

Community News

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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

WILSON TERRACE PLAYGROUND - PLEASE VOTE !

A reminder that you will be able to vote at TESCO in Ludlow if you do your shopping there during the two weeks between 31st October and 13th November. Your vote could help secure a much-needed grant from Tesco's Bags of Help initiative for new equipment and other work at the children's Play Area at Wilson Terrace. Tokens will be handed out at the tills as you pay for your shopping - there is no minimum spend.

Please encourage everyone you know to vote for the project. See more details on the Bags of Help scheme at <http://www.tesco.com/carrier-bags/> The scheme will see three community groups and projects in several hundred England & Wales regions awarded grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 - all raised from the 5p bag charge.

OUR DAY CENTRE IS UNDER REAL THREAT

The East Radnor Day Centre ERDC is a registered charity providing essential care and support to elderly local residents living within 16 miles of the town. The Day Centre currently receives funding from Powys County Council and also fundraises itself both locally and to large grant-giving trusts in order to continue its vital caring work, and is grateful for all the donations received. BUT Powys County Council is now carrying out a public 'consultation' into the future of 'day time activities for older people in Powys'.

Despite the fact that, as a charity, our Day Centre operates at around half the cost of council-run facilities, PCC is looking to reduce its budget substantially and is threatening to cut the contract funding for the ERDC.

The Day Centre is appealing for the support of everyone who lives in the area it serves, to lobby Powys County Council to continue to fund day care in East Radnorshire in the same way they have agreed to do in Welshpool.

We need to act fast..... so how can you help ?

- sign the paper petition to be found in local shops, pubs
- sign the online petition at www.change.org (search for East Radnor Day Centre) and also forward the link to family and friends to do likewise
- if you are able to complete the online PCC consultation at www.powys.gov.uk please do so but it is lengthy and complicated. The Day Centre can provide a paper copy if preferred

SPREAD THE WORD PLEASE ! We need to muster as much support as we can to avoid losing this wonderful and much-needed facility. It could be you or me that needs it in the future !

And finally, please write a short supporting statement noting the difference that our Day Centre makes to local people's lives. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO. Please write and sign a personal statement, address it to Powys County Council, and deliver or post it to the Day Centre. The ERDC will then personally deliver it and all others received, together with the Petition, to County Hall at the end of this month.

PLEASE ACT NOW. If you would like to join the cause and keep abreast of what is happening, please email saveourcentre@erdaycentre.org and you will be added to their mailing list. You can also scan and email your statement to that address.

LOCAL COLLECTION POINT ESTABLISHED FOR FOOD BANK.....

John Beddoes has set up a collecting point in the School Reception area for the Food Bank which, at the moment, is particularly looking for supplies of cereals, tins of soups beans fruit custard etc, pasta, pulses, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, detergents, washing up liquids, deodorants, toothpaste, toilet rolls etc.

UPDATE ON THE MAYOR'S CHARITY.....

Following the completion of the third part of the fundraising events by Colin Kirkby for the outgoing 2015/2016 Mayor's Charity, the total raised for the selected charity St Michael's Hospice reached a wonderful £5350, exceeding the target. This comprised £1100 for the Reluctant Ramblers gig in the Assembly Rooms, £2650 from the Open Gardens, and £1250 from the Hereford 100 sponsored walk. Colin has expressed his grateful thanks to everyone who helped and contributed.

DO YOU HAVE PLANTS OR BULBS TO DONATE TO THE COMMUNITY GARDENERS?

As before there will be a collection box by the entrance to the Local Food Market in the Memorial Hall on 5th December and your donations of daffodil/narcissi bulbs and hardy perennials will be very welcome !

COMMUNITY GROUP FAIR ON SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER....

Take-up has been incredible with more than 60 local clubs, societies and organisations of all size and stripes participating so it'll be a packed Memorial Hall on the day, also with a Community Café and entertainment through the day by local musicians. Not to be missed ! Doors open to the public at 9am through to 3pm - free entry.

If you haven't already done so, it's still not too late to book a (free) table to advertise your organisation at the Fair - but you need to act quickly now, call Terry on 07766 097 600 or email pacdg@icloud.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NORTON FIREWORKS

Norton Sports Committee are holding a Halloween Fireworks display in Norton on Sunday 30th October starting at 6.00p.m (location is in the centre of village - see signs). Big Bonfire / BBQ / Bar / Fancy Dress and Best Pumpkin competitions
Admission : Adults £2.50 Children under-16 free.

PRESTEIGNE FIREWORKS

The Carnival Committee and Sheep Music have joined forces to organise a Fireworks Night on Went's Meadow on Saturday 5th November. Candlelight procession leaves the recycling layby at 6pm. Organisers promise a brilliant firework display followed by the lighting of a special bonfire, live music through the evening by the Poobahs, with a full bar, and plenty of food. Stewards are urgently needed to help on the night and clear up on the Sunday - contact Charlotte Dobson or email presteigne.carnival1@gmail.com.

PAPER WORK AND POTTERY EXHIBITION

St Michael's, Discoed 5th to 13th November, 10am to 4pm. Featuring local artists and craftsmen, curated by artist Louise Hopwood. See www.discoed.org for more information on exhibitors

EVENTS AT THE JUDGES LODGING (Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 5 pm)

"Half-term Spooky Fun" Sat 22nd to Sunday 30th October. Hunt down the creepy objects hidden throughout the Judges Lodging rooms and earn yourself a yummy Trick-or-Treat bag of goodies.

"Pop-Up Shop" Tues 25th Oct to Sun 13th November (Tues 25th, then Wed to Sun only). Autumn clothing sale. High St names at incredible prices. Browse - pick up bargains in Ladies', Men's, Children's, Babies' and Schoolwear. All purchases help the Judges Lodging & Community Collection.

EVENTS OVER THE COMING COUPLE OF WEEKS OR SO.....

Wednesday 2/11 Quiz Night at Presteigne Bowls Social Club. 7.30pm for 8pm start. Contact Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com to book your table. Prizes, win Big at Backwards Bingo. £2 pp. Bar. Coffee/cake.

Saturday 5/11 Local Food Market 9am to 1pm at the Memorial Hall. If you haven't visited the Market for some time please come along and see how we've grown. We now have over twenty

stalls and are still growing. The Market displays a wonderful range of artisan produce, with more than a few being produced much nearer to Presteigne than you might think. Last month, for the first time, we welcomed our new pieman who makes an excellent range of pies, including meat and vegetarian. Here are some stalls to tempt you - organic fruit and veg - plants – artisan chocolates – Herefordshire cheeses – smoked meats, pickles and jams – shampoo, natural face and hand creams – lamb, hogget, mutton and apple juice – sourdough breads – goat milk and meat – pork produce – Presteigne honey and beeswax produce – Indian snacks and curries – patisserie and tarts – herb plants and goat milk soaps – wholefoods – delicious homemade cakes – and of course apples. If, after visiting the Market, you need a rest why not visit our Community Cafe to enjoy Fairtrade coffee, tea and homemade cake. Last November the Cub/Scouts joined with the Cafe helpers and it was great fun having them. This year it's the turn of the Brownies/Rainbows so please come and meet them.

Sunday 6/11 Glimpses of Mediaeval Presteigne by Philip Hume. Assembly Rooms 2.30 to 4.15pm. Talk followed by walking tour of Presteigne, led by the Secretary of the Mortimer History Society and author of "On the Trail of the Mortimers".

Friday 11/11 Book Club at Presteigne Library. 2 to 3.30pm. Bring along a piece of war poetry to read and discuss.

Saturday 12/11 Community Group Fair at the Memorial Hall. 9am to 3 pm. Cafe. Entertainment

Saturday 12/11 Xmas Bingo at the Memorial Hall (also Saturday 19/11, 26/11, 3/12) Doors open 6.30pm for 7.45pm start. Prizes include laptops, tablets, hi-fi units, High Street shop vouchers, giant hampers and many many other prizes. Prize value ca. £250 plus cash prize ca. £400 each week.

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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