

Community News

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

Thanks for everyone who helped with the PAC litterpick last week. We concentrated this time on the central part of Presteigne, Went's Meadow & Wilson Terrace playground, but will schedule a clean-up for other areas soon. Watch this space for details.....

A GREAT WEEKEND COMING UP WITH FIVE BIG CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN PRESTEIGNE.....

PRESTEIGNE PLAYERS PRESENT THIS YEAR'S PANTO: "Rupert the Red Nosed Rainbear" on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December in the Memorial Hall. Written by Mary Compton and directed by Paul Clarke. 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall. Tickets from Winnies. Thursday £5 adult, £2 child, £12 family of 4. Friday/Saturday £7 adult, £3 child, £17 family of 4

ARTISTS & MAKERS - A TWO-DAY CHRISTMAS FAIR & EXHIBITION in The Assembly Rooms on Friday 8th December 12noon to 8pm and Saturday 9th December 10.00am to 4.00pm. A selection of High quality Gifts from Local Artists and Makers including:

Jason Braham - Salt Glazed Pottery; Julienne Braham - Paintings; Rhiannon Hooson - Painted and Embroidered Leather Jewellery; Rosamund Black - Silver and Semi Precious Stone Jewellery and Shibori Linen; Michael J Hancock - Intaglio Prints and Cards; Ian Nicholson - Photography; Hand Spun and Hand Dyed Knitwear from Annie and Adam; plus Hand-made Pine Furniture, Hand-made watercolour art paper; and a selection of Gifts from new makers.

This year to add a little extra colour we are hosting a preview of an Exhibition of Vintage Indian Embroideries and Handloom weaves. A selection of new handloom weaves will also be for sale.

All enquiries to Rosamund on 01544 260777

CHRISTMAS STREET FAYRE - in Presteigne High Street from 3.30 to 7pm on Friday 8th December. This year CONNECT (the Presteigne Area Business Network) are funding and organising the Street Fayre and the afternoon will include Jack the Jester along with his troupe of street performers and a mesmerising show by Mr Bamboozle the magician. Scrappies and the Circus Workshop will also be there throughout and there will be carol singing with the Primary School children and many stalls selling Christmas presents, food and drink.

FATHER CHRISTMAS will visit the Primary School to meet the children in the School Hall at around 3.15pm and then lead a procession of children down to Presteigne High Street to open the Grotto at 3.45pm.

There will also be the infamous Blotto Lotto stall, a festive Tombola and the Raffle draw which will take place at 6.45pm just after Father Christmas has departed and the Fayre is drawing to close. It promises to be a great event and we hope to see you there.

Connect, the Presteigne Area Business Network - presteigne.org.uk

CHRISTMAS MARKET at the Radnorshire Arms Hotel on Saturday 9th December from 10am to 4pm. Bigger and better than ever before with **over forty stalls** offering a truly unique and wonderful array of Christmas Gifts - something for everyone. The whole of Saturday will be filled with fun, food, festivities and FATHER CHRISTMAS, as Presteigne's premier hotel swings into the Christmas spirit. As well as gifts galore, there will be a Santa's Grotto where children will be entertained by the big man himself.

The hotel's dining room will be offering festive food and drink all day long. There will be games and carols, punch and pies, mistletoe and tinsel, while the bar will be continuously open to serve revellers mulled wine and so much more.

So for the finest Christmas gifts, and to get into the Christmas spirit, come to The Rad on Saturday 9th December. Enquiries to Jonathan 01544 262712.

PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 9th December, 9am to 1pm. Over twenty stalls will be selling some of the finest artisan produce in the area. As well as the regular and popular producers there will be yet more new ones, including vegetarian & vegan ready meals, homemade cakes & hot take-away chilli con carne. Broadaxe Farm will be selling their local Christmas trees. It will be a very busy Market, full of great ideas for both Christmas presents and treats for yourselves. Come and see the great range of food for yourself. The Community Cafe will of course be serving Fairtrade coffee/teas and delicious homemade cake!!!

....AND IN ANTICIPATION OF CHRISTMAS, 24 ADVENT-THEMED WINDOWS IN THE TOWN WILL BE UNVEILED EACH DAY FROM 1st TO 24th DECEMBER AT 6:00pm. The participating windows are:
1st Dec. The Library; 2nd Dec. 32 High St; 3rd Dec. 1 Warden View, High St; 4th Dec. Carini's; 5th Dec. The Coffee House; 6th Dec. The Red House; 7th Dec. The Bull, St David's St; 8th Dec. Deli Tinto; 9th Dec. 67 Townend; 10th Dec. The New Moon, High St; 11th Dec. Bell Antiques, Scottleton St; 12th Dec. Victoria Fish Bar; 13th Dec. 8 St David Street; 14th Dec. King's Head, High St; 15th Dec. Lorna's Sandwich Shop; 16th Dec. 31 Hereford St; 17th Dec. Luggside House, Broad St; 18th Dec. The Whitehall, Hereford St; 19th Dec. The Salty Dog; 20th Dec. SPAR; 21st Dec. Godwin House, Broad St; 22nd Dec. 6 Broad St; 23rd Dec. Methodist Church; and finally, on 24th Dec. Baptist Church. Everybody is welcome for the reveals! See you there!

DPCM Message... Trading Standards warn about itinerant sellers, particularly at this time of year. e.g. a complaint has been received about an individual selling leather jackets. The jackets are labelled as made in Italy, however closer inspection shows them as Chinese lookalikes so value significantly less than the amount paid for it. If you are approached by somebody selling such items, contact Trading Standards on [01874623420](tel:01874623420) or email trading.standards@powys.gov.uk

Wednesday 29th November - Evergreens have organised a coach trip to Worcester.

Pick up in Norton, by the church at 8.50am, and in Presteigne at 9.00 am. Still a few places left at time of writing. Cost is £12.00 per person. Call Judi on 267420, or Eileen on 262710.

Friday 1st December - Presteigne Screen "I am not your Negro" 12A, Assembly Rooms, 7.30 for 8pm. Documentary on the life of James Baldwin. Bar, coffee/tea, home-baked cakes.

Saturday 2nd December - Presteigne Bowling Club Xmas 2017 Prize & Cash Bingo - the last big bingo event of the year - all welcome - Memorial Hall. 6.30pm for 7.45pm eyes-down.

Saturday 2nd December - Christmas Coffee Morning at Prestemedede from 10.30am. Cake stall, bric-a-bric, guess-the-weight-of-the-cake, name-the-teddy, Prize Draw with luxury hamper 1st prize. All proceeds to the Residents Fund. Join us for a chat and a cuppa!

Thursday 7th December - Christmas Bingo at the British Legion to raise funds for Presteigne Cricket Club. 7.30pm for eyes-down at 8 pm, with many prizes including Bottles, Hampers and Vouchers. Last quickie ticket "£100 House".

Friday 8th December - Lingen Flix 7.30pm. 'The Time of Their Lives' (12A) British Comedy. Dame Joan Collins, Pauline Collins, Franco Nero. Lingen Village Hall. Refreshments available.

£5 (child £3.50) tel. 01544 267736 or email lingenweb@gmail.com. Info on www.lingen.org.uk.

Sunday 10th December - Christmas Bazaar at Walton Village Hall from 2pm. Come and peruse the Christmas novelties and enjoy home made refreshments whilst listening to some lovely Christmas music. Father Christmas will be there in his grotto, so make sure you get there early! Info from Karan on 01544 350511, Anne on 01544 350266 or Jane on 01544 350345.

Monday 11th December - Poetry in Presteigne, Robert Minhinnick, Steve Griffiths, 7.30pm Radnorshire Arms £5 / £2 on door. www.poetryinpresteigne.org

Wednesday 13th December - Quiz Night @ The Bowls Club. All welcome. General knowledge quiz (with a Christmas twist!) at the Bowls Social Club (opp. Little Shop). Tables of 4. Only £2.50pp includes sausage rolls, mince pies. 7.30 for 8pm. Full bar & Win Big at Backwards Bingo. Space limited - to reserve, text Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

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. 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. 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