

ARTS NEWS May events update and June 2023

Arts Events and Opportunities in and for the rural communities of West Northants



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MAY ARTS EVENTS

Fri 5 Music at the Market

[Danetre Ukulele Orchestra](#) and the [Royal Oak Morris Dancers](#) will be attending [Daventry Town Market](#) to entertain visitors with British songs, tradition and merriment.



Sat 6 – Mon 8 [Coronation Weekend](#)

Coronation and events, with opportunities to take part and enjoy community activities.

Sunday 7 *Ring for the King and Sing for the King* – community participation
St Lawrence Church, Towcester's Big Brunch events.

Sun 7 [Baby Jools and the Jazzaholics](#) - music

Trad jazz at The Walnut Tree Inn, Station Rd, Blisworth, NN7 3DS. 12:30-3pm. £15. Reserve with Tad Newton on 01604 858549.


Sat 13 [Handmade Fayre](#)

Monthly stallholder event for buying handmade gifts and original artwork, sold directly by the artists and designers who created them. Towcester Town Hall, Town Hall, Towcester NN12 6BS. 9:30am – 4:00pm.



OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS – [Banbury and villages](#)

Sat 13 – Tue 23 **The Heseltine Selected Exhibition**

 For [Artweeks](#) this year, the Heseltine Gallery is showcasing 5 artists selected for exhibition awards at previous Heseltine Open exhibitions: Rachel Cronin and Sarah Smith (paintings), Mia Parkinson (Jesmonite vases) and ceramicist Sue Clayton show their new work alongside highly commended textile artist Caroline Nixon. [The Heseltine Gallery](#), Archery Rd, Middleton Cheney OX17 2QR. Open daily, 10am to 4pm. Meet the artists at weekends.



Sat 13 – Sun 21 Art in The Barn at the New Inn, 45 Main Road, Middleton Cheney OX17 2ND. 11am to 5pm daily.

Artists in Kings Sutton: [Helen Woolner](#) (ceramics), [Margot Bell](#) (printmaker), [The Kings Sutton Collective](#) (group show in the church, **14 – 21 May**)

Sat 13 May Chamber Music Concert

Members of Brackley Chamber Music Club perform Mozart Clarinet Quintet, Schubert String Quintet (Allegro and Adagio), Holst *Jig* and Grainger *Molly on the Shore*. Farthinghoe Village Hall, NN13 5PD. 7:30pm. [Tickets](#) £10. Profits to Farthinghoe Primary School 'School Ties'.

Wed 17 Vitality Voices! Super-fun Sing-along

Free activities for [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) (Monday 15 to Sunday 21 May) include Singing for Wellbeing with Kat Stephens from the Songbirds. Renew169, 169 Watling St, Towcester NN12 6BX. 1 – 2pm. Info and booking: assistant@renew169.org.uk or reserve on [Eventbrite](#).

Sat 20 Network Arts workshop *Paint That Dog!*

Louise Brown workshop using pastels. [Network Arts](#) Monthly workshops for members and non-members. Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill Lane, Reedings, Moulton, Northampton NN3 7AX. 9.30am – 3.30pm. Information: networkarts@live.co.uk

Sat 20 Barn Dance – music & dance

Fundraising event for Roade Community Orchestra to buy timpani. Roade Village Hall. Check [website](#) or Facebook for details.

Sun 21 Emily Bacon's Good Time New Orleans Jazz Band

Walnut Jazz Club presents, from the North East, Emily Bacon (piano/vocals), Liz Bacon (clarinet), Paul Bacon (drums), Jim Blenkin (trombone), Gwyn Lewis (trumpet), Sarah Thatcher (banjo/guitar), Mike Kennedy (bass). The Walnut Tree Inn, Station Rd, Blisworth, NN7 3DS. 12:30-3pm. £15. Reserve with Tad Newton on 01604 858549.

22 May to 4 June [Northampton Film Festival](#)

Showcasing the best filmmakers with a connection to Northamptonshire and from around Great Britain, with many having won multiple awards at other film festivals around the world. The full line up can be found in the [Film Guide](#). Northampton Filmhouse.

Sat 27 May – 4 June [The Art of Abstraction](#) – visual arts

Exhibition of abstract art by artists selected by Yardley Arts, The Square, Yardley Hastings NN7 1EU. 10am – 4pm. Also an ongoing programme of courses and workshops.



Sun 28 [Brackley Folk & Acoustic Club](#) – participative music

Keeping music live on the fourth Sunday of each month, these sessions are open for people to take part. [Brackley Bar and Grill](#), 23 Market Place, Brackley.

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JUNE – looking ahead (see next page)

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Mikron Theatre company on tour by narrowboat on the canal waterways with two shows, performed outdoors:

A Force to be Reckoned With

Drama about pioneering women in the police.

- **Sun 4** Great Houghton Village Hall, Leys Lane, Great Houghton, Northampton, NN4 0AN. 2pm
- 07707 015968 | Web: www.greathoughton.org.uk
- **Wed 7** The Red Lion Inn. 52 Main Road, Crick, NN6 7TX. 7pm. 01484 843701
- **Sun 11** Blisworth Village Hall, 18-19 Stoke Road, Blisworth NN7 3DH. 2pm. 01484 843701
- **Wed 14 & Thu 15** [The Admiral Nelson](#), Dark Lane, Braunston, Daventry, NN11 7HJ. 7pm. 01788 891900

Twitchers

A drama about birds, birders and the RSPB

- **Fri 16** [The Canal Museum](#), Stoke Bruerne NN12 7SE. 7pm

Sat 10 Barbershop Concert

Hallmark of Harmony, Meantime Chorus and mixed quartet Sharrow Vale Blues – top UK groups. King’s Sutton Parish Church 7pm. £15 (children under 12 free). [Tickets](#).

Sun 11 Walnut Jazz Day Special

Celebrating 40 years of Sunday lunchtime jazz with Tad Newton’s Jazzfriends, The Golden Eagle Jazz Band, Richard Exall/Zoltan Sagi Quintet “Two Tough Tenors”, Trevor Whiting (clarinet/sax), Dave Browning (piano tbc) and more. All day tickets £30. Real ales/good food, and accommodation if required. Come along a celebrate with us! The Walnut Tree Inn, Station Rd, Blisworth, NN7 3DS. 12-9pm. 01604 858549

Sat 17 Concert by The Kim Keeble Ensemble

Ten world class musicians come together to present an evening of delightful Baroque Music by Handel, Bach, Marcello, Albinoni and Vivaldi. St Nicholas Church, Eydon, 7.30pm. Info and tickets £25 from Kim Keeble 01327 262383 or kim.keeble@virgin.net and in person from [Oboe Fine Wine](#), Eydon. Raising funds for St Nicholas’ Church.

Fri 16 – Sun 18 [Midsummer Music](#) in Towcester

The annual music festival where all kinds of music can be enjoyed in the town centre.

Sat 17 Come & Sing Early Music

Northampton Chamber Choir invites singers to join them in a workshop and informal performance of *Beatus Vir* and *Cantate Domine* by Monteverdi and a Magnificat by Durante, directed by Simon Toyne and Marcela Campaña. Music provided. Book on the [choir website](#) or Facebook.

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For **COUNTYWIDE CULTURAL EVENTS AND PLACES TO VISIT**, see the [Northamptonshire Britain's Best Surprise website](#); **Northampton** events also listed [here](#). Residents and visitors to West Northamptonshire can download the new [Explore WN App](#) to discover West Northampton-shire attractions and businesses. More Northants tourism & events information from the new [Discover Northamptonshire Hub](#) at Rushden Lakes.

Wider regional arts information and course providers [here](#).

Community cinema

[Northants Village Cinema](#) is bringing movies to rural communities across Northants, assisted by grants from FILMHUB Midlands and Northamptonshire Community Foundation. To receive details about bringing the cinema experience to your village hall in the autumn, winter, or next spring, please contact Simon Hopkins by email: lunaflix@btinternet.com. More information [here](#).

FUNDING & ADVICE

Funding Fair, 5 July, King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton N3 6LL

FREE

ARE YOU A COMMUNITY GROUP WHO REQUIRES FUNDING?

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FUNDING FAIR 2023
on Wednesday 5 July 2023 from 10am-4pm
at King's Park Conference Centre
Kings Park Rd, Northampton, NN3 6LL

You are invited to the Northamptonshire Funding Fair 2023

This is your chance to attend and hear presentations from a range of funders who could help you with your projects.

Funders will also provide valuable information on how best to apply for grants, along with special hints and tips through a series of presentations.

Details on booking and a schedule of presentations will be available soon.

The latest funding information can be found on [South Northants Volunteer Bureau website](#) and you can sign up for the regular newsletter.

[Northamptonshire Community Foundation](#) can help with finding suitable sources of funding for community organisations and projects.

National arts information, opportunities and current funding guidelines: [Arts Council England website](#). Sign up for the newsletter for updates so you don't miss new grant opportunities. Also details of how to enjoy many exciting cultural activities and projects from around the country.

[The Performing Rights Society Foundation](#) offers a variety of schemes to support music creators and performers. Information including 2023 deadlines for funding schemes and opportunities on their [website](#) and monthly by newsletter.

[Creative Lives](#) supports creativity for all and is a good source of information.

[The Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance](#) also has a wealth of resources and information.

[The Campaign for the Arts](#). Join and hear the latest national news.

Our **arts web pages** can be accessed via the WNC website from the [Local Tourism page](#) in the Culture & Tourism section, but may soon be migrated and changed. If you see information that needs updating, please use the [feedback form](#).

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