

Community News

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Wasn't the first Presteigne Food & Flower Festival a brilliant success ?! Greatly helped by the glorious weather of course, but we've probably never seen so many people in Presteigne on one day before, and all smiling, chatting, eating & drinking, enjoying the sunshine and all the stalls and events, including the Citrus Feast on Friday (Sold out!) and Open Gardens around the town. **The CONNECT committee and everyone else who helped plan the event and make it run smoothly on the day should be very proud and deserve a huge round of applause for their efforts.** Coupled with the landmark Kington Choral sell-out concert on the Saturday night in St Andrew's (and what a brilliant event that was !) the Festival has put Presteigne on the map for next year's Bank Holiday weekend. **Well done everyone !**

(Ed. Note - because this was a first event, inevitably there will be a few lessons-to-be-learnt to make the Festival work even better next year - if you have any comments or constructive suggestions, email us at pacdg@icloud.com and we'll pass them on to the Food & Flower Festival team)

LOTS OF OTHER 'THANK YOU' s to say.....

.....to everyone, young and old (including 6 year old Henry) who turned up for the pre-Bank Holiday weekend Litter Pick ! Between us we covered a good portion of Presteigne town including the business parks and access roads past the 30mph limits, collected 5 bags of recycling and 10 bags of rubbish, and cleared the pavement by the seat at the corner of St David's Street/High Street and the gutters and parking area at The Scallions - and the weather gods smiled on us (or at least didn't make things difficult). Brilliant result - give yourselves a big round of applause ! And a thank you to Rachel at Keep Wales Tidy, and Sheila from the Teme Valley Environment Group, who generously loaned us all the extra equipment needed.

....to the Guerrilla Gardener project team who swept and tidied up the bits of garden at the Shoppers Car Park for the Festival

....to those residents who generously opened their gardens to raise funds for charities

....and to the Presteigne Plenty project team who raised £166 for the Presteigne branch of the Knighton Food Bank with a very successful stall selling second-hand cookery and gardening books, including a 1928 Austin car at the stall for people who wanted their photographs taken in it. Left-over books were donated to the Judge's Lodgings.

PRESTEIGNE SPORTS SUCCESS RECOGNISED IN BRECON AWARDS CEREMONY...

Sports stars from across Mid and South Powys were honoured in a prestigious awards ceremony in Brecon at the end of April. In the 2017 Brecon & Radnor Annual Sports Awards - **Presteigne Ladies Hockey team won the Senior Sports Team award** - **Presteigne Colts (Under-11 Football) won the Junior Sports Team award** - and **Bill Weale of Presteigne Bowling Club received a special award for Outstanding Services to Sport**. Great news and congratulations to Bill, and to the players and all involved in both teams. You've done Presteigne proud !!

The other news from PBC is that the Club has purchased a defibrillator through the charity Welsh Hearts. The defibrillator has been funded with monies raised at PBC events throughout the past year, together with voluntary contributions.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PRESTEIGNE'S CARNIVAL QUEEN OF 2018 or a Senior Carnival Attendant? Then hurry, apply now - APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31/05/2018

RULES * Age 15 + for Queen * Age 11 to 14 for Senior Attendant * Attend John Beddoes School or live within 5 miles of Presteigne * Be available on Carnival Day 14/07/18

The Carnival Committee are calling for one Carnival Queen and two Senior Attendants (the Attendants can be female or male). If you would like to apply for either Queen or Attendant, please email, or private message via our Facebook Page 'Presteigne Carnival 2018' giving your name, address, contact telephone number, how old you will be on Saturday 14th July 2018 and a few words about yourself and as to why you would like to be Carnival Queen or an Attendant for 2018. Thank you. Debbie Davies (Chairperson) presteignecarnival@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please note the two Junior Attendants will be selected via the Primary School. **£50 PRIZE MONEY for selected QUEEN!** has been kindly donated by businesses within Presteigne. In addition, very generously GRACE'S BEAUTY SALON have kindly offered to do the Queen's make-up and HALO HAIR STUDIO have kindly offered to do the Queen's hair on Carnival Day.

"Blithe Spirit" - those who had already bought tickets for the postponed dates can obtain refunds from Winnies. Please put the new dates and change of venue in your Diary: Friday 29th June, Saturday 30th June and 1st July at 7:30pm at the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Tickets £6 from Winnie's, High St, Presteigne from 1st May.

Chatterbrook WI in Presteigne is going from strength to strength and welcomes new members.

What are the benefits of WI membership? - make new friends with a sense of belonging to the community - learn new skills and have interesting evenings in good company and often with entertaining guest speakers. Chatterbrook WI meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Copies of the full 2018 Programme can be seen in the Library. New members joining in May pay a reduced subscription. Just come along to one of our meetings and find out more - visitors are always welcome (£2). For more info contact Margaret on 01544 267245.

A new 6-week Beginners Course in Mixed Martial Arts starts Tuesday 22nd May in the Memorial Hall at 7pm run by the Minnesota Kali Group. Open to 14 yrs and older. Course fee only £30 (with T-shirt). Places are limited so book today. Information 07976 914617 or email leetaylorMKG@outlook.com.

Sunday 13th May - Sidney Nolan Trust: Talk & Walk. Assembly Rooms Presteigne 2pm. A short illustrated talk by Anthony Plant, Director of [The Sidney Nolan Trust](#), describing Sidney Nolan's original vision for The Rodd, and the more recent residencies by international sculptors and creative projects with young people from Birmingham and Sandwell. The talk is followed by a walk to Nolan's home [The Rodd](#), along the disused railway line, where there will be an opportunity to see the Gallery in the tithe barn and Nolan's Studio.

For those who wish, there will then be the chance to discover the [newly created paths](#) through the ancient woodland that are now open to the public. £8 Tickets from The Workhouse, wegottickets.com and on the door

Saturday 19th May - BARN & RAISED 7pm at The Assembly Rooms. An evening of entertainment from local performers in aid of the Went's Meadow Barn project. Tickets £15 from The Workhouse and The Salty Dog.

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