

Community News

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

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Football might, just might be coming home (!) for England fans, but there was also a brilliant event on The Warden on Saturday - Nicola's Picnic - if you missed it you missed a treat - well done Sheep Music and all the volunteers needed to put on this type of event. And well done also to the PAC Guerrilla Gardeners and Connect volunteers who tidied up and replanted the frontage of our poor neglected Rad, and mowed the lawn and picnic area. While it's there, let's use it!

Want to take up yoga or karate? join an investment club? need information on the Scouts? find a lunch club? what's on next weekend in town? There is so much to join and do in Presteigne & Norton **IF** you know where to look and who to speak to. **Some time ago, PAC prepared a Register of Community Organisations - if you run or belong to a local club or group please check it is on the Register and email us on pacdg@icloud.com if anything needs to be added or changed. We've also just finished a Register of Local Meeting Venues for those wanting to find a new venue for their meeting, club night or event. You can find all that information on the Town website www.presteigne.org/local-organisations or ask to see the Registers at the Library (or email pacdg@icloud.com to receive a copy).**

A message from Pete...**Sadly it must be realised by me and those who have tried to help make it work, that any plans to recreate the temporary sleeping dragon in Bronze and Stone have now been shelved for the foreseeable future.** I'd like to thank all those who have engaged with the Sleeping dragon project over the last 4 years and hope you will continue to follow the dragon until its removal from its position on the Wales/England border at Presteigne at dusk on 11/11/18. The dragon will then retire to my blacksmith's yard at Stapleton. Hopefully the plan to link the British Legion nationally with the Sleeping Dragon will continue so the final phase of the original project can be fulfilled. Best wishes and thanks again for following, Pete Smith

Did you know the library has expanded its selection, including bigger crime and science fiction sections, and an entirely new library of classics and modern classics from around the world? Also for children aged 4 - 11, our Summer Reading Game will soon be starting! Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers. Pop in to the Library from the 7th of July to sign up, win special rewards, get a certificate & medal when you complete the challenge!

A message from John Beddoes - well done to all 55 students (from both campuses) who headed out last weekend on their Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition. This year we have a fantastic 44 students completing their Bronze award and 11 completing their Silver award. A massive thank you to the staff too who gave up their time to go and camp with them.

FOOD BANK - please, we are in VERY URGENT NEED of:

tinned fruit & custard & rice pudding # tinned meat pies # tinned corned beef or ham # tinned tuna # pasta & pasta sauces # jam, chocolate spread & marmalade # biscuits # tinned tomatoes, carrots, peas, sweetcorn

cereal (children's favourites please – not bran or muesli) # washing powder /washing up liquid / toilet rolls
deodorant, shampoo, shower /bath gel/toothpaste

Please note we can only accept food items that are well within their use-by date.

If you would prefer to give a small cash donation, this will enable us to purchase fresh milk, bread, cheese and eggs, to include with individual food parcels. You may prefer to set up a regular donation to support our work by completing a Standing Order to take to your Bank/Building Society. Ask Helen for more information, or visit our website www.knightonfoodbank.co.uk. In addition to Knighton, **we run an outreach session in Presteigne Baptist Church, on Thursdays 10 -11.30. Thank you for supporting our Food Bank.**

Congratulations to The Warden Guardians on their Green Flag Award !! The green flag is a prized award and a benchmark for parks and green spaces - awarded only to exceptional places with the highest standards. We were judged in May this year - what the green flag judges look for is *Welcoming place *Areas of natural beauty *Well maintained *Conservation Heritage *Community Involvement. *Management *Volunteer Run *Marketing (which we are just starting). We will be advertising on the Keep Wales Tidy web site and in brochures. Hopefully the Green Flag will also encourage more visitors to Presteigne. We go to receive the award on the 18th of July, so look for the flag - although we will have to buy a pole first (!)" Heather Lewis

Update on Presteigne Medical Centre - by Cllr. Beverley Baynham

I met with Mr Andrew Evans – Assistant Director of Powys Local Teaching Health Board. We discussed Presteigne Doctors Surgery and he was able to inform me of the following: Red Kite will leave the surgery on Monday 23rd July 2018. Powys Teaching Health Board will take over the running of the surgery from this date whilst they actively look to commission a new management board. I am assured the surgery will continue to run as normal and we as patients should not experience any adverse effects. All staff - including doctors and nurses - will remain the same. The only change is that staff will now be employed by Powys Health Board as opposed to Red Kite. I have been assured Presteigne Medical Centre will continue, and there is no need for anyone to worry.

A message from Transition Presteigne - our Facebook page has been going for a few weeks now, featuring news from TP and other green groups and sharing articles on environmental topics and issues. Through the page, TP is connected to environmental groups and initiatives including the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales and Greenpeace, and projects such as Plastic Free Powys and World Environment Day. Links to articles are added most days and the topics covered include green gardening tips to encourage wildlife, food waste, pesticides, industrial farming, recycling and national environmental policies. Please like and share! <https://www.facebook.com/Transition-Presteigne-115258682637175/>

Calling Parents & Tots, do come along (mums, dads, siblings, grandparents as well) to the Baptist Church every Wednesday (school holidays included) from 1 to 3pm for an afternoon of fun and activity - arts & crafts, baking, days out, park trips, refreshments. Donations requested plus one snack item to share with the others. See our Facebook page *presteigneparents&tots*.

Join The Judge's Lodging on Friday 20th of July as we delve into the singular exploits of Sherlock Holmes with our Victorian theatre production "Don't Go Into The Cellar ". 7:30pm tickets on sale now! £12 per person - drop by to buy yours or call us on [01544 260650](tel:01544260650)

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