

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

...**Drink & food carton recycling - good news - ACE's pingdemic problems are resolved and all three recycling bins have finally been emptied. These bins are so well used which is great - but please flatten your cartons before putting in the bins to maximise capacity - thank you !**

...and further good news - the Community Noticeboard has been saved thanks to David & Pav at the Victoria Fish Bar and the residents of Albert Square. The PACDG noticeboard is currently being re-lined and treated, and will be re-erected sometime this week on the fish & chip shop wall, under cover, just inside the entrance to Albert Square.

THANKS

...**from Nick.** Another huge thank-you to the PACDG Guerrilla Gardeners. The Ligné Barn garden on Went's Meadow looks better than it ever has.

...**from Katy.** Another massive thank you is going out to the Victoria Fish Bar and their customers for raising another £26 for The Holding Umbrellas Foundation. Special thanks going out to Pav for letting us put a charity box in his place of business. <https://www.facebook.com/Victoria-Fish-Bar-135476063165562/>

TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

Latest planning application in: [21/1453/CAC](#) Grid Reference: E:331637 N: 264197 Proposal: Change of use of shop to residential, partial removal of single storey extension and parking improvements. Site Address: Townsend House, 24 Hereford Street, Presteigne. To be considered at the August meeting of the Town Council.

...**from the Town Clerk - Presteigne Cemetery:** On 18th August at 5.30pm there will be a short dedication ceremony on site for the new Presteigne Cemetery extension and members of the public are welcome to attend. Please note the Council asks that you continue to observe social distancing and will ask for contact details so that you can be contacted in the event of any infection following the event. These details will be destroyed after 21 days. This will be an outdoor event.

COVID

...**Based on the latest guidance from the JCVI, COVID-19 vaccination is now available for children aged 12-15 who are household contacts of people who are immuno-suppressed.** Please complete the self referral form on the NHS website if you are: - aged 16 or over and a household contact of a severely immunosuppressed person OR - the parent/guardian of a child aged 12 to 15 who is a household contact. People who are immunosuppressed have a weaker immune system. They are more likely to have poorer outcomes if they get infected with

COVID-19. Vaccinating household contacts will help limit the spread of the virus. <https://gov.wales/covid-19-vaccinations-household-contacts-immunosuppressed-people>

...PLUS, all 16 and 17-year-olds in the UK are now to be offered a Covid-19 Pfizer vaccine, with the rollout of doses set to begin in the coming weeks. The JCVI has yet to determine the interval between the administration of a first and second jab for 16 and 17-year-olds, with a decision set to be made in due course as more data is collected and reviewed by the body.

...Not sure what sort of COVID test you need? Got Coronavirus symptoms? Self-isolate now and book a test online or call 119. No symptoms? Use a rapid lateral flow test & get results quickly. Find out more about testing in Powys: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/find/ttp>

...Grants for people in Wales on low pay who are told to self-isolate will rise from £500 to £750 from 7th August. The cash is to support those who cannot work from home, as well as parents and carers with children who have tested positive and are self-isolating. Also from 7th August, fully vaccinated adults will no longer be required to self-isolate after close contact with a positive Covid case. People will be told to isolate by the NHS Wales Test Trace Protect (TTP) service if they have tested positive, have symptoms of coronavirus or are a close contact of someone testing positive and have not been fully vaccinated.

...from the Welsh Government. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE. Thanks to your efforts, we can move to Alert Level 0 from 6am Saturday 7 August: - There will be no limit on the number of people you can meet indoors or outdoors, including in private homes, public places or at events - The few remaining businesses who were still required to be closed, including nightclubs, will be able to reopen - You will no longer legally have to wear masks in hospitality settings where food and drink is being served. But we still encourage you to wear them in those settings where this is practical - If you're fully vaccinated or under 18, you'll no longer need to isolate if you've been in close contact with someone who has coronavirus - You'll still need a test on days 2 and 8. And anyone who tests positive must isolate for 10 days - Businesses, workplaces and places open to the public must take reasonable measures to minimise the risk of coronavirus. They will also have more flexibility to tailor their coronavirus measures based on their risk assessment - this may mean less emphasis on physical distancing.

It is everything you have done, and the hard work of our vaccinators, that means we're able to lift restrictions further and see some normality. But the virus is still with us and some important protections will remain in Wales: - You must isolate immediately and get a test if you have coronavirus symptoms - If you test positive you must isolate for 10 days - You will still have to wear a mask in most indoor public places (including public transport, shops and healthcare settings).

Diolch for respecting the restrictions and for saying YES to the vaccine. You have helped to keep Wales safe. More information here <https://gov.wales/wales-moves-alert-level-zero>

SCAM ALERT

...Covid Vaccination Digital Passport Scam. Action Fraud has received over 700 reports from members of the public about fake emails purporting to be from the NHS. The emails claim to be able to provide people with a "digital passport" that "proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19". These emails are fake, and the links within them lead to genuine-looking websites that steal your personal and financial information. If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, you can report it by forwarding the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages can also be reported by forwarding them to the number: 7726 (it's free of charge).

NEWS FROM THE HIGH STREET & LOCAL BUSINESSES / ORGANISATIONS

...from PSA Football Club. After a lengthy enforced break but with restrictions now lifting the club will be shortly be able to relaunch the lotto. We will no longer be selling the green tickets for multiple weeks of entries. If you are owed entries from old green tickets please contact Sharon Jones secretary@presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk. The launch date and outlets where tickets will be available will be announced shortly. More to follow shortly, thanks for your

support. — with Sharon Jones. Meanwhile, here are all of the pre season fixtures for both teams <http://www.presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk/?p=20988>

...from Presteigne Carnival. Presteigne Scarecrow Competition - entries to be in by 21st August for judging on 26th August. Join in the scarecrow fun! Entry forms can be picked up from Victoria Fish Bar, or send us a message on insta / Facebook. Fun for all ages, let your creativity go wild. Scarecrows to be displayed from 26th August to 4th September.

...from Presteigne Gates. We will be closed for a few days next week Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11th to 13th August. Thanks you all and we will be back to usual hours on Monday 16th August.

...from Lorna's. Will be closed August 11th - 13th, back to normal on the following Monday, Thank you

...from The Warehouse. AUGUST SALE. All our vinyl records are on sale for only 10p each. Many to choose from so come and take a look and get some bargains!

...from Norton Biofuels. Summer Offer on Kiln-dried hardwood. Builders bag (0.8m³) £65 inc vat; Large bag (1m³) £90 inc vat. Delivery available. Message on FB or phone 01544 248188 or 07814 301768. Also wood pellets, animal bedding. Delivered to your door.

...from the Royal Oak. We are finally on the road to some kind of normality tomorrow! Mask will no longer be required and vertical drinking will finally be allowed. Some fellow customers or staff may wish to continue wearing masks and we politely ask everyone to respect other people's choices. You will now be allowed to order and pay at the bar at anytime but we will endeavour to carry on with some kind of table service as it has worked well up and till now. Hand sanitiser stations will be kept dotted around the pub and QR check in will still be displayed if you do wish to continue using it. Thank you all for bearing with us over this last year. We hope this is the start of getting back to the old normal life.

...from Pentre Farm. Have you recently welcomed a new puppy to your family? Are you looking for a informal socialisation class? Take a look at our all new Positive Puppys Classes at Pentre Farm. To book or for more info <https://bookwhen.com/pentre/e/ev-s5e1-20210818183000>

...from No. 46. Hey everyone! So from tomorrow everything will be changing yet again. We would like to go over a few things with you all before that happens -Masks are no longer mandatory, however some people including staff members may choose to continue wearing them. We ask that you respect their decision -We will no longer need to fill out the track and trace forms! (We are just as excited about this as you are!!) However we will still have the NHS QR codes available if you wish to sign in yourself -We are very excited to be able to serve you at the bar again. However we will not be putting the bar stools back and would prefer people not to hang around the bar where possible to keep the bar staff and other customers safe and comfortable -We also ask that you try and keep your distance from other people where possible and try to remember that not everyone is as comfortable with the rules being relaxed as you may be. Other than that we are very excited for things to start getting back to normal!

...from Presteigne Bowls. Great Carruthers Shield result for PBC. Men's team win by 8 after big comeback!! Penyrheol fought hard early on, being 21 shots up at 13 ends but the Tigers fought back to seize a nailbiting win. The Tigers move to the next round of this all-Wales competition against the familiar faces of BSC Landore Bowling Club from Swansea.

...from Mzia. I am looking for keen singers to join my new Georgian polyphonic choir. Reading music is not essential. I am a native Georgian singing/piano teacher of long standing. Rehearsals will be held at my home in Presteigne. Please contact Mzia via email (mziag@hotmail.co.uk) or phone on 07981752405.

...from Amy and Presteigne Rainbows. At 1st Presteigne Rainbows we LOVE to dance especially when we get to make our own costumes to perform in. With glitter, glue and feathers

at the ready, we designed magnificent masks, paper pom poms and shiny-gemmed-shoes, perfect for tippity toe tapping! What's your favourite outfit to dance in? Join us for more fun activities! Whether you try cooking, making or painting, you'll learn and grow with new friends at Rainbows! Sign up now! <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/.../register-your-daughter/>

EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...**from Norton Community Trust** – Only 3 weeks to go till our Norton Community Hub fundraising day – August Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August, 12 noon till 5pm, at Went's Meadow! This is going to be a really good fun day, and entry to the event is **FREE!** So please come along with family or friends (or on your own of course!) to enjoy some fantastic attractions including craft fair, community groups, car boot sale (£5 a pitch for sellers), cake and produce stall, tombola, dog show (16 classes, for dogs of all shapes and sizes, £3 entry per class) vintage cars display, children's nature treasure hunt, takeaway food and drink by Leon, teas and cakes by Chatterbrook WI, bar applied for. It will also be a great opportunity to have a look at the updated project plans for the adaption of the former Norton church building into a Community Hub, ask questions, make comments, meet the steering group and generally discuss the adaption project. For further info contact Chris or Brian [01544 267898](tel:01544267898) or castlebank84@gmail.com Hope to see you there! (This is all of course subject to any new pandemic restrictions, but we have everything crossed!)

...**from MBA. Lazy Sunday with Little Rumba!** 22 August 3pm to 5pm at Went's Meadow and Barn. Bring a picnic and listen to live music... 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. Tickets £10 online from <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/521476> or cash only from The Workhouse Gallery & Cafe. Under 18 year olds free

...**from The Hub New Radnor.** NEW Sunday Summer Opening of the Hub on 15th and 29th August from 11am for coffee, newspapers, pretty garden, bar open. Perfect after a walk up the Whimble. Don't forget the regular Friday PHuB night with food and bar. The Hub is also available to hire for parties, classes, events etc.

...**from Presteigne Festival.** Four members of Perpetuo appear at Presteigne this year – Fenella Humphreys Violin, James Turnbull, Rosalind Ventris - Violist and Cara Bucknall. They also join George Xiaoyuan Fu for the Schumann Piano Quartet. Ensemble concerts on 27 August at St Mary's, Pembridge (11.30am & 2.30pm) - pictured below, with a premiere by Hilary Tann and works by Cecilia McDowall and Hugh Wood, and 30 August at St Andrew's. Presteigne (6pm & 8.30pm) with a premiere by Adrian Sutton. Full details here – <https://bit.ly/3AaFToa>

...**from The Hub, New Radnor.** The Art Group will meet again on 1st September 2-4pm. New members welcome

...**from Presteigne CC. August Fixtures.** 7th HEREFORDIANS - home ; 11th HAY-on-WYE - home (T20 semi final game) ; 14th LEDBURY - home ; 21st CANON FROME - away; 28th Hay-on-WYE - away. Supporters are always welcome

...**from Friends of St. Michael's, Discoed.** We are looking forward to h.Art Herefordshire Art Week which will run at St Michael's Church from Saturday 4 to Sunday 12 September. The church will be open daily from 11 to 5. The participating artists are: Tamsin Abbott, Richard Bavin, Carolyn Blake, Robert Cunning, Kim Davis, Maggie Davis, Kate Kato, Victoria Keeble, Clair Murphy, Shelagh Popham and Zoe Wright <https://www.discoed.org/>

...**from Debs. If you have a classic/vintage car, motor bike, tractor** or any other pride and joy, on Monday 30th August Norton Community Trust are hosting a fund raising event on Went's Meadow in Presteigne and would love to see you there. Entry is free. The fair is open from midday til 5pm to the public so please be there before it's open to public as no traffic is moving on the ground during that time

...from Presteigne Festival. Extremely pleased to be welcoming The Choir of Royal Holloway to the Presteigne Festival this year. They join the Festival Orchestra for a special concert at Hereford Cathedral on 31 August (at 3pm and 7.45pm) which includes two important works by composer-in-residence Cecilia McDowall, together with music by Malcolm Arnold, Mozart and the premiere of a new Oboe Concerto by Matthew Taylor with soloist James Turnbull. Full details of the Presteigne Festival programme and online booking via this link: <https://presteignefestival.com/2021-festival-brochure/>

...from Pentabus Theatre. A Mid Border Arts and The Sidney Nolan Trust event - Pentabus Theatre's Idyll - outdoor performance at the Dutch Barn at The Rodd on Sunday 5th September. Tickets online from <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/522016/> or from Workhouse Gallery (cash only).

...Georgian Polyphonic Singing Workshop. To be held on Sunday 19th September (1500-1630 hours) in Presteigne. Price £7 (tea/coffee provided). Participants will receive recordings and texts of songs in advance. Reading music not required. Limited places so early reservation recommended. Contact Mzia via email (mziag@hotmail.co.uk) or phone on 07981752405.

OTHER INFORMATION

...from The Warehouse. Does anyone know of any organisations who could make use of some odd plates of various sizes. Any animal rescue centres or food kitchens or other suggestions. We have many on our shelves and need space to display other items and would love to help out. Free of charge, just call in to The Warehouse and a member of our team will show you what we have.

...from Mid-Border News. We're starting to put together the autumn issue, which will be distributed at the beginning of September in print and online. Send us your news, events, fundraisers and local info. Deadline is 10th August (**tomorrow!**) so do it now! midbordernews@gmail.com

R.I.P.

...Chris Powell of Stapleton passed away suddenly at home on 22nd July 2021 aged 65 years. Much loved Mum to Simon and Sarah, Grandma to Thomas, Jack and Harry. She will be greatly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, Presteigne on Saturday 21st August at 11.00am followed by burial in Norton Churchyard. Family flowers. Donations to British Heart Foundation. Enquiries Geoff Hall Funerals, Knighton 01547 528554

LOCAL AREA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

...from The Hub, New Radnor. Cleaner required for 2 hours per week on a Saturday or Sunday £12.50ph. Would suit local person

...from Seconds & Co. Insulation. HGV Driver wanted (Class 2) -Looking to start immediately -Monday to Friday -£12 an hour -Must have at least 2 years driving experience -Must be capable of handling and unloading insulation board by hand -Happy to speak to customers face to face and on the phone -Looking for a reliable and hard working individual who wants to get the job done. Please call 01544 260 501 or drop us an email cait@secondsandco.co.uk or even a facebook message

...from Powys CC. Council seeking a member to sit on the Standards Committee. The search is on to find another individual to help Powys County Council maintain the standards of members of the council and local town and community councils. The county council has a Standards Committee with nine members - with four county councillors and five independent or 'lay' members - and is looking for an independent member to join the committee. Read more <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/11461/Council-seeks-member-to-sit-on-Standards-Committee>

...from Pentabus Theatre. We have two jobs now open for an Assistant Director, and a Stage Manager position to support the production of our autumn tour Jacaranda by Lorna

French, a co-production with Theatre by the Lake. Both Deadlines: Thursday 19 August 2021 at 10am. More info here: <https://pentabus.co.uk/home/work-us>

...from Mangar Health. Are you a self-employed delivery driver? Do you live around the Presteigne, Powys area? Are you happy to deliver nationwide? If a yes to all of the above! please give Debbie Jones a call on 01544 262 012 or email djones@mangarhealth.com. We are on the lookout for a driver who'd be happy to work on an ad-hoc basis, delivering our products to customers across the UK. Delivery vehicle supplied.

...from NASA who is looking for applicants to spend a year pretending they are isolated on Mars. The space agency wants people to apply so that it can prepare for eventually sending astronauts to the red planet. Applications opened on Friday for four people to live for a year in [Mars](#) Dune Alpha. The 1,700-square-foot Martian habitat, created by a 3D-printer, is based inside a building at Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas. There will be no windows, and the applicants will consume ready-to-eat space food. The paid volunteers work a simulated Martian exploration mission which includes spacewalks, limited communications back home, restricted food and resources and equipment failures. Apply to www.yourguessisasgoodasmine.com

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