

Community News

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

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Please help with donation of DAFFODIL BULBS...the PAC Daffodil group is getting geared up for the planting of lots more daffodils in September and October to beautify the town. Please bring bulbs to the next Local Food Market in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 6th October or, if it's easier for us to come and collect bulbs (or a donation!!) from you, just email pacdg@icloud.com or call/text 07766 097600.

Free fruit for all! The apples and pears in the Community Orchard on Went's Meadow are ripening fast and many are ready for you to pick and eat. Look out for the white hanging signs in the Millennium Orchard (nearest the allotments) showing which are ripest - there are dessert apple varieties (such as Laxton's Fortune and Baker's Delicious) that are good for eating now; also cooking apples (Grenadier variety) and cooker/eaters (Keswick Codlin). The trees are all labelled so if you want to find out more about each variety just google them. There's a lot of low-hanging fruit that is easy to access so no special equipment required. **The fruit is free, so what are you waiting for?**

Judges Lodging exhibition...."To The Families, One Coin" 25th August to 11th November - a free Great War mini-exhibition. For those families who lost loved ones during the conflict, a memorial plaque was issued. Known popularly as the 'Dead Man's Penny', over 1 million were cast. This exhibition displays a collection of these commemorative medallions and tells the story of their production and the men who received them. Also on display will be information on every soldier from Presteigne who lost their life in this conflict.

Award nomination for East Radnor Day Centre...great news that the ERDC has received a "Certificate of Recognition" and is a finalist in the Powys 2018 Business Awards in the Social Enterprise/Charity category. The outcome should be heard in the Autumn.

MBA WORKSHOPS in The Assembly Rooms

T'ai Chi for Beginners - Mondays 5pm Enquiries Paul Newman [01544 262864](tel:01544262864)

Bandamania - Mondays 7.15pm Enquiries Sue Harris [01547 550158](tel:01547550158)

Whitton Voices - Tuesdays 8pm - 10pm Enquiries Sue Harris [01547 550158](tel:01547550158)

Welsh Classes for Adults - Thursdays 10.30am - 3pm Enquiries [01639 841751](tel:01639841751)

T'ai Chi - Thursdays 4.45, 6pm & 7pm Enquiries Paul Newman [01544 262864](tel:01544262864)

Need a toe nail cutting service ? The Llanandras Podiatry Practice located at Presteigne Natural Health Centre, Unit 7 Broadaxe Business Park is offering a new Service from mid-September called "Simply Nails" - this is a toenail cutting service for those who are unable to attend to their own nail care, carried out by a highly qualified experienced podiatrist with NHS background. Treatment includes cutting, filing and moisturising. Enquiries - Lorraine [01547 529579](tel:01547529579)/ [07791 305819](tel:07791305819) or Sue [01544 260245](tel:01544260245) / [07737952339](tel:07737952339)

A Date for your Diary....Coffee Mornings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at St Andrew's Church Hall, 10.30am to 12noon (next Coffee Morning 15th September)

ACTORS WANTED...Broadcast Theatre Company presented 'We Are All Mortal' on the anniversary of the assassination of J F Kennedy, 'A Short Peace' (the Christmas Truce of 1914) and 'Bands of Brothers' (Henry V, Agincourt, the 1944 film and legacy). These entertained, informed and raised money for St Andrew's Church, Presteigne.

Now, I am looking for readers/narrators to join the local, amateur cast for two audio/ visual presentations to be presented locally to commemorate two centenaries and raise cash for the St Andrew's heating project:

ARMISTICE 1918: ANY MAN'S DEATH to be performed on Sat 20th October in St Andrew's Church, Presteigne - the end of fighting but also the effect of the Great War on our community with accounts of some of the locally-born young men it lost. *All text will be read 'off stage' (no learning lines, few rehearsals!) while the audience watches a visual presentation on screen. I need a small keen cast of men and women of any adult age with good strong voices who will also sing – nothing difficult!*

VOTES FOR WOMEN ! (to be presented on Wed 19th December in the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne) the real reason that (some) women won the right to vote and to be elected in December 1918

We need a few keen ladies of any adult age with good voices who can also sing – nothing difficult!

Want to join us? Don't hesitate - please email Roger Curtis, on rogerwgc@btinternet.com or leave a message on [01544 262846](tel:01544262846) with your name and contact details. Thank you.

Friday 21st September - Presteigne Screen presents "Even When I Fall" 8pm The Assembly Rooms.

Every year more than 10,000 women and children are enslaved and trafficked from Nepal to India, many of the youngest ending up in circuses where they're often badly ill-treated. In this searching but tender documentary about their lives, two of them, Saraswoti and Sheetal, now in their twenties, become our guides. And here's the twist - their sorrow as they reflect on their stolen childhoods may be palpable, but their capacity for psychological recovery is inspiring. They take huge pride in their hard-won circus skills, and their lives are also redeemed by their performances with the charitable *Circus Kathmandu* as it raises international awareness of child trafficking.

On Thursday 27th September, 7.30pm 'LATE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY'is the first in a new series of seasonal literary salons at the Library, this time featuring celebrated local poet Chris Kinsey and Presteigne's own Charles Wilkinson, as well as 'open mic' slots offering you a chance to share your own writing - sign up in advance at the library (prestlib@powys.gov.uk) or on the door. Free entry, but donations welcomed.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is on Friday 28th September 10am to 12noon at the Royal British Legion Social Club. Local ladies Ann Barnett and Pat Bufton will be having their heads shaved for Macmillan. Join us for coffee, cake and to watch the head shave !

A Michaelmas Feast of Words and Music to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the restoration of St Michael's Church, Discoed on Saturday 29 September 7.30 pm. The St Michael's Singers directed by MARION ROWLATT with oboe soloist - RUTH WATSON, and organist - TIM HOLLINGHURST. Devised and presented by EDWARD STOREY. Tickets £10 (inc. special refreshments and programme) available at Winnie's newsagents, Presteigne or bookable on [01547 560437](tel:01547560437)

Saturday 29th September - MBA presents "A Hundred Different Words For Love" 8pm in the Assembly Rooms. Three years ago, James Rowland met the love of his life. A year ago, they broke up. This is James's story of falling in love and landing broken hearted. It's also about him being Best Man of Honour at Sarah and Emma's wedding. And it's the story of a quest: to find the right words to make sense of love. A hilarious, heart-lifting story of romance, despair, and above all, friendship - from one of the UK's most acclaimed storytellers. This is the follow-up to James Rowland's award-winning five-star hit, Team Viking Tickets £10/£7 from the Workhouse & wegottickets.com

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) - email text (not poster images please) to pacdg@icloud.com.

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