

Community News

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

If you have any questions, information to pass on, or a local event or activity to publicise, email us at pacdg@icloud.com

You may have noticed that the big PAC Community Noticeboard (originally generously donated and erected by McColvilles) at the Memorial Hall has been cleaned up and painted. Apologies if your notice or flier has disappeared - we had to take everything off and remove all pins and staples before painting. The Sadolin coating used was kindly donated by Presteigne Building Supplies - thank you PBS ! Incidentally, we do appreciate that, unless you've got really strong thumbs, it's difficult to use drawing pins on the board - so feel free to staple instead. But, if removing old notices, please be sure to pick up & dispose of old drawing pins that drop on the floor - car tyres and dog's paws do not like them ! That goes for the High Street noticeboard as well.

The daffodils are making a lovely splash of colour around Presteigne and Norton at the moment.

Over the last two years, PAC volunteers and others have been busy planting more and more daffodils and narcissi to honour Presteigne's proud heritage as 'the daffodil town'. Some daffs were donated and others paid for by PAC. We'll be doing the same this Autumn when we'll be asking again for volunteers to get planting - so, remember where the daffs are now, and let us know later in the year where you would like to see more planted. And if you can help at that time by donating bulbs or assisting with the planting, even better !

.....don't forget Daffodil Sunday 8th April at Kinsham Court to see their wonderful display of heritage daffodils. 2pm-5pm. Tea and lovely home-baked cakes served in the church. Free entry but donations welcome!

GRAND SPRING SALE SUCCESS DESPITE SNOW....The Grand Spring Sale at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 17 March was a great success, despite the 'mini beast from the east' which undoubtedly prevented many people from venturing out. Those that braved the snow to come along enjoyed delicious coffee and home made cakes at the pop-up cafe, and browsed all kinds of fabulous items for sale, from vintage clothes to sweet pea seedlings. A total of £380 was raised - from the cafe, entry money and donations - for the two charities, Calan DVS (which provides domestic violence services in Powys) and Help Refugees. The Sale organisers would like to thank everybody who came out in the teeth of the wintry weather and contributed to the lovely atmosphere, as well as helping to raise such a fantastic amount for the charities. Many thanks ! - Kate & Sabina

Presteigne Youth Club still desperately needs volunteers.....The situation at the Youth Club is now very serious as a second youth worker is having to resign due to moving away from the area.

Unless further volunteers come forward the club will be unable to operate and will close. The Youth Club operates on Mondays in term time from 6-8pm and is open to any child from the last year in primary school and 1st year in secondary. Please consider giving up a couple of hours a week in term time to support this valuable and important local service, and have an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the same time. No previous experience required. DBS check required but this is straightforward and the Club will arrange it. Please ring James Tennant-Eyles [01544 267363](tel:01544267363), or email jtennanteyles@gmail.com to arrange an informal chat.

Result of Tesco 'Bags of Help' Vote - The Town Council was third so now has £1000 to spend purchasing a gravity bowl for the Wilson Terrace Play Area. Powys County Council is kindly installing it for us. Thanks to County Councillor Beverley Baynham and PCC Officer Steve Gealy for their help in all this.

CORRECTION - the swift boxes ordered by PAC from the Men's Shed cost £15 (not £6 as mentioned in the previous News issue). Sorry for the error. Order your box now by emailing pacdg@icloud.com

DID YOU KNOW...

If you are a carer and would like the chance to meet other carers...the Knighton Carer Group is also open to carers in the Presteigne area to join for a cuppa and a chat. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the new Library in Knighton Community Centre 10.30am to 12.30pm. Call Kate Doody 01597 870 030

Presteigne Cricket Club is offering a free net session 3pm-5pm Sunday 8th April at the Leisure Centre. Come along and give cricket a go ! Anyone >13yrs welcome (<16s must be accompanied by adults). Contact Marc 07939 294812 or James 07798 772822 or find the Cricket Club on Facebook.

Presteigne Chess Club welcomes new members and meets 7.30pm on Tuesday evening @ The Rad. For more information see their website www.presteignechess.club

Presteigne 1st Rainbows are also open to new recruits ! Contact Maureen on 07582 912 746 or email maureenkiff@btinternet.com if your daughter is 5 or 6 years old (or about to turn 5) and would like to join us on Tuesday evenings for Rainbow fun - adventures, games, cooking, arts & crafts, new friendships

A message from Connect about the first Presteigne Food & Flower Festival on 7th May... our arrangements are going really well but we still need a few more volunteers to help on the day.

(a) someone to coordinate Hygiene and Rubbish, duties including: * Policy instructions to stall holders regarding rubbish * Locate bin points around the town * Emptying bins throughout the day * End of day tidy up

(b) also we need at least six car park attendants during the day for the Went's Meadow car park.

All help would be gratefully appreciated. Many thanks, Leon

A future Date for your Diary - Presteigne & Norton residents are warmly invited to the "Presteigne Day" on Saturday, 22nd September 2018 in our French twinning town, Ligné: cricket, cards, cream tea, fish & chips and English/Welsh beer. Our French visitors had this original idea when they travelled back on the ferry after the visit in Presteigne in May 17 when we shared fun activities like an outing to Hampton Castle and Ludlow, a walk on Offa's Dyke to Discoed, a ceilidh, and, incidentally, fish and chips, a game of cricket, cream tea! Get involved: PNTA (Presteigne & Norton Twinning Association), sonja.parg@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday 8th April - Daffodil Sunday at Kinsham Court - see above

Wednesday 11th April - Quiz Night @ Presteigne Bowls Social Club 7.30pm for 8pm start. General knowledge pub quiz with a twist. 2nd Wednesday of each month. Teams of 4. £2pp. Full bar, refreshments. Win Big with Backwards Bingo at the break. All welcome. To reserve your table text Terry on 07766 097600 or email presteignedogman@icloud.com

Thursday 12th April - Chatterbrook WI - an illustrated talk by Sue Knox on The Judge's Lodging (some history and future plans). 7.30pm Memorial Hall (Visitors welcome at 8pm). Info 01544 267245

Friday 13th April - another chance to see "Tulip Fever" followed by a talk by the book's author Deborah Moggach. 105mins. A Presteigne Screen promotion at The Assembly Rooms. Deborah's account gives a fascinating insight into the workings of the movie industry and what happens to an author's work once it's in the grip of the studios. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Bar, refreshments, home-baked cakes.

Sunday 15 April - Full Circle Dance Night in The Assembly Rooms 7.30pm. Party featuring Little Rumba in dance mode and Dave Luke's Poobahs. The chequered dance floor will be in action as well as the Full Circle Bar. Tickets £12 from Courtyard Antiques and [01544 267163](tel:01544267163)

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