

Community News

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Don't miss the 10th Norton Show on Sunday 12th August at Home Farm, Norton. Entry £3 (<16s free). Lots of attractions and stalls, including - Horse, Pony & Dog Shows - showjumping - gun dog scurry - competition marquee - bouncy castle - vintage car run - tractor run - car boot - archery - bouncy castle - army assault course - magic show - ferret racing - children's go-kart racing - Presteigne Quilters Exhibition - tea tent - bar - raffle. **Before the Show, why not come to the Anniversary Dinner, Friday 10th August 7.30 for 8pm.** Contact Ann 01544 267221 or Dan 07798 928909.

After 30 years, Presteigne's Annual Wheelbarrow Race was resurrected on the night before Carnival, and, together with The Royal Oak's Meat Raffle, raised £549 for The Firefighters Charity and Presteigne Carnival. Organised by Dale and Owen (take a bow, fellas!), this seems set to resume as an annual event which is great news. A message from Dale..."Speechless at how well the wheelbarrow race was supported last night! We do have a great little town here in Presteigne. Thanks to all of you that lined the streets and cheered all of our competitors on. Thanks to all that helped, sponsored, competed and mucked in with us at the pub. Hopefully it was a night to remember for everyone!"

Fancy learning Spanish ? There's a new Spanish taster class starting up in Presteigne this September. This is a 10-week course at the Assembly Rooms, running from the 6th September to 14th November, every Wednesday from 7 to 8pm, learning the language and having fun. If you are interested, call Mely on [07837160505](tel:07837160505) for more details.

Can you help us find the STRONG LADIES OF LLANANDRAS ?...the Judge's Lodging needs to know about the influential women of Presteigne, past and recent, for our next Community Exhibition "Ladies of Llanandras" - and we need your help !! If you have any good stories about the women who made the town what it is, and/or have items you can lend us related to those women or the occupations they worked in, please let us know. Contact Sue Knox, Volunteer Coordinator 07506 884735 email volunteering@judgeslodging.org.uk

SPACE WALK: An exciting new project for Presteigne and its surroundings.....the Carnival was the venue for a mock-up of a new walking trail for the area - the Space Walk - and it was very warmly received by many visitors to the PAC stall. In a straw poll on the stand, local folk voted 56:1 in favour of us pursuing this inspirational new walking trail. The idea is to make an iconic hill walk themed on a one-billionth-size scale model of our Solar System - the Sun would thus come in at 1.39 metres in diameter, hopefully sited atop Stonewall Hill - the furthest object being Pluto at 7.3 kilometres away and the size of a tiny pea! Contact pacdg@icloud.com for more information, thoughts and advice, and offers of help, also email Ken, whose brilliant idea this is, on kennethrodmell@gmail.com !

What would be the advantages of SPACE WALK to the Presteigne area?

- * an iconic walk like this could be given publicity via astronomy magazines, Sunday supplements, BBC Radio 4's *Open Country* programme, TV as appropriate and even the National Geographic Magazine
- * a great form of healthy fresh air and exercise which can be combined with science or geography lessons to make it a hit with schools and students of any age
- * a draw for tourists with beneficial effects for B&Bs, pubs, restaurants, cafes and shops
- * a practical link to Presteigne's possible attainment of Dark Sky status (pending)
- * local attraction tie-ins with some planets being visible from Offa's Dyke Path and the Spaceguard Centre
- * commercial sponsorship opportunities (to spare the public purse)

KNIGHTON AND PRESTEIGNE FOOD BANK....help please - supplies are running low on various items.

Request lists can be seen in Winnie's, Community Support, Library, Memorial Hall noticeboard, and of course in Spar where donors can also leave supplies to be collected for distribution.....many thanks, Ann Curtis

If you haven't already discovered it, the Town website for Presteigne & Norton is a mine of useful information regularly updated by the TIC staff in the Judge's Lodging - What's On - Presteigne Festival - Sheep Music - Judge's Lodging - Library - churches - Connect - MidBorder Arts - details of local clubs & organisations - venues to hire for meetings & events - local notices - PACDG Community Group - back issues of the Community News - Town Council information and meeting Agenda/Minutes - local businesses - Town Trail - restaurants & holiday accommodation - and lots, lots more - **do please visit the website www.presteigne.org.uk regularly to keep informed**

The Town Council is delighted to announce that its application for funding to site an outdoor gym on Went's Meadow has been successful. Thanks to the Big Lottery [#NationalLottery](#) for funding, and to all those Presteigne and Norton residents who voted to choose the items of equipment for the grant application. A further site meeting will now take place with the contractor to agree an exact final location and the equipment has now been ordered. There will be eight items of equipment suitable for all abilities and as part of the grant the Council has a small amount to hold a personal trainer-led fun session on the new equipment to get everybody started. More details once the equipment is installed and the date arranged. Tracey Price, Town Clerk.

Extras wanted (all ages) for a 1920's and 50's documentary 12th - 15th August in Presteigne and Knighton. If available for all or any of these dates, please email victoria@monsterfilms.net with photos and sizes.

LOCAL FOOD MARKET - Saturday 4th August 9am-1pm in the Memorial Hall. As well as having the best artisan produce in the area for sale there will be a BBQ where customers will be able to discover for themselves what high quality produce is on sale at each monthly Market. All produce will be local which includes pork, goat and lamb meat as well as bakery, salads and relishes. The Community Cafe will be at the Market to provide a pleasant place where customers can relax with friends & enjoy Fairtrade teas, coffee & homemade cake.. **Don't forget that the Council Surgery is also on in the Memorial Hall with the Food Market from 10am to 12noon. Please call in if you have a local issue you wish to raise with our County Councillor or one of the Town Councillors.** You can easily access information on Town Council activities, including the Minutes of Council Meetings, on the TC page on the Town website www.presteigne.org.uk.

Artists and Makers - Saturday 4th August 10am to 3pm in The Assembly Rooms - Paintings, Prints, Pottery, Photography, Furniture, Jewellery, Book binding, Leather work, Hand-lettered stone and Hand-dyed knits. Tea and cakes. Plus a selection of Welsh blankets in the Green Room. This month, there will be a table of patchwork and textile remnants to browse. Enquiries 01544 260777

Presteigne & Borders Floral Art Society events in August....Sunday 5th August sees their Summer Lunch in Knucklas Village Hall - the following Wednesday 8th August the monthly Society meeting features "Floral Rendevous" by Arnaud Metairie - and on Sunday 19th August, Sue Hamer is holding an Open Garden. Information 01547 529244.

Thursday 9th August - Chatterbrook WI have their regular monthly meeting at 7pm in the Memorial Hall when guest speaker Wendy Toomey will give a presentation on "The Romanisation of Britain". Visitors welcome for the talk from 8pm. Information 01544 267245.

Saturday 11th August - St Andrew's Coffee Morning returns to the Church Hall every Saturday from 10.30am to around 12.30pm. Everyone very welcome !

Saturday 11th August also sees " Gather Round and Sing for Fun" with Marion Rowlett, 10.30am to noon in The Assembly Rooms

Saturday 11th August - the Spaceguard Centre is hosting a public open day from 2pm to 5.30pm with free admission (donations welcome !). The most significant natural danger to life on Earth comes from asteroids and comets. The Spaceguard Centre is a working observatory, and the main source of information in the UK about near Earth objects. Llanshay Lane, LD7 1LW. Tel: 01547 520247 mail@spaceguardcentre.com. Don't miss this unique opportunity

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