



# Penicuik Community Arts Association

## Newsletter for Members and Friends

### May 2023

**Dear Members and Friends,**

### **Last concert of the Season postponed**

We are sorry to have to tell you that one of the ADLibitum musicians has injured her hand and is unable to play for a couple of months. So the concert which was scheduled for Sunday 7th May is postponed until the end of November. Apologies for disappointment.

As we approach summer, some of the Arts Association activities are winding down so the committee can take a breather before offering more music, storytelling, exhibitions etc in the autumn.

**Before the summer break, our AGM will take place on Monday 15th May at 7:30pm.** The business will be followed by a free social for PCAA members only (and their friends and family) with finger food and drinks and a wee bit of musical entertainment.

If you'd like to take advantage of this membership perk, please join the PCAA! You can buy membership online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>) or pick up a form in the Arts Centre cafe at 4 West Street, EH26 9DL.

### **Exhibition in the café-gallery**

From Monday 16th May until Saturday 1st July 2023, you can see a wonderful exhibition of embroideries from Stephen Beaumont in the Arts Centre café gallery. Stephen has entered his beautiful work to the annual Open Exhibition for some years now, but this is his first full exhibition with us. The preview will take place on Sunday 15th May at 2pm.

## **PCAA events**

The final event of the year is on **Saturday 20th May 2023 1-3pm - a Storytelling Workshop from Ruth Kirkpatrick** - a very highly regarded professional storyteller and excellent teacher. She will focus on how to develop some storytelling skills, how to source stories, and how to select stories for different audiences. Ruth promises that it will be a fun workshop, with no pressure to tell a story! It's FREE for people living in Penicuik and surrounding areas, and £15 (£10 low income) for others. Spaces are strictly limited, so please contact Sue on [penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com) to reserve a place.

The PCAA committee is discussing this year's **PENFEST, which will run from Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 1st October 2023**. As always, we'll offer the hugely popular **Open Art Exhibition** so all local artists are invited to start thinking about entering up to three pieces of work. Details of how and when to submit work will be available soon. The Penicuik Turner Prize (judged by a professional artist) and the People's Choice Prize (judged by all visitors to the exhibition) will be awarded at a special gathering during the Penfest week. Details of all events are currently being finalised, so watch this space!

## **News from our Membership Secretary**

Di Davies is in the process of handing over the Membership Secretary role to Rebekah Dyer. Rebekah moved to Penicuik just before Christmas and very sensibly joined the PCAA immediately, and offered her help. The PCAA committee is indebted to Di for carrying out the highly important membership secretary work so diligently, carefully and sensitively for more than nine years. We are grateful that Rebekah is willing to take on the role and wish her many hours of PCAA fun in the course of her work!

Meanwhile, a huge thank you to the members who have renewed promptly for the new membership year which began on 1 April 2023. To those members yet to renew, we do hope you are still able to support the PCAA and renew your membership.

Visit the website (<https://www.penicuikarts.org>) or pick up a form from the cafe. Please get in touch by emailing [penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com) if you'd like us to email another form.

## **Building news**

Our Arts Centre building is still under scaffolding at the time of writing, but we are hoping very much that work will be finished and the scaffolding removed by time this issue of the Town Crier is published. The committee will then deal with some of the internal work, as well as levelling the paving in the garden - much of which has become a trip hazard.

We're also acquiring some second hand chairs which will be sturdier and more comfortable than the folding IKEA chairs we are using at the moment. We hope that this will make your experience of concerts and other events at the Arts Centre more comfortable.

We look forward to welcoming you to a refurbished and cheerier Arts Centre building in the Autumn!

## **Material on offer**

We have had a donation of assorted fabric pieces. If you would like to browse and help yourself, on a first come-first served basis, call in to room 1 at the Arts Centre (4 West Street, Penicuik) on a Wednesday morning between 10 and 12.

## **Sad news**

We are sorry to report the deaths of two previously active PCAA members: Muir twigg and Margaret Neil. Our thoughts are with their families and close friends as they come to terms with their bereavements.

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# Notice of AGM

Monday 15th May 2023  
7:30pm

Room 1, Arts Centre, 4 West Street, EH26 9DL

All welcome, though only members can vote and attend the “members only” social which follows the business.

