

COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Community News is an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group
"Working Together For Our Community"

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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 - 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 about our High Street..... Powys CC have released final designs which they, as our Highways Authority, will be implementing for the High Street, as part of the emergency Covid response measures. I'm told the designs have taken in to account all the feedback and comments from the Town Council and local residents, and we are grateful for that input. I am unsure when work will begin to implement these changes, but PCC have said they will let me know. See plan on the Town website here www.presteigne.org.uk/town-council.

(ed. the Town Clerk has cautioned that PCC will continue to liaise with the shops and the TC over this as time goes on and changes may be made)

...from the Welsh Government. Coronavirus hasn't gone away. Stay 2m from others and wash your hands to protect the people you care about. It's everyone's responsibility to #KeepWalesSafe

...from Maggie about plastic film recycling (or lack of!). *"I know other residents have been really disappointed to see the plastic film collection point in Morrisons has been suspended, apparently due to covid regulations. Does anyone know anywhere else where plastic film can be recycled at present?"* If you have first-hand information please email us at news@pacdg.org

...from the Town Clerk. Next Town Council Meeting is 19th August at 7.30pm. Meeting papers available on the town website - <http://presteigne.org.uk/town-council>. The zoom link to the meeting will be published in due course.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

...from No. 46. Hello everyone! We have our new lunch menu up and running with lots of new and exciting things! We have takeaway options available if you don't want to eat in, as well as takeaway coffees! If you would like to order please private message us on Facebook or pop in to order! Our phone line is currently out of order so please don't try and phone us at the moment! And don't forget we are participating in the 'eat out to help out' scheme from Monday to Wednesday! See you all soon!

...from Grace Beauty. We are adjusting to the new way of working in the salon and appreciate all of our clients for adhering to the new measures we have put into place. We feel confident to be able to start offering brow services from this week. Other facial treatments will follow as soon as possible but for now we will only be offering Eye Brow Tinting and Waxing. Our main aim is to keep our clients as safe as possible.

As therapists, we will be wearing full PPE and would appreciate it if you could turn up to your appointment in a face mask/covering. This is very important to us due to working in the highest risk zone. If you would like to book an appointment for a brow service, please make sure you have provided the relevant information for our new booking system before calling the salon.

*Name *Address *Email *DOB *Confirmation you agree to us having this information ✓

Email to- gracebeauty23410@outlook.com. Please read our guidelines before your visit to the salon. Thank you so much for your continued support and to those having to wait a little longer for facial services. Grace & Rhi

...from Wegnalls Farm Butchery. Important information: We have been experiencing some technical difficulties with our answer phone messages recently, if you have had difficulties contacting us recently please use the number below to get back in contact. 07890 392132

...from The Judge's Lodging. Wait a minute...the lockdown bewigged bear has gone from the window, the chains are off the railings. Does that mean...? Yep - we're back ! The Judge's Lodging is open from 12th August and, boy, have we missed everyone. We're so happy to be back and we'd love to see you - the museum and the shop are both open. We've had to change our opening hours a bit - Wednesdays to Saturdays 10.30am till 4.30pm, until 31st October. And we've had to make changes as you'd expect - face coverings, sanitiser, one-way system, etc. Lots more info here <https://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/visit-us/covid-secure-opening/>. Hope to see you soon!

...from Weobley Ash. Full to the brim with fruit and vegetables. Raspberries, strawberries and Moorcourt Cherries. Plenty of meat for midweek meals, chicken fillet and kebabs ready to go. Open from 9-4 Tuesday to Saturday. Or call 01544 598120 to reserve

...from Wild Thyme Italian. We're back open again this week from 10:00 am Wednesday for coffee, croissants and cake and a light lunch menu, then for dinner in the evening from 6:00. Already booked up for Wednesday evening, but space outside if it's fine. Have some space on Friday and Saturday evenings too.... from 7:00 pm. onwards be great to see you.

...from Kirsty's Hair Studio. From the 1st of September I'm afraid I am going to have to put in place a deposit scheme. A 50% non refundable deposit will be required on all colours if 48hours notice is given to rearrange that appointment the deposit will be carried over but any last minute cancellations I'm afraid will loose the deposit. As this is my livelihood and wages and still have rent and bills to pay I hope you all understand I hate to do this but Its something I've had to do

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Powys CC and ER Day Centre. ERHS helping shielding and isolated residents. There has been a tremendous contribution from volunteers in the community during this pandemic, providing support and supplies to people who are shielding or self-isolating. One group which has been looking after its community is East Radnor Home Support (ERHS) East Radnorshire Day Centre, which has been helping people in Presteigne and Knighton with prescriptions, essential shopping, and meals-on-wheels, as well as making welfare telephone calls. The group has been managed through its 24-hour emergency response arrangements, which have been funded by Powys County Council, using the Welsh Government's Integrated Care Funds. This service, amongst other roles, delivers a 24-hour emergency response for personal and panic alarms. Cllr. Beverley Baynham is chief officer with ERHS, which has six staff, and she explained: "The service was in place before the Covid-19 pandemic, but we've been well-placed to respond to the challenges of lockdown. "We offer a 24-hour emergency response service: if someone has a fall or is in distress in any way we have a team of on-call staff who can go out to them, taking PPE and social distancing requirements into account. "We've been really pleased that we've been able to help out. There are some 400 people in the area who we are supporting and while the service is not unique - for example there is a similar service in Rhayader - it does show the value of having services like us in place." She explained that if the team, which is based at the East Radnor Day Centre in Presteigne, is not able to help, they act

as a signposting service and help local people get in touch with specialists. And they recently took on a warden service for accommodation in the town for elderly and vulnerable people. You can find out more about ERHS: <https://crowd.in/5a9Get>

...from The Bracken Trust Cancer Support Centre (a Registered Charity based in Llandrindod Wells. It supports anyone affected by cancer (including those who have experienced a bereavement) in the Mid Wales and border areas. It provides information, advice, complementary therapies, counselling and a range of activities which encourage people to manage their condition and maintain an excellent quality of life. During the Covid-19 lockdown, staff have been unable to provide face to face contact; however, the nursing and counselling staff have continued to provide telephone and / or face to face support via electronic communication methods (depending on the patient's preference). This level of support will continue for the foreseeable future. We are slowly opening The Trust and are currently offering face to face support to specific groups of patients (by appointment only). We are also accepting new and self-referrals and are following strict processes to maximise the safety of staff and visitors. We plan to extend face to face support to all patients over the next few weeks, as restrictions from Welsh Government lift, and hopefully extend those opportunities to our hubs in Llanwrtyd Wells, Llanidloes and Knighton.

Our drop-in facilities are currently not available so if you have any queries or would like further information: Please telephone: 01597 823646 (between 9am-5pm Mon to Fri); Email: nurse@brackentrust.org.uk;

...Road closures on the route to Hereford. Please note that Herefordshire CC plan major roadworks between 24th August and 30th October to install a roundabout to replace the existing Lawton crossroads where the A4110 Mortimers Cross-Hereford road crosses the B4529 Eardisland-Leominster road. This will involve complete road closures for periods in rotation, with 3-way traffic lights on the other roads. So best to use the Kington or Lyonshall routes, or otherwise check ahead on the Herefordshire CC Highways website before taking the Mortimers Cross route to/from Hereford. The work won't affect your journey to Leominster if you use the Cobnash or Lucton routes. You can check progress/problems with these roadworks on Twitter @HfdsStreets (*ed. thanks to Combe Corner Floodwatch Facebook group for this information*)

...from Powys CC / Traffic Wales. Please note an Emergency Road Closure on the B4355 at Lloyney (the road from Knighton towards Newtown) is in place from the 13 Aug - 1 Sep 2020 (24Hr Restriction) on behalf of Powys County Council, while they do works to a collapsed culvert.

...from Presteigne Little Peoples Playgroup and Powys Family Information Service. Childcare offer Information. Families who were eligible for the offer prior to the 31st of March, the childcare team are in the process of gathering any information that requires updating from those families. You will not need to complete a new application. Expect an email in the coming days to update any necessary information. Respond as soon as possible so as not to delay.

...from Presteigne Freegle. How to mine precious metals in your home!
 "Our homes and backyards are an "urban mine" filled with these essential materials that are just waiting to be dug out." <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200407-urban-mining-how-your-home-may-be-a-gold-mine> via @BBC_Future

..from Powys CC. Adopting a child is easier and more achievable than most people realise. @nas_cymru encourage anyone in Powys that's ever considered it to contact @adoptmwwales to find out more about becoming a parent through adoption: <https://crowd.in/jb1ITN>

...from Recycle Now. Do you remember the first item you recycled? Maybe not, but there's a good chance it could have been either a glass wine bottle, a jam jar, a fizzy drink can or a baked bean tin. In the UK alone, we use over half a million tonnes of metal packaging and nearly 2 million tonnes of glass packaging per year. Thanks to your efforts, a lot is being recycled but there's still a lot more to do.

...from Repair Café Wales. Lots of things come to a premature end of life because they stop working but there's a growing network of lovely volunteer-led #RepairCafes where YOU can learn how to fix your broken stuff! <https://repaircafe.org/en/> (ed. because of Covid, Presteigne Repair is not currently operating - watch this space for news of re-opening).

...from Red Kite Fostering. Are you looking to change career? Ever thought about fostering ? The need for new Foster Carers is greater than ever! We've taken these steps to ensure we can continue to support your journey: Our team of fostering advisors are working remotely and in safe environments taking calls meaning they are still on hand to answer any questions and queries you may have over the phone. We can meet you 'virtually' through video chat too if you prefer. We have a wealth of information that we can email to you. We welcome applications from people who are new to foster care, as well as experienced foster carers. If you'd like more information, or you're ready to chat to us about the next steps, enquire today on info@red-kite-fostering.co.uk or call 015442316

...from Powys CC. Businesses can now apply to Powys County Council for permission to operate on pavements, public areas and reclaimed highways to help them get back up and running. The coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis has had a significant impact on the lives and health of many Powys citizens, but it has also had severe economic consequences. The lockdown had an immediate impact on the way in which our town centres operate, with many businesses being required to close for a significant period of time. With many of these businesses now reopening, we must now ensure our public spaces and town centres are not only safe but also allow local businesses to trade within the guidelines. The approval to use the pavements, available from the council, allows businesses to create an outdoor café style atmosphere, along with providing other services and recreation amenities, on designated areas of the public highway. Every town will be different, with a bespoke plan to maximise the strengths of the area and needs of the businesses. In areas where roads can be fully or partly pedestrianised, pavement licences can be granted to help create open air dining and socialising space for cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars. Each application will be assessed and consulted on its own merits. Businesses must demonstrate that they can operate in within social distancing regulations and highway rules to ensure the safety of customers and other members of the public. For details or to apply for a pavement licence, please visit: <https://crowd.in/RencPc>

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Are you shielding? Or know someone who is? This Sunday, 16 August, Welsh Government will be pausing shielding. You may feel anxious about this change. Here is some help and advice on safely returning to your day-to-day lives <https://gov.wales/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-people-defined-on-medical-grounds-as-extremely-vulnerable-from-coronavirus-covid-19-html>

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Meet our friendly team at the Nurse Recruitment Virtual Café on Tuesday 18 August, 11am-2pm and on Wednesday 19 August, 11am-2pm. Call Vicki Denney on 07966 245530 to make your reservation at the Nurse Recruitment Virtual Café #TeamPowys #TrainWorkLive for more information go to www.pthb.nhs.wales/jobs

...from NFU Mutual. We are recruiting. Contact our Kington office on 01544 230578 or email rebecca_rogers@nfumutual.co.uk for more information.

...from Summerhill House. We are currently looking for Residential Education Support Workers to join our team at Summerhill House in Presteigne, if you would like to join the team there please click this link; <https://orbis-education-care.breezy.hr/p/fadc890829e801-residential-education-support-worker>

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