

Community News

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an information service from PAC - the Presteigne Area Community Group

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During this period of awful weather, if you need to check where there's flooding and if a particular route is passable, see this very useful Facebook group - Local Flood Watch at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1435798823324160/> ...please read the posts on the page before asking if a route is accessible...and remember, don't take unnecessary risks!

A second drinks carton recycling bin has been ordered for the Bring Site. Apologies to everyone who has found the bin crammed full over the last couple of weeks. It will be emptied monthly by the recycling company's contractor but, for some reason, we were missed off the last collection round - hands have been gently smacked ! However it's become obvious that more capacity is needed anyway, so ACE were asked to provide a second bin, and this is now in place at the Bring Site. This is a great facility and once again Presteigne is taking a lead in expanding its recycling. It's brilliant that so many people are using it - please spread the word to friends and neighbours.

Town Council Press Release on Presteigne Library.... *"The Town Council continues to work towards maintaining the current opening hours and services at Presteigne Library, stressing to the County Council the need for budget cuts to be applied equitably across Powys libraries and resisting the possible closure of our branch library. It has also started a campaign to ask Welsh Government to remove business rating from library premises and this was recently taken forward by the body representing Town and Community Councils, One Voice Wales, which will now lobby Welsh Government for the change to be made. If successful this will provide sizeable savings on the budget for Presteigne Branch Library and help ensure its future.*

The Town Council would like to encourage all residents to use the library - join so you can borrow books, download free e-books and e-magazines and free audio books. The better the usage and visitor figures, the stronger the library position in the future. Latest book titles can be ordered in the branch, or online, and collected at the Branch when available, and there is access to public computers and printing facilities too."

Tracey Price, Town Clerk

EAST RADNOR RAMBLERS WALKS

SUNDAY 17th	Hafren Forest, Severn Way to Source of the Severn and return on Wye Valley Walk	Moderate 9 miles with 7.5 mile option	Car share Rhayader cattle market SN970681 at 9.10am. Start at Hafren Forest CP SN 857869 at 10.00am	Peter 01597 822512
#23rd	Brilley, Cwmmau, Brilley Mountain	Moderate 9 miles	Car share Llanbadarn church layby at SO087643 9.15am. Start at Brilley Village Hall Car Park (fee appreciated) Exp 201 SO 263497 at 10.00am	Wendy 01568 612556
30th	follow the Afon Bidno to Fuches and return by Bwlch-y Groes	Moderate 8-9 miles	Car share Rhayader cattle market SN970681 at 9.30am. Start at layby at SN894803 at 10.00am	Chris J 01591

Correction on date for York Waites at MINR in last issue. The concert will be on Saturday 14th December (not 16th) - apologies!

A message from the Presteigne & Marches Investment Clubs for potential new Green and Ethical Investors.... "Following on from various discussions and, in particular, the PAC Community Groups Fair a week last Saturday, we'll be holding the first meeting of PREGRETHIC - Presteigne's Green and Ethical Investment Club - on Tuesday, 19th November, at 7.30, in the left hand bar at the Farmers Arms in Presteigne. This meeting is not intended to do anything other than to have a general discussion about the formation of Presteigne's third, but only Grethical, Investment Club. Membership is, by law, limited to twenty. We have - in Presteigne - considerable experience of initiating, forming and running investment clubs, but no experience about investing in green and ethical shares. It will be for you, the potential members, to decide how we want to invest our money. Although there is nothing set in stone, it is likely that each member will invest equally in the Club, at around £25 to £30 per month. Each member will be permitted to make suggestions for buying and selling shares and all will have equal voting rights. Your investment, of course, remains your own money subject to the profits and losses of our portfolio. We'll need a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. We'll probably meet once a month in a local pub but, as with all aspects of the Club, it is up to you - the potential members - to decide how you want to proceed. Presteigne and Marches Investment Clubs host two or three joint social events per year and that, also, is something for you to consider. We're limited to twenty members. Attendance at the inaugural meeting does not commit you to joining PREGRETHIC - only to finding out more and, maybe, making suggestions of your own. Any questions, please ask - call Jonathan on 01544 262712".

An appeal from our Food Bank (working together to help the hungry and those in crisis in Knighton and East Radnor) about Christmas Food Baskets....

We have a fabulous selection of food thanks to the wonderful donations from Harvest Festival BUT we would love to receive the following Christmas Treats by Tuesday 17th December please:

Christmas Cake - family and single size

Christmas Pudding - family and single size

Christmas Biscuits

Sweets and chocolates - tins and boxes

Selection boxes and Christmas Stockings for children

Small gifts for adults, teenagers and younger children – unwrapped please Christmas wrapping paper and Christmas cards

We also need the following BASICS:

Toilet Rolls & Washing Up Liquid & Laundry Powder/Liquid

Shampoo & Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

A cash donation will enable us to purchase fresh milk, bread, cheese and eggs & to buy fresh vegetable/fruit vouchers to include with individual food parcels. We cannot distribute fresh/frozen Christmas Turkeys.

Please note we can only accept food items that are well within their use-by date.

Contact the Manager: HELEN ANDERSON on 07731 524 058 or email: helen@knightonfoodbank.co.uk - see website www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk for more information.

SUPPORT YOUR FAVOURITE CHARITIES AT NO COST TO YOU! There are at least two ways to do this:

Give As You Live (<https://www.giveasyoulive.com>) donates to a charity of your choice when you shop on line.

Many on line retailers are available to use, and all you have to do is register with GAYL. You can even download a reminder that sits on your computer and tells you to go via their link to generate the donation. We have used this for some years and have found no snags.

Gift Aid - many charities, including St Michael's Hospice, use this system. It enables the charity to reclaim your income tax on money or goods donated to them. You must be an income tax payer in UK and then just complete

a very simple form at every charity where you donate. This adds 25% to the value of your gift and allows you to choose where it goes rather than leaving it up to HMG! What's not to like? *(thanks to Chris Banks for this item)*

BONFIRE NIGHT - a message from a resident .. *"fi reworks are not everybody's thing (particularly some pet owners) but we must all take our soggy rain hats off to everyone involved with Sheep Music who, despite the awful weather, put on a brilliant bonfire & fi reworks night on Went's Meadow on Saturday (it almost made up for the disappointment over England's defeat in the rugby !!!). Respect and thank you to all involved, from the designers and builders of the wonderful rocket, to the fi rework crew, the volunteer marshals and stewards, bar staff, caterers, clean up crew, and anyone else who helped to make this happen - and to all us Presteigne families who braved the incessant rain to support and enjoy the evening. What a great advertisement for Presteigne !!!!"*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

...Children's Story Time starts Friday 6th December ! New story times at the Library for pre-school aged children - come along for stories and rhyme time fun! First Friday of the month 10.30am, beginning on the 6th of December with a special Christmas story time. Free of charge, all welcome.

...Presteigne's Christmas Fair will be back, bigger and better than ever, on Friday 13th December starting 3.30 running through to 7pm (finishing in time for the Panto!). More information in the next issue.

...this year's Presteigne Panto will be "Hercule Poirot and the Reservoir Dog Walkers" and will run from Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th December in The Memorial Hall. More information in the next issue.

...General Election polling day on Thursday 12th December (because this clashes with the opening evening of the Panto in the Memorial Hall, we're told that the Polling Station for this election will be in the Royal British Legion Social Club - but see your voting card for details).

LOCAL EVENTS IN THE 2ND HALF OF NOVEMBER

Sunday 17th November - Extinction Rebellion meeting in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Presteigne.

4pm. A meeting to reflect on the October XR action in London - whether you were there or not, come and share your thoughts. For more info contact knightonxr@gn.apc.org

Monday 18th November - SHed Christmas Fair 10am to 1pm. Youth Centre (Old School). Xmas decorations, cards, crafts, gifts, bric-a-brac, drinks, snacks and cakes. £5 a table, contact Sam 07807 562682 or via the SHed (Signing Home Education Group) Facebook page.

Tuesday 19th November - Adult Colouring for Mindfulness at the Library. 2 to 4.30pm. Join us for a stress free session of quiet colouring to ease stress and encourage mindfulness, as a part of Self-Care Week. All materials free!

Tuesday 19th November - inaugural meeting of PREGRETHIC investors (see item above)

Wednesday 20th November - Music @ The Dukes. Simon Deeley's Blue Haze perform tracks from their new CD "Afan's Dance". 8pm. Tickets £5 on the door or book on 07890 303681 or 01544 267318

Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd November - Artists and Makers Fair in Presteigne. Delightful gifts for Christmas, promoting the use of natural materials, genuine craftsmanship and individuality: salt glazed ceramics, cards, pure wool knitwear, engraved stones, silver jewellery, handmade natural soaps and wooden furniture. Presteigne Assembly Rooms 10am - 3pm Free admission

Friday 22nd November - "Terror on the Tracks" at the Judge's Lodging. We are so excited to be welcoming the acclaimed 'Don't Go Into the Cellar' theatre company to our building once more, with a selection of tales of 'terror on the tracks'. Journey back to the days of steam, where untold menace could be found lurking in the tunnels, set to leap out of the darkness to ensnare the unwary! An original stage adaptation of Charles Dickens' "The Signal-Man" and other tales of menace and melodrama are on offer to those brave enough to join us, all by the atmospheric flicker of gaslight, oil and candle - you get to see our huge Christmas tree too & sample some

festive light refreshments, so it really is a great night out! £12. For details and to book, see our website http://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/events/terror_on_the_tracks/, email info@judgeslodging.co.uk, call 01544 260650

Saturday 23rd November - Christmas Craft Fair at St. Andrew's Community Hub in Norton. 10am to 4pm. Beautiful gift ideas. Quilt Display. Free admission.

Sunday 24th November - "Barry Lyndon" a classic film directed by Stanley Kubrick. Misunderstood at the time of its release, it was once hard to find a review wholeheartedly in praise of Barry Lyndon. Over time it has become a much-heralded classic, with many critics claiming it as their favourite Kubrick film. Barry Lyndon was one of the first films edited by Tony Lawson. He will introduce it and discuss the filming with Alex Dufort. Bar/snacks available. Assembly Rooms 6.30pm. £10 The Workhouse (cash only) & online from wegottickets.com

Friday 29th November - PNCS Xmas Fayre at the Memorial Hall. Our Christmas Fayre starts at 3.30pm till 6.30pm. We are now full and have an excellent selection of stalls. The Prize Draw is now displayed in our office window in the High Street where tickets can be purchased - they will also be on sale at the Fayre itself. Mince pies, mulled wine, tea coffee etc will be available. All welcome !!!

Friday 29th November - Wine Tasting Evening at Arkwright Village Hall. 7pm. £5 bookable or on the door. Proceeds in aid of Kinsham Church. For info and to book tickets call Sarah 01544 267261

Friday 29th November - Presteigne Screen presents "Woman at War" Iceland 2019 101 mins 12. An anonymous Icelandic eco-warrior wages a one-woman war against the local aluminium industry & massive Chinese investment. A witty film with a delightful black comic touch. 8pm. The Assembly Rooms.

Saturday 30 November to Sunday 8 December - The Small Picture Show. 11:00 to 17:00 daily at St Michael's Church, Discoed. Artists: Alan Harrold, Helena Watt, Susie Cawley, Katie Sims, Nick Bush, Maggie Jones, Denise Fordyce, Helen Cass, Steve Cass, Jill Holliday, Jane Hickman, Daniel MacCarthy, Lottie O'Leary, stone carver, Eleanor Lakelin, worker in wood

Saturday 30th November - Presteigne Papercrafts Christmas decoration workshop. Lovely Christmas event at the Assembly Rooms. A workshop aimed at adults or anyone really interested in learning about papercrafts. The main activity will be making a Froebel Star and other Christmas decorations using a variety of papers. It will run from 10 am until 1 pm in the Meeting Room at the Assembly Rooms. Tea and homemade cake provided. The 3-hour workshop will cost £12 to help cover the room hire and all supplies and refreshments. Contact details for booking your place: Liam Newman - liam@indetail.org 01544 262 864

EARLY DECEMBER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY- more info in next issue

Sunday 1st December - Music & Merriment at The Rhodd. 3pm. Join us for music by Mandra, seasonal food, fires and festive merriment at Rhodd Court, £5 entry includes refreshments.

Sunday 1st December - EG Fitness & Dance's Christmas Showcase. The Memorial Hall starting 4pm. Come and support the cast as they sing and dance. Adults £6 (under-16s free).

Sunday 1st December - A Talk by Peter Wright: "Half a Century in Motorsport". In a career spanning half a century in motorsport, engineer Peter Wright worked for 25 years at BRM and Lotus, trying to make Formula 1 cars faster. Assembly Rooms 3pm. £6 The Workhouse (cash only) and online from wegottickets.com.

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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