

Community News

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an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group

Dementia Awareness Week (14th to 20th May).....Open Dementia Awareness and Information Sessions by Presteigne Dementia Support group at Youth Centre, Hereford Street Tuesday 16th May 2.30 - 3.30pm and 7 - 8pm. No Charge. All welcome. For more information please contact Rolly (260766) or Kate (267227)

Recycling news..... you may have noticed that we now have a British Heart Foundation book bank at the Bring Site, slotting in where the plastics and cans container was located previously. The destination of the stock is the British Heart Foundation Shop in Leominster and donated books will go for book sales for the charity (not for recycling).

Llandegley Recycling Site.....a reminder that opening hours have been reduced by PCC (!!) and opening days and times are now: Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday 10am-4pm - the site is no longer open on Sunday.

Community Defibrillators.....following a successful grant application to the Lottery Awards for All Fund, the Town Council has obtained funding for two community access defibrillators and two cabinets. One is already in place on the outside of the East Radnorshire Day Centre and the other will be put on the outside of the John Beddoes Campus buildings (exact site not yet confirmed). As part of the grant application a training session will be held over the coming months and details will be in the press and notices will be displayed. The session will be approximately one hour long. And the Royal Oak has raised funds from its meat raffles along with a generous donation from the Presteigne Golfing Society, which, if the extra funding can be realised from other potential grants, should mean we can have a third defibrillator in town, perhaps to be located by the Library. These are in addition to the two units used by the Fire Brigade and First Responders. Brilliant news - well done everyone involved !

News from the Presteigne and Marches Investment Clubs..... over thirty members, with partners and friends, attended the first ever joint dinner. Held at the Tram Inn in Eardisley, the drink flowed, the chatter was of all things other than investments and the food was delicious. Chairman of the newly-formed MIC Leigh Harling-Bowen, and Chairman of the established PIC David Delaney expressed their hopes that this initial joint dinner would be the first of many. Because of the appeal of investing only £1 a day in the stock market, there is never a shortage of new members wanting to join investment clubs; both locally and nationally. Anyone interested in taking their place on the joint waiting list for PIC and MICs, or finding out more about either Investment Club, should contact Jonathan Wilson on 01544 262712.

Mixed Martial Arts classes at the Memorial Hall....Tuesdays 7.30 - 8.30pm. 14 years to adults. Increase confidence, improve fitness, aid weight loss, relieve stress, have fun ! First lesson free. Contact 07976 914 617 leetaylorkarate@hotmail.co.uk

Presteigne Writer's Circle, Assembly Rooms 7.30pm 3rd Tuesday of each month. £2 visitors. £15 annual membership. Dominic Clarke 01544 260255

News from our Town Council..... benches on Station Road and bypass have been repaired and painted and the Wilson Terrace toilets have also been repainted. Refurbishment of the Hereford Street toilets should start shortly. New hedge planting has taken place in Lower

Went's Meadow. Purchase of the additional land needed for the Cemetery is proceeding. Discussions with PCC on assets transfers are ongoing. Full minutes of PNTC meetings can be seen on the Town website or in the new noticeboard at the entrance to the Library.

A date for your Diary...The recently formed Sheep Music Committee are planning an exciting one-day community event called Crafternoon Delight / Crafterdark to be held at Went's Meadow, Presteigne on Saturday 17 June 2017. The afternoon will run from 12pm to 6pm and include a range of fantastic workshops and crafts for all the family and will be followed by an evening of music and dancing running from 6pm to 11.15pm. If you are interested in volunteering to be a steward for this event, please email nikki@leopolds.eu by 10th May. You will then be contacted again nearer to the event in respect of session preferences so we can schedule the rotas. If you know anyone who might be interested in stewarding who has not previously been involved in Sheep Music please do ask them to contact us. Looking forward to hearing from you or seeing you at the next meeting - *Rory Bennett, Charlotte Dobson, John Hymas, Colin Kirkby, Nikki Leopold, Lisa Miller, Steve Powell and Owen Rimington*

Saturday 6th May, Local Food Market 9am to 1pm at the Memorial Hall.... this is a busy month for the Market with three special attractions in addition to the wonderful range of local produce that our artisans bring each month. Lambs, popular as ever, will be there for the children (of any age!) to enjoy. SPECIAL FOR GARDENERS - May is Plant Swap month. You might have too many beans but not enough tomatoes. Or is it the other way round? You might have one or two perennials that need splitting. Whatever you can spare please bring it along and see what you would like in exchange. Or you could leave a small donation for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to help them with the great work they do. The Community Cafe will - for this month only - be serving coffee that Matt of Hundred House Coffee has roasted and freshly ground, for customers to enjoy with friends, perhaps with some homemade cake. Hundred House Coffee sources its beans from small farms and Matt has selected Rwanda Huye Mountain coffee for the Cafe. Customers will also be able to sample the other coffees that he produces. Thanks to the Market traders, the quality of their produce, and the generosity of the Community Cafe customers, over £3,000 has now been passed on to local charities and organisations.

Saturday 6th May at the Memorial Hall. Final PNTC Surgery of this Council.....10am - 12noon, with the outgoing Mayor James Tennant Eyles and Norton Councillor John Wilding

Saturday 6th May, Artists & Makers at The Assembly Rooms.....10am to 3pm. Local artists working with wood, stone, paper, paint, linen, wool & silk, silver and semi-precious stones, paintings, prints and pottery. Tea & cakes, plants. For details call Rosamund 01544 260777

Monday 8th May Poetry in Presteigne , Radnorshire Arms.... 7.30pm. An inspiring trio of poets - John Barnie from Aberystwyth, Pamela Scobie from Yorkshire, Giles Turnbull from Abergavenny. £5 on the door, £2 students www.poetryinpresteigne.org

Wednesday 10th May Presteigne & Borders Floral Arts Society, Memorial Hall....Demonstration by Nicky Heal 'Creative Creations". 01547 529244 for enquiries. All welcome - visitors £5

Thursday 11th May Chatterbrook WI Members' Evening at the Memorial Hall - a miscellany of informal entertainment. Visitors £2 info 01544 267245

Sat 13th May, Memorial Hall - Powys Radnor Federation of Women's Institutes Annual County Show....This will showcase talents of the WI. The county theme is " Childhood Memories" with displays of cookery, craft and flower arrangements. Doors open 2.30pm. Entry £3. Refreshments and Raffle.

Sunday May 14th Open Garden in Presteigne.... Marion & Chris will be opening their wonderful garden open at 14, Hereford Street from 2 until 5 in support of the the charity 'Herefordshire Growing Point, Gardening as Therapy'. She has been growing plants and will have a selection for sale. Admission is £5. The wisteria should be stunning!

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**

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - mail pacdg@icloud.com

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