

Community News

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Carnival is here...almost....next Saturday 15th JULY !! See posters round town for details but loads of fun stuff happening throughout the day starting at 12noon with judging of floats and parade entries at John Beddoes, with the Carnival procession itself starting at 12.45pm with the Carnival Queen travelling from JB through the High Street and up Scottleton Street to Went's Meadow for the crowning of the Queen at 1.45pm, including Dog Show and Scurry, the brilliant Welsh Axemen and Savage Skills Stunt Bikes, sheep shearing, acrobats, food, produce and craft class marquee, football tournament, children's races, bouncy castles, food, drink, music, stalls and games etc. and then carrying on through the evening with music (including the Presteigne Pop Choir) and a full bar.

Cars should enter through the gate from the Knighton Road between the Scout Hut and the Skateboard Park, then drive carefully (!) through Went's Meadow to the further field. No separate parking charge, just carnival entry fee of £3 per adult, children under 16 free - it would be really helpful if you could have correct money ready ! Floats will also enter through the Knighton Road gate. All pedestrian fancy dress and bulk of visitors will enter through the gate at the top of Scottleton Street.

WE COULD STILL USE A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT PART-TIME ON THE DAY - MANNING THE GATES, ON STALLS, OR AS STEWARDS - YOU'LL STILL GET TIME TO TAKE IN EVERYTHING AT THE CARNIVAL BUT WITH FREE ENTRY! - PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE ON 01544 267044 or 07766 152000 or EMAIL dbrhdvs6@aol.com.

Support our firefighters - and the Playground project... Presteigne firefighters are preparing for a sponsored ladder carry from Knighton Fire Station to Presteigne on July 15th, joining up with the CARNIVAL procession through the High Street to Went's Meadow. All proceeds to the Firefighters Charity and the Presteigne Playground project. Get Sponsor forms from local shops and pubs, or any firefighter.

Thanks to all who took part in the PACDG 'Keep Presteigne Tidy' litterpick and sign-cleaning session last week...there were 26 volunteers on the day, including 15 students from John Beddoes; together we collected eight big bags of litter, cleaned dozens of signs and bins, trimmed foliage and co-opted at least two new volunteers - two heroic individuals even managed to de-weed & sweep the full length of the High Street. We plan to do some smaller litter-picks when needed of some hot-spots, such as roundabouts, bypass verges, car parks and High Street, so watch this space for further dates. Sheila Clarke (who runs Knighton's litter-picks) has kindly offered to share their equipment with us so we won't need to buy our own - in exchange we've offered to circulate details of their sessions as she's often short of volunteers. If you've got any thoughts about how we might improve things next time - or of any litter hot-spots, do please let us know - just email pacdg@icloud.com

And the PACDG guerrilla gardeners have been active too....working in several areas including starting off a 'hanging gardens' on the fencing of the Old School and a new flower bed in the rather bleak pedestrian walk-through from the car park between the Police Station and the British Legion. Please let us know of any other neglected areas around Presteigne and Norton which would benefit from a little GG love and attention - just email pacdg@icloud.com.

Presteigne Bowling stars.....congratulations to the Weale brothers - Robert, David, Stuart and Brian - who became British Isles Rinks (fours) champions representing Wales in Belfast in June. This is the fourth time the brothers have taken the title, a record probably no-one will ever equal. Robert Weale (a Commonwealth Games gold medallist) also won his 115th International cap representing Wales in the international series against England, Scotland and Ireland - another record !!

You can see the brothers in action for Presteigne Bowls Club - the next home Mid-Wales league match is on Wednesday 26th July against Rhayader - 6.30pm start.

If you've thought about taking up lawn bowls, come along to the Presteigne bowling green for the social evenings on Tuesdays from 6.30pm. The club has bowls for guests to use, you just need to bring flat/smooth-soled shoes to wear on the green.

Well done to Victoria Fish Bar who raised £75 for the Playground Fund from their recent counter-top collection and to everyone who helped at the Raise The Roof fundraiser on Sunday 2nd July, which helped raise over £200 towards the cost of providing the foundations and roof of the oak-framed playground shelter (generously donated by Castle Ring Oak Frame Ltd.)

The Warden Guardians need your help..... they would like any old photographs, documents, or plans relating to the old Reservoir on the Warden, or anything relating to the old pump station, or the old Mill in Presteigne. Contact Heather Lewis on 01544 260594 or email her on heatherlewis17@hotmail.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW ?

...you can have your watch battery replaced at The Old Garage Warehouse (run by Presteigne & Norton Community Support

...every Tuesday 9.30am to 1.30pm, The Circle is a support and drop-in centre for everyone held at the Youth Club (Old School) near the Police Station. Also run by Presteigne & Norton Community Support, The Circle offers tea/coffee and a soup lunch, exercises and nail care, music and craft, trips and outings, advice and support. Meet old friends and make new ones. Transport can be provided. For info call 01544 267 961.

Sunday 9th July TONIGHT !!! - live music @ The Dukes. Mal Webb & Kylie Morigan. 8pm £5 on the door.

Wednesday 12th July - the Duck's Nest have a special South African tasting menu with SA wines - book on 01544 598 090 - and you can also enter their Facebook competition now to win a meal for two, with wine, on Saturday 29th July. Go to @theducksnestbistro & 'like & share' their post.

Wednesday 12th July - Aberystwyth Trip with Presteigne Evergreens. £12 pp. Depart Norton 8.50am, Presteigne Bowling Social Club 9am. Call Judi 01544 267 420

Wednesday 12th July - 'Summertime Fun' with Jackie Beard. Presteigne & Borders Floral Arts Society 7.30pm Memorial Hall. Visitors welcome £5

Friday 14th July - 'The Apple's Rounded World' with Adam Horovitz & Becky Dellow. Poetry, prose and music from Laurie Lee's Slad Valley at The Assembly Rooms 8pm. £10 Courtyard Antiques, The Workhouse, www.wegottickets.com.

Saturday 15th July - Presteigne Carnival

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.**