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# ARTEFACT

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## PENLEE HOUSE FEATURED IN RICK STEIN'S CORNWALL



*Katie Herbert and Rick Stein filming in Gallery 5*

Penlee House Gallery & Museum was recently featured in two episodes in season 2 of Rick Stein's Cornwall on BBC2. The programme explores the food and drink, art, culture and history from around the county with new Cornish inspired recipes for you to recreate at home.

Back in May 2021 (and following Covid 19 protocols) Rick Stein visited Penlee House Gallery & Museum to meet with Curator/ Director, Katie Herbert, to learn more about the unlikely setting of one of Britain's most revolutionary art movements- the Newlyn School.

The area's spectacular scenery has attracted visiting artists since the early 19th century. In the 1880s, numerous British painters began to arrive in Newlyn, many of whom had trained in Paris or Antwerp. Most had also spent time painting in Brittany. In Newlyn they found a similar source of inspiration, but closer to home and with a direct rail link to London.

Like Brittany, Newlyn offered scenes and lives scarcely touched by the industrial revolution, with plentiful, cheap accommodation and willing models. Soon, a host of artists settled, forming the colony known as the Newlyn School.

Although the Newlyn School as a unified artistic movement ceased to exist in the early 20th century, the area remains a vibrant art colony to this day, and many hundreds of artists have made the area their home at some point.

Whilst in the area, Rick also discovered more about the Newlyn Copper Works. A group of artists taught the local fishermen extra skills to fall back on if the fishing industry collapsed. These skills included copper work, making cups, kettles, jugs and more, examples of which are on display at Penlee House. In episode 11 Rick met with art historian Catherine Wallace at Penlee House to chat more about the Newlyn Copper Works.

Rick Stein's Cornwall Season 2 is on the BBC iPlayer for 11 months and Penlee House features in episodes 8 and 11.

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## NEW ONLINE ARTS AND HEALTH COURSE AT PENLEE HOUSE

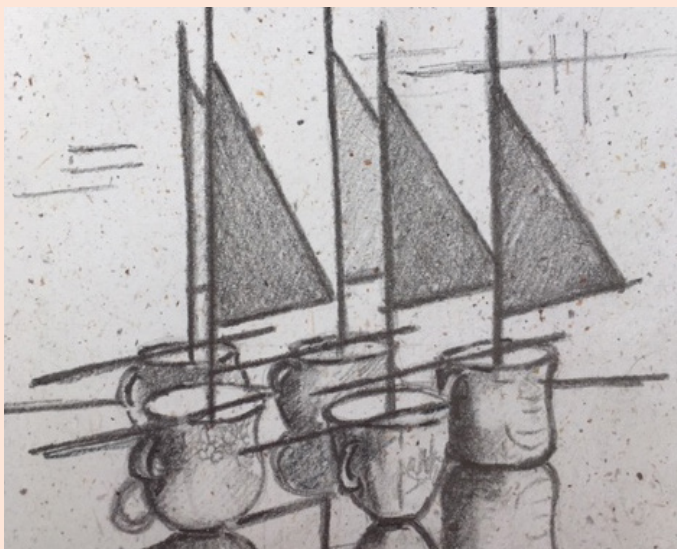


'Fisher Girl' by Helen

Getting creative is a great way to support wellbeing. This year our Arts and Health course has gone online! We are very excited to announce that due to continued support and generous funding from the Friends of Penlee House, the Gallery has been able to run Arts and Health again this year.

Designed for anyone living in the community who may be experiencing isolation, low mood, anxiety, or suffering from long-term chronic health problems, these ten free weekly online sessions will encourage participants to explore and develop creative skills. The group is working with artist Melanie Young, and will be inspired by the collections at Penlee House.

All materials were sent out to participants with no previous art experience being necessary. The sessions, which are being held on Zoom, started at the end of January.



'Boat Reflections' by Susan Meader

COVID 19 pandemic has reinforced how important creativity is to people's health and well being. We are really pleased to have been able to adapt our in person arts and health course to an online offer.

Due to continued support and generous funding from the Friends of Penlee House, we have been able to double the places available on the course and support those experiencing mental or physical health conditions which effect their wellbeing. Thank you to the Friends for this vital support."

Keep an eye on our social media and website as we will be sharing the work that the group has been doing!

## LITTLE PENLEE AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES ARE BACK!

Please help us to spread the word about our Little Penlee Sessions and family activities.

Baby & Parent (suitable for babies from birth to walkers) runs fortnightly on Mondays, 10.00am – 11.30am

Little Explorers (suitable for pre-schoolers) runs fortnightly on Tuesdays, 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Family Activities (open to all, but most suitable for children from 5 – 12 years old) on Saturdays 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Sessions are free to attend for adults and children.

## UPCOMING SESSIONS



Baby & Parent: 7 and 21 March

Little Penlee Explorers: 14 and 28 March

Family Activities: Every Saturday Afternoon



## EXHIBITION PHOTOGRAPHY



Alfred and John Branwell (to the far right), sons of J.R. and Elizabeth Branwell, who lived at Penlee House, with a group of friends.

As all the works in the current exhibition, *Jewels in the Crown: Celebrating 25 Years of Collecting at Penlee House* are owned by Penlee, we are allowing photography in the galleries for the very first time.

The nature of photography has changed markedly in the last 10 years. Mobiles phones with cameras are ubiquitous and people are used to taking and sharing photographs wherever they are. Rather than fight the inevitable we are trying to embrace it and, more importantly, use it as a free marketing tool. Images taken around the galleries will hopefully get shared across the world and in turn encourage more and more people to visit.

We are asking that visitors feel free to take pictures around the galleries and if they would like to post them on social media, they should tag us using the hashtags [#JewelsInTheCrown25](#) and [#PenleeHouseGalleryMuseum](#) so that we can all follow and contribute to the online conversation.

We also stipulate that photography must be for personal, non-commercial use only, and we ask that people be considerate of other visitors and only photograph people with their consent. The use of flash, camera supports and selfie sticks is still not permitted.



## BLOOMBERG CONNECTS



We are very excited indeed to announce that as of 17 March 2022 our partnership with Bloomberg Connects goes live!

From then on it will be possible to explore the exhibitions and collections of Penlee House online using our new digital guide, available on Bloomberg Connects, the free arts and culture app.

Visitors will be able to virtually explore Penlee House through an interactive map, discover more about our exhibitions, past, present and future and take a closer look at their favourite works of art. They will also have access to new audio descriptions about the paintings and exhibitions by our curators, previews of forthcoming exhibitions and much more.

Scan the QR Code below to download the free Bloomberg Connects app, find the Penlee House digital guide and start exploring.



## WE NEED YOU

Did you know that The Friends of Penlee House (Gallery and Museum) is run by volunteer Trustees and Committee members? Over the next few months we will have vacancies arising at both levels and would like to invite more members to join us.

Never served on a committee? Sounds very dull and boring? Well it won't be with your input. Be involved in the decision making; help to keep this brilliant gallery at the top of its game.

If you would like to know more about the respective roles, please email [info@penleehouse.org.uk](mailto:info@penleehouse.org.uk), or contact the Gallery on 01736 363625 who will arrange for the Chair, Jane Williams, to give you a call.



## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL REMINDER

Subscriptions are due for renewal on 1 April and we will be sending out reminders to those who pay by cash or cheque shortly. For those of you who pay by direct debit, please note that it takes a week or so for banks to process the information so you will receive your new cards by mid-April. Please continue to use your current card until then.

## FRIENDS AGM AND LECTURE AT PENWITH COLLEGE

We are delighted to announce that The Friends of Penlee House Gallery & Museum AGM will take place at Penwith College, Penzance on 15 June, followed by a lecture about Walter Langley, so please hold the date.

## CONGRATULATIONS ANNA

We are delighted to announce that Penlee's Director, Anna, and her husband Ian welcomed baby Edith into the world in January. I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the best.

## PENLEE HOUSE MARKETING APPRENTICE SCOOPS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Maisy-Sky Lumbers, Marketing Executive Apprentice for Penlee House Gallery & Museum, has scooped Marketing Apprentice of Year at the Cornwall Apprenticeship Awards!

Maisy-Sky was recognised for her exceptional skills in marketing, which have really helped Penlee House to promote their collections and events and reach new audiences too. She has hugely increased the number of followers on social media channels and has introduced Penlee House to Tik Tok and, in turn, a new audience. During the lockdowns, she initiated creative challenges which encouraged people to be inspired by paintings and objects from the Penlee House collection.

At the event, Maisy-Sky was also highly commended for the Cornwall Apprentice of the Year award, reserved for the top three highest-scoring nominees in any category.

Speaking after the ceremony, Maisy-Sky said "I am so honoured and grateful to be the recipient of this award. I am very appreciative for the continuous support over the past two years through both my level 3 Digital Marketing and level 4 Marketing Executive course from Penlee House, Penzance Council and the apprenticeship provider, Digital Peninsula Network."



Maisy-Sky (right) at the Cornwall Apprenticeship Awards