

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 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

All of Wales is still at Alert Level 4. See what this means: <https://gov.wales/alert-level-4>

All of England is in full lockdown. See what this means: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

...**from Hannah.** If you are able to help and are looking for volunteering opportunities to either deliver or support the delivery of the Covid vaccine with St John Ambulance, you can find information and register interest here [Volunteer Vaccinator](#)

...**Re Covid vaccinations, a plea from NHS staff.** Please make sure you and your family all dig out your NHS number and have a copy of it immediately to hand for when you or they are called for the COVID job. From our colleagues on the front line this is far and away the biggest bottle neck when it comes to administering the vaccine to as many people as quickly as possible. You can find your NHS number on any NHS correspondence or through the app. It would also be really helpful if you can share this message with everyone you know.

...**from Powys Teaching Health Board - general update on Covid vaccinations:**

A third new mass vaccination centre is set to open in Powys next week, with the arrival of the appointment-only facility at the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells. This will mean that the county will have three mass vaccination centres – Bronllys, Newtown and Builth Wells – and plans are also well under way to establish primary care-led clinics later this month. Care Home vaccinations began in Powys - on 6 January 2021, Crosfield House in mid-Powys saw the first care home residents in the county receive their COVID vaccine. 48 people at the care home in Rhayader were vaccinated using the Oxford-AstroZeneca vaccine which became available for use this week. This marks the beginning of a process to vaccinate all care home residents in Powys by 16 January.

A huge amount of work has gone into planning the massive effort needed to provide everyone with a Covid-19 vaccine. By 5 January we had already vaccinated nearly 5,000 people in Powys. As more supplies of the vaccines are delivered, the pace will now increase and more clinics will be set up during January. You will be invited based on the priority list agreed across the UK. Vaccination is currently taking place for people living in a care home for older adults, people aged 80 and over, and health and care workers. We expect to complete our invitations to people aged 80 and over by the end of January. Invitations will then be sent to people aged 75 and over. You will receive an invitation when you are due for your vaccination. You don't need to apply for an appointment – please don't contact your GP, pharmacy, health board, hospital or local authority about an appointment. More information about COVID-19 vaccination in Powys: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/>

SCAM ALERT

...**DVLA scam** - beware of some very convincing scam emails seeming to come from the DVLA (and addressed to you by name which is most disturbing!) saying that your vehicle road tax renewal has been unsuccessful. DVLA will never email you. *[thanks to Clare for this info].*

...Royal Mail and other courier scams - these continue, many variations but all telling you that a parcel could not be delivered for some reason and payment is required using a link to provide details. Report by forwarding the complete email to report@phishing.gov.uk and delete.

UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET (local businesses are still adapting to changing circumstances - so check information on websites/Facebook pages)

[ed]. the following Presteigne shops are operating order & collect, and/or delivery options for those having to self-isolate: Salty Dog - order & collect 262 824; Carini's - order & collect 260 026; Deli Tinto - order & collect plus home delivery 260 534; Lorna's - order & collect 262 727; Spar - order & collect plus home delivery 267 328; Premier - order & collect 267 702; Weobley Ash - order & collect plus home delivery 598 120.

...from Deli Tinto. Please note a change to opening times - now 9am-3pm Monday to Friday, and 9am-1pm Saturday, closed Sunday.

...from Sargeants Buses. Road Closure B4355 Knighton will be in place on the 11-15 January (8am-6pm) for works to resurface the carriageway. The 41 service will not be able to service Norton during the dates and times above and will instead go via Whitton and Monaughty to Knighton. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. For information call 01544 230481.

...from Weobley Ash. From Thursday we shall resume full local delivery to vulnerable and shielding. We have plenty of meat, vegetables and food staples. You can send orders to shop@weobleyash.co.uk or phone through on 01544 598120.

...from Leon's Food to Order. Spanish and Thai dishes by Leon for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home. There are two different menus available to collect from The Salty Dog on the High Street - menus here: <https://mailchi.mp/81948087b240/leons-food-to-order>. We've done all the hard work for you - all you have to do is follow our heating instructions on the container labels. Order online or phone 01544 262164 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and collect between 9 am and 5.30 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Delicious food to create a Leon's Supper Club home dining experience! Don't forget to follow us on Facebook [here](#) to see all our news and events.

...from Helen at the Food Bank. Dear Supporter of Food Bank. Happy New Year to you all - I hope you all are doing well and keeping safe? See <http://www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Knighton-Food-Bank-Winter-Update-Jan-2021.pdf> for the latest FB news sheet – feel free to share amongst your contacts and social media etc. As you will see we definitely do not need any more food or toiletries - we are stuffed to the gunnels! Hopefully by the end of February we will have used the surplus....This has been a Christmas like no other at FB, and people have been amazing with the incredible donations of cash, food, gifts, vouchers, hampers and overwhelming thoughtfulness towards others. Thank you all.

...from Lorna's Sandwich Shop. Every Thursday Hot pork rolls served with stuffing and homemade apple sauce - ready from 11am. The shop will be open as usual during lock down from 8am to 2pm Monday to Friday! We can do this, stay safe everyone from all at Lorna's

...from Arrowfield Vets. COVID-19 Update. Following the announcement of the new English lockdown yesterday evening and to best protect our clients and staff, we are moving back to an increased emphasis on remote consulting and prescribing. We will of course continue to see patients needing necessary veterinary care. However, this may mean altering some previously booked appointments. We will contact you as appropriate but if you don't hear from us, your appointment will go ahead as planned. Medications will continue to be available for collection / posting throughout lockdown and so there is no need to panic order. Further guidance may follow from the RCVS. We will update you on this if any further changes are needed. Please phone or email if you have any questions or concern. Thank you for your continued understanding and support. Team AVP

...from Presteigne Baptist Church. We are regrettably suspending services until the end of January due to the current climate. It will be kept under review and posted on this site.

Enquiries:- For more information or help please phone the Church Secretary [01544 267378](tel:01544267378)

...from Grace Beauty. Dear Clients, What a start to the year, but this was very much expected and we must think positive and hope this will be the last lockdown for us. Living on the border has caused many issues these last few months, my children attend school in England which means they will be at home until February half term at the earliest. I have made the decision that the salon will remain closed in line with the English lockdown regardless of any differing stance for Welsh businesses. Whilst the Welsh lockdown may run inline with England's, I felt it best to make our intentions clear from the outset. I am so thankful for our wonderful clients and your loyalty means so much. I think we are all riding this storm together and praying for sunnier days. Clients concerned with gift vouchers, of course we will extend expiry dates. If you have a voucher which has already expired and been extended you are very welcome to spend on a product from the salon. If you have any other queries please get in touch but for now please bare with us while we contact clients. If you have an appointment with us between now and the end of February please respond to this post so we know you have seen the message regarding your cancelled appointment. Forever grateful of your loyalty and support. Grace

...from Freedom Leisure. Workout at home. 2021 is here and we're ready to crush New Year's resolutions with you! Join us every Wednesday for free home workouts. Try this great core workout today: <https://bit.ly/3bbs5km>. Always warm up first. Share with your friends and post a picture of what your home workout looks like below!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Ann & Little People's Playgroup. See <https://gov.wales/identifying-children-critical-workers-guidance#section-57801>. Presteigne Little People's Playgroup is continuing to stay open safely providing education sessions for key-workers and vulnerable children as well as offering childcare to those whose carers cannot work from home. After-school club also continues for those currently registered.

...from Connect about the Restrictions Business Fund. The grant scheme now includes the broader set of non-essential businesses forced to close. If you need help to apply or support around grant advice or benefit or awards support please call us on 01597 826345. For more information click here: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/10128/Restrictions-Business-Fund>

...from Powys Libraries. Our libraries may be closed but BorrowBox is always open. Download eBooks & eAudio books straight to your device today!

...from Music in New Radnor. Because of the covid situation and the uncertainty surrounding village halls and safe distancing for audiences, the MiNR team has made the uncomfortable decision to postpone the February and March concerts. All performers who had been booked for our current season will be offered new dates in the next where possible, when we hope the situation will be clearer and more under control. We are sorry to send you grim news but this is beyond our control. We *will* be back to brighten your days, tantalise your ears and to warm your winter eventually - just not quite yet. With all best wishes on behalf of the MINR team.

...from the BBC. Do you have an old laptop that you don't need? Nearly 1 in 10 households in the UK with children don't have access to a computer or tablet to get online for remote learning. Your old device could change a young person's future <http://bbc.in/GiveALaptop>

...from the Welsh Government. Schools and colleges will move to online learning until 18 January. Schools will remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable learners, as well as learners who need to complete exams. We'll use the next two weeks to work with councils, schools and colleges to best plan the rest of the term. Read more here <https://gov.wales/written-statement-return-school-and-college-arrangements>

...from Powys CC. Did you know that if you have a minor injury there are clinics that can treat you so you don't need to go to A&E? Find your closest clinic online. www.111.wales.nhs.uk

...from Terracycle. Great news! You can now recycle some used dental care products (ANY brand of Electric toothbrush heads and covers, electric flosser nozzles, flossing sticks and interdental brushes, floss containers) from home by downloading a FREE shipping label on the Philips website (available until 12th February 2021) and save 10% on new toothbrush heads! Waste that is NOT accepted: Battery operated toothbrushes, Electric toothbrush handles, Manual toothbrushes, Toothpaste tubes and caps, Outer cardboard and plastic packaging for toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers, Dental floss, Batteries. For more information, plus terms and conditions: [Visit Philips Website](#)

...from PCC. View your Council Tax bill, set up or amend a direct debit, or make a payment online. Do you like managing your finances online? If you do, and you pay Council Tax, you can check out your bill and set up - or make amendments to - a direct debit through the Powys County Council website. You will need to register or login to your Powys 'My Account' to make these changes at: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/login>. The Powys 'My Account' is already proving popular, but in the future PCC hope that many more taxpayers will use it to help them keep on top of their bills and, once further updates have been made, also allow them to quickly notify PCC of a change in circumstances.

...from Chris. **"Fishing wanted:** I'm fairly new to the area and looking to find stretches of the Lugg to fish for Grayling. If anyone knows how I can get in touch with whoever owns the fishing rights in and around Presteigne then please let me know. Thank you, Cjgurney@gmail.com"

...from Powys CC for all 16 and 17 yr olds. Would you like to win an iPhone 11? - 64 gb internal memory - Earpods included with charging cable. We have 2 iPhone 11s to give away: The prize draw is for all 16 and 17 year olds in Powys who register to vote in the upcoming Senedd Election. For more information please follow the link <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/10133/Senedd-Election-2021-Prize-Draw>. For any further information or queries please contact Holly Casey – holly.casey@powys.gov.uk. Your voice – your choice

...from Hay Festival. Teachers and parents, spread the word: all of our Programme for Schools events can be watched for free at hayfestival.org/education to help you and your children while they're learning from home.

...from Powys Recycles. Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Powys will **NOT** close as a result of the latest lockdown. Current restrictions will remain in place. Sites will be open to the public on the usual days and times, for essential use only. Check our website for opening days, times and full details of HWRC rules: www.powys.gov.uk/recycle

...from Powys CC. Audit Wales wants to hear from communities across Wales to find out how we can successfully regenerate town centres. Find out more and take the survey: <https://audit.wales/your-town-your-future-survey>

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from The Garth. Care staff wanted. Due to expansion we are looking for new recruits. The Garth home care team. Uniform provided - Excellent rate of pay - Weekend enhancement - DBS check - Excellent mileage rate. This position will include evening and weekend work. Any questions please contact The Garth on 01544230502

...from Seconds & Co. Looking for HGV driver. Up to 4 nights out a week. Monday to Friday. You will be in contact with customers and dealing face to face. Manual handling, as insulation boards and hand-balled off the lorry. Nationwide delivery - must be confident delivering in middle of London or down the back roads of Cornwall etc. At least 2 years driving experience. No chopping and changing out of lorries. Please send CV in to cait@secondsandco.co.uk

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