to those who are shielding are currently being issued. The letter confirms the announcement by the CMO on 15th July, that individuals who have been shielding no longer need to do so from 16th August. <https://gov.wales/written-statement-new-letter-chief-medical-officer-wales-those-who-are-shielding>

**...from Powys CC.** The summer holidays and the warm weather means that there are lot of people out enjoying our beautiful county. But please remember to treat it with respect, and that we are still in the middle of a global pandemic. If a beauty spot looks too crowded, it is too crowded – please come back another time. Please park safely and responsibly and without causing any obstructions. Please don't drop litter. Diolch #SupportLocalPowys  
#DiscoverPowysSafely #KeepPowysTidy

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