

**PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON
TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of Members of the Presteigne and Norton Twinning Association (“the Association”) is to take place at the Radnorshire Arms, Presteigne, on Wednesday 31 March 2004 at 8pm, when the following resolutions will be proposed:

1. that Clause 7.5 of the Association’s Constitution be amended by inserting the words “or Special” after the word “Annual” and before the words “General Meeting”; and
2. that Colin Kirkby be elected President of the Association.

John Kendall
Chairman

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**NEWSLETTER
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The Judge’s Lodging

*Venue for the Official Twinning Ceremony on 1 May 2004
linking Ligné with Presteigne and Norton*

Dear Members and Friends

Since the highly successful twinning ceremony in Ligné last October, the PNTA has been actively planning for the reciprocal festivities here in May.

Our first fund-raising event was the Cheese and Wine evening in December, which was generously subsidised and hosted by the Radnorshire Arms. This was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by the many people who came to it and raising a profit of £438. The gift auction organised by Elwyn, who demonstrated his auctioneering skills brilliantly with the help of Pope, went down particularly well. Our grateful thanks go to Philip Smart and the staff of the Radnorshire Arms, who made the evening so enjoyable.

The PNTA had a stall at the Llanandras Fair on 20 December, but sadly attendance was very low partly due to the bad weather. The stall raised £14.05 and Mayor Peggy Fraser-Scott kindly donated £75 from the proceeds of her tombola.

We would also like to thank the following organisations for their generous donations: Bandamania; the Recycling Group; Presteigne and Norton Town Council; and Probus.

The next fund-raising event will be a real challenge. On 9 April Colin Kirkby, Huw Morris, Nigel Griffin and Teddy Bennett will attempt to scale the three peaks of Snowdon, Cader Idris and Penyfan, with Richard Rimington providing the transport. They hope to complete all three climbs within fifteen hours. Sponsorship forms for the climbers will be available from selected shops in Presteigne, including Winnie's newsagents.

Tickets for a Grand Draw at £1 each will be available from the beginning of April. The major prizes will include a racing weekend at Chepstow and a day out at Drayton Manor Park, generously donated by Philip Smart of the Radnorshire Arms. The draw will take place during the evening of Saturday 1 May.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Fun Day. If you have any ideas for a stall or would like to help run one, please contact Liz

Boyles on 01544 260076. Gifts of plants, cakes, biscuits and unwanted gifts for the PNTA stalls would also be appreciated. We would also welcome help with serving coffee in the Assembly Rooms prior to the European debate at 10 am on Saturday 1 May.

The provisional programme for the weekend is enclosed. We are expecting 36 visitors from Ligné and look forward to returning the hospitality that they showed us in October.

The second Annual General Meeting of the PNTA was held in the Radnorshire Arms on 22 January 2004. The Chairman, John Kendall, reported on the twinning ceremony in Ligné and on the equally successful visit of the Presteigne Ramblers to Ligné. He drew attention to the developing links between organisations in the two towns and to the increasing support for the twinning in Presteigne and Norton. Tribute was also paid to Bill Weiland, our former Treasurer who sadly died last year. The current Treasurer, Stephen Wilson, presented his report for 2003. The Association's finances were in a healthy state, with available funds of £2605.51 with a number of subscriptions still to be paid. All members of the committee were willing to continue serving and were re-elected. In addition, Llinos Griffin was elected as joint Accommodation Secretary with Hugh Pope. Stephen Wilson announced that he had designed a website for the Association. You can find it at pnta.org.uk.

Please note the announcement of a Special General Meeting of the Association on page 4 of this newsletter.

Other news: Members of the Ligné Rando Ramblers Group will be visiting Presteigne on 20-23 May. There is a possibility of a group visit to Ligné for the Fête du Mouton on 11 July. Please contact Liz if you are interested.

We hope that as many of you as possible will join in the celebrations on 1 and 2 May. We look forward to seeing you then.

Meilleurs amitiés/best wishes

Patricia Wilson