

Community News

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IT'S PRESTEIGNE FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN !!!

THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Thursday 22 August

11.00am **Rodd Court: Its History, People and Landscape I** **SOLD OUT** at The Rodd

2.00pm **Rodd Court: Its History, People and Landscape II** **SOLD OUT** at The Rodd

7.45pm **The Sound of His Music | Songs from South Pacific, Oklahoma! and other Richard Rodgers' shows** at St Andrew's Church

Friday 23 August

11.00am **Fiona Sampson on Mary Shelley** at St Michael's Church, Discoed

2.00pm **Preludes, Portraits and Impromptus | Gershwin, Matthews, Schubert** with Tom Poster at St Andrew's Church

4.00pm **Nicholas Murray on Aldous Huxley and George Orwell** **SOLD OUT** at The Assembly Rooms

7.45pm **Les Illuminations | Britten, Adrian Williams and Mathias** with soprano and clarinet and orchestra at St Andrew's Church

8.00pm **Ninotchka | Film with introductory talk by Tony Lawson** at The Assembly Rooms

Saturday 24 August

11.00am **Ian Merchant on Cultural History** **SOLD OUT** at The Assembly Rooms

2.00pm **The Virtuoso Flute** | Katherine Bryan and Tom Poster at St Andrew's Church

4.30pm **String Trios at Bleddfa | Schubert, James Francis Brown and others** at Bleddfa Church

7.45pm **Albion Quartet in Presteigne | Dvorak, Walton and others** at St Andrew's Church

8.00pm **The Big Heat | Film with introductory talk by Tony Lawson** at The Assembly Rooms

Sunday 25 August

12.30pm **Presteigne Heritage Walk** **SOLD OUT**

2.30pm **Flute and Harp | Debussy, Matthews and Lash** **SOLD OUT** at St Michael's Church, Discoed

5.00pm **Albion Quartet at Bleddfa | Schubert and Freya Waley-Cohen** at St Mary Magdalene, Bleddfa

7.45pm **Dumbarton Oaks | Barber, Stravinsky and others** with orchestra at St Andrew's Church

8.00pm **One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest | Film with introductory talk** at The Assembly Rooms

Monday 26 August

11.00am **Composers in Conversation** at The Assembly Rooms

2.00pm **Percussion Premieres| Steve Reich, Joe Duddell and others** at St Andrew's Church

4.00pm **O magnum mysterium | Choir with music by James MacMillan, Morten Lauridsen, Cecilia McDowall** at St Mary's Church, Pembridge

4.00pm **Peter Lord on Kyffin Williams** at The Assembly Rooms

7.00pm **Contrasts - violin, clarinet and piano | Beethoven, Bartok, Schumann and others** at St Andrew's Church

9.45pm **Dorothy Parker takes a trip | One woman show with songs by Gershwin, Cole Porter and others** at St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 27 August

11.00am **Stephen Johnson on Aaron Copland** Assembly Rooms

2.00pm **Songs in the Afternoon** | with soprano Elizabeth Cragg St Andrew's Church

7.45pm **Festival Finale | Vaughan Williams, Aaron Copland, others**, with orchestra St Andrew's Church

PRESTEIGNE FESTIVAL IS ALSO PROGRAMMING A SHORT FILM SEASON reflecting its American émigré theme. The series is curated by film editor Tony Lawson who will introduce each film.

Friday August 23rd at 8pm NINOTCHKA (1939) Ernst Lubitsch

Starring Greta Garbo with music by Werner Heymann. *Ninotchka* is set in a Hollywood version of Paris, and the story tells of three hapless Soviets sent to sell jewels - and the woman who's sent to fetch them from the clutches of capitalism. The film can be seen as a romantic comedy or as anti Soviet propaganda, with lines like "The last mass trials were a great success...There are going to be fewer, but better, Russians." This event ends at approximately 10pm - Classification U

Saturday August 24th at 8pm THE BIG HEAT (1953) Fritz Lang

When Detective Dave Bannion (Glenn Ford) returns home to find his wife killed by a car bomb that was meant for him, he throws his badge away and sets out for revenge. *The Big Heat* is the story of a fight against crime and administrative corruption, the duality of human nature and man's capacity for both good and evil. Director Fritz Lang neither condemns nor condones, conveying only essential plot information, concentrating on action and its consequence. This event ends at approximately 9.45pm - Classification 15

Sunday August 25th at 8pm ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST (1975) Milo Forman

McMurphy (Jack Nicolson) is placed in a psychiatric ward for observation. His grinning, playful character brings chaos to the tyranny of order ruled over by Nurse Ratched. Is he a merry trickster or is he really ill? The film never answers the question, leaving us to puzzle where sanity lies. Directed by Miloš Forman, this story of a dissenting voice that is crushed is something that he would have understood well, having lived under an oppressive social system until 1968. This event ends at approximately 10.25pm - Classification 15

Tickets £7 from www.presteignefestival.com or 01544 267 800. Box Office open at the Assembly Rooms, Presteigne, Mon to Sat 11am - 2pm. Tickets available at the door for cash sales only. Bar at each screening.

NOW IN ITS 3RD YEAR, PRESTEIGNE OPEN STUDIOS & EXHIBITIONS will be happening again in 2019 during the Presteigne Festival. Artists and makers of many different media will open their doors to the public from Saturday 24th August to Monday 26th August, 11am-5pm.

From furniture making to basketry, from ceramics to fine art, pretty much every field of artistic interest is covered. Most of the venues are within easy walking distance of the town centre, but Pete Smith will be demonstrating his blacksmithing skills at Bluefoot Forge in Stapleton, which although a little bit further out in the scenic hamlet of Stapleton, should be well worth a visit.

There will be a brochure available throughout town nearer the time, with a map showing the various venues, and the different media being demonstrated or displayed. All venues will be clearly signed. This year 27 artists will be taking part, showing the huge diversity of artistic talent here in Presteigne.

Do take this opportunity to visit some of them, and to take a browse around the lovely old town of Presteigne, a hidden gem of the Marches. Follow the Facebook page – Open Studios Presteigne

Library events in August - 27th August at 3pm 'French Conversation', 28th August at 4.30pm 'Book Club', and 30th August at 10.30pm 'Spanish Conversation'. All events free of charge, no need to book.

The PAC Tidy Town volunteers will be litter picking around town ahead of the Festival so we can have a squeaky clean Presteigne for all our visitors (and ourselves!) for this great annual event. If you would like to join the merry bunch of volunteers on Wednesday 21st (or for future litter picks) call or text Tessa on 07788 567631. All equipment provided.

HELP KEEP STUFF OUT OF LANDFILL...

As mentioned in the previous News, there is now a specialist recycling bin at the Bring Site in the bypass lay-by for beverage cartons and paper cups. These are not accepted in your kerbside collection and until now you either had to take them to the Powys HWRC at Llandrindod Wells, or put in your wheelie bin to go to landfill. **The bank is only for** juice cartons, other beverage cartons, paper cups, milk cartons, paper coffee cups, and clean soup, tomato and other food cartons. **Please do NOT use it for** plastic or polystyrene cups, plastic/foil pouches, glass, paper, card, plastic bottles/bags, tins/cans, aerosols, foil, etc.

And another reminder that you can take all crisp packets to No.46 Wine Bar who send them off for recycling producing funds for the Guide Dogs charity. Every little helps !

A message from Lynne at the PNCS Warehouse....there has been an increase in the amount of items left outside the Warehouse door when we have been closed - including large items like old mattresses and furniture. PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING THAT CAN'T FIT INTO THE COLLECTION BIN. Items left outside are likely to get wet and then cannot be sold. It then costs us to have them taken away so such 'donations' are not helping but are actually costing us money. We do have notices asking people not to do this and have Council notices to warn about fly tipping. We really appreciate the support and donations we receive but, please, only bring such items during our opening hours, or call us on [07496 732067](tel:07496732067) or via our Facebook page in case we can arrange collection.

The Warehouse opening hours: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 10am-4.30pm, and Saturday 10am-2pm. We are closed Thursday and Sunday. Thanks, Lynne

Can you help our lovely local attraction, the Judges Lodging? Maggie says....We're well into our first season as an independent charity, we've had a facelift, the scaffolding is gone (yay!) – and we're now focussed on improving our fundraising activities. Our Pop-up Welsh Tea Room, run by our dedicated volunteer team, is proving very popular, and we'd like to make sure we can open this added attraction every day over the Presteigne Festival. Could you offer a morning or afternoon serving tea and cake in our beautiful building? If you can spare some time between 22nd and 27th August, we'd really love to hear from you – please contact Sue Knox volunteering@judgeslodging.org.uk, [01544 260650](tel:01544260650)

Norton residents may (just about!) remember the plans to adapt the Norton St Andrew's church building into a community hub. It may seem like it all went quiet, but work has continued and real progress is finally being made. The Church in Wales supports the plans and we have a draft lease for the building, an agreement on funding from the Norton Schoolroom Trust Fund, draft plans for the adapted building, and we've set up the Norton Community Trust to take the whole project forward. Phew! So, next we'll shortly be running another community consultation with Norton residents – we need views and ideas, but most of all support for the project from as many residents as possible. If you'd like more information, you can contact John – jrefausse@yahoo.com – or Brian – castelbank84@gmail.com

Beware email scams currently purporting to be from HMRC about tax rebates - they're all conmen ! If you receive one of these obvious scams, or any suspicious email, you can forward the email to NFIBPhishing@city-of-london.pnn.police.ukand then delete the original email.

As you may have seen in the news, Whirlpool are launching a recall of tumble dryers sold under its Hotpoint, Indesit, Creda, Swan and Proline brands because of a fault which can cause them to catch fire. If you have a Whirlpool, Hotpoint, Indesit, Creda, Swan or Proline tumble dryer you can check whether your machine could be affected by visiting the [Whirlpool website](#), or by calling 0800 151 0905.

Great news from Dani !....DAPHNE'S at 53 High Street, Presteigne (previously the Moroccan) is set to open its doors this coming Thursday 15th August from 5 to 9pm - there will be free pizza and the bar will be open, of course ! Then normal business hours will begin on Friday with initial opening hours Thursday 5-10pm, Friday 5-10pm, Saturday 12-10pm, and Sunday 12-10pm

To begin with we are not taking bookings or offering takeaway, but once we have got on our feet in a few weeks time then we will offer bookings for 6 or more, and a takeaway service for both pizza and wine, cider, and beer. Once the lunches and evenings are running smoothly then we will open on Saturday mornings for coffee also.

And a reminder that No.46 Wine Bar serves (great) food - Breakfast & Brunch Saturday & Sunday 09.30 to 1300hrs - Lunch Monday to Saturday 1200 to 1300hrs - Bar Menu Wednesday to Saturday 17.30 to 21.30hrs.

OTHER EVENTS IN THE 2nd HALF OF AUGUST....

Tuesday 13th August - Swamp Candy - live music @ The Dukes. 8.30pm. It's raw & rockin', dark & dirty, totally delicious....and it's only £5 on the door !

Thursday 15th August - AGM for Presteigne & Norton Community Support PNCS at the Memorial Hall.

All residents are invited. Business commences 2.30pm. Afternoon tea will be served after the meeting.

Thursday 15th August - opening of Daphne's (see item above)

Friday 16th of August - Space Race Craft Morning at the Library. 10.30am. Come along for space facts, mask-making, crafting and more Summer Reading Challenge fun. Suitable for ages 4 - 11, free !!

Tuesday 20th August - Drewie's Quiz @ The Royal Oak 7.45pm. Teams of up to 4 people £2 pp. All proceeds towards next year's Presteigne Food & Flower Festival. To reserve a table, call in or contact The Royal Oak on 01544 260842 or via Facebook.

Wednesday 21st August - Extinction Rebellion, 7pm at the Memorial Hall, **TIME TO WAKE UP!** Climate breakdown is real. It is happening NOW. We need urgent action. Nothing is more important. Politicians are not moving fast enough to save the planet. Come to the meeting to find out more about XR & basic Non-Violent Direct Action training. Join the ER Movement - all welcome. For info go to: knightonandpresteignxr@gn.apc.org

Saturday 24th August - Lingen's 2019 Summer Fete. Starting 2pm in Lingen churchyard. Teas, Books, Splat-the-Rat, Raffle, Cakes, Novelty Dog Show, Bric-a Brac. All proceeds to Lingen Church and local charities

IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE PRESTEIGNE AREA, OR JUST TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND OUR LOVELY TOWN, DO CHECK OUT THE TOWN WEBSITE USING THIS LINK www.presteigne.org.uk. THERE'S LOTS OF GOOD STUFF ON THE WEBSITE INCLUDING THE PAC REGISTERS OF 'LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS' AND 'LOCAL VENUES TO HIRE' FOR YOUR CLUB OR FOR A PARTY OR SPECIAL OCCASION (www.presteigne.org.uk/local-organisations) AND INFORMATION ON LOCAL ACCOMMODATION, OUR TOWN COUNCIL incl. MINUTES AND PLANNING MATTERS, THINGS TO DO, MBA, CONNECT, PAC, PRESTEIGNE FESTIVAL, TOWN TRAIL, CHURCHES, SHEEP MUSIC and much much more.

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:pacd@icloud.com).

We're happy to help publicise community and charity activities and events (but only for events in the immediate Presteigne area) - email text (not poster images please) at least 3 weeks in advance to [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacd@icloud.com).

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