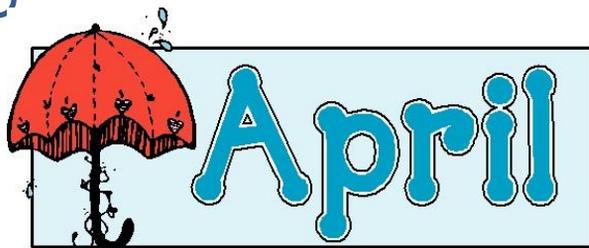


Prestonfield Neighbourhood Project

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What's on this month



The month of sunshine and showers...



*This I saw on an April day:
Warm rain spilt from a sun-lined cloud,
A sky-flung wave of gold at evening,
And a cock pheasant treading a dusty path
Shy and proud.*

*And this I found in an April field:
A new white calf in the sun at noon,
A flash of blue in a cool moss bank,
And tips of tulips promising flowers
To a blue-winged loon.*



*And this I tried to understand
As I scrubbed the rust from my brightening
plough:
The movement of seed in furrowed earth,
And a blackbird whistling sweet and clear
From a green-sprayed bough.*

Friday 10 th April -	Craft with Isobel
Monday 13 th April -	Craft with Isobel
Wednesday 15 th April -	Carers Supper Evening
Thursday 16 th April -	Gentle exercise with Pat
Monday 20 th April -	The Singing Group
Tuesday 21 st April -	Craft with Isobel
Wednesday 22 nd April -	Gentle exercise with Pat
Friday 24 th April -	SPRING LUNCH
Monday 27 th April -	Craft with Isobel
Thursday 30 th April -	Gentle exercise with Pat

This month in history.....

April 15, 1912 - In the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner *Titanic* with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. after striking an iceberg just before midnight. Over 1,500 persons drowned while 700 were rescued by the liner *Carpathia* which arrived about two hours after *Titanic* went down.

April 17, 1961 - A U.S.-backed attempt to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba failed disastrously in what became known as the Bay of Pigs fiasco. About 1,400 anti-Castro exiles invaded the island's southern coast along the Bay of Pigs but were overrun by 20,000 Cuban soldiers and jailed.

April 12, 1961 - Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space. He traveled aboard the Soviet spacecraft *Vostok 1* to an altitude of 187 miles (301 kilometers) above the earth and completed a single orbit in a flight lasting 108 minutes.

April 4, 1968 - Civil Rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee. As head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he had championed non-violent resistance to end racial oppression and had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

April 2, 1982 - The beginning of the Falkland Islands War as troops from Argentina invaded and occupied the British colony located near the tip of South America. The British retaliated and defeated the Argentineans on June 15, 1982, after ten weeks of combat, with about 1,000 lives lost.

April 18, 1982 - Queen Elizabeth II of England signed the Canada Constitution Act of 1982 replacing the British North America Act of 1867, providing Canada with a new set of fundamental laws and civil rights

10 interesting things about April

1. In the UK, April is National Pet Month and Bowel Cancer Awareness Month...
2. In the US, April is the Awareness Month for Mathematics, Stress and STD, and throughout the world it is Jazz Awareness Month.
3. "April is the cruellest month..." (opening line to TS Eliot's *The Waste Land*).
4. "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen," (opening line of George Orwell's *1984*).
5. 'April' was the 200th most common name for a baby girl in the UK in 2013. In the US it was 423rd.
6. According to a recent analysis, April showers more often than not do not bring May flowers.
7. According to the Oxford Dictionary an 'April gentleman' once meant 'a foolish man; specifically a newly-married husband, considered as a fool.'
8. "Men are April when they woo, December when they wed," (Shakespeare, *As You Like It*).
9. Four US Presidents were born and four died during the month of April; in the UK three prime ministers were born and three died in April.
10. No film with 'April' in its title, or actress named 'April' has won an Oscar but in 1994 April Ferry was nominated for Best Costume Design for 'Maverick'.

April Quiz

1. In which modern day country was the Battle of Waterloo fought? Belgium
2. By population what is the largest city in Scotland? Glasgow.
3. Who was US President at the time of the first moon landing? Nixon.
4. What is the EIGHTH Commandment? Thou Shalt Not Steal.
5. Which is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea? Sicily.
6. Which city hosted the 1960 Summer Olympic Games? Rome.
7. What was the name of Pinocchio's maker?
8. What type of foodstuff is Bel Paese?



Prestonfield Carers Corner

Wednesday 15th April 2015 is our Carers Supper Evening where Carers and the people they care are meeting at the Centre for an evening supper followed by some social chit-chat and a short review of our Carers service afterwards. Still time to book if you wish to come.

FREE WILL SERVICE

Solicitors WW & J McClure
6 South Charlotte Street
EDINBURGH EH2 4AW

are offering a free will service if people make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support. For more information contact -0800 852 1999 or

www.mccluresolicitors.com/mcs

Caroline Fleming - Carer Support worker
Tel 620 7222



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This phonenumber can help older people join events that are going on locally, Call for a chat with a friendly volunteer for info on local activities.

GENERAL ELECTION

POSTAL VOTING

The United Kingdom is holding a General Election on Thursday 7th May 2015 and everyone is encouraged to cast their vote for the party or politician of their choosing. If you are unable to get to your nominated polling station you can ask for a postal vote and there is still time to arrange this - contact the Project Office on 620 7222. The closing date for the completed applications is 21st April 2015 and must reach the Electoral Registration Office by 5pm on that day.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS.

Quiz Answers

1.	Belgium
2.	Glasgow
3.	Nixon
4.	Thou Shalt not steal.
5.	Sicily
6.	Rome
7.	Geppetto
8.	Cheese



The Singing Group are back on Monday 20th April