

Community News

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

Can you help with marshalling, or on stalls, for a few hours on Sunday 2nd July, for the Wilson Terrace Playground fundraiser **Raise The Roof ? If you can spare time to lend a hand, please come to a meeting at the Old School in Hereford Street on Tuesday 20th June (**TONIGHT !!!!!**). Playground equipment update - a bike 'springer' has been purchased with the remainder of money from the Tesco grant and funds raised by the Playground Mums - expected soon !**

A petition to change the way rural councils (in particular Powys !) in Wales are funded has been started by a Powys resident. Please read - and of course sign if you're in agreement - and then forward to all your friends and relations resident in Powys. Thank you !
www.assembly.wales/en/gethome/e-petitions/Pages/petitiondetail.aspx?PetitionID=1148

Congratulations to the 2017 Carnival Queen Beth Herrits and her attendants Joey Jones and Ruth Roberts. Note, it's a £3 entrance fee to the Carnival BUT under-16s fancy dress get in Free !!!

Presteigne Writers Circle has changed venues and will now meet at the Radnorshire Arms on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7.30pm. Come along if you love words & enjoy writing for pleasure.

Recent DPCM Messages.....please stay vigilant and don't divulge any personal details over the phone as there a quite a few current scams that are going around regarding fraud....Scams that are currently circulating are from people purporting to be your Bank ringing landlines or sending text messages to mobile phones asking for personal information. Banks will not ask for this information over the telephone.....Be mindful of service providers ringing and asking to have access to your laptop or computer, where they may say there is a virus or a fault with the connection. Don't allow anyone access to your computer remotely.....Be careful of anyone asking you to transfer money via MoneyGram or to buy iTunes vouchers where they ask for the code on the back of the voucher.....If you believe you have been a victim of Fraud/scams then either contact us on 101 or Action Fraud [0300 123 2040](tel:03001232040) or if you want some cybercrime prevention advice to help keep you safe regarding mobile phones, computers and security then contact PCSO 8196 Miranda Whateley at miranda.whateley@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk . Keep up to date with current scams and trends by looking at www.actionfraud.police.uk

Bring Site update we could do with one or two more volunteers to join the existing team to help out at the Bring Site (that's the recycling site in the lay-by) - only for 1 to 1/2 hours on one day a week to keep the site clean. If you can help, please email us at pacdg@icloud.com or call/text Gerry on 07833 573776. All equipment is provided.

If you were wondering about the problem at the Bring Site a couple of weeks ago when the green bins and cardboard were overflowing and remained uncollected for a week or more this was because Powys' specially adapted collection vehicle had broken down. Hard to credit, but things have been cut back so far that there is only one vehicle serving the whole area to collect both green waste and cardboard, and no reserve vehicle so, if it breaks down, which it seems to do more frequently, we are stuffed till the mechanics get it on the road again to clear the backlog. IF this happens again - PLEASE take your waste home again - DON'T leave green bags or loose cardboard there for the volunteers to deal with, it makes their job so much harder - thank you.

The Free Car Parking scheme funded by the Chamber of Trade continues for each Friday and Saturday to the end of June. You can have up to 2 hours free parking at the Shoppers Car Park - which is the one behind the Premier Store, accessed from the bypass. Please take advantage of this scheme to free up the High Street for people with a blue badge or limited mobility.

After more than 50 years trading on the High Street, Audrey's shop is finally closing down - all stock is reduced and has to go ! Goodby Audrey, and thanks for everything you've done for the town - you will be sorely missed !!

The Swifts are arriving in town in increasing numbers now. If you would like to help encourage these beautiful visitors to nest and return in future years to Presteigne, PACDG has had special swift nesting boxes made by Knighton Mens Shed - we have six available on a first come - first served basis - just £15 !! Email us on pacdg@icloud.com to claim your box. **The two Slow Swift Walks earlier this month** were well-attended although the swifts themselves were shy in putting in an appearance. But now, with more birds arriving every day, we understand - hope ! that additional walks will be organised in July - watch this space - and look out for posters in town.

This is advance notice of **BISYOC's Concert of Chamber Music - Music for a Summer Evening** at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 9th August at 19.30. If you missed this event last year, don't again, this international youth orchestra is just BRILLIANT !! Tickets £10 are available from Peter Gibbons 01544 260551, Winnie's, or online <http://www.wegottickets.com/event/401835>.

On Saturday 24th June The Royal Oak is holding a BBQ From 6pm. £10.95 per person including burgers, sausages, 4oz Rump along with salad buffet. Booking is essential. 01544 260842 royaloak.presteigne@gmail.com

On Saturdays 24th June, 1st July & 8th July the Royal Oak will be opening from 7:30am for the Lions rugby tests. Breakfast is available before the matches. Booking is advisable.

Sunday 25th June - Cloister Garden at Pant Hall, Willey LD8 2LY open for charity. 2 - 5pm. £4 (children free). Sorry but no dogs. National Open Garden Scheme

Saturday 1st July 9 - 1pm Presteigne Local Food Market, Memorial Hall. One of the most successful regular food markets can be found right here so if you haven't been for some time please come and see what wonderful produce can be found. The choice being artisan chocolates - plants - organic veg - homemade pies - smoked meats, pickles and jams - shampoo, natural face and hand creams - lamb, hogget and mutton and apple juice - sourdough breads and savouries - goat milk and meat - pork - Presteigne honey and beeswax produce - Indian snacks and curries - herb plants - goat milk soaps - a fantastic range of wholefoods, many of which are organic. Also there, either serving in the hall or from the hatch, will be the Community Cafe, providing Fairtrade teas and coffee and delicious homemade cake for you to enjoy with friends.

Friday 7th July - FREE World War 1 evening (Powys War Memorials Project) 6pm to 9pm at The Memorial Hall. Lots going on throughout the evening. Free entry but donations welcomed for the East Radnorshire Day Centre. Info from Nathan Davies 01597 827597

Saturday 8th July 2017 @ 2:00 pm.... the big Macmillan Tea Party at Rockbridge Park.... £3.50 for Drink and Cake - free drinks top ups - donations for more cake. Massive Tombola, White Elephant stall, Painting & Craft stall, Dolls House Furniture & lots lots more.

Sunday 9th July 2017 - The Return of the Red Parrot at the Radnorshire Arms.

Red Parrot Prose...5.00 - 6.00 PM Readings by Paul Binding, Sarah Burton and Jem Poster

Red Parrot Poetry...6.30 - 7.30 readings by John Mole, Paul Binding and Jem Poster. Tickets on the door or reserved by contacting charliewilk@outlook.com: £5.00 for one event; £8.50 for both