



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 !

Note from the editor.....Ahead of the EU Referendum in June, I was recently informed about a new European Directive No. 456179. This states that, in order to bring about further integration with the European project, all citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island shall note that the phrase "spending a penny" is not to be used after 30th May 2016. From this date, the correct term will be "euronating". I hope this will be a great relief to everyone, even those not in the first flush of youth. If you have any questions, just give me a tinkle.

Presteigne Library.....Margaret has asked us to remind everyone that the following services are currently provided by the Library in addition to book loans: audiobook loans, DVD loans, access to local newspapers, free use of three PCs (available also to non-Library members), printing & photocopying, paying Council Tax and other council-related bills, application forms for a blue badge/bus pass/council tax discount/housing benefit. Contrary to previous advice, the Library no longer keeps stocks of food waste or recycling bags.

Margaret and Rhiannon want to thank everyone who turned up for the Drop-In at the Library and the general response from the community concerned about the future of the Library. People may be interested to know there is a concrete way for them to help, right now. There is a need for volunteers to set up and run a **Friends Of The Library group**, to coordinate campaigning efforts on behalf of the Library and the community it serves. If you can help with setting up a Friends group, or you'd like to join one, please pop into the Library (or telephone) to leave your name and contact details. Someone has already volunteered to set up a Friends Facebook page - thank you !

A new Book Club is being started based in the Library, which will run between 2pm and 4pm on the 2nd Friday of each month, with an initial meeting on Friday 13th May. Do come along and find out what its all about.

A message from Presteigne Carnival.....we are on the hunt for this year's Carnival Royalty ! Applications for this year's **Carnival King or Queen** is open to all - absolutely anyone can be a candidate between the ages of 14 and 114. All we ask is that you live within a 5 mile radius of Presteigne, be available for the Carnival on 16th July 2016, and - most importantly - they must want to be nominated !! But that's not all....the Carnival Committee is also on the lookout for a new **Town Crier**. We would like to thank Tony Sullivan for all his years of service in the role - he will without doubt be badly missed ! Applications for Town Crier are open to everyone.

Nominations for both Carnival King or Queen, and Town Crier, can be made via Presteigne's Carnival's Facebook page or via email to charlottedobson15@gmail.com and the winners will be chosen at the Carnival on Saturday 16th July.

Carnival will also include a Fun Dog Show - more information about this and other Carnival attractions nearer the date.

Day Centre & Dementia Awareness Group.....there will be a Public Meeting at the East Radnorshire Day Centre on Friday 20th May between 1.30pm - 3.30pm, to raise awareness of the work of the Day Centre and to explore the need for more dementia awareness and setting up some kind of carers group in Presteigne. The future of the Day Centre itself is also in real jeopardy as Powys County Council funding is only guaranteed up to September. Please come and add your voice - all welcome !

Presteigne Screen.....At our last screening, we announced meetings would be held to select films for our Autumn season. The first meeting will be in Presteigne on Sunday, 29th May 2016. More details to follow when we know numbers of likely attendees. Everybody is welcome to come along and I hope to see you there. If you would like to attend, please e-mail us at admin@presteignescreen.org.uk and we will send details of the time and place. Or if you can't make the meeting but have ideas for films, please let us know in an e-mail. We like to mainly screen recent films (say 2014-2016). We aim for those not shown by the commercial cinema chains or already screened at other local venues. Often our choices have been films that have been shown at international film festivals, and been highly rated by respected film critics.

News from the Town Clerk...if you use Facebook and would like to be kept more up to date with what's happening with our Town Council, please access the PNTC Facebook page by cutting and pasting the following link into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/presteigneandnorton.towncouncil>

Over-50 and would like to join a new group 'Powys Befrienders' ? You're welcome to join an afternoon of fun and activities on every other Thursday 2pm-4pm at the Memorial Hall. For more information call Sue 01597 822 191.

Cake Competition for the Queen's Birthday Street Party.....Get thinking !! Chatterbrook WI are organising a Cake Competition "Decorate a Cake Fit for a Queen" - 3 categories: Fairy Cake (children's category); Tray Bake; and Sponge. Entry open to all. More information to follow but all cakes submitted will be shared out as part of the tea party. Scrummy !!

Household Waste Recycling.....no need maybe for the long drive to Leominster or Llandegly to get rid of those scrap items, appliances, paint tins etc. A little recycling bird has told us that Severn Waste have opened a new recycling facility in Old Eardisley Road in Kington, open at weekends Friday/Saturday/Sunday between 0800-1800hrs. You can apparently also buy soil conditioner made from composted waste @£2 per bag. You might have to remove that "I Love Powys" sticker from your car however !

A Flower Festival "Grow for St Andrew" is planned for the weekend of 8/9/10th July at St Andrews Church in Presteigne. You can help by growing plants or flowers for display. Contact the St Andrew's Flower Ladies or telephone Judi on 01544 260 421.

Like to sing ? Robert Bunting is looking for experienced singers (must be readers of music) to join a scratch Summer Singers choir to sing with the outstanding BISYOC young players orchestra during their UK summer tour. During the week 7-14th August the singers will rehearse Eric Whittaker's "Equus" and "The Seal Lullaby" in Ludlow for a concert at St Laurence's, Ludlow, on Sat 13th August and again at Leominster Priory on Sunday 14th August. Contact Robert on 07815 715895 or burnside79@virginmedia.com

WHAT'S ON over the next couple of weeks....

Wednesday 11th May - Presteigne & Borders Floral Arts Society. 7.30pm Memorial Hall. Demonstration by Carola Kean "Love Is". Visitors welcome. £8 to include buffet supper or join the Society for £25 and come to demos until May 2017 at no charge.

Thursday 12th May -Chatterbrook WI. Next meeting features a talk "First Responders, CPR and You" by Chris Price. Visitors and prospective members welcome @ £2 on door. Contact 01544 267 245

Friday 13th May - Radnorshire Arms "Open Mic" night. 8am-11pm, 2nd and 4th Fridays. Free bar snacks. Come and join in, or just relax and listen.

Saturday 14th May - Plant and Book Sale. 10am-1pm Memorial Hall in aid of much-needed repairs to Knill Church. Tea, coffee and home made cake available. Bird nesting boxes for sale. Raffle.

Saturday 14th May - Llanfair Singers in Concert. Assembly Rooms. In aid of Knighton Food Bank. £10 tickets from Winnie's or call 07731 524 058.

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