

# Community News

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an information service from PAC - the Presteigne Area Community Group

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### THANK YOU!

..... Following on from the last issue, Sheila emailed asking us to pass on her **appreciation for whoever has planted and is maintaining the lovely bit of garden fronting the footpath by the entrance to the Shoppers carpark**, ..... after the removal of the garden waste banks from the Bring Site, several people have asked that we say a **public thank-you to the small group of volunteers who've worked whatever the weather to keep the Bring Site clean and tidy** - the loss of the garden waste facility has been a disappointment to many but has made the volunteers' job so much easier now ! Unfortunately it has also massively reduced the income from Powys to CONNECT and our community for maintaining the Bring Site.

..... and CONNECT (the Presteigne Area Business Network) would like to say **a really big 'thank you' to all the volunteers and everyone involved in making the 2nd Presteigne Food & Flower Festival such a success** and which additionally raised £500 for the East Radnorshire Day Centre (via the Rotary Club carpark attendants), £921.14 for local charities (via the children's activities in The Old Rectory garden), and around £500 for various charities (via the Open Gardens). See you all next year!

**A message from Pete Smith...the Canal Trust are looking for B&B for two or possibly three nights** - must be able to take card payments upfront. If you can, please email me on [bluefootiron@btinternet.com](mailto:bluefootiron@btinternet.com) and I'll forward details. This is for a course I'm running for the Canal Trust stonemasons, so there could be ongoing bookings as there are quite a few stonemasons. The closer to Stapleton the better. Thanks, Pete.

**Don't miss the annual MacMillan Tea Party on Saturday 29th June from 2pm at The Green, Rockbridge Park.** All welcome. Parking & toilets on site. Tea, coffee, cakes (lots of lovely home-made cakes!!!!), tombola, crafts, books, white elephant stall. It's always a great day out - and helps fund an essential area service.

### DID YOU KNOW?

.....**You can now place small ads to go in the window of the PNCS Office in the High Street** for 50p a week, post-card size ads only please.

.....**also at the PNCS office, you can buy lovely bunches of sweet peas** - only £2 a bunch, and all proceeds go towards the costs of PNCS volunteer drivers.

.....**Radnor Hills have purchased the Countrywide Stores site just outside Presteigne.** See their Facebook page which says this gives them "...an exciting springboard for growth in the future". Great news for Presteigne !

.....**if you collect a carrier bag full of empty crisp packets and then drop them in to No.46 Wine Bar they will be sent off for specialist recycling and, in the process, raise money for the Guide Dogs Charity**...and they don't then go to landfill. Win-win !

.....**and if your printer uses original inkjet cartridges (HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, Samsung, Neopost only (not Epson or Kodak inkjets, not re-filled cartridges or ink-tanks, and not toner cartridges) you can recycle these to raise funds for East Radnorshire Day Centre (£1 per cartridge).** Take your cartridges into the ERDC office or pick up Freepost Recycle4 envelopes from ERDC, the garage or other shops in town, or you can order envelopes online at [www.recycle4charity.co.uk/bags-and-boxes](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/bags-and-boxes).

.....if you've been wondering when the work will be finished at **The Judge's Lodging**, Gaby can't give an exact time for the building work to be finished but things are moving quickly now, they have started painting and a second team is on the roof. Meanwhile, the Judge's Lodging remains open for business as usual, and the new shop and tourist information area will open mid-July.

.....and after its major refurbishment, **Hugh's hoping that the Moroccan will be open for business in July** with Dany serving 'proper' pizzas and, of course, wonderful Skyborry cider ! Can't wait !

### **KNIGHTON & EAST RADNOR FOOD BANK - Summer & School Holiday Project Shopping List**

- Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard • Tinned Fruit • Tinned Meat & Pies, eg Meatballs, Hot Dogs, Stewed Steak
- Tinned Fish • Corned Beef & Ham • Soups • Pasta Sauces • Tinned vegetables (but not baked beans, kidney beans or chickpeas) • Cereals (but not Bran, Porridge or Special K, if possible) • Tea or Coffee & Fruit/ Flavoured Cold Drinks • Peanut butter, Chocolate Spread & Sandwich Fillings • Biscuits & Snacks (to add to lunch boxes)
- Toilet Rolls & Washing Up Liquid & Laundry Powder/Liquid • Shampoo & Shower Gel, Deodorant, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes.

Please note we can only accept food items that are well within their use-by date.

*If you would prefer to give a small cash donation, this will enable us to purchase fresh milk, bread, cheese and eggs & to buy fresh vegetable/fruit vouchers to include with individual food parcels. You may prefer to set up a regular donation to support our work by completing a Standing Order or a Stewardship form (with Gift Aid). Ask Helen for more information, or visit the website.*

In addition to Knighton Baptist Church on Tuesdays & Fridays, we are at Presteigne Baptist Church on Thursdays from 10am to 11.30am. Contact Manager Helen Anderson on 07731 524 058 for more information or email [helen@knightonfoodbank.co.uk](mailto:helen@knightonfoodbank.co.uk). See website [www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

.....**Downton Gorge visit on Thursday 20th July East Radnor Ramblers (ERR) have a special guided walk.** We have arranged with Natural England for a small group to visit the private nature reserve in Downton Gorge on the River Teme between Leintwardine and Ludlow. Besides unusual plants the visit includes 18th century industrial sites and picturesque walks laid out by the builder of Downton Castle. There are still a few places left for this. If you are interested please contact Phil King on [01544 260740](tel:01544260740) / [phil@king618.co.uk](mailto:phil@king618.co.uk) to check if there are still spaces and to reserve your place. Normally there is no charge for ERR walks; however Natural England are charging £5 per person

.....**Early Music in the Marches. A two-day Choral & Instrumental Workshop on Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th September** - on KERLL'S SETTINGS OF THE MASS at Upper House, Discoed. Click [here](#) for the application form.

.....**Twinning Trip to Ligné from 25th to 28th October.** Dear Residents of Presteigne and Norton, Twinning friends and families, The Twinning Committee would like to invite you warmly to join us on the next planned trip to Ligné, 20 miles from Nantes. We are planning to leave by coach on Friday 25th October 2019 late afternoon to Tuesday 29th late evening. Thanks to the fantastic Mamma Mia fund raiser, we can subsidise children's and teenagers places substantially again. Please let me know if you are interested & want to know any more information. In 2015, the total cost per adult was only £150 and covered all the cost of food, entertainment and travel because of the great hospitality of our French hosts. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested & have further questions: [sonja.parg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sonja.parg@yahoo.co.uk)

.....**Chatterbrook WI has a few spaces left on their Summer Outing to Hampton Court, on Thursday July 4th** with a guided tour of the castle by historian Catherine Beale. Non-members welcome.

The cost is £21 for the coach and tour. Please enquire to [lesleyhwilding@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyhwilding@gmail.com), or phone 07585957704

### **OTHER EVENTS IN THE COMING FORTNIGHT...**

**Saturday 15th June - Workshop "Introducing Eco-Mindfulness - Connecting with Nature" at Pant Hall Cloister Gardens, Willey, Presteigne LD8 2LY**. 10am - 4pm. Explore being in the moment via eco-mindfulness and the art of Haiku. A one-day workshop in the beautiful Pant Hall Cloister Gardens near Presteigne. £50 (including light lunch and refreshments). Booking essential. For information and how to book please email Karen on [connectwithnature@hotmail.com](mailto:connectwithnature@hotmail.com) or visit the website [www.panthallcloistergardens.com](http://www.panthallcloistergardens.com)

**Saturday 15th June - St. Andrew's Coffee Morning**. Church Hall from 10.30am to around 12.30pm. Teas, cake, raffle....and good company!!

**Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th June - Open Gardens at Hillcroft, Coombes Moor LD8 2HY**. Tea, coffee, cold drinks and delicious home-made cakes can be enjoyed in the garden or conservatory. Adults £4, children free. More information online at [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

**Thursday 20th June - Presteigne St. Andrew's Football Club AGM** in the Clubhouse at Llanandras Park. 7.30pm start. All welcome ! (*n.b. This will be followed by the PSAFC social Club AGM, but this is open to members only*)

**Sunday 23rd June - Moishe's Bagel at The Assembly Rooms**. 8pm. Moishe's Bagel return with their thrillingly original cutting-edge klezmer and folk music. An intoxicating, life-affirming mix of Eastern European dance music, Middle Eastern rhythms and virtuoso performances. "*Exhilarating, full-flavoured stuff, often breathtakingly intricate but played with jubilation ... the Bagel acquires the momentum of an express train*" - *The Herald*. Tickets £12 from The Workhouse (cash only) & [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

**Sunday 23rd June - Kinsham Open Gardens**, open 2 to 6pm. Start at Kinsham Village Hall. Tickets £3, children free. Tea and cakes available all afternoon at the Village Hall. Info 01544 267701 / 267798

**Wednesday 26th June - "1919 - You Asked Us For Peace"**. St. Andrew's Church Hall 7.30pm. In a dispassionate illustrated talk written for non-experts like him, Roger Curtis will highlight the attempts to make peace in the first half of the 20th Century, to better understand those fatal years and the world today. Tickets £8 (<16s free) on the door, or book in advance 01544 262846. All proceeds to the St. Andrew's Heating Appeal

**Saturday 29th June - "My Kind of Music" with Steve Hollinghurst at Knill**, St. Michael's Church 3pm, in aid of Knill church funds. Songs from the movies and musicals, pop standards and easy-listening greats. Tickets £8 on the door (includes tea and cake!)

**Saturday 29th June - St. Andrew's Summer Fayre** in and around the church, 2 to 4pm. Games, stalls, teas and other attractions. Enquiries to [standrewsintray@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewsintray@btinternet.com)

**Saturday 29th June - Macmillan Tea Party at Rockbridge Park** (see item above for details)

*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).*

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