

SUMMER TERM 2023

THE PGH NEWS

Rugby's Independent Adult Education Centre

Welcome to the Summer Term

Longer, brighter days announce the beginning of the summer term and we extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning students who have come to the Percival Guildhouse to learn for fun. We hope you enjoy yourselves!

The vast majority of our classes are taking place in person but there are still a handful on Zoom. You can take a look at the whole programme, including our dayschools and summer schools, on our website by scanning the QR code on this page or by clicking [here](#).



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Just one small request: please do not come to the Guildhouse if you are feeling unwell.

Come to our King's Coronation Tea Party!

All our members are invited to the PGH King's Coronation Tea Party at the Guildhouse on Monday 8th May from 2.30 - 4.00pm. The event is free but we would welcome any donations for the tombola. Please let us know if you are coming - we look forward to seeing you there!



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PGH Centenary Celebrations 100

In 2025 the Guildhouse will be 100 years old. To mark this momentous achievement, we are planning a year of celebratory activities throughout 2025. A small Centenary Committee, with members who represent current and previous staff and trustees as well as current tutors and students, is already meeting quarterly to choreograph the arrangements.

In order to create a PGH Heritage Trail, they will be asking for stories or memories about the Guildhouse throughout its long history so if you have something you would like to share, please contact Sarah Gall in the office.

Grant to renovate the Aspinall Lounge

The Aspinall Lounge, our sociable space next to the kitchen, is well overdue for a renovation but, because our financial situation is still extremely perilous, we haven't been able to divert any of our funds towards this project. Due to rising utility and insurance costs, the impact of the living wage increase and the fact that student numbers are only at 55% of our pre-pandemic total, our shortfall for this academic year is now predicted to be £33,000.

In light of this situation we are doing everything we can to increase student numbers, minimise costs, fundraise in-house and apply for grants. We are delighted to report that we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Hinckley and Rugby Building Society to renovate the lounge - expect some changes in the coming months.



Our Queen's Green Canopy Tree



After a long wait, the sunshine has brought out the leaves on our rowan tree. Soon this celebratory tree will receive a plaque to commemorate its part in honouring the Queen's service.





Saturday Dayschools: Enrol now!

All dayschools will take place from 10am to 4pm in person.

SATURDAY 13 MAY 2023

- Life Drawing
- Italian for Holidays
- Bess of Hardwick Hall
- Needle Felting



SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2023

- How to search for your Ancestors Online
- Mini Doll Making



- Becoming Active in Community Archaeology



- Upcycling clothes and plastics



- Spanish for Holidays

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Summer Schools: Enrol now!

Tuesday 4 July: 10 - 4 pm

- Linocut



Tues- Thurs 4 - 7 July: 10 - 4 pm

- Creative Writing: 3 days

Thursday 7 July: 10 - 4pm

- How to be an Amateur Herbalist



Plant Sale: 15 - 19 May

We need donations of Raffle prizes and plants to sell please

Autumn Brochure 2023: Key facts

- available on 7 August.
- current students receive a reminder email
- check key dates on our website
- download the enrolment form from the website
- apply by post (enclosing cheque or cash) as soon as you see the brochure
- the office will be open from 21 August when card payments can be taken
- please note: Autumn enrolments are dealt with on a "first come, first served" basis

