

# Community News

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**What a brilliant Carnival weekend - the weather was kind and we all had a chance to see, and use, the new Barn in all its glory** - what a fantastic building and such an asset for Presteigne - and all initiated, designed and built by an incredible group of local volunteers. There is so much talent and community spirit in our little town - it's a very special place !

**The Wheelbarrow race organised by Dale and Owen kicked off the weekend, raised a lot of money, and drew its usual big crowds and a large and very wacky field of competitors.**

The Winners this year were:

Men's - 1st Aled Preece & Joey Price, 2nd Will Hodnett & Will Burton

Women's - 1st Rita Tomkins & Sue Lewis, 2nd Georgia Wozencraft & Kelly Lloyd

Mixed - 1st Gary Lewis & Carrie Tomkins, 2nd Ted Davies & Loree Jones

Best Fancy Dress- 1st Elinor Davies & Fred Powell (Clowns), 2nd Will Hodnett & Will Burton

A brilliant £208 was raised from the fire blanket donations & £312 was left over after costs from the entries.

**The Carnival itself was bigger and better than ever, finishing off with a cracking evening of music in the new Barn**, again drawing on a pool of dedicated volunteers who worked their socks off to provide an event of which Presteigne can be justly proud. There was a brilliant turnout of fancy dress entries this year including imaginative floats on the themes of Moana and Charlie & The Chocolate Factory. And, apart from a variety of games and sideshows, children's races etc. there were some great attractions on the field this year including the Welsh Axemen, Panic Circus for the children, Galloping Acrobats, dog show and scurry, and the enormous inflatable assault course and children's go-karts - **if you have any ideas for what you'd like to see at the 2020 Carnival, e.g. acts or events that you know of or have seen at other shows, please email us at [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com) and we'll pass it on to the Carnival Committee.** The most popular acts and events get booked up early so the Committee is already working on this for next year !!

**For the first time in donkey's years, there was a Tug of War competition** in which Dale's Royal Oak team came out victorious over Bobby's Castle Ring squad. So, well pulled Ben, Rob, John, Steve, Brian, Sam, Carrie & John - you deserved your trophy and bubbly, and it will be great if this develops to include more teams next year.

**Lost & Found....**there were a number of items 'found' on the Carnival field during the day, which are still unclaimed. If you're missing something, email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com) with details and we'll pass it on. Also, importantly, someone lost a set of VW car keys sometime somewhere during the day. If you found them, again please just email us and we'll put you in touch with the owner.

**Congratulations to Presteigne Bowling Club** for their triumphs at Saturday's Mid-Wales Bowling Association's Finals Day at Llandrindod Wells, when Robert and David Weale took home the Doubles Trophy after beating Marcus Smith and Gareth Wills in an all-Presteigne final.....and to Marcus Smith, Stuart Weale and Gareth Wills who beat a strong Llandod team in the Triples.

**Plans are afoot for a Make 'n Mend/Repair Café to start up in Presteigne - initially on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, starting on 21st September.** If you think you have something to offer and would like to get involved to make this happen, or are just interested to assist as a practical volunteer, please email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com) and we'll put you in touch with the people behind the project.

**Don't miss the 2019 Norton Show on Sunday 28th July - a traditional village show in beautiful Welsh countryside!** Lots of attractions including Horse Pony and Dog Shows, Show Jumping, Gundog Scurry; Ready Steady Cook with local chefs, Grand Marquee for Horticulture, Cookery, Home Grown Produce, Handicrafts, Floral Art, Children's Classes; Car Boot Sale, Army Assault Course, Vintage Vehicles; Children's Activities, Magic Show, Bouncy Castle; Exhibition by Presteigne Quilters; Bar, Refreshments, Grand Raffle. Full details and entry forms are in our official programme available in the Norton Phone Box, Presteigne Library, Judge's Lodging, and various shops throughout Presteigne. Or contact Ann on 01544 267221, Dan on 07798 928909 or email [maggiejames476@gmail.com](mailto:maggiejames476@gmail.com)

**PAC is planning a 3rd Community Groups Fair, in Presteigne Memorial Hall on Saturday 26th October.** If you're involved in running a local group, club or society, please let others know to put this date in their Diary to keep it clear. The theme and format is still to be decided but PAC will be in touch with your group representative as soon as details are agreed.

#### **LOCAL EVENTS IN THE SECOND HALF OF JULY**

(TONIGHT!!) **Wednesday 17th July - "Bach & Beyond" concert at St. Michael's in Discoed** at 7.30pm, a memorial concert for the poet Edward Storey who died last year, with Ruth Watson, David Ponsford and the eminent young soprano Alison Ponsford-Hill. The programme will include a setting of William Blake Poems by Vaughan Williams, songs by Purcell, Handel German Arias, an Oboe Sonata by Telemann and extracts from the work 'A Discoed Tapestry' which Trevor Hold composed in collaboration with Edward. The programme concludes with a selection of divine Bach Arias with oboe obligato. There will also be a few of Edward's favourite poems read by Angela Storey and local actor Paul Fields (Paul Clarke).

**Saturday 20th July - Coffee Morning in St. Andrew's Church Hall**, Presteigne 10.30am, with cakes and raffle

**Saturday 20th July - Table Sale and Coffee Morning at the Royal British Legion Social Club**, with raffle, coffee and home-made cakes 10am - 3pm. £5 per table. Contact Paul on 07949 964690 to book your table and for more 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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