



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 !

A few extra items...and a correction

**DAY CENTRE.....**Friday 20th May is an Open Day to raise awareness of the work of the Day Centre (not a Public Meeting as such) - apologies !

**JOHN BEDDOES SCHOOL - a message from the headmaster Graeme Harkness.....** Students from Newtown High School's John Beddoes Campus will be celebrating the 451st year of the founding of a school in Presteigne with a special Assembly this Friday in front of an invited audience and led by the Revd Steve Hollingworth of St. Andrew's.

The school was founded in 1565 during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I by John Beddoes, a wealthy wool merchant "to bring up the youth....in virtue, discipline and learning".

The school survived outbreaks of the plague in 1593, 1610 and 1657 but was destroyed by fire in 1681. Education continued in the town and it is believed the school moved to its current site in 1907.

In 2014 John Beddoes School closed and became a campus of Newtown High School, since when examination performance has improved dramatically and is forecast to improve again with this year's results.

During the Assembly students will reflect on the changes to the school during the last 450 years and hear a rendition of the old school song which is rarely performed these days.

In a twist to normal celebrations the school is reaching out to the community with a special display of photographs and memorabilia in the shop window of G.J Bennett's electrical store in the High Street for the next two weeks.

#### **SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS.....**

**To Presteigne Bowls Club star bowler Robert Weale**, who has recently been incorporated into the Welsh Bowls HALL OF FAME for his outstanding contribution to bowls in Wales, celebrated at a special evening in Swansea where twenty four bowling greats received the honour. Robert is a past Commonwealth Games Silver medallist, World Indoor Bowls 2000 Singles Champion, and has represented Wales on numerous occasions for both indoor and outdoor bowls.

The Presteigne bowls men's team celebrated this with their own resounding Mid-Wales league win against main rivals Llandrindod in the first match of the season - onward and upward !!  
and

**To Whitton Short Mat Bowls Club** who recently became the Brecon & Radnor Short Mat Bowls league champions, with Whitton players also winning the Triples, Fours, Charity Fours and Plate, and Charity Triples Plate at the league finals in Llandrindod.

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS.....**

**Saturday 7th May - Artists and Makers at The Assembly Rooms Presteigne** 10.00am to 3pm.  
See <https://www.facebook.com/madeinradnorshire/>

New jewellery from Deborah King and Rhiannon Hooson..new Shibori linen scarves...paintings and drawings from Bronte Woodruff, Jane Keay and Jess Prosser...locally produced hand-dyed and hand-spun knitwear...salt glazed pottery from Jason Braham...furniture from WeAlfi and the RACF

Workshop...hand cut lettering from Malcolm Melen ...local books and more on the day...with teas, cakes and plants.  
All enquiries to Rosamund 01544 260777

**Sunday 8th May and Monday 9th May - Open Workshop 11.30am - 4.30pm**

Unit 1 Brookside Farm, New Radnor LD8 2AD - a chance to come down to find out more about the Spring and Summer Classes on offer this year, plus many interesting items and materials on sale.  
For details contact Rosamund on 01544 260777