

# brushstrokes

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## WITCHES LOTTERY BOOST

Plans by the Arts Festival to commemorate the 81 Prestonpans residents wrongly killed for witchcraft in the 16<sup>th</sup> century have received a £14,500 boost from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The grant will help fund a number of activities, many of which will be ready for this year's Witches Commemoration at the end of October. The Goth is a focus for much of the action. Just turn the page for a detailed schedule of what's happening.

Prestonpans hit the headlines last year when the Baron Courts officially pardoned the 81 local witches who were tortured and put to death some 400 years ago. Hallowe'en was declared an official day of commemoration and a special ceremony took place at the Goth.

Now, with funding from the Prestoungrange Arts Festival and the lottery, this year's commemoration will be even bigger and better. The highlight will be a dramatised re-enactment of a local witch trial to take place on Tuesday 25 October and repeated on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. On Sunday the trial will be followed by a symbolic execution on the Goth balcony and a dedication ceremony on the beach, including poetry, pipe music, and flaming lanterns and arrows.

Adele Conn of the Arts Festival, said: "This re-

enactment and the other events planned are meant to honour the memory of the persecuted people who were wrongly accused and killed. We hope it will bring history to life for people of all ages and that it will help to keep the memory of the injustice alive."

Artist Andrew Crummy has been hard at work completing a series of murals within the Goths' garden area. These tell the whole story of the witch persecutions across Scotland and are sure to become a focus for locals and visitors alike. The murals will be officially dedicated at 2pm on Sunday 30 October.

A book, written by local author Annemarie Allan, recording the history of the Prestonpans witches is also being published this month and a major new mural, dedicated to the witches' story, is to be painted on a wall at the Prestoungrange Bowling Club in the course of the year.

Although the commemoration events have a serious purpose, there's plenty of light-hearted Hallowe'en stuff happening as well. There are special menus and ales available in the Goth and events ranging from Psychic Suppers to Hallowe'en parties and a Children's Guising Disco.

## TOTE THEM POLES

A few weeks ago the town was visited by three First Nations carvers from Canada who came to start the first phase of work to create two 40 ft totem poles. When finished, the poles, carved from real Canadian red cedar trees, will be permanently displayed in the town.

The final aim is for one of the poles to be raised at a special ceremony during the Global Murals Conference taking place in the town in August 2006. It will celebrate the close connection between Prestonpans and the Canadian town of Chemainus which was the inspiration for much of the Arts Festival's work.

On this trip the carvers made contact with children at the local primary schools and many others

who will be helping to finalise the designs on the poles.

They also made a start on the main pole by carving a giant raven at the top. As an added bonus they carved a smaller version of the raven which is taking pride of place in the Bistro at the Goth.

The carvers will be coming back to Prestonpans in March 2006 to finish the poles and to meet even more local people.

They are keen to work with the whole community and for people to get involved in the entire creative process – from design to carving and raising.

Anyone interested in getting involved or finding out more should keep an eye on the [www.prestoungrange.org](http://www.prestoungrange.org) website or call Kristine Cunningham on 07904 520640.



*Squamish First Nations carver, Xwa Lack Tun, with children from Prestonpans Infant School.*

# Goth News

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday 1 October**

**9-11pm – JED HANLIN** : Live music in the bar

**7:30pm – RACE NIGHT** : Preston Athletic

**Friday 7 October 9-11pm**

**STUART WILSON** : Live music in the bar

**Saturday 8 October 9-11pm**

**JOHNSTONE BROTHERS** : Live music in the bar

Thursday 13 October 7:30pm

**INDIAN BUFFET** : Tickets cost £12.50

**Saturday 15 October 9-11pm**

**TAM WHITE** : Live music in the bar

**Sunday 16 October 7-9pm**

**VINTAGE** : Live music

**Saturday 22 October 9-11pm**

**JED HANLIN** : Live music in the bar

**Tuesday 25 October & Wednesday**

**26 October – 8pm**

**WITCHES TRIAL** : Actual witch trial  
re-enactment

**Thursday 27 October 7:30pm**

**TAPAS & CABERET** : Tickets cost £12.50pp

#### HALLOWE'EN

**Friday 28 October 7:30pm**

**PSYCHIC SUPPER** : Show and supper.

Tickets cost £12.50pp

**Saturday 29 October**

**3pm – CRUCIBLE, THE MOVIE** :

Tickets cost £3.50pp

**9-11pm – HALLOWE'EN HOOLABULLU.**

Music by BLEEKER

**Sunday 30 October**

**2pm – WITCHES REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**MURALS DEDICATION**

**4pm – WITCHES TRIAL, SENTENCING**

**AND EXECUTION**

**Monday 31 October 5pm**

**HALLOWE'EN GUIISING**

**CHILDREN'S DISCO** :

Tickets cost £6.00pp

### GOTHPOINT TUESDAYS

Do remember that you can earn GothPoints on most of our events and all food purchases and you can stand a chance to win the GothPoint lottery each Tuesday evening. You have to be a GothPoint Member, have spent a minimum of £2 on an applicable purchase and be here between the hours of 6pm and 8:55pm.

### CLASSIC Sunday CARVERY

Open from 1:30pm to 5pm every Sunday. Come along and enjoy the Sunday carvery with all the traditional trimmings – a choice of 3 succulent roast meats, a wide selection of fresh locally produced vegetables, home made yorkshire puddings and gravy. We always include a vegetarian dish of the day with soups/starters and desserts an optional extra charged separately.

George, your marathon training distributor of Brushstrokes, is participating in the New York Marathon in November. Good luck George!

BAR BISTRO FINE DINING CARVERY LIVE MUSIC FUNCTIONS MICRO BREWERY ARTS