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## Community Arts Penicuik Newsletter

### May 2026

Dear CAP Members and Friends,

**Tomorrow! Saturday 9th May 1:30 - 3pm**, Amanda Airey will host the **opening event** of her exhibition in the Community Arts Exhibition space in the Storehouse. This is a free event and anyone is welcome to pop along to view Amanda's work and have a chat over a drink (please see Amanda's poster below).

See below for further exhibition dates.

**The CAP AGM is on Thursday 11th June 7:30pm** in St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill Road, EH26 9EE. Come and hear how the first year of CAP has panned out and celebrate our successes - with refreshments and a social to follow!

**The future of CAP is uncertain.** The CAP board badly needs at least a couple of new members, and in spite of gentle invitations, nobody has come forward (so far). The current team is very friendly and a joy to work with. Two very long-standing members are stepping down at the AGM for personal reasons. Anyone willing to join the board will **not** be

expected to take on a pile of work. CAP delivers what the Board is able and willing to do, so however much or however little that you can offer will be welcome. Please email [secretary.communityarts@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.communityarts@gmail.com) if you would like to be considered for the CAP board.

**PENFEST 2026** takes place from **Saturday 29th August to Sunday 6th September 2026**. An outline provisional programme is below.

This is advance notice that the Open exhibition will again be focussing on "**small**". So submitted works should conform to **6 × 8 inches (15 x 20 cm)**.

Entries should be handed in on Saturday 22 August between 1:30pm and 3:30pm (or before then, by arrangement). Artist packs with full details are available online ([please click here](#)) and in the Storehouse

### **Regular Community Arts exhibitions**

Are you an artist? Do you paint, draw, embroider, weave, take photographs? Are you interested in exhibiting your work? Please contact [exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com](mailto:exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com).

**MEMBERSHIP** Once more, I'd like to thank everyone who's renewed or taken up Community Arts membership for 2026-2027. If you've not already done so, please do consider joining us! It's only £15 or £10 (pay less for anyone who would find the standard rate difficult for any reason). As a member, you're entitled to a discount on prices for most ticketed events, and you have the satisfaction of supporting the Arts in all its forms in Penicuik and surrounding areas. From our point of view - it's fabulous to know that folk are willing to join and support us, and it's helpful for grant applications too, to be able to demonstrate this support. You can find membership forms in the Storehouse and in Pen-y-Coe Press. Complete forms should be handed in to Pen-y-Coe Press (NOT the Storehouse). Please read the form for information on how to pay. It's also easy to become a member via our website membership page by [clicking here](#).

### **Help needed for a friend's craft project!**

Does anyone have any experience of willow weaving? A friend received a gift of a bird nest kit to make up. It's proving to be very difficult, but they don't want to waste it. There are no written

instructions, just several videos, which our friend found difficult to follow. So far, they've spent several hours on the project with several restarts - just to try making the base!!!

Obviously, they are losing heart and so they're asking for help.

Do let us know if you could help to rescue this project! Please email [chair.communityarts@gmail.com](mailto:chair.communityarts@gmail.com) and I'll put you in touch with them.

### **Help needed to assess interest in Studio Space in Midlothian**

Would you be interested in local studio space? Community Enterprise is currently working with an organisation in Midlothian which is thinking about developing their building (Vogue House) to offer studio space for artists and other creative folk, and they need to gauge interest for studio space from local people.

If you're interested, [please could you click here](#) to complete a survey?

### **Sell greetings cards featuring your art work**

We would like to invite CAP members who are visual artists to consider selling some greetings cards of their work at the Storehouse. We ask the cards are presented ready-to-sell in a retail setting, ie sealed and priced, with the artist details on the back of each card. There will be a 30% commission fee (15% for CAP, 15% for the Storehouse), so please take that into consideration in your pricing.

Sold cards will be paid for after purchase, or returned to the artist after a four month period. Cards can delivered to the town hall art group, run by Morag Donkin Saturdays 10am-1pm.

We recommend using the online service, Art2Card for a personal, professional service - [please click here for their website.](#)

Best wishes!

Sue Owen

*Current CAP Chair until 11th June 2026*

## ***Events and Exhibitions Listing***

### **Saturday 9th May 1:30 - 3pm at the Storehouse**

Amanda Airey will host the **opening event** of her exhibition

[Thursday 11th June 7:30pm at St James the Less Church Hall,  
Broomhill Road, EH26 9EE](#)

**Community Arts Penicuik AGM** with refreshments and social to bid farewell to retiring long-standing board members Jackie McDonald and Sue Owen.

[July - August 2026 at the Storehouse](#)

**CAP Exhibition** - AnneMarie Grant. Free

[Saturday 22nd August 1:30pm - 3:30pm at the Storehouse](#)

**Hand in entries for the Penfest Open Exhibition** for the Penicuik Turner and People's Choice Prizes. Artist packs are available online ([please click here](#)) and in the Storehouse.

[Saturday 29th August - Sunday 6th September](#)

**PENFEST 2026 - save the dates!**

[Throughout the week at the Storehouse](#)

- **Open Exhibition** for Turner and People's Choice Prizes
- **Voting** for People's Choice

[Monday 31st August 10:30am - 2pm at the Storehouse](#)

- **Community Drawing project** with Morag Donkin

[Saturday 5th September 10am - 4pm at Penicuik Cricket Club](#)

- **"Pop-up" Open Studios.** This will be a chance for local artists who don't have a studio of their own to open, or whose studio isn't in Penicuik, to display some of their work along with other artists' work. Please email [exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com](mailto:exhibitions.communityarts@gmail.com) for details of renting table and display space.

[Saturday 5th September 7:30pm at Penicuik Trinity  
Community Church Hall](#)

- **Giulia Drummond in concert** - Giulia is a locally resident singer-songwriter from Brazil. Her musical background global, from Afro-Brazilian chants to celtic music, Buddhist and Hindu mantras, Hebrew and Sephardic music, By exploring these different music traditions, she also explores the languages, singing in Portuguese, English, Spanish,

French, Italian, Gaelic, Latin, Hebrew, Haitian Criollo, Yoruba, and Ladino.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmKxgd4qgGfA3o-xbnugs-w>

### Sunday 6th September 2 - 3pm at the Storehouse

- **Penfest Closing event and exhibition prize-giving**

### Sunday 6th September 3 - 4pm or by arrangement at the Storehouse

- **Artist collect their work** from a CAP representative near the exhibition area in the Storehouse

### Venues, dates and times to be confirmed for:

- Penfest Open Studios trail - weekends and participants to be confirmed
- Penicuik Silver Band Penfest concert: venue, date and time to be confirmed

### Monday 7th September at the Storehouse

- The Donkin Art Group exhibition opens

### Sunday 4th October 1pm-3pm at the Storehouse

International artist Daekon Lee's Opening Event.

## ***In the Community***

### **Thursday 21st May 6:45pm (doors Open) In the cafe area at Penicuik High School (Entrance in Bellman's Road during building works)**

- **Northcott, Caird, Smith in concert!** This marvellous trio played for Community Arts Penicuik last year and were fantastic! They return to Penicuik in a couple of weeks time. Not to be missed - a fantastic evening is guaranteed! (See poster below for more details).

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Amanda Airey 'STUDIES FROM A BIGGER WORLD'

A COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS DRAWINGS AND PRINTS



At Penicuik Storehouse  
Exhibition opens on Sunday 3rd May  
Meet the Artist Opening Event on  
Saturday 9th May 1:30 - 3:00pm

***Exhibition hosted by Community Arts Penicuik (CAP)***

# NORTHCOTT CAIRD SMITH



21<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY  
MAY

PENICUIK HIGH SCHOOL **18:45**  
DOORS OPEN

**£7** +BOOKING FEE  
PER TICKET

(ENTRANCE IN BELLMANS ROAD)  
OPENING ACTS BY BURNT OUT  
RECORDS OWN ARTISTS



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