

Community

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TALKING POINTS.....

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 !

ROUNDBABOUTS AND VERGES.....a lady who lives near to the Kington/Walton roundabout at the end of the bypass emailed us to say that when she moved here, the roundabout had beds with bedding plants in the summer and this created a pretty approach to the town, near to where the dragon sculpture is now. However, now and last year, the Council are just mowing the grass. She asked what is happening with this, comparing it unfavourably with what happens in Kington. We followed this up with our TC and a representative from PCC and, as far as we can find out the situation is as follows:

Kington/Walton Roundabout - some Town Councillors took the initiative and sowed some beds on the roundabout and the area around the dragon with wildflower seed. PCC was notified and agreed that those areas won't be mown to allow these to grow. There may be some more seeding by the TC in the Autumn.

Countrywide roundabout - there were some heathers planted on there some years ago by the TC and also some bedding plants, but nothing has been done since and it's all now reverted to grass.

We asked PCC what their intentions are in future for the roundabouts, and they've told us that, in the absence of any specific plans by the TC or resident groups, PCC will simply maintain the roundabouts as grassed areas. PCC say however that, as done for the Kington/Walton roundabout, they are very happy to cooperate if the town wants to do something more with the roundabouts, as long as the work is agreed before hand, so they know what to leave alone.

If anybody has specific ideas and/or is interested to get involved in volunteer gardening about the town, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with the guerrilla gardening group who are very keen to recruit new members !!

On the subject of public gardening, haven't the Bowling Club (and Annie in particular) done a great job with tidying up and planting the sloping bank between the street and the bowling green fencing - it looks very attractive now. Well done !

Don't forget.....Clean-for-the-Queen volunteers meet up at the Bring Site at 10.30am this Friday.....the Street Party gets going from 1pm on Saturday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

GIVE BLOOD - EVERY DROP COUNTS !.....the Welsh Blood Donation team will be in Presteigne again on the 9th and 10th June at the Memorial Hall. Please remember to bring your blood donation card, or letter, on the day of donation. Thursday 9th between 10am to 1.30pm, and 3pm to 7pm, and on Friday 10th between 10am and 12.30pm, and 2pm to 4.20pm. Questions ? for more information call 0800 25 22 66 or visit www.welshblood.org.uk.

IF GIVING IS IN YOUR BLOOD, PLEASE HELP

Jan to Dec 2016 - NGS OPEN GARDENS, The Walled Garden, Knill LD8 2PR. Open by arrangement - call 01544 267 411 or email agapanthus1@btinternet.com. Wheelchair accessible. Dogs on lead. £4 (children free)

May to 27th June - No.46 Wine Bar, High Street, **exhibition of unique contemporary jewellery by Angela Soulier** www.angelasoulier.com

15/16/17th July on Wents Meadow, the return of the wonderful **Nicole & Martin in The White Tent**. If you didn't get to see them last summer, don't miss out again - a very special show for children and adults alike !

EVENTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.....

Wednesday 8th June - the EVERGREENS have a trip to Machynlleth leaving from the Little Shop at 9am, picking up at Norton at 9.15am. £10pp. Call Judy Charlton to book your seat 01544 267 420

Wednesday 8th June - Presteigne Flower Society "East Meets West" demo by Minh Lane. Memorial Hall 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £5. 01547 529 244

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 June - Chatterbrook WI members meeting, Memorial Hall, 8pm. Visitors welcome £2 on door 01544 267 245

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

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

Friday 10th June - Presteigne Bowling Green, Mid-Wales league Presteigne v. Rhayader, 6.30pm

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

Sunday 12th June - Garden Open at Drive Cottage, Letchmoor Lane, Stapleton (home of John & Rosemary Chrimes), organised by United We Walk in aid of Relay for Life - to help beat cancer sooner. £5 on the door to include tea and cake. Come and see the meadow orchids !

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

Wednesday 15th June - Presteigne & Norton Town Council meeting, 7.30pm at the back room in The Judges Lodging. PNTC monthly meetings are open to the public.

Friday 17th June - Welsh Cabaret Night at The Assembly Rooms - Olion Byw and Harriet Earls. An MBA event. Tickets £10 from The Workhouse or Courtyard Antiques.

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