

NEWSLETTER #76

Penicuik and District u3a

News from the committee

January/February social event

Your committee has decided that, although very successful, we won't be holding a Burns lunch in 2027.

As we are currently investigating other options, have you something in mind?

Also, it's possible for a group of members to organise it with assistance from the committee.

Summer 2026 outing (+ photo)

After the recent successful outing to Thirlestane Castle, for 2027, suggestions are most welcome.

Hearing loss - do you have difficulty in listening in noisy environments?

Via our website, we have been contacted by researchers at the University of Nottingham who are looking for volunteers for a new project.

To participate, they need people who have trouble hearing speech in noisy places, including those who use hearing aids. You will do a quick online test to make sure you can take part.

You are eligible to take part in this study if you:

Are 18 years of age or over
Have a good understanding of written and spoken English
Have internet access at home
Have a computer, laptop, or tablet that can play sound.

If interested, please contact Hugh for more details.

Future events - dates for your diary

1) There will be no open meetings in July and August.

2) Thursday 17th September - Denise Millan and Naomi Knights from VOCAL Midlothian will describe their work on 'Caring Communities – strengthening our social fabric through supporting unpaid carers'.

As usual, arrive about 1.45 for a prompt 2.00 pm start in the upper hall, the Cowan Institute (Penicuik Town Hall).

Please wear your name badge, it's very helpful.

**To find out more about
Penicuik's celestial event (a
near-total solar eclipse), see
page 2.**

News from the groups

Please keep sending photos for your group.

Online activities

u3a Online ('Zoom') Learning Events (www.u3a.org.uk/events)

These events explore a very varied range of topics. There's something for everybody? You have to book 'tickets' to reserve your place via the above website, but as a u3a member, there is no charge.

For example:

July 6 @ 10.00 am
'Watercolours with Tony'
July 7 @ 10.00 am 'Flight Inspirations - Cold War'
July 10 @ 9.30 am
'Generative AI in academia'
July 10 @ 2.00 pm 'The role of women in ancient Egypt'
July 23 @ 2.00 pm
'Everything you need to know to get published'.
July 24 @ 2.00 pm 'A virtual walk in York'
July 30 @ 10.00 am "The climate crisis"
July 27 @ 2.00 pm 'Secrets of the human brain: vision'

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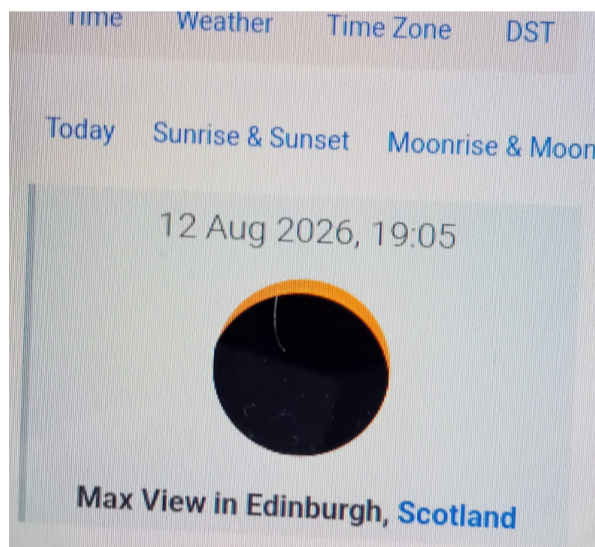
Nature Appreciation Group standing with 'Old Michael', a 1,000 year old oak tree, In Dalkeith Country Park



Penicuik Residents Forum

David Buchan · 4h · 📷

Just a wee heads up, Scotland will witness an almost complete solar eclipse on Wednesday 12th of August starting at 18-08 and reach maximum at 19-05. This will be the best solar eclipse in Scotland in any of our lifetimes, hopefully there's no cloud. Please don't look at the sun without adequate eye protection special glasses can be bought on Amazon and they are not expensive. If anyone happens to be in Iceland northern Spain or the Balearic islands then it will be total.



Penicuik's near-total Solar eclipse!

Community item - our Town Crier is in danger.

You may not be aware, but there's a meeting to be held at the Ladywood Leisure Centre on Wednesday 29th July at 7pm about saving the Town Crier.

Our family have really valued this monthly publication as a source of very useful local information and I can imagine you mirror our experience.

You're probably aware that there have been issues recently with late publication and perhaps even non-delivery. Our much-loved Town Crier is under serious threat of not continuing.

Consequently, you might want to attend this meeting and have your say?

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