

# Community News

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**The Daffodil Group has been planting bulbs at various town locations, and will be out again on Saturday 20th October at 10am, and Monday 22nd also at 10am. Meet at the Memorial Hall carpark. If you can help with planting (1 to 2 hours max !) email Kate on [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com) or just turn up - bring a spade !!!**

**Blocked drains.....**this has been a matter of concern before the recent visits of the Council gulley sucker to the town, so the following statement from PCC may be of interest. *"...all urban area drains should be checked within a yearly rota and any work needed carried out as well as reacting to ad hoc requests from public/town councils/highways inspectors. Regards Carl Stephens".* **You can report a blocked drain yourself (and any other problems e.g. roads, lights, flytipping etc) on the Powys Council website [www.powys.gov.uk](http://www.powys.gov.uk)**

**The next big litter-pick around Presteigne is scheduled for Wednesday morning 7th November and we could definitely use more volunteers - email Tessa on [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com) if you can help - see next issue for details.**

**A big thank-you to Sarah and her small team of Guerrilla Gardeners for all their work planting, watering and maintaining pop-up garden areas and containers in both Presteigne car parks, in the High Street, and outside the Radnorshire Arms. If you'd like to join the GGs and help beautify our town, email Sarah on [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com).**

**Had your flu jab yet ?...**if you missed the Flu Clinic earlier this month, a Second Walk-In Flu Clinic is planned at the Lugg View Medical Centre on **Wednesday 24th October** again between 9am and 12 noon.

**Want to know more about what our Town Council is doing ?.....** our Town Clerk produces a very readable and informative Report each month for ongoing items not on the Agenda, which can be read in the Town Council pages on the Town website <http://www.presteigne.org>. Past Minutes/Agenda for the next Meeting can also be found on the website, with copies on the noticeboard at the Library entrance and in the Library itself, and in the telephone/defibrillator box in Norton. If you 'do' Facebook, visit the TC's page for further background and news.

**The next Town Council meeting is on Wednesday 17th October, upstairs at the Assembly Rooms, starting 7.30pm.** Papers for the meeting are available now on the main TC page on the Town website.

**Proposals to introduce a paid-for green waste household collection service for Powys households and to remove the green banks from the Bring Sites are being considered by Cabinet, Powys County Council has announced.** The council say they will shortly launch a consultation on the new service so that residents can have a say on how the collection service is implemented. Currently you can take your green waste either to our Bring Site site on the bypass or to the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre (Llandrindod). However, PCC notes that green banks at Bring Sites are unmanned and often abused by fly-tippers (see below) and commercial gardeners. If given the go-ahead, the new service could be introduced from April

2019 while the green banks at our Bring Site would be removed. The facilities at the Llandrindod Wells HWRC will be unaffected. We'll let you know when the consultation is 'live' so you can have your say.

**As evidence of a crack down on people abusing Bring Sites, either by flytipping household rubbish or other items, trying to hide rubbish in the green and cardboard recycling bins, or leaving cardboard or bagged or loose green waste around the bins (which volunteers then have to clear up!) PCC has announced a £400 fine on someone who dumped several bags of household rubbish in one of the green banks at our Bring Site. Many would say "about time!" Hopefully this crackdown from PCC, if publicised and followed through, will help highlight and reduce that problem.**

**Work has started on installing the new outdoor gym facilities on Went's Meadow** - maybe up and running very soon. Well done our Town Council !

**Crisis at Presteigne Youth Club !! James Tennant Eyles has posted "Very sad that Presteigne Youth Club must Close, unless we can replace our trained youth worker.** We have operated successfully since 2011 mostly with volunteers, but we must have one certified trained youth worker to support our volunteers. Unfortunately our lovely trained youth worker has had to leave to pressure of other work, and so far we have been unable to replace her. Please share this post with the job description below, in hopes somebody may be interested, and reply.

Presteigne Youth Project, an entirely independent volunteer run Youth Club, has been operating since 2011. It opens once a week on Monday evening from 6pm to 8pm during term time. The members are mostly in their last year at Primary School, and first year in Secondary School.

A core concept of PYP has always been that there should be a professionally trained youth worker present at sessions to support our volunteer youth workers. Initially these professional youth workers were provided by Powys County Council, but in 2016 this support was withdrawn. Since then PYP has employed an ex PCC youth worker. Unfortunately due to pressure of other work this person has had to leave.

*The applicant would have to have certified training as a youth worker, be experienced in working with young people, and be capable of managing of a small team of volunteers (3-4 individuals). The applicant could be a volunteer if they wished, or could be paid a wage for 4 hours work a week. 2 hrs at the actual youth club session on a Monday from 6 until 8pm, during term time, the remainder off site preparing and planning club activities.* If you know of anyone who might be interested in this work please ask them to respond asap to James, or otherwise to email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com) and we'll put them in touch.

Are you, or do you know someone employed, searching for work full/part-time? **If help is needed with a CV or making an application, there's free advice and guidance at the CAP Job Club run by Presteigne Baptist Church.** Make an appointment for day or evening consultation ring 01544 388816.

**Powys Better Business Networking Events - the next in our area will be a breakfast event in Knighton on Wednesday 24/10/18 from 7.30-10.30am at the Community Centre.** The events are FREE and open to all Powys-based businesses. Book here <https://www.growinpowys.com/pbbn2018>

**Important news from NHS Wales....phone 111 when it's urgent but not life-threatening. This is now the single FREE number to contact Shropdoc GP Out of Hours Service and NHS Direct Wales.**

**Rodd Court, Sir Sidney Nolan's house and 'Thinking Room', has been saved through the Acceptance in Lieu scheme.** Amanda says....this marks an exciting & important development for the future of the Sidney Nolan Trust & for the region as a whole as it grows into a destination for visitors. Full details are in a

press release, but for local people we want them to know of opportunities in 2019 to come and visit the house and gardens and hear about our future plans. Visit <http://www.sidneynolantrust.org/> for more information.

**Reminder from Judi about hiring the Memorial Hall for your functions, parties, group meetings etc.** Main Hall £17.50ph up to 4 hours, then £150 per day. Norman Reay Room £10ph. Use of kitchen included. Call Judi Charlton 01544 267420 for info and to book.

**There's a new shop in town - welcome to Happy Pets at No.5 Broad Street** open Monday-Friday 9.30am to 5pm, and Saturday 9.30am to midday. **And a belated welcome to Ian who has re-opened Presteigne Barbers** Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings - see door for opening times.

**Friday 19th October - Presteigne Screen presents 'Western'** a film by Valeska Grisebach 2018 121mins 12. 8pm at The Assembly Rooms. £5

**Saturday 20th October - As part of the Remembrance commemorations, Armistice 1918: Any Man's Death**, written and compiled by Roger Curtis with musical direction by Marion Rowlatt is being put on by local actors and singers in St Andrew's Parish Church, Presteigne at 7.30pm. The contents of special interest are the name, addresses and tragic stories of some of the men and women from Kington, Presteigne and Knighton and other nearby places - from our streets, who maybe lived in our houses or who were from your family - and who were killed or otherwise suffered during the First World War. Also how the Armistice came about, how our towns reacted, and the War has been commemorated. This will be a unique production of projected images, contemporary songs and words of the time. Try and be there if you can: tickets at £8 may be purchased from Winnies Newsagents in Presteigne, or reserved by telephoning [01544 262846](tel:01544262846) and leaving your name, telephone number and number of tickets required for collection on the door.

**Saturday 20th October - Open Day at Presteigne Natural Health Centre** between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. we welcome everyone potential clients and therapists to join us for an informal chat with refreshments.

**Sunday 21st October - The Velvet Violin Cabaret Evening features the music of Whiskey Moon Face and The Ivan Moulton Band.** Assembly Rooms 7.30pm. Full Circle bar and snacks. £12 from Courtyard Antiques.

**Put these PNCS Fundraiser dates in your Diaries please.....on Saturday 27th October it's Race Night at Presteigne Football Club** - starts at 7pm in aid of PNCS and Presteigne Colts. Everyone welcome, to support us if you would like to buy a horse and name it for £5 please pop into the Community Support office. See Posters and Facebook page for more information.....then on **Friday 16th November it's the PNCS annual Christmas Fayre at the Memorial Hall** - starts from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Lots of stalls, refreshments and our Grand Prize Draw. Come and enjoy a bit of early Christmas Shopping.....finally, PNCS will be holding a Christmas Quiz in December (date to be confirmed) so look out for our posters and like our Facebook page.

**Sunday 28th October at 6.00 pm - Norton Halloween Fireworks (Jack's View Norton).** BIG Bonfire - prizes for Best Children's Fancy Dress, and Best Decorated Pumpkin - Hot Dogs & Burgers - Infamous Witches Punch - Raffle. Adults £2.50 CHILDREN FREE !!!!

**Wednesday 31st October** - Music @ The Dukes by WILLOW HILL. 8pm. Pay on the door.

**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) - email text (not poster images please) to [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com).**

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