

Prestonfield Neighbourhood Project Newsletter



Daffodils

Welcome to the seventeenth issue of the Prestonfield Project Newsletter!

Is it too early to hope that Spring is just around the corner? It is certainly good to see snow drops and crocus in flower, but don't be fooled by the odd warm sunny day, we still need to wear our winter clothes against cold winds. Remember, the old saying, "ne'er cast a clout til May's oot".

In March we have our annual Daffodil Tea at the local Prestonfield Primary School to

look forward to. We also have another one of our film events (see below for more information) and we are always open to new suggestions for events that you would like to see at Prestonfield and help us to put a spring in your step.



Prestonfield Project Users Group

Here at Prestonfield we want to provide the best service that we can possibly offer. In order to help us to do this we have a User Group which is made up of members that use the services provided by the Project, and they are listed at the end of this newsletter.

We are currently looking for

new members to join the User Group, and if this is something that you are interested in please talk to a member of staff.



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"March winds and Aprils showers, bring forth the May flowers"

March Film Event

Ian Rintoul is visiting Prestonfield this month and showing the film "Three Little Words". This biography of the Tin Pan Alley songwriting partners Kalmar and Ruby features Fred Astaire as lyricist Bert Kalmar, Red Skelton as composer Harry Ruby. This MGM musical was originally released in 1950 and includes songs such as "Thinking of You" and "Nevertheless".





This Month in History...

Who is the patron saint of Wales, celebrated on March 1st?

Who is the patron saint of Ireland, celebrated on March 17th?

On the last day of March which London church was celebrated with the rhyme 'Oranges and Lemons'?

The inventor of the telephone was born on 3rd March 1847 – who was he?

Which fizzy drink first appeared in March 1886?

Which famous Scottish missionary and explorer was born on 19th March 1813?

St. David, St. Patrick, St. Clement's, Alexander Bell, Coca-Cola, Dr. David Livingstone

Odeon Cinema's Senior Screen

For more mature customers, ODEON Senior Screen is a season of films reflecting the best of both modern and classic cinema so it's both relaxing and engrossing.

Free tea and coffee is served before each screening, giving you time for a chat and a catch-up before the film starts.

The films are shown on Tuesdays at the Odeon on Lothian Road and cost £3.25. Please speak to a member of staff for more information.



The Prestonfield Carers Group Meeting

The Prestonfield Carers Group meets on the last Monday of each month at 10.30 am. This is for an informal drop-in session that gives carers the opportunity to meet other carers and discuss topics that are important to them.

For more information please ask to speak to Caroline Fleming or call **0131 620 7222**.

This newsletter needs you...

Just a reminder that this is your newsletter and if you have an idea for an article or feature please do let a member of staff know. Perhaps you have a poem or article you've written yourself that you would like to see published?



Prestonfield Reading Group

The Reading Group will have a break in March as we get ready for a re-launch in the Spring with a new book list and themes for songs and poems for the rest of the year.

Day Centre Events to look forward to in February...

Friday 14th Mar – Film show

Monday 24th Mar – 10.30 am Carer's Drop-in

Wednesday 26th Mar – Daffodil Tea

Friday 25th April – Spring Lunch

Prestonfield Project User Group

The Project has a User Group made up of clients who use the Centre. The Group meets every three months to discuss matters relating to the services provided at Prestonfield. Transport and a meal are provided free of charge.

If you have any issues that you want to raise please speak to:

Eddie Ritchie, Cathy Rutherford, Anne Dobie, Isa Galloway, Marjory Kirk, Jimmy Flynn, or Betty Croll.