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Community Arts Penicuik (CAP) SC054024

Mid-September News Update 2025

Dear CAP Members and Friends,

The CAP board is very chuffed with the success of Penfest 2025 - there's a wee account with some photos below.

We'd now like to remind you of an upcoming fun concert from the

Northcott Caird Smith band

Sarah, Duggi and Matt play a mix of self-penned and traditional-style tunes from Scotland and beyond on guitar, accordion and fiddle, from gentle melodies to gritty reels via tunes of celebration and fun. They enjoy weaving tunes and accompaniments together in intricate arrangements, giving each instrument a voice, and betray their strong pedigree in ceilidh bands by regular forays into toe-tapping jigs and reels. The concert will feature some of their greatest hits and a range of new material.

Sarah is a much loved tutor for the Scots Music Group - and the

arrangements she produces for her classes are fabulous! We're looking forward to a great evening's entertainment. Tickets available online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>) or from Pen-y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge Street, Penicuik, EH28 8LL (Tue-Sat 12 -4).



Northcott Caird Smith

Sat. 4th October 2025 7:30pm
traditional style music and craic
St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill,
Penicuik, EH26 9EE

Community Arts Penicuik concert series
2025-2026



Tickets £10/£5 (pay less)
Online - www.penicuikarts.org/shop
Or from Pen-y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge St,
EH26 8LL (Tue-Sat 12 noon - 4pm)

Paper Portraits DVD release!

At last, we can announce that DVDs of Paper Portraits will be available from 1st December 2025. They will cost £8 plus £2 p&p (only if you are unable to collect from Pen-y-Coe Press.)

Please visit <https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/> to pre-order. There are two options - pre-order and pay in advance, or pre-order and pay on collection. We appreciate pre-orders so we can avoid over-stocking.



Other News

Looking for an artist

I've received an email from a lady in America wanting to trace a silk painting artist Lynne Kerr who lived in Penicuik some years ago. Does anyone know Lynne Kerr?

Local fiddler (Morag Brown) performing in a concert in Peebles

Morag Brown is superb! this will be worth seeing!



Live at Eastgate Theatre, Peebles

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Fri 19 September 19:30



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Amazing modern fiddle music
Scan for tickets or search online

Picture Frames in exchange for a small donation

Pen-y-Coe Press has received some small picture frames which they're offering in exchange for a small donation. Please call in to the shop (7 Bridge Street, Penicuik, EH26 8LL, Tue-Sat 12-4pm) to enquire. You can pick up a ticket or two for the Northcott Caird Smith concert while you're there!



Penfest success!

Many thanks to everyone who supported the PENFEST events, and to all the volunteers at the Open Exhibition and events!

The Open Exhibition in the Storehouse was a huge success. We were delighted to display fifty-five beautiful pieces of art work. Jane Kelly, our professional artist judge had a hard time picking the winner, but the Penicuik Turner Prize Trophy was eventually awarded to Jenni Thomson for her painting of Kennedy Tower. More than two hundred votes were counted for the People's Choice Trophy, with Dave Owen's painting "Boats in a Row" gaining the most votes to win the trophy. The closing event was hosted by Morag Donkin and was a lovely end to that very successful exhibition. Many thanks to Jackie McDonald and Morag Donkin for their hard work ensuring its success.

The exhibition "Out and About" in the Town Hall was also much appreciated - thanks to Ulla Hipkin and Jackie McDonald for organising that. And many thanks to Christine Finlayson, Jane Kelly, Christina

Suter and Ulla Hipkin for opening their studios to the public. All the studio artists very much enjoyed seeing the public and chatting about the arts, though they thought there were fewer visitors this year than in previous years - maybe because of the earlier timing of Penfest this year.

The Local Musicians' concert (thank you all eighteen performers!), the screening of Paper Portraits with "The End of Papermaking on the river Esk by Allan Dickson and John Deed (thank you to Penicuik Cinema Group!)) and the Festival concert from Penicuik Community Choir were all extremely well attended and very much enjoyed. Many thanks to Carol Mann for her organisation of the Festival concert, also to Liz McKeon (director), all the choir members, and the brilliant young soloists Melina and Joseph.

Best wishes!

Sue

Penicuik Turner
Prize judge Jane
Kelly (right) with
Closing Event host
Morag Donkin





Jenni Thomson's painting "Kennedy Tower" which won her this year's Penicuik Turner Prize.



Dave Owen's painting "Boats in a Row" which won the People's Choice Prize

Delighted prize-winners - Jenni and Dave



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