

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 !**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

**CORRECTION** - the **PRESTEIGNE CARNIVAL** will be on Saturday 16th July (not Sunday as reported in the last issue) - apologies. More info on the Carnival nearer the date.

On Saturday 18th June, reserve the day for **PRESTEIGNE & NORTON OPEN GARDENS** in aid of St Michael's Hospice. Twelve beautiful local gardens in Norton and Presteigne. Tickets £8 (children free) from Winnie's and the St Michael's Hospice shop in Presteigne. Further information in the News nearer the date.

The Presteigne Chamber of Trade (CoT) is holding its annual **SOCIAL EVENING** with a very special night at the Judges Lodging, with a private candelit tour of the Lodging followed by a buffet supper (with bar) in the Judges Dining Room. Tickets £16 from the Judges Lodging and [ann@presteigneholidays.net](mailto:ann@presteigneholidays.net). All welcome but space is limited so first-come-first-served. Reserve your ticket now !

## DEVELOPMENTS AT THE JUDGES LODGING...

You may have heard already, but the Judges Lodging Trust are acquiring the freehold of the building from Powys County Council. Acquisition of the Shire Hall fulfils a long-time ambition of the Trust to realise the potential of this unique building to embark on an exciting new development as a centre for learning and discovery of everyday life and justice in the Welsh Borders. The Trust is now looking to appoint a new Chair, and a new Board of Trustees, to work with the newly appointed Development Manager to shape the future of the Judges Lodging.

If you are interested in this, and have experience of financial management, marketing and fundraising, and/or volunteering and heritage management, your application must be received by 30th April. Recruitment packs are available from Sam Hunt at the Judges Lodging.

## CAR PARKING CHARGES ALERT...

We've heard that PCC are definitely intending to impose car parking charging at the recycling lay-by carpark, perhaps starting sometime this month, although there's no physical sign of this yet. So be warned if you're parking there over the following weeks !

## NORTON LITTER PICK AFTERNOON...

A community litter pick is planned in conjunction with Keep Wales Tidy, in Norton between 2.30 and 5pm. All equipment provided. Meet opposite the church gate at the junction with Mynd Road. All ages welcome !

And in a similar vein, a **CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN DAY** is being planned in Presteigne itself by the CoT on Friday 10th June (timings t.b.c.) to spruce up Presteigne town before the Queen's Birthday Street Party on the Saturday, by cleaning street and town signs, litter pick etc. The Country Landowners Association CLA has already promised volunteers to help on the day. If you can dedicate a little time to help tidying up the town please contact Ann by email on [ann@presteigneholidays.net](mailto:ann@presteigneholidays.net), or email us here at the News and we'll pass on your details.

The PACDG is also looking for aspiring **GUERRILLA GARDENERS** to join a group of like-minded volunteers to clean up and plant some unloved or neglected areas around the town. We already have an offer of a quantity of wildflower seed to be planted to complement the wildflower planting by PNTC's John and Nicola of the roundabout and area around the dragon. If you're interested to take part, email us at the News and we'll put you in touch.

### **WANT TO PLAY CHESS ?...**

**The** Presteigne Chess Club meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm in The Farmers Arms. For more information, contact David Hancock on 01544 231 208

### **Or if LAWN BOWLS is more your thing...**

Presteigne Bowling Club is opening its green from 6.30pm on Friday 22nd April. Refreshments available. Members, aspiring members, and anyone of any age who just thinks they may enjoy bowls and want to have a try, are all welcome. Bowls (including smaller lighter junior bowls) provided. Flat-soled shoes are preferred to protect the green.

Did you know that the PNTC holds a **MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY** on the first Saturday of each month at the Memorial Hall, between 10am and 12noon, in conjunction with the **FARMERS MARKET** ? You can attend to listen (only) at Town Council meetings, but the Surgery is your chance to talk in person with councillors. On Saturday 7th May, the councillors in attendance will be Presteigne's Pete Smith and Norton's Howard Owens.

### **WHAT'S ON OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS...**

TONIGHT !!! Monday 11th April - Poetry at The Rad, with guest poets Meg Cox, Tina Cole, John Gareth Owen and Frances Field. 7.30pm, Radnorshire Arms Hotel, Sitting Room

Thursday 14th April - Presteigne Chatterbrook WI meeting at the Memorial Hall, 7.30pm, welcomes local author Deborah Moggach as guest speaker with "My Life in Books and Films". Guests are welcome for this special evening for only £2. Refreshments served.

Friday 15th April sees the final film in Presteigne Screen's Winter/Spring Season with a showing of what may be Woody Allen's most enjoyable outing for ages. "Irrational Man" 12A, stars Joaquim Phoenix, Parker Posy. The Assembly Rooms, 8pm, £4.50. For information on this, or on Presteigne Screen's next season starting in the Autumn, contact Alex Dufort on 01544 260 577 or Pete McKenzie on 01544 370 202

On Friday 29th April, the MBA has Andrew Collis and Robin Ward playing in The Assembly Rooms. 8pm. Tickets £10 from Courtyard Antiques and the Workhouse. See MBA website for more details.

On Saturday 30th April at St Andrew's Church, starting 7.30pm, there is an Evening of Music and Words to welcome the return of the church's refurbished bells. Tickets £10 (children free) from Marion at 01544 260 466 or at the door.

And on the following Sunday 1st May, again at The Assembly Rooms, Presteigne Full Circle presents an evening of swing, stamp and boogie on the dance floor with the Zen Hussies and DJ Andre Voiture Rouge. 8pm. Tickets £12 from Courtyard Antiques or reserve at 01544 267 163

The following Wednesday 4th May, sees the monthly Quiz Evening at Presteigne Bowls Social Club. 7.30pm for 8pm start. Only £2 pp. Full bar. General knowledge quiz with winner and runner-up prizes. Win Big at Backwards Bingo ! Reserve your table by text to Terry on 077 66 097 600 or email [presteignedogman@icloud.co](mailto:presteignedogman@icloud.co)

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