

# Community News

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**A message from Transition Presteigne....fed up with excess packaging? Irritated by not being able to recycle it? Sick of the environmental pollution caused when plastic never disappears?** The Welsh Government's Waste Hierarchy is REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE and some environmentally-minded County Councillors are now on board. Let's REDUCE the vast quantities of plastics in the waste stream and join the growing UK plastic protest ! A citizens group called **Plastic-Free Powys** have already arranged a shoppers protest at Llandrindod Tesco, and a future event in February at a Newtown supermarket. The action is really simple. They go to a store (with a few leaflets), do a bit of shopping, get to the till and remove all of the plastic on the way through. Bag it up, get the receipts and plastic together from all shoppers afterwards, and hand it back to the duty manager. It is all very peaceful, quite quick and very satisfying ! For more information or to see how you can get involved, go to the Plastic-Free Powys group's Facebook page @PlasticFreePowys

**PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET is back again for 2018 after their January break on Saturday 3rd February 9am - 1pm in the Memorial Hall.** Ann says...."The presence of new stalls in the Market is both satisfying to know and pleasing to see. They complement the regular and favourite artisans who are so popular with customers. If you then include food of the highest quality you surely have the reason the Market has become so successful. **February is Seed Swap month**, supported by Garden Organic's Heritage Seed Library. Customers can bring any surplus seeds to swap or may give a small donation for any they take. All profits will go to the HSL to be used for the excellent work they do in maintaining crop diversity for our future food security. What could be more excellent? The Community Cafe will, as usual, be at the Market to provide Fairtrade coffee, teas, delicious homemade cake and a much needed place where customers can relax with friends.

## **News from PCC Powys County Council.....**

**Plans have been accepted to invest nearly £114m in Powys schools over the coming years.** The ambitious plans could see major improvements to primary, secondary and special school services across a wide part of the county, as part of a joint Local and Welsh Government 21st Century Programme running from 2019-2025/26.

**PCC's Cabinet has approved plans to develop a phased five year programme for the development of new council homes across the county.** The intent is to build around 250 properties in the next five years. More than £6m will be spent with Powys companies for housing stock improvement.

**The Welsh Government is considering a support package for Powys to help it respond to the recent CSSIW recommendations** (Care & Social Services Inspection Wales). The news has been welcomed by the Council Leader Rosemarie Harris, who wrote to Welsh Government Ministers last week asking them to exercise their powers under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to provide statutory support to PCC.

**[To view full details of the latest county council news or to sign up to Powys Newslite, the county council's digital newsletter, visit www.powys.gov.uk/news](http://www.powys.gov.uk/news)**

**The Royal Voluntary Service is looking for volunteers who would like to set up new groups to benefit older people in their communities.** This could be a get together for a coffee, an activity group or learning a new skill. Whatever you want. If you are keen to do this with support from your local RVS or want to find out more - get in touch. Time Commitment ? - This depends on you and what you want to set up. You will need time to organise the group and run it - perhaps with a friend or another volunteer. Contact Karen Roberts on [emailkaren.roberts@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:emailkaren.roberts@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk) Website <http://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk>

**If you need to get rid of things that can't be recycled or re-used via Freegle, or won't be accepted at the Powys or Hereford Household Waste Centres, note that things have changed again at the private JPR Waste Recycling Centre at Llandegley - they will still take most things, but now charge for everything** at the rate of £150 per ton, with a minimum charge of £20. JPR also provides skip hire and sells a range of new, recycled and reclaimed products. Open 10am to 4pm. They say they recycle over 85% of all the waste they handle and are on the way to achieving a **zero waste to landfill status** by favouring waste-to-energy for residual wastes that can't be recycled. Check before you make the journey tel: 01597 851844 email: [info@jpr-recycling.co.uk](mailto:info@jpr-recycling.co.uk)

**Thursday 8th February - Chatterbrook WI have a talk "A Welsh Wander - an epic trek around Wales"** by local author Tom Davies at their meeting at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Visitors and prospective new members welcome. Info 01544 260258

**Friday 9th February - Lingen Flix presents 'The Time of Their Lives' (12A) British Comedy** at Lingen Village Hall 7.30pm. Stars: Dame Joan Collins, Pauline Collins, Franco Nero. Helen, a former Hollywood siren, is stuck in a retirement home, when her ex-lover dies she breaks out & heads for France to be at the funeral along with unhappily married Priscilla! Refreshments available. £5 (children £3.50). Info 01544 267736, email [lingenweb@gmail.com](mailto:lingenweb@gmail.com), [www.lingen.org.uk](http://www.lingen.org.uk)

**Saturday 10th February - Ladies Fashion Show & Pop-up Shop on behalf of the East Radnor Day Centre.** 7pm for 7.30pm start at the Memorial Hall. Try on and buy ex-High Street fashion @ 50% or more discount. M&S, Wallis, TopShop, NewLook, Oasis. Pay by cash/cheque/cards. £5 entry. To book or for info 01544 260267 or email [admin@erdaycentre.org](mailto:admin@erdaycentre.org)

**Wednesday 14th February - Quiz Night in aid of Presteigne Carnival funds.** General knowledge quiz with a twist. Tables of 4. £2.50pp. Full bar, coffee/tea. Prizes and Win Big with Backwards Bingo ! 7pm for 8pm start. Presteigne Bowls Social Club on Hereford Street (opp. Little Shop). To reserve your table, text Terry on 07766 097 600 or email [presteignedogman@icloud.com](mailto:presteignedogman@icloud.com)

**Wednesday 14th February - Art History Dayschool.** Lingen Village Hall. Suitable for all levels. The day will focus on a selection of paintings from France in the 19th C and will cover how they were made and who they were made for - Courbet, Degas, Cassatt, Morisot, Monet, Manet, Pissarro, Cezanne & Seurat. Bring packed lunch. Book online [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk) or tel. 0300 303 3463 quoting ref: C3125822. Cost £22.50.

**Friday 16th February - Presteigne Screen presents a Special Fundraiser showing of Ridley Scott's new film "Blade Runner 2049"** starring Harrison Ford, Ryan Gosling, Jared Leto, Robin Wright, Ana de Armas. 7pm for 8pm at the Assembly Rooms. Bar, £8

**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). 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](mailto: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**