

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"

email news@pacdg.org to contact the Editor

- 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

.from Tessa. PACDG isn't just a proactive group of enthusiastic residents who enjoy doing stuff for the Town (like this wonderful Community Newsletter) under its umbrella there are a growing number of fun and fruitful groups who quietly do some amazing stuff. For those in the know, that's great, but to spread the good news a little wider we thought a Facebook page might help. We hope whilst sharing lots of good news, it will also attract some talented people with a bit of spare time to join in the fun. Take a look.....like and follow. Thank you!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1021125485302195/?ref=share>

Check also the **PACDG Registers** of **Local Organisations**, and of **Local Venues for Hire**, which you can find on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations. And if you're looking for a **local tradesperson or service provider** to do anything in your house or garden, we can help with that too - just email news@pacdg.org

...a reminder - Age Cymru cannot afford to start up Simply Nails in Presteigne unless a sufficient number of residents indicate they would make use of the service. "Age Cymru Powys is looking to start a Simply Nails toenail cutting service in Presteigne, and it would help to know how many residents in Presteigne and the surrounding area would be interested to use the service? Please ring Age Cymru Powys on [01597 825908](tel:01597825908), where they will be happy to provide more information and put you on a waiting list."*[ed. or email news@pacdg.org]*

...from Powys Radnor Police. Police are appealing for witnesses after a sport utility vehicle (SUV) was damaged in Presteigne. Radnorshire Police tweeted that the Silver Toyota RAV4 was damaged at around 12.15am on Wednesday, May 5, in Hereford Street. Officers are now appealing for people to come forward with any information about the incident. Anyone who can help with the investigation can call Dyfed-Powys Police on 101 or email 101@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk

...Don't forget, thanks to our lovely friends at Presteigne Plastic Project, working hard to help our community reduce unnecessary plastic use, you can recycle your used printer ink cartridges at The Warehouse during their opening hours. But ink cartridges only, NO TONER CARTRIDGES PLEASE, unfortunately they have to go in your wheelie bin unless you persuade your toner supplier to take your old toner cartridge back for recycling.

THANK YOU

...from Deborah in Norton. Can I just say a huge great big thank you to those volunteers that have been working so hard in the Churchyard in Norton - and to those that have donated the newly planted crab apple trees now in situ, it's looking lovely in the Spring sunshine x

...from the Bring Site Volunteers. Thank you for recycling your tetrapak-type drinks and food cartons - we never expected the tremendous level of take-up when we asked ACE to provide two big wheelie bin recycling containers which are emptied monthly. **BUT, PLEASE** - you've taken the trouble to collect your cartons and take them up to the Bring Site - if the bins are full,

PLEASE then take the trouble to take your cartons home and bring them back later. Last week there were dozens of cartons left on the floor around the full bins, some in bags or boxes, some loose and blown everywhere by the wind. Please help us keep the site tidy.

...from Mike and the Warden Guardians. We'd like to say a big thank you to the Town Council for arranging someone to paint two of the benches on the Warden - much appreciated !

COVID

...from the BBC. It's being reported the over-50s will be offered a third COVID jab this winter. The aim is to eradicate the threat from the virus entirely by Christmas.

...from Powys THB. Everyone aged 40 and over should have received their invitation by now, but if you have not received yours then please complete our [Priority Access Form](#) so that we can fast-track you to an appointment. Our reserve lists for first dose appointments help us fill cancellations and ensure no dose is wasted. They are currently open to people 30-39 (primary reserve list) and people 18-29 (secondary reserve list) for appointments in all three sites. If you are able to help us fill cancellations please complete our reserve list form. Go to <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/reserve-lists/>

SCAM ALERT

...[ed.] we just received a phishing email pretending to be from BT about latest bill and a refund. The wrinkle with this one is that it came from a hacked personal email account (what the scammers thought this would achieve apart from raising suspicions is anybody's guess !!). **We're also seeing phishing/scam phone calls where the caller display shows a local area number** - this is faked to give a false sense of respectability. Be warned - **report emails** to report@phishing.gov.uk as well as to the company itself - **report texts** to 7726. Please put these contacts in your address book.

...some residents are reporting a spate of phishing phone calls, all from mobile numbers (077...), with a recorded voice purporting to be from the National Crime Agency. It claims my NI number has been used in illegal activity, and has been suspended, and tells you to press 1 to speak to an agent. Needless to say, the agent would be attempting to steal personal details and extract money from you if you did so. This is definitely a phishing attack: please hang up if this happens to you; report the number as spam to your phone company; and if you can, report the number to report@phishing.gov.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 Olivia & Marie. Welcome to our new venture everyone! We are Sister Act, now offering cleaning services to you. Some of you might know us, we are local to the Presteigne area, we are sisters who are passionate about cleaning! If you have any queries, please contact us on the details below. Olivia & Marie 07463 783915 sisteractcleaningservice@googlemail.com

...from the Royal Oak. Our takeaway Sunday roasts are back. Collection from the pub or free delivery available within Presteigne and surrounding area. Orders to be in by Friday 3pm.

...Leon's Supper Club is back! Book now for our Spanish nights. Friday 21 & Saturday 22 May and Friday 28 & Saturday 29 May 7pm £30 per head - bring your own drinks. Above the Salty Dog, 14 High Street, Presteigne. For reservations (bookings for tables of 4 maximum). Tel: 01544 727486 / 267720 or 0780 5727 486

...from The Warehouse. We have just been to the warehouse to empty our donation bin which was full and overflowing. Please could we ask you NOT leave your items if our bin is full as bags of books have been left outside and have been soaked with the rain and are now ruined. For now we are not accepting any more books, DVDs or CDs due to lack of space. Thank you for your support and understanding.

...from Bea's Care Services. Hello friends. Just wanted to share and tell you all about my year. Cannot believe that I launched my business just over a year ago, just as the 1st lockdown had started. Since then there have been ups, downs, turn arounds. Business has been slow, then busy. But I wouldn't have changed any of it. I've met and loved so many people. Been part of so many lives. I feel so privileged to have made a difference in these so trying and difficult times. Who could have predicted any of this. But a year on I've never been busier, never happier never prouder of what I've been able to achieve. How many lovely families I've been able to support. Can't wait to see what the next 12 months has to offer me

...the Royal Oak weekly meat raffle and bonus ball are restarting this weekend. Meat raffle tickets can be purchased from a member of staff or via bank transfer. The raffle is drawn 1pm every Sunday with various prizes of steaks, burgers, sausages and joints of meat. All proceeds are going to be split between the local food bank and air ambulance for the time being. £1 per go. The bonus ball is every Saturday for which we have a few numbers available. It's £1 per week per number with a chance of winning £50 if your number comes up on the lotto draw. Get in touch for any more information royaloak.presteigne@gmail.com 01544 260842

...from Erika at Kukulclean. We are a professional oven and house cleaning service, based in Knighton but covering the Presteigne area. Single ovens £45 Double £60 Ranges from £80. Give us a call or a WhatsApp on [07950 332535](tel:07950332535) www.kukulclean.co.uk

...The Mens Shed is re opening on Monday the 17th May thankfully with many members eager to get back to renewed friendships and insults, all in the best possible taste of course! Interested? Email John on jtknightonmensshed@gmail.com

...from Weobley Ash Meats. So our little shop has come on a long way in the last 12 months. Our new deli counter is being built, a separate kitchen for our cooked and baked goods and a new chilled fruit and vegetable room. Prepared on site with our own pork from our rare breed Welsh pigs shall be scotch eggs, sausage rolls, faggots, pork pies & a selection of cold meats.

...the Royal Oak Steak night will be returning this Wednesday. Limited spaces available so booking and pre ordering is required. Message us or call 01544 260842 to book.

...from Sharon. Great news ! The Farmers Inn will Open on Wednesday 19th May. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Welcome back.

...The Warehouse Book and DVD Sale continues this week so there is still time to stock up. All fiction and non-fiction books only 10p each! Also - adult/child DVDs only 10p each!! Boxed sets 50p. Stock up now. Ideal for your holiday cottage or caravan. Many new, never opened.

...from Amanda's Bread. Dear Amanda's Bread Customer, Julian and I shall be baking to order next week, with deliveries on- Saturday 15th May to Presteigne and the surrounding area. If you would like to put in an order please get in touch by the end of Monday or asap, thank you. Tel. [01588 660296](tel:01588660296) email asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com

...from Leon's Food to Order. We're repeating last week's Meal deal. Order any of our delicious Indian or Thai curries - and get a free portion of fragrant Basmati rice. All curries are gluten-free. Order these specials, and other dishes from our menu online at <https://thesaltydogpresteigne.com/order-cooked-food/>

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Judge's Lodging. Don't miss the Welsh National Opera Summer Garden Concert on Saturday May 15th in The Judge's Lodging Garden [SORRY - SOLD OUT!]

As part of Dying Matters week in May, Liminal Space will be running several events:
Tuesday 11th May 5.30 - 6.30pm. Zoom group discussing the theme of Dying Matters week "Are you in a good place to die".
Friday 14th May 5.30-6.30pm. Zoom group showing a TED Talk based on the benefits of talking about death, followed by a discussion.
Saturday 15th May 9.30am - 2.30pm. We will be in the High Street next to The Salty Dog with a "Wishing Tree". Come and have a chat and oer up your wishes for both life and death. Please do get in

touch and we can give you more information and the links to the zoom discussions. Grace, Dorothy and Yen liminalspace20@gmail.com

...Presteigne Repair & Skill Share starts up again on Saturday 15 May from 10am - 12 noon at the Radnorshire Arms Garden, if the weather is ok, otherwise at the Youth Centre (Old School), Hereford Street. Current Covid precautions will be in place, including use of face masks. A free event & everyone welcome to bring household items for repair. Monthly on the third Saturday in the month. Stop usable stuff from going to landfill. Bring along a broken item, get it fixed and learn new skills - all for free.

01544 267997. Repair Cafes Wales is the organisation helping to set up these regular events all across Wales, and the idea is spreading fast. Repaircafewales

...from Beth & the Methodist church in Presteigne: we are having a plant sale on Saturday 22nd May from 10-12, in the garden. Please come along and support us. Proceeds will go to our roof fund.

...Presteigne Little People Stay & Play Wednesday Mornings from 12th May. Aim: for babies, toddlers and parents/carers to meet safely indoors and socialise safely in a small group. Re-opening with limited spaces. Wednesday mornings at the Youth Centre, Hereford Street, Presteigne. Come and meet new friends. Booking essential email info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

...Chatterbrook WI. Women's Health Evening Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 7.00pm. We are very pleased to have five health professionals from Macmillan Cancer Care, Powys Teaching Health Board, and a Practice Nurse to speak to us about Ovarian cancer, Endometriosis and Smear testing. We do hope you will join us for the evening, and as these are such important issues for female health do pass the information and link for the evening to daughters, granddaughters and other women in your community. All will be very welcome. Here is the Zoom link [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89736680109?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89736680109?pwd=dmdzaHRVUk1WZ003UENDWTI4OEK3QT09)
pwd=dmdzaHRVUk1WZ003UENDWTI4OEK3QT09 - Meeting ID 897 36680109 - Passcode 237779.

...Hay Festival. Presteigne's Helena Attlee has been on a journey to discover the stories contained within the delicate wooden frame of Lev's violin for years. Greg Lawson is a classical violinist who currently owns the renowned instrument. Join them in conversation at Hay Festival hayfestival.org/p-17772-helena-attlee-and-greg-lawson.aspx

...Local lads Ben Chilman, Ted Davies & Nick Rogers have started a new podcast. Head on over to Spotify to listen to their 'EweTurn Podcast', it's well worth a listen for some funny, easy listening chat about farming life. https://open.spotify.com/episode/4yshaDPhICnS7wmDzHuTpZ?si=tILpxIMTSKaKIs1un3vH8Q&utm_source=copy-link&dl_branch=1

...Presteigne Little People Buggy Walks Tuesday Afternoons from 1st June. Aim: For lockdown babies and parents to meet and socialise safely in a small group. We take a buggy friendly stroll around Presteigne, then stop at the park for a picnic snack and chat together. Come & meet new friends. Booking essential by email to info@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

OTHER INFORMATION

...from Mike and the Warden Guardians. Anyone fancy themselves with an axe or chainsaw ? We're looking for someone to transform the tree stump (that Welsh Water left when they cut down one of the big fir trees) into a small seat. If you can help, please email Mike on mike@secondsandco.co.uk

...from Welsh Water about work in Presteigne. As you may be aware, we are currently investing over £8 million to upgrade the assets at both the wastewater treatment works in Norton and Presteigne. Work is about to begin at Presteigne WwTW, and we wanted to let you know what you can expect. On Monday 7th June, we will begin our work at Presteigne Wastewater Treatment Works which is located within the private land adjacent to St Andrew's

Football Club. We anticipate that our work here will take approximately one year to complete. To access our working area, we will be creating a temporary access track via a private access off the B4362 (Presteigne-Shobdon road) so disruption should be minimal to local residents. Our construction traffic will be using the track to access our working area, but you may continue to notice our operations team travelling via Clatterbrune to access our operational assets. We will begin constructing this track in June, and it will remain in place until we have completed our work. We'll be working with Morgan Sindall and their subcontractors to help us get the work done, so you may notice their vehicles in the area. They'll be working Monday to Friday between 8am and 5.30pm. However, there may be times when they will need to work during the weekends and outside of these hours to get the work done as quickly as possible.

...Great sporting news ! Local bowls Welsh international-champion and former gold medallist Rob Weale from Presteigne Bowling Club has a new role as the Welsh Team Manager, building up to the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham 2022. Congratulations Rob !

...from June. The Presteigne Writers group has been in existence since about 1996, and meets once a month (normally in the Assembly Rooms). During lockdown we have continued to write, with one of our members compiling an anthology of our work each month, which is then sent to other members by email. New members are always welcome. Members submit their writing by email on the 3rd Thursday each month. Contact June Coveney on 01544 260398 or email junecoveney@gmail.com

...from Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club. Free junior hockey sessions coming soon! For ages 10+ no previous experience needed. Let us know if you are interested! Simply just comment or private message us on our FB page with the name and age of your child/children. Days and times to be confirmed depending on interest. If you have any questions please ask

...from Herefordshire CC. Concerned about your safety when travelling or walking on your own ? **The Hollie Guard App** can track your location on journeys & notify family/friends with a shake of your phone that you are in danger. When travelling to or from your social plans, be sure to check in & share your journey with a friend or family member. <http://orlo.uk/ez5l3>

...from Girl Guiding Radnorshire. We have many fantastic opportunities to work alongside our young members within our units. We are looking for Leaders, Unit Helper, Young Leaders and any other help that can be provided. We have 4 units who are much in need of help, **1st Presteigne Rainbows; 2nd Presteigne Brownies;** 2nd Knighton Brownies; 1st Knighton Guides. If anyone would like to help with these units or any others please get in touch. None of these units are currently meeting so no immediate commitment needed, we would love to see these units open up again in September but need help. No experience or qualifications are needed, any training will be provided. Message us on FB or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Wild Thyme, Presteigne. We're looking for new members to join our team for this exciting time as we open the doors to customers again. There are positions in front of house and kitchen posts with working time flexibility. Some experience preferred but someone showing enthusiasm and interest in food and wine, and willing to learn will be considered. Positions could suit summer break catering students too. Application via FB or call: David on 07854428668

...from the Radnorshire Arms. We are in need of a enthusiastic, hard working and reliable member to join our Front of House staff team. Flexibility is important. This position will be covering one of our staff members who are leaving on maternity. But it could lead to a permanent position. Apply via our FB page or call 01544 267536 www.radnorshirearms.com

...from Atrium Conservatories. We are looking for two additional site construction employees for immediate start team installing Hardwood conservatories, orangeries, windows and doors. Experience of relevant work will generally be required. This permanent position would initially necessitate you shadowing one of our senior employees with the intention of progressing to team leader with responsibility for your own projects. Your

income will be dependent on your aptitude and ability. Full driving license essential. Positions are full time and permanent. Competitive rates of pay plus benefits 01544 231769

...from Empathy Home Support. We are recruiting home support staff supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community within their own homes. £10.20ph, full job training, vehicle provided, travel pay etc. Apply at www.empathyhomesupport.co.uk/joinus, call 01597 821201 or email employment@empathyhomesupport.co.uk

...from Powys CC. We're transforming education in Powys to help learners reach their potential and are looking to recruit: Service Manager for Secondary School Improvement - Lead for Wellbeing and Equalities - Digital Lead - Lead for 14 Plus - Lead for Welsh. <https://crowd.in/mYj3zl>

...from Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop. We require a shop keeper to work Mondays 9-5 and every other Sunday 10-3 and holiday cover. Could lead to another day per week. Duties include greeting shoppers, till work, serving over the counter, replenishing the shelves and chillers. Send CV to shop@weobleyash.co.uk or call 01544 598120

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