

# Community News

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

**The Judge's Lodging is recruiting a Volunteer Coordinator....**this new role will be important for the future of the museum, in supporting the current volunteers, and developing more support. Details of this exciting role can be found at the website <http://www.judgeslodging.org.uk/> or for more details contact Gaby Rivers, Museum Development Manager on 01544 260650.

**Applications to be received latest by 21st April.**

**Presteigne Bowling Club news....**the bowling green will open on Sunday 16th April and the first home match of the season will be a 'friendly' against St Martins from Hereford on Sunday 23rd April..... please note that **club nights have changed to Tuesday evenings** from 6pm where potential new members can also come along to join members and try their hand at green bowls with the help of qualified bowls coaches incl. Rob Weale, Welsh international and former Commonwealth Gold Medalist. Bowls provided, but please wear flat-soled shoes.

**Really great to see that No.46 Wine Bar has now officially opened....**by all accounts things were heaving in the Wine Bar on the opening Saturday ! We wish all success to Sam, Frankie and Deniyal - and **thanks also for allowing PACDG to put up a new Community Noticeboard on the end of the building** to replace all that unsightly flyposting.

**A new youth worker, Rob Davies, has recently been appointed for the Youth Centre** at The Old School in Hereford Street - welcome to Presteigne, Rob ! To cope with rising numbers, the Youth Centre would like to open two evenings per week, but without more volunteer youth workers this will not be possible. If you would like to help and assist as a volunteer, please contact James Tennant-Eyles on 07552 238083

**Success for Presteigne ! ..... it's recently been announced that the town has been successful in winning a substantial grant from a Welsh Government transport fund, for the provision of cycleways and footpaths to/from and connecting Presteigne's schools.** More information on this in a subsequent Community News, but this is really great news for the town and we must say a really big 'thank you' to everyone involved in bringing this home. Well done !

**A message and appeal from Phil King, chairman of the East Radnor Ramblers** (based on the Presteigne & Knighton area).....besides organising weekly walks we also have a team that helps maintain our footpaths. Powys County Council has set up a system for using volunteers for helping the maintenance of our rights of way. The county has some 8000 km of them so it is almost impossible for the PCC staff to keep them all usable given their limited budget and staff time. They have however gone to a lot of trouble to encourage volunteers to help. There are six teams covering the county including one based in the Presteigne/Knighton area. The work is anything from clearing undergrowth and overgrowth to installing gates, bridges and walkways, planting waymark posts and waymarking generally.

Your local team works generally two days per month, but sometimes other days, and volunteers come when they can. The team really needs more people helping - CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE? We all complain about the state of the paths, now is your chance to do something to help!

To volunteer, please call Phil Stallard, Countryside Access Volunteer Coordinator on 01597 827688 or email [philip.stallard@powys.gov.uk](mailto:philip.stallard@powys.gov.uk), and do something for everyone's benefit.

**News from Eileen about the Evergreens....** dates for your diary... the next Evergreen Club meeting for recycled teenagers is on Wednesday 12th April at 2pm in the Memorial Hall, and the following meeting on Wednesday 26th April (which also includes the AGM).

**On Wednesday 19th April, the Evergreen Club has organised a coach trip to Maccynlleth Market,** leaving John Beddoes School at 9am, Norton at 9.15pm and all points in between hopefully, returning to Presteigne about 4pm. Cost £12. For more information call Judi on 01544 267420 or Eileen on 01544 262710.

## **Something new, something different at P&N Community Support's Reuse Shop & Warehouse.....**

Opening hours have been changed - now Mon/Tues/Wed/Frid 10am to 4.30pm, Sat 10am to 2pm (closed Thursday and Sunday).

Did you know that they can now replace watch batteries ? All types and sizes.

And P&NCS have now launched a new Community Draw as a fundraiser for support the community transport service. Cost £15 pa. Draws every month with £20 first prize, £15 second prize, £12 second prize.

**Dyfed Powys are looking for Police Support Volunteers.....** a PSV is someone who gives their skills and time freely to perform tasks which are designed to enhance the work of the police and to provide additional support to local communities. Police Support Volunteers assist police officers and staff with various tasks enabling them to concentrate on core policing duties, which means more officers on the streets and improved community support. Maintaining a high police presence in our communities will also help the Force to achieve its aim and reduce crime, disorder and fear.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to get involved in a range of activities. Volunteer roles will vary in many ways depending on the needs of the police service.

The opportunity will provide you with: a chance to support and make a contribution to our local communities - skills and experience in a professional environment - enhancing future employment prospects - a safe, friendly and interesting place to volunteer - internal training to undertake tasks you are not familiar with - a chance to meet people - expenses are provided for travelling and out of pocket costs.

No formal qualifications are required however, we expect honesty, integrity and a sense of commitment. Effective communication, interaction, literacy and IT skills are desirable. Volunteers should also display a positive and friendly attitude coupled with a willingness to learn.

Is there a particular subject/area that you are interested in volunteering for? If so, please contact the Volunteers Co-ordinator who would be happy to assist in exploring opportunities for you.

If you have any queries in relation to Police Support Volunteer vacancies or the application process, please email: [volunteers@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk](mailto:volunteers@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk) or contact the Force Volunteers Co-ordinator on 01267 222020 extension 23920.

**On Friday 7th April at the Baptist Church, don't miss "An Oarsome Challenge" with solo Atlantic Rower Richard Wood.** Kington resident Richard tells the epic story of his 101 day 3500 mile solo row across the Atlantic Ocean. Free entry with refreshments afterwards. Donations welcomed for church funds. Richard's book "Naked Ambition - My Quest to Row an Ocean" will be on sale with signing by the author.

Also on **Friday, 7th April, Presteigne Screen presents "Chevalier" a film from Greece** - 2015 - 95 mins - Rated 18. 7:30pm for 8pm, Assembly Rooms, Presteigne. Doors open 7:30pm for Bar, Coffee, Tea, Home-baked Cakes. Film starts 8:00pm.

**There will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 8th April in the Memorial Hall...**doors open 10.45am - clothes, bags, soft toys, cake stall, refreshments

Also on **Saturday 8th April at Lingen Village Hall - 'Autistry'- local musicians Grace & Gelan - perform a concert of songs from hit musicals**, including among others 'ABBA', 'Miss Saigon', 'Chess', 'West Side Story' and 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. The evening promises to be a theatrical experience with a twist! Doors open 7pm. Licenced Bar for wine. Adults £5 with Advance Tickets on sale NOW! T: 01544 260865 & email: [lingenweb@gmail.com](mailto:lingenweb@gmail.com)

**On Monday 10th April in the Radnorshire Arms, Poetry in Presteigne** presents Phil Bowen and Ric Hool, 7.30pm entry £5 (£2 students) on the door. 01544 267415 [www.poetryinpresteigne.org](http://www.poetryinpresteigne.org)

**Cricket Club Easter Monday Bingo on 17th April at the Royal British Legion Club.** Eyes down 8pm. Prizes include bottles, hampers, vouchers with a last Quickie ticket £100 house.

**On Wednesday 19th April don't miss our local tango band maestros Little Rumba at The Assembly Rooms** at 8pm for an evening of brilliant music marking the launch of their brand new CD "Café Perdido". Entry £10 includes free CD.

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](mailto: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](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com)

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