

Community News

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an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group

DAFFY NEWS.... last year at the PACDG Open Day, a small group was formed with the intent of planting daffodils along the verges and many other places in Presteigne to provide a splash of colour following the darkest days of winter to herald the coming of spring, and last September several bags of bulbs were planted in different locations around town by a few willing volunteers. A local historian and writer, Catherine Beale had researched the importance of four daffodil breeders who lived in our area at the end of the 19th century and into twentieth century - Alec Wilson (1868-1953) who alone was responsible for 371 varieties (and donated land now occupied by Wilson Terrace), Dr Nynian Lower (1872-1926), Sir John Arkwright (1872-1954) and Gwendolen Evelyn (d. 1949). Together they produced 470 varieties, some of which are the grand-parents of our modern varieties. The group of "daffodilers" had initially hoped to plant these "heritage" varieties but have settled for planting modern varieties along the byways, and the more special daffodils only at key points around town. **This year we would like to plant many more daffodils - as many as possible !!! - and would welcome donations of cash, or bags of bulbs - and people - to help with the planting.** However you can help, please contact us on pacdg@icloud.com. The group will have a stall at the Farmers Market **on Saturday 2nd September** - come and talk to us there. *References cbeale.co.uk/articles/A_noticeable_narcissus_nursery*

Phil and Leon's Bags for Life

Come and make a 'bag for life'. A workshop has been set up above The Salty Dog in the High Street - thank you Leon and Anne-Marie - complete with sewing machine and we now need some willing hands to help turn the piles of fabric we've been collecting into 'bags for life'. Phil's grand plan is for Presteigne (eventually) to be rid of single-use plastic bags. The bags will be available at till points in the High Street (with any donations collected going towards community projects). If you've an hour or two to spare please email emma.lilley@btinternet.com. They're very straightforward to make and require hardly any sewing skills, and, if you've got any spare fabrics/old curtains/thread - simply drop them off at The Salty Dog.

Is anyone able to help at Presteigne Rainbows ?.....the Rainbows currently meet on Tuesdays term time 4.15 until 5.15 pm and Maureen needs another adult in order to keep the group going. Rainbows are between 5 and 7 years old and are the youngest members of the Girl Guides. They have lots of fun exploring, making things and playing games etc. Helping with Girlguiding can be very helpful on a CV or can be a great way to feel involved in the community if new to the area or if recently retired. Maureen would be grateful for any help: alternate weeks turning up on the night would be fine or weekly just to help with activities or she would love it if someone wanted to become a leader, in which case training would be provided. Alternatively if the time is not convenient she is happy for the group to move to a different time if a couple of people were interested in taking on running the group - come and try a session to see if you like it or contact Maureen with any questions.....email maureenkiff@btinternet.com or tel. 01547 520236

Changes afoot at our Medical Centre.....GP Registrar Dr. Mike Hennessey has now left the practice after completing his 12 months assignment. He passes on his best wishes to all his patients and says how much he has enjoyed working in Presteigne. Dr. Verity will be going away on maternity leave shortly but is

planning to return to the surgery as soon as she is able. Cath Mahon (Practice Manager), has recently left to take up the post of Practice Manager at Llandrindod. Stuart Lewis is currently acting as interim Practice Manager until the end of September when the Practice is due to come under new management.

Good news! - the Scouts are reforming at the beginning of September - Beaver Scouts for boys & girls aged 6-8 years, and Cub Scouts for boys & girls aged 8-10 years. Contact Fiona on 01544 267859 or by email to fiona.preece23@gmail.com

Work on the inter-school cycle/footpath is underway.....running from Kings Court in the south to Wilson Terrace in the north of town with road crossings and connections to the Primary School and John Beddoes, and completion hopefully by the end of the year. See Community Noticeboard at the Memorial Hall for plans

News from PNCS....did you know that you can get all your photocopying and laminating done at the P&N Community Support offices in the Drill Hall on Hereford Street? A5/A4/A3. Cheap prices plus discounts for larger print runswe had a good turn-out for our 24th AGM - we saw the resignation of our current chairman Carol Kemp who has had a wonderful 2 years - she will be staying on as a Trustee until her house sells. We have a couple of new Trustees - Richard & Lynne Wells moved into Presteigne last year, enjoy our local community and want to help and be part of it. Richard will now be our new Chairman and Lynne, who has been a volunteer in our shop and warehouse for a while now, has been helping Lorna and Carol to organise and update The Warehouse which has made a major difference. Our sales have proved that, and we have made a profit at the Warehouse this year. Please do go and have a look - we're not finished yet, but are getting there. We will re-launch 'The Warehouse' (as you can see we have changed the name) on Saturday 7th October - more information on this to come. This PNCS project helps to recycle, and provides a service for our community to buy furniture, electricals at reasonable prices but also subsidises our community transport, helping people without transport get to health & hospital appointments

High Street news.....the Flower Shop has re-opened in its new premises (does anyone know what sort of shop will take its place?)....and Deli Tinto has finally changed hands so it's thank you, goodbye and best wishes to Joanna who's run Deli Tinto over the last 7 years or so, and welcome to new owner Mary Cobbett... correction to previous info on Dream Pedallers: Saturday opening hours 9am-4pm

Lost & Found....small dark blue party shoulder bag - empty!! - left in St Andrew's after the BISOYOC concert on Aug 9th (contact 01544 260 551)

Saturday 2nd September - Local Food Market 9am-1pm in the Memorial Hall (to include Herefordshire cheeses) plus PCC & PNTC Councillor Surgery

Saturday 2nd September - Artists & Makers, Market Hall, Assembly Rooms

Friday 8th September - Presteigne Screen 8pm Assembly Rooms "Hidden Figures"

Saturday 9th September - Flower Festival/Coffee Morning 10.30am St Andrew's Church Norton, £1. Refreshments & plant, book, produce, and bric a brac stalls.

Sunday 10th September - Harvest Festival, 11am St Andrew's Norton, with lunch

Monday 11th, 18th & 25th September - 'Building Self Worth' course (free) run by Mid-Powys Mind in the small meeting room in The Assembly Rooms 5-8pm

Monday 11th September - Poetry in Presteigne, 7.30pm, Radnorshire Arms

Tuesday 12th September - Evergreens trip to Moreton-on-Marsh tel 01544 262710

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) - mail pacdg@icloud.com. Feel free to tweet or forward this to others. If you would prefer not to receive further issues of the News, please email us with REMOVE and we'll immediately take you off the the distribution list