

# Community News

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an information service from the Presteigne Area  
Community Development Group PACDG

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](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com)** – or collar one of the Steering Committee in the street and tell us what's on your mind. You can also leave a written message at the Library for us – remember to include your name and a contact telephone number !

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) – email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com)

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Thank you so much to everyone who visited, and took part in the recent PACDG Community Groups Fair and helped give the day such a communal buzz - with over 70 clubs, groups, societies, organisations, volunteer and support services crammed into the Memorial Hall, who knew our lovely town had so much going on and so much to offer ! Thank you also to the local musicians - Simon Deeley, Tony Lancett, George Kirkpatrick & Richard Beasley, and Sue Harris with Bandamania and Whitton Voices - who generously donated their time to entertain us during the Fair, and to Jean for running the Café.

**AND THERE ARE SEVERAL MORE BIG COMMUNITY EVENTS COMING UP IN DECEMBER.....**

### **ARTISTS & MAKERS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA** from 1st to 3rd December

This year's Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair in The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne, will be brimming with wonderful gifts - paintings, prints, pottery, books & cards, furniture, jewellery, hand-made soaps, scarves, knitwear, locally-grown Christmas trees, and edible treats - all from local artists and makers.

Thursday 1st December - Evening Preview from 4.30 to 8pm

Friday 2nd December from 12noon to 8pm

- 5 to 6pm Carol Singing with Marion Rowlatt and the Gather Round Choir

- 6.30pm Dr. Rhiannon Hooson reading excerpts from her new book "The Other City"

Saturday 3rd December from 10am to 3pm

Enquiries - contact Rosamund on 01544 260 777

**PRESTEIGNE CHRISTMAS STREET FAYRE.....** this much loved annual event will take place this year between 4 and 7pm on Friday the 9th December - so we hope for good weather ! A lot of the old favourites will be there plus some exciting new additions.

The Fayre will start at 4pm in the High Street - Jack the Jester and other street entertainers, street market with food and trade stalls, Santa's Grotto, and much more. The Fayre finishes with Santa's procession to the Lugg Bridge, at 6.45pm. A full list of what is happening will be published soon on the town website [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk)

**PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET** on Saturday 10th December from 9am to 1pm in the Memorial Hall. Our ever growing Market now has twenty two stalls which between them have a wonderful range of artisan produce from this area. Please come and see what there is to tempt you. After all you might have bought most of your Christmas presents by the above date, in which case you will deserve a treat. The range will include – delicious and very popular homemade pies – handmade chocolates – Herefordshire cheeses – smoked meats, pickles and jams – shampoo, natural face and hand creams – lamb, hogget, mutton and apple juice – sourdough breads and savouries – goat milk and meat – pork – Presteigne honey and beeswax produce – Indian snacks and curries – patisserie and tarts – herb plants and goat milk soaps – wholefoods – homemade cakes – organic fruit and veg – Pukka teas and Silvan Massage.

Have you ordered your Christmas turkey yet? If not why not order a local one at the Market from 'Out and About Poultry' of Lingen. The turkeys are both reared and processed on the farm.

And not forgetting your Christmas tree - local trees from Broadaxe Farm will also be available to buy.

If by then you are needing a rest, just come to the Community Cafe where you can meet and relax with friends and enjoy a cup of Fairtrade coffee or tea and, of course, homemade cake!

**POP-UP MUSEUM AND TALK** from 9th to 11th December in The Assembly Rooms.

"From Cottage Industry to Mill - the rise and decline of the Welsh Textile Industry", charting the development of Welsh Textiles from Cottage Industry to Mill. Exhibits and Demonstrations showing the process from Fleece to Yarn, and from Yarn to Garment, Quilt and Blanket.

With a selection of Antique and Modern Blankets, Yarn and Quilts for sale.

POP-UP MUSEUM - Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December, 10.30am to 4pm, Sunday 10.30am to 2pm. Admittance free

TALK - Sunday 11th December at 3pm. Talk on Welsh Textiles by Rosamund Black charting the progress of Welsh Textiles from the medieval homestead clothing family and farm, to the 17th and 18th century cottage industries supplying the towns and cities of England, France and America, on to the commercial success of the 19th and early 20th century. Entry £5

All Enquiries to Rosamund 01544 260777

### **PRESTEIGNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Slightly belated congratulations to Adam Faulkner and Sophie Cook who have now been confirmed as Head Teacher and Assistant Head respectively of our Primary School.

**A MESSAGE FROM TERESA ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS STREET FAYRE TOMBOLA** on 9th December. This is a plea for donations of tombola prizes. We are looking for anything from bottles, chocolates, smellies, knick-knacks, toys, anything big or small that would make a good prize on the Tombola table. Maybe there is an unused Christmas present from last year, sitting at the back of a cupboard that would make a nice prize. I have arranged with Leon, at the Salty Dog, for any donations to be left with him in the High Street or I am happy to collect prizes from anyone if they would like to give me a ring on 01544 260612. All money raised on the Tombola goes to Chamber of Trade funds to help with events. Ideally I would like to have the prizes collected a week before the event in order to number everything up.

### **PRESTEIGNE CARNIVAL NEEDS YOU....AND YOU.....AND YOU !**

Do you enjoy Carnival Day ? Would you like to be part of this great annual community event ? We are a friendly group of carnivaleers but do need new volunteers to ensure the Carnival can go ahead in 2017, to bring new ideas, and help make it even bigger and better. Whatever your skills, we can use you ! Please come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 6th December at 7pm in The Royal Oak - good company and good beer ! Otherwise contact us by email [presteigne.carnival1@gmail.com](mailto:presteigne.carnival1@gmail.com), via our Facebook page, or ring Debbie on 01544 267 044.

### **73 YEARS OF SEQUENCE DANCING IN PRESTEIGNE !**

Feed your Strictly spirit at Frank and Pauline's sequence dancing classes in the Memorial Hall on Thursdays from 8 to 10pm. Just a few sessions left before the Christmas break but you can always book for next year - contact 01544 267 370

### **CHRISTMAS CHORAL WORKSHOP**

On Sunday 11th December, Marion Rowlatt will be running a workshop in St Andrew's Church on "The Manchester Carols" a retelling of the Christmas story by Sasha Johnson Manning and the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, followed by a public performance (see Events notice). Jeremy Fisher will be accompanying on the piano. Workshop from 2 to 5pm. £10 to sing. To book your place, contact Marion on 01544 260 466

and, not actually in Presteigne but involving lots of Presteigne people, and just too good to miss.....this Saturday 26th November - **the KCS WINTER CONCERT is BACH'S "CHRISTMAS ORATORIO"** Parts 1/4/5/6 with the Marches Baroque Orchestra and soloists from the world-renowned The Sixteen (!). 7.30pm St Mary's, Kington. £10 earlybird tickets from Courtyard Antiques if you're quick (under-18s FREE) or order online at [www.kingtonchoral.org.uk](http://www.kingtonchoral.org.uk). £12 on the door.

### **AND LOTS OF LOCAL EVENTS TO GET YOUR TEETH INTO OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS....LIVELY PLACE, PRESTEIGNE !**

**Thursday 1st December** - Presteigne Cricket Club's Xmas Bingo at the Royal British Legion Club. Eyes down 8pm. Bottles/hampers/vouchers/£50 House

**Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd December** - Arts & Crafts Christmas Fair in The Assembly Rooms (see above for details)

**Saturday 3rd December** - Local Food Market and Community Cafe. 9am-1pm Memorial Hall

**Saturday 3rd December** - Xmas Coffee Morning at Prestmede, from 10.30am. Cake, bric-a-brac and bottle stalls. Proceeds to the Residents Fund. Enjoy a chat with friends a cuppa and a biscuit.

**Saturday 3rd December** - Presteigne Screen film "Rams", 8pm at The Assembly Rooms, see [www.presteignescreen.org.uk](http://www.presteignescreen.org.uk) for details. £4.50 (£3 students)

**Saturday 3rd December** - the last of Presteigne Bowling Clubs Giant Xmas 2016 Cash & Prize Bingo evenings at the Memorial Hall. All welcome, doors open 6.30pm for 7.45 eyes down, full bar.

**Sunday 4th December** - "The Long Road to Bethlehem" a dramatised reading of the Nativity by Edward Storey and the St Michael's Players. 3.30pm at St Michael's Discoed. Free entry with retiring collection in aid of the East Radnor Day Centre.

**Wednesday 7th December** - Presteigne Young Farmers Christmas Quiz at the Memorial Hall, 6.30pm for 7pm start. Up to 4 in a team. £2 pp. Great prizes and raffle. Bar and refreshments available.

**Friday 9th December** - Presteigne Christmas Street Fayre 4 to 7pm (see more above)

**Friday 9th December** - Book Club. 2pm Presteigne Library, all welcome. This month - Kate Adie "The Kindness of Strangers"

**Friday 9th December** - Baptist Church Christmas Concert "The Bells Ring Out" featuring the Clock Tower Bell Ringers. 6.30pm. All welcome. Free entry with retiring collection

**Saturday 10th December** - Local Food Market & Community Café, 9am to 1pm at the Memorial Hall (see more above)

**Sunday 11th December** - "The Manchester Carols" concert with Jeremy Fisher on piano, at St Andrews, 6.30pm. Entry £10 on the door (£5 students). Ring Marion 01544 260 466 (see information for Workshop above)

**Monday 12th December** - Poetry @ The Rad with Adam Horovitz and Liz Lefroy. Upstairs Sitting Room, Radnorshire Arms, 7.30pm. £5 (£2 students) 01544 267 418

**Wednesday 14th December** - Christmas Quiz Night at the Bowls Club. 7.30pm for 8pm start, Presteigne Bowls Social Club. All welcome. Teams of up to 4. £2pp. Prizes & Win Big on Backwards Bingo. Book on 07766 097600 or [presteignedogman@icloud.com](mailto:presteignedogman@icloud.com)

**Wednesday 14th December** - Floral Arts Society Workshop with Sue Hamer, 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Visitors welcome £5 or join P&BFAS and attend meetings free.

**Friday 16th December** - Presteigne Football Club Christmas Party with 'Soul Supply' from 7pm at the Clubhouse. £10 incl. nibbles. Contact Heidi on 07967 586556 or Karl on 07920 837937 for more information

**Friday 16th December** - Presteigne Screen film "Eye in the Sky" starring Helen Mirren. 8pm at The Assembly Rooms £4.50 (£3 students)

And put a note in your diary for **Tuesday 20th December** for the Whitton Voices Christmas Concert at St Michael's Discoed, with Bandamania and special guests Benji and George Kirkpatrick - and lots of fun and good cheer. More details in the next issue of Community News.

*Feel free to pass this on to friends in the area and ask them to let us know their email address so we can add them to the distribution. If you can help spread the word and publicise this on Facebook/Twitter as well that would be brilliant !*

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