

# Community News

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

**Presteigne is absolutely filled with incredibly talented performers and the Open Mic evenings (7pm-7.30pm) at No.46 Wine Bar provide an opportunity to showcase those talents** to all who enjoy free live entertainment, be it music, poetry or comedy. The 1st Sunday of the month is 'Solo Open Mic Night' at which performers must go it alone. The 3rd Sunday of the month is normal 'Open Mic Night' for duos and groups, as well as solo performers. Get in early to guarantee a slot to perform - or to get one of the best seats!

**Update from Welsh Water on the High Street Sewerage Problems - the sewers have been cleaned and cctv cameras have not revealed any repairs needed.** Odour loggers are now in place to record instances and will stay in place for three weeks to try to identify a pattern and from that what might be causing the problem. Welsh Water are keen to receive reports of any further instances - tel. 0800 085 3968 (24h line).

**East Radnor Day Centre will be launching their Home Support scheme after the AGM in the Day Centre on Monday 19th February at 7pm. Light refreshments served. This is a pilot project, funded through Powys County Council, and ERDC have been chosen to deliver the service which is a FREE service available to anyone >50 yrs old in the wider Presteigne and Knighton area, providing 24 hour Rapid Response for emergency call-outs.** The aim of the scheme is to reduce ambulance call-outs, and limit the time people need to spend in hospital, whilst promoting independence and improved well-being. Residents can self-refer, or be referred via the Medical Centre or by other services. If you can't attend the AGM, please call into the Day Centre office or telephone 01544 260267 for more information.

**If you see a problem with slippery or obstructed pavements, potholes, blocked street drains/gullies, faulty street lights etc., your first action should be to report the problem direct to PCC** on their website [www.powys.gov.uk](http://www.powys.gov.uk) but, in parallel, please advise the Town Council by email to [pntc@hotmail.com](mailto:pntc@hotmail.com) so that they can follow up and monitor PCC action where necessary. Make sure to clearly state the exact location and extent of the problem and stress any risk or health & safety concerns to encourage prompt action by PCC (and do let the Town Clerk know when the problem is resolved !)

**Fancied growing your own fruit and veg but your garden's not suitable ? Then now's the time to think about an allotment - plots may come available at the Presteigne allotments in Went's Meadow later this year** so get your name down on the list - email the Town Clerk asap on [pntc@hotmail.com](mailto:pntc@hotmail.com)

**Motorists in Powys are being urged to sign up to PCC's Yellow Triangle scheme that could help emergency services find possible life-saving information about a driver in case of an accident.** A "Your Details" card will give information about next of kin, medical conditions, allergies and medications, and be kept in the glove compartment of their vehicle. The yellow triangle sticker is displayed in the bottom left hand corner inside the windscreen, out of the driver's field of view, to inform the emergency services that the information is in the glove compartment. To request a 'Yellow Triangle' scheme pack, telephone [01597 826979](tel:01597826979) or email [road.safety@powys.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@powys.gov.uk)

**Following on from the previous News item about Plastic-free Powys, we received several emails asking how to contact Pfp.** For information and about future protests email [plasticfreepowys@gmail.com](mailto:plasticfreepowys@gmail.com).

**Council house rents will rise by at least 4.5% in Powys from April the PCC cabinet has decided.** PCC say that rent rises are within Welsh Government's guidelines which allow for a maximum rise of inflation - currently 3% - plus 1.5% and £2 a week. **PCC Cabinet also recommended increasing council tax by 5% in the coming year - but this is still to be voted on by the full council on 22 February.**

**Because of continuing demand the Knighton Food Bank is extending its operation in Presteigne through March.** The collection point is in the Spar shop. If you would like to make a financial donation, please post a cheque to the Food Bank's Chairman, the Rev Peter Cope, at The Vicarage, Church St., Knighton. LD7 1AG

**Two messages from Rhiannon about Presteigne Library:**

**On Thursday the 1st of March at 2pm we will be hosting a Big Book Club afternoon to celebrate World Book Day at the library!** We invite local readers and book groups to join us for a one-off gathering to discuss "**Go Set a Watchman**" by Harper Lee over tea and cake. Whether you are a lone reader and would like to talk books, or part of a book group that would enjoy branching out to chat with some different people, you will be most welcome – suggested donation of £1 per person to include refreshments; no need to book, but to let me get an idea of numbers please email [prestlib@powys.gov.uk](mailto:prestlib@powys.gov.uk) if you would like to attend. Support your library!

**The library is starting up an Outreach Program to allow wider access to books. Volunteers will be visiting the Circle and the Day Centre on a fortnightly basis to deliver books and read to day centre attendees, and will also be able to deliver books to anyone that might be housebound.** If you or anyone you know finds it difficult to get to the library and would like their books delivered, please contact Rhiannon at the library on [prestlib@powys.gov.uk](mailto:prestlib@powys.gov.uk) or 01544 260552 (Tues and Wed afternoons only).

**Our bin collection days are changing for most households later this month. The new (PCC say improved !) rounds will start from Monday, 26th February** and PCC say they will be writing to all households shortly to inform them of their new collection days.

**The Caucasus Come to Presteigne on 7.30pm, 23 February 2018 at St Andrew's Hall. The Georgian Feast is hosting a pop-up dinner in Presteigne,** a veritable feast of traditional hot and cold Georgian dishes and a complimentary glass of bio-dynamic wine made with Georgia's indigenous Saperavi grapes. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the unique flavours of a traditional Georgian feast, and sample the products of the oldest wine making tradition in the world. The Georgian Feast is the first street-food company to come to the UK from the ex-Soviet Republic of Georgia. £35.00pp. Vegans and Vegetarians welcome. Website <https://www.facebook.com/theGeorgianFeast>. Facebook @GeorgianFeast. To book email: [hello@thegeorgianfeast.com](mailto:hello@thegeorgianfeast.com)

**Friday 23rd February - Presteigne Screen/Borderlines Film Festival presents "My Pure Land", the UK's foreign language entry for the 2018 Oscars.** 98 mins (15). A female-led siege thriller set in rural Pakistan. 7.30pm at The Assembly Rooms. £5.50. See website [www.borderlinesfilmfestival.co.uk](http://www.borderlinesfilmfestival.co.uk)

**Saturday 24th February - MBA presents a cabaret evening of music and dancing with the "Moscow Drug Club" 8pm in The Assembly Rooms.** The band combines elements of 1930's Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, nuevo tango and gypsy jazz combining original music with songs by Bertolt Brecht, Jaques Brel and Tom Waites. Cabaret seating & dance floor, bar. Tickets £10 from Workhouse Gallery or [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)

**Friday 2nd March - Presteigne Screen/Borderlines Film Festival presents Amando Iannucci's "The Death of Stalin" starring Paul Whitehouse, Simon Russel Beale, Michael Palin etc.** A seamless torrent of laugh-out-loud humour. 7.30pm at The Assembly Rooms. £5.50. Website [www.borderlinesfilmfestival.co.uk](http://www.borderlinesfilmfestival.co.uk)

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) – mail [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto: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