

# Community News

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an information service from the Presteigne Area  
Community Development Group PACDG

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)** – or collar one of the Steering Committee in the street and tell us what's on your mind. You can also leave a written message at the Library for us – remember to include your name and a contact telephone number !

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) – **email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com)**

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**DON'T FORGET THE COMMUNITY GROUPS FAIR** in the Memorial Hall this Saturday. It looks like it's going to be a miserable rainy day outside, but it'll be buzzing inside the Memorial Hall with over 70 local clubs, groups and organisations all wanting to show off what they do, to you - and there'll be hot & cold food and refreshments all day from Jean's Café, and music from Simon Deeley, George Kirkpatrick & Richard Beasley, Whitton Voices, Bandamania and Tony Lancett. Come and join us !

**WHAT A BRILLIANT FIREWORKS NIGHT !...** this year's event on Went's Meadow was arranged by Sheep Music and Presteigne Carnival....a superb display of fireworks set to a great music soundtrack, and an inspired bonfire with a Guy Fawkes effigy strapped to a 30 foot Big Ben. All this and good ale, wine, cider, hot food, great music from the Poobahs...what more could you ask for ! Congratulations and a big thank you to all involved in putting this on for the town. We look forward to next year !

**APPLES TO EAT, COOK OR FOR CIDER....**there are still lots of apples on the trees and windfalls in the Community Orchard on Went's Meadow. These apples are for the local community so please help yourself, before the wasps get them all !

**HAVE YOUR SAY IN CHOOSING WHAT'S SHOWN IN THE NEXT SEASON OF PRESTEIGNE SCREEN'S FILMS....**come along to a selection meeting this Sunday 13th November at 7pm at The Old Grove, Ford Street (2nd house on the r.h.s. after Lugg Bridge). Help shortlist from a selection of fifty films to choose the seven films to be shown in the post-Christmas period. Everyone welcome.

**WARNING FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM....**there has been another spate of tool thefts recently from work vans left overnight in the Kington and Presteigne areas. Owners are asked to secure their vehicles, remove tools if possible, and to retain detailed descriptions and photos of items of value. Anyone witnessing ongoing suspicious activity is asked to call 999 immediately, otherwise call the non-emergency number 101. Our NPT says that currently, night-time police patrols in the area have been stepped up.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up for Dyfed Powys Police Community Messaging DPCM notifications - talk to our Neighbourhood Police Team (Anna or Fraser) at their table at the Community Groups Fair on Saturday.

**OUR HIGH STREET FLOWER SHOP IS EXPANDING ITS SERVICES...** Rose Cottage Floral Creations now offers a flower relay service, linking them to other florists enabling you to send flowers both in the UK and abroad. Vikki has also opened a studio space next to Workhouse Cafe for her event, wedding and funeral services. And she is looking to recruit a young person 16-24 yrs old to help with her business - see Vikki at the shop or contact her on 01544 260600 or 07903 778645, or visit her Facebook page or website [www.rosecottagefloralcreations.org.uk](http://www.rosecottagefloralcreations.org.uk)

**LOOKING FOR (GOOD) NEWS ON THE HIGH SCHOOL JOHN BEDDOES CAMPUS?** ....see their Cyfle Newsletter at <https://www.newtown-hs.powys.sch.uk/r/the-cyfle-october>. One item is on Welsh Government Education Secretary and Assembly Member for Brecon & Radnorshire Kirsty Williams' recent visit to John Beddoes Campus to discuss student performance on the site since John Beddoes High School closed and students and staff joined Newtown High School. They report that, over the last three years since the schools joined together they have seen all of the main indicators increase on the JBC Campus, particularly the key indicator of 5 A\*-C grades including English & Mathematics which has almost doubled to 67%. Performance at 5A\*-C grades now stands at 100%.

**HOW HAS PRESTEIGNE HIGH STREET COPED WITH RECESSION ?.....**as part of her Ph.D studies at Cardiff University, Nia Richards is currently researching how the financial crisis of 2007/2008 affected the high streets in selected small towns and how resilient they will be to another recession, and Presteigne is included in her study brief.

She asks for resident's help in completing a short online survey which can be found at <https://getfoureyes.com/s/529TS/> and will provide some background information for her research dissertation. The survey only takes five minutes to run through so, if you can make time to complete it, that will be appreciated by Nia.

## **LOCAL EVENTS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS**

TONIGHT!!! Thursday 10/11 - music at the Dukes Arms 8.30pm - Dave Luke & Chuck Micallif with their CD release party "Shadows and Light".

Saturday 12/11 - Community Groups Fair at the Memorial Hall 9am - 3pm. See above

Saturday 12/11 - Presteigne Bowls Club's Christmas Prize and Cash Bingo Night in the Memorial Hall, 6.30pm for 7.45pm eyes-down (and again on 19/11, 26/11, and 3/12)

Sunday 13/11 - Classical Music on Sunday, 3pm at The Assembly Rooms. Afternoon recital of Bach, Ravel, Gaubert with flute, piano, classical guitar. Tickets £8 (£5 concessions) from Winnies - in aid of The Circle and the ER Day Centre.

Monday 14/11 - Poetry@The Rad. 7.30pm in the Sitting Room of the Radnorshire Arms. With Gladys Mary Coles and Edward Storey.

Saturday 19/11 - Norton Christmas Craft Fayre 10.30am to 4pm in St Andrew's Church, Norton. Xmas gifts galore, spinning demonstration, quilt display, cakes and produce, plants, bric-a-brac, jewellery and more

Sunday 20/11 - The Village Quire with Phil Smith "Back to the Garden" 3.30 to 4.45pm in The Assembly Rooms. An original musical story based on letters of Corpl. Wm Bevan, soldier and head gardener at Kinsham Court. Tickets from Winnies £10 (£3 students) includes tea and cakes

Thursday 24/11 - Benji Kirkpatrick in the Dukes Arms. 8.30pm. This amazing multi-instrumentalist plays music spanning many genres, including Jimi Hendrix !

Friday 25/11 - The Assembly Rooms, 8pm - "Mr Satie Entertains" celebrates in words and music the 150th anniversary of Eric Satie's birth illustrating both his comic and serious sides. With Elisabeth Priday (soprano), Christopher Good (narrator), John Madden & Roger Nicholls (pianos). £10 tickets from Courtyard Antiques, the Workhouse and at [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

Friday 25/11 - Presteigne & Norton Community Support's annual "Christmas Fayre" at the Memorial Hall 4pm to 8pm. Stalls, raffle, cheese & wine

Saturday 26/11 - "Over The Hillbillies" at The Assembly Rooms, 8pm. Dance Night !! Everything from Kylie to Motörhead and Dolly to Dylan. With DJ André Voiture Rouge, dance floor and bar

Saturday 26/11 - KCS Winter Concert at St Mary's, Kington 7.30pm - J. S. Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" cantatas 1, 4, 5 and 6. The KCS chorus with the Marches Baroque Orchestra and, as a special treat, soloists from internationally-renowned The Sixteen. You'll never get the chance to see and hear singers of this calibre for only £10 ! Earlybird tickets £10 from Courtyard Antiques (under-18s free) £12 on the door.

*Feel free to pass this on to friends in the area and ask them to let us know their email address so we can add them to the distribution. If you can help spread the word and publicise this on Facebook/Twitter as well that would be brilliant !*

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