

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
- please email us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area job opportunities
- 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 Powys Teaching Health Board. 160 new confirmed cases of Coronavirus have been reported in the last 7 days in Powys (*ed. as of 2nd Nov.*). If you have symptoms, get a test: <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test> - call 119 (7am to 11pm). People with hearing or speech difficulties can call 18001 119. Source: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

...from the Town Clerk. Latest planning application in: 20/1687/LBC Grid Reference: E:331376 N: 264432 Proposal: Various repairs and alterations to include provision of an external door, lining and insulation of internal walls and installation of a simple serviceable timber staircase Site Address: 45A High Street, Presteigne, LD8 2BE. To be considered at the November meeting of the Town Council.

SCAM ALERT

Be warned and alert that during the lockdown, several areas in Wales have been targeted by a BT Technical broadband scam. People are receiving an automated message via their landline claiming their broadband security has been compromised. The message suggests that the account will be terminated if the user doesn't take action. It then asks you to press numbers to talk to someone. **DON'T PRESS ANY BUTTONS - JUST HANG UP**

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET (further lockdown imminent so things are still fluid with local businesses - best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from Arrowfield Vets. Following the government announcement on Saturday, we are still awaiting guidance from our professional body regarding the second lockdown on Thursday. Currently we are open, so please attend all booked appointments and operations as normal unless we contact you. We will keep you updated as and when we get information. If you require any further advice please do not hesitate to contact the surgery. We thank you for your patience and continued support during these uncertain times. Stay safe, Team AVP

...from Wild Card Tattoos. My diary is open again from the 9th November when the Welsh firebreak is over. If you would like to book in for a consultation or for ink then drop me a message on my FB page. (A non refundable deposit is required for all bookings) vouchers will be available to buy starting from £5 upwards. Please note I cannot and will not quote or price via any pics sent via messenger or email

..from Grace Beauty. Another hurdle for us to jump! If you are booked in with us between Monday 9th November-2nd December and travelling across the border from England then please get in touch so we can reschedule your appointment. We are sorry for the

disappointment, but it is important we follow the latest guidelines. Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe and well. X

...from Marian at The Retreat. Update on new COVID related business changes:

As I am preparing to return to work at the end of the Welsh circuit break, new lockdown rules are coming into force that will affect clients who live across the border in England. Any appointments with me between Monday 9th November and Wednesday 2nd December will need to be rescheduled to December for people who reside in England. Please get in touch to move your appointment if this applies to you. I will be open for Welsh residents only, as long as I am permitted. I am available for any online/telephone advice and self-care and exercise suggestions to help with injury or pain, get in touch if I can help. Stay well and thank you for your continued support. Marian contact marian@silvanmassage.com or 07816 9814

...from Weobley Ash. "We are looking for Fred Williams - Fred, you have won the Halloween prize of " Guess how many?" We tried to call you but we have got an incorrect telephone number" - so if anyone knows Fred please let him know, we will keep his prize in the shop.

...from Presteigne Gates. To All Our Customers. We will remain open as usual over the next 4 weeks of lockdown. Masks must be worn in both the office & on the yard. We should not have to ask, it is now a legal requirement & puts our staff in a difficult position to do so. You may be asked to leave the premises if you can't stick to the rules. It is to keep both staff & customers safe! We ask that you only come to the yard to collect items, please do not come just to have a look around as we are trying to reduce the amount of people coming to and from the premises. We will see how it goes Thursday & Friday and if it does get too busy in the yard we will have to change to having to book time slots to collect items. This is to keep both our customers and staff safe. Many Thanks Beth & John

...from The Royal Oak. We will be doing takeaway Friday night and Saturday night, Sunday lunch. Please book 01544 2318

...from John at The Mens Shed. Between the end of the first lockdown and start of the Welsh one the Shed opened but only for 4 members at a time due to inherent risks and ability to safe distance. However we were unable to open to the public. We were considering opening on the 9th Nov but with England now going into lockdown we have decided to play safe, seeing as infections are rising, and so will remain closed until the situation improves. Please visit our new website www.mensshed.uk for all the information about us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Ruth at The Hub. Dear friends and supporters, Obviously during this current Welsh lockdown, the doors to the Hub have again been closed, but during the few weeks that we were allowed to open, it was heartening to see visitors on a Friday night enjoying a socially distanced drink and a cha and some food too. The outdoor table sale also attracted buyers and the weather was kind. Hopefully we will be able to be open again in a limited way in due course. Meanwhile, our Facebook Page will act as a platform for some of your Autumn and Halloween photos. There are some dramatic scenes in the countryside right now and as we are all out and about on our permitted walks, why not get the camera out. We plan a photo parade of seasonal photos which anyone can send in; they will all be credited, and hopefully some will be featured on our planned Art Exhibition supporting the NGS Open Gardens day next year. Send your photos attached to an email to thehubnewradnor@gmail.com by 9th November. The parade will feature on the Facebook page soon afterwards.

We also have some very good news....the Co-op in Kington has chosen the Radnor Valley Recreation and Amenity Centre (the old school building which houses the Hub) to be one of three good causes to receive a proportion of the dividend from the use of the Co-op loyalty card. There is a Co-op App to download which makes it very easy to select the cause that you want the money to go to..so every time you scan your card, the Hub will benefit. If you haven't got a card, I urge you to apply for one: www.coop.co.uk/membership. Best wishes, The Hub

...from Hay Digital Festival. Registration is now OPEN for Hay Festival Digital Winter Weekend. All events are FREE to access - browse the programme and click "register" for any

event you wish to see. 26-29 November. <https://www.hayfestival.com/m-155-winter-weekend-2020.aspx?skinid=11¤cysetting=GBP&localesetting=en-GB&resetfilters=true>

...from Powys CC about Secondary School Admissions – Apply Online Now if you need to apply for a place in Year 7 at Secondary School in September 2021. The Secondary School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2009 – 31/08/2010 is now open! Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://crowd.in/Gkvwc>. Applications need to be made by the deadline of Friday 13th Nov 2020. Secondary Common Offer Date is Monday 1st March 2021. If you are unable to apply online please contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

...from Powys CC. Junior School Admissions – Apply Online Now if you need to apply for a place at a Junior School in September 2021. The Junior School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2013 – 31/08/2014 is now open. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place. Applications need to be made by the deadline of Friday 4 December 2020. Junior Common Offer Date is Friday 16 April 2021. If you are unable to apply online, contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

...from Powys CC. Views wanted on the Council Tax premium charge for periodically occupied properties. Following the recent consultation on long-term empty properties, owners and the wider public are invited to have their say on Council Tax premium charges on periodically occupied properties - properties that are substantially furnished and are NOT occupied as someone's sole/main residence. Since 1 April 2017, holiday or second homes and holiday lets (that fall short of the criteria to be rated for Business Rates) in Powys are subject to a Council Tax premium of 50%, resulting in a total Council Tax charge of 150%. Regulations allow for a 100% Council Tax premium to be charged on these types of properties resulting in a total charge of 200%. Councillor Aled Davies, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, said: "In a meeting on 24th September, the Council considered a notice of motion to increase the Council Tax premium on periodically occupied properties to 75%. "Through this consultation we are keen to understand the impact periodically occupied properties have within Powys communities with regards to tourism and the local economy, and the availability of affordable housing across the county. We are also interested in what the impact on the number of periodically occupied properties in Powys would be, if the premium were to increase. "We welcome response from both owners and the wider community so we can get a clear picture of from across all our communities." To respond to the consultation, complete the online survey at <https://haveyoursay.powys.gov.uk/>. The consultation closes Mon 14th Dec.

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. Information Powerpoint for Parents about the 30 hours Early Education and Childcare for 3 and 4 year olds. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/6346/Childcare-Offer-for-Wales>

...from Heart of Wales Line - delay! Due to the current firebreak the return of the service that was announced last week is now delayed. We have no information about when it will resume but will let you know as soon as we do. See our FB page for a model railway with tiny cows to cheer you up !!

...from Powys Recycles about Bonfire Night. It will soon be bonfire night, but not as we know it! With large organised firework displays off limits this year, here are a few things to consider if you are still planning on celebrating at home: *Be mindful that fireworks can be very distressing to animals and vulnerable people – make sure you let your neighbours know if you are planning on letting off any fireworks so they can keep their pets safe and not be startled by the noise. *Read and follow the instructions on each firework carefully. *Bonfires at home should be kept small. Check to make sure no animals are hiding inside (especially hedgehogs looking for somewhere to hibernate). Only burn natural, non-hazardous materials such as garden waste, wood, paper or card. *Never light sky lanterns – they often cause fires wherever they land. *Don't ever leave bonfires or fireworks unattended and make sure the fire is out before leaving it. *Always have a bucket of water or a hosepipe handy, just in case. *Always collect any debris and leftover fireworks and dispose of them safely. Put them in a bucket of water overnight and then put them in your black wheeled rubbish bin."

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Creative opportunity for those shielding in Powys - Felting Focus with Jane Hunter – Online Craft and Wellbeing Group for North Powys Shielding Community. Zoom session fortnightly on Wednesdays, 11am – 12:30pm. 11th Nov, 25th Nov, 9th Dec, 13th Jan, 27th, 10th Feb, 24th Feb, 10th March. FREE Felting Kit supplied. To sign up visit - <https://artsconnection.org.uk/felting-focus/>. <https://www.facebook.com/events/833247994076677>

...from Powys CC/Libraries about Ancestry.com. Did you know that Powys library members can access ancestry.com for free via the library catalogue ? Go to the catalogue and log on to the library catalogue using the 'Login' link at the top of the page to show your link to Ancestry below. https://wales.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/powys_en

...from the Welsh Government about Wales Climate Week. We might be a small country, but we have big ambition. It's Wales Climate Week and we're excited to be hosting an online conference with a number of inspiring people to discuss how we're going to tackle the climate emergency. Want to join? <https://waterfront.eventsbase.com/EN/walesclimateweek>

...from Powys CC. Do you or someone you know need help with day-to-day living? Perhaps you're not as nimble on your feet as you used to be or your memory isn't quite as good anymore? Did you know that there is a webpage which is designed to give free advice on the help that's out there? AskSara can tell you about products which make your (or their) lives easier. It asks a few simple questions and then shows you a list of suggestions of things which may help. Why not take a look? <https://crowd.in/CdXmkO>

...from Arwain - Funding Opportunity for innovative, community led projects in the following areas: •Skills •Health & Wellbeing •Renewable Energy, Climate Change, Access to Services, & Transport. Closing date: 30 November 2020. Further information: www.arwain.wales

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

... from Cathy. I am looking for two or three people interested in a job share to cover night care for my mother-in-law. The hours would be 9pm to 7 am for two or three nights a week. Further details and pay are available on application. Female only. The position is just over a mile from Presteigne. Contact me by e-mail on cathytigertk@gmail.com or ring on [01544 260 365](tel:01544260365) to apply.

...from Powys Teaching Health Board which currently has two vacancies to join their Board as Independent Members – General. Independent Members play a vital role in the governance of the health board, bringing their knowledge, experience and challenge to help ensure the best possible decisions about health and healthcare for the people of Powys. Applications close on 27th November 2020, and full information about the role and how to apply is available from the Welsh Government Public Appointments website: <https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/8/opp/6924-Independent-Member-Powys-Teaching-Health-Board/en-GB>. For further information about the selection process please contact publicappointments@gov.wales or further information about these roles or about Powys Teaching Health Board please contact vivienne.harwood@wales.nhs.uk *(ed. please share this information with anyone in your networks or communities who may be interested in these roles.)*

...from Little Orchard Nursery. We are looking for a reliable evening cleaner for Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6pm-7.30pm. £15 per evening. Please send detailed CV to littleorchardnursery@btconnect.com. Closing date 15.11.20. Start January 2021

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