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Community Arts Penicuik Newsletter

June 2025

Dear CAP Members and Friends,

If you have news and photos of events, exhibitions, or any special project that you're doing, please email chair.communityarts@gmail.com - please let us know if you'd like us to include it in our next monthly newsletter!

We are quiet over the summer months, but CAP exhibitions continue in the Storehouse (High Street, Penicuik). You can view a lovely varied exhibition from Morag Donkin's Art Group **until Friday 27th June**.

Jenni Thompson and Jackie Macdonald will exhibit during July and August. Both are experienced artists whose work is much appreciated near and far.

Don't forget the final PCAA AGM on **Monday 9th June 7:30pm** at Penicuik Trinity Community Church Hall at the bottom of Kirkhill. CAP members and friends are invited. It'll be a formal winding up of the old PCAA, a celebration of its achievement and a reminder of the foundation on which CAP is being built. The meeting will be as efficient as possible and will be followed by refreshments and blether.

Over the last few weeks, I've been writing a grant application for the 2025-2026 season of concerts - it's more competitive this year, so fingers crossed!

The CAP Board has also been busy planning our wee Arts Festival, Penfest 2025, which takes place at the beginning of September.

The annual Open Exhibition for the Penicuik Turner and People's Choice prizes takes a different form this year - we are inviting you to submit small works of a standard size (6 inches x 8 inches; 15cm x 20cm). For full details and information, [please click here](#) to download an artists pack. You can also phone 07702 276105 or email exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com.

Handing in of art work is on **Friday 22nd August 3 - 4pm** at The Storehouse, 22 High Street Penicuik EH26 8HW.

There will be a prize-giving social event at the Storehouse on **Saturday 6th September 2025 3 - 4pm.**

Please email exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you have trouble downloading the pack.

As usual, we're also offering other Penfest events - please see the draft programme below. There may be more events on offer we'll keep you updated by email, and you can also keep an eye on our website.

Penfest 2025 programme (so far!)

Saturday 30th August - Saturday 6th September

Open Exhibition for the mini Penicuik Turner and People's Choice prizes at the Storehouse

Saturday 30th August 3 - 4pm

Opening and Preview of Open Exhibition at the Storehouse

Saturday 6th September 7:30pm

Local Musicians Concert (£10/£5) - St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill, Penicuik

Saturday 6th September 3 - 4pm

Closing event for the Open Exhibition and prize giving at the Storehouse

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September

Open Studios throughout town

Sunday 7th September 7pm

Paper Portraits screening at the Town Hall (£6)

Saturday 13th September 7:30pm

Festival concert - Community Choir & friends (£10/£5) in North Kirk (£10/£5)

Tickets will be available soon, from Pen-y-Coe Press and online

(<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>)

Hope to see you at our exhibitions in the Storehouse and at Penfest events!

Best wishes,

Sue

Other community events (not organised by CAP)

The Carlops Jazz Band perform in Carlops Village Hall

Saturday 14th June 2025 - doors open 8pm

**THE AMAZING
CARLOPS JAZZ BAND
&
DISTANT SOUL
LIVE MUSIC NIGHT**

**SAT 14 JUNE
CARLOPS HALL
DOORS OPEN 8PM**

**£10 ADULT
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Deiseil - Dancing in Time (An Edinburgh Fringe Event)

8th - 16th August 2025

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Deiseil: Dancing in Time

A powerful exploration of how stepdance, Scotland's percussive dance, was lost... and how its revival became woven into a lifelong friendship. Experience a compelling journey across centuries of tradition told through fiddle, feet, Gaelic song and story, in an immersive performance which draws you in to the heart of our heritage. Deiseil means "ready" in Scottish Gaelic: be ready for a mesmerising reflection on how issues of culture, identity and connection still resonate through society today.

Groundbreaking new work from award-winning director **Gerry Mulgrew** (6 Fringe Firsts), dancer **Alison Carlyle** and musician **Amy Geddes**.



Edinburgh Fringe: **theSpace @ Venue 45**
August 8th-16th (not 10th), 17:10

www.thespaceuk.com/shows/2025/deiseil-dancing-in-time



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Deiseil Airson Dannsa (Scottish Gaelic for "Ready to Dance") is a new organisation led by **Amy Geddes** and **Alison Carlyle**, which aims to promote awareness of and participation in stepdance, Scotland's indigenous percussive dance tradition.

Stepdance was historically an important part of Gaelic culture, but became virtually unknown in Scotland due to cultural suppression, the Highland Clearances, and evolution into Highland dance and Scottish country dance. It was preserved by Scottish emigrants to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and we learned from their descendants bringing the dance back to Scotland in the 1990s.

Deiseil: Dancing in Time offers the perfect opportunity for us to spend meaningful time in communities, connecting them with this tradition: not only performing the show, but also teaching workshops, engaging with community organisations and settings and providing creative and mentoring opportunities for local artists.

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Amy & Alison with Director, Gerry Mulgrew

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