MUCH MORE TO EXPLORE...

Our local history galleries have a rolling programme of exhibitions. Join in with holiday activities or a special event. Enjoy a range of drinks and cakes, all produced locally, in our pop-up tearoom. Look out for events and news on our website or on facebook.



EDUCATION

NEW FOR 2025 - 'Christmas Carol in Context' for Key Stage 4. Interactive exploration days for KS 1 & 2 on 'Life Below Stairs', 'Crime & Punishment' and 'Christmas Past'. Tailored days for all your learning needs - just ask.



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!



LLEISIAU O'R GORFFENNOL

Taith sain Gymraeg newydd, gyda chast dan

audiotour, with a cast led by comedian and broadcaster Tudur Owen.





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

Open: 1st April – 2nd November 2025

1st April - 30th June, 10.30am-4.30pm Wed - Sat

1st July - 30th Sept, 10.30am - 5pm Tues - Sun

1st Oct - 2nd Nov, 10.30am - 4.30pm Wed - Sat

Also open Bank Holidays, extended hours in school holidays and special days. Check website and social media for full details.

(Last admission 30 minutes before closing)

Closed 3rd Nov - Spring 2026

Out of season and evening group bookings available.

Admission: Adult £9.95, Child £4.95, Student & Unwaged £4.95,

Family (1+3) £15, Family (2+3) £25, £ free.

Group rates available.

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We recommend you allow at least one and a half hours for your visit.

Facilities: Family trails, gift shop, toilets, community exhibitions, pop-up tearoom in holidays, Tourist Information. Mobility impaired access regrettably to ground floor only, via Harper's Lane to the rear of the building (Registered disabled free). Due to major works to improve access for all, there will be some periods when the rear entrance is inaccessible in 2025 - please contact us before your visit to check.

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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 to 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!



COMING SOON! The Retiring Rooms @ The Judge's Lodging.

This beautiful holiday accommodation is being created in the former Housekeeper's living quarters, so you'll be able to not only explore the world of the judges, but sleep there too! Follow us on social media, check our website or talk to us to see progress.

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