

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

[ed. If readers on the Herefordshire and Shropshire side of the border could keep me updated on important Covid (and other) developments affecting them, that would be appreciated and can be passed on - as a Welsh resident the information I'm getting is mainly from Powys - thank you]

...from **Presteigne Carnival**. We are sad to announce that Presteigne Carnival will not be happening in 2021, but, we are putting plans in place for 2022! Put 9th July 2022 in your diaries - we can't wait to see you all!

COVID

[Powys Teaching Health Board](#) ...update on our Secondary Reserve List: Our main reserve list is for people in Priority Groups 1-4 but we also have a secondary reserve list for people in Priority Group 5 (people aged 65-69). We now operate a weekly reserve list for appointments in the week ahead. Our reserve list for appointments in the week ending 13 February is currently OPEN for short notice appointments in Bronllys, Builth Wells or Newtown for people who meet the criteria. You only need to complete our form once each week. This is because we are now opening our reserve list on a weekly basis and we refresh it each week. If you meet the criteria below please use our form to let us know you are happy to be contacted for an appointment at short notice at our Mass Vaccination Centre in Bronllys, Builth Wells or Newtown. You must meet all criteria: aged between 65 and 69 AND registered with a GP in Powys AND be someone who does NOT already have a COVID-19 vaccination appointment (e.g. with your GP practice) AND be able to travel safely for a late notice appointment at a mass vaccination centre in Bronllys, Builth Wells or Newtown AND must be able to give consent for a COVID-19 vaccination. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/age-65-to-69/are-you-able-to-attend-a-mass-vaccination-centre-appointment-at-short-notice/>

...do you know someone who is Aged 70+ & registered with a GP in Powys & still waiting for their invitation for COVID-19 vaccination? If so, get in touch so that we can invite them as soon as possible. There's a form to complete on our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/70-or-over-and-not-received-your-vaccination-invitation/>

[NHS England](#) ...people aged 70 or older who have not been vaccinated or not yet received an appointment to have their coronavirus vaccine, but would like to, can now get an appointment by contacting the NHS. A national booking system can be accessed online at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/> or people can call 119 free of charge between 7am and 11pm.

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THANK YOU

...from **Presteigne Local Food Market**. A huge thank you to all customers from the Stallholders and Committee of today's very successful market for your support and enthusiasm in such unprecedented times. It is with your cooperation and help of our volunteer stewards that makes it possible to hold and run this market as successfully and smoothly as it does. THANK YOU! Next Market Saturday 6th March - a Date for your Diary.

...from Powys CC. Volunteers fill many vital roles in our county including Environmental work to improve our green spaces, driving for Community Transport schemes, and hospital visits and we want to say thank you for everything you do! If you would like to offer your services as a Volunteer during the pandemic, or at any other time, contact PAVO on: 01597 822191 or go to the Powys Volunteer Centre on its website: www.pavo.org.uk

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

...from Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop. ** SHOP 10 DAY CLOSURE** Unfortunately we have had a member of staff test positive to Covid-19. The source we know came from outside of the shop, but following Government guidelines we are now closed for 10 days and a deep clean will be completed. All members of staff have been tested and returned negative and we shall be retested before we reopen. Our customers, with many of them being elderly, are our main concern and we cannot take the risk of remaining open. We thank you all for your custom and your understanding and hope to see you all when we reopen in 10 days time. Thank you

...from Chilvers Country Store. We are excited to announce that we are now a drop off point for Brilleywood Rug Wash & Repair. Bring your [horse] rugs to us at Chilvers Country Supplies, Presteigne, to be picked up and taken to Brilleywood for a revamp!! Phone Emma on 07837 166896 for more info or phone 07864 910193 to speak to the Brilleywood team direct.

...from The Workhouse Gallery & Café. Newsletter out today- make sure you're on our mailing list to keep up to date with our latest news! <https://mailchi.mp/24e644a804a6/looking-towards-the-future?e=267b90ac27>

...from Aardvark Books & Café. New books have just arrived for February - well, new books in boxes in the warehouse- many more books on the floor! - these are just new to Aardvark. Quite a lot of nice secondhand paperbacks as you can see, enough to keep Mr Aardvark's paws busy for a bit - keep checking our website to see what we have in stock!

...from Rose Cottage Flowers & Café. See our FB page or call us for this week's menus for both takeaway Friday and the weekly menu for the day service. Order your St Valentine's Day afternoon tea for pick up or local delivery - ***Option 1** £10 per person (scone, jam and cream, chocolate & raspberry box, strawberry meringue, mini cheesecake, lemon & blueberry sponge, carrot & ginger cake, and bakewell slice with a round of mixed sandwiches) or ***Option 2** (add small sausage rolls and Quiche £12.50 per person). Orders by 1pm on Friday 01544 260453

...from Andy at Logs & Maintenance. Hi all, more seasoned hardwood brought in today, lovely and dry, been dry stored in buildings for a considerable time, ready to burn now, can be cut and split from 8 to 18", FREE delivery up to 10 mile from LD82ED, small charge for further distance (price given when applying for a load). 07976 584404. Thanks.

...from Leon's Food to Order. Valentine's Day Special. Carrillada de Cerdo con Pôrt e Miel. Order "Pork Cheeks with Port and Honey" and get a Spanish Almond Tart with chantilly cream or Crema Catalan FREE. If you would like to sign up for our newsletter - please fill in the form on this link: <http://eepurl.com/hmRki1>. Thank you for all your support and some BIG LOVE to you all too. <https://mailchi.mp/9f7dcdcab799/valentines-day-special?e=8310709b6b>

...from Amanda's Bread. Please place your order for delivery on Saturday 13th February to the Presteigne area - email asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com or call 07759 939526/07718 704814 asap, ideally by the end of Monday 8th February, thank you.

...from Downton Delights. We are fully stocked at Lorna's sandwich shop, with all your Valentines treats with prices starting at £1.00 also our Valentine pic & mix packed bags as well. Call in and grab a 1kg bag for only £9.00 ½ kg for £5.00 and a grab bag for £2.95 these are exclusively for Lorna's and are limited stock. What about a packed chocolate box with a beautiful wooden hanging heart for £5.00 - lovely gift for that someone special. Don't forget to pick up your lunch whilst at Lorna's too...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

...from Mid-Counties Co-op. Your Community Fund offering up to £2,000 to local organisations and community groups closes this Friday! Find out more about how to apply by visiting www.mid.coop/CommunityFund/

Read all your books, done all the jigsaws, and need replacements ? The charity shops may be closed but help is at hand ! Check out the [free](#) Book & Jigsaw bring-and-takes - one in the porch of the former church of St. Andrew in Norton - and another now in the porch of St. Andrew's in Presteigne. Bring one - take one ! Stay safe - please use the provided disinfectant spray or gel (before and after) on any item you handle.

...from Presteigne Little People about the February Half Term Holiday Club. We still have spaces available for the holiday club, Monday 15th February -Friday 19th February. We will be open 8:00 – 5:30 throughout half term. To book a place please email info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

...from Presteigne Dark Skies. The CPRE's star count is back for 2021! Count the stars to see how polluted your sky is. Follow the link below: Support Presteigne Dark Skies. Reclaim the Dark! <https://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-care-about/nature-and-landscapes/dark-skies/star-count-2021/>

...from Sports Powys who are focusing on finding out what people in Powys may need during and post Covid-19. We understand the importance of physical activity and it's positive effect on everyone's health and general well-being and how this may have been affected over recent months. Please can anyone who takes part in any sort of sport answer this quick 5 minute survey? <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HBMGNZK>

...from Powys CC. Flood support - Powys residents affected by the recent floods could be eligible for cash support following the announcement of Welsh Government's £6.5million relief fund. The new support package includes payments of up to £1,000 for households who suffered flooding due to Storm Christoph. The grants can be used to repair water damage or replace belongings that were destroyed by the adverse weather. PCC will pay the funds to eligible residents and applications are now open on the council's website. More information on how to apply is here: <https://crowd.in/ydxjHp>

...from Freedom Leisure. We're well into our second month of lockdown and you may be struggling for ideas of what to do with the little ones to keep them active. Check out Cbeebies for inspiration <http://bbc.in/2XfQfls>

...from Powys CC. Register now for fortnightly Garden Waste Collections. Sign up now at: <https://crowd.in/Cbabg3> or call 01597 827 465

...from Presteigne Freegle. Hands up if you've had a lockdown declutter. Off to the tip this weekend? STOP! The HWRC's are open but you can avoid THAT hassle by listing your unwanted stuff on our free sharing app instead. Just go here to do that <http://ow.ly/DpcL50DqhoG>. Don't throw it away! Give it away! There will be lots of people in your local area in need of furniture, kitchen stuff, food, clothes, DIY stuff, toys and all sorts - use Freegle to re-home your unwanted things so they can be reused and loved all over again. Covid-safe #FREEGLE* guidelines here <http://ow.ly/ul2C30qLwTi>. Make #reuse your new normal

...from Powys CC. How do you take part in the Census ? Nearer the time, you will receive a letter with an access code to take part online. There's plenty of help available for those who need it. Find out more at www.census.gov.uk. Census 2021

...from Powys CC. Save money and the environment. £100 cash back to help support Powys parents to use real nappies. <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/7139/Real-Nappies-Incentive>

...from Herefordshire CC. Electoral Services. A household notification letter will be posted to you over the next week. If there are any changes to your information, you need to register for the upcoming elections - to apply for a postal vote please contact us on 01432 260107

...from Powys CC. PCC have confirmed that there are no immediate plans to make changes to the frequency of the waste and recycling kerbside collection service. It was proposed as one option during budget discussions but rejected.

...from Rolly. The Older Peoples Commissioner for Wales (Heléna Herklots) is looking for Winter Stories with older people sharing their experiences. This is a particularly unusual and difficult winter for us all and the Commissioner wants to make sure that older people's voices and experiences are heard and can be used to deliver change and improvements. To do this, the Commissioner is asking older people to come forward and share their personal stories about what their lives are like through the winter - about the plans and action they are putting in place to help them get through the months ahead, what's good or is making a positive difference, and about the things that may be making life more difficult. If you're interested and would like to find out more about how you can get involved, email A.A.Murray@swansea.ac.uk or call 07507 238596

...from Rachel of RNID - Hear to Help "Drop Off" Hearing aid maintenance clinics. Our clinics are at Llandridod Wells, Rock Park Spa, 2nd Monday of the month 10am-1pm and at Newtown, Plas Dolerw, Milford Rd, 4th Tuesday of every month 10am-1pm (so the next clinic will be on 23rd February). **WE ARE HOPING TO SET UP A CLINIC IN KNIGHTON OVER THE NEXT MONTH SO PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS.** To keep staff, volunteers and NHS hearing-aid users safe, the service has introduced some changes to support sessions: **Please use the audiology postal service for batteries and repairs if your need is not urgent to reduce footfall and unnecessary travel.** Batteries normally sent out same day. Please call Rachael Beech for audiology contact numbers. *n.b.* Batteries will only be issued with hearing aid repairs and not on their own - Hearing-aids must be placed in a labelled envelope with a name, issue and contact details for return - A member of the RNID team will collect the envelope from the client, outside the venue - Clients will be asked to wear masks when handing over their aid - Clients can either wait in their vehicle or return later to pick up their hearing aids. They will not be allowed to wait inside the premises - Hearing-aids can be dropped off by friends or family on behalf of a user. In addition to the new distanced sessions, RNID continues to support NHS hearing aid users over the phone and by email. For more information: Call Rachael on 07552 165800, email Rachael.beech@rnid.org.uk, contact the RNID Information Line on 0808 808 0123, text 0780 000 0360, email information@rnid.org.uk, Relay UK 18001 then 0808 808 0123, or Textphone 0808 808 900.

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from The Courtyard Hereford. Artist Call Out. We're looking for an artist to create an art installation that incorporates names and logos in a creative way. We have a wall space in mind, but feel free to think outside the box. Closing date is Monday 1 March! Find out more here courtyard.org.uk/artist-call-out-donor-wall-commission/

...from Herefordshire CC. National Apprenticeship Week | If the idea of starting an #Apprenticeship interests you, find some links below for impartial advice, other training options & apprenticeships available now in Herefordshire: <http://orlo.uk/DCODL> or <http://orlo.uk/CuhIZ>

...from Hergest Croft Gardens, Maples Tearoom, Kington require friendly and enthusiastic people to work in the tearoom. Hours will be negotiable. To work over the season, from the beginning of April to the end of October. Includes weekends and Bank holidays, 11am to 5.30pm. Apply with CV to gardens@hergest.co.uk Mrs Melanie Lloyd

...from Powys THB. An opportunity for an experienced, highly motivated and enthusiastic practitioner to join us as Advanced Practitioner - Post COVID-19 Syndrome (Band 7). Closing Date: 17 February 2021. [https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Bronllys/Powys Teaching Health Board/Allied Health Professions Nursing Midwifery/Allied Health Professions Nursing Midwifery-v2894996? ts=1331](https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/#!/job/UK/Powys/Bronllys/Powys%20Teaching%20Health%20Board/Allied%20Health%20Professions%20Nursing%20Midwifery/Allied%20Health%20Professions%20Nursing%20Midwifery-v2894996?ts=1331). Location Bronllys.

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