

Community News

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an information service from PAC - the Presteigne Area Community Group

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There's a very special Concert in St. Andrew's this Saturday 1st June, when Kington Choral, supported by some brilliant young professional soloists and the renowned Canzona early music group, perform Monteverdi's incredible "Vespers of 1610" conducted by Robert Evans..... so, if you're looking for an antidote to the football or just because you love the music, this is the place to be! Tickets will be £14 on the door but if you're quick you may still be able to buy early-bird tickets at just £12 from Courtyard Antiques (also Border Bean in Kington, or the Tower House Gallery in Knighton).

PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET Saturday 1st June 9 - 1pm Memorial Hall

The response to the Childrens' Pumpkin Growing Competition was so good - at both the Food Market and the Flower and Food Festival - that it's been extended for one more month. Please bring your enthusiastic young growers along to collect their seeds, pot and very easy instructions. The Market continues to provide the very best produce in The Marches, both in its quality and variety. Its success has spread and new artisans are wanting to become a part of it. The Community Cafe will be providing a cosy atmosphere for customers to meet and share its Fairtrade coffee, teas, squash and delicious homemade cake.

Fancy entering a Tug of War team for Presteigne Carnival ? The Tug of War is being revived as an annual event after many years and there'll be a prize and lovely trophy for the winning team. This will be a fun event run throughout the course of Carnival day on Went's Meadow, with teams of eight (to include a minimum of two ladies). Contact Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com for more details.

Presteigne Carnival is coming soon, and plans are well advanced with some brilliant main acts and activities booked, as you can see from the Carnival Programme pushed through your doors recently. **But now we have to look at booking acts for 2020 - yes, we really do have to look that far ahead!** If you have any suggestions or recommendations for acts and activities for next year's Carnival do please let the Carnival committee know - just email Lisa on ljvcarnival@gmail.com.

Are you a young musician and would like the chance to perform to a great audience at this year's Carnival ? If so, we would like to hear from young musicians - bands, duos and solo artists - you will have the opportunity to perform and showcase your music to the town. PA, microphones, cables will all be provided. You must have your own instruments and be 18 years and under. **Contact Rich Gooderson with details of your act, type of music, number of musicians, number of songs etc by 30th June.** Call Rich on 07788 264726, email richardgooderson@hotmail.com or private message Presteigne Carnival Facebook page.

...and still with Presteigne Carnival, if they're quick there's still time for your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to get their entries in to be this year's Carnival Queen and Senior Carnival Attendant(s) as the entry closing date has been extended to 16th June. This year, apart from pride of place in the Carnival procession riding in style in a lovely classic car, Carnival is offering £50 prize money for the selected Queen, which has kindly been donated by Presteigne businesses....plus Grace Beauty Salon will do the make-up, Halo Hair Studio will do the Queen's hair, and Slix Studios will do the Attendant's hair on Carnival Day. Carnival are looking for one Queen (aged 15+) and two Senior Attendants (male or female, aged

11 to 14). To qualify you should live within 5 miles of Presteigne and, of course, be available on Carnival day 13th July. There will also be two Junior Attendants who will be selected via the Primary School.

To apply, children should email presteignecarnival@gmail.com or private message via the 'Presteigne Carnival' Facebook page, with relevant details - name, address, contact telephone number, age (on Saturday 13th July), and a few words about themselves and why they would like to be Carnival Queen or one of the Attendants.

DID YOU KNOW ?

....this month Cllr. Trevor Owens was sworn in as the new Mayor of Presteigne, and Cllr. Fiona Preece was elected as Dept. Mayor. Congratulations to Trevor and Fiona in their new roles for our community.

....and our County Councillor Bev Baynham has been elected as the new Chair of Powys County Council. Congratulations Bev, and we wish you all the best in this important position with PCC.

....Presteigne Little People's Daycare & Playgroup provides a Holiday Club covering both half-term and summer holidays, for ages 2 to 12 years, Monday to Friday. The Government's 30 hour Free Childcare Offer is accepted. Charges: Full day 9am to 4pm £25 (packed lunch to be supplied) or Half-day 9am to 12.30pm, or 12.30 to 4pm £15 (snacks included). Limited space available so prior booking is essential. Contact Sophie 01544 262130. See website www.presteigneplaygroup.co.uk for more information.

....No. 46 Wine Bar runs a crisp packet collection scheme in aid of Guide Dogs. Any brand of crisp packet is accepted which then go off in batches for specialist recycling, benefitting the Charity. Crisp packets are not accepted in kerbside recycling so normally go to landfill - please spread the word !

....the PNCS Warehouse will replace your watch batteries, quickly and cheaply

....and at the PNCS office on the High Street, you can get all your photocopying and laminating done at very reasonable rates, at the same time supporting this crucial local volunteer service

Please take part in a short on-line survey to support a bid for funding for electric vehicle charging points in Presteigne and elsewhere. Residents are asked to complete a short survey which could help Powys County Council lever in substantial funding to install a number of fast electric vehicle charging points in council-owned long stay car parks across the county. More details here [➡ https://tinyurl.com/y55cj7dc](https://tinyurl.com/y55cj7dc). The survey asks people to "vote" for which Powys car parks should have charging points - **our Hereford Street carpark is included and needs your vote!**

THANK YOUs....

....Jane emailed in to say how much she admired Annie's Garden alongside the bowling green fence on Greenfield Road and to pass on her thanks for all Annie's hard work brightening up the roadside thereand several people have asked us to express their appreciation for the work of Sarah and her small guerrilla gardening group in the car-parks and elsewhere around town. *The GGs have some new projects planned to brighten up otherwise-neglected areas in town. If you have some ideas, and fancy a bit of occasional fun guerrilla gardening in good company, email pacdg@icloud.com and we'll pass your details on to Sarah.*

....[Ed] and I'd like to applaud the efforts of the residents of The Plantation who've cleared and planted the bank alongside the Greenfield Road pavement just by the Clatterbrune junction - looks great !

[editor's note: if there's someone you'd like to thank for their community activities, please do let us know]

Great to see an 'Opening Soon' sign on the empty shop in the High Street (next to Winnie's) by Windsor Grey, Antiques & Interiors, Vintage Textiles. Enquiries 07972 779063 or email mail@windsorgrey.co.uk (now, we're just waiting the re-opening of the "Moroccan" - eeee, the anticipation!!)

Another current email scam... Powys Trading Standards are warning people to be aware of a new Council Tax phishing scam, this time by email purporting to come from 'Council Tax and Payroll' asking for personal details. Please do NOT open the email or respond or click on any link in the email. You can report any suspicious phishing or scam email by forwarding it to NFIBphishing@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk.

If you need to contact PCC, either call 01597 826000 or visit their website <https://www.powys.gov.uk/>

Presteigne Evergreen Club has arranged a coach trip to Moreton-in-Marsh on Tuesday 4th June.

Departs Norton 8.50am and Bring Site Lay-by 9am. Cost £13 pp. Call Judi for info and to book [01544 267420](tel:01544267420)

News from the Norton Show Committee...the official Programme is now available for the Show on Sunday 28th July. - get planning your entries for our grand marquee!

Classes for home-grown produce and flowers, cookery, floral art, arts and crafts...and Horse and Dog shows! Full details and entry forms in our official Programme, available in Norton Phone Box, Presteigne Library, Judges Lodging and various town centre premises. Or contact Ann [01544 267221](tel:01544267221) or Dan [07798 928909](tel:07798928909).

If you're interested in sketching, drawing and painting, don't forget that the Judge's Lodging one-day courses for 2019 with Artist-in-Residence Matthew Wood start on Saturday 8th June, next on Saturday 22nd June 10am-4pm. For info tel. 07790 018463 or email info@matthewwoodpaintings.co.uk

Saturday 1st June - Local Food Market in the Memorial Hall (see item above)

Saturday 1st June - KCS Concert "Monteverdi Vespers of 1610" in St. Andrew's (see item above)

Saturday 1st June - Artists & Makers in The Assembly Rooms 10am - 3pm.

Tuesday 4th June - Dewie's Quiz at the Royal Oak (in aid of Presteigne Carnival). 7.45pm. Teams of four £2 pp. Reserve your table on 01544 260842 or on the Royal Oak Facebook page.

Tuesday 4th June - Evergreen's trip to Moreton-in-Marsh (see item above)

Wednesday 5th June - Sharppp Chat "Help me if you can, I'm feeling down" (The Beatles). Are there better ways of helping? Pete Sanders will be leading this month's discussion group. 7.30pm at The Assembly Rooms. More info maggie@pccs-books.co.uk.

Saturday 8th June - Gather Round...and Sing for Fun with Marion Rowlatt 10.30am to 12 noon at The Assembly Rooms. Info 01544 260 466.

Saturday 8th June - first session of Artist in Residence at the Judge's Lodging (see issue 100 for info)

Sunday 9th June - No.46 Wine Bar presents a Sunday Music Double Bill. 1.30pm. Free entry. Join us for a rhythm packed afternoon featuring the in-the-groove jazz beats of Blue Haze plus infectious pop through the ages from Jenny & The Jerms - see Facebook pages for more information on No.46 Wine Bar and the acts.

Tuesday 11th June - PACDG AGM, 7.30pm, St. Andrew's Church Hall. Election of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

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Wednesday 12th June - Quiz Night @ Presteigne Bowls Social Club (this month in aid of Presteigne Carnival) 7.30pm for 8pm start. General knowledge pub quiz with a twist. 2nd Wednesday of each month. Teams of 4. £2.50pp. Full bar, refreshments. Win Big with Backwards Bingo at the break. All welcome. To reserve your table 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) - email text (not poster images please) at least 3 weeks in advance to pacdg@icloud.com.

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