

Community News

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an information service from PAC - the Presteigne Area Community Group

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PAC is running a 3rd Community Groups Fair on Saturday 26th October in the Memorial Hall, open to the public from 10am to 3pm. Hot/cold food and refreshments will be available throughout the day and there will be musical entertainment from Pop Choir and Whitton Voices

All local community groups, clubs, organisations have been invited to take a table to showcase what they do or can provide for residents of Presteigne & Norton and the immediate area. The underlying theme of this year's Fair is the Climate Crisis but groups can use their table to promote their activities or services in whatever way they wish - to provide information and literature, sign up new members, sell things or run a raffle or competition to raise money for their cause - whatever suits them best. Bookings are being taken on a first-come-first-served basis. Tables are free although donations will be welcome to help defray costs. If your group hasn't received an invitation, please contact PAC (Presteigne Area Community Group) on pacdg@icloud.com or 07766 097600 for more information BUT BE QUICK, THERE ARE ONLY A FEW TABLES LEFT !!!

Many thanks to both the PAC Guerrilla Gardeners and the litter-picking team for their efforts to tidy up the centre of the town ahead of the arrival of the Veteran Cars at the weekend. If you're able to spare the occasional hour or so and would like to help in future with keeping our town looking clean and attractive for residents and visitors alike, just text 07766 097600 or email pacdg@icloud.com and we'll put you in touch with Sarah or Tessa.

Didn't we have a brilliant display of Daffodils last year in both Presteigne and Norton?! Can you help with more planting this year in areas that would be brightened up in the Spring? The Town Council has generously bought another large batch of local variety daffodil bulbs and PAC members have been growing primroses and cowslips to add some variety in the verges - but we could use some more helping hands to plant out at the end of the month (hopefully when the weather's improved a bit!). If you can spare a couple of hours, please text 07766 097600 or email pacdg@icloud.com.

TWO GREAT MUSIC EVENTS IN PRESTEIGNE THIS COMING WEEKEND.....

Come and dance to the Best Foot Ceilidh Band in the new Went's Meadow Community Barn on Saturday 19th October - Best Foot is the hottest and newest dance band in the Borders, led by John Hymas. Their line-up features John on fiddle, Dave Luke and Ben Walsh (guitar), David Rothon (bass) and Richie Lund (drums). The band will be joined by caller extraordinaire Kevin Davidson. The band's tunes and the verve and enthusiasm when they perform will make for a FANTASTIC night of dancing. The evening also celebrates Presteigne's apple orchards with the bar serving mulled local cider, spiced apple juice and sticky toffee apples! Went's Meadow Barn 7pm. Family event: Tickets £8 (16s and under free) from The Workhouse (cash only) and www.wegotickets.com

The joyous Presteigne Pop Choir, under the direction of John Hymas, present an afternoon of hits from the 60s to the present day, plus tea and cakes, on Sunday 20th October. Presteigne Assembly Rooms 3pm. Free entry/donations invited.

Friday, 18th October - Presteigne Screen presents "Free Solo". USA - 2018 - 100 mins - Rated 12A. If you've ever wondered how differently you'd react to watching an unprotected 3000ft vertical rock climb – without ropes or safety net – as opposed to, say, Tom Cruise or Sylvester Stallone pulling off the same stunt when you know every safety device is right there just out of shot, then welcome to a documentary that shows just how terrifying the real thing actually is. In 2017, amazing free climber Alex Honnold took on the El Capitan rock face in Yosemite where a single slip would have been terminal. Preparations were exhaustive, and trial attempts with ropes – which did save him when he slipped – preceded this toe-curling, unique, death-or-glory assault. Mesmerising! Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Film starts 8:00pm. Tickets £5 at door, or buy ahead online at WeGotTickets.

Saturday 19th October - Presteigne REPAIR & Skill Share, 10.30am to 12.30 in the Youth Centre (Old School) on Hereford Street. Presteigne Repair & Skill Share exists to stop usable stuff from going to landfill. Bring along a broken item, get it fixed (free!) and learn new skills - for free! Help reduce landfill, share skills, and save people money. If you have small household items that need fixing bring them along, stay and watch to see how it's done and, if you are good at mending things, come & help out. We can mend small household items such as toasters, hairdryers, vacuum cleaners, do sewing, patching & mending of clothes, and repair broken ornaments, toys & small furniture - chairs, tables, lamps.

Coincidentally, International Repair Day falls on the same Saturday, 19th of October, which is also in the week celebrating the 10th anniversary of the first Repair Café...and the second session of Presteigne Repair & Skill Share!! This year's event will focus on the need to repair for the climate and for the future. Save the date and start considering how you might participate in International Repair Day 2019. If you already have plans to celebrate the day, please [add your event to the global map](#). We want to make repair as visible as possible. This day highlights the value of repair and promotes global community efforts to fix the stuff we own. There are [many things you can do to celebrate](#) International Repair Day: from attempting to fix something yourself to dropping by a local Repair Café and get your devices back to life. We want everyone to take pride in fixing their things, and to motivate fixers – enthusiasts and professionals – to share their repair skills and get others involved.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

....don't miss PRESTEIGNE FIREWORKS on 2nd November hosted once again by Sheep Music. This year's theme will be linked to the 50th anniversary of the first man on the moon. The parade will leave the Recycling Centre at 6.15 pm with fireworks at Went's Meadow at 6.45 pm. The evening runs from 6pm to 11pm and will include another of Pete Smith and team's fantastic fireworks displays, the customary awesome fire sculpture built by Owen Rimington and his helpers, followed by live music and dancing to the wonderful Fight the Bear. A licensed bar and tea & cakes stall will be available, together with hot food from Weobley Ash and a fish & chips trailer. As always with a Sheep Music production, the event is very much rooted in the community and we hope will offer something for everyone, young and old alike.

We are dependent on local voluntary support for gate stewards and general stewards. If you would be interested in supporting the event as a steward (a 2.5 hour shift in return for free admittance - shifts will be 6-8:30pm and 8:30-11pm.) please email info@sheep-music.co.uk with a simple 'Yes' by Friday 18th October. We will reply by the following Monday to confirm your shift.

....Presteigne Community Apple Juicing, Sunday October 27th (11am-4pm): it's juicing season again, time to pick the apples on Went's Meadow's community orchard or bring your own. Please bring along washed fruit and clean containers ready for filling and get stuck in! Venue: the garden of The Coach House, Church Street, Presteigne (organised by Presteigne Plenty in association with PAC)

Many thanks to everyone who responded to the Norton community survey during the summer. As a result we have over 100 a new members of the Norton Community Trust and lots of imaginative ideas for how the adapted Norton church building could be used. We're really pleased to have received an extremely positive and encouraging endorsement of the plans by the local community. The proposed plans are still on display in the Norton church porch for anyone who'd like to have a look, and if you want to know more please contact John Refausse on jrefausse@ayhoo.com, [01544 267048](tel:01544267048).

BEWARE CURRENT PHISHING SCAMS ON EMAIL AND BY PHONE.....

We're all being besieged by constant phishing emails and phone calls promising TV Licence refunds, HMRC Tax refunds, or asking you to submit a quotation for work or a project you've never heard of...and all encouraging you to click on a link in the email, or to press button x on your telephone !

They're all scams of course so please don't be tempted to click or press to find out more. Just delete or put the phone down (swear if you wish!!!!) ... for what it's worth you could forward suspicious emails to phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk or NFIBPhishing@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk

DID YOU KNOW ?

....All bus passes need to be renewed before the 31st of December; this is because the responsibility for issuing them is passing from PCC to Transport for Wales. You can apply online and no longer need to supply supporting documentation if you are applying on grounds of age. All you will need is your National Insurance Number, and the number on your existing bus pass if you have one. If you are renewing an existing bus pass, you will be able to use the current photo on it; if you are applying for a new one, you'll need to upload a photo with a plain background, one taken with a phone is fine. The form is very simple and should not take longer than 10 minutes to complete; it is also possible to fill it out on behalf of someone else.

The form is available online here: www.tfw.wales/travelcards. If you need help or would like a paper form, you can phone TFW on [0300 303 4240](tel:03003034240). Please note we no longer have paper forms at the library, you will need to deal direct with TFW, and they DO NOT recommend using them. We will be hosting a Drop-In Session to help with bus passes at the library on the 12th of November from 2 until 4.30pm.

....Thinking about sewing wildflower seeds in your garden?...a message from Maggie...you can get all sorts of wild flower seed packages from <https://www.kissmygrass.co.uk/products/2/Wildflower-Seeds/61/Wildflower-Seed-Mixture-100/>. I've used them to great effect - not the right mix of flowers for the area unfortunately, but a photogenic scene and lots of passers-by took advantage of it. See this old Google street view <https://www.google.com/maps/@52.2763786,-3.0620733,3a,88.5y,65.19h,81.05t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sAbzxTLP5JVxKpeIWMsOVgg!2e0!7i13312!8i6656>

....Paula is offering RRR Massaging services in Presteigne Barbers on Mondays and Tuesdays (appointments only) in addition to her home visits. Call Paula on 01544 260485 or 07966 571020 to book.

....Daphne's is now offering a take-away pizza menu. Call in for details. Order and collect inside.

....Presteigne Barbers in Radnor Buildings is now open Wednesday 9.30-6pm (appointments 6-7pm 07977 000741), Friday 9.30-7pm, Saturday 9.30-1pm. Ian offers clipper and scissor cuts, beard trims and hot towel shaves.

East Radnor Ramblers Weekday Walks - all walks start at 10am unless stated otherwise

Wednesday 23 October	Bodbury Ring, Jonathan's Hollow, Pole Bank, Yearlet	8.8 miles Strenuous	Exp 217 SO 445944 Cardingmill Valley Car Park (charge)	Anne 07815 522323 Jacky 07974 602969
Wednesday 30 October	Lingen, Kinsham circular	8.6 miles Moderate	Exp 201 SO 364673 Lingen Village Hall Car Park	Sheila 01568 610157 07929 928162

The library book club this month is on the 30th of October at 4.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come and chat about ghost stories with us, and bring a favourite to discuss!

The DOLAU MIXTURES CHOIR is looking forward to the autumn and early winter months with a number of concerts planned, including Beulah Festival, New Radnor and Llanyre Churches and Croft Castle. The Dolau Mixture is a mixed choir and rehearsals are held at Dolau Community Hall on Tuesday evenings. If you would like to join us, then do come along. The Choir is always pleased to join in and support fund raising events or produce a concert for you - just telephone our secretary (01597 851427 or email: dolaumixtures@btinternet.com) who will be happy to help. Marilyn Thomas

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 17th October - "The Magic Carpet" a BBC-commissioned film by Barrie Gavin about the influence of the East on European music, with Simon Rattle. New Radnor Hub. Information 01544 350559

Friday 18th October - Presteigne Screen "Free Solo" (see above)

Saturday 19th October - a Barn Dance with Best Foot Ceilidh Band (see item above)

Saturday 19th October - St. Andrew's Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, Presteigne. 10.30am to around 12.30pm. Volunteers are grateful for gifts of cakes, also items in good condition for the raffle, or to be sold. Come and enjoy a hot drink and a cake - and friendly company !

Saturday 18th October - Presteigne Repair & Skill Share (see above)

Sunday 20th October - Presteigne Pop Choir present an afternoon of hits from the 60s to the present day (see item above)

Sunday 20th October - "Caravan of Sound". A film by Barrie Gavin - a spectacular journey across Egypt capturing the sights and sounds of this deeply human and welcoming civilisation. New Radnor Hub. Information 01544 350559

Wednesday 30th October - Library Book Club (see above)

Sunday 27th October - Community Apple Juicing (see item above)

Thursday 31st October - Halloween Inspired Dinner at New Radnor Hub. Avoid the tricksters and come for a treat of an Autumnal Feast. 7.30pm Reservations Ruth Watson 01544 350559

Saturday 26th October - 3rd Community Groups Fair, Memorial Hall 10am - 3pm (see item above)

Wednesday 30th October - Library Book Club (see above)

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 - simply email pacdg@icloud.com.

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - email text (not poster images please) at least 3 weeks in advance to pacdg@icloud.com.

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