

Community News

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

IF YOU VALUE OUR RECYCLING SITE ON THE BYPASS - PLEASE HELP !!! The 'Bring Site' belongs to Powys CC who collect and dispose of the waste, but is maintained and kept clean by a small band of local volunteers organised by CONNECT (Chamber of Trade). PCC pay for this and it brings in several thousand £s a year for good causes and events in Presteigne & Norton. If the CoT hadn't volunteered to take over cleaning the site, it might well have been closed, meaning an increase in flytipping and journeys to the HWRC at Llandegley. Infrequency or problems with PCC collections aside, there are two matters at the moment which threaten the continued viability of the Bring Site - **more volunteers are needed to help keep the site clean**. It only involves one hour or so once a week, at a time to suit yourself so please do let us know if you can help with this - and **we need to stop people leaving bags of green waste at the site when the bins are full...AND to identify those selfish individuals who are dumping (fly-tipping!) large quantities of loose green waste at the site !!** All that stuff, and the bags left at the site, has to be cleaned up by the volunteers, so **PLEASE**, if the bins are full, take your green waste bags home with you and come back on another day. And if you see anyone flytipping green waste (or any other items) at the site, **PLEASE** take their vehicle number, even better take a photo on your phone, and let us know so they can be warned off. Thank you ! (p.s. you can also help by flattening your cardboard boxes before putting in the bins so they'll take up less room)

The new PACDG Register of Community Groups will tell you about every club, society or organisation in Presteigne & Norton and how to contact them - see link on PACDG page of the Town website www.pntc.org.uk or see reference copies in the Library and the TIC, or email pacdg@icloud.com to receive your own copy. If your club or group isn't on the list - well it should be - just email us!

Flu clinics...the Medical Centre is planning its first flu clinic on 27th September. They will probably be going with 1 min appointment slots so people will need to call in - or telephone 01544 267985 - to book an appointment.

Some recent DPCM messages....Dyfed Powys Police are investigating damage caused to a window at the Old Drill Hall on Hereford St. The damage is believed to have occurred sometime between 12:30hrs on the 22/08/2017 and 09:00hrs on the 23/08/2017.....Police are investigating damage caused to the cricket pavilion at JBS, Presteigne. The damage is believed to have occurred sometime between 15:30hrs on the 25/08/2017 and 09:00hrs on the 29/08/2017.....If you have any information on either of these incidents, please call PC 670 Lewis. Visit the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk to sign up for DPCM messages

Fed up (like me) with the current avalanche of phishing emails particularly targeting PayPal, Netflix and Apple users ? - before deleting, you can help by forwarding those emails to reportphishing@apple.com, phishing@netflix.com, or spoof@paypal.com

Interested in the route of the inter-school cycleway ? see map on the Community Noticeboard at the Memorial Hall.

Presteigne VIPs is a self-help group for those with any level of visual impairment unlike Radnor Association for the Blind [of which I am the Hon. Sec.] which caters only for those with a registerable eye condition. We have visits out which might be for a meal, speakers etc and very importantly we help each other with ideas on how we can manage our sight problems including the use of specialist equipment, hence the invite of manufacturers. We are also member driven, so what they wish to hear/do is my aim. I also run the Hereford Macular Group [for the past 20+ years] from the Hereford Association for the Blind premises 36 Widemarsh Street Hereford HR4 9EP. Meetings: 1st Tuesday in the month, 2-4 pm. For information call Mike Edwards on 01544 267114

Had you heard about the FREE weekend bus travel scheme on TrawsCymru ? A pilot scheme introduced in July provides free weekend travel on the whole of the TrawsCymru bus network across Wales. The intent is to give more people across Wales better access to the Brecon Beacons National Park. All bus routes are included but really only the daily T4 service is of use to us, running between Newtown and Cardiff, via Llandod, Builth, Brecon, Merthyr and Pontypridd. See www.trawscymru.info for bus timings and stopping points.

Some minor changes to a few local bus services (thanks Chris)....starting Monday 4th September - all Monday to Saturday. The **No.461 Hereford/Kington** (16.00hrs old time) will depart Hereford Railway Station at 16.15hrs (and will continue to give a connection in Kington for Presteigne & Norton). The **No.41 Kington/Presteigne/Norton** (17.10hrs old time) will now depart Kington at 17.20hrs (or after arrival of the 461 service from Hereford). The **No.41 Knighton/Norton/Presteigne** (17.47hrs old time) will now depart Knighton at 17.50hrs

Exercise classes at The Memorial Hall ...Emily is running regular children's and adult dance classes. Children's Dance - Mondays 4.30-5.15pm for 3-6 years and 5.30-6.15pm for 7-11 years. Adult Dance for Fitness - Wednesdays 6.30-7.15pm. Contact Emily on 07447 916646 or by email egeorge95@icloud.comand Mandy is running Low Impact Exercise sessions on Thursday's 10 -11 am. Pay as you go. Contact Mandy 01544 387958, mob 07538218273 or email mandys.mail@virgin.net

Friday 15th September - Lingen Flix is showing "Their Finest" 7.30pm Lingen Community Hall. £5 (£3.50 child). Refreshments. Bookings 01544 267736

Friday 22nd September - an Early Music @ Discoed concert "Handel's London"

Saturday 23rd September - an Early Music @ Discoed concert "The Fontanella Recorder Ensemble". Each concert starts 8pm at St Michael's Church, Discoed. Tickets £15 (incl. glass of wine) email discoedearlymusic@btconnect.com, call 07989091949, or pay on door

Friday 22nd September - Presteigne Screen is showing "Letters from Baghdad" 7.30 for 8pm, The Assembly Rooms. £5 (students £3.50)

Friday 29th September - MBA presents a Pentabus and Everyman Theatre play "Wolves are coming for you" 8pm Assembly Rooms £10/£7 tickets Courtyard Antiques, The Warehouse or www.wegotickets.com

Sunday 1st October - the return of The Velvet Violin. Cabaret Night at the Assembly Rooms. Red Ethel / Laura Cortes & The Dance Cards. £13 usual outlets

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.