

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

GREAT NEWS FOR OUR DAY CENTRE...a message from Beverley Baynham
Powys Council Council's Cabinet met on Tuesday 20th December 2016 where the following were proposed by County Councillor Stephen Hayes -

A. Recommend that the 2017-18 Council budget restores the £1.1million funding to enable the continuation of a reduced day service in current localities, and to continue to provide this funding until such time as community based support / early intervention services are properly trialled and evaluated.

B. Authorise the portfolio-holder for Adult Social Care, in conjunction with the Head of Transformation and Director of Social Services, to enter into discussions with Town and Community Councils or other community, or third sector bodies and if appropriate conclude partnership arrangements for the funding, management or delivery of Day Time Activities.

The East Radnorshire Day Centre was mentioned in cabinet papers and by the Leader himself - Cllr. Barry Thomas - as being an example to mirror throughout the County.

Although the decision is subject to full Council approving the Council's budget in February, the recommendation makes it clear that the funding currently allocated to East Radnor Day Centre for provision of day services will be maintained, albeit with some reduction, up to March 2019. The continuation of funding is conditional on an expectation that the East Radnorshire Day Centre will be flexible and adaptable and work in partnership to address the challenges of the future, collaborating in trialling new services.

I would just like to say how incredibly proud I was today at the Powys County Council Cabinet meeting for ERDC to be held up as a role model. Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign to "Save Our Centre", by signing a petition, writing a letter, showing your support, I am truly very grateful. Happy New Year!

Beverley

PRESTEIGNE CARNIVAL NEEDS YOU IN 2017....

There will be a meeting next Tuesday, 10th January, 7.00 at The Oak Room in the Radnorshire Arms, to discuss and start planning for this year's Carnival - everyone is welcome. If insufficient volunteers come forward, the Carnival may not happen, which would be a great pity ! We are a friendly group looking for people to join our committee or help on the day. What ever your skills, we can use you! Please note that the proposed date for 2017 will be Saturday 15th July. Contact Debbie Davies on email dbhrdvs6@aol.com or phone 01544 267044 or mob 07766 152000.

GREAT GIG BEFORE CHRISTMAS AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS !

Ish Kabbible were a superb young swing jazz band and the dance floor was heaving - one of the best nights at the Assembly Rooms for a while - a big thank you to Full Circle for putting on this brilliant evening, which was a fund-raiser for Mid Border Arts.

CHANGES AT THE BRING SITE...

In case you haven't already heard, PCC will be removing the container for cans and plastics from our Bring Site sometime over the next couple of months. Cae Post, the recycling contractor is relinquishing its contract with PCC, so all plastics and cans have now to be included in your kerbside collection.

We're told that the other facilities will stay (for the moment anyway) despite the notices which PCC attached to the bottle banks (now removed).

DISMAYED AND ANGRY ABOUT THE QUANTITY OF PLASTICS YOU NOW HAVE TO PUT IN YOUR BIN TO GO TO

LANDFILL ?..... see an on-line petition at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167596> which calls on the Government to ban all non-recyclable/non-compostable packaging in the UK. This petition currently has over 50,000 signatures. The Government, by law, must respond to all petitions that get more than 10,000 signatures and, with 100,000 signatures, the petition must be considered for debate by Parliament. The problems - and solutions - are obviously more complex than this but, if you agree with the petition, please circulate it as much as possible.

NORTON BUS STOP BENCH....

Residents will have noticed that the bench has been removed - it was completely rotten and beyond repair unfortunately. The TC isn't in the position of being able to replace it at the moment so, if you've ever thought about getting a commemorative bench in memory of a relative or friend, this would be a great place to put it. Or maybe you, or your company or employer, would be willing to sponsor or contribute towards a replacement? If you can help, please contact the Town Clerk (Tracey) on pntc@hotmail.com or email us here at pacdg@icloud.com.

CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTS....

I don't know how you feel but we thought the new Christmas lights this year were brilliant and a great improvement. We're told there are plans to buy more lights in 2017 to extend coverage. Will let you know when we hear more.

JANUARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS....

January Draft Budget Meeting: 11th January 2017 at 7.30 pm,

Main Council Meeting: 18th January 2017 at 7.30 PM

Council meetings are held in the Judges Lodging and anyone can attend to listen (only) to proceedings. Minutes of previous meetings are available on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk along with information on Council Members, Council News, Meeting Dates, Planning Applications, Council Regulations, Declarations of Interest, and also for archived information. Copies of the Minutes can also be read at the Library.

LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS....the following applications will be considered at the next Town Council meeting on 11th January. Note that our Town Council is a consultee only - unfortunately ! - in the planning process. The decision-making authority is Powys County Council. Full details of planning applications, including layout plans, can be obtained from the PCC planning portal. Go to the website shown below, and enter planning reference exactly as shown (for example P/2014/0001)

<http://planning.powys.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet>

P/2016/1286, Grid Ref: 329178.1/265326.08 for Erection of sun room extension and installation of domestic treatment plant (retrospective) at Rock House Discoyd Presteigne

P/2016/1215, Grid Ref: 330350.55/266983.67 for Reserved Matters: Erection of 2 dwellings on land at Orchards End and Jacks View, Norton, Presteigne.

P/2016/1233, Grid Ref: 331494.09/264490.07 for Erection of summer house (retrospective) at Well House, Broad Street, Presteigne.

P/2016/1258, Grid Ref: 331641.61/264467.87 for Ground floor side/rear extension at Plot 7, Development adjacent 6 Church Close, Presteigne.

LIBRARY FACILITIES....in the last Community News, we mentioned Borrowbox through which you can borrow and download e-Books. Apparently this service includes audio books too, and you can also download free magazines to read on laptop, tablet etc via a separate app.

ARROWFIELD VETERINARY PRACTICE.... the Presteigne branch (Unit 7 on the Enterprise Park) has been refurbished with extra parking and is now open full-time for health care for domestic pets, farm animals and horses, with vet and nurse consultation by appointment. Tel. 01544 267626 or visit website www.arrowfieldvets.co.uk

BLACKSMITHING COURSES IN THE WELSH MARCHES....are now available, for beginners and those already in the trade. Farriers Forging Certificate, blacksmith tool making, gate making etc. Evening classes or one/three day courses to suit. Contact Pete Smith LWCB, Bluefoot Blacksmithing see website www.wherethelightgetsin.com, tel. 01544 267810 or email bluefootiron@btinternet.com

CHATTERBROOK WI.... meets on Thursday 12th January at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. The activity this month is New Age Kurling, which is a bit like the Scottish sport, but much easier and a lot of fun. Visitors are welcome for just £2, but now is a good time to become a member: a year's subscription costs only £39. The programme of speakers and activities is available in the library. Contact Margaret Galliers, 01544 267245 for information, or just come along on the night: you will be very welcome.

ENJOY SINGING AND THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING A BIG CHOIR ?... Kington Choral re-starts rehearsals this Monday 9th January in preparation for the May concert of Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Haydn's "Harmoniemesse" under the leadership of Robert Evans. The choir has many singers from the Presteigne area and rehearses every Monday evening in Kingswood Village Hall just outside Kington. Singing as part of a big choir is a real buzz, there are no auditions, and new singers will be made very welcome. See website www.kingtonchoral.org.uk for information or email kingtonchoral@mail.com.

ZUMBA & EXERCISE CLASSES.... Mandy has let us know that the Wednesday Zumba classes have unfortunately had to be discontinued, but the Low Impact Aerobic exercise sessions on Thursdays 10 – 11 am at the Memorial Hall will continue as normal in 2017.

PRESTEIGNE SCREEN'S NEXT SHOWING.... is on Friday 13th January and will be the award-winning UK film "I, Daniel Blake" Cert. 15, which runs for 100 mins and has been called 'A Cathy Come Home for the 21st century'. Ken Loach needs no introduction and over the years PS has shown most of his recent films in Presteigne. "I, Daniel Blake" was the winner of the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival this year - making Loach one of only a handful of film-makers to have won the award twice - and is a damning indictment of Britain's welfare system. When he finds himself in need of state aid, an ill carpenter meets a desperate single mother who needs the same thing. Together, the duo discover that negotiating the red tape is a disheartening and demeaning challenge within a system increasingly using private firms to implement government targets.

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE BOWLS CLUB.... the first Quiz Night of the new year will be on Wednesday 25th January 7.30pm at Presteigne Bowls Social Club. All welcome. Bar, coffee/cake. Teams of up to 4. Prizes and Win Big at Backwards Bingo. £2 pp. Contact 07766 097600 or presteignedogman@icloud.com to reserve your table.

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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