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Community Arts Penicuik Newsletter February 2026

Dear CAP Members and Friends,

February brings a very special **Storytelling event**, a fabulous **jazz concert** and the last chance to view **David Owen's exhibition** of acrylic paintings in Penicuik Storehouse.

Do read on for details of these events; also for news of future CAP events, news of other upcoming arts related events, and our new directory of Arts & Music opportunities in Penicuik!

A plea for help - can anyone able-bodied help me and Dave to set up chairs for the jazz concert in Penicuik Trinity Community Church on Saturday 21st February at 2pm? With help, it shouldn't take more than half an hour. Please email chair.communityarts@gmail.com. Many thanks in anticipation.

A special mention of the PCDT's Christmas Card competition. We're invited to submit any photographs or small artworks suitable for a Christmas card. Please bring your offerings to the Open House coffee morning at the Town Hall, High Street, Penicuik, on Saturday 14th

February 9:30am onwards. For further details, please contact Ulla Hipkin 07538 038867.

Finally, please don't forget that we're inviting people to step forward to help with organising and running events! Please email chair.communityarts@gmail.com if you think you'd enjoy this role.

Best wishes!

Sue Owen

Current CAP Chair



Sunday 15th February 3pm

Storytelling "The People of the Sea"

St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill,
Penicuik, EH26 9EE

£12/£10 (CAP member)/£8 (pay less)

Tickets from Pen-y-Coe Press or online

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

"Step into a magical world where music, myth and memory are intertwined. Inspired by David Thomson's classic book from 1954, The People of the Sea is a spellbinding performance.

Storytellers and musicians Ruth Kirkpatrick (N.E Scotland) and Colin Urwin (N. Ireland) weave melodies, gentle humour and subtle gravitas these stories, bringing to life some of the haunting seal and selkie lore gathered by Thompson from the coasts of Scotland and Ireland eighty years ago.

Acclaimed by the sell-out audiences at the Scottish International Storytelling Festival.... Above all it is a moving and memorable experience for all who love laughter, song and good stories well told"



Saturday 21st February 7:30pm

Carlops Jazz Band - Jazz Concert

Trinity Community Church Hall (St Mungo's), Kirkhill, Penicuik, EH26 8HX

The fabulous, ever-popular Carlops Jazz band and friends, supported by young people's jazz band (directed by Graham McDonald of the Pentland School of Music) offer us a fantastic evening of chilled jazz music. Not to be missed!

£10/£5 (pay less)

Tickets from Pen-y-Coe Press or online

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



Until 28th February

David Owen's Exhibition

The CAP Exhibition Space at the Storehouse, 22 High St, Penicuik EH26 8HW.

See a wee video of David talking about his work! [Please click here](#)

Looking further ahead

March - April 2026

CAP Exhibition in the Storehouse - Elena Coventry. Free

Sunday 22nd March 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. Tickets are on sale now at Pen-y-Coe Press (Tue-Sat 12-4pm) and online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>)

***(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. Tickets are on sale now at Pen-y-Coe Press (Tue-Sat 12-4pm) and online (<https://www.penicuikarts.org/shop/>)

May - June 2026

CAP Exhibition in the Storehouse - Amanda Airey. Free

Sunday 10th May 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

Thursday 11th June 7:30pm

Community Arts Penicuik AGM

St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill Road, EH26 9EE

July - August 2026

CAP Exhibition in the Storehouse - AnneMarie Grant. Free

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

Other Events which might interest you



Saturday 14th February 9:30am onwards

Town Hall, High Street, Penicuik

PCDT Christmas card competition

PHOTOS WANTED! Bring your entries to the Open House coffee morning in the Town Hall.

Any photographs or small artworks suitable for a Christmas card will be welcome.

Contact Ulla Hipkin 07538 038867



Friday 20th February, 7.30pm

Morag Brown & Lewis Powell-Reid

Pianodrome, St Oswald's,
Bruntsfield <https://www.citizenicket.com/events/pianodrome/morag-brown-and-lewis-powell-reid/>

Mesmerising arrangements of traditional music from Scotland, Europe, the Balkans and beyond, alongside sparkling improvisations and expressive compositions that draw deeply from the well of oral tradition.

Sensitively performed on fiddle, guitar, accordion and cittern with joyful spontaneity, audience connection and a musical intuition that digs ever deeper.



Annual Wine and Cheese

Friday 27 February 2026 - 7.15pm

*PENICUIK TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH HALL
(Foot of Kirkhill Road)*

*Want a great way to liven up February then join us
for our annual party.
A great night of fun and games with lots of good food
as well as the traditional
"Wine and Cheese".*

*Tickets £15
Ticket includes full buffet with wine
Available from any Penicuik Rotarian
Proceeds to Rotary Charities Locally &
Internationally*

Friday 27th February 7:15pm

Annual Wine and Cheese evening

(Rotary fundraiser for local charities)

Penicuik Trinity Community Church Hall

£15 from any Rotary club member



Thursday 5th March 8:30pm

Jim King at Nitten Folk Club

Making his first appearance at Nitten, Jim describes himself as an "aging, lefty troubadour" with over 50 years of experience, known for songs about social justice, equality, and stories of people. His work has included projects with the Lanarkshire Songwriters group. Join us for what will surely be an entertaining evening

£8 (non-nitten members); £5 (Nitten Members).

Directory of local arts-related opportunities

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 - at The Dean Tavern. 80 Main St, Newtongrange, Dalkeith EH22 4NA - also encourages people to sing or play to others round the table. Lots of concerts too. More details <https://nittenfolk.com/> 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](#)

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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.](#)

North Esk Sessions - a weekly acoustic music session held in Penicuik, Midlothian. Join them on Wednesdays 8pm, at The Old Crown Inn. The session is open to all, regardless of age, experience or genre of music. Come along and join the fun!

Carlops Village Hall - host a range of events. <https://carlops.net/>

Eastgate Theatre, Peebles - run a full programme of concerts, films, festivals and other performances. <https://eastgatearts.com/>

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

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