

AUTUMN TERM 2023

THE PGH NEWS

Rugby's Independent Adult Education Centre

Welcome to the Autumn Term

Hello and welcome to all new and returning students! We are delighted to see you and hope you are enjoying your courses. Don't forget there are also Dayschools coming up soon - see page 3 for details.

Although enrolments are matching last year's levels, which is good news, this is still less than we need for a sustainable future. Our aim is for everyone in Rugby and the surrounding area to know who we are and what we offer so we are working on new ways of promoting the Guildhouse. However, we know that our students are our best ambassadors so please do continue to mention us to your friends, family and social contacts - there's something for everyone at the Percival Guildhouse!

Centenary Update

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The Centenary Committee have met twice and produced a timeline of events leading up to our Centenary in 2025. An article has been written and sent to the Old Rugbeians (the old boys of Rugby School) to be published in their annual magazine "The Floreat". The article details our history and the part the Old Rugbeians played in the development of PGH.



In the new year we will be looking for volunteers to help us with our centenary projects. We want to make this a celebration to remember so please participate if you can! Come and talk to us in the office if you are willing to help.

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Heritage History!

The Guildhouse has welcomed some illustrious guests into its 19th century home during the course of its 98-year existence. However, we were delighted to be recognised by the Mayor of Rugby, Councillor Maggie O'Rourke, when she called into PGH on Heritage Open Day as she toured various venues in the town during the Day.

As many students may be aware, the Guildhouse, which is the only independent adult education centre in Rugby, was created as a tribute to the memory of Dr John Percival, a pioneer in adult education, who had been headmaster at Rugby School from 1887 to 1895. The Old Rugbeians Society had raised the funds and when Bloxam House came up for sale in 1921 they bought it. It had been the home of antiquarian and archaeologist, Matthew Holbeche Bloxam, whose father had been an assistant master at Rugby School. The Guildhouse was formally opened on 29 September 1925 and has been providing arts and crafts classes to generations of adults ever since.

Sarah Gall, Centre Manager, who took the Mayor on a tour of the building, said: "We were honoured and delighted to welcome the Mayor to our St Matthew's Street home. She took great interest in our past but was also excited to hear about all of the wide range of courses and dayschools we offer to students from Rugby and the surrounding districts today."

And the Mayor commented: "Heritage Open Day shone a light for me on all the treasures we have in Rugby, places such as the Guildhouse which have a fascinating past but also remain a very active and vibrant part of Rugby's story today."



The Mayor of Rugby, Cllr Maggie O'Rourke, Sheila Winterton, Vice President of the Percival Guildhouse, and Sarah Gall, Centre Manager

Our Queen's Green Canopy Tree



Completing the story of our Queen's Green Canopy Rowan tree, Chair of Trustees, Carin Jackson, installs a memorial plaque which will serve as a lasting reminder of the Queen's long reign of public service.

Carin said: "The Percival Guildhouse Gardens are a precious green space in the heart of Rugby town enjoyed by many. As our Rowan tree grows we hope this and future generations will be reminded of the late Queen's selfless public service – a lasting example to us all."

The plaque reads: Planted by The Percival Guildhouse to mark the Queen's Green Canopy initiative celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022".



Saturday Dayschools: Enrol now!

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

Saturday 30 Sept 2023

- Breathwork and EFT Tapping (2 sessions)
- Titian
- Jewellery-making



- Tracing your Family Tree
- Water & Reflections with watercolours

Saturday 21 Oct 2023

- How the Body Works
- Crochet for Beginners



- Mixed Media Painting



- Tracing your Family History, Next Steps
- The British Home Front 1939-1945
- Herbal Medicine for Life Stages

Saturday 11 Nov 2023

- Embroidery on Postcards



- Hidden World of Canal Heritage
- Air Dry Clay Christmas Ornaments



- Christmas Watercolours
- Tracing your Family History, Delving Deeper
- Indian Head Massage

Aspinall Lounge: renovations nearly complete

Thanks to the Hinckley and Rugby Building Society, we received a grant of £3k to upgrade our lounge area. It is nearly completed; new bookshelves, USB sockets and blinds are in place and paintwork redecorated with a lovely nature-inspired accent wall. Now the carpet has been fitted, new furniture will be purchased. This will create a warm, comfortable space for our students to relax and enjoy a hot drink.



Dates for your Diary

Sat 30 Sept 23: Dayschools
 21 Oct 23: Dayschools
 28 Oct 23: Indulgence Day
 30 Oct - 3 Nov 23: Autumn Half term
 Sat 11 Nov 23: Dayschools
 Sat 18 Nov 23: Christmas Fair
 Mon 18 Dec - Mon 2 Jan 24: Closed
 Tues 3 Jan 24: Office opens
 Mon 8 Jan 24: Spring Term begins
 12 - 16 Feb 24: Spring Half term

Indulgence Day
 Saturday 28 October 2023
 10 am – 5 pm



Percival Guildhouse, Rugby

Reiki Healing	Hot stones on back/shoulder
Reflexology	Herbalist for minor issues
Tibetan Head Massage	Tropic Facial
Back and Shoulder Massage	Indian Head Massage

Any treatments £15 for 30 mins - Pay to the therapists
 Book in advance to avoid waiting
 Stalls - Tropic skincare products, well being books, Gifts
 Tea, Coffee, Cakes and refreshments

For Bookings Contact: Kailash Mistry 0787 6688099
 Email: yogacentre@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Fair 18 Nov

10am-12:30pm



We need donations of
Raffle prizes and gifts
to sell please

Farewell Party: 29 November 2pm - 4pm



After 26 years' loyal service to the Percival Guildhouse, Administrator Prabha Mistry is to retire in December. Many of you will have been in contact with Prabha during course enrolment, if you have had admin queries, or in your role as stewards and tutors. We are celebrating her time at the Guildhouse on 29 November 2-4pm in the Beresford Room. If you would like to join us, please let the office know.

AGM moves to March!

The Annual General Meeting is moving to a new time and date in the PGH calendar.

Instead of its habitual early evening slot in December, the AGM is moving to become an afternoon event in March. We hope the move will enable more students and tutors to attend if they wish. Make a note of 13th March 2-4pm in your diary now!

Spring Re-enrolment

20 NOV - 1 DEC 2023

Current students - re-enrol now to keep your place!
New students - please enquire for vacancies

4 DEC 2023 ONWARDS

Anyone can enrol if there is space

8 JAN 2024

Spring Term begins

