



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

MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT....

At the June meeting of the Presteigne and Norton Town Council, the Mayor James Tennant-Eyles was delighted to inform Councillors that Powys County Council have decided not to close the Presteigne Recycling site for the time being, and thus that it will continue to operate run by the Chamber of Trade, with the support of volunteers from the community. It is a much used and popular facility and hopefully will remain open well into the future.

The Mayor also noted that many residents have been concerned about the grass cutting in and around the Town. The County Council have confirmed that the play areas and housing estates will be cut three weekly, the verges inside the 30 mph limit, 3 times per year, and outside the 30 mph once a year, with visibility splays cut more often.

Councillor Beverley Baynham mentioned that referrals to the Day Centre from Powys County Council are reduced and would like to remind everyone that they can and should self refer. Keeping numbers of users up will help to demonstrate the need for the Day Centre.

Finally the Mayor would remind residents that becoming a Friend to the Town Council on Facebook is a very good way of getting Town Council information, and keeping up to date with Town Council news.

A LOCAL STAR.....

Local International Event rider Francesca (Franky) Reid-Warrilow is to represent Great Britain for the second time this year, having been selected to take part in the Nations Cup Event in Aachen, Germany which is taking place from July 13th - 17th, and one of the most respected events on the global calendar. Well done Franky !! The remaining members of the team consist of Izzy Taylor, Laura Collett, and Tina Cook, with the addition of Zara Phillips in the individual Event.

At 26, Franky, a former member of Teme Valley Pony Club, has risen through the ranks rapidly and last year was awarded the 'Bridging the Gap' Mark Todd Scholarship.

She attained an Individual Gold Medal in the 2* European Championship in Holland last year, with GB achieving the Team Silver Medal, and was in Ireland earlier this year as part of the Nations Cup Team, winning Individual 3rd place (Bronze) and a Team Gold Medal.

Franky is based just outside Presteigne in Dolley Green at the family equestrian farm with her partner Arthur Pottier, who is also a respected Event rider. Together they train and sell horses

A MESSAGE FROM THE VOLUNTEER TEAM AT THE BRING SITE.....

As you've probably seen from the notice at the Bring Site, some time ago Presteigne Chamber of Trade took over management of our local recycling centre from Powys County Council (PCC) and in turn receives money from PCC for keeping the site clean. Collections are still contracted, arranged and managed by PCC however. The money received is used for community events, and the site is kept clean daily by a small team of volunteers.

Presteigne COT and the Bring Site volunteer team ask that residents please stick to some simple rules:
- if the green waste skips are full, please take your waste home and come back later when the skips are empty. Green waste containers are scheduled to be emptied three times a week, unless there is a problem with the collection vehicles.

- dumping loose grass clippings or garden waste behind the skips or leaving bags of garden waste by the skips is unacceptable in any circumstances and it is completely unreasonable to expect volunteers to try and deal with this.
- please DON'T put any soil or wood in the green waste skips. This needs to be taken to Llandegeley to dispose of. Otherwise, topsoil is valuable (so long as it's not full of some nasty weed) and could be offered on Freegle for someone else to collect and use.
- please do NOT leave plastic bags in the green waste containers.
- bags of domestic or green waste and any other stuff dumped at the Bring Site is illegal flytipping. PCC now has a team of dedicated officers who are investigating flytipping and have the right to prosecute offenders. Please contact PCC to report flytipping or dumping of loose garden waste if you see it, on waste.awareness@powys.gov.uk

Help us to keep the Bring Site clean and safeguard its future - thank you for your cooperation !
The Volunteer Team, Presteigne Chamber of Trade

A BIG THANK YOU TO McCOLVILLES.....

You will probably have seen the new Community Noticeboard that has appeared at the Memorial Hall, replacing the old redundant boards and the unsightly fly-posted fence, which will soon be removed. Provision of proper community events noticeboards was one of the items requested by residents in the survey last year which resulted in the Community Action Plan now being taken forward by PACDG and the TC. John Lewis of McColvilles responded to a PACDG request for local companies to sponsor or provide noticeboards at identified locations, and very generously offered to construct and install the board at the Memorial Hall. Thank you John, and to everyone involved - a great job !!

VODAFONE PROBLEMS.....

If you use Vodafone then you've probably been experiencing severe problems for several weeks now, with calls not connecting or disconnecting after a few seconds, your voice being inaudible or garbled etc. Texts don't seem to be affected fortunately. Vodafone say it's due to serious problems with a local mast which they are trying to fix. Pity that they didn't think to notify their customers about it ! If you're on a Vodafone contract then, if you haven't already done so, you should complain asap to Vodafone registering the fault (the easiest and least frustrating way is online using Live Chat) clearly saying how long it's been going on, and requesting a refund of your contract fee from that date until it's fixed. The more of us that complain, the better !!

EVERGREENS.....

The Evergreens Club for recycled teenagers meets at the Memorial Hall on alternate Wednesdays. Come along and meet new friends, have a cup of tea and a biscuit (or two !), play bingo, win the Draw, and perhaps pick up a bargain from the monthly table sale. The Evergreens also organise the occasional coach trip for members to visit interesting places.

The next meeting is on this Wednesday 29th June in the small room at the Memorial Hall. For more information contact Judi on 01544 267420 or Eileen on 01544 262710

NEED SOMEONE TO DO LAMINATING OR PRINTING ?.....

Did you know that Presteigne & Norton Community Service PNCS at the Old Drill Hall offer a printing, photocopying and laminating service ? Visit their website for details <http://www.pncs.org.uk/community-support/photocopyingservices/>

PNCS can print/photocopy A3/A4 in black and white or colour, single or double-sided, and can laminate your A3/A4/A5 documents or photos, and ID cards

THANK YOU THE SALTY DOG and PBS.....

The guerrilla gardening group would like to say a special thank you to Leon and Anne-Marie for their kind assistance in donating a sprayer and herbs amongst other things, and to PBS for providing compost at a generous discount. The GGs are still looking for more volunteers so do please get in touch !

LOCAL FOOD MARKET IN PRESTEIGNE.....

Don't miss the next Presteigne Local Food Market in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 2nd July. Contact Lin on 01544 262773 for more information. Try the new community stall POP-UP PRODUCE. This will give anyone in the community who wants to make a bit of cash from selling their surplus garden fruit, vegetables or flowers

the chance to do so. Just bring along your produce - bagged and clearly labelled with your name, weight and pricing by 9am and then return at 1pm to pick up your cash (less 10%).
The Community Cafe will also be serving Freetrade teas, coffees and homemade cakes.

WILSON TERRACE PLAYGROUND....your question answered

We were contacted by a young Presteigne mum who regularly uses the playground with her children and was complaining about the state of the area and the missing equipment (one major item has been removed and one swing is missing). The playground is the responsibility of Powys County Council so we asked PCC what they were doing about it. The PCC representative made clear that in this time of severe financial constraint, PCC policy was that playground facilities would be maintained and kept safe, and the grassy area cut and strimmed but that, unless only minor repairs were needed, broken equipment would be removed and would not be replaced. Of course that isn't the answer people will want to hear, but that's PCC's stated policy.

GET BEHIND YOUR COMMUNITY - GET BEHIND THE WHEEL.....

Presteigne & Norton Community Support is keen to recruit volunteer drivers to provide local seniors with transportation for vital medical appointments. Help others. Have fun. Mileage is reimbursed. If you enjoy driving and want to make a difference to the lives of people in your local community who, without our service, would really struggle to be independent, and even if you only have half a day free a week, we would still like to hear from you. Your volunteering commitment would be flexible to meet your availability. Contact PNCS on 01544 267961 or call in to The Old Drill Hall in Hereford Street.
YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE !



OPEN GARDENS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS WITH RECORD PROFITS.....

A message from Colin Kirkby on behalf of all involved in putting on this event in aid of his chosen charity St Michael's Hospice.....we had a very good day, blessed with fine weather after a dismal week! We sold 230 tickets and made a profit of £2,650 for the Hospice. People were very generous and everyone including the gardeners had a very good time. Paddy Nugent of St Michael's said this was one of the most successful one-day open garden events they'd ever had and when he visited towards the end of the day the sense of community was palpable. He thanked all the gardeners for all their hard work on behalf of St Michael's. They will all be invited to visit the new facilities later in the year with all the other gardens.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Town Council Surgery on Saturday 2nd July 10am to 12 noon, in conjunction with the Local Food Market in the Memorial Hall. If you have questions for the Town Council, come along and talk to the Mayor James Tennant Eyles and Councillor John Wilding.

Don't forget the **PACDG PRESENTATION AND PROJECTS Open Days** being put on by the Presteigne Area Community Development Group this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Youth Centre in the Old School building. See posters around town with timings. On the Thursday evening, the Mayor (and PACDG member) James Tennant Eyles will give a talk setting out the history and future of the various publicly-owned assets in the town, some of which are under threat, and how our Town Council hopes to counter these threats and minimise the impact of the cuts on the community. **IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING, BE THERE ON THURSDAY AT 7.30pm.**

In conjunction with this, PACDG will have project tables relating to community projects and initiatives which have come out of the recent Community Action Plan resulting from the residents survey last year....Dementia-Friendly Presteigne / a Community Hub / Green & Clean in Presteigne / Communications for the Community / Revitalising Tourism - an ongoing project / Green & Community Energy - producing and saving / Recycling and Upcycling. If any of these are of interest to you, come along on Friday and Saturday to talk to the volunteers, find out what's been done or started already and how you can help to improve our community.

BOOK SIGNING BY LOCAL AUTHOR HILARY HARTLAND.....

If you missed Hilary's book signing (in the Library on Saturday) of her new childrens book "A Dragon in my Garden", then she will also be there to sign your copy at the Presteigne Carnival on Saturday 16th July

PRESTEIGNE FESTIVAL.....

The 2016 Presteigne Festival will run from 25 - 30 August, at St Andrew's Church and other venues. Presteigne's six days of events are ranked by The Times (alongside the Proms and Edinburgh Festival) as one of the top ten classical music festivals in the UK. The programme is packed with daytime and evening events, with music featuring alongside literature, exhibitions, talks and film. A Festival bus runs to out of town venues.

Details of all events are at www.presteignefestival.com, or contact 01544 267800 for a brochure to be sent. Online and postal booking is now open. The box office will open for in person booking from July 18th, 11am to 2pm Monday to Saturday, at the Assembly Rooms in Presteigne. Ticket prices start at £5.00.

LOCAL EVENTS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.....

Wednesday 29th June - Music at the Dukes "Swampcandy" return to the Dukes Arms at 8.30pm.

Swampcandy is an internationally-touring primitive blues influenced Americano duo. Ruben Dobb's aggressive finger-picking and rhythmic style combined with Joey Mitchell's bass playing, pounding kick drum and percussive bass throttling easily fill up the sonic space normally created by a trio or even a four-piece group. Rubens soulful passionate vocals are the glue that holds it all together and makes this band tick. Don't miss them ! www.swampcandy.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 !

You're receiving the Community News because you previously requested to be kept informed or have shown an interest in PACDG and town activities. If you prefer NOT to receive further emails please email REMOVE to pacdg@icloud.com