

Community News

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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 - or collar one of the Steering Committee in the street and tell us what's on your mind. You can also leave a written message at the Library for us - remember to include your name and a contact telephone number ! We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - email pacdg@icloud.com

Feel free to pass this on to friends in the area and ask them to let us know their email address so we can add them to the distribution. If you can help spread the word and publicise this on Facebook/Twitter as well that would be brilliant !

THE THREAT TO OUR LIBRARY...don't forget the Drop-In organised by PCC at the Library 4 to 6pm today, where you can talk to Powys' Chief Librarian face-to-face about the problems facing the Library service and the options offered to the town. Consultation forms will be available at the Library but you can also fill in the form online at <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/corporate/find-out-about-consultations-in-powys/your-views-sought-on-library-savings/>

Interested in joining Powys Countryside Volunteers ?....there is already a team based around the Knighton area but they are looking to expand - all tools and personal protective equipment is supplied, also necessary induction and training - if you want to hear more, contact Phil Stallard on 07775 598061

Presteigne Youth Club is offering sessions exclusively for primary school leavers for the summer term.....the sessions start one hour earlier than before at 6pm to 8pm in The Old School, on Monday nights, excluding half term and Bank Holidays. The children will be under the supervision of three youth workers at all times and will not be allowed to leave the youth centre except to go to the playing fields as a group, under the supervision of the youth workers. Games and activities are planned that will appeal to children of this age. At a taster visit arranged with the support of the Primary School, over 30 children attended and seemed very enthusiastic about the idea, and we've heard from the youth workers that last Monday night, the first on the new basis, was attended by 20 children who had a great time enjoying the facilities and organised activity provided. However the Youth Club organisers would welcome more volunteers - anyone interested should contact James Tennant Eyles by phone 07552 238083 or emailjtennanteyles@gmail.com.

Interested in environmental issues ?.....join other like-minded people on Thursday 12th May for **GREEN DRINKS** and an informal chat. Buy your own drinks, nibbles provided. Hosted by TRANSITION PRESTEIGNE at No. 46 Wine Bar, High Street, Presteigne

The Chess Club has moved.....used to be held at The Farmers but is now at the Radnorshire Arms, on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm. New members welcomed so if you play, or would like to learn how, just turn up on the night. Beer's good there too !

The Presteigne Youth Theatre.....has started up again for its Summer term. Led by Pope, this is an opportunity for anyone aged between 11 - 15 to be part of a free drama workshop. Promoted by MBA. Tuesdays 4 - 6pm in The Assembly Rooms.

Don't forget the two Welsh elections coming up on Thursday 5th May.....a joint election for both our Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, and of members for the Nation Assembly for Wales. Voting booths will be set up in the Memorial Hall between 7am and 10pm. The current Police & Crime Commissioner for Dyfed Powys is Christopher Salmon (who incidentally comes from the Presteigne area). We each have two votes for the Welsh Assembly - one to elect the member for Brecon & Radnorshire (currently Kirsty Williams) - and a second vote to elect regional assembly members for the Mid & West Wales constituency.

We've had a question sent in.....**is there a Bridge Club running in Presteigne ?** Or if not, is anyone interested in forming a club, or maybe just playing social bridge one day a week ? Responses to us here at [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdq@icloud.com) will be passed on.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....the **NORTON SHOW** will be held on 20th August this year by kind permission of the Lloyd family at Home Farm LD8 2EF, more details nearer the time.....**OPEN GARDENS** at **STAPLETON CASTLE COURT** LD8 2LS on 29/30th May (and then again on 28/29 August, for the last time as Margaret and Trefor Griffiths are moving on). The gardens have been developed over the last 8 years and are renowned for their colourful themed borders. Castle tours also available on the days. Adults £4, children free. Teas available.

WHATS ON over the next couple of weeks..... **Friday 29th April** 8pm at The Assembly Rooms, **MBA presents ANDREW COLLIS & ROBIN WARD** in concert. Andrew and Robin are virtuoso musicians with international reputations on recorder and triple harp. Tickets £10 from the Workhouse or Courtyard Antiques **Saturday 30th April** 9am to 2pm **LINGEN BIG BREAKFAST** at the Village Hall. Organised by the Walk-the-Walk ladies for United against Breast Cancer. £8 for 'the works' or £6 a plate **Wednesday 4th May** 7.30pm **QUIZ NIGHT** at Presteigne Bowls Social Club. General knowledge quiz. Tables of 4. £2 pp. prizes and Win Big at Backwards Bingo. Reserve table by email presteignedogman@icloud.com **Saturday 7th May** 9am - 1pm **PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET** in the Memorial Hall, including Transition Presteigne Plant & Seed Swap and the Community Café. A special attraction this month will be the young lambs brought by Weobley Ash, always a children's favourite ! **Monday 9th May** 7.30pm **POETRY @ THE RAD** in the Sitting Room (upstairs) features guest poets Ros Hudis and Suzanne Iuppa **Friday 13th May** at The Assembly Rooms, **MBA presents CoCo & THE BUTTERFIELDS**. Tickets £12 from the Workhouse or Courtyard Antiques

