

# 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:pacd@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:pacd@icloud.com)**

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**Thought about taking up bell-ringing ?....** the bells of St Andrews rang out a week last Thursday morning to celebrate a Presteigne couple's diamond wedding, though we, the ringers, were paid to ring, it was also a pleasure to be asked. Should anyone have a wedding celebration that they would like the bells rung for, please contact the tower captain (see website [www.presteigne bells.uk](http://www.presteigne bells.uk)). St Andrews is currently short of local ringers and that Thursday's ringing band recruited three visitors to make up the numbers.

If anyone reading this is interested in the art of bellringing and, in particular, learning to ring, please have a look at the St. Andrew's web site for contact information.

The ringers practice every Thursday except the first of month.

**Dyfed Powys Police DPCM message.....** it's that time of year when ewes are due to lamb. Take responsibility for your dog - keep them on a lead or secure when at home. If you are out walking your dog in the countryside, do not allow your dog to enter a field on its own and keep it under your control at all times.

**Bring Site....**over the last month we've received separate emails from Yvonne & Paul, and from Caitlyn, all asking us to say a public 'thank you' in the News to the Bring Site volunteers who help to keep the site tidy on behalf of the Chamber of Trade. In case you didn't already know, although all recycling provision and collection is handled by PCC, our Chamber of Trade looks after the site using a small team of volunteers, and receives money from PCC to do so, which helps towards paying for things like the Carnival, Christmas Street Fair etc. You can help the volunteers to keep the site tidy by not leaving loose cardboard, bags of clothes or green waste on those occasions when PCC are having problems with collection and bins are full. Please take your stuff home and bring it back when there's room.

**Nicola Humphreys....** (taken from the Town website) - The Town Council is very sad to report on the death of Nicola Humphreys on 5th January 2017. Nicola was an exceptional person who was involved in so many ways in the community she had adopted and lived in for the last 40+ years. As well as being a current and previous member of Presteigne & Norton Town Council, she represented Presteigne for several years on the former Radnorshire District Council. But she served the community in so many other ways as well - setting up and helping to run Sheep Music and Broad Sheep, the monthly listing magazine which still continues today, playing in the popular combo The Tango Band, helping backstage at Presteigne Players productions, jointly running the Hat Shop Restaurant - the list goes on. She loved the community of Presteigne and was popular amongst many diverse groups of people and she will be greatly missed by all of those whose lives she touched. Her close friend and fellow Cllr Colin Kirkby said "She was a very special person devoted to the community, and a wise councillor".

There will be a Memorial Service for Nicola on 4th February at Knill Church.

**Local Food Market and TC Surgery....**put a note in your diary for the return of our local food market on Saturday 4th February. And if you've anything you'd like to raise face-to-face with our Town Council, councillors will be there as well for the monthly TC Surgery.

**Read this if you're interested to secure the future of our Library.....**the Library as you know is on the ground floor of the Assembly Rooms which is owned by Powys CC and they have said that unless the community can cover half the cost of the Library they will close it down. It has been suggested that a Trust (independent of the Town Council) be created to take over the Assembly Rooms from PCC, with a contribution from the Town Council. This would enable the Library to stay where it is. PCC are meeting soon to consider this proposal. Those who signed up as Friends of the Library - and indeed anyone who thinks our Library is an asset to the town and worth saving - are invited to a meeting amongst the Friends to discuss PCC's reply and to consider the way forward. The meeting is to be held on Monday 23rd January at 6pm in the Library.

**Success for petition to ban non-recyclable packaging....** sufficient signatures were received and Parliament is going to debate the petition you signed – “Ban all non-recyclable/non-compostable packaging in the UK”. The debate is scheduled for 23 January 2017. See website <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167596>. If you signed the petition online then once the debate has happened, you should receive a video and transcript by email.

**Any local organisation need a comb binder ?....** we have a Comb binder and several boxes of different sized combs taking up space. If your group or organisation can make use of this, email me at pacdg@icloud.com to arrange collection. First come, first served...

**TONIGHT !! On Friday 20 January - MBA presents "A Winter's Tale"** - a fairy story of lost & found – with jealous furies, an abandoned baby, a sheep shearing feast and The Bear! At the heart of this company's work there is a passion for bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy Shakespeare's amazing plays. Presteigne Assembly Rooms 7.30pm. Tickets £10 & £5. Reservations 01597 811487 & on the door. Promoted by the Willow Globe Company

**On Friday 27th January, Presteigne Screen is showing "My Little Sister"** at the Assembly Rooms.....three Japanese sisters (the Chekhovian echo is not inappropriate) discover at their father's funeral that they now have a 13-year-old half-sister Suzu (Suzu Hirose) in their lives. In this delicate exploration of familial relationships the girls rescue Suzu from life with a domineering stepmother as the film, directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda (*I Wish*), probes the family's recalibrated priorities. The three 20-somethings, with their sharply contrasting temperaments, have long been estranged from both parents but now live together relatively contentedly, so it's the delightful complication of Suzu that gives this film its impetus, rescuing her sisters from their becalmed lives. 128 mins PG.

**Evergreens.....the first Evergreen Meeting for 2017** will be on Wednesday 1st February at 2pm in the Memorial Hall.

**On Sunday 5th February - MBA and Full Circle presents the first of a new season of Velvet Violin musical cabarets** - featuring Boodica Boogaloo, The Ancient Mariner and The Monster Nanker/Phelge Music Quiz. Presteigne Assembly Rooms 7pm. Tickets £12 Courtyard Antiques & 01544 267163.

*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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