

ARTS NEWS, January 2022

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JANUARY 2022

On now to 27 January: Two Local Printmakers

Original handmade prints by Iain Hodgkinson & Lindsey Graham for sale, Towcester Library The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD. Mon. – Friday 9-6pm, Sat. 9-5pm.

[Independent and Resilient: A Level Art and Photography in the Age of Lockdown](#)

View creative work by 10 students (2020-21 academic year at Chenderit Academy) on the Heseltine Gallery's website (link in title above).

[\[Focus\] on Photography '22 – opportunity for photographers](#)



This exciting exhibition returns for a second event, showcasing photographic artwork by both emerging and established photographers, including a youth category. **Open for online submissions now until 29 January 2022.** Download entry form and information from the website (link in title above), or email friends@theheseltinegallery.gov.uk **Exhibition Monday, 28 February to Wednesday, 30 March. The Heseltine Gallery** at Chenderit School, Archery Road, Middleton Cheney OX17 2QR. Monday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Admission free.

Monday 10 January to Sunday 6 February 2022



[First Imprints: Oxford Printmakers Exhibition](#)

First Imprints is a unique science/art collaboration between **Oxford Printmakers** and the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. This touring exhibition aims to give an artistic expression of the amazing story of how complex life developed from just single cells. Rare fossils, around 500 million years old, were loaned from as far away as China and Greenland. Many of these fossils were mere impressions on the rock surface, of strange, soft-bodied creatures. The task of bringing these precious creatures to life visually fell to 22 enthusiastic artists from Oxford Printmakers, led by earth scientist and printmaker Sally Levell.

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JAZZ @THE WALNUT TREE - January

Station Rd, Blisworth NN7 3DS. Sundays, 12.30-3pm

Reservations: tadjazzfriends@gmail.com or call Tad on 01604 858549 in January.

Sunday 9 The Hot Jazz Vagabonds

Django to Dixieland Delights.

Sunday 16 'Baby' Jools and the Jazzaholics

One of Britain's most popular traditional outfits.

Sun. 23 Ewan Bleach Quintet

Multi-instrumentalist Ewan brings his great young band to The Walnut. Ewan is regular member of "Frog & Henry" and has played many times in New Orleans with the iconic Tuba Skinny.

Sun 30 Simon Spillett Quartet

The fantastic tenor/soprano saxophonist with Alec Dankworth (bass), Pete Cater (drums) and Rob Barron (piano) rockin' the Walnut on Tubby Hayes' 87th birthday!

MUSIC & DANCE PARTICIPATION

Elders Dance Company

Come and join an enjoyable and relaxed contemporary dance class for over 60s run by [Dancemind](#). Sessions are supportive and adaptive to suit all abilities and are accessible to anyone over age 60 who is able to move independently and has a willingness and curiosity to explore movement and dance. Northampton Museum & Art Gallery Studio, Thursdays 1-2pm from 6 Jan. Join during term if you wish. Bookings: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nm-elders-dance-company-where-age-has-no-limits-tickets-224874574907 or call 01604 838111.

Brackley Morris Men

Practices on Thursday evenings, 8pm, Brackley Town Hall, from **Thurs 6th Jan**. No cost, no pressure, no commitment, just a chance to try it for yourself. We're proud of our colourful 400-year-old tradition locally and are only able to continue thriving because men are still keen to join us. Female and male musicians also welcome. For details, call Stephen 07764 799947, or e-mail brackleymorris@gmail.com.

Rose & Castle Morris

Men's North West Morris side. Practices on Wednesday evenings at Stoke Bruerne Village Hall, 8.30pm. Information on the website, or call 01604 713360.

Music and Drama groups

Many types of music-making groups can be found on the [Making Music website](#) and [drama groups here](#), but if you can't find what you're looking for, get in touch with Arts Development Officer, Sue Carverhill.

Theatre, youth arts and more

Links to more opportunities and organisations [here](#).

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS, COURSES AND PROJECTS

Dear Me @18

Community project for all ages. Write a letter to your 18-year-old self, either looking forward or back. What would you say? Submit it to the [Renew 169](#) wellbeing café in Towcester (or email to laurahrpatterson@gmail.com) and you can be part of an exhibition. Contact Laura for more information.

There are many opportunities to attend **workshops and courses** around our area. Learn all sorts of arts and craft skills, or purchase a session as a gift for someone else. Links to local places [here](#).

Pottery Classes at Chenderit School: next 10-week course starts Tuesday 11 January, 7pm. Information and enrolment 01295 660126.

Adult Learning courses January to March 2022 include many creative subjects, publicised in brochures and [online](#).

FUNDING & ADVICE

New funding for **freelance arts practitioners**, to help with financial problems caused by the effects of the pandemic on work.

Let's Create Jubilee Fund

Charities, voluntary and community groups planning a project April to June 2022 that involves creativity (including any of these artforms: music, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, combined arts - including festivals and carnivals - museum and library activities) may be eligible to apply for funding. Download the information and if you want to find an ACE-funded partner organisation, contact the Arts Development Officer.

West Northants Council Community Funding Grants - online Expression of Interest Form

We are now taking **expressions of interest** for Community Funding Grants online. The application process is by online form. Are you planning an arts project that would benefit our communities this year? The Grants Officer will advise, on receiving your form.

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

Arts information, opportunities and new 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.

Creative Lives supports creativity for all and is a good source of information, including [guidelines on restarting group activities](#).

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

Our **Healthy Communities web pages** can still be accessed via the new website from <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/culture-and-tourism/local-tourism> or <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/health-leisure-and-parks> - click on 'Leisure Centres and Sports Clubs', then 'South Northamptonshire'.

Information is current at the time of issue. Please check all organisations' updates, especially if there are changes to government guidance which affect public opening and activities.

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