

Community News

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an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group

Want to know more about what our Town Council is doing ?..... our Town Clerk produces a very readable and informative Report each month for ongoing items not on the Agenda, which can be read in the Town Council pages on the Town website <http://www.presteigne.org>. Past Minutes/Agenda for the next Meeting can also be found on the website, with copies on the noticeboard at the Library entrance and in the Library itself, and in the telephone/defibrillator box in Norton. And if you use Facebook please do visit the TC's Facebook page for further background and news.

Don't miss the 2017 Presteigne Fireworks, Saturday 4th November on Went's Meadow presented by Sheep Music, The Carnival, and Presteigne & Norton Town Council....beginning with the traditional parade through town starting from the recycling centre at 6.15pm. Children are encouraged to design and make a receptacle that will hold a (battery-operated) tea light, which will be provided. This could be a small pumpkin left over from Halloween, a paper bag with a design cut out, or anything that will let light through. Parents and others joining the parade should bring any percussion instruments/pots/pans that will make a big noise to accompany the procession. Local fire spinner John Bray will lead the parade onto the Meadow and will then present a fire display with music preceding the ignition of this year's fire sculpture. To coincide with 2017's Year of Welsh Legends, this year's fire sculpture will be a dragon designed by local artist Owen Rimington. The fireworks begin around 7pm and then it's **PARTY TIME with the POOBABS** in The Barn with hot food, tea and cakes and, of course, a bar. Entrance £3.50, under 12's free.

PACDG is organising another targeted litter-pick, combining it this time with a 'guerrilla' gardening session. No gardening experience necessary, just enthusiasm. We'll be meeting at the Bring site (recycling site) opposite the Memorial Hall **at 9.15am on Friday November 17th** and plan to be finished by **11.30am** at the latest. Please email emma.lilley@btinternet.com if you're able to lend a hand.

Did you know there is still a milkman coming to Presteigne & Norton who will deliver milk to your door in reusable glass bottles ? If it's important to you to reduce your use of plastic, and if you're happy/able to pay more to help support local dairy farmers at a time when their livelihoods are under threat, you could check out <http://www.temedairies.co.uk> for independent supplier Teme Dairies. They also supply organic & non-dairy milks, and lots of other goods and produce.

Beware current phishing scams where you receive an email, maybe detailing your name, address, telephone number etc, purporting to confirm an order for goods and inviting you to click on a link to see details of the order and/or delivery details and tracking. If you don't remember ordering or are not absolutely certain the order is genuine **DO NOT CLINK ON THE LINK** - instead forward the email to the National Fraud office at NFIBphishing@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk. Be Warned - Be Careful !

A big thank you from Heather....to all who attended my Open House in August and helped me celebrate my 80th Birthday and to all who helped raise more than £300 with me for **Brecon MIND** who do such wonderful work on behalf of many in Powys.

Following the September changes to local bus timetables, there's another change affecting passengers in Presteigne/Norton (thanks to Chris Lewis)...the September changes to the 461 Hereford to Kington service now only applies to Herefordshire College/School dates. All Saturday departures will be at 16.00 also Monday - Friday during Herefordshire School/College holidays. This has a knock-on effect to the connecting 41 service to Presteigne/Norton/ Knighton and the return service from Knighton to Kington. This service will always wait for the arrival of the 461 service from Hereford. Departure from Kington approx 17.20 during Herefordshire School Term time and approx 17.10 on Saturdays and during school holidays.

Wednesday 1st November - Walk-in Flu Clinic 9.30-10.30am. Presteigne Surgery

Wednesday 1st November - 'A Spooky Lunch' with Presteigne Little People's Daycare & Playgroup. Dress up and join us for some Halloween fun!! Spooky slime, pumpkin crafts, cakes, free soup & sandwiches. 11am - 2pm. £3 child. Adults FREE.

Friday 3rd November - Presteigne Screen presents "20th Century Women" (cert. U) a film starring Annette Bening, Billy Crudup, Greta Gerwig, Dakota Fanning. 7.30 for 8pm, Assembly Rooms. Bar, tea/coffee, home-made cake.

Saturday 4th November - Artists & Makers, Assembly Rooms 10am to 3pm. New pots from Jason Braham and a wonderful selection of gifts from local artists and makers with plenty of new work for the christmas season - contact Rosamund 01544 260777

Saturday 4th November - Local Food Market, 9am-1pm Memorial Hall. The Market is still growing and welcoming new artisans, including game for the Winter months. Last month's Plant Swap raised £100 which went to Freedom from Torture which is the new name of 'Medical Campaign for the Victims of Torture'. This charity has been working with survivors since 1985 since when over 57,000 people have been referred to them, needing support over a long time. November is the month in which we invite one of Presteigne's young people's groups to help with the Community Cafe. This year is the turn of the Guides and we are looking forward to working with them. Guides are very community minded and the time they spend with the Market and Cafe will support their good work. Come & meet them, there'll be great cakes!

Saturday 4th November - Council Surgery at the Food Market, meet & discuss matters with County Councillor Beverley Baynham and Town Councillor Lisa Veary.

Saturday 4th November - Charity Dance - Whitton Community Hall for Cancer Research UK. Live music from The Rogues, bar, food by Hollywood Hot Stuff. £10. Info 07779 796285 or 07802 626743

Saturday 4th November - Tom Davies book signing @ No.46 Wine Bar

Wednesday 8th November - Quiz Night @ The Bowls Club. General knowledge quiz at the Bowls Social Club (opp. Little Shop). Tables of 4. £2 pp. 7.30pm for 8pm start. Full bar. Contact Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

Friday 10th November 7.30pm - Lingen Flix 'Churchill' (PG) Biography/Drama/Thriller. Lingen Village Hall. Refreshments available. Stars: Brian Cox, Miranda Richardson, John Slattery, James Purefoy. £5/£3.50 01544 267736 www.lingen.org.uk

Saturday 11th November - MBA presents "Team Viking" a runaway hit from the 2016 Edinburgh Fringe combining storytelling, comedy and live music, thus is a comic ode to death and friendship written and performed by James Rowland. 8pm Assembly Rooms. £10/£7 from Courtyard Antiques, The Workhouse or www.wegotickets.com.

Saturday 11th November - Presteigne Bowling Club Xmas 2017 Prize & Cash Bingo - all welcome - Memorial Hall. 6.30pm for 7.45pm eyes-down (also 18th/25th Nov).

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) - mail pacdg@icloud.com. **Feel free to tweet or forward this to others**. If you would prefer not to receive further issues of the News, please email us with REMOVE and we'll immediately take you off the the distribution list