

Community News

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

PACDG is organising another **COMMUNITY GROUPS FAIR** on **Saturday 28th October** to showcase the talent, skills, support and resource that abounds in Presteigne and Norton. Invitations have been emailed to all local groups, clubs, & societies. *If your group hasn't been contacted and you'd like a presence at the Fair, please get in touch asap on pacdg@icloud.com.* Performance and demonstration slots available. Table allocation on first-come basis. Memorial Hall between 10am and 3.30pm. Food & refreshments available throughout the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Sheep Music's 2017 Fireworks Night will be on Saturday 4th November, and the 2018 Presteigne Carnival will be on 14th July !!

If you would like to support your local **FOOD BANK** helping people in need in the local area, the collection point for Knighton Food Bank in Presteigne is the Spar store in the High Street. Or you can make a donation by cash or standing order - see the KFB website www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk

COMMUNITY CAFÉ AT THE LOCAL FOOD MARKET.....AN INCREDIBLE SUCCESS !!!

The aim of the Cafe was and still is to encourage the success of the markets, to provide a service to stall-holders and visitors, and to raise money for donation to local causes. The first Community Cafe was held in June 2013 and has raised to date £3576 for the following fifteen nominated organisations:-

Youth Club - Little Peoples' Playgroup - Air Ambulance - Community Support - East Radnor Day Centre - The Circle - Beavers Cubs and Scouts - Rainbows and Brownies - First Responders - Knighton and District Food Bank - St Michael's Hospice - Guides - Knighton and Presteigne Leg Club - Went's Meadow Playground Group - Presteigne Daffodil Group. The Cafe, which does not charge but asks for donations, has a group of fourteen volunteers who bake cakes and serve customers. There is an additional team of three bakers who provide us with cakes when needed. **THE GOODWILL OF THE VOLUNTEERS CANNOT BE OVERESTIMATED.** We use Fairtrade and organic produce when possible. In November of each year one of the above groups organises and runs the Cafe, helped by a team of the regular volunteers. We normally invite from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. This is an opportunity for that group to meet both Cafe customers and Market traders. The donation for that month is then passed on to that group. The Cafe has just pledged £169.50 as the final stage of the appeal for Presteigne's third defibrillator (info from Ann Curtis)

Knighton & Presteigne Bridge Club has moved to **Whitton Village Hall** where it meets on a Friday night at 7.00pm. We are always happy to welcome new members and often run courses of lessons for those who wish to learn the game or pick it up again after some years. It's a good way to keep your brain active and meet new people in a relaxed environment. On the 29th September we will be running a **Social Bridge Drive** including a 2 course meal with the funds raised being donated to the Bryngwyn Riding for the Disabled Group and the Air Ambulance. Tickets £15 each from Kay Taylor [01547 528614](tel:01547528614). You do not have to be an "expert" to play in this - just give it a go - come and meet us!

THE WAREHOUSE RELAUNCH - Saturday, 7th October, 2017....Our grand relaunch starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 7th of October with a free raffle for every visitor and a competition for the children. Everyone is welcome to visit, chat, enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee, and maybe even find a bargain! If you have a few hours to spare now and again, we are always looking for volunteers to help in the Warehouse, and we are really interested in talking to anyone who has transport available to help us collecting or delivering items from time to time. We would like to thank all of those who have supported us in the past and look forward to seeing everyone on the day. *Presteigne and Norton Community Support (PNCS) is a registered charity that aims to provide support and information to the community through voluntary action. The core function of PNCS is providing a Community Car Scheme to enable local residents to remain independent within the community - and we've done this for 20 years this year!!!*

CONGRATULATIONS to Presteigne Bowls Club - for doing the 2017 Cup and League Double - MidWales Bowls League champions for the 7th (!) consecutive year (finishing the season in style with a maximum points win over Brecon) and winners of the Cambrian Rose Bowl triumphing over Welshpool in the semis, then Llampeter in the final. Well done also for raising £1170 for the BHF and Welsh Air Ambulance in the Gareth Bradford Charity Triples event at Presteigne on 2nd Sept

DID YOU KNOW? ...Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club is held every Thursday 9.30-11.30am at the Knighton Community Centre. Free service. No referral or appointment needed, call 01547 521270 for info....**Presteigne now has a Shoe Repair service** via Slix Hairdressers (agents for Nick Turner of Knighton)

Friday 29th September - "Wolves We Are Coming For You" a play by Olivier Award-nominated Joel Horwood. 8pm Assembly Rooms. Tickets £10 / £7 from Courtyard Antiques & The Workhouse

Friday 29th September - Blood Donor session, Memorial Hall 10am-12.30pm and 2-6.20pm. If Giving is in Your Blood - Please Help.

Friday 29th September - "A Celebration of Light in Words & Music" 7.30pm St. Michael's, Discoed. Singers & musicians with Sue Harris. £8 (incl. refreshments)

Sunday 1st October - Harvest Festival, Methodist Church 10.30am + lunch

Wednesday 4th October - Pub Quiz & Supper 6.30pm, Titley Village Hall. Just £6 pp. Up to 6 per table. Hot supper. Bar and refreshments. To reserve table text 07766 097600 or email Terry on presteignedogman@icloud.com. All welcome.

Friday 6th October - "Their Finest", Presteigne Screen, 8pm The Assembly Rooms. Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin, Helen McCrory, Eddie Marsan, Richard E. Grant, Bill Nighy.

Saturday 7th October - The Bybrook Duo, music for Cello and Violin. Includes pieces by Mozart, Bizet, Gershwin, Mancini. Baptist Church 3pm followed by afternoon tea. Entrance free but by ticket from Kate Doubleday [01544267471](tel:01544267471). Retiring collection to cover expenses and donation to Presteigne charitable cause.

Saturday 7th October - Presteigne Bowls Club's Cash-Only Bingo, Memorial Hall 6.30pm for 7.45pm start. £400-500 jackpot expected. Bar. All welcome

Monday 9th October - Poetry in Presteigne, Jan Fortune and Susan Richardson, Radnorshire Arms, 7.30pm. £5 / £2 students. Info [01544 267418](tel:01544267418)

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