

Community News

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

PACDG marked its first 18 months with a low-key AGM and Social Evening on the 20th July at The Barn in Went's Meadow. The weather was kind, food & drink were consumed, and a steering committee was elected. PAC's financial situation is healthy thanks to a Big Lottery grant, some generous private donations, Town Council support and other PAC fundraising. Maggie Taylor-Sanders (Chair) thanked everyone who attended, and all residents who have actively supported PAC's activities since its inception in January last year. She outlined general aims for the coming year, and listed PAC's achievements and activities in the last 18 months working alongside the Town Council, Connect (Chamber of Trade) and other community groups - incl. a full Residents Survey and production of a Community Action Plan (CAP) for Presteigne & Norton; installation of several noticeboards for community events, the Town Council, and Connect; an active Guerrilla Gardening team; daffodil planting; a very successful Community Groups Fair and production of a Contact List for all local organisations; two election Hustings; arranging PAVO Workshops for local groups; a Tidy Town litter pick and road/street sign cleaning; production of the Community News; organising & carrying out the Assets and Services Consultation on behalf of the Town Council; a car park survey; support advice and assistance (sometimes financial) for other community groups and activities (including provision of a banking facility, insurance, hi-vis vests etc), initiation of new projects e.g. Presteigne Edibles, Community Energy etc. We've made a start - but there's lots and lots still to do....and we will do it, with your help! **If you have any ideas on CAP-related projects that PAC could/should get its teeth into, and/or if you think you can help or volunteer in any way for PAC projects, do please get in touch by emailing PAC at pacdg@icloud.com or by texting 07766 097 600**

News from the High Street....really good to see empty shops being quickly taken over.....**Rose Cottage Floral Creations** is in the process of moving into Audrey'sand Charley's bike shop **Dream Pedallers** is already open for business in the old Serendipity premises Wed to Frid 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-midday....and Presteigne & Norton Community Support PNCS is planning big changes and a makeover of The Old Garage (charity) Warehouse, soon to relaunch as 'The Warehouse'. More information in next issue

.....so who will move into the vacated flower shop ? - watch this space !

Love all the Swifts around town?.....these incredible birds are still all around us at the moment. If you have swifts nesting in your house eaves, or nearby in your street, then the Swifts group would love to know - please do email us at pacdg@icloud.com. Also if you would like a special swift nesting box to help these birds when they return to nest next year, these are available for only £15 (courtesy of the Men's Shed), just email or text 07766 097600 with your order.

Work has started on the Presteigne inter-school cycleway/footpath !!
Construction started at the King's Court end of Presteigne last week. Watch this space for further information on scope, route and programme of work.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) are planning another course '**Steps to Employment' starting 12th September** at the Baptist Church. It covers eight Tuesdays involving how to prepare for employment, full or part-time, for all ages, and how to overcome barriers that make securing a job difficult. In addition to the Course there is personal coaching/mentoring on all aspects of job hunting at times to suit clients. This is accessed by appointment by phone or text – to Peter Jennings [01544 388816](tel:01544388816) or [07970555227](tel:07970555227). The whole service is free of charge.

For the BISOYOC International Youth Orchestra Concerts in Ludlow on **Saturday 12th August** 7.30pm, and in Leominster on **Sunday August 13th** 7.30pm, would you be interested in sharing transport? Contact Peter Gibbons ([01544 260 551](tel:01544260551) or email peterj.g@btinternet.com). Note that for all BISOYOC concerts, <16s come free, if accompanied by an adult.

Summer Holiday Fun for kids at the Judge's Lodging....from now through to 3rd September, Tuesday to Sunday & BHM 10am-5pm. Someone's been in the Judge's house and put all sorts of strange things in there - he's really puzzled ! Search through his rooms to find all the ODD OBJECTS OUT and be presented with an 'Outstanding Observer' Certificate. Tel 01544 260650 www.judgeslodging.org.uk

Saturday 5th August - 9am - 1pm PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET AND BBQ at the Memorial Hall. The barbeque season is well under way now and people will be enjoying their favourite food combinations and perhaps looking for new ideas. Two of our regular and most popular producers will be selling delicious lamb and goat burgers and hotdogs at the next market. To add to customers' pleasure a selection of relishes and salads will be included. There will be tasty organic salad leaves and imaginatively delicious relishes provided by our producers. These can be bought at every monthly market so why not come along and discover what fantastic food is available. Also there will be all the regular and popular favourites including plants - artisan chocolates - smoked meats, pickles and preserves - Presteigne honey - sourdough breads and savouries - natural face and hand creams - herb plants and goat milk soaps - homemade pies. The Community Cafe will be there too, serving Fairtrade coffee and teas and homemade cake for you to enjoy with friends.

Saturday 5th August - Artists & Makers, Assembly Rooms 10am-3pm. With work from previous h-Art artists

Saturday 5th August - Music@The Dukes, Dave Luke/Chuck Micallef, 8.30pm FREE

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th August - Pop-up Museum exploring Welsh costume & textiles. Assembly Rooms. Free entry. Thursday-Saturday 10.30am-4.30pm. Sunday 10.30am-2pm. Curated by Rosamund Black.

Saturday 19th August - Music@The Dukes, Michael Chapman 8.30pm, £5

... and don't forget the Norton Show on SUNDAY 20th AUGUST at Home Farm, LD8 2EF. Entry £3 (<16s free). Starts 10m with staging of exhibits in the Marquee, 11am Horse Show (Ann Price 267 221), from 11am Car Boot (Anita Young 260 233), 12noon Official Opening, 12.30pm Vintage Car Run arrival (Alan Jones 07980 478989), 12-1.30pm judging in Marquee, 1.30pm Marquee open for public viewing, 2pm Dog Show (Ann Price 267 221), 3.30pm Vintage Vehicle Parade, 4pm raffle draw, 4.30pm award of prizes and trophies in Marquee. See Show Leaflet for full details.

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