

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 - 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

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 !

DON'T FORGET

Clean-For-The-Queen Friday 10th June - all helpers (the more the merrier !) meet at the bypass Bring Site 10.30am. Equipment provided.

Party Time - Presteigne Street Party to celebrate the Queen's Birthday, Saturday 11th June. Lots going on from 1pm - see posters for details of the Street Party, and the Cake Decorating Competition run by Presteigne Chatterbrook WI - time to get baking !!

PNTC PRESS RELEASE - WE HAVE A NEW MAYOR !

The new Mayor of Presteigne and Norton, James Tennant-Eyles, accepted the chain of office on Wednesday the 18th May for the coming year. He said he was delighted to be taking over at such an important time for the Town. During the coming year he hoped that there would be satisfactory negotiations with Powys County Council for the takeover of an number of important assets in the Presteigne, thus securing the future of vital services in community such as the Youth Club, the Library, Community Support, the public toilets and the Cemetery.

He added that an important theme of his year as Mayor would be to address the issue of poor communication between the Town and the Town Council. He said he believed this was a matter of perception only as the Council already provides a full range of information about its activities on the Town Website, it puts printed information in the Library, it runs a Town Council Facebook page and it offers monthly Surgeries at the Farmers Market. In hopes of further improving communication, the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor will attend all surgeries this year, there will be more frequent press releases, and the Council will work with the newly-constituted Presteigne Area Community Development Group who will help the Town Council inform and consult the community on a range of important issues.

Editors note - we all owe a vote of thanks to outgoing mayor Colin Kirkby MBE who has worked tirelessly for the town in his seven terms of office being actively involved in securing funding for and maintaining assets for the town such as the Withy Beds, Lower and Upper Went's Meadow, Silia Woods and Eddie's Meadow, setting up the Presteigne Recycling Scheme and, later, the Zero Waste scheme which ran for 3 years and achieved 74% recycling, still about the highest level achieved in the UK.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to The Judges Lodging on being featured in the Top10 Best Days Out by "Good to Know" media and "Essentials" magazine. The Judges Lodging is open Tuesday to Sunday, and Bank Holiday Mondays..... to James, on his second term as Mayor of Presteigne & Norton (James is also an active member of the Steering Committee of PACDG).....and to Radnor YFC pair Edward Powell and Sam Bowen, winners of the All-Wales ATV handling trophy at the recent Wakes YFC Field Day.

ANOTHER ASSET CLOSED.....we just heard that PCC have in effect closed their Mill Lane Depot in Presteigne which will in the short term only be used for road salt storage. All Depot staff will now operate out of Penybont.

REMINDER ON THE LIBRARY.....the survey on PCC'S proposals for library cutbacks is due back by Sunday 3rd July. Paper questionnaires are still available in the Library or you can carry out the survey on line so do please make time to have your say ! Regardless of PCC's survey, Margaret and Rhiannon would love to hear from anyone interested in becoming a Friend of the Library to aid efforts to safeguard our Library.

THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY.....will be on Saturday 4th June between 10am-12noon in the Memorial Hall. This is your chance to talk to our new Mayor, and to Norton Councillor Paul Robinson, about anything that concerns you.

PRESTEIGNE BOOK CLUB.....after an encouraging initial meeting, the Book Club will be meeting in the Library on the 2nd Friday of each month, kicking off on Friday 10th June. All welcome !!

A resident was asking about the neglected state of the **WILSON TERRACE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND** which she thought looked rather sad and unloved, following the removal of one piece of equipment, with one missing swing, and a distinct lack of maintenance apart from occasional grass strimming. The playground is owned and 'maintained' by Powys County Council (not by our Town Council) so we've written to the person responsible at PCC to get a clear statement of their plans for the playground. Watch this space.....

PRESTEIGNE SCREEN'S FILM SELECTION MEETING.....takes places this Sunday 29th May starting 7pm at Alex Dufort's house The Old Grove in Forge Street, just across the bridge. Turn up if you want a say in the films chosen by Presteigne Screen for the Autumn season or, if you can't make the meeting itself, email any suggestions in advance to info@presteignescreen.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Presteigne & Norton Open Gardens - Saturday 18th June, 11am to 5pm, in aid of St Michaels Hospice. Tickets £8 (children <12 free) from Winnies, tel 01432 851000 or email events@st.michaels.hospice.org.uk

EU Referendum.....in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 23rd June. The ballot boxes will be open from 7am to 10pm.

Presteigne Area Community Development Group **PACDG are holding Public Open Days in The Old School** (Youth Centre) to set out progress and future plans for the Presteigne & Norton Community Action Plan (CAP) starting with presentations on Thursday evening 30th June by PACDG on the CAP and by the Mayor on the status of town assets being threatened by PCC cutbacks, and continuing with project display tables through Friday and Saturday 1st & 2nd June. You'll receive a card through your door explaining more, and look out for posters around the town later in June. If anyone is willing to help for a couple of hours delivering cards to residents in their area, please email us at pacdg@icloud.com.

The fantastic **NORTON SHOW** is scheduled for Saturday 20th August, with an afternoon ticketed Tea Party for the Queens Birthday on Sunday 29th August - more information nearer the date.

DID YOU KNOW.....if you have a minor or repeated medical complaint and don't want to wait for a routine appointment at the Presteigne Medical Centre, you can now have an online consultation. How does it work ?.....visit the surgery website www.presteignemedicalcentre.com - click on "Consult Online" - find your health condition and fill out the questionnaire - then your GP will get back to you with feedback and treatment options. For more information, call in at the Surgery and ask Reception

EVENTS IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS..... even apart from the Street Party, its a busy time ahead !

Sunday 29th and Monday 30th May - NGS Open Gardens for Charity at Stapleton Castle, 2 to 5.30pm

Saturday 4th June - Artists & Makers craft fair at The Assembly Rooms 9.30am to 3.30pm. Local artists working in wood, stone, silver, jewellery, paper, paint, photography, handmade soaps & balms. Tea and cakes. Contact Rosamund 01544 260 777

Saturday 4th June - Presteigne Local Food Market in the Memorial Hall 9am to 3pm. Best collection of artisan local food producers for miles around

Wednesday 8th June - Quiz Night at Presteigne Bowls Social Club. General knowledge quiz. Last of the season before the summer break. Full bar, coffee, cake. Win Big at Backwards Bingo. £2 pp. teams of 4. Contact Terry 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

Wednesday 8th June - Synergy LiveBand at The Dukes, music of the Mediterranean and Other Lands, 8.30pm, £5 on the door

Thursday 9th June - MBA AGM at The Assembly Rooms, 8pm

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th - Give Blood at the Memorial Hall, see posters for details

Friday 10th June - Book Club, 2 to 3.30pm at the Library

Friday 10th June - Clean For The Queen and Saturday 11th June - Queen's Birthday Street Party

Saturday 11th June - Quartette Lunoire at St Michael's Discoed, 7.30pm, Marie McNally - clarinet, John Hymas - violin/accordion, Joanne Jeffries - cello, Deborah Anderson - double bass. £10 from Winnies or 01547 560246

Saturday 11th June - Mid-Wales Bowls 2016 Open Singles (first three rounds), Presteigne Bowls Club, from 9am

Sunday 12th June - Velvet Violin, musical cabaret night at The Assembly Rooms 7 to 10.30pm - Ma Polaine's Great Decline, Kate Lynn Evans, House Band & music quiz. Full Circle Bar & Snacks, tickets £12 Courtyard Antiques or tel. 01544 267163

Monday 13th June - Poetry@The Rad, 7.30pm, guest poet Philip Gross, £5 on door, www.poetryinpresteigne.org or tel. 01544 267418

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