

Community News

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an information service from PAC - the Presteigne Area Community Group

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URGENT....if you responded to the earlier public consultation or have an interest in local government matters and democracy, this is the last chance to have your say on the Welsh Government's proposals for changes to the Powys County Council ward boundaries affecting our area, resulting from the review by the Local Democracy Boundary Commission for Wales. The final recommendation still separates Norton from Presteigne and places it instead in a new geographically widespread Ward including Llangunllo and Whitton. This is the web link to the proposal <https://ldbc.gov.wales/reviews/03-19/powys-final-recommendations>. Strong objections to the original proposal to transfer Norton to the Knighton Ward were lodged by our Town Council, PAC and others for a variety of reasons, and at their recent meeting the Town Council expressed strong disappointment that the split of Norton from Presteigne is still proposed. If you agree that this should NOT be allowed to happen then please do express your opinion to the Welsh Government. The Town Council are going to object again and would be very happy if residents did as well. Although it may sound like a done deal, other decisions have gone against recommendations if objections are strong enough. You will see from page 95 of the Boundary Commission report that there was a window of 6 weeks in which further representations can be made to Welsh Government - **this period runs out shortly on Thursday 2nd May but, if you wish to lodge an objection, you still have time (just!!) to do this by email to lgdtmailbox@gov.wales. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD** (and please 'cc' your email to the Town Council at pntc@hotmail.com)**

Don't forget the big local event of the coming month....the PRESTEIGNE FOOD & FLOWER FESTIVAL returns this Bank Holiday Monday 6th May from 10am to 4pm. A celebration of local food, producers and gardens at this family-friendly festival on Bank Holiday Monday. This year's event will again take place in and around Presteigne's town centre. With free entry and free parking, it is a great day out and an opportunity to meet local food and drink producers as well as visiting open gardens in Presteigne. In addition, there will be plant and other garden stalls. Workshops, demonstrations and talks with live music complete the day's varied programme. Free admission, free parking and plenty to eat and drink of course! For more detail see website presteigneconnect.co.uk . Last year the weather was gorgeous....fingers crossed for a nice sunny day again !

PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET returns on Saturday 4th May from 9am - 1pm in the Memorial Hall.

Firstly for the attention of our younger customers – please note a change of plan – and vegetable! - we have substituted the 'potato in a pot' with the 'biggest pumpkin' instead! Please come and collect your own seed and any help you might need at the Market. You'll find us next to the plant stall.

For regular Market customers there will be a plant swap for which plants of any kind can be exchanged with others. Please bring any surplus from your produce or flowers and find a different challenge to grow. Or just leave a donation in lieu which will go to a chosen charity.

The Market will have a presence at the Spring Greens Fair at Court of Noke on Sunday 5th May and also at the Food & Flower Festival in Presteigne on Monday 6th. Please come and find us and give your local Market, acknowledged as the best in The Marches, your support.

The Market is still attracting new artisans which means an ever growing range of high quality produce for customers to discover.

The Community Cafe also grows and thanks to such loyal support is now able to give financial support to Presteigne's local groups on a more regular basis. The Cafe is a lovely place to meet up to share coffee, tea and delicious homemade cake with friends. See you at the Market on Saturday !!

We said farewell to the garden waste bins which disappeared from the Bring Site on Wednesday (a service of remembrance will be arranged in due course !!!). Hopefully PCC will now relocate the cardboard bins to tidy up the Bring Site. As detailed in the mid-April issue of the Community News, if you need to register for the new (paid) fortnightly PCC garden waste kerbside collection service, visit the [Garden Waste](#) webpages, or for more information contact PCC at gardenwaste@powys.gov.uk. At present, despite our objections, you can only register for the service, and order and pay for your wheelie bin, online at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/gardenwaste> or by telephoning the service desk on [01597 827 465](tel:01597827465) and paying by card. On the webpage you can also buy a compost bin, which PCC will deliver free of charge.

Have you heard about the Presteigne Library Language Exchange ?

French – Last Tuesday of the month, 3pm - First Session will be Tues 30th April

Spanish – Last Fri of the Month, 10.30am - First session will be 26th April

Welsh – Second Tue of the Month, 10.30am - First Session will be 14th May

Italian – Second Fri of the Month, 10.30am - First Session will be 10th May

Come along to an informal conversation group, whether you're looking to brush up, refresh your skill, or you're still learning. All Welcome – and it's FREE!

Powys County Council [Adult Social Care](#) now have a new telephone number for all social care enquiries..0345 602 7050. The new single point of contact has been named CYMORTH/ASSIST and residents over the age of 18 will be able to access a wide range of information and advice on local care and support services, including safeguarding issues. For people who are calling about information and advice for children and young people, please continue to use the current number for Powys People Direct (PPD) 01597 827 666

Two events are currently showing at The Rodd.....

"The Rodd: Its Architecture, People & Landscape" runs from 19 April – 29 September. Open Wed - Fri 11:00 - 16:30 and Sat, Sun & Bank Holidays 12:00 - 16:30. Entrance £5, Conc £2.50, Under 16s. Entrance fee covers all exhibitions and activities on site. An exhibition in the former Grade II* listed home of international artist Sir Sidney and Lady Nolan. Visitors will, for the first time, be allowed access to the ground floor of the 16th century manor house, Rodd Court. The exhibition gathers together information that has been found in the Trust's archives with artworks and objects generously loaned to the Trust by those connected with the house giving some background to the history of the house and stories of who and how they lived at The Rodd.

"Nolan's Time At The Rodd" runs from 19 April – 23 June. Open Wed - Fri 11:00 - 16:30 and Sat, Sun & Bank Holidays 12:00 - 16:30. Entrance £5, Conc £2.50, Under 16s. Entrance fee covers all exhibitions and activities on site including paintings from Sir Sidney Nolan's extensive body of innovative art work produced whilst living at The Rodd (1983 - 92). The paintings are united by their modernity, vibrancy and energy. While the majority are produced traditionally using paint and brushes, the 'Celtic Image' series and the abstracts are examples of his spray painting, a technique which dominated Nolan's output during his time at The Rodd.

The Judge's Lodging needs volunteers to help us to welcome our visitors, take payments and help with tourist information. We also need people to serve tea, coffee and cake in our tearoom throughout the Summer. If you would prefer to help in other ways such as looking after our collections, doing some gardening or helping out with maintenance, please let us know. If you feel you would like to offer your services in any capacity, please get in touch at volunteering@judgeslodging.org.uk or on [07506 884735](tel:07506884735)

Got green fingers ? this is your last chance to take part in the P&N Allotments Potato Growing Competition. Open to all - collect your seed potato and bucket from the allotments on Saturday morning 4th May - pay entry fee of £5 - then the rest is up to you ! Plant your spud in the bucket, add whatever growing medium you like. There will be a Grand Weigh-in at the Allotments Open Day in early September, with £50 in cash prizes for the heaviest crop and the heaviest individual potato.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS...

Wednesday 1st May - the scheduled Sharppp Chat meeting is CANCELLED (rearranged to July)

Saturday 4th May - Presteigne Colts Under 8s football at the Leisure Centre, first FREE taster session. 10am on the field. See info in Community News Issue 97

Saturday 4th May - The Big Breakfast at Lingen Village Hall 9am-2pm in aid of Walk The Walk (Breast Cancer Charity). The Plate £6, The Works £8. Enjoy food and a good chat !

Saturday 4th May - Artists & Makers 10am to 3pm in The Assembly Rooms

Saturday 4th May - Local Food Market 9am to 1pm in the Memorial Hall (see item above)

Saturday 4th May - Council Surgery in The Memorial Hall (with the Food Market). This month the Council table will be manned by Town Councillors Chris Ruby and Fiona Preece.

Monday 6th May - Presteigne Food and Flower Festival (see item above)

Wednesday 8th May - Quiz Night @ Presteigne Bowls Social Club 7.30pm for 8pm start. General knowledge pub quiz with a twist. 2nd Wednesday of each month. Teams of 4. £2pp. Full bar, refreshments. Win Big with Backwards Bingo at the break. New quiz teams always welcome. To reserve your table text Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

Wednesday 8th May- "Mindfulness in May". A guided Mindfulness Walk in Nature for Wellbeing with Alithea Waterfield, MBCT Teacher. 6.30 - 8pm. Meet at Went's Meadow at by the Scout Hut. £5 pre-booking essential. 07899 361316 alitheawaterfield@gmail.com.

Thursday 9th May - visitors are welcome to Chatterbrook WI in the Memorial Hall at 8pm when they are hosting a return visit of Catherine Beale (historian) to give an illustrated talk about "The Women of Hampton Court". All are welcome to come along. £5 entry on the door. A raffle and light refreshments will be available. Call 01544 267245 for any further information

Saturday 11th May - Gather Round...and Sing for Fun with Marion Rowlett 10.30am to 12 noon at The Assembly Rooms. Info 01544 260 466.

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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