

Community News

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

Want to find out about a club or organisation ? Do you know who to contact and how ?... PACDG has prepared what we hope is a comprehensive Register of all local organisations in the Presteigne & Norton area. The Town website is now being updated to include all these details or, if you would like your own copy, just email us on pacdg@icloud.com. If your group, organisation, club, society etc is NOT currently listed on the Register, or if contact names and details are incorrect or have changed, please email pacdg@icloud.com so we can update the Register.

Daffodils - The planting is underway!.....

First, a big 'thank you' - daffodil bulbs have been bought with money donated by the Community Café, by visitors to our stall at the Farmers' Market in October, by the Town Council and PACDG, by the building contractors WAP McColville, and by individuals (Ruth Kirkby, Susie Arbuthnott and Liz Joyce). Others have provided us with bulbs (The Workhouse and Olivia Gibson).

Secondly, an explanation: we are planting - Heritage Bulbs (those we can still find which were bred by growers around Presteigne at the start of the 20th Century) to be grown in planters around town - Native Bulbs, like Pheasant Eye and the Tenby daffodil, in more isolated areas where they can naturalise and continue to breed true - and modern varieties which are tough enough to survive along the roadsides of Presteigne and Norton and make a splash of colour in the Spring.

Lastly, a request- We've made a start, but there are more than 1000 bulbs still to plant! Anyone who wants to help with the planting, or to donate more money for containers for the Heritage bulbs, please contact Karen (260 354), Christine (260 258) or Kate (267 227).

Make sure you spend your old 'round pound' before it stops being legal tender on October 15th. But all is not lost - you can then take your old coins into the bank to be exchanged for shiny 12-sided £s. Official advice is that you can take £1 coins to banks to change for notes as long as they are in bags of 20. Although the Post Office cannot exchange any of your old £1 coins for new ones, you can deposit them into your usual high street bank account via any Post Office, even after October 15th.

Advent Windows - do you want to take part ?...in anticipation of Christmas, Sue is looking for twenty-four Advent-themed windows in the town (private house and shop windows) within walking distance of the town centre, to be unveiled through December. This is not a competition, just fun together for everyone - offer a window and share with the town. Call Sue on 01547 560268.

News from John Beddoes....congratulations to Year 11 on 73% success in Maths GCSE A*-C gradesthe John Beddoes Campus is holding a Year 5+6 Open Evening on Wednesday 11th October at 6pm. The annual Open Evening is a great way to learn more about the school, its ethos, staff and learning community.

Don't forget to make a note in your diary of PACDG's 2017 COMMUNITY GROUPS FAIR on Saturday 28th October in the Memorial Hall (10am - 3.30pm). We are now finalising plans for the Fair but there are still a very few spaces available. Invitations have been sent to all the local organisations, clubs, groups, societies that we know of - if you would like a presence at the Fair but your organisation has NOT received an invitation, or if you've not yet responded, PLEASE EMAIL pacdg@icloud.com URGENTLY advising your group name, contact name and telephone number, and table preference (large, small, wall-space). Tables will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

TONIGHT !!!!

Friday 6th October - "Their Finest", Presteigne Screen, 8pm The Assembly Rooms. Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin, Helen McCrory, Eddie Marsan, Richard E. Grant, Bill Nighy.

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 7th October - The Bybrook Duo, music for Cello and Violin. Includes pieces by Mozart, Bizet, Gershwin, Mancini. Baptist Church 3pm followed by afternoon tea. Entrance free but by ticket from Kate Doubleday [01544267471](tel:01544267471). Retiring collection to cover expenses and donation to Presteigne charitable cause.

Saturday 7th October - Presteigne Bowls Club's Cash-Only Bingo, Memorial Hall 6.30pm for 7.45pm start. £400-500 jackpot expected. Bar. All welcome

Saturday 7th October - 'Local Artists and Makers' at the Assembly Rooms Presteigne. 10am - 3pm. This month's featured artist is Photographer Ian Nicholson. contact 01544 260777 Rosamund

Saturday 7th October - Local Food Market at the Memorial Hall. All the usual wonderful local food stalls and goodies, and the Community Café. Dividing your perennials? Bring some to the Market for a house plant swap. Meet your local Town and County Councillors.

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October - Vintage Sports Car Club 'Welsh Weekend'. Spectator entrance Saturday @ Badlands 12noon-5.15pm and Sunday @ Cwm Whitton 12.30pm-4pm. See posters and www.vsccl.co.uk for more info.

Monday 9th October - Poetry in Presteigne, Jan Fortune and Susan Richardson, Radnorshire Arms, 7.30pm. £5 / £2 students. Info 01544 267418

Wednesday 11th October - John Beddoes Open Day (see above)

Saturday 28th October - PACDG 2017 community Groups Fair (see above)

and two MBA future events for your diary.....

Saturday 21st October - MBA presents 'De Temps Antan' in an evening of Quebecois music at the Assembly Rooms, 8pm. Tickets £12 Courtyard Antiques, The Workhouse, wegottickets.com

Sunday 29th October - MBA presents 'Staging Opera' an illustrated talk on the art of herding cats.... Clare Stevens interviews Mid Wales Opera artistic directors at the start of the Opera's residency at the Assembly Rooms rehearsing William Walton's "The Bear". 3pm Assembly Rooms. Tickets £8 as above.

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