

# Community News

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PACDG is holding its first AGM followed by a Social Evening at 6.30pm on Thursday 20th July at The Barn in Went's Meadow. Food and welcome drink + bar. We like to think we've made a decent start in inspiring, implementing or supporting actions requested by residents and set out in the Community Action Plan for Presteigne & Norton, but there's lots more to be done of course and we now need to move on and establish the areas to be tackled next in conjunction with other community groups. The formal AGM will be brief (!) to formalise the PACDG Constitution and elect a new Steering Committee to move things forward, then we can relax and chat over a plate and a drink to hear your input and ideas for future actions so PACDG can work to reflect the wishes of our community. All residents of the Presteigne & Norton area are very welcome. **See you at The Barn on the 20th !!**

## WELL DONE !

.....to **The Celtic Dragons** whose annual fundraiser 'Party in the Park' at their Woodcutters Arms HQ in Presteigne, with five bands, food and other entertainment raised a whopping £2144 for their chosen charity, the Welsh Air Ambulance. What an achievement !!

.....and to **Presteigne Bowling Club** whose Charity Triples Bowls tournament - in memory of local bowler Sheila Scotford - raised almost £200 for the family's chosen charity, and monthly Quiz Night raised £70 for The Circle

## DON'T THROW IT AWAY..GIVE IT AWAY TO SOMEONE WHO CAN UPCYCLE OR REUSE IT ...

**Presteigne Freegle** is an online group for local people (living within 15 miles of Presteigne) to give away and get things for free. As long as whatever you are giving away or asking for is legal and ethical it can be recycled and reused through the group. The Presteigne Freegle group started life in 2006 as Presteigne Freecycle, but transferred to the UK-wide network of Freegle groups in 2012 and has since gone from strength to strength. Run entirely by local volunteers, there are now over 2500 members in the local group - all busy giving away and receiving stuff for free.

Your junk is somebody else's treasure ! If you haven't used Freegle you'd be amazed at what you can get rid of, and what you can get. The amount of stuff that is reused, rather than thrown away, due to the actions of Freegle is growing every day.

It's really easy to join Freegle and it's free. You need access to a computer and an email address. On joining the group, you'll receive easy instructions on how everything works and what to do. You can use Freegle from your computer, or download the Freegle app for your tablet or mobile.

Terry, Ian and Richard are your local group moderators and they are helpful and experienced Freeglers who will help you get started if you are new to it.

Go to [www.freegle.in/presteigne](http://www.freegle.in/presteigne) or download the Freegle mobile app.

(New to Freegle - community groups can now post opportunities or requests for volunteers)

**DID YOU KNOW ?.....there are drop-in cancer support sessions every 2nd Monday in The Assembly rooms 9 - 11am with Macmillan volunteer Paula. For info call 07966571020 or Macmillan support line 0808 808 00 00**

**CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS - help Arrowfield Vets raise money for their chosen charities by emailing your photographs with the theme 'My Countryside' to [admin@arrowfieldvets.co.uk](mailto:admin@arrowfieldvets.co.uk) by latest 31st July.**

**AN INVITATION FROM THE WARDEN GUARDIANS....**to many people in Presteigne and surroundings The Warden is no secret; from the regulars who walk their dogs every day, to the Sunday afternoon strollers, it is their “local beauty spot”. However, for others, The Warden is just a name, a place they have never been; even in Presteigne town some locals have been heard to say “I’ve never been up the Warden”. The Warden Guardians Foundation would like to spread the word to everyone that The Warden is “open for business” and invite anyone who has not visited to take the five minute walk from the centre of town; it is a really special place and we’d love to see more people enjoying its beauty. From the spectacular variety of trees, and the sheltered woodland paths, to the great views towards Offa’s Dyke, Norton and Stonewall Hill, there is plenty to take in. If you have half an hour to spare do come and enjoy The Warden.....you may stay longer than you think.....you may even come back for more!

**Saturday 1st July** - Local Food Market, Memorial Hall 9am-1pm

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**Sunday 2nd July** - Playground Fundraiser, Went’s Meadow 11am-4pm

**Monday 3rd July** - Defibrillator Training (FREE!), 7.30pm, East Radnor Day Centre

**Tuesday 4th July** - Presteigne Litter Pick morning, 9.15-11.15am, meet at Recycling Layby

**Thursday 6th July 2017**. Powys Business Drop-in Clinics - FREE Consultation and Advice - Castle Hotel, Brecon. Powys County Council, in conjunction with a variety of business support services, is running a series of free business drop-in clinics in Newtown and Brecon, for both existing businesses and those looking to start a business. Drop in anytime between 2 and 6pm. To book your place please click [Here](#) or call Business Wales on [01686 617184](tel:01686617184).

Find out more about business support services available in Powys, and how they can support your needs. There will be an opportunity to meet and chat with representatives from the following organisations: Powys County Council, Brecon Beacons National Park, Business Wales, Big Ideas Wales, Antur Teifi—Start Up Loans, Superfast Business Wales, Finance Wales—flexible business funding solutions, FSB (Federation of Small Businesses), Farming Connect, Arwain, Midwales Manufacturing Group, 20Twenty Business Growth Programme

**Friday 7th July** - Rumble Strips @ The Wine Bar. 9pm. Rock 'n roll to get your motor running !

**Friday 7th July** - War Memorial Centenary evening (free), Memorial Hall, 7-9pm

**Saturday 8th July** - Marion Rowlatt is holding a SUMMER SINGING session in the ASSEMBLY ROOMS 10.30am-12noon. The session is FREE and will be led by the GATHER ROUND group that has been meeting monthly for the last 7 years. We now have a HUGE selection of songs to choose from so there will be something for everyone. Come and raise the roof and enjoy an invigorating vocal workout!! SINGING CAN SERIOUSLY IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH.....

**Saturday 8th July** - Quiz Evening in St Andrew's Church, Norton - Bring a bottle, Refreshments, £5.00 admission for a team of four, 7pm.

**Saturday 8th July** - the big Macmillan Tea Party at Rockbridge Park 2pm

**Sunday 9th July** - Red Parrot Prose & Poetry, Radnorshire Arms, 5-7.30pm

**Saturday 15th July** - Coffee Morning in St Andrew's Church, Norton - 10.30am-12noon, Admission £1.00. Refreshments, Raffle, Plants, Cakes and Produce, Books, and Bric-a-brac.

**Saturday 15th July** - Presteigne Carnival. Special issue to follow with full details.

**Sunday 16th July** - EG Fitness & Dance’s SUMMER DANCE SHOW. 6.30pm Memorial Hall. Proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support and The Bracken Trust. Come and support a cast aged from 2 to 72, dancing to all different styles, raising funds for charity. Tickets £4, children (5-16) £1, under-5s free from No.46 Wine Bar or email [egeorge95@icloud.com](mailto:egeorge95@icloud.com).

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). Feel free to tweet or forward this to others. If you would prefer not to receive further issues of the News, please email us with REMOVE and we'll immediately take you off the the distribution list. 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](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com)