

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 jobs
 - 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 Sally at Geoff Hall Funerals.

Olive Mary Morris, nee Layton passed away peacefully on 19th November aged 84. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church, Presteigne on Friday 11th December followed by committal at Hereford Crematorium. We will be going to the Church via Presteigne High Street at 11.45pm for those wishing to pay their last respects. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Iris Mcdonald passed away peacefully on 23rd November aged 93 years. Wife of the late Norman, much loved Mum of Stuart and Sally. Adored Grandma and Great Grandma. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, Presteigne on Friday 4th December followed by interment in Presteigne Cemetery. For those wishing to pay their last respects we will be leaving 37 Lugg View at 11.45am and making our way directly to the Church. Enquiries 01547 528554. Donations to Cancer Research for both funerals.

...from PACDG: miscellaneous items from the TC Zoom Meeting on 18th November.

Update on Dark Skies project: the trial of lighting schemes for the High St / Broad St area will be in mid-late Jan. Climate crisis – Wales Forests and the Woodland Trust have recognised Presteigne woodlands in their tree-planting plans. Declared part of Wales National Forest. Footpath diversion on JB field – awaiting decisions from School Governors' meeting. TC to write in support of re-routing outside the field and along the main road. Wall collapse in Station Road – has been fenced off by PCC, but down to owner to repair. The new housing development opposite King's Court to be called Maes Corton. Went's Meadow – plan to allow an outdoor cinema event in May 2021. Ash dieback Withybeds – several trees need attention. work to start very soon. Weir on River Lugg by road bridge - needs repair but still to agree whose responsibility (is within SSSI). Knighton Hospital - there are definite plans to re-open it asap. TC will write to ask them to open Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy urgently. Allotments: One tenant gave up and the plot has been re-let.

[ed. if you'd like to be considered for an allotment, please email the Town Clerk to go on the waiting list at presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com].

...from Cllr Beverley Baynham. Well that's it I've officially finished my term of office as Chairman of Powys County Council. It lasted longer than anyone could of imagined and I can honestly say it's been fantastic. I've relished every minute, the good & the bad. I'm sad to finish but wish Cllr Gwynfor all the best in his time in the hot seat! Congratulations to Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe who is now the Vice Chairman and to Cllr Jon Williams who is the new Asst Vice Chair.

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. **Christmas Holiday Club** - last chance to book in ! Phone 01544 262130 or email info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk to book in. See FB page for dates and info.

WITH THANKS..

...from John. "Saw the two PACDG volunteers litter picking in Broad Street on Thursday and wanted to say a big thank you to all the volunteers helping to keep our

town tidy. Good to see the PCC teams out as well, sweeping gutters and clearing accumulated leaves ! Let's hope we see this on a regular basis and not just once a year". *[ed. thanks John. The volunteers cleared the High Street, Scottleton Street, Station Road and part of Hereford Street as well as Broad Street. The regular monthly PACDG litterpick was delayed this month but should be back on schedule in December. Doing the litter pick is easy, sociable and actually very satisfying and all equipment is provided - if anyone reading this would like to join PACDG's band of wonderful volunteers occasionally - particularly for the 3-monthly town-wide pick - please let Tessa know on 07788 567631 or email news@pacdg.org with your name and contact number.]*

...(ed.) if you need to find a local tradesperson or business for anything, apart from looking on the PACDG noticeboards in town and at the Memorial Hall, the Parish Magazine carries many pages of adverts for local services - for information on how to receive the Parish Magazine, email Roger at standrewsintray@btinternet.com.

If all else fails, email us at news@pacdg.com and we may well be able to point you in the right direction.

SCAM ALERT

...amongst many others at the moment, this scam email was just received pretending to come from Paypal. "Dear Customer. We have recently reviewed your usage of PayPal's services, as reflected in our records and on your account. Due to the nature of your activities, we have chosen to discontinue service to you in accordance with PayPal's User Agreement. As a result, we have placed a temporary limitation on your account. The button below will take you to your customer account, where you can check your profile. If you do not carry out the check, we are unfortunately forced to block permanently your customer account".

(ed. if you receive anything similar (e.g. seemingly from Netflix, Amazon Prime etc) please forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk and then delete.)

...from Powys CC. We have been made aware of (scam) text messages (in English & Welsh) being received from the number 80870, pretending to be from NHS Wales Test Trace Protect. We would like to reiterate that TTP will ONLY contact you from the following numbers, Call: 02921 961133 or Text: +447775106684 and will include the title NHSWALESTTP (English) or GIGCYMRUPOD (Welsh) depending on your selected language of choice. If you receive this message, please report it - <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-phishing> then delete.

...from Dyfed Powys Police. BUSINESS SCAM WARNING. We've become aware that businesses in our area have been receiving letters, suggesting that they now owe money for sponsorship of a safety leaflet for schools. The letter goes on to say that payment is due for printed materials, but businesses have never agreed to take part. If you receive a letter or a request like this, and you've not asked for materials to be printed, do not pay – it's a scam. Scammers may go further, and telephone you to try and convince you that you are liable for any losses they have incurred to produce the printed product. If this happens to you, you should:

- Inform them that you have never entered into a business relationship and that you have never requested merchandise from them and you will not be paying the invoice.
- Reply to the company in an email to confirm that you have not requested such information and will not be paying an invoice to a service you have never requested.
- Do NOT pay. If the company continues to request money, report the incident to us either online at <http://orlo.uk/QnJD2>, by emailing 101@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101.

...from Dyfed Powys Police. Farming Community warned of targeted fraud attacks and should be extremely wary of any suspicious calls, texts or emails, as a scam specifically targeting the agricultural sector has been identified. During December farmers start to receive payments through the SFP (Single Farm Payment). Information about the payments is publicly available, meaning criminals are able to directly target victims making their approaches appear more convincing. The scam communications will typically claim that fraud has been detected on the farmer's bank account and that urgent action is required to safeguard funds. The victim is then

persuaded to divulge personal or financial information, or even to transfer money directly into a so-called 'safe account'. Don't be fooled. For more information follow <https://bit.ly/366tS7e>

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET (local businesses are still adapting to local restrictions - best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

...from Presteigne Local Food Market. Our Christmas Market is Saturday 5th December inside the Memorial Hall 9am-1pm ! Festive Xmas trees for sale outside the Hall and to warm you while you browse..hot drinks and freshly made sweet and savoury crepes will be available from our Chef Yerasimos. Look forward to seeing you all. Keep watching for updates on the Stallholders who will be attending

...from Rhos Organics. A reminder that we have our organic fruit & veg market stall outside Daphne's in the High Street every Thursday 10am-12.30pm.

...from Virginia who is now selling her Contemporary Sustainable Clothing from No. 50 Broad Street (just down from the Assembly Rooms) on Wed & Frid from 10am-1pm, and 2-4pm, and on Sat from 10am-1pm. Contact on Instagram [virginia.stockley.number50](https://www.instagram.com/virginia.stockley.number50)

...from Rosamund who now trades from The Old Shop at 47 High Street (next door to Spar). Open on Wed/Frid/Sat from 10.30am-5.30pm. Orders taken 07977 715423, 01544 260777

...from Katie and the Holding Umbrellas Foundation. Every Thursday, we will be sending a small delivery of yummy goods to the ever amazing Weobley Ash butchers in Presteigne, at their shop up on the Industrial Estate. Massive thanks to their ongoing support for helping to source good quality ingredients at cost price and now giving us a weekly outlet. So wonderful to know that we have the support of the local businesses in Presteigne in our goal to help those in need back in Myanmar. <https://www.facebook.com/Weobley-Ash-Meats-Farm-Shop-100432788164206/>

...from Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop. Gifts for stocking Fillers, cakes, biscuits, fudge, organic apple juice gift sets, jams and chutneys gift sets, cheese biscuits. Stock arriving daily, new cup, mugs and teas sets arriving Monday. Open from 9-4 Monday to Saturday. Call 01544 598120 or email shop@weobleyash.co.uk

WE WON The Three Counties 'Pig Farmer of The Year 2020'. We're all super pleased and so glad you all enjoy our Welsh rare breed pork. It's been an incredibly tough year on us all, let's hope 2021 is a better year. Thank you for all the nominations, Weobley Ash Meats

...from Grace Beauty. We have a few openings available next week. Give us a call, message on FB or email gracebeauty23410@outlook.com if you would like an appointment. X

...from Lockdown Dhaba. Just a quick note to let you know we are having a break now until January. Thanks so much for all the support with this little venture so far! We've had lots of fun with it. We're working on a website which will make ordering and paying easier, and sorting out some new menu combinations for next year. Wishing you all a wonderful festive period!!

...from Helen at The Hat Shop. It's with a mixture of emotions that I post to inform you all that I have recently agreed to sell up after 8 years and to let you all know I will be closing on Friday 4th December. I know some of you had already read in the community news that I had retired!! (I'm not that old!! Lol). It was not my intention for you to hear this 2nd hand but I was pre-empted by this post. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my loyal customers, family & friends who have supported me over the years. My biggest thanks go to all my staff who have helped me over the years, I could not have done this without you all. I also send my best wishes to the new owners & hope that will be as happy as I've been. I look forward to seeing what they do & will be in for a meal which I haven't had to prepare. Thank you all. Helen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Linzi Morgan and Penny Hughes. Our Exhibition at the new Shed Gallery will include local artists and artists from across the Midlands, all the way west to Pembrokeshire

and even further across the sea to Southern Ireland! Our first weekend will run alongside The Judges Lodging's exhibition and The Assembly Room's exhibition which is exciting. Location: Shed Gallery, Green End, Presteigne (to the rear of Daphne's) - Friday 4 to Sunday 6 December and Friday 11 to Sunday 13 December. Open: Friday & Saturdays 10 - 4pm, Sundays 11 - 3pm. Artist works include pottery, needle crafts, original paintings and prints, raku ceramics, jewellery, Christmas present ideas, greetings cards and more.

...from Presteigne Artscene. Exhibition of pastels and oil paintings by Catherine Poelsma in Presteigne Assembly Rooms 4 - 20 December. Open: Fridays & Sundays 10.30 - 3.00 and Saturdays 9.00 - 2.00. A sale and retrospective exhibition of work by local Dutch artist Catherine Poelsma, always known as Titi. There are large pastels of the landscape around Albuquerque; still lifes; Radnorshire landscapes; and a display of really early etchings and photographs. This is a rare opportunity to see Catherine's work; her last exhibition was sometime in the early 1990s. Titi is now 81; and has been an artist all her life.

...from Powys CC. Five new public protection officers have been recruited in Powys to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus, the County Council has announced. The new officers - which are being funded by Welsh Government - will bolster the county's response to the virus by supporting communities to comply with the latest regulations. Whilst the officers will primarily be there to provide advice and assist, they will also investigate complaints and alleged breaches of the rules and where necessary, take enforcement action such as issuing statutory notices. The new recruits take up post on 24 November and will regularly work nights and weekends alongside colleagues in Dyfed Powys Police, to ensure compliance.

...from Powys Recycles. See our FB page for pictures of what we find in some of our cardboard recycling banks at the community recycling sites! This type of halogiad means that ALL the card in the collection bank is rejected by the recycling processors and ALL is sent to landfill sites. This selfish behaviour by a few irresponsible people is a huge waste of time and effort for everyone else and leads to recycled material becoming waste unnecessarily. If the community banks continue to be misused, they may have to be moved from these sites.

...from Powys CC. All Wales Play Opportunities Grant 2020-21. Funding available to help enhance, develop, and provide sustainable play opportunities throughout the county. The funding available is for capital items/resources/equipment that will benefit and positively impact children, young people, families, and communities in Powys. Closing date: 8 December 2020. Email PCCSSCommissioning@powys.gov.uk or call 01597 826058 for application form.

...from Powys Recycles. Did you know we offer £100 cash back grants for parents to try 'real' nappies ? See <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7139/Real-Nappies>

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. In as little as two weeks – subject to approval for use - we'll begin the process of giving the first of the Covid-19 vaccinations to priority groups in Powys. This is likely to be health care workers and residents and staff in care homes in the first instance. Soon after we'll begin mass vaccinations and plan to protect our 132,000 residents across the county. It'll mean vaccinations being given seven days a week for several months. We'll need extra staff to carry this out, so we're appealing for current staff, and recently retired or retiring registrant staff to join us as immunisers. This could be from a broad range of professionals including Nurses, Midwives, Therapies (Physio, OTs, Speech & Language Therapists) , Pharmacists/Medicines Management Pharmacists, Radiographers, Health Visitors, GPs/Doctors, Practice Nurses. Are you interested in helping with the largest immunisation programme we've ever undertaken? If the answer is YES, please contact us at powys.workforcegeneralenquiries@wales.nhs.uk to find out more and how to apply.

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