

Community News

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

If you have any questions, information to pass on, or a local event or activity to publicise, email us at pacdg@icloud.com

You all voted overwhelmingly to replace the Sleeping Dragon with a permanent installation when the original disappears in November and things have been going on behind the scenes to make this happen, but now we need a couple of clever people to help - in particular a social media wizzo and a person to manage the crowd funding operation. If that's your bag, and you have a few hours to spare and fancy being a Dragon's mate (!) please contact Pete on 07735 354623, email bluefootiron@btinternet.com

Can you spare an hour or so, just one day a week (at a time to suit yourself), to help keep the Bring Site tidy ? The team needs one or two more volunteers to supplement the current small group of helpers ? Hi-vis, gloves, bags, brushes - everything is provided. Keeping the Bring Site tidy brings in significant money to community funds - see item below. If you can help, even as an occasional fill-in if someone's sick or on holiday, please contact Gerry on 07833 573776, 01544 267158 or email gerry@archmetals.org.uk.

St Andrew's Churchyard Norton - A recent Memorial Safety Inspection has revealed that 12 Memorials and Monuments in the churchyard are deemed unsafe and in a hazardous condition. These have been marked with warning tape. We are trying to contact any relatives of those whose memorials need attention. The names are as follows:

William Thomas Abley - died 1793, John Bowen - died 1941, Ellen and Albert Ball - died 1937 and 1944, Sarah Davies - died 1841, Josiah Evans - died 1811, Thomas Evans - died 1832, Walter and Anne Jones - 1787 and 1808, Henry Hills Meredith - died 1919, Alfred Ernest Partridge - died 1906, Mary Anne and Richard Phillips - died 1871 and 1907, William Price - died 1875, Richard Vaughan - died 1756

Would any interested parties please contact the Church Warden Helen Ackland, tel. number 01544 267 073 or email hgooderham29@gmail.com. Further details are on the church notice board in the church porch

Bring Site news - a message from James Tennant-Eyles....we're taking this chance to say a most heartfelt 'thank you' for all the work the small band of Bring Site volunteers do in looking after the Presteigne Recycling site. Their efforts in turning out every day on an ongoing basis, regardless of weather, are so much appreciated. CONNECT, formerly the Chamber of Trade, took on a contract to run this site in 2015 and over the almost three years of the project has received just over £7000 from Powys County Council. This money has supported the Christmas Fair for three years. It paid for the summer street party and the new Christmas lights in 2016, and the free parking project in 2017. It has also provided ongoing support, along with other organisations in the Town, for the Tourism Project which provides annual promotional leaflets and their distribution. These projects align with CONNECT's objectives to support businesses in Presteigne, but it is felt they offer a wider benefit to the whole community as well. I can confirm that none of the recycling money has been expended on general administration costs of CONNECT which have been covered by separate fundraising and membership subscriptions. There is currently a balance in hand from the recycling payments of just under £2000 and this will be used to fund the Presteigne Food and Flower Festival that will

take place in the spring, and other future projects. **CONNECT is very open to suggestions from anyone in the community as to future projects CONNECT might undertake.** Contact James or Leon (The Salty Dog).

Presteigne Youth Theatre - These new Mid Border Arts workshops (started 20th Feb) are for ages 13 to 16 years old and are led by Andrew Sterry. The workshops will take place on Tuesdays, during term time, 6.15pm - 7.45pm at Presteigne Assembly Rooms, £3.50 each session. Presteigne Youth Theatre provides an environment of playful creativity; allowing young people to experiment with different aspects of theatre making. This new weekly workshop is a great opportunity for young people with an interest in drama and theatre to engage creatively with peers and enhance their personal and social development. Workshops will culminate in presentations of work to invited audiences of friends and family. For more information please call [01544 267163](tel:01544267163) or email info@midborderarts.com.

The Men's Shed is actively seeking new members to join their merry band of keen young-at-hearts at their regular Monday and Wednesday meetings in Knighton between the hours of 10am and 2pm. We have a fully equipped workshop open for use to all members. You don't have to be skilled, the guys in the Shed will help you to make use of any machinery. Maybe you have an old furniture item you would like to repair, or fancy your hand at making something. Membership is a mere £5 per year and then £1 entry fee each time you visit. Free tea/coffee is available, and advice and guidance costs nothing too. We also renew, refurbish and sharpen all manner of tools. You're not expected to do anything you do not wish to. Most of our activities are done to raise funds but we have also been very well funded with grants from the Big Lottery, Tesco, Asda and Tuffin's Supermarkets, and also ably supported by the local Rotary group. So, make the leap, just come and pay us a visit any Monday or Wednesday morning for a cuppa and a no-obligation look see. We are aware that our current opening times may not suit those gents in work and we are flexible, if there is a sufficient take up, of opening either on a week night(s) or weekend. Interested ? contact John Thorogood on [01544 232750](tel:01544232750)

BANK HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 5th May - Bach's "St John Passion" concert at St Andrew's, Presteigne.

Monday 7th May - PRESTEIGNE'S FIRST FOOD & FLOWER FESTIVAL

OTHER EVENTS THIS MONTH

Friday 16th March - Mexican Night at the Royal Oak. Book 01544 260842

Saturday 17th March - Fun Quiz at Whitton Village Hall. 7.30pm. £2pp. Refreshments. Teams of 5

Saturday 17th March - Grand Spring Sale 10am-2pm in The Assembly Rooms. Fabulous clothes, vintage, collectibles, jumble. Tea, coffee & cake. £1 entry in aid of Calan DVS and Help Refugees. More info from Kate Bull 01544 370637 and Sabine Rüber 01544 262864

Sunday 18 March - MBA presents "The End of the Affair" in the Assembly Rooms 8pm starring Ralph Fiennes and Julianne Moore, introduced by the film's editor Tony Lawson. Tickets £8 from The Workhouse and online <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/425589>. Bar with local ales and fine wines

Friday 23rd March - Presteigne Screen "Logan Lucky" 8pm in The Assembly Rooms. Directed by Steven Soderbergh, starring Channing Tatum, Hilary Swank and an improbably blonde Daniel Craig !

Friday 23rd March - Pentabus Rural Theatre Company presents "Here I Belong" at Lingen Village Hall. It's Elsie's 60th birthday and you're invited along to help her celebrate in the village she's called home all of her life. A funny & moving journey through sixty years of village life! 7 for 7.30pm. Bar/light refreshments. Tickets £10 [01544 267736](tel:01544267736)

Maundy Thursday 29th March - Quiz Night at the Presteigne St Andrew's Football & Social Club,

Llanandras Park, 7.30 for 8pm start. £2.50pp, teams of 4. Trophy, prizes, raffle, bar, refreshments. To book call Tom on 01544 267 091 or 07799 268007

Saturday 30th March - Zany Lady's French Country Brocanté sale at the Assembly Rooms 9am-3pm.

Info from Sue 07968 842219

Sunday 1st April - Live music at the Royal Oak - 'The Barebacks' at 9pm. Free entry

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).

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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