

MUCH MORE TO EXPLORE...

Our local history galleries have a rolling programme of exhibitions. Join in with holiday activities or a special event. Enjoy relaxing, reading or playing games over coffee.

Look out for events and news on our website or on facebook .



EDUCATION

Interactive days on 'Life Below Stairs' for Key Stage 1 & 2. Costumed guides for Key Stage 3 and other educational groups. 'Crime and Punishment' exploration days and 'Christmas Past'. Tailored days for all your learning needs. Please ask for details.



EVENTS FIT FOR A JUDGE!

The building is available for private hire: wedding ceremonies, grand dining, group and corporate events or away days. Also filming, photography and location work or other ideas you may have!



STAPLETON CASTLE

Visits to this privately owned site overlooking Presteigne can be easily arranged. Ask for details or check our website. Proceeds of tours go to The Judge's Lodging and the National Garden Scheme.



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In Presteigne town centre. Within easy reach of Hereford, Shrewsbury, Birmingham and Mid Wales. Nearest railway station Knighton.

Open: 1 March – 31 October, 10am – 5pm Tues-Sun
(Open Bank Holiday Mondays)
1-30 November 10am-4pm Wed-Sun
1-22 December 10am-4pm Sat-Sun

Closed January and February.
Out of season and evening group bookings available.

Admission: Adult £7.95, Concession £6.95, Child £3.95,
Family (2+3) £21.50 & free. Group rates available.
Please Gift Aid your admission. It helps us hugely!
We recommend you allow at least one and a half hours for your visit.

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Facilities: Audio and written guides, activities for kids, Tourist Information, gift shop, toilets, exhibitions, events hire.
Written guides are available in Welsh, French, German and Dutch.
Audio guide available in French.

Mobility impaired access to ground floor only, regrettably,
via Harper's Lane to the rear of the building

Licensed for civil weddings & partnership ceremonies.

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Mid Wales LD8 2AD. Email: info@judgeslodging.org.uk
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A VICTORIAN REVELATION
— 2018 —



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HISTORY IN YOUR HANDS

This is a historic house with a big difference – you can touch!

Step into the 1870s at the award winning Judge's Lodging to see how the world looked the Victorian judges, their servants and felonious guests. Lit only by oil and gas lamps, wander through the judge's private apartments, sit in his armchair or at his dining table. Below stairs you can pump water in the kitchen or explore the servants' sleeping quarters and workrooms.

There are plenty of things to keep the little ones amused while you explore the period rooms: worksheets, activity chests and a special guidebook to help them discover and make them laugh.

'One of the world's most appealing small museums'
Dr John Davies, historian.



VOICES FROM THE PAST

Visitors are accompanied by an audio tour, eavesdropping on stories from the building's inhabitants. Hear from Mary the hardworking maid and Mr Luggar, the grumbling housekeeper, as they care for Richard Lister Venables, Chairman of the Magistrates (portrayed by the late actor, Robert Hardy).

Reverend Venables reminisces about the changes in his lifetime such as the arrival of photography and the coming of the railway. Down below, the prisoner awaiting trial complains about the rats in his cell to Constable Rogers.



THE LAW & ITS GUESTS

In the vast courtroom, your imagination is guided by the echoing trial of local duck thief, William Morgan. The damp basement cells below reinforce the building's true purpose.

Find out about the tragic tale of Mary Morgan who was hanged in the town, the rural Radnorshire Constabulary, the terrible state of Presteigne gaol and its great escapes. In stark contrast, learn about the luxurious lives of the judges. There's really no better place to discover the theatre of law!



EXHIBITIONS 2018

4 May – 18 Aug **Circumstantial Evidence**

A selling exhibition of ink and gouache studies by artist Simon Dorrell in celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the building's restoration, juxtaposed with information on the lives of the servants and their masters.

25 Aug – 22 Dec **Ladies of Llanandras**

Celebrating strong females from Presteigne's past and present, in celebration of the centenary of votes for women.

