

Community News

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

Brilliant Fireworks Nights again, both in Norton and in Presteigne (magnificent Dragon, Owen !) despite the rain messing with the fireworks schedule in Presteigne. So many people worked so hard to put on both events for the community - you all deserve much applause !

A message from Sharon at Presteigne & Norton Community Support....we have applied to Aviva Community Fund for a grant to improve the Warehouse (one of our charity incomes). To be shortlisted for this, we need to get as many votes as we can. To vote, please use the link below to register - you then get 10 votes to use as you choose - fantastic if you could give us all your votes. Voting closes 21st November !! (control/press link or cut & paste into your browser) <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3624>

Earlier in October, PCC's Cabinet gave the go-ahead to optimise household waste and recycling collection routes to make them more efficient and to meet proposed savings targets. Although the routes may change, they will continue to collect waste & recycling five days a week, maintaining the current working pattern. However, the new routes mean that collection days for the majority of householders will change from Feb 2018. PCC say they will continue to collect recycling & food waste on a weekly basis, and residual waste every 3 weeks, Householders will be informed by post of their new collection day, nearer the time.

The new tree at St David's Street roundabout should be planted shortly. It's apparently 'Prunus Spire' a conical shaped flowering cherry - here's a link to it <http://www.majestictrees.co.uk/tree-shrub/433-prunus-spire>

Please don't throw your jam jars out - Presteigne Plenty can make good use of them for their range of jams and chutneys. Jars can be left for Emma at Well Cottage which is off Broad Street, first house on left up Canon's Lane (behind Well House) or at The Salty Dog in the High Street. Washed and labels removed if possible - thanks !

Clarification on the earlier item about the Llandegley recycling site (thank you James)..... although no longer operating as a PCC HWRC, the Llandegly site is not closed, it remains open as a private business (JPR Recycling) and, we understand, will take the following items (free of charge) for recycling: *Cardboard and paper - Glass bottles (not glass sheet or windows) - Metal - Small electrical goods - White goods (except there is a charge for fridges) - Clothing/textiles/shoes - Car batteries.* We're told they will accept most other stuff but will charge by weight so probably best to call them on 01597 851844 to check before driving there. They also do skip hire and sell recycled/reclaimed items, see www.jpr-recycling.co.uk

Friday 17th November - PACDG Tidy Towns (Emma) & Guerrilla Gardeners (Sarah) have organised a litter-pick combined with a 'guerrilla' gardening session concentrated in the centre of Presteigne this time. No gardening experience necessary, just enthusiasm. Meet at the Bring Site opposite the Memorial Hall at 9.15am. We plan to be finished by 11.30am at latest. Email emma.lilley@btinternet.com if you can lend a hand. Litter picking equipment provided but, if you have any yourself, please bring, plus gloves & gardening stuff of course.

Friday 17th November - Presteigne Screen presents "Mindhorn" rated 15, Richard Thorncroft, Harriet Walter. 7.30 for 8pm Assembly Rooms, refreshments, bar, homemade cake

Friday 17th November - PNCS Christmas Fayre 3pm - 7pm Memorial Hall. Over 20 stalls, mulled wine, face painting, jewellery, candles, local produce, chocolates, gifts, crafts, cakes, decorations, raffle and much, much more !

Saturday 18th November - Open Day at The Retreat, 11am to 4pm. Studio 2A, The Workhouse. Mini-taster sessions - massage, facials, yoga, pilates, meditation, Alexander Technique. Call Marian 07816 981454. More information on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/theretreatwales/>

Saturday 18th November - Presteigne Bowling Club Xmas 2017 Prize & Cash Bingo - all welcome - Memorial Hall. 6.30pm for 7.45pm eyes-down.

Saturday 18 November 2pm - Film " The Age of Stupid". Transition Presteigne presents a FREE showing of this acclaimed drama-documentary-animation hybrid which stars Pete Postlethwaite as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055, watching archival footage from the mid-to-late 2000s and asking, "Why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?" Followed by a discussion on the themes raised by the film. The Youth Centre, Hereford Street. Refreshments - donations welcome.

Saturday 18th November - "The Black Kat Boppers". A Full Circle Dance Gig with a real Rock 'n' Roll band worthy of the name. "Wow those boys can really play" - Damon Albarn. They've rocked Notting Hill Carnival, Rockabilly Rave and Latitude, not to mention performing a memorable set with Florence and the Machine at Bob Geldof's 60th. They've been joined on stage by Damon Albarn and have regularly had Clash legend Paul Simonon playing with the band. In other words, DON'T MISS! Tickets £13 [01544 267163](tel:01544267163) and from Courtyard Antiques

Saturday 18th November - Autumn Craft Fair at St Andrew's Church, Norton. 10am to 4pm. Raffle, refreshments.

Saturday 18th November - Quiz Night @ St Andrew's Church, Norton. 7pm. Refreshments, raffle. £5 for teams of 4

Sunday 19th November - Celebrity Luncheon with Micky Quinn ex-Portsmouth, Coventry and Newcastle striker. 2-course roast beef hot buffet & dessert. 12.30 for 1.30pm. £25 pp - limited seating so early booking recommended especially for groups. Llanandras Park, home of Presteigne St Andrew's FC. Contact Tom Ammonds 07799 268007 or email secretary@presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk

Saturday 25th November - Presteigne Bowling Club Xmas 2017 Prize & Cash Bingo - all welcome - Memorial Hall. 6.30pm for 7.45pm eyes-down.

Saturday 25th November - St Andrew's (Presteigne) Christmas Fair. Memorial Hall 10am - 1pm. To celebrate just 30 more "sleeps 'til Christmas". Stalls, tombola, raffle, whisky draw

Saturday 25th November - 'Murder By Gaslight' an evening with Dr Palmer and Dr Crippen. The Don't Go Into The Cellar Theatre Company presents an entertaining evening where, despite the grim subject matter, humour is never far from the surface. 7.30pm The Judge's Lodging. Tickets £12 to include reviving drink around the Christmas Tree! Tel: [01544 260650](tel:01544260650)

Saturday 25th November - Deco Ensemble, 8pm Assembly Rooms. *'Five individually virtuosic musicians have come together to form the UK's finest Nuevo Tango quintet. This Deco Ensemble concert has been in my diary for months and it promises to be an evening full of drama, passion and incredible musicianship,' John Hymas.*

Be transported by the reflective moods and atmosphere rooted in the dusty backstreets of Buenos Aires and Paris. Deco Ensemble have re-imagined the sound of Astor Piazzolla's Nuevo Tango, combining classical, jazz and world music influences. Their exuberant and idiosyncratic repertoire includes works by Belgian modern classical writer Frédéric Devreese, twentieth century Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev, traditional tango master Anibal Troilo, as well as contemporary Argentinian tango artists. A Mid Border Arts event.

Tickets £14 from Courtyard Antiques, The Workhouse, or online from wegottickets.com.

Sunday 26th November - "Christmas Showcase" by EG Fitness & Dance. 4pm Memorial Hall. Support the cast as they dance to lots of different styles. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support and The Bracken Trust. £3 (<16s free). Info from Emily George 07447 916646

Sunday 26th November 3pm - Wildlife Roleplay taster session with Jenny Ogden. Assembly Rooms. Discover a fun way for children and adults alike to learn about our native wildlife. Watch short dramatisations from this fascinating book and gain insights into the lives of dung beetles, pollinating insects, birds and mammals. Adults £2 entry, children free. Books £10 (ideal Christmas gift for all ages). www.beetlesandbees.co.uk tel. 01544 260460

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