

Community News

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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 – **simply email 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

FIRST, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2017 !

THANK YOU.... to all the PACDG, and all the other active volunteers and organisations, who are helping to make our community a better, more attractive and caring place to live. We'll try and keep you posted over the course of next year on all the different initiatives and plans from the various PACDG-supported groups concerned with guerrilla gardening and daffodils, children's playground, community energy, dementia support, tidy town, tourism and housing initiatives. **THANK YOU** also to everyone involved in organising, manning and supporting a most successful Christmas Street Fayre and Arts & Crafts Fair this December - the High Street was really busy - and a special **THANK YOU** to the movers and shakers, cast and crew of this year's Presteigne Panto who brought so much laughter over three packed evenings in the Memorial Hall. I'll have a different picture in mind when I next see Ian Marchant in the street !!

PRESTEIGNE LIBRARY NEWS.... the Library will close at 1pm on Friday 23rd December and re-open at 10am on Tuesday 3rd January.

There's a new service now on offer - I saw from a note on the Library window that we can now borrow and download free e-Books using their Borrowbox app. Interesting !

Meanwhile the threat to our Library has not gone away - so if you value the Library service, do please help by signing up as a Friend of the Library - Margaret, Rhiannon and Hilary can give you information on what's involved and a form to become a Friend.

THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING ON AN ALLOTMENT IN 2017 ?.... allotments are becoming available at the Went's Meadow site which provides fertile soil, pumped water supplies, easy access and car-parking. You can put your name on a short Waiting List by emailing the Town Clerk at pntc@hotmail.com or you can pick up a form at the Library.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOCAL ATHLETE.... the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) has today announced 34 athletes who have been selected for the UK Sport National Lottery funding and amongst them is local rider Francesca Reid-Warrilow from Dolley Green who is part of the 2016-2018 World Class Podium Potential Eventing squad. Well done Francesca !

MENS SHED NEWS.... there isn't a Mens Shed (yet !) in Presteigne but the Knighton Mens Shed is now up and running and well-established and new members from the Presteigne and Norton area will be made very welcome. The Shed members are able to undertake many jobs such as sharpening axes, blades and other tool repairs. They also make great bat and bird-boxes and feeders, as well as garden furniture - in fact they're well tooled up to make a variety of wooden-based items. Why not have something hand-made for that someone special? The Knightoneers Mens Shed is open from 10am to 2pm on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Teme Yard, Knighton which is on the rhs after the Tyre place and before the Railway Station.

Contact John for more information about the Mens Shed on 01544 232750.

WARNING FROM THE POLICE ON A BANK SCAM.... Lloyds customers should be on the lookout for a new sophisticated fraud that involves fraudsters sending fake bank letters. The convincing letters being sent are a replica template from Lloyds and include their logo, address and signature from a customer service representative.

The letter tells recipients that there have been some "unusual transactions" on their personal account and asks them to call a number highlighted in bold to confirm they are genuine. When victims call the number, an automated welcome message is played and the caller is asked to enter their card number, account number and sort code followed by their date of birth. Victims are then instructed to enter the first and last digit of their security number.

The fraud was spotted by the Daily Telegraph who was alerted to it by a reader who had three identical letters sent to an office address. On separate occasions the Daily Telegraph ran some tests using fake details and were passed to fraudsters who claimed to be from a Lloyds contact centre.

The bank has confirmed that the phone number and letters are fake. The letters are essentially a sophisticated phishing attempt, and this serves as a warning to consumers to question written correspondence from their banks.

If you are ever suspicious about correspondence from your bank you should call the Customer Service number on the back of our card. To report a fraud and cyber crime, call us on 0300 123 2040 or visit http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud

LOCAL EVENTS OVER THE festive period....

TONIGHT Tuesday 20th December - Whitton Voices Christmas Concert at Discoed Church is COMPLETELY SOLD OUT.

But, if you haven't a ticket for Discoed, also **TONIGHT Tuesday 20th December - Knill Church Christmas Concert**, 7pm. Ruth Watson and Nick Benda on oboe and Leila Basletic on organ, playing pieces by Clerambaut, Kagel, Handel, Piazzolla, and Traditional Christmas songs. All welcome. Drinks, nibbles.

Thursday 22nd December - Dave Luke's Rolling Stones Roadshow at the Duke's Arms, 8.30pm, featuring Dave Luke and the Glimmer Twins, with special guests and riffraff who only want to play Stones songs !

Friday 23rd December - Christmas Whist Drive at Whitton Community Hall, £2. Starts 7.30pm.

Thursday 29th December - the Ish Kabibble Swing Band at The Assembly Rooms. 8PM. Full Circle fund raiser for the MBA. Splendid eclectic concoction of good time old-school jazz and sizzling clarinet-led klezmer music. Prohibition Bar, snacks, dance floor. Dress code is 1930's Speakeasy. £15 tickets from the Rowan Tree and the Workhouse.

Saturday 31st December New Years Eve with Karaoke Len. 9 till late. Royal British Legion Club. Free entry. Fancy dress optional. All welcome !

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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