

# Community News

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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](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)

## GUERRILLA GARDENERS GET GOING.....

Following the PACDG Open Days, a small guerrilla gardening group was formed and has been increasingly active around the town, clearing up and planting some of the more unloved areas. You may have seen them working in the Shoppers Car Park, and the passageway down to the High Street, and in The Scallions (by St Andrews). Other areas are on their list ! If you are interested to join the GGs and spend the occasional hour or two, when it suits, having a giggle in good company doing a bit of light gardening to help brighten up our town, then please email us here at the News and we'll put you in touch. The GGs would also welcome donations of plants such as snowdrop clumps, hardy geraniums and other perennials, day lilies, montbretia, clematis, lilacs etc.

## AND THE DAFFODIL GROUP TOO.....

Presteigne has a proud, but perhaps forgotten, history as a daffodil town last century where many old varieties of daffodils were commercially bred and shipped all over the country. Another very active group, formed after the PACDG Open Days, is taking up the challenge to research and resurrect that heritage and to plant many many more daffodils around Presteigne in the coming years, including identifying and featuring old heritage varieties. If you are interested to join the DAFFODIL group, and/or if you have any information on the whereabouts of old varieties or can donate daffodil bulbs (especially of heritage varieties but also of any daffodils) then please contact us here at the News and we will put you in touch with the group.

***Donations of daffodil bulbs, and any other plants for the GG group, can be delivered to a collection point at the Presteigne Local Food Market, on the 1st Saturday of each month 9am-1pm.***

**More in future issues on other PACDG projects that are on the move ..... recycling, Mens Shed, Swifts, Tidy Town, Dementia Friendly, Playgrounds, Green & Community Energy....things are happening !!**

## GET YOUR FLU VACCINATION.....

Seasonal flu vaccination clinics are being held at the Presteigne Medical Centre 9.30am - 12 noon on Thursday 29th September and Tuesday 4th October. No appointment needed, just come along ! Vaccinations are strongly recommended if you are over-65, have diabetes, are pregnant, are a primary carer for someone else, or have a longterm condition affecting lungs, heart, kidneys, liver, spleen, brain or nervous system.

## CAN YOU HELP ?.....

Calling all Warden lovers...Presteigne's very own ancient castle and beauty spot, **The Warden, needs your help.** We have lost some of our older helpers and are looking for people with one or two spare hours a week to help keep our lovely woodland tidy. We are a friendly group who meet up at 10am on Thursdays to do a bit of litter picking,

weeding or path clearing, whatever needs doing - if you can spare a few hours and want to meet some new friends, just come along on Thursday mornings, or email the News and we'll put you in touch. Thank you

With Lin's departure, **our Local Food Market also needs new people to get involved** - again, contact the News and we'll put you in touch.

**LOCAL HOUSING.....**would you like to have your say about what housing is needed locally for older people or have you any idea what it should look like in the future? Your views matter. In conjunction with Age Cymru, local folks have organised a meeting on Tuesday 20th September 1.30-3.30pm, at The Youth Centre, Hereford Street, Presteigne. For more information contact Rolly Bradstock 01544 260766

**CONGRATULATIONS..... and well done !!** to Councillor Colin Kirkby who has completed the "Hereford 100", the final stage of three walks fundraising for St Michael's Hospice. Colin was accompanied by John Jones of the Oysterband, fundraising for his chosen charity Macmillan Cancer Support.

**VODAFONE PROBLEMS.....** the problems with voicecalls that so infuriated local Vodafone users for around 3 months seem to have at last been resolved now the work on the local mast is completed. Residents with monthly contracts with Vodafone have successfully claimed compensation in the form of waived future monthly contract charges. If you haven't done so and have stayed with Vodafone, it may not be too late to do so.....!

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....**

**On Saturday 12th November, PACDG is hosting a COMMUNITY GROUPS FAIR in the Memorial Hall.** All local organisations, clubs and groups are invited to take space to showcase and raise awareness of what they do, to recruit new members, and perhaps raise funds as well. Watch out for posters nearer the date. We'll be contacting all the groups that we're aware of to offer them the opportunity to take part but if you want to make sure of your place now and take a table at the Fair, please email us at the News for an Application Form. There'll be entertainment on the day and a Community Cafe so it should be a fun day and not to be missed !

**Presteigne Youth Theatre has recently started up again** 4.45pm-6.15pm every Tuesday in The Assembly Rooms. Opportunity for anyone aged 9-14 years to be part of a free drama session led by Hugh Pope. All welcome. Promoted by MBA.

**hArt "Art in the Garden" at Garrison House, Presteigne, is still running** 11am-5pm until Tuesday 18th September. Sculptures and paintings by local artists Susie Arbuthnot, Ruth Kirkby, Lottie O'Leary, Toose Morton and Antonia Spowers

**The Two Rivers Run in Nash Woods, Presteigne, on Sunday 9th October** is a challenging 8 mile trail race organised by Presteigne Pacers in association with Discover Parks. Registration 10am, race start 11am £8 attached, £12 unattached plus £2 extra on the day. Entry forms from [www.presteignepacers.com](http://www.presteignepacers.com) or telephone 01547 560 300

**Learn Welsh classes are starting up again** soon on Thursday evenings, from 22nd September in The Assembly Rooms. Beginners 2 at 10am-12noon. Sylfaen at 1pm-3pm. £105 (£80 concessions).

**Yoga Classes are also starting up again soon** on Thursday evenings at Whitton Village Hall. Starts Thursday 15th September £36 for 6 week course. Drop in to try a free session. Call Jenny 01544 267451.

**Also returning is the CAP Job Club**, every Friday 10am-2pm at the Presteigne Baptist Church Hall. The Club is entirely Free (including refreshments) and provides preparation, one-to-one coaching and informal networking

advice to help get you back in employment. If you are unemployed, please just call in or call 01547 560942 or 01544 388816 for information. The Club organisers promise you a good time in a relaxed atmosphere - and they get results !!

**The Baptist Church is celebrating Harvest Weekend** Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September including the following : Friday - 6pm, Special Harvest Supper followed by slide presentation on Modern Farming. Only £6 tickets from 01544 267960; Saturday 10.30am-12noon, Coffee Morning - homemade cakes and plenty of chat !; Sunday 10.30am. Service of Thanksgiving, led by Rev. Andrew Wyton.

#### **LOCAL EVENTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.....**

**Friday 23/9 - Presteigne Screen** is showing "Dheepan" winner of the 2015 Cannes Palm D'Or. 8pm Assembly Rooms.

**Sunday 25/9 - Presteigne & Norton Vintage Car & Motorcycle Show**, Went's Meadow 10.30am - 4.30pm. Autojumble, car boot, refreshments. £3 (children free)

**Tuesday 27/9 - Closing date of Photo Competition.** Submit your funny photos with caption to the Hat Shop. Winning photo £30 prize. All money raised goes to the Macmillan Coffee morning.

**Friday 30/9 - Book Club at the Library 2 - 3.30pm**

**Friday 30/9 - Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan**, 10am-12noon, Royal British Legion. Help needed on the day please plus donations of cakes and raffle prizes ! Contact Paula on 01544 260485.

**Wednesday 5/10 - Quiz Supper Evening at Titley Village Hall.** A dogman General Knowledge quiz, with buffet supper. Bar. Tables of up to 6. Prizes plus Win Big at Backwards Bingo. £5. 6.30pm for 7pm quiz start.

*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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