

# Community News

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**What a weekend - the annual wheelbarrow revisited and a brilliant Carnival - thanks to everyone who gave so much time and effort to put on both events for the Town - you're all stars !!**

**PAC has prepared a Register of Local Meeting Venues for those wanting to find a venue for their meeting, club night or event. You can view this now at the Library and at the TIC in the Judge's Lodging, and on the Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk) under 'Local Organisations'. Please email us if you'd like to be on that Register but haven't yet been contacted by PAC. The latest Register of Local Organisations can also be viewed on the Town website, and at the Library and TIC, so if you're looking for contact details for a local club or society or community organisation, this is where to go (or email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com) and we'll send you a copy of the Registers).**

After residents raised concerns about the speed of traffic travelling through the Village of Norton, Dyfed-Powys **Police are willing to work along side residents to form a Norton Community Speed Watch group.** If you are interested to take part, please contact Deb Edwards for forms & details of how to join - 01544 260074

**Confused about your recycling? - check out the information on the County Council website - <http://www.powys.gov.uk/.../what-do-i-do-with-my-recycling-a.../>. Leaflets are also being sent to the Library. Households in Powys are being encouraged to put their recycling containers & food caddy out every week for collection instead of only putting them out on the weeks when they are full.**

Powys County Council's Recycling and Waste Team want households to take advantage of the weekly kerbside recycling and food waste collection service by putting their containers out every week on their collection day. One of the advantages for households is that it is easier to move containers if they are lighter, especially the paper/card and glass containers. Putting the containers out weekly will also help the council ensure that its collection routes are as efficient as possible as the quantities of material collected from the kerbside each week will be more consistent. Cllr Phyl Davies, Cabinet Member for Recycling and Waste, said: "We understand why households might only put their recycling boxes out for collection when they are full but there is no need to do this with our weekly collections. Regularly using the service not only prevents materials building up at home, but also makes it easier for our collection lorries to complete their rounds by balancing out the material collected every week. "So even if you only have a couple of glass jars, a couple of food items or few sheets of paper and card, please put your containers out for collection every week."

**The Warden Guardians would like to thank everyone for supporting our Fundraiser**, we can't get over the generous donations, which are still coming in. **We raised £600** towards the re-building of the wall and pillar which moved when the old conker tree was fallen. Recently, we've had a lot of tree surgery work as well, so please help yourselves to wood stacked in and around the Warden. There is also a lot of mulch, but it's rather very fresh at moment. Thank you again for the ongoing support for our wonderful Warden. Regards Heather

**Residents on Rockbridge Park would like to thank those who supported our Macmillan tea party** on Sat 7th July. The best so far **raising £1450.64** - thank you everybody for supporting this deserving charity!

**Powys Befrienders Craft Club have ceased and a independent club has been formed by the members - Presteigne Crafty Ladies Club** for the over fifties, they meet every Thursday at 2.00 pm to 4.00pm at the Methodist Chapel, £2.00 per session. All crafts and socialising over tea, coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome. Contact Gill Edwards tel: [01544 267912](tel:01544267912) or Glenys Roberts tel: [01544 267667](tel:01544267667).

**The Judge's Lodging is a charity which has no public funding so we always need volunteers to help with elements of the day to day running of this fantastic building at the heart of Presteigne.** If you would like to help us welcome visitors, keep the house working, tidy and clean or join our gardening team, you can give as many or as few hours as you like - please get in touch at [volunteering@judgeslodging.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@judgeslodging.org.uk). We'd love to hear from you! We are open Tuesday - Sunday and you can volunteer on any of these days. If you would like to volunteer we can arrange days and times to suit you, depending on the role you wish to volunteer for. Contact - Sue Knox, Volunteer Coordinator [volunteering@judgeslodging.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@judgeslodging.org.uk) 07506 884735

**Presteigne Festival takes place from August 23rd to 28th. Ticket sales are hitting new records this year, and The Times has named it as one of the top ten UK classical music festivals - but there's a lot more to enjoy beside the music e.g. film, literature, art, theatre and open studios**

The programme has a strong northern flavour, with music by Pärt, Vasks, Grieg and Sibelius alongside that of Schubert, Bach and Beethoven, Huw Watkins and James MacMillan. Ian Marchant will mark 50 years since the 'revolutionary' year of 1968. Peter Lord, author of *The Tradition: A New History of Welsh Art*, will introduce twelve iconic pictures that sum up Welsh visual culture since the mid-15th century, and Notional Theatre presents *Well Thumbed*, mischievous stand-up literature that squeezes the work of 70 great writers into an hour. Returning to the northern theme, a mini-film season, chosen and introduced by Tony Lawson, features *Wild Strawberries*, *Festen* and *Pelle the Conqueror*, all with a mid-evening start time at the Assembly Rooms, and a bar. To see the full programme and to book, go to [www.presteignefestival.com](http://www.presteignefestival.com), phone 01544 267800 or drop into the Assembly Rooms Box Office open 11am - 2pm until Aug 18th, then daily 10am - 5pm from Aug 20th to 28th.

**Got excess stuff you don't need or need things you don't have? ....join Presteigne Freegle, your local free re-use group of over 2,600 like-minded people living in the area around Presteigne/ Knighton/Kington.** You'll be amazed at the wonderful (and weird!) things you can give away and get in your local area - everything from rubble to radios, pig arks to pet carriers, cookers to cot beds, table tennis tables to tow hitches... the 20 most popular items listed on #Freegle are the essentials of life! See our Facebook page and sign-up at <https://www.ilovefreegle.org> or download the Freegle mobile app for your tablet or phone to give away unwanted things and find things you need - and all for free! When stuff can no longer be used for its intended purpose, please don't throw it in the bin, give it away so it can be re-purposed into something new and wonderful....#WasteNot #ChooseToReuse. There are more than 400 Freegle UK communities helping to keep good stuff out of the bin, skip or tip! Join Presteigne Freegle now - you don't know what you're missing!

**On Tuesday 24th July at The Duke's Arms, Swamp Candy are back** - catch this wild and talented band one last time. Raw 'n rockin' whiskey-soaked music with guest vocalist. 8.30pm £5 entry 01544 267 318

**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**