



If you can't see the CAP logo at the head of this email newsletter, please change your email settings to "display images" or you'll miss the images and posters below.

Community Arts Penicuik Newsletter January 2026

Dear CAP Members and Friends,

First of all, on behalf of the CAP board, I wish you good health and many happy creative hours during 2026!

The CAP board is busy preparing for the events and exhibitions in the months ahead, and we're also looking forward to the first CAP AGM on Thursday 11th June at 7:30pm (venue to be decided).

I will be stepping down from the CAP board at the AGM as I feel strongly that it's time for someone new to bring forward fresh ideas and energy to the organisation. I've had a roller coaster ride as Chair of the PCAA and then CAP! My term of office has seen us through Covid with "at home" community art projects, online Penfest events, Zoom concerts, storytelling and ceilidhs and even a Zoom Burns Supper! I've also had to "steer the ship" through the very welcome but somewhat disruptive Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Work on the Arts Centre, then through the heartbreaking time of vacating the Arts Centre and winding up the PCAA, and finally through the first successful year of Community Arts Penicuik. I have served on the PCAA committee and CAP board since around 2008, with a year or two's "little lie-down"

after my role as treasurer. I've had some wonderful times with some wonderful, interesting and talented people and I will certainly miss it.

But it really is time for me to move on and make way for something new for CAP and for myself. I will be leaving CAP in a very healthy and active state.

We're looking for candidates for the Chair's role. This needn't be too arduous if the Chair doesn't take on other roles (as I did!), but CAP does need someone to keep an ongoing overview of the organisation and to chair board meetings. Please email

secretary.communityarts@gmail.com if you're interested in this role.

Meanwhile, CAP is in urgent need of a new event organiser, particularly for concerts. Hopefully, someone will come forward to work alongside me and learn the ropes before I step down. The role may involve helping to write grant applications for funding, contacting professional and amateur musicians, booking venues etc. I will offer training, support and help to anyone who feels they'd enjoy the role. Please email secretary.communityarts@gmail.com if you feel you could contribute to CAP in this way.

Best wishes!

Sue.

Current CAP Chair

Coming up soon!

Here's an overview of CAP's events over the next few months. Please save the dates and look out for posters in the Storehouse near the Community Arts Exhibition Area. Posters are also in Pen-y-Coe Press window in Bridge Street, the old Arts Centre Notice board in West Street, and in the Library, as well as other poster venues in town.

News of all events and online shop for ticket sales can be found on our website (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/>).


Community Arts Penicuik
DAVID OWEN EXHIBITION
"Earth and Water"



4 Jan - 28 Feb 2026
Meet the Artist Free Social!
11 January 2-4pm
The Storehouse - High St - Penicuik

January - February 2026

David Owen exhibits his latest paintings "Earth and Water" until the end of February. The exhibition can be viewed in the Community Arts exhibition area in the Storehouse on Penicuik High Street. Free entry.


Chamber Music Scotland
 SC054024
Ailie Robertson
Sun. 25th January 2026 3pm
A feast of harp music
 St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill,
 Penicuik, EH26 9EE
 Community Arts Penicuik concert series 2025 - 2026



Tickets £15/10 (pay less)
www.penicuikarts.org/shop
 &
 Pen-y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge St,
 EH26 8LL (Tue-Sat 12 noon - 4pm)



Sunday 25th January 2026

3pm

Our next concert features **Ailie Robertson - Scottish composer, arranger, teacher, improviser and harp virtuoso**. Awarded Livelreland radio's *Female Musician of the Year*, her synthesis of Scottish, Irish and contemporary harping technique into an individual style represents the realisation of otherwise unimagined possibilities for the Celtic harp.

Ailie has performed her stunning music several times for the old Arts Association and we are delighted to welcome her to perform again in Penicuik, this time for the new Community Arts Penicuik organisation.

Ailie's concert is in **St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill, Penicuik, EH26 9EE.**

Tickets from Pen-y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge Street, EH26 8LL (Tue-Sat 12 - 4pm) and online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>). £15/£10



Sunday 15th February 3pm

“The People of the Sea” - an afternoon of traditional storytelling, contemporary music and personal reminiscences. We'll settle down to an afternoon of fantastic entertainment from local storyteller Ruth Kirkpatrick and Colin Urwin, a storyteller from Ireland. This will be in **St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill, Penicuik, EH26 9EE.**

Tickets from Pen-y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge Street, EH26 8LL (Tue-Sat 12 - 4pm) and online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/> - scroll down). £12/£8

Community Arts Penicuik concert series 2025-2026
Another evening of Jazz!
 With the Carlops Jazz Band, The High School Jazz Bands
 and guests of the band



When: **Saturday 21st Feb 2026** at 7:30pm
 Where: Penicuik Community Trinity Church HALL,
 Kirkhill, EH26 8HX
 Cost: £10/£5 (PAY LESS)

Tickets (on sale from 15th January 2026)
 from **Pen-y-Coe Press**, 7 Bridge St, EH26 8LL
 (Tue-Sat 12 noon - 4pm) & **online**
 (www.penicuikarts.org/shop)

Chamber
 Music
 Scotland

 80004004

Saturday 21st February 2026
7:30pm

Carlops Jazz Band and local schools band - Returning by popular demand! Penicuik Trinity Community Church Hall, Kirkhill, EH26 8HX.

Tickets from Pen-y-Coe Press, 7 Bridge Street, EH26 8LL (Tue-Sat 12 - 4pm) and online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/> - scroll down). £10/£5

Looking further ahead

March - April 2026

CAP Exhibition in the Storehouse - Elena Coventry. Free

Sun. 22/03/2026 3pm

Bruadar Duo - Flute and Classical Guitar - Classical repertoire with own arrangements, including music by Scottish composers. St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill, EH26 9EE. £15/£10

***Sun. 19/04/2026 7:30pm (Please note change of date from what was previously advertised!)**

Opera Caledonia - The Gentle Shepherd - Musicians from a world class opera company sing a story set in the Pentland Hills: the text is from local poet and playwright Allan Ramsay (1686 - 1758) and the music is from traditional Scottish repertoire. Penicuik North Kirk, 95 John Street, EH26 8AG. £15/£10

May - June 2026

CAP Exhibition in the Storehouse - Amanda Airey. Free

Sun. 10/05/2026 3pm

JKL Duo - Whistle, flute, bodhran, classical guitar, electric guitar

A musical banquet! A lighthearted mix of Celtic, Jazz, and Latin music; and a genre-crossing journey from Bach to Morricone.

St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill, EH26 9EE. £15/£10

July - August 2026

CAP Exhibition in the Storehouse - AnneMarie Grant. Free

Hope to see you at a CAP exhibition or event soon!

Some of the other Arts-related organisations and opportunities in Penicuik and surrounding areas

Penicuik Folk Club - meets at Shottstown Miners Club in Penicuik - encourages people to sing or play to others round the table. Some concerts. Very informal and friendly.

Contact alanmurray350@gmail.com

Nitten Folk Club - in Newtongrange - also encourages people to sing or play to others round the table. Lots of concerts. Contact nittenfolk@gmail.com

Scots Music Group - offers classes, workshops, ceilidhs and more. Meets at various locations in Edinburgh. See <https://www.scotsmusic.org/#info>

Early Music Forum of Scotland - for anyone who loves music from about 400 years ago and more! (from early baroque backwards...). Meets at various locations in Edinburgh and beyond. Contact events@emfscotland.org.uk

Penicuik Community Choir - speaks (or rather sings!) for itself - there's a contact form here <https://penicuikcommunitychoir.co.uk/contact-query-form/>

CAP Yarn Group - a friendly group which meets on a Wednesday morning in Penicuik to socialise while making progress on their knitting, crochet, embroidery etc projects. Contact chair.communityarts@gmail.com in the first instance.

CAP Music Group - another friendly group which meets on a Saturday twice a month (alternating mornings and afternoons) in Penicuik to make music together. For any instrument which lends itself to

traditional style music - at an "intermediate" level or above. Contact chair.communityarts@gmail.com in the first instance.

Morag Donkin's Art Group - meets on a Saturday morning in Penicuik. Please contact Morag via Facebook: [please click here](#) (just close the log-in window to see the info if you don't have a Facebook account).

Jan Miller's Art for All Classes - run at Penicuik Town Hall. Phone Community Learning 01968664114

Sandra Vick's art classes - Sandra isn't running classes at present, but keep an eye on her website - [please click here](#)

Gillian Westland's art classes - run at the Glencourse Centre and Penicuik venues. Please contact Gillian via Facebook: [please click here](#) (just close the log-in window to see the info if you don't have a Facebook account)

Pentland School of Music - in Penicuik, offering one to one instrument lessons. Please contact the school via Facebook: [please click here](#) (just close the log-in window to see the info if you don't have a Facebook account)

Penicuik Photography Club - meets in the Town Hall, Penicuik, Midlothian- for anyone interested in the art of Photography and all its mediums. The members range from complete beginners to seasoned and advanced photographers. info@penicuikphotographyclub.org

Penicuik U3A groups - the local U3A runs several arts and music related groups. For information, please contact their secretary via their webform - [please click here](#).

PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF OTHER ARTS OR MUSIC RELATED OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LOCAL AREA! HOPEFULLY WE CAN COMPILE A DIRECTORY TOGETHER...

Community Arts Penicuik

2 Friarton Gardens, Penicuik, EH26
9HG, Penicuik
United Kingdom



You received this email because you signed up on our website or made a purchase from us.

[Unsubscribe](#)

