

Community News

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

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Wasn't there a great display of daffodils in both Presteigne & Norton this Spring ? Well, the PAC daffodil group is gearing up for more planting this Autumn. They've plans to plant bulbs along Station Road to welcome visitors, and where practical along the route of the new cycle paths and other locations. If you can help with this beautification of our town, either by helping with the planting and/or by donating a bag of bulbs, you will be welcomed with open arms !!! Just email pacdg@icloud.com, and do please let us know where you would like see more bulbs planted.

The Station Road ATM is finally up and working ! Thanks to anyone who helped get this back in service.

Did you miss BBC Radio 4's Open Country programme with our own Ian Marchant on the "The Radnorshire Dragon" ? The programme was about dragon country and the five churches of St Michael guarding the last dragon in Wales in the Radnor Forest, **and included a piece on our Sleeping Dragon.** The programme was aired on Thursday 16th August and you can find it now on iPlayer Radio - well worth listening to and, as always with Ian's show, informative and very amusing !

Some of you will have been aware of the film crew working in the Judge's Lodging (and in Knighton) a couple of weeks ago, and quite a few locals had a fascinating time (and perhaps 10 seconds of fame!) appearing as 'extras' and seeing how filming is done. **The film is a real life documentary by Monster Films, to be screened in two parts on BBC4 in November, about Harold Jones, the 1920's child murderer from Abertillery** who has more recently been linked with the gruesome murders in London in the 1950s of eight young women attributed to the 'London Stripper'. Watch this space for broadcasting dates.

h.Art (Herefordshire Art Week) is at St Michael's Church, Discoed between 8 -16th September - 11am-5pm daily featuring: **Paintings:** Carolyn Blake, Simon Dorrell, Ciara Lewis, Charles MacCarthy, Vanessa Pomeroy, Shelagh Popham, Rob Ritchie. **Ceramics:** Jennifer Hall, Nigel Lambert. **Sculpture:** Antonia Spowers. **Mixed Media:** Sharon Hall Shipp. **Metalwork:** Ambrose Burn

News from John in Norton about St Andrew's Church...there will be a further community consultation in Norton in the autumn to assess what facilities and services the residents would like to see and use in the church building as it transitions into more of a Community Hub. Obviously this input will influence the adaption of the building in due course. Watch this space for further developments!

Having had a break in August, I hope you are ready to having your brain cells tickled by Sharppp Chat. We have Rick Waumsley leading a discussion about Artificial Intelligence, see post below. We will be in St Andrew's Church Hall **at 7.30 on 5th September** for a discussion-filled evening. Info from Maggie 07718 738742 or 01547 560813 or email maggie@pccs-books.co.uk

On Saturday 1st September 9 - 1pm the LOCAL FOOD MARKET returns to The Memorial Hall. There is still plenty of time to enjoy cooking and eating outdoors. Whilst everyone was disappointed the Kotlich cooking

demonstration had to be cancelled, due to ill health, the Market is delighted that Trish Maccurrach will be at this Market, to share her expertise and enjoyment with you. For anyone wanting to know more about this wonderful way of cooking outdoors please refer www.kotlichcooking.co.uk but better still please come and see for yourself. Trish will be bringing cooking pots for sale. Everyone else i.e. the best artisan food producers in The Marches, will be indoors, as will the Community Cafe serving Fairtrade coffee, teas and homemade cakes. September will also welcome the return of goats milk soap for sale. Soaps are made from plant-based and sustainable essential oils and petals, using fresh goats milk from the family's British Guernsey goats – and all within 2 miles of Presteigne!

The Memorial Hall also hosts the Council Surgery from 10am-1pm - call in and talk to one of our Town Councillors and our County Councillor Beverley Baynham about whatever's on your mind.

KNIGHTON, PRESTEIGNE AND EAST RADNOR FOOD BANK - Presteigne people have been incredibly generous in responding so kindly to recent requests of help whilst the Food Bank goes through a difficult time, due partly to an increase in referrals during the longest school break of the year. But both Knighton and Presteigne Food Bank shelves are now at their lowest. We are keeping up with buying fresh food and the purchase of vouchers for fresh fruit and vegetables, thanks to wonderful cash donations but now, for the first time in six years, are having to use our cash reserves to replace food on the shelves. We are here to help individuals and families currently going through great hardship. Can you help us to help them? If you can, please have a look at the shopping list in either The Library, Winnies, Community Support, on the Memorial Hall PACDG noticeboard or in **Presteigne Spar**, which is also the collection point for donations. THANK YOU.

The Sidney Nolan Trust is about to embark on an exciting and extensive development project and has 2 vacant posts it is looking to fill - (a) Marketing & Fundraising Manager and (b) Office Coordinator - both great opportunities to be part of our new plans and make a difference! The Closing Dates for both posts is 1700hrs Friday 7th September. If you think you have the skills and experience, or know anyone who might be interested, full details can be downloaded from <http://www.sidneynolantrust.org/about/vacancies>

The Presteigne Screen Autumn season starts on Friday 7th September with 'Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool', a romantic drama based on the real-life love affair between Gloria Grahame, the Hollywood legend, Oscar winner and veteran of such classic films as *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Oklahoma!*, and Peter Turner, a struggling young Liverpool actor. Following are films from the UK, Germany, USA, France, Australia, and before the holiday break, back to France. We hope you will enjoy our Autumn movies and look forward once again to your company at The Assembly Rooms. For a preview of this season's programme and to set-aside the dates, visit the web-site at: www.presteignescreen.org.uk

Saturday 8th September - Zany Lady & Friends BROCANTE 9am-3pm in The Assembly Rooms. French Finds, pre-loved clothes, quirky items, all lovingly sourced - DON'T MISS OUT! 01547 520388

On Wednesday 12th September, the monthly Pub Quiz Nights start up again at the Bowls Social Club in Hereford Street. General knowledge quiz 2nd Wednesday each month. 7.30pm for 8pm start. Full bar, tea/coffee/cake. Teams of 4, £2 pp. Text 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com to book.

Friday 14th September - LINGEN FLIX present 'Finding Your Feet' (12) a British comedy starring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall, David Hayman & Joanna Lumley. Adult £5/child £3.50 Refreshments Book a seat: [01544 267736](tel:01544267736). 7.30pm

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