

Community News

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

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Sharpp Chat NEW DISCUSSION GROUP launches on 4th April in the Oak Room, Radnorshire Arms, 7.30 for 7.45 start. The inaugural discussion **'THE FUTURE HUMAN'** will be introduced by Maggie Taylor-Sanders. If you like to have your thinking stretched this will be a must-do event. *Oh, and why are there three 'p's? You'll have to come along to find out! OPEN TO EVERYONE.* More information from maggie@pccs-books.co.uk

DRAGON UPDATE.....Powys CC have finally given the go-ahead for a permanent Sleeping Dragon to be installed in the current location after November this year. So, with that official hurdle removed, we can finally move forward to try and make it all happen. Pete has been doing a lot of preparatory work including sourcing stone for the 'cromlech', but now we need to get to grips with publicity and crowd funding to pay for it all. There are so many talented people in and around Presteigne with skills and expertise in all sorts of fields - **if you have experience with crowd funding or special expertise with raising awareness and funds through social media then your help and advice is badly needed.** Residents voted overwhelmingly to have a permanent Sleeping Dragon at the existing site at the Corton roundabout - but serious and effective fund raising is needed to make it a reality. **Please help to make this happen - contact Pete on 07735 354623 or email us on pacdg@icloud.com.**

Would you like a swift box ? Swifts should start arriving in Presteigne in late April/early May so hopefully some will find the swift boxes people installed last year. PAC has ordered more boxes made by the Men's Shed, and these are available now 'at cost' for just £6. If you would like to encourage swifts to start nesting at your property by installing these specially-designed boxes, just email us on pacdg@icloud.com

DID YOU KNOW....

The Poppy Weeping Window has come to Hereford Cathedral and is there from 14th March till the 29th April - artist Paul Cummings, designer Tom Piper. This display will only go to a handful of venues and this year will be the last. Don't miss it ! Group visits #poppiestour

Bin collections to take place as normal over Easter holidays - PCC say recycling and waste collections will not be affected by the Easter Bank Holiday with collections on both Good Friday and Easter Monday

East Radnor Ramblers hold regular Tuesday and Wednesday Walks - all walks start at 10am unless stated otherwise - Wed 28/3 Bishops Castle Circular; Tues 3/4 Paradise Farm/Harley Woods; Wed 4/4 Bucknell Hill & Harley Woods; Wed 11/4 Hopes & Pyon. Need more info ? contact Marion on 01547 530120 or marioncox89@gmail.com or go to website www.powysramblers.org.uk

What goes on at Presteigne Baptist Church...Sunday morning service 10.30am (2nd Sunday Communion) - Monday 2pm Ladies Fellowship - Tuesday 10am CAP Job Club - Wednesday 10.30am Bible Study (& free soup!) - Thursday 12.30pm Lunch Club £6 (to book ring Jane 01544 267339) - Thursday 7pm Prayer Meeting - every 3rd Friday 8.30am Men's Breakfast @ Radnorshire Arms - every last Saturday 10.30am-12noon Coffee Morning

Don't take a plastic bag for your shopping - for a small donation you can now get your hand-made Bag for Life from Presteigne Spar. Made in Presteigne by PAC volunteers, all monies received for these hard-wearing fabric bags goes towards community projects.

A message from Lynne about the PNCS Warehouse....we are in need of volunteers to help us man the warehouse. We have had to close it on some occasions because of illness and holidays. We are a friendly bunch and helping out there is very rewarding, meeting people from all walks of life and making new friends. If anyone has a few hours to spare to come along and help, find out what we do and get involved, they can pop in to see the staff or call into the office on the High Street. Thanks, Lynne

Our Youth Club desperately needs more youth workers....Presteigne Youth Club on Mondays in term time from 6-8pm is open to any child from the last year in primary school and 1st year in secondary. Children are not allowed out of the premises & are supervised throughout. There is table tennis, pool, table football and all sorts of craft, cooking & games activities are organised. Everybody has a great time & both children and youth workers look forward to the sessions. The Club depends on volunteer youth workers from the community to keep going and due to retirement of older workers, numbers are getting near the point at which the club will have to close. Please consider giving up a couple of hours a week in term time to support this valuable and important local service, and have an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the same time. No previous experience required. DBS check required but this is straightforward and the Club will arrange it. Anyone interested please ring James Tennant-Eyles [01544 267363](tel:01544267363), or email jtennanteyles@gmail.com to arrange an informal chat.

The Bring Site team says 'welcome' to Rod, who responded to an earlier News request and has joined the small volunteer team of Leon, Richard & Sharon Hall, John Lilley, Piet, Gerry (co-ordinator) and Phil, who look after and keep the site clean on a daily basis. You do a great job on behalf of us all ! Thank you !

Wednesday 28th March - live music at The Dukes Arms " Swamp Candy" 8.30pm. Raw and rockin', dark & dirty, totally delicious. Ruben & Joey are back, ripping it up in the UK. £5 at the door

Sunday 1st April - 2018 National Vintage Tractor Road Run. Starting from Benson's Yard, Ludlow Road, Knighton at 9.30am. Proceeds in aid of RNLI, Wales Air Ambulance, Hope House Children's Hospice, East Radnor Day Centre. Organised by Teme Valley Vintage Club Ltd.

Tuesday 3rd April - Drewie's quiz night at The Royal Oak in aid of this year's Presteigne Carnival. Teams of up to 4 people, £2 each. Winning team to get meal vouchers for The Oak.

Wednesday 4th April - Sharppp Chat at the Radnorshire Arms, 7.30pm for 7.45pm start (see above)

Friday 6th April - Presteigne Screen presents "Frantz" in The Assembly Rooms. Fra/Ger 113 mins 12A. Monochrome. Our German heroine Anna discovers, in the wake of WWII, that sometimes a big lie causes less pain than a simple truth. 7.30 for 8pm. Cake and refreshments

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Saturday 7th April - PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET - 9am to 1pm in the Memorial Hall.

As well as the usual mix of regular favourites and new artisans there will be another Seed Swap. Please come and support the Heritage Seed Library with their excellent work by either bringing seeds to swap or giving a small donation. Whilst Cafe customers are enjoying their Fairtrade tea or coffee and delicious homemade cake they can browse through the collection of thank you letters and cards received from the 16 organisations who have had donations from the Cafe.

Thanks to the generosity of both Cafe customers and volunteers over £4,000 has now been passed to those organisations

Saturday 7th April - ARTISTS & MAKERS 10am-3pm at the Assembly Rooms. A full house this month !....lots to see from local artists and makers - photography, pottery, prints, furniture, Cards, handmade watercolour paper, hand spun naturally dyed children's knitwear, hand knit scarves, Shibori linen, silver and gemstone jewellery, hand cut and lettered slate ...and in the Green Room, a selection of vintage treasures, textiles and Welsh blankets being sold to fund the Museum Project at Whitton School, come & find out more. Tea, cake & plants.

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:pacd@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](mailto:pacd@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