

Community News

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an information service from PAC - the Presteigne Area Community Group

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Recycling News....we've been in talks with a specialist recycler for a while and soon (maybe even by the weekend!) you will be able to take all Tetrapak or similar waxed cardboard drinks cartons (not plastic containers!!) to the Bring Site at the bypass lay-by for recycling to save them going to landfill. More info in the next issue.

A message from Rosannah...the annual Rockbridge Park Tea Party this year 2019 raised £1317.00 - but unfortunately, this will be our last event. Over the past six years 2014 to 2019, Rockbridge residents have raised £6470.98. This could only be achieved due to the generosity of many people in and around Presteigne contributing and coming to our event. There is a special 'thank you' to the local businesses of Presteigne for their most generous Tombola prizes, and to Discover Parks for the use of their facilities. From all at Rockbridge Park, we would like to say a big thank to all those who have supported us over the years.

Award-winning Swiss-based theatre company, Nicole et Martin, will be pitching their white tent once again on Went's Meadow in August. Very old folk tales take on a new guise with their unmistakable story-telling style with performances which combine theatre, music, song, dance, juggling, acrobatics, laughter & goosebumps.. Saturday 3 August 3pm - Hansel and Gretel Monday 5 August 3pm - The Fisherman and his Wife Thursday 8 August 6.30pm - The Girl without Hands Friday 9 August 6.30pm - Iron John Saturday 10 August 3pm - The Musicians of Bremen Tickets can be bought online now at www.nicole-et-martin.ch, from Box Office on Went's Meadow from 3rd August 1 hour before the show, and from The Workhouse Gallery (cash only).

Our LOCAL FOOD MARKET returns on Saturday 3rd August between 9am - 1pm at The Memorial Hall. August is BBQ month at the Market. This is when customers can discover for themselves not only what high quality local meat is produced but also an excellent and complementary range of bakery, relishes and salads. All of which can be bought at every Market. The Community Cafe will be serving Fairtrade teas, coffee and homemade cake for everyone to enjoy whilst they relax.

Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society meets on Wednesday August 14th at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall for a demonstration by Arnaud Metairie. The title this month is *Halcyon Days in Hyderabad*. Visitors are welcome: £5. On Sunday August 4th, in Knucklas Village Hall, - the grand Summer Lunch event in aid of Society funds. Information from Avril, 01547 529244 or Sue, 01568 589545

Don't miss this month's SHARPPP Chat free discussion group 'There IS a future for meat farming', led by farmer Christine Page on her farm near Bucknell. 7pm, Wednesday 7th August. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL for this event, call Maggie on [01547 560813](tel:01547560813). Places limited.

For Bingo lovers.....David runs regular Bingo sessions every Thursday night at the Presteigne Bowls Social Club on Hereford Street (opposite The Little Shop) 8.15pm start. Full bar. All welcome. Looking ahead, the annual PBC bumper Prize and Cash Xmas Bingos run by David will be in the Memorial Hall every Saturday night in November starting on the 9th, then 16th, 23rd, and finishing on Saturday the 30th. Massive selection of prizes. Doors open 6.45pm for eyes down 7.30pm.

Plans are progressing well to set up a Make 'n Mend/Repair Café in Presteigne - initially on the 3rd Saturday of the month (not Wednesday as mentioned in the previous issue), **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 and we'll put you in touch.

The East Radnorshire Day Centre in Presteigne needs a Minibus Driver. Hours of work every Thursday approx. 8.30am -10.30am and 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Other shifts will be available to cover holiday & sickness. Driving experience advantageous but not essential. A friendly personality with empathy for the passengers is essential. Training will be provided. PSV License not required. You will be working with elderly vulnerable adults and a DBS check is a requirement. Please telephone Cathy Gwilt on 01544 260267 or email her at admin@erdaycentre.org for an application form.

...and Shaw Healthcare are looking for staff for Prestmede Residential Home - see notice on the PAC noticeboard at the Memorial Hall for more details, and/or visit www.shaw.co.uk.

TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE July 2019 from the Town Clerk

Vacancy on the Town Council: The Town Council currently has a vacancy for one Councillor to represent the Norton Ward and is looking to co-opt a suitable person. Please contact the Clerk, Tracey Price on 01547 528575 or email pntc@hotmail.com for more information. Closing date for applications is 31st August.

Went's Meadow: Reminder that the Meadows are available for public use by local groups and organisations – if you have a charitable event that you need an outdoor venue for please contact the Clerk for more information.

Poster Competition: Pupils at Presteigne Primary School recently took part in a competition to design posters for the Town Council to use to encourage owners to pick up their dog poo and to discourage littering. Photo attached of the winning entries which will be made into signs for use on Town Council land.

Planning: Town Councillors objected to the proposed new dwelling on land north of Clatterbrune, Presteigne for the following reasons –

- The height of the proposed dwelling in relation to adjacent single storey dwellings.
- The adverse effect on light to adjacent properties and overlooking/privacy for those properties.
- Dwelling sited too close to the boundary.
- Materials not in keeping with adjacent properties.
- Narrow access road with no pavements despite pavements being shown on the block plan.

Graffiti on Picnic Bench: Members were concerned to learn that a quantity of offensive graffiti had been drawn on a picnic bench in the 'beach' area of Went's Meadow. The police are now speaking to the offender and the bench has been sanded clean and re-oiled – thank you to Cllr. Rory Bennett for doing this so quickly.

Former Reservoir Ground, adjacent to Eddie's Meadow: New paths are being constructed to improve access to this area and information boards will be installed shortly. Thanks to Heather Lewis and Powys County Council for their help with this project.

Town Carnival: Another very successful event. The Town Council would like to thank all those who contributed towards making it such an excellent day and in particular to the very hard working Carnival Committee.

Town Council Surgeries: Continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month in the Memorial Hall (as part of the Farmers Market) from 10.00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please call in if you have a local issue you wish to raise. Cllr. Chris Ruby will attend in August.

Full Minutes are available on the town website – http://www.presteigne.org.uk/Town_Council, in the town library or the adopted telephone kiosk in Norton.

PRESTEIGNE FESTIVAL 2019.....Presteigne Festival Box Office is now open at the Assembly Rooms, Monday to Saturday, 11am to 2pm. You can call in person or phone 01544 267 800, or use online booking at www.presteignefestival.com. The Festival runs over the Bank Holiday weekend, 22 to 27 August and has an American theme, with music by Gershwin, Copland, Dvorak and many others. There's even a late night Dorothy Parker show on Bank Holiday Monday. The programme features writers Ian Marchant, Nicholas Murray and Fiona Sampson talking on Mary Shelley. Tony Lawson curates and introduces a short Festival Film series. Open Studios and other exhibitions again feature across the weekend. The opening night (August 22, 7.45pm) celebrates the great Broadway legend Richard Rodgers. A superb international performs classic numbers from musicals including South Pacific, The Sound of Music and Oklahoma! Tickets are selling fast for all events! If you think you might be able to offer a bed and breakfast room for a visiting artist, either in 2019 or in the future, please contact hilarymarchant@presteignefestival.com. Local hosts are an incredible support to the Festival – without their generosity, it couldn't survive.

CALLING ALL EARLY MUSICIANS AND SINGERS - a date for your diary in September when Early Music in the Marches 2019 presents:

A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP on Johann Caspar Kerll's settings of the Mass. 9.30 a.m.- 4.30 p.m., Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th September at Upper House and St Michael's, Discoed. This year David Allinson, director of Music at Christchurch University, Canterbury, will join our musical director, David Hatcher, in leading our weekend workshop. The settings will include the Missa Quasimodo, Missa in Fletu Solatium, Obsidionis Viennensis, Missa Pro Defunctis and the monumental Missa à Tré Chori. While we are again pleased to be welcoming students from the Northern College of Music to sing most of the solos, these can be shared if requested in advance. This year our numbers will also be swelled by instrumentalists from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. There are parts for violin family members, viols, trombones, cornets, trumpets and a variety of wind and continuo instruments A=440. We plan to run the music through before we finish at 4.30p.m. on Sunday. Friends and family, as always, are welcome to squeeze in to listen.

THE BUFFET (on Saturday 28th September from 6.00 p.m.) will be at Upper House, Discoed.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT on Saturday 28th September - "Handel's Opus VI Explored" - a selection of Concerti Grossi performed by The Marches Baroque Orchestra, 7.30pm St Andrew's Church, Presteigne. Handel's so-called Twelve Grand Concertos are for a concertino trio of two violins and cello with ripieno (two violins, viola and continuo). They were published by John Walsh in 1739 and were available to buy by subscription. Within the collection, Handel gives full rein to his compositional styles including trio sonatas, operatic arias, French overtures, Italian sinfonias, airs, fugues etc. etc.!

To apply for the Workshop and/or Buffet and/or Concert, click [here](#) for the application form. (n.b. If the pdf doesn't open immediately, you may need to retrieve it from your 'downloads').

If you see and need to report local litter problems or fly-tipping on public land within the county, the Powys County Council website includes a new online form to do this. Use this link to report in the coming months: <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/4540/Report-a-litter-problem>

School's out for summer - please don't go hungry ! If you live in the Presteigne and Knighton area, are worried about how to feed your family during the summer break and could do with help providing breakfasts and lunches in July and August, [call or text Helen on 07731 524058 or visit www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk)

Do you live in or near Norton ? If so, Norton Community Speed Watch would like to recruit a few more volunteers for the occasional monitoring session. Training will be given. Email pacdg@icloud.com and we'll put you in touch with the Speed Watch team.

Garden Waste Collections... the PCC website announces that they have reduced the cost of the garden waste kerbside collection service for the rest of the season. A 240-litre garden waste bin will now cost just £25 and the 120-litre bin will cost £20. Those who subscribe to this service will receive a new bin and kerbside collections every fortnight through to November. Garden waste is collected every fortnight at the kerbside from April to November. If you currently receive an assisted collection, this will also include your kerbside garden waste collection. Visit the PCC website <https://en.powys.gov.uk/gardenwaste> to register.

While they're in season, don't forget to get your Sweet Peas at the PNCS Shop on the High Street - only £2 a bunch and all funds go to a really good cause. Thanks to David Preece who generously grows these every year to boost PNCS funds to help pay for Community Drivers. PNCS are always short of drivers so, if you have a little time to spare to help others please call in to talk to the PNCS Office in the High Street or call 267961.

Summer Holiday Fun for children is back at The Judge's Lodging! The Judge is confused - someone's been in his house and put all sorts of strange things there. Search his rooms to find all the Odd Objects and be presented with an 'Outstanding Observer' Certificate. And for parents, while you're there do visit the new Gift Shop and Pop-Up Welsh Tearoom. If you choose to give your admission price as a donation qualifying for Gift Aid, you'll receive a pass that allows you to come back as many times as you like for free for a whole year!

Did you know about the new fitness classes at Presteigne Youth Centre ? xsFitness are running a six-week block of fat-burning classes on Wednesdays at 6.15pm (6-week package £25 or £4.50 per class followed by Kettle Bell Blast classes from 7pm-7.30pm (£3.50 per session). For information or to book in, contact Helen on 07775 520968, on Facebook. See website www.xsfitness.co.uk

Researchers at University College London and Queen Mary, University of London are looking for healthy volunteers to participate in study on Parkinson's Disease. Please click [here](#) to get more information about the PREDICT-PD study and to participate. Note that this is an external study available in English only. Please share this with any family members and friends who may also be interested in participating. You will be eligible to participate if: (a) you do not have a diagnosis of Parkinson's or any other movement disorder (b) you are aged 60-80 years old and (c) you have access to the internet
If you can help, here is the survey link.....<https://predictpd.com/en>

If you have a baby aged 6 to 24 months, the Tiny to Tots team at Cardiff University are inviting parents and guardians of 6 to 24 month old babies to take part in an online survey exploring language and motor development in babies. In recent years, research has shown that the development of language is linked to the development of motor skills, such as sitting and walking. Researchers at Cardiff University want to better understand what words babies understand first and how this may relate to different motor skills they develop. You can contact the researchers with any questions by emailing: TinyToTots@cardiff.ac.uk or contacting them on Facebook. Here is the survey link.....<https://tinytotots-surveys.cardiff.ac.uk/redcap/surveys/index.php?s=F3M9FMRWTC>

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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