

# 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](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)**

**...recycling ink cartridges.** You can now recycle your old printer ink cartridges both at The Warehouse and also at the Day Centre - but NO TONER CARTRIDGES PLEASE. Unless someone knows where these can be recycled locally, they have to go in your wheelie bin.

**...the governors of Presteigne Primary School are looking for someone to join them as a community governor.** If you feel you can support the school in its development journey, they would love to hear from you. Training opportunities are available throughout the year. They have 6 meetings per year and governors are always invited to school events. If you feel you can offer your support and would enjoy working alongside governors, pupils and staff, please contact Mrs Felgate at the school on [01544 267422](tel:01544267422).

**...thinking about life after Covid, new interests, hobbies or sports to try ? Looking for support groups or other community organisations and services ?** Check out the PACDG Register of Local Organisations on the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations) and find out about over a hundred local clubs, groups and organisations...and how to contact them. *[ed. if you are the secretary or contact point for any local group or organisation, please check your entry on the Register is up to date and email the Editor to confirm or advise any changes]*

**...from Leigh about the Presteigne Dark Skies Lighting Trial. Well, what do you think?** The Presteigne dark skies street-lighting trial has now been running for about a month and it would be good to give the Town Council some feedback. The streetlights produce a "warm" light that's good for human health because it doesn't affect serotonin levels. They are good for wildlife because they don't disorientate bats, birds and insects. They use about half the energy of conventional LED streetlights, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and helps fight the current Climate Emergency! All this in addition to reducing light pollution and making the starlit night sky something that we can all enjoy! Email the Town Council on [pntc@hotmail.com](mailto:pntc@hotmail.com)

**...a reminder from our Waste Enforcement Officer about misuse of street bins.** New residents may not be aware that you must not put your household waste in to street bins. Too often the bins are filled up with bags of household rubbish, and cardboard boxes, even boxes of empty beer bottles, are being left by the bins. Be aware this is **flytipping** and some residents have already been fined quite large amounts - please don't block the bins, use your kerbside collection service - if you need more recycling boxes, you can order these from PCC.

## THANK YOU

**...from Jo.** I thought I would share this with the community – I am the RSPB pin badge lady who stocks the boxes in the Post Office, Workhouse and Judge's Lodgings - we are all aware that Charities have been hard hit over the last 12 months so I would like to pass on Rob's thanks on behalf of RSPB Wales to the people of Presteigne who have found a £1 or more in their pockets to help wildlife conservation and buy a badge – I think we should be proud of

ourselves – little things mean a lot especially when the previous year RSPB Wales raised nearly £100k through pin badge sales ! Jo

...**from Rob at RSPB.** Some more good news as well, ...you raised the most out of any of our Community Fundraising volunteers in Wales last financial year with a superb **£511.13**, a huge thanks from myself on behalf of the charity, it's very much appreciated. I haven't had the full end of financial year figures yet, but I don't think we raised more than £20k in Wales tops, and so you were a considerable portion of that. All the best for now, and thanks again. Rob

## TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

**Latest planning applications in:** 21/0521/HH & 21/0522/LBC Grid Reference: E:331511 N: 264279 Proposal: Installation of twin-wall insulated flue and woodburner. Site Address: Appletree Lodge , Hereford Street, Presteigne, LD8 2AT. To be considered at the May meeting of the Town Council.

...**a few observer notes from last week's TC meeting** - The cemetery car park extension should be finished in the next 2-3 weeks, and is well worth a visit for anyone who hasn't seen what's being done - Herefordshire CC have agreed to carry out repairs to a section on the appalling Stocken road which is good news, although they have not said exactly which stretch or when, other than sometime in 2021/2 - Councillors expressed appreciation of the lovely wildflower signage on the bypass - The Dark Skies street lighting trial was mentioned, and the TC would love to receive more comments from residents on the trial so far [*ed. see separate item above*]

## COVID

**People in who cannot work from home are encouraged to use lateral flow self-tests.** For those living in England, you can now have rapid Coronavirus testing kits delivered by post see <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>, however in Wales, the Welsh Government is still considering this and currently you still have to collect test kits from test centres see <https://gov.wales/people-wales-who-cannot-work-home-encouraged-use-lateral-flow-self-tests>

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

**Just a reminder it's Presteigne Food Market on SATURDAY 1st May.** Two new stall holders attending our very well supported local market :-Filled bagels, and herbs and plants from Knighton - along with the ever faithful: Makis- Hot drinks and crepes - Presteigne Honey - Continuum Conceits - Survival - Celia's Cosmetics - Hay Charcuterie - Wegnalls Farm Butchery - Planet B - Dugan's Patisseries - Khesh's Indian Delights - Primrose Organic Veg - Planet and Plate - this month shake drinks derived from beans, come and be adventurous! and a very big welcome back after a little break to Amanda's Bread who will also be selling Weobley Ash Apple juice on their stall. Hopefully the sun will be shining! Look forward to seeing you all.

...**from the Royal Oak. We will be reopening the beer garden** on Monday 26th April at Midday. Due to limited space, table bookings are advised but we can accept walk ins until we're at capacity. Walk ins will be based on a first come first served basis. Most of the previous Covid guidelines are still in place. Main ones being: Face masks to be worn on entry. Track and trace details to be provided. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, we'll be open from 4pm. We look forward to seeing you all and can't wait to be back doing what we love

...**from Helen Roberts Fitness - outdoor class @ the Barn.** If everything goes to plan we will be back on for Wednesday 28th April. 45min class 6.30pm only £4.50. All you need us a mat and a bottle of water. Get in contact to book on! Can't wait to see you all 07775 520968

...**from the Radnorshire Arms Hotel.** Finally after so many months, we will be OPEN from today for food and drinks. Who else is as excited as us?

**...from Emily George. Outdoor Zumba is back.** At the Barn in Presteigne: Monday 7:30-8 from the 10th May. £3.50 per class or £9 for a block of 3. Thursdays 5:55-6:25 from the 6th May £3.50 per class or £12 for a block of 4. Please do let me know if you'd like to book on as spaces are still limited! We also have spaces available in our senior dance classes in Knighton and Presteigne! Classes include: Musical theatre: where we take a song from the shows and put together a routine; Senior hip hop: where we focus on hip hop and commercial style routines; Tap; Senior dance: where the focus is on a variety of different styles. Ideal age is from age 8 upwards! Get in touch if your child would like to join![egeorge95@icloud.com](mailto:egeorge95@icloud.com)

**...from the Bleddfa Centre.** We are delighted to announce our reopening date 29th April ... we have a garden for café guests, serving teas, cakes, & scrumptious snacks. Yvonne Crossley's exhibition will be on display. Thursdays-Sundays, we open at 11am, close at 4pm. A warm welcome awaits!

**...from The Dukes.** If all goes well we are looking forward to reopening on the 17th May and welcoming you all back to the Dukes !

**...from Weobley Ash Farm Shop.** Finally our new deli section will be opening shortly. A fine selection of our own cold Meats, cured Meats, cheese, scotch eggs, sausage rolls and condiments. All hand made on the premises.

**...from Amanda's Bread.** Dear Amanda's Bread Customer, Julian and I shall be baking to order next week, with deliveries on- Saturday 1st May to Presteigne and the surrounding area. We shall also be at Presteigne Food Market with our bright orange gazebo on Saturday. If you would like to put in an order please get in touch by the end of Monday 26th April, thank you. Tel. [01588 660296](tel:01588660296) email [asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com](mailto:asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com)

**...from Wild Thyme.** Back again! New takeaway menu for this week...Hope you've all been okay. Re-opening inside dining from mid May.... Call to reserve a table 07854 428668

**...from Nonna Caterina.** We are back! Hello to old customers and welcome to new ones, in our new area around Kington including Presteigne! We'll be delivering our heat at home, handmade Italian food to your door, each Friday! UK aubergines from our friends at The Tomato Stall are here for the summer and therefore, so is our much loved Parmigiana. Handmade pasta with local duck eggs, Hereford beef and local free range pork along with organic veggies. We are also delivering whole salami from wonderful Will at Shropshire Salumi (some of the most authentic we have found!) and focaccia from our lovely friends at The Bakers' Table. Orders in by Tuesday pm please. DM our FB page or email via the website [www.nonnacaterina.co.uk](http://www.nonnacaterina.co.uk)

**...from Leon's Food to Order.** This week's Meal deal. Order any of our delicious curries - Chicken/Prawn/Vegetable Tikka Masala or Kashmir Lamb/Prawn/Vegetable Rogan Josh, and get a free portion of Basmati rice. All curries are gluten-free. Order these specials, and other dishes from our menu online at <https://thesaltydogpresteigne.com/order-cooked-food/>

**...from Presteigne Leisure Centre.** We'll be reopening on Monday 3 May and can't wait to see all of you back in the centre. We'll be opening with all the safety & hygiene measurements that were in place before lockdown. Over the coming days we'll be updating social media and our website with revised timetables and opening hours so be sure to check back regularly. We look forward to seeing you on Monday!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION**

**...from Andy at Courtyard Antiques.** Next delightful 'Antiques in Tents' at Burton Court Herefordshire is now midweek TUESDAY 18th & Wednesday 19th May 2021.

**...from Presteigne Scouts.** More fun, more skills, more marshmallows! If your child is tired of dull weekdays, wanting to try something new, learn new skills, and meet a whole group of new friends, then the Scouts are meeting again face-to-face (with Covid safety measures) from end-April. Join us for fun, friendship and activities that get children thinking as well as doing. We

currently have a few spaces for young people aged 5 3/4 to 14 years old. Contact us through FB, email [c.e.bunton@outlook.com](mailto:c.e.bunton@outlook.com) or call Claire on 07717 478272 for more details. Visit [www.scouts.org.uk/join](http://www.scouts.org.uk/join)

**...from Eileen in Norton** Keep the date free - Sunday 13th June 2021 - Walking Treasure Hunt through and around Norton Village to raise funds for Norton Show which, hopefully, will be held next year ! Look out for more information !!!

**...from Presteigne Cricket Club.** Our first game of the new season is just 7 days away!!!!!! We are away for our first match against Fownhope Strollers CC. May fixtures for the club are: 1st Fownhope strollers - AWAY; 8th Colwall - HOME; 15th Knighton-on-Teme - AWAY; 22nd Moccas - HOME; 29th Builth - AWAY. Supporters are always welcome. If anyone would like information on supporting the club by sponsorship of matches please send us a message on our FB page or call 07939 294812

**...from MidBorder News.** Calling all you talented local photographers! we need a pic for the front cover of our summer issue. A phone pic is fine as long as the resolution is nice and clear. It needs to be portrait orientation as our cover is A4. We need a summery theme so get creative and send us your photos: [midbordernews@gmail.com](mailto:midbordernews@gmail.com). All pics used will be credited to you and we'll include a link to your Instagram etc.

**...from Cath at Walton Hall.** We are very pleased to announce that the book and jigsaw swap is resuming at Walton Hall. The event will take place on the second Wednesday of every month. We welcome everyone back on Wednesday 12th May between 10am and 12.30pm. Come and exchange your books and jigsaws, or take some away for a donation to the hall.

**...from Kington Art and Craft Market.** April saw the return of the Art and Craft Market and it was lovely to see so many of our stall holders return and familiar faces. Our next market will be on Saturday 15th May. 9.30am to 3.30pm in the Market Hall. We will be welcoming several new stall holders along side our regular attenders. Kington Art and Craft Market supports local artist and crafters there is a variety of different types of art and crafts something for everyone, so why not pop along and see us, on the 15th May.

**...from Freegle & BBC News.** Fashion is one of the most polluting industries in the world. But a small town in Italy called Prato has built its fortune on transforming old scraps into new clothes, particularly knitwear and wool. Could Prato represent a model for sustainable fashion? What do you do with clothes you don't wear anymore? <https://youtu.be/7i0QMnz4ExY>. It's #FashionRevolutionWeek 19-25th April. There's lots of ways to get involved, go here <https://www.fashionrevolution.org>

**...Did you know? If you have a dental emergency** and you don't have a regular dentist or it is a bank holiday or weekend, you can call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 to access emergency treatment from Powys Teaching Health Board. This will be a sit & wait service unless the clinic has an available appointment. You may need to travel to Llandrindod Wells or Newtown for Emergency out-of-hours dental advice treatment.

**...from the APCC. The next elections for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) take place in England and Wales on Thursday 6 May 2021.** The role of the PCC is to be the voice of the people, and to hold the local police force to account. They set the police budget, and police priorities. In some parts of England, they are also responsible for how local fire and rescue services are run. Make sure you have your say.

**...Driving tests can now resume in England & Wales** as lockdown measures continue to ease - have you got one booked?

**...from Powys Recycles. Powys welcomes its first electric refuse collection vehicle** to the county's waste and recycling fleet. Joining the council's fleet of vehicles, the electric-powered refuse collection vehicle (eRCV) is one of only three currently in use in Wales, and the first to be used in such a rural and expansive county.

**...from Age Concern Powys. COVID-19 Outdoor Volunteers URGENTLY Needed!** Do you enjoy the outdoors? Could you support a local older person who's been self-isolating to get back outside? Only 30mins to 1 hour – once a week – or month – is required. Spending a little time being active with someone who could do with some company is so rewarding and will make both you, and the older person you help, very happy! Opportunities across Powys include: Walking buddies - Having a chat outdoors - Dog walking - Light gardening - Sharing skills in the open air together. Now Spring has sprung we have a waiting list of older people who just need a little support to get back outdoors after such a long winter lockdown. So if you enjoy being outdoors, are passionate about helping others and kind and caring then please contact us urgently! Email: [enquiries@acpowys.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@acpowys.org.uk)

**...from the Sidney Nolan Trust. 1 MONTH TIL WE OPEN!** We are so excited to welcome you back to The Rodd from Friday 21 May, opening with two new exhibitions 'Nolan à l'Atelier' and 'Jackdaws For Company' a new body of work by the artist Simon Dorrell

**...from Powys CC. There's still time to sign up to the popular garden waste collection service.** For just £37 for the 2021 season, the service is an easy, clean and simple way of getting rid of your garden waste, with the knowledge that it will all be collected, recycled and turned into compost. The season fee includes the hire of a 240-litre wheeled bin and fortnightly collections of your garden until 3 December. A smaller 120-litre bin is available at a reduced rate for households with small gardens, or compostable garden waste sacks for those who have their residual rubbish collected in purple bags. You can subscribe now by visiting <https://crowd.in/01bQZQ> or by calling 01597 827465. If you need a reminder of your collection day, please visit <https://crowd.in/UWHw7d>

**...from Powys Children's Library Service. Babies and toddlers love books!** If you have not received a Bookstart pack from your health visitor because of the lockdown you can collect one from your local library. Call our library application line on 01597 827460 to order a pack and arrange collection.

**...from Powys CC. Are you interested in Adoption** and want to learn more? Why not sign up to Adoption Mid & West Wales next information evening? 19/05/21, 6:30pm. Online Book by 14 May to reserve your place <https://adoptionmwwales.org.uk/information-evening/>

## LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**...from The Stagg.** We're looking for hard working and friendly staff to join the front of house team at our busy gastro pub. Work would initially be part time (15-20 hours per week) as we are only open for outdoor dining Fri-Sun, but there is potential for full time work once we fully re-open our restaurant in May. If you're interested email [reservations@thestagg.co.uk](mailto:reservations@thestagg.co.uk)

**...from Arrow Plant Hire.** Our Leominster, HR6 0QF depot is looking for someone to join their team help with the maintenance of the ever growing hire fleet machines. You would also be expected to help out in the yard when necessary. Working hours are 7:30AM - 5PM Monday to Friday with overtime available during busy periods. Call 01568 615161 for any more details.

**...from Lady Hawkins School.** We are looking for cleaners. 10 hours per week (3:15-5:15pm) starting in May. If you're interested please email [enquiries@lhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@lhs.hereford.sch.uk) with your name and contact number or call 01544 230441 or and someone from the cleaning company will contact you direct

**...from The Bleddfa Centre.** Assistant to the Director: a wonderful opportunity to work with a vibrant team in a an arts centre: A part time position assisting with the day-to-day running of The Bleddfa Centre, an arts and community hub run by a Charitable Trust. Initially at 5 hours a week at £10 ph, to begin in May. Contact Emma [hello@bleddfacentre.org](mailto:hello@bleddfacentre.org) for info

**...from Firth Construction.** Part/full time Carpenters and general builders wanted to join us on high end projects in and around the Presteigne area. Would consider semi skilled workers, enthusiasm is a must. Rate of pay depending on experience. Send your CV to [admin@firthconstruction.co.uk](mailto:admin@firthconstruction.co.uk). Enquiries from previous applicants welcome

**...from The Farmers Inn.** We are looking for a waiter/waitress on a Sunday 12pm till 3pm Please contact us if interested. 01544 267389



**...from Lloyd Engineering.** We have a vacancy for a WORKSHOP OPERATIVE - immediate start next week if available. Kington/Presteigne location. For more information call Matt on 01544 260531. [www.screeningbucket.co.uk](http://www.screeningbucket.co.uk) [www.facebook.com/lloydengineering/](http://www.facebook.com/lloydengineering/)

**...from SunCare Home Care.** We currently have vacancies in Kington and Presteigne area's covering days, evenings and weekends. Driving is a must. We provide full extensive training, ongoing support and competitive rates of pay. For details contact 01544 231413

**...Housekeeper wanted** for 5 Star Holiday Home in Titley. We are looking for a reliable, conscientious housekeeper for our holiday rental (sleeps 4). Cleaning and linen change needed(machine at barn) Saturday changeovers. Please contact 07565 563879

**...from G&A Catering.** Are you or somebody you know looking for a part-time job? (roughly 15-20 hours a week). Click here <https://uk.indeed.com/job/part-time-catering-assistant-b3adccd2e36a1446>

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