

# Community News

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## THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON THIS WEEKEND IN OR NEAR PRESTEIGNE...

### Saturday 5th May

**BIG BREAKFAST 9am to 2pm in Lingen Village Hall.** In aid of Walk-The-Walk Breast Cancer Charity. The Works £8, The Plate £6. Enjoy the food and a good chat !

### PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET 9am to 1pm in the Memorial Hall

There should be a full complement of artisans, comprising the favourites and the new. There will also be the final seed swap of the Season so please bring any seeds you do not now need for this year to swap or kindly leave a small donation which will go to the Heritage Seed Library. The Community Cafe will be there for customers to enjoy relaxing with friends whilst sharing Fairtrade coffee and teas and delicious homemade cakes.

### ARTISTS AND MAKERS 10am to 3pm in the Assembly Rooms

Artists and Makers in the main hall: Furniture, pottery, prints, jewellery, photography, hand-dyed knits and handmade paper. With tea, cake and plants, plus a selection of Welsh blankets and vintage finds for sale in the Green Room to help raise funds for this year's museum exhibition at Whitton School. Please come and find out more ....Enquiries 01544 260777

### KINGTON CHORAL CONCERT 7.30pm in St. Andrew's

J.S. Bach's magnificent St John Passion with the 70-strong KCS Choir, Marches Baroque Orchestra, and soloists from Harry Christopher's internationally-renowned "The Sixteen". There are still some earlybird tickets left at £12 from Winnie's, or book online at [www.kingtonchoral.org.uk](http://www.kingtonchoral.org.uk) . £14 on door. Under-18s free entry.

### Sunday 6th May

**Open Garden at 14 Hereford Street. 3pm to 5pm.** Marion & Chris invite you to have tea and cakes in their lovely garden in aid of St Andrew's Church. The garden will also be open on Monday as part of the Festival.

**Open Day at the Bowling Green in Presteigne from 2pm.** Thinking of taking up bowls ? Just come along and give it a try. Qualified coaches at hand. Refreshments/bar. All equipment supplied. New members welcome !

### Monday 7th May

#### **Presteigne's first FESTIVAL OF FOOD & FLOWERS 10am - 5pm.**

The Festival will see the beautiful streets in the centre of Presteigne lined with stalls offering a rich variety of high quality foods produced in the area. Visitors will be able to stock up on plants for their own gardens and visit secret gardens in and out of Presteigne town, many of them never open to the public. See the previous issue of the Community News or posters around town for full details of everything that's going on.

#### **DID YOU KNOW....**

**Each year, the Centre for Fine Print Research at the University of the West of England coordinates an annual series of artist-produced bookmarks, and these are now on display in our Library during regular library hours including one designed by Presteigne artist Sharon Hall Shipp!!**

Selected artists from all over the world produce each year an edition of 100 signed and numbered bookmarks which will be shown in Germany, New Zealand, Sweden, the UK and USA - and now Presteigne !!

**Anyone for lunch ? The Lunch Club has room for new people to join them** - a home-cooked 3-course lunch is served in the school room at the back of the Baptist Chapel on Hereford Street every Thursday at 12.30pm. Please let Jane Brown know on 01544 267339 the Wednesday before if you would like to join. Transport can be arranged if required.

**A reader emailed asking whether anyone was running a line dancing class in Presteigne - we didn't know of anyone but if anyone in the town is, or is intending to, please let us know at [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com).** Otherwise, on Tuesday mornings there's Line Dancing in the Reynolds Room in the Knighton Community Centre from 10.30 to noon, coordinated by Karen Hadley. Just turn up to take part.

**Whether you're a landlord or home owner, Powys County Council may be able to provide zero interest loans to make property improvements.** PCC say "We have funding through Welsh Government initiatives as well as our own schemes. The purpose of the schemes is to provide short to medium term loans to help home owners improve the condition of their residential property. Loans of up to £5,000 per unit of accommodation can be considered to fund the cost of works necessary to make your home 'secure, safe and warm', such as replacing a roof. All loans will be zero interest however a small fee will be added to cover administrative costs. It will also be necessary to pass an affordability assessment to ensure that applicants are able to afford the repayments. For more information go to the [www.powys.gov.uk](http://www.powys.gov.uk) website, or to apply please contact the Robert Owen Community Banking Fund (ROCBF) on **01686 626234** . However, if you're looking solely for energy efficiency improvements, such as insulation, there may also be grant funding available through other bodies such as [Welsh Government](#) or your energy provider. We recommend you enquire for such grants before applying for any loan, by contacting the [Energy Saving Trust](#) or [Resource Efficient Wales](#)

**Bryan's Ground garden is opening for charity on Saturday 12th May 2pm-5pm.** Proceeds to go to the Royal Voluntary Service - a charity championing the work of volunteers and benefitting the lives of older people for 80 years. At Bryan's Ground three acres of intimate garden rooms have been growing since 1913. They are now furnished with follies and fragrant flowers, towers and topiary, pools and a potager. Paths lead to five acres of specimen trees on the banks of the River Lugg with views and vistas of the beautiful countryside of Herefordshire and into Wales. Spring is a delightful time to visit the gardens. Experience the shrubs and trees coming in to leaf, along with a variety of colourful spring flowers. Delicious cakes and drinks are also available. Bryan's Ground is situated just outside Presteigne LD8 2LP. Entry is £6 for adults and £2 for children. More information about the gardens can be found at: [www.bryansground.co.uk](http://www.bryansground.co.uk)

## **OTHER EVENTS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS...**

**Wednesday 9th May - PBC Quiz Night 7.30pm for 8pm start at Presteigne Bowls Social Club** on Hereford Street. General knowledge quiz with a twist. £2 pp. teams of 4. Full bar, cake, refreshments. Prizes and Win Big at Backwards Bingo ! Reserve your table text 07766 097600 or email [presteignedogman@icloud.com](mailto:presteignedogman@icloud.com)

**Saturday 12th May - Gather Round & Song for Fun.** 10.30 to noon in the Assembly Rooms with Marion.

**Saturday 12th May - Coffee Morning.** Coffee, cake and a chat 10.30 to 12.30 in St Andrew's Church Hall

**Sunday 13th May - the Brecon and Radnor Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales are holding a special Garden Party to celebrate CPRW's 90th birthday in the Italianate Walled Garden designed by Clough Williams-Ellis at Broadheath House, Presteigne, LD8 2HG** from 3.00pm. Teas, cakes and plant stall. Entrance £5.00 including tea. All welcome. Further Info: [01544 267 418](tel:01544267418)

**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](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**