

Community News

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

Community Orchard Pruning at Went's Meadow on Sunday March 4th at 10.30am. Dani and Adam Davies of Skyborry Cider are giving a hands-on class in the art of pruning apple trees on Sunday 4th March. Come and learn how and in the process help us get Went's Meadow Community Orchard into shape for the new season. All welcome: bring your secateurs, loppers, pruning saws. The session should last a couple of hours and will hopefully - weather willing - be fun!

Presteigne says No to Plastic.....use Bags for Life (in association with PACDG): Calling all sewers or anyone who wants to learn. We're making Bags for Life out of old curtains and those bits of fabric you've been hanging on to but don't know what to do with. **We're now expanding our efforts to Spar and so need as many bags making as possible to keep up with demand!** The Salty Dog has kindly allowed us to set up a workshop above their shop, so do drop by and pick up fabric (or drop some off for us to use) or, alternatively, if you'd like one of the team to show you how, email emma.lilley@btinternet.com. The bags are given in exchange for a small donation, with all funds going to community projects. **We've raised getting on for £400 so far, including £80 from special Presteigne Plenty printed bags to benefit the Presteigne winter crisis branch of the Knighton Food Bank, given money to buy loads more daffodil bulbs and litter-picking equipment for the town.....and we look forward to raising much more with your help !**

Calling individuals and local businesses - please recycle your ink cartridges and old mobile phones with ERDC to raise much-needed funds for the Day Centre. Drop off at the ERDC office in Scottleton Street or contact the office on 01544 260267 to arrange collection.

Interested in astronomy ? The Marches Astronomy Group meets at the Spaceguard Centre on the 2nd Friday of each month 7.30-9.30pm. For info contact 01547 520247 or email Helen on oldgranary17@talktalk.net or MAG on mail@spaceguarduk.com

Time to find out about Dementia! Let's challenge the fear and stigma surrounding it so that we create a climate of kindness and understanding, where everyone affected by dementia feels part of, not apart from, our community. **We're holding Dementia Awareness and Information sessions this coming week in Presteigne. Open to all, free and lasting about an hour. At the Hat Shop on Wednesday 28th February at 2.30pm and at the Wine Bar on Thursday 1st March at 6pm.** For further information, call Kate (267227) or Dorothy (267659) or just join us at one of the sessions.

Looking for support but not sure who to ask ? - see Carla at Community Connectors in their weekly drop-in session at the Library on Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm. Carla will work with you to access the right local services and connect you to voluntary organisations and community groups. Tel. 01547 828649 email community.connectors@pavo.org.uk. **A REMINDER - the PAC-prepared listing of contact details for all local organisations, groups, clubs, societies etc can be found on the Town website <http://www.presteigne.org.uk>. If the contact name/details for your organisation have changed please email us on pacdg@icloud.com.**

Concerned at the condition of the Presteigne to Kington road? Need to report a pothole on a Herefordshire road? Link below to the Herefordshire Council site. The more people that report problems the more likely it is that something will be done. <https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-road-defects>.

Powys Befrienders Craft Group are a small group of over fifties who meet fortnightly on Thursday afternoons in the Youth Centre and will welcome new members...a variety of activities are enjoyed from 2pm-4pm. £3.00 per session, Refreshments provided. First session FREE. Next meeting will be on March 1st and every two weeks onwards. Interested to join? Contact : Glenys Roberts on [01544 267667](tel:01544267667)

Saturday 3rd March - monthly **Local Food Market** at the Memorial Hall and **Artists & Makers** in the Assembly Rooms

Sunday 4th March - **pruning session/training at Went's Meadow** 10.30am - see above for details

Tuesday 6th March - **Presteigne Youth Theatre for 13-16 yr olds (an MBA Workshop)** 6.15-7.45pm at The Assembly Rooms. Every Tuesday in term time. £3.50 per session.

Thursday 8th March - **Chatterbrook WI's guest speaker is well-known local historian Catherine Beale on the History of Daffodils in Presteigne.** Visitors welcome at 8pm. £5 includes refreshments. Memorial Hall.

Friday 9th March - **Presteigne Screen/Borderlines Film Festival presents "Hotel Salvation"**. 102 mins (15). Faint whiffs of the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel permeate this affecting Indian comedy-drama. 7.30pm at The Assembly Rooms. £5.50. Website www.borderlinesfilmfestival.co.uk

Saturday 10th March - **Come & Sing! - Choral Workshop in The Assembly Rooms rehearsing and singing spirituals from Tippett's "A Child of Our Time" and selected Stanford Motets** under the guidance of Robert Evans. Registration 9.30am, singing 10am to 4pm. £14 includes music hire. **There are just a very few spaces left so prior booking is ESSENTIAL.** Book and pay on-line at <https://kingtonchoral.org.uk>.

Saturday 10th March - **the Big Easter Bumper Prize & Cash Bingo at the Memorial Hall** organised by Presteigne Bowling Club. 40" LED TV, laptop, £100 cash, hampers and much much more. Bar. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.45pm eyes-down. All welcome.

Wednesday 14th March - **monthly Quiz Night at the Bowls Social Club on Hereford Street. General knowledge quiz with a twist.** 7.30pm for 8pm start. Bar, refreshments. £2pp. Tables of 4. Win Big at Backwards Bingo. To reserve table contact Terry on 07766 097600 email presteignedogman@icloud.com

Friday 17th March - **Lingen Flix presents "The Party" (15) starring Kristin Scott Thomas, Timothy Spall, Cillian Murphy & Emily Mortimer.** Janet hosts a party to celebrate her new promotion, but once the guests arrive it becomes clear that not everything is going to go down as smoothly as the red wine. Lingen Village Hall. £5 / £3.50. Refreshments available T: [01544 267736](tel:01544267736) E:lingenweb@gmail.com W: lingen.org.uk

Saturday 17th March - **Race Night organised by Presteigne & Norton Community Support & Presteigne St Andrews Football Club.** First Race 6.30pm at Llanandras Park Club House. Free Entry, Bar & Refreshments available.

Sunday 18th March - **MBA fundraiser 'The End of the Affair' - film showing and talk - 8pm at the Assembly Rooms.** The film's editor, Tony Lawson, will introduce the film and using extracts from his production diary, talk about the editing process. Neil Jordan's version of 'The End of the Affair' is based on Graham Greene's complex, autobiographical, and arguably finest novel. On a rainy London night in 1946, novelist Maurice Bendrix (Ralph Fiennes) has a chance meeting with Henry Miles (Stephen Rea), husband of his ex-mistress Sarah (Julianne Moore), who abruptly ended their affair two years before. Bendrix's obsession with Sarah is rekindled; he succumbs to his own jealousy and arranges to have her followed. Bar with local beers & fine wines

Tickets £8 from The Workhouse Gallery in Presteigne or online from <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/425589>

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. 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