

Community

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an information service from the Presteigne Area
Community Development Group PACDG

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**

CARNIVAL SUCCESS.....

Firstly a huge thank you to organisers Charlotte & Rory, and everyone else who helped to make this year's Carnival such a success - and the Weather Gods behaved themselves as well ! These were the winners on the day.....

Float rankings: 1st: Welsh Rugby Fans, Joint 2nd: Funky Farm and Noah's Ark, Joint 3rd: The Flintstones and The Welcome Home Tour of the Welsh Football Team

Horticultural Tent Category Winners: Home Grown Produce: Ruth Kirkby; Home Grown Flowers: Marie Ann Watson; Floral Art: Marie Watson; Cookery: Sue Rogers; Arts & Handicrafts: Sonia Williams & Jo Preece; Children under 6: Lewis Bird & Jasmine Lloyd; Children 7-14: Chloe Preece

Carnival Queen: Georgie Roberts Attendants: Nieve Vaughan and Lloyd Black

Derek Lister Shield for Best Dressed Window Competition: Lorna's Sandwich Shop

Football Competition: Church Stretton

Dog Show: Most Handsome Male & Best-in-Show...Pluto (whippet)

VODAFONE PROBLEMS CONTINUE.....

Still no end to the problems with Vodafone voice calls in the area it seems. Vodafone continue to say that the difficulties are due to upgrading work they're carrying out on the masts locally and they hope full service will be resumed 'soon'. However this has been going on for almost 2 months in my experience. What can you do about it ? Well, nothing much if you're a PAYG customer unfortunately, except switch networks ! But, Vodafone are saying they will compensate customers from the date the trouble started so, if you're on a monthly contract, you should certainly contact Vodafone - Live Chat online avoids long phone waits !! - register your complaint, formally request compensation for loss of service and other costs (having to use your landline etc), ask for a Chat reference number, and ask them to email you a record of the Chat discussion.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE NEW HOUSES.....

We've had several people asking what's going on - or rather, not happening - with the new housing on Knighton Road. We asked the Town Clerk if the TC had information on this and received this reply: "Mid-Wales Housing, the Housing Association developing this project, have advised that there have been some delays in completing the sewerage arrangements. They hope these will soon be resolved and that the builders will be able to resume works. It is anticipated the project will be completed in late September/October. Mid-Wales Housing have confirmed that the

properties will all be let on the basis of the cascade agreement with the Town Council, such that Presteigne residents will have priority."

LOCAL SPORTING SUCCESS.....

Congratulations to Presteigne Bowling Club who had multiple successes in the finals of the 2016 Mid-Wales Championships - Triples Champions Dale Gorman/David Weale/Robert Weale - Senior Triples Champions Bill Lister/Phil Holland/Glen Moorhouse - Rinks Champions David/Brian/Stuart/Robert Weale - and Open Singles Champion Gareth Wills. 12year old Nathan Weale was a very credible runner-up in the under-18s championship. All winners go on to represent Mid-Wales in the All-Wales Bowling Championships in Llandrindod in August for the honour of representing Wales in the UK Championships. Additionally, Steve Smith of Presteigne Bowling Club has been selected to play in the Welsh team at the British Isles Junior International Series in Elgin, Scotland in early September. Well done all !

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR USED STAMPS.....there are a number of organisations that will take these, but there is a collecting box in the Library on behalf of our Day Centre.

DYFED POWYS COMMUNITY MESSAGING.....

Our local Community Police Officer has asked us to publicise the introduction of DPCM which is a free messaging service for the Dyfed Powys area, which allows residents to register to receive the latest crime notifications and community news happenings (?) in the local neighbourhood. Full details are on the DPCM home page at www.dyfedpowyscommunitymessaging.org.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

The Judges Lodging is still running its Summer Holiday Fun for children "The History Ducks are Here" through to 4th September. Opening times 10am to 5pm

Norton Show and Funday is on Saturday 20th August at Home Farm, Norton LD8 2EF. Entry £3 pp, children under 16 free. Official Opening is at 12 noon by a 'mystery guest'. Lots of attractions - see programmes available from lots of places around town for full detail - or contact Ann on 01544 267221 or Dan on 07798 928909

The Presteigne Festival with all its cultural delights is here again soon - starts on 25th August running through to 30th August at several venues. Visit www.presteignefestival.com for full programme. The Festival Box Office is in its usual place at The Assembly Rooms. Book early !!!!!

WHAT'S ON OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.....

Saturday 8th August - Presteigne Local Food Market at the Memorial Hall 9am to 1pm. The new Pop-Up Produce stall will be bursting with home grown fruit, flowers and veg this month - if you want to sell your surplus produce, bring it along early for sale on the stall, bagged/labelled with your name, weight, and price. There will also be a summer bbq at this market - samples of freshly cooked food from the stallholders for you to try. And the Community Cafe will be running as usual - come along early and enjoy !!!

Wednesday 10th August - "Music for a Summer Evening" in St Andrew's starting 7.30pm - a concert of varied chamber music by the incredible BISYOC young musicians from fifteen countries, under the baton of Julian Gibbons. Participants in BISYOC's international orchestral exchange programme present an unusual and not-to-be-missed evening of light chamber music - with some surprises ! This concert is always a real treat, and you can also

drop in during the afternoon while the groups are rehearsing their pieces - a good opportunity to give children a shorter or longer taste of live classical music. Tickets only £10 from Winnies, or online from www.wegotickets.com, or call Peter Gibbons on 01544 260551. For details of this concert, and BISYOC's other concerts in Ludlow and Leominster, go to www.bisyoc.com/concerts.

Saturday 13th August - at the Assembly Rooms, MBA presents Anna & Elizabeth in an evening of songs and music gathered from the archives and visits to elders. They bring songs to life in performance with sparse atmospheric arrangements using guitar, banjo, fiddle and an uncanny blend of their voices in harmony. Tickets £10 from The Workhouse or Courtyard Antiques.

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 !

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