

# Community News

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

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**Our lovely town does do 'events' well !! BRILLIANT FIREWORK NIGHT ... bigger and better each year...and the weather held off as well !!! A big round of applause for Sheep Music and everyone else involved in set-up and stewarding on the night...well done to Roger and his performers for the "Armistice 1918 : Any Man's Death" in October...and didn't St. Andrew's in Presteigne, and St. Andrew's in Norton, look great with all the hand-made poppies, crosses etc ...and for Remembrance Weekend itself, enormous respect to Marion and everyone who helped, played and sang in the CONCERT FOR PEACE on the 10th November in St Andrew's, and to Pete and his crew of helpers who made the Sleeping Dragon's HOMECOMING on the 11th such a memorable and moving affair...and of course thanks to all of you who supported these events.**

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.....on Friday 7th December, 3.30pm-7pm, the CHRISTMAS FAYRE is back - but this year it's been moved from the High Street to St Andrew's Church and Church Hall, and the area around both. Santa's Grotto will be in the Church Hall with stalls, table top sales and carol singing in the church, and food and drink available in the Church Hall courtyard. This is a CONNECT event in conjunction with St Andrew's Church. Volunteers, and donations for the Tombola stall will be welcome at The Salty Dog, and for the Church's stalls please let Marion Rowlett have any items for sale and let her know if you can help their efforts.**

**Thanks to Tessa and PAC's litterpickers for their sterling efforts in the drizzle last week, ahead of Remembrance Weekend, and to the small PAC volunteer team who braved the rain to plant daffodil bulbs (donated by our Town Council - thank you !) on Saturday along Station Road.**

**Are you worried about having enough money to buy food for yourself or your family this winter?**

Knighton & Presteigne Food Bank provides crisis food parcels + toiletries + basic fresh dairy food, for individuals & families this winter. If you are on benefits, low income/ wages or struggling with illness, please call or text Helen on 07731 524 058 or visit [www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk)

**Powys County Council has decided to launch a new paid-for green garden waste kerbside collection service for residents next year, meanwhile removing the green garden waste banks from our Bring Site, and stopping the little-known provision of paid-for orange bags for the collection of green waste.** Powys have launched a public consultation on the details of their proposals which can be completed on forms available at the Library, or online - go to <https://customer.powys.gov.uk/article/790/Current-Consultations> and select Green Garden Waste Collection Survey. **The consultation closes on 2nd December so if you're not happy with the proposal, or have suggestions, make your voice heard !!**

The following information is taken from the Powys website:

*What is a green garden waste collection service?* It's similar to the kerbside collection you get currently for glass, plastics and paper but it'd be a service you pay extra for, so your organic garden waste such as grass cuttings and leaves is taken away for you.

*Why introduce this service?* Garden waste collections are popular in many other areas and allow residents to recycle their green garden waste with ease. By introducing this service, we will:

1. Offer a new and alternative way for people to recycle their garden waste
2. Increase the amount we recycle which helps the environment
3. Help us to achieve our recycling targets and avoid Welsh Government fines.

*How is garden waste currently collected?*

(a) Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs): These are manned sites [*our nearest is at Llandrindod*] where you can take your garden waste and other recyclable materials. **These sites will not be affected by this proposal**

(b) Community Recycling (Bring) Sites: These are located in various car parks around the county [*like our Bring Site on the bypass*]. Unfortunately some garden waste banks are contaminated by other materials and mean we have to landfill everything contained in the bank. **With the introduction of a kerbside collection service we will remove these garden waste banks**

(c) Paid for orange bags: These are currently given out as a last resort to residents who are unable or choose not to compost their garden waste or cannot get to one of the sites listed above. **These will no longer be available once the new service is launched.**

**[Editor's note: PAC has written to PCC noting that many households will find it difficult, if not impossible, to accommodate or handle large wheely bins and therefore the option of paid-for bags must be retained]**

**New to the town and looking for a local club or organisation - or need to find a local venue for your event or club meeting ?** See the PAC Registers of 'Local Community Organisations' and 'Local Venues For Hire' on the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk) (click on Local Organisations)

**Dear Supporter of Food Bank - I am delighted to tell you that our shelves are full** (and we have a surplus), thanks to the generous donations from our Churches and Schools and Radnor Young Farmers, at Harvest Festival time. We do not need any more of the "basics" **but we do need Christmas/Festive goodies**, to add to the food parcels. Please note we cannot accept offers of fresh/frozen turkey or meat.

Christmas cakes (individual size & family size)  Christmas puddings (individual size & family size)

Christmas biscuits  Mince pies  Children's sweets (tubes of Smarties, Chocolate Buttons etc)

Family sweets (tubs of Quality Street, Celebrations etc)

**Interested in playing chess ? - the Presteigne Chess Club will now be meeting at the Royal Oak Pub on Tuesdays evenings 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm.** Players of all strengths are welcome.

**Message from Carole - Anyone who would like to visit The Circle would be most welcome. Every Tuesday 9.30 to 1.30 at the Youth Club** (Old School on Hereford Street). It's a drop in and refreshments are always available.

**Do you have a spare bedroom, and space for another pair of jeans in the wash ? The Powys Supported Lodgings scheme has been re-launched and they are looking for new Hosts to support young people.** The role of a Host is to guide and mentor young people aged between 16 & 25 years who have previously been in foster care, or are at risk of becoming homeless. Hosts provide the young person with a bedroom and support them to develop the skills to live independently. Following a full assessment, Hosts receive an allowance of £150 per week, on-going training and support.

Interested and want to find out more? Contact scheme Co-ordinators, Sheren Brealey (South Powys) on [07768035095](tel:07768035095) or Helen Jones (North Powys) on [07971 829084](tel:07971829084) or email [supported.lodgings@powys.gov.uk](mailto:supported.lodgings@powys.gov.uk)

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

**Saturday 17th November - MBA presents John Hinton's "Ensonglopedia of Animals" in the Assembly Rooms** 7.30pm. Tickets £10/£6 from The Workhouse and [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

**Saturday 17th & 24th November and 1st December - Presteigne Bowling Club's Xmas 2018 Prize & Cash Bingo** - in the Memorial Hall. Doors open 6.30 for 7.45pm start. Bar, incredible prizes - ALL WELCOME!

**Sunday 18th November - a concert in Whitton Community Hall "The Three Tenders (Tenors)" and "Clock Tower Handbell Ringers"** 4pm. £8 incl. refreshments. In aid of Pilleth and Whitton Churches.

**Saturday 24th November - "NORTON'S GOT TALENT" in Norton Church** 10 - 4 pm. Showcasing the incredible talent in Norton. Crafts ; Skills ; Hobbies ; Interests and more. Come and buy or just enjoy. ENTRY FREE.!! Refreshments available

**Sunday 25th November - the Velvet Violin presents the Remi Harris Duo and Nuala Honan at The Assembly Rooms** plus The Quiz?. 7.30pm. Full Circle Bar & snacks. £12 Courtyard Antiques and 01544 267163

**Thursday 29th November - Annual Pickled Onion Competition at the Royal Oak.** Proceeds to the Knighton Hospital League of Friends. £1 per entry (3 onions). All entries to be at the pub by 7pm latest.

**Friday 30th November - "Sweet Country"** (Aus 2017 113mins 15) Presteigne Screen 8pm Assembly Rooms

**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) - email text (not poster images please) to [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com).**

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