

PENKRIDGE PHOENIX CLUB

Get ready for our upcoming events they're set to be bursting with excitement! Expect plenty of fun, fantastic games, lively entertainment, and, of course, delicious tasty treats to enjoy along the way!

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE – JUNE 2026

Another eventful six months since the last newsletter.

I was so pleased (and relieved!) to see the first Christmas Lunch we have held in the Peace Memorial Hall turn out so successful. However, this was no accident, but due entirely to the hard work and efforts of a large number of committee and other members. More than 70 people sat down to enjoy a superb Christmas Lunch, very well prepared and served by a team of outside caterers, and be entertained afterwards in fine style by the Bluebird Belles.

Those involved must have enjoyed putting on the event so much that they have agreed to arrange something similar again this year. Watch this space!

As ever, events have already taken place in the first part of the year, with others planned for the later months. Paul Birch came to entertain us with a rock and roll night in February and there is another, but different variety evening planned for October. There was also a musical evening with – ahem! – refreshments in April, which proved popular too. And a new venue for the Big Breakfast was well supported and, I am sure, can be repeated if there is the interest. With a Quiz Night planned for November and the Christmas Lunch in December, the year still promises lots of interest.

We have also had another short coach and hotel holiday, this time to Melrose in Scotland and, although not as well supported as the one last year, was by all accounts, very much enjoyed by all who took part. I say "by all accounts" because, having organised and made all the arrangements for the trip, my own ill health prevented me and Anne from going.

In fact, my health has meant that I have not been able to be as active in the club committee and activities as I would have liked to be so far this year. Which has meant that I have had to rely more on the continued efforts and understanding of the Officers and Committee, for which I thank them, particularly my Vice Chair, Diane, who has taken on the additional burden of running committee meetings and coffee mornings, always with a cheerful smile. I am hopeful that this is only a temporary setback and look forward to being more visible and active during the rest of the year.

Mike Smith
Chairman

Mystery Trip with Buffet Lunch - Sunday 12th July 2026

Let curiosity be your guide as you set off on a journey to an undisclosed location. From the moment you take your seat on the coach, anticipation builds... where will you go? What will you see? Your first stop unveils a captivating live performance at a specially selected venue. All that can be said is it's something out of the ordinary.

The experience doesn't end before the light falls... After the performance, you'll continue your journey to a second mystery venue, where a delicious buffet lunch awaits. Expect a welcoming atmosphere and a tempting spread, thoughtfully prepared.

Don't forget to let your organisers know if you have any dietary requirements when you purchase your ticket

Tickets now on sale, including lunch £45 Organisers - Bill and Chris Jackson 07707 930501



An Afternoon of Indulgence - Strawberry Afternoon Tea & Games Wednesday 19th August 2026

Step into a charming and leisurely afternoon where tradition meets light-hearted fun. Join us for a delightful Afternoon Tea with Strawberries & Cream, a perfect way to relax, socialise, and savour the simple pleasures of the season.

The experience doesn't stop at the table. You have the chance to take part in a selection of indoor games including Shuffleboard, adding a playful twist to the afternoon. From friendly matches to relaxed competition, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Tickets now on sale £12 Organiser - Trish Hugill 07519 313193 Venue - PMH 2pm

Outing to the British Ironworks Centre - Thursday 23rd September 2026

Join us for a delightful and inspiring day to the renowned British Ironworks Centre, a unique attraction that beautifully blends art, craftsmanship, and the great outdoors. This unforgettable day out includes a delicious lunch of sandwiches and cakes, all included in your ticket price - making it the perfect relaxed excursion to enjoy with friends. The Centre features a Sculpture Park showcasing a wide range of metal artworks, from large structures to detailed pieces, designed to inspire visitors. The surrounding gardens provide a peaceful setting with scenic paths and displays. There are also indoor showrooms offering unique, handcrafted metal items, ideal for gift shopping, especially ahead of Christmas.



Tickets now on sale - £29 Organiser Anna Evans 07944 616597

A night of Folk & Blues music - Saturday 10th October 2026



The Deacons - In 1974 a crack bunch of teachers were sent to the Midlands by education authorities for crimes they didn't commit. These men promptly escaped from the maximum-security classrooms of Hednesford and Codsall to the Staffordshire folk music underground. Today, still wanted by the authorities, they survive as musicians of fortune. If you have a problem, if no one else can help, and if you can find them, maybe you can hear them - The Deacons are coming!"

Tickets on sale £10 BYO refreshments Organisers - Bill and Chris Jackson 07707 930501
Venue - Peace Memorial Hall Time 7pm

Annual Quiz Night - Friday 20th November 2026

An Evening of Fun and Friendly Rivalry ! Members are invited to take part in the annual quiz night, promising an enjoyable evening filled with laughter, teamwork, and a touch of competitive spirit. The event is set to bring members together for a social night out, with teams of to six people competing for the top spot and the chance to win a prize.

Tickets £6 Tea/Coffee included. Bring your own nibbles.

Organiser & question setter Anna Evans 07944616597 Venue Church Hall Market St



Traditional Christmas Lunch with Entertainment from 'Sal Sings Swing'

Friday 11th December 2026

Join us for an unforgettable Christmas celebration filled with delicious food, wonderful entertainment, and all the sparkle of the festive season.

Celebrate the magic of the season with a wonderful traditional Christmas lunch in warm and welcoming surroundings. Members can look forward to a delicious festive meal featuring all the classic favourites, served with all the charm and comfort that make Christmas dining so special. Entertainment will follow with Sal Sings Swing, bringing timeless swing classics and uplifting performances to round off the occasion in style.

Ticket Price - TBC Organisers Mike & Trish Venue PMH Time TBC



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