

Community News

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

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Three organisations came together in the summer to set up a fund of £1500 to assist local community groups in Presteigne and Norton. The funds were contributed equally by the three organisations - PAC (from funds raised by volunteers over the last few years from Bags For Life, Presteigne Plenty and other fund-raising activities) - CONNECT (from funds earned by volunteers maintaining the Bring Site) and PNCT, Presteigne & Norton Community Trust (from their reserves). Applications were invited in August and, after review, thirteen local groups have received money to assist with the funding of specific projects or the purchase of equipment. These are: Presteigne Ladies Hockey Club; Presteigne Crafty Ladies Club; Little People's Playgroup; PNCS The Warehouse; PNCS The Circle; Presteigne St. Andrew's FC Social Club; Presteigne Guides; East Radnor Day Centre; Presteigne Rainbows; Chatterbrook W.I.; Transition Presteigne; Presteigne Brownies; and Presteigne Visually Impaired Group VIP's.

Bags for Life and Presteigne Plenty - funds raised - a message from Emma: It's amazing how much money a few bags and pots of jam can make. To date we've raised a total of £437.47 from donations for our reusable bags made from old curtains and sheets (available at The Salty Dog), and £471.87 from Presteigne Plenty's efforts (chutneys and jams made from excess, locally grown produce). All of the money you've given gets ploughed back into the community. Some of it is being used for the community fund (see above) but we've also donated £261.87 directly to the Presteigne branch of the Knighton Foodbank as well as helping with bulbs for the Daffodil Group and litter-pick equipment for PAC's Tidy Town project. **Look out for Presteigne Plenty's stall at the upcoming Christmas fair on December 7th and help us carry on the good work.** And if you'd like to be a part of either project, then contact emma.lilley@btinternet.com. We can always do with more hands.

Look out for The Great Big Christmas Quiz on sale in shops and businesses around Presteigne. All proceeds will go to Little People's Playgroup and The Circle, so helping the young....and the not so young. Entries close mid-January so you've plenty of time to exercise the little grey cells during quiet times over the Christmas and New Year period. Buy yours now - just £1 - and you may win £10 as well as getting a warm feeling for supporting these two good causes !

Wanted - can you host an Advent Window and share it with the town in preparation for Christmas! This is not a competition, just fun together. The aim is to have twentyfour windows in private houses or shops, within walking distance of the town centre. For details please contact Sue [01547 560268](tel:01547560268) or Paz [01544 260285](tel:01544260285)

Active Travel Route Plan update (an announcement by the TC about extensions of the new cycleway and footpath)...the bid for Phase 2 has been successful & the work should be completed by end of March 2019. The surveying work already underway covers the whole town to allow for further bids in the future. See the TC pages on the Town website for details of the proposed route and Minutes of the last TC meeting.

Line dancing for beginners - Thursdays at Kinsham Village Hall [2-4pm](#) - £2.50. Wear comfy clothes and shoes and bring a bottle of water. Ring Carrie on [01544 267759](tel:01544267759) for further information. **[NB. not on 8th November](#)**

Are you learning another language? Can you speak another language? Rusty or need a refresher?

Rhiannon says: I would like to set up a language exchange at the library, whereby learners can get together with other learners & more advanced speakers to practice chatting in other languages on an informal basis. If this appeals to you, please get in touch! prestlib@powys.gov.uk or call in to the library Tuesday/Wednesday pm.

Presteigne Quilters are open to new members for quilting, patchwork, appliqué. They meet on 2nd and 4th Monday of each month 10am to 3pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall. All welcome!

Saturday saw the official Opening of Presteigne's new Outdoor Gym on Went's Meadow by the Mayor who outlined the history ".....Last year Tracey, who is our Clerk, entered the TC into a competition run by Caloo to win £10k's worth of outdoor gym equipment. We got to the last three but didn't win. Undeterred, Tracey put together a lottery bid to 'Awards for All Wales' for its maximum of £10k for some equipment and got it!! A big thank you to the Awards for All Wales Fund for the grant. So Tracey and Cllr Pam Linnett met a number of suppliers and then organised a public vote in the library to choose which pieces of equipment to have.

Pam and our County Cllr Bev then met the contractor to sort out where it should all go and Cllr Rory Bennett brought up all the equipment from his parents' house where it had kindly been stored prior to installation. So a big thank you please to Tracey, Pam, Bev, Rory, Teddy and Ginny. This morning Helen Bithell, who is a personal trainer, has kindly come along to show us how to use the equipment to its best effect. Helen completed her training as a fitness instructor and personal trainer in 2010 with 'future fit training', running courses in Birmingham and Gloucester, then with the YMCA working in Worcester and Telford. She went travelling until 2012 and then became self-employed running weekly classes and personal training for clients in the Knighton and Presteigne area." The opening was followed by free professional personal training advice sessions on the use of the equipment. The equipment is suitable for Secondary School age upwards.

LOCAL EVENTS:

Wednesday 31st October - Presteigne Little People's 'Spooky Play & Lunch'. Dress up & join us for some Halloween fun at the Youth Centre in Presteigne. Includes soup & hot dogs, messy play, Halloween crafts, homemade cake sale. £3 for first child and an adult, £1 for each additional child/family member.

Friday 2nd November - "Lady Bird" Presteigne Screen (USA 2017 94mins 15). 8pm Assembly Rooms

Saturday 3rd November - Local Food Market in the Memorial Hall 9am to 1pm. Each November the Market and its Community Café invite one of the organisations it supports to serve at and help run the Café. This year it's the turn of the Presteigne Scouts. The Market helpers together with the artisan producers are looking forward to welcoming them. Please come and meet them and find out what they've been doing in and around Presteigne. In the meantime you can find out more on Facebook – 1st Presteigne Scout Group. The Community Café will be there for everyone, serving Fairtrade teas and coffee and, thanks to the Scouts and their families, there will be lots of cake!

Saturday 3rd November - Council Surgery in the Memorial Hall along with the Local Food Market. No appointment needed, just come along and talk to Councillors - this month it will be John Wilding & Nick Rogers.

Saturday 3rd November - Artists & Makers in The Assembly Rooms. 10am to 3pm. As Christmas draws alarmingly near ... Perfect Presents from local makers with a new stock of Pots from Jason Braham, Prints and Cards from Michael Hancock, a selection of Paintings, Jewellery, new Shibori Scarves, hand-bound Books, Welsh Woollen Knitwear, furniture from David Colwell, hand-made Watercolour Paper, and a selection of Vintage Welsh Blankets. Enquiries ...[01544 260777](tel:01544260777)

Saturday 3rd November - don't miss the Presteigne Fireworks Night on Went's Meadow arranged by Sheep Music. Meet at the recycling lay-by at 6.15pm for torchlight procession to Went's Meadow. Display starts at 6.45pm. Bar, hot food, live music. £4 entry but under-12s get in FREE. (n.b. no parking on Went's Meadow)

Saturday 3rd November - Live Music at St Andrew's Church Hall with Erynn Marshall and Carl Jones - Old Time Appalachian tunes and songs. 7.30pm. £10. Tickets/reservations 01544 350407

Monday 6th November - Open Mic Night @ No.46 Wine Bar 7-9.30pm with Rich & Heidi. Free entry for all. Every month, first Monday of each month. Find/message us on Facebook.

Tuesday 6th November - Quiz Night at the Bowls Club. 7.30pm Bowls Social Club on Hereford Street (opposite Little Shop). Fun general knowledge quiz with a twist. £2 pp. bar, coffee, cake ! and win big on Backwards Bingo. Reserve your table - text 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

Wednesday 7th November - Sharpp Chat "Atheism Reimagined - why should religions have all the good stuff?" with Maggie Taylor Sanders. 7.30pm St. Andrew's Church Hall. Free entry but donations welcomed.

Remembrance Weekend - Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November - see recent Special Issue of the Community News for full details. (Correction to that information - there will be no food at the 11/11 Party and the Community Café itself is not involved. However refreshments will be served by volunteers).

Saturday 10th November - Live Music from Tony & Turquoise in the British Legion Social Club. 8pm. £5 tickets from Winnie's (£6 on door). Raffle. To celebrate 100 years. Proceeds to Royal British Legion.

Saturday 10th November - Presteigne Bowling Club's Xmas 2018 Prize & Cash Bingo - in the Memorial Hall. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.45pm start. Bar, incredible prizes - ALL WELCOME !!

Sunday 11th November - MidWales Opera presents Ravel's "A Spanish Hour" in the Assembly Rooms. A Clock Shop comedy in association with MBA. 7.30pm. £12 tickets from The Workhouse or www.wegottickets.com

Friday 16th November - PNCS annual Christmas Fayre at the Memorial Hall from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Lots of stalls, refreshments and our Grand Prize Draw. Come and enjoy a bit of early Christmas Shopping.

Friday 16th November - "Faces Places" (Fra.2017 94mins PG). Presteigne Screen, 8pm Assembly Rooms

If you have any questions on what's 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) - email text (not poster images please) to pacdg@icloud.com.

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