Welcome to Penkridge Phoenix Club
Newsletter December 2026

As another wonderful year draws to a close, I hope you can look back over the past year and reflect on what you have enjoyed as a member of Phoenix including many memorable outings, entertaining evenings, social gatherings and, most importantly, the friendship and companionship that make our club so special. It has been lovely to see both familiar faces and new members joining in and helping to make our events such a success.

As we look ahead to 2027, we are delighted to bring you another year full of exciting activities and events. This edition also includes information about our Club website, coffee morning dates, upcoming events, and ways in which members can help support the club.

Whether you can spare an occasional hour, share a new idea or simply come along and join in, every contribution helps make 'Phoenix' a welcoming and vibrant place for everyone.

Thank you to the members who help behind the scenes and for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter and look forward to sharing another year of friendship, fun and happy memories together.

The Committee would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year.

Anna Evans
Newsletter Editor

Did you know that Penkridge Phoenix Club has its own website? https://penkridgephoenix.org.uk/

You could be missing a useful source of information about Club activities, and forthcoming social events. The website is a handy place to keep up to date with what is happening at 'Phoenix' and to find out more about the many opportunities available to members.

What is on the website? - One of the most useful sections is Forthcoming Events, where you can find details of planned activities and social occasions for the year. Be the first in line to sign up for what is on offer.

Regular Activities - The website also provides details regarding weekly Activities - Art Club, Badminton Club and Walking Club.

News and Updates - The Latest News section is another useful place to look for announcements and additional information about forthcoming events. If an event has extra details, these may be available here, so it is worth checking regularly.

Why not take a look - Whether you are interested in joining an outing, attending a show, finding a new activity, downloading forms, or simply seeing what is coming up, the website is well worth a visit. Do not wait until you hear about an event from a friend – have a browse and see what is happening!

Paying by Bank Transfer - A Simple and Convenient Way to Pay!

At 'Phoenix', we are always looking for ways to make things easier and more convenient for our members, while also keeping costs down for the Club.

One straightforward way you can help is by choosing to pay by Bank Transfer. Paying directly from your bank account is a quick, easy, and convenient alternative to cash or cheques.

Bank Transfers also help reduce the time and costs involved in handling cash, making life a little easier for our volunteers and helping the club run more efficiently.

It is simple to do, saves you having to find the right change and means you can make payments from the comfort of your own home.

Next time you make a payment to the club, why not give Bank Transfer a try?

We appreciate that not everyone uses online banking, and cash/cheque payments will still be welcome. However, if you can pay by Bank Transfer, we would really encourage you to try it.

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A Little Note - *We do our best to make sure all the information in this Newsletter is correct at the time of publication. Sometimes things can change, including dates, ticket prices or even whether an activity can go ahead. These changes may be outside our control. Wherever possible, we will always try to arrange a suitable alternative.*

Coffee Morning Dates 2027

Coffee mornings are held for members at the Peace Memorial Hall at 10.30am on the 2nd Thursday in the month. Come along and enjoy a catch up with other members. Sign up for events, enjoy a cuppa and if you are feeling lucky, partake in the '*free raffle*.'

14th Jan	11th Feb	11th Mar	8th April
13th May	10th June	8th July	12th Aug
9th Sept	14th Oct	11th Nov	9th Dec

Membership

As a one-off, Membership is only £5 for this year. Why not introduce a friend or neighbour to 'Phoenix' over 45's Club.

When signing in at the coffee morning or signing up for events, you will be required from the 14th of January 2027 to produce your Phoenix Membership card.

Be part of the fun – Join the Committee or social team!

We are keen to co-opt new members onto the committee. You do not need previous experience or lots of spare time – just a willingness to get involved, share your ideas and help make our social programme even better. Fresh faces and fresh ideas are always welcome!

Perhaps joining a committee is not your thing? Do not worry, there are plenty of other ways you can help. We would love to build a friendly Social Team of members who are happy to lend a hand when needed. This could be something as simple as taking names for an event, helping with the refreshments at the coffee morning, setting up tables and chairs in the hall before an event, or helping to clear away afterwards.

Even offering an hour of your time now and again would make a real difference and giving additional support to the committee. After all, our club is about friendship, fun and enjoying time together, and the more people who get involved, the more we can offer everyone.

So, why not come and join in? Whether you have brilliant ideas, enjoy organising things or simply do not mind rolling up your sleeves and helping, we would love to hear from you. You do not have to do everything, just a little help goes a long way!

Penkridge Phoenix Club is your club, and together we can make it even better. Speak to Val Corbett if you can help occasionally or would like to join the committee.



OLD FASHIONED SKITTLES NIGHT & SUPPER
Fri 22nd January at 7.30pm Peace Memorial Hall
£14pp Organiser – Trish Hugill 07519 313193

Let the Games Begin! Two chances to knock down nine skittles. Every skittle counts! Your score is the number of skittles you topple. Keep the scores rolling! The game is played over several rounds. The winner takes the glory! The highest score wins!

Good luck everyone!



TRADITIONAL ENGLISH BIG BREAKFAST £11pp
Monday 15th February 2027
Spread Eagle Gailey Island at 9.30am
Make your own way to the venue
Organiser - Diane Causer 07563 363959



BEETLE DRIVE WITH SUPPER
Friday 26th February 2027
7.00pm Church Hall, Market Street £5pp
Organisers Trish Hugill 07519 313193
Chrissie Hewitt 07504 234374

How to play

- Each player takes a turn rolling the dice.
- Each number represents a different part of the beetle.
- You must roll the number for the beetle's body first before you can add the other parts.
- Players take turns rolling and drawing the body parts.
- The first player to complete their beetle wins and moves to the next table.



AN UNFORGETTABLE ELVIS PRESLEY TRIBUTE SHOW
Saturday 6th March 7.00pm for 7.30pm PM Hall
£12pp Organiser – Anna Evans 07944 616597

Step back in time and experience the magic, music and excitement of Elvis Presley with an outstanding Elvis Tribute Act celebrating the legendary career of one of the greatest entertainers of all time.

From the early classics to the unforgettable hits of the Las Vegas years, this fantastic tribute show brings the spirit of Elvis to life with the look, the sound, the moves and the charisma that made him a worldwide superstar.



TWO MYSTERY DESTINATIONS
Tuesday 13th April 2027 £38pp including travel, refreshments at the first venue & entrance and guided tour. 9am departure from the Bowling Green
Organiser - Val Corbett - 07774 658738

Do you fancy a day out with a difference? Join us for a wonderful Mystery Day Trip where the destinations are intriguing and the adventure begins the moment you step off the coach!

Our First Stop
Discover the history and enjoy a glimpse into the past. A warm welcome awaits you with tea/coffee and cake. The perfect way to start your guided tour.

Our second location
We make our way to the second location, where there will be time to explore and enjoy all that it has to offer.

Leave the planning to us but bring your inquisitiveness and sense of adventure along with you and come for a day of discovery and surprises.

With two mystery destinations, morning coffee and cake, this promises to be a delightful day out.



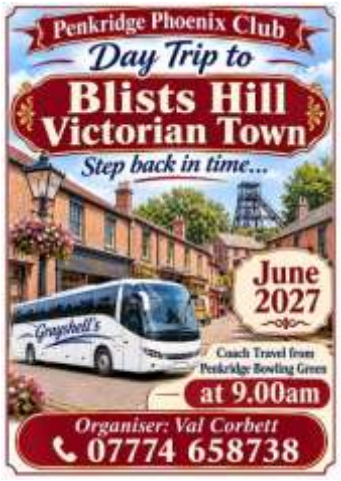
TRENTHAM SHOPPING VILLAGE & MAKERS MARKET
Saturday 15th May 2027 £12pp
9.30am departure from the Bowling Green
Organiser - Diane Causer 01785 713364

At the Makers Market, independent artisans, crafters, bakers, and small producers sell handmade goods directly to shoppers. You will be able to purchase items that are not available on the high street.



SHORT BREAK TO LLANDUDNO 26th - 30th May 2027
Organiser - Mike Smith 01785 715120

- Return travel by private coach from Penkridge.
- 4 nights bed, breakfast, evening meals, and evening entertainment at the Hydro Hotel.
- Two daytime excursions – Beaumaris on the Island of Anglesey and a day in Caernarvon and the Snowdonia National Park.
- Estimated cost £430pp. The final cost will be dependent on the number of people travelling.
- A non-refundable deposit of £50 is payable to secure your booking.



BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN TOWN
Thursday 24th June 2027 £35pp including admission
National Trust Members - £12pp
9am departure from the Bowling Green
Organiser - Val Corbett 07774 658738

Experience the magic of the Victorian era! Do not just read about history – experience it! Blists Hill Victorian Town, in Ironbridge, Shropsire.



BRASS BAND CONCERT & PICNIC
Grounds of the Haling Dene Centre
Sunday 25th July 2027
2.00pm – 5.00pm £10pp
Bring your own Picnic!
Organisers - Chris & Bill Jackson 07707 930501

Enjoy a summer afternoon filled with music, good company, and the simple pleasure of a picnic in the garden! A perfect opportunity to spend time with friends and enjoy something a little different. Tea and coffee on sale in the interval, so come along, bring your picnic, and make an afternoon of it!