

Community News

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR !!

these items didn't make it on to Issue 63....

Planning no: P174246/F, LD8 2ND.....Herefordshire CC has posted a Planning Application for a shed to house 16,000 chickens on Stonewall Hill for egg production. Any comments have to be submitted to Herefordshire Council [before 2nd January 2018](#) at www.herefordshire.gov.uk

Thursday 28 December.....FABULOUS FESTIVE PARTY! Assembly Rooms from 8pm.

* Live music from Herefordshire band Slippery Slope with their fabulous cocktail of musical styles from Ska to Klezmer, Irish folk to French Hot Club, on accordion, guitar, fiddle and steel pan.

* DJ Max from SuperSonicDisco in Hay with an irresistible smorgasbord of soul, disco, funk and party classics.

* Seasonal Musical Food Quiz concocted by local heroes John Hymas and Dave Luke. Dance floor, cabaret seating, lots of decor and fairy lights.

Great bar - draught beer, small local brewery ale, fine wine, Brecon Botanicals Gin, Fever-Tree tonic, The Kraken Rum and coke, plus Jamesons whiskey.

Dress code: Fabulously Fancy!

Tickets £15 from The Workhouse (until 23rd Dec) or from wegottickets.com.

Information 01544 267163.

Raising funds for Mid Border Arts.

PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL CLERK'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2017

(don't forget you can see full Minutes of previous Council meetings on the TC page on the Town website www.presteigne.org)

1. Drill Hall: PCC have been informed that we are withdrawing our expression of interest in the Drill Hall and I have asked that the site be offered to Home Presteigne in the first instance for affordable housing. Home Presteigne have been made aware of this and are looking into it. They have agreed to keep us informed. Our decisions at the November meeting have been sent to the County Council and I have been told they will be presented to the next meeting of the Strategic Asset Board.

2. Withdrawal of Grant Towards Running of Public Toilets: As requested a letter was sent to Cllr. Liam Fitzpatrick on the sudden withdrawal of this grant and asking that the grant be withdrawn gradually. His reply has been circulated. Our request was refused.

3. Highway/Street Cleaning Items - The following have been requested recently -

- Norton
 - pavements main village and Offas Green
 - overgrown hedge 2 Offas Green - Carl to visit
 - railings - bent part to be removed, trim over bank if possible
- Warden Close - new sign, kerb cleaning
- Green End - weeding needed, untidy
- Potholes Upper Heath Road - adopted?
- Castle Road - drains need raising

- Water Meter Meadow Entrance - covered over by contractors - Carl to speak to them and Welsh Water, to be cleared and meter level raised so will no longer flood
- Station Road - overgrown ivy and trees, resident should be arranging
- Broad Street - remainder of pavements to be cleaned
- Station Road pavements - slippery, need cleaning
- Hereford Street - cleaning
- High Street - to be swept just before street fair
- meeting with Cllr Liam re parking for Lloyds Bank cashpoint - to happen in New Year
- Scottleton Street missing sign
- hatched 'no parking' area by Church - lines to be repainted if possible.

Anything not mentioned above should be done - please let me know if there is anything outstanding not mentioned above.

4. Grant Applications: Applications have been submitted during November to Tesco Bags of Help for the path and information board work on the old reservoir ground and for further play equipment on the Wilson Terrace playing field. A few days after this I received confirmation that an earlier grant to the same scheme had been successful for the play equipment and so we are in the vote for £4000, £2000 or £1000!

I will start work on a grant application for an outdoor gym in the New Year.

There are many applications made and so there is no guarantee of success but it is always worth trying.

5. Outdoor Gym (Went's Meadow): Cllr. Linnett and I have examined the quotes and layouts received and we felt that Sovereign Play was the best of the bunch. I am arranging a further site meeting to discuss and anyone wishing to attend is very welcome. Please let me know if so and I'll see you are notified of the date. It is likely to be a Thursday daytime. The information from the three companies contacted will be available at the meeting for you to look at if you wish. A final decision on the company and design will be made at full Council in the New Year. We also feel that we should invite community comments to make sure that this would be welcomed. The information will be on the website, on facebook and I will also consult community groups via email.

Please spread the word (pointing out that the project will only go ahead if grant funded so not a cost on the precept) and encourage people to let me have their comments.

6. Telephone Kiosk, Station Road: A year ago I submitted a case to BT for the repainting of this kiosk and it should now be done.

7. One Voice Wales Consultation Meeting (Local Govt Review): I attended this meeting with Cllr. Wilding. Approximately 25 people attended, mainly Council Members but also several Clerks. Using the 'world café' method the four questions posed by the Review Panel were discussed in detail and the comments will be considered by One Voice Wales to form part of its submission. Cllr. Wilding will, I'm sure, report at the meeting.

8. Picnic Benches: The two benches to be purchased for the Tesco grant have now been ordered with an expected delivery date of early to mid February. This will allow them to be on site in time for Spring. The grant stated they would be sited near to the Scout Hut but an exact location needs to be agreed, perhaps by the trees alongside the track? If you are willing perhaps Cllr. Kirkby, Nick Close and I could agree a location once delivery is made

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 \[pacdg@icloud.com\]\(mailto:pacdg@icloud.com\)](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) - 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