



# Penicuik Community Arts Association Newsletter for Members and Friends June 2024

## **Dear PCAA Members and Friends**

The 2023-2024 season draws to an end with a storytelling club, a storytelling workshop and a “Meet the Artist Event” - all on the same grand finale weekend!

***AT A GLANCE*** (\*events supported, but not organised by, PCAA)

**NOW: Renew or start your PCAA membership**

Friday 21st June 7:30pm: Storytelling Club

Saturday 22nd June 10am - 2:45pm: Storytelling Workshop - BOOK YOUR PLACE BY 14th JUNE!!

Sunday 23rd June 1pm - 4pm: Meet the Artist

Saturday 31st August 7:30pm - Jessies Well Concert\*

Friday 6th September 7-9pm - Singing workshop\* led by Barbara McAfee, author of “Full Voice” (<https://www.barbaramcafee.com/>)

Saturday 21st September - Sunday 29th September PENFEST WEEK!

**[Please click here for your Artist Pack and Art Label downloads!](#)**

**Please read on for further details of events!**

**Friday 21st June 7:30pm at the Arts Centre** - Storytelling club night with guest Liz Weir. Tickets £5/£3 online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>) or from the Arts Centre café.

*“Across the Water”*

Join County Antrim based storyteller Liz Weir who will share Irish tales of magic and enchantment

Liz Weir is an Irish storyteller with an international reputation, having shared her tales on five continents.

Liz works with people of all ages and abilities. She was the first winner of the International Story Bridge Award from the National Storytelling Network, USA, which cited her “exemplary work promoting the art of storytelling”. In 2019 she was awarded an MBE for her service to the arts and to education.

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## **STORYTELLING CLUB**

At 4 West Street, Penicuik, EH26 9DL

**With Liz Weir**

**Friday 21st June 2024 7:30pm**



**£5/£3 (pay less)**

TICKETS from the Arts Centre café (4 West St, EH26 9DL)  
or online <https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>



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FOR ALL  
SCOTLAND**



**Saturday 22nd June 10am - 2:45pm at the Arts Centre -**  
Storytelling workshop with Liz Weir. Fee paid on the day - £30/£10/  
free (please enquire). PLEASE BOOK BY 14th JUNE by emailing  
[penicuikarts.org@gmail.com](mailto:penicuikarts.org@gmail.com).

***Is she still talking?* - A Workshop on Telling Stories for and  
with Older People and Those Living with Dementia**

Facilitated by storyteller Liz Weir, this workshop aims to show how  
storytelling can effectively promote intergenerational activity,  
preserve memories, improve self esteem and value the memories  
and contribution of older members of our community. It links the  
past, present and future. The presentation will be interactive and  
practical.

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**STORYTELLING  
WORKSHOP**

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**ADVANCE BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
BEFORE Weds 19th June**



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**Sunday 23rd June 1pm - 4pm** - "Meet the Artist". Come and enjoy some refreshments and blether with the artists of the current exhibition in the café-gallery! You're most welcome!

## **The new season 2024 - 2025**

**Saturday 31st August 7:30 pm** *Jessie's Well* will be performing self-penned songs featured on their new CD. A wonderful evening of original music from talented local musicians.

**Friday 6th September 7 - 9pm** *Unique opportunity!* One-off singing workshop with Barbara McAfee, author of "Full Voice". More details soon. <https://www.barbaramcafee.com/barbaras-tedx-talks.html>

Barbara is a voice coach and a singer/songwriter with eight CD's of mostly original music. Her lyric-rich songs tap into jazz, gospel, and folk roots. In 2007 she founded the Morning Star Singers, a volunteer comfort choir that sings for people facing illness, end of life, depression, or grief. From Minnesota, Barbara now lives in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, USA.

## **Saturday 21st September - Sunday 29th September PENFEST WEEK!**

Save the dates! As usual, we'll be holding our very popular *Annual Open Art Exhibition for the Penicuik Turner and People's Choice prizes*. If you want to submit your art, the hand-in time is on **Thursday 19th September 2-4pm and 7-8pm**. Details and Artist Packs will be available soon. We're thrilled to announce that this year's judge is Oliver Reed, Head of Arts in the Centre for Open Learning at the University of Edinburgh. Oliver is offering a stunning extra prize to the winner of the Penicuik Turner Prize - **A free 10-week course within the Centre for Open Learning**. This is an extremely generous offer for the very lucky winner! Thank you Oliver!

**Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September**, OPEN STUDIOS - more details soon.

**Saturday 21st September 7:30pm** *Simmerdim*, an acappella harmony trio (Frances Cockburn, Ann Landmann and Lucy Carr-Locke), will perform songs of many genres from all over the world.

Frances is from a musical family and has sung for as long as she can remember. She directed a twenty voice a cappella choir, [Rudsambee](#), for seven years; and then a seven voice group, the [Wild Myrtles](#), also for seven years; before starting *Simmerdim* in February 2015. She also writes and arranges music, some of which can be found on [Canasg](#), an online publishing company. Ann loves stories, especially the ones in songs and books, and has been singing in choirs since primary school. Lucy remembers singing rounds and harmony songs with her sister in the bath when they were six and they never really stopped!

**Saturday 28th September 7:30pm** *Ronnie Miller and his band "Hoolet"* in concert (Ronnie on guitar & vocals, Maggie Dewar on vocals and Helen Ross on Violin).

Hoolet have been performing to great acclaim at various folk clubs all over Scotland, including four successful appearances on the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and a very successful show in September 2023 at Rosslyn Chapel. They play a blend of traditional folk, classically inspired pieces, contemporary acoustic music and our own original compositions. From very different musical backgrounds, Helen is classically trained and in addition to playing with a number of orchestras in her career, she is also a very talented composer. Maggie is a graduate (with distinction) from the The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and is our expert on Scottish Traditional Music. Ronnie describes himself as a bit of a 'journeyman' and has played in pretty much every kind of musical ensemble you can think of!

**Monday 23rd September 7:30pm** *The Carlops Jazz Band* has agreed to perform again for us, supported by the high schools' jazz bands. This was an extremely popular event at last year's Penfest!

**Friday 27th September 7:30pm** *Dr Alison Sheridan* (Research associate, National Museum of Scotland, FBA,FRSE, FSA, FSAScot) will give a talk "*But is it Art? Design in Britain and Ireland*

4000 - 1500 BC". Alison is a very engaging speaker and it promises to be a fascinating evening.

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**Sunday 29th September 2pm** The *Penfest ceilidh*, with the prize-giving for the Penicuik Turner and People's Choice prizes, along with party pieces, refreshments and blether.

**Further details and ticket sales can be found on posters and on our website (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/>) up to 4 weeks before each event.**

## **Start or renew your membership!**

The membership year starts on 1st April each year, so if you haven't managed to get round to it, now is the time to renew to keep your membership up-to-date. If you're not currently a member, we'd love you to consider joining us for the coming year.

Membership only £15, with a "pay less" rate of £10. Please [click here](#) for the PCAA online shop and scroll down to find the memberships. If you are a UK tax payer, please also complete a Gift Aid form ([available here](#)).

If renewing on the website is not for you, you can pick up a paper membership application form from the leaflet rack in the Arts Centre Gallery café (4 West Street, Penicuik, EH26 9DL). When it's completed, please hand to café staff with your subscription.

For information about our activities, including gallery-café news and our regular groups, please visit our website (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/>). Hope to see you at West Street Arts Centre soon.

Best wishes!

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