

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

...Help needed for new wildflower meadow in Discoed. Is there anyone out there who can cut our field to aid the creation of a wildflower meadow? If you can use the hay, even better. It will have to be small machinery to get through the gate on the narrow lane, and because heavy machinery is banned from the scheduled ancient monument in the field. Call Maggie on [01547 560813](tel:01547560813).

...If you run a community group, charity, social enterprise or voluntary organisation in Powys, read on - you could be eligible for a funding boost! Powys County Council has launched its Covid Community Recovery Grant which aims to help organisations respond to the impact of the pandemic so that they can become more resilient. Awards of up to £20,000 can be made to cover up to 80% of the cost of a variety of initiatives. Full details are on the Powys website - <https://bit.ly/3wFc0dN> The first round of applications closes on 31st July, but don't worry if that deadline is too tight for your organisation – round 2 closes on 15th September and round 3 on 24th November, and there will be two more rounds next year (as long as the money doesn't run out before!) If you need advice or help to make a funding bid, it's worth contacting PAVO who offer lots of support to voluntary organisations – pavo.org.uk *[thanks for this information from the Town Clerk and others]*

...from Presteigne Library. From now on, Presteigne Library is open for browsing and borrowing without making an appointment. We are open on Tuesdays from 10.30-1 and from 2.30 - 5, and on Wednesdays from 1.30 until 6. We will be so pleased to see our readers back in the library again! A few notes for everyone's safety: please continue to wear a mask inside, and please leave any returned books in the box in the porch so that they can be quarantined. The size and layout of our library means that we can only allow two bubbles (two individuals or two couples/families) inside at a time, so please be patient if we're busy. Parents, don't forget that the Summer Reading Challenge is on offer – stickers and rewards for choosing fun books to read over the summer. More details available from the library. Looking forward to seeing everyone! ”

...from Claire. August issue of Broad Sheep will be out soon! Look out for it in your local shop, gallery, cafe, theatre, library, TIC (in fact everywhere in Herefordshire, Shropshire & Powys)! Also online - www.broadsheep.com coming soon too.

THANKS

...from Nick - a big thank-you to the GGs for their super clear up of the Ligné Barn gardens. After their first visit, the improvement was huge, and after the second they look great, and still very natural. Once again, many thanks.

...from Tessa. Thanks to all of you who have kindly joined in on the last two picks. Firstly after combining the team's efforts to save plastic bags, we collected 9 full red bags of waste and 2 full clear bags of recycling. The areas covered include the High Street, the By-Pass from

Broadaxe to and including the Shoppers car park (which is always a mess), Broadaxe itself, Hereford Street, the Police Station car park, the path to the Medical Centre, Back Lane, Green End, top of Harpers Lane, Broad Street, Station Road, the Bring Site, St David's Street and Pound Lane. Finally thanks to the new food van in the Memorial Hall car park and the two lovely ladies running it who gave us a free cold drink. Tuesday 24th August at 9.30 is our next (pre-Festival) pick. I have 8 confirmed volunteers, thank you all, but if a couple more wish to join in, there are often changes of plan so this would be handy. Call/text Tessa [07788 567631](tel:07788567631)

...from Lee. A big thank you to Alex Logan of Caring for God's Acre for scything Presteigne's roundabouts on Wednesday in 30 degree heat, well done! With the support of the Town Council both roundabouts are being developed and maintained as mini wildflower meadows. After only about one year of cultivation both are showing a significant increase in biodiversity, hopefully this will continue to increase in future years.

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

...from the Mayor. As my year as Mayor I'm walking the Offas Dyke path from Hay-on-Wye to Knighton on the weekend of 28th August. My two chosen local charities are the East Radnorshire Day Centre and Presteigne Co-responders. I have a Just Giving page where you can donate at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fiona-preece or there are sponsor forms at Carini's butchers and the Royal Oak in Presteigne. Thank you, Fiona Preece

SCAM ALERT

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. Is your Facebook account secure? We have received a number of reports of Facebook accounts being 'hacked'. You can help prevent this:

- Change your Facebook Account Password and make sure it is strong and not used on other online accounts
- Enable Two Factor Authentication (2FA) – this will alert you if someone else is trying to gain access to your account
- Make sure your privacy settings are up to date on Facebook
- If an offer seems too good to be true - it normally is.
- Don't click on a link promising something you know you aren't entitled to - even in the vain hope you may receive money for it
- Don't enter your details into websites or forms unless you know for sure the site is genuine.
- Don't accept friend requests unless you actually know the person requesting
- Tell others so they can protect themselves against these criminals. Report crimes to Dyfed Powys Police: <https://orlo.uk/opuXn>, email 101@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk; call 101 (If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired text the non-emergency number on 07811 311 908).

...from Which! We explore which categories of fraud have been growing the fastest, which cost victims the most money, and how fraud varies across age groups and regions. Click hereto view all The fastest growing scams:

[Fake giveaways on Facebook.](#) We've found social media ads for fake competitions on Facebook that are attracting thousands of interactions from users. The hoax 'Alton Towers Breaks' and 'Center Parcs Resorts' pages claim to offer the chance to win getaways worth more than £2,000. Both scams tell users that all they need to do is 'like', 'comment' and 'sign up' in order to be entered into the giveaway. Here's more about how they work and how to protect yourself from these sorts of scams. Steps to safeguard yourself

[Fake emails spoofing official email domains.](#) Always question emails that you're not expecting. We're seeing an increasing number of fake emails successfully spoofing official email domains, including some of the biggest brands in the UK. Our most recent find is a Bitcoin email spoofing Selfridges' domain. So how is this allowed to happen? We explain scammers' tactics in convincing potential victims they're legitimate & measures you can take to protect yourself. The lowdown on email spoofing.

There's now a much easier way to make us aware of scams directly with our [scam sharer tool](#). Tell us your experiences of phishing emails, fake texts, cold calls and other types of fraud.

COVID

...from Powys THB. Mobile testing units have returned to Knighton and Hay-on-Wye from Wednesday 21 July until Sunday 8 August for residents in the towns and wider area to have easy access to coronavirus testing. These testing units are for those with COVID symptoms and are by appointment only. To book an appointment either call 119 or visit <http://www.gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test>.

...from Powys THB. Free lateral flow devices for those WITHOUT symptoms are already available for collection from a number of libraries and pharmacies across Powys, but now there are more opportunities for Powys residents to collect devices from a location near them, including Presteigne Library and our High Street Pharmacy. Two 7-test packs per person. For more information and a full list of pick-up locations visit our website: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/more-locations-to-collect-covid-19-tests-in-powys1/>

...from Powys THB. If you received your first dose in Powys on or before 31 May, and you haven't received your invitation for a second dose, then please get in touch so that we can arrange an appointment. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/second-dose-appointments/second-dose-priority-access-form/>

...from the Welsh Government. Do you employ people in Powys? Welsh Government has put together a promotional pack for employers, to help your workforce access COVID-19 vaccination: <https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccination-promotional-pack-employers>

...Kington Medical Practice is holding a drop-in clinic this Saturday morning, 31 July, from 09:00-12:00 for Astra Zeneca 1st and 2nd jabs. For 1st doses, anyone aged 50+ (or 40+ who would usually receive a flu vaccine) will be eligible. For 2nd doses, a minimum of 8 weeks must have elapsed since the first dose. No need to book, just turn up! @HW_CCG @HfdsCouncil

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from PACDG. "The local businesses and shops that were much valued during Covid lock downs still need your custom. It seems that now travel restrictions have been lifted shoppers have returned to their old buying habits and local shops are suffering as a result. Many shops went out of their way to ensure fresh produce was available and now they need your continued support and custom. With excellent locally sourced meat, vegetables and fruit from nearby fields, artisan bread, great dairy products fresh fish and lots more on offer, why not make sure you 'shop local' before heading to the supermarkets. Please support the businesses that supported you - use it or lose it!"

...from Presteigne Bowling Club. Continuing the winning streak, in a very busy bowling week PBC walked away with a Mid-Wales County Championship Senior Fours win against a quartet from Builth (great to see the legend Bill Weale back in the winner's enclosure) - team Robert, David, Phil, Marcus & Bill. Then, in two Mid Wales League matches last week, Presteigne Men's team took all the points against Rhayader on a very warm Wednesday evening by the River Wye (Presteigne 98, Rhayader 39) and again on Friday evening against Llandrindod's Spa team (Presteigne 89, Spa 39) ... and on Saturday Presteigne men had a strong 107-67 win against Bargoed from Rhymney Valley in the 2nd round of the all-Wales Carruthers Shield. In the next round Presteigne faces Penyrheol from Swansea. Tigers on a roll !!!!

...from Marion at The Retreat. Despite the restrictions easing in England today, nothing has changed in Wales with regard to rules around close contact services - although we think an announcement is imminent. Even in England, the massage professional bodies are saying that the current protocols should stay in place (face masks, cleaning all surfaces between clients, ventilating the room, etc). So for now, I will continue to work in the same way as I have been since April, with all the required safety measures in place. For any questions, or further information please don't hesitate to contact me 07816 981454 or marian@silvanmassage.com.

...from PSAFC. Results from this last week: Presteigne 3-3 Bishops Castle in a very entertaining game. Unfortunately we bowed out of the JD Welsh Cup with a 2nd round loss to Bow Street FC Presteigne 1-4 Bow Street. Please note 2021 Memberships have been reinstated from Saturday. Memberships will be £10 for the next year & this will entitle the member to: *Discounted prices on Draught, bottles & spirits *Loyalty cards that will enable you a free pint after every 8 purchased *Access to member only events & socials *Use of our super fast, fibre broadband! Keep an eye out on this page for match fixtures, bar opening times & social events at the club!

...from The Warehouse. Many DVDs back on offer at only 10pence each!!!

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...from RWT. On Wednesday 4th August, Radnorshire Wildlife Trust are hosting a morning of guided walks at Went's Meadow, to look for the pollinators in that area. Pollinating insects are essential to our wellbeing. They provide essential services that enable us to grow our food and pollinate our flowers as well. Insects of all kinds are found everywhere. The Radnorshire Wildlife Trust would like to know more about which pollinating insects can be found around the meadow and will be visiting Presteigne over the coming months to investigate further. Come along and join us to find out more about the Green Connections project and how we can support landowners and communities to help wildlife and add to a nature recovery network across Powys. We will meet at the Community Barn 1030-1230 for two guided walks, led by the Green Connections team of the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust. These are bookable in advance please. See the RWT website for details and to book...or call Janice on 07949 828634 ... or just drop in to find out more about the fascinating biodiversity of this beautiful area.

A family friendly event. Dogs on leads please...**from Recycle Now.** Two months to go till #RecycleWeek 2021! With environmental concerns still on the increase, it's up to all of us to do more. It's time to join the fight against climate change and together we will "Step It Up this Recycle Week". Join the nation from the 20th to 26th September to celebrate recycling and help care for our planet! Find out more about this year's Recycle Week: <https://bit.ly/35ftzFG>

"AS YOU LIKE IT". Performances on 13 and 14 August at Went's Meadow, Presteigne. The sun is shining, rehearsals are well underway and our box office is BACK! Head down to the OLD HSBC BANK by the mini-roundabout to get your tickets, or online here: <https://menagerieofthelost.wixsite.com/theatrecompany>

...from Presteigne Festival. Pleased to announce that Nathan James Dearden's fabulous new unaccompanied setting 'full of sweet days', a Presteigne Festival commission funded by Tŷ Cerdd, receives its premiere in the super acoustic of Leominster Priory on 30 August sung by the The Choir of Royal Holloway under Rupert Gough. Other music on the programme includes Cecilia McDowall, George Arthur, Ravel, Vilette and Yves Castagnet.

...from East Radnor Ramblers. Here is our walks programme for August: Tues 3rd Aug. Titley circular 4 miles from lay-by at Titley; Weds 4th Aug. Cleehill 8.25 miles from Cleehill village CP; Weds 11th Aug. Around Ludlow 7.5 miles from The Clive, Bromfield/Ludlow Food Centre; Weds 18th Aug. Newcastle on Clun 8.14 miles from Newcastle Community Centre, £1 CP charge; Thurs 19th Aug. Leintwardine 4 miles from the green opposite The Lion; Weds 25th Aug. Offa's Dyke Path around Norton 8 miles from 8 Offa's Green. Walks start at 10am. Everyone welcome! Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Further information, and photos of recent walks at www.ramblers.org.uk/east-radnor or from E & S Williams on [01544 260524](tel:01544260524)

...NGS Open Gardens nearby. Head to Knighton on Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August ...it's the place to be! The garden at [Monaughty Mill](#) just 5 miles SW of Knighton is opening for the first time and in the town centre two neighbouring gardens [1 Ystrad House](#) and [No 2 The Old Coach House](#), have their final opening for this year. You can enjoy fabulous views of Glogg Hill, explore the informal herbaceous borders surrounding a C17th converted mill (not open) and discover a fantastic iron 'church' sculpture laden with climbers rising above a mass of shrubs.... and much more at [Monaughty Mill](#). Nearby, two surprising gardens behind [Church Road, Knighton](#), open together, lead to riverside walks and offer a haven of peace and tranquility in the middle of town. Pay one admission price for both gardens. Visit all three for a great day out! Click on the locations above for more information, directions, and to pre-book.

...Mid Border Arts event - Lazy Sunday with Little Rumba on Sunday 22nd August 3 - 5pm at Went's Meadow Community Barn. Little Rumba's sound has touches of Eastern Europe and South America, as well as jazz and blues; with beautiful melodies, infectious beats and songs that tell stories. Sit around and enjoy being with friends again! Bring a picnic and listen to live music. Tickets are available online only from <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/521476>.

...from Wendy. Do make time to watch "Riverside" - a documentary with focus on the scandalous pollution of the River Wye, supposedly protected by many important environmental

designations, but rapidly declining. Presented by George Monbiot and featuring our own Dr Christine Hugh-Jones from Norton. Click here to view <http://www.rivercide.tv/>

...from the Sidney Nolan Trust. Join us for The Life and World of Francis Rodd, Lord Rennell (1895-1978) Friday 6 August, 6.30 pm at The Rodd. An evening lecture by Philip Boobbyer. Philip will tell the intriguing story of Francis Rodd, explorer, banker, intelligence officer and military administrator in Africa and Italy. Lord Rennell lived at The Rodd between 1943 until his death in 1978. Booking now open: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-life-and-world-of-francis-rodd-lord-rennell-1895-1978-tickets-157955433955>

OTHER INFORMATION

...shop through Amazon ? Now you can reduce your plastic packaging. Concerns around plastic waste and the environment are growing among consumers. Now, if you're an Amazon shopper, there is a way to replace plastic in your order with paper - but it's up to you to make the change. The power of customer requests has pushed Amazon to respond to people asking for less plastic packaging in your order. To opt out of receiving plastic packaging with your order, you can go to [Amazon's Customer Services](#), and request to speak online. After being prompted through automatic links, type in "reduce plastic in orders". Scroll down to the bottom where it says "item not on list" and then click "speak to an associate". You can then chat to a customer services representative online, who should be able to help you.

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. If you're suffering from antisocial behaviour in your community, you can let us know by reporting online. Report non-emergency incidents quickly and easily at <http://orlo.uk/jRV8f>. Save your time, report online plus, if you're suffering from noise-related antisocial behaviour, did you know there's an app where you can record and log incidents? Clips from The Noise App can then be reported to your local authority. A successful case recently saw evidence from the app presented in court, where an injunction was imposed.

...from PCC. Do you work as a personal assistant with someone who has social care needs? Looking for more work? Recive Direct Payments to manage your social care support and need to find someone to support you? Then, if you live in Powys, why not take a look at our Care and Support Finder website at <https://crowd.in/fmriUJ>. This is a new online resource to help link up people offering care and support with people who are looking for it. Why not give it a try?

...from the UK Government. During summer 2021, the standard (95 octane) petrol grade in Great Britain will become E10. The change in fuel applies to petrol only. Diesel fuel will not be changing. Almost all (95%) petrol-powered vehicles on the road today can use E10 petrol and all cars built since 2011 are [compatible](#). If your petrol vehicle or equipment is not compatible with E10 fuel, you will still be able to use E5 by purchasing the 'super' grade (97+ octane) petrol from most [filling stations](#). Petrol pumps will clearly [label](#) petrol as either E10 or E5. You can check if your car/motorbike/moped can use E10 petrol by using our [E10 vehicle checker](#).

...from Jonathan. Live-in companion sought. I have a friend who is 89, lives alone, is completely blind and increasingly deaf who would like to have an older male live-in companion. She lives in the Lake District. No salary, but no rent to be paid either. Help with light tasks around the home and companionship are sought in return for free accommodation. Message me on FB or call 01544 260800 for further details.

...for Herefordshire residents. Electoral Services have sent out their annual canvass emails & reminders asking you to check & update your household information on the electoral register. Look out for it & don't lose your right to vote. For info & our annual canvass FAQs: <https://orlo.uk/5EOSw>

...from Powys CC. Grants available for tenants facing homelessness. Powys tenants who are building up rent arrears because of the pandemic and find themselves at risk of homelessness may be eligible for a grant. The Tenancy Hardship Grant is a Welsh Government funding scheme which is intended to reduce homelessness by helping tenants in the private rented sector to pay their overdue rent. Read more <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11429/Grants-available-for-tenants-facing-homelessness>

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from Presteigne Little People's Playgroup. We are looking for a warm, committed person to take over the running of our well established and much-loved setting. The setting has provided a high quality educational and inspiring preschool environment for nearly 40 years. We offer term time full day care for preschool age, plus wrap around care and holiday club from 9 months to 12 years. The setting is registered for 48 places. Separate sessions are provided off site for parents and toddlers. The successful candidate will be able to:

- Provide safe, stimulating group play that meets the social, linguistic, creative, physical, imaginative, and emotional and needs of the child including those with additional needs
- Ensure that the setting provides quality care and education
- Encourage positive working relationships between children, parents, staff, and external childcare professionals
- Provide and maintain equal opportunities for all staff, parents, and children
- Manage and motivate a team of play assistants, using performance management, staff development and absence procedures
- Ensure that our setting environment remains healthy and safe
- Develop and maintain efficient administration and finance procedures, using the management software provided
- Maintain compliance for industry standards and relevant legislation.

We have an amazing, dedicated team. It's a great time to join us! Essential requirements: Minimum Level 3 and play work qualifications recognised by Care Council for Wales list accepted qualifications for children's day care leader with at least two years' post qualifying experience in early years education. A business management qualification/experience of working within or playing a lead role within a business would be desirable. Salary: From £23k depending on skills and experience
Location: Adjacent to Presteigne Primary School. Slough Road, Presteigne, LD8 2NH. Closing date: 16th August 2021. Interviews: Friday 20th August. Informal visits are welcome. Please contact Ann to arrange an appointment 07734528571. Enquiries, application forms and job description / person specification available from: Ann Wake: call 07734528571 or email chairperson@presteigneplaygroup.co.uk

...from Powys THB: Looking for a fresh start? Visit the Powys Health and Care Skills Hwb.

Anyone looking to start a new career in the health and social care sector in Powys, now has a single place to go for both training and support. Powys Health and Care Skills Hwb can provide coaching and training, give advice on your job prospects and career pathways, help to prepare you for employment, with mentoring support along the way and signpost you to work experience and voluntary roles. To find out more call 0845 4086 253, email pathwaystraining@nptcgroup.ac.uk or visit the NPTC Group of Colleges website: <https://www.nptcgroup.ac.uk/apprenticeships/powys-health-and-care-skills-hwb/>. Read more: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11409/Looking-for-a-fresh-start-Visit-the-Powys-Health-and-Care-Skills-Hwb>

...from Powys CC. Covid Recovery Support Officer. To assist the effective implementation and delivery of the Council's Covid Recovery Programme to support businesses and communities recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. To assist the delivery and promotion of Council services supporting the recovery of the Powys economy and its communities. For more information and to apply visit www.powys.gov.uk/jobs

...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Knighton is a great place to train, work, live. To find out more and join the team visit <https://pthb.nhs.wales/working-for-us/current-jobs/> and check out our current opportunities on Panpwnton Ward in Knighton.

...from Dyfed-Powys Police. Could you work at the heart of communities, working to help keep them safe, and tackle the issues that matter most to them, take on a role where no two days are the same, and each day brings its own new challenges? Interested? Then we've got news for you – your chance to join us as a PCSO is here! Applications are now OPEN. You can find more information on the role and how to apply here www.dyfed-powys.police.uk

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