

# Community News

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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) - or collar one of the Steering Committee in the street and tell us what's on your mind. You can also leave a written message at the Library for us - remember to include your name and a contact telephone number ! We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com)

Feel free to pass this on to friends in the area and ask them to let us know their email address so we can add them to the distribution. If you can help spread the word and publicise this on Facebook/Twitter as well that would be brilliant !

## Guerrilla gardeners - first project completed !!.....a big hand to Emma,

Dorothy, Mary and PACDG SC member Sarah for their sterling work transforming an unloved corner of the Presteigne shoppers' carpark - see piccie. More is planned, so, now that the warmer weather is with us, if you fancy a bit of simple public gardening to help spruce up those bits of our town that PCC has forgotten, drop me an email at [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com) and I'll put you in touch with the GGs (guerrilla gardeners ? glamour girls ?). And/or if you can donate seed, plants or compost that would be great !



## Urgently wanted.....a Treasurer for PACDG (Presteigne Area Community Development Group)

If you are a local professional accountant or book-keeper, or have experience in handling accounts, PACDG needs you. Please consider donating less than an hour of your time each month in service of your local community. Speak to Maggie (PACDG Chair) e: [maggie@pccs-books.co.uk](mailto:maggie@pccs-books.co.uk) or t: 01547 560813.

**Special appreciation for our Town Clerk !....** often the work of the Town Council and Tracey, our hard-working Town Clerk, goes under the radar and we get to know nothing about it. The TC, through Tracey, continues to make really substantial efforts to source funds and make improvements to the Withy Beds and Lower Went's Meadow. The project scope includes clearing and refurbishment of the pond, increasing the size of the car park (which also serves the allotments), work on clearing the leat, installations of new weirs, new interpretation boards, trimming the tree canopy, and a feasibility study for further works. More news on this as things progress.

**Presteigne Little People's Playgroup.....is desperately in need of volunteers** on all levels to cope with growing numbers. Could you help by coming along for welly walks and similar outings ? You don't need to be DBS-checked (used to be called CRB) but regulations demand one adult for every two children for this sort of activity. Additionally the Playgroup is very short of people with business experience to serve on the committee. With the throughput of children, there is an ever-changing group of parents who could serve on the committee, and it is difficult to keep the key posts filled, especially treasurer. The Playgroup is a 'not for profit' business with 5 full- and part-time employees, and lots of scrutiny from government inspections (more than the Primary School paradoxically). If you feel you can help in any way, either email the News or contact Ann Wake on 01544 260 695 or 07734 528 571

**PBC Lunch Club.....now has space for new people** so, instead of eating on your own, if you fancy some company and a good chat to go with a lovely hot fresh-cooked meal and delicious pud for only £5, just book your place on Thursdays 12 to 1.45pm by calling Jane or Doug on 01544 267 339. The Lunch Club meets in the small hall behind the Presteigne Baptist Church. Please make

sure to telephone on the Tuesday before to confirm your booking so that the cook knows how many to cater for.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Party time !.....Presteigne's Street Party on Saturday 11th June, to celebrate our Queens 90th birthday.**

Organised by Presteigne Chamber of Trade, things start happening at 1pm and include:

Party tables for sitting and enjoying a picnic or yummy local foods and beverages, Best-Dressed-Hat competition, Circus Skills workshop, stilt walking, Street Theatre, Decorate-a-Cake-fit-for-a-Queen competition (by Chatterbrook WI), Make-a-Crown children's craft area, Street games, Pub games trail, music....and more, to be announced

Help is needed in all areas to help make this a day to remember.....cakes for sharing, paper plates & plastic cutlery or similar, volunteers to collect, lift and carry tables and chairs and erect marquees, musicians to perform on our karaoke / open mic pitch, leafleting of the town and surrounding communities, helpers on the day to steward, staff competition and games pitches - a volunteer compere would be great ! and if anyone knows a local wizard who can guarantee a warm sunny day.....? **If you can help out in any way, contact Ann 01544 260695 / [ann@presteigneholidays.net](mailto:ann@presteigneholidays.net)**



**On Saturday 25th June, there will be a McMillan Tea Party.....on The Green, Rockbridge Park LD8 2NF** starting at 2pm. Everyone is welcome so please come along to support this most worthwhile and essential charity. There will be tea, coffee, lots of cake!, tombola, woodcrafts and white elephant stalls. Parking and toilets available.

**8th - 10th July sees the St Andrew's Flower Festival "All Things Bright and Beautiful".....the** idea is that the church be filled with flower arrangements to depict lines from the hymn. Some flowers will be made available if needed to groups or individuals participating, and a festival organiser will be happy to assist where needed or to answer answer any queries. If you are interested in taking part then please urgently (this week if possible !) contact Sarah Chilman on 07887 952 640 and someone will be in touch to give you the necessary information to start planning your arrangement.

## **WHAT'S ON OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.....**

**Friday 27th May** - Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-Up Shop in aid of Cancer Research Relay for Life. Royal British Legion, doors open 7pm, starts 7.30pm. £5 including nibbles, charity raffle. Clothing available to try on...and buy!

To book, contact Vicky Davies 01544 262 127 or 07769 113 421

**Saturday 28th May** - Trio Arundo - French music for double reeds and piano. Ruth Watson on oboe, Oliver Galletta on bassoon, and Jeremy Fisher on piano. St Michael's Church, Discoed 7.30pm. Organised by the Friends of St Michael. Tickets £12.50 from Winnies or contact 01547 560 246.

**Sunday 29th May** - Presteigne Screen - meeting to select the films for the next PS season. Time and place to be decided. Contact Alex Dufort or email [info@presteignescreen.org.uk](mailto:info@presteignescreen.org.uk)