

ARTS NEWS, July - August 2021

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Visual Arts

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

July 10: Reopening!

The doors to the newly refurbished and redesigned building open again. Three new art exhibitions to enjoy as well as the collections. Abington Park Museum is already open. Visit the website in the link for information about both.

The Heseltine Gallery

- [Still Lives](#) – Year 11 Observational Drawing from the Age of Lockdown, by Chenderit students, until 23 July, online.
- [New Horizons](#) – Online Summer Exhibition 26 July – 5 September
Following the success of our online exhibitions and the creative outlet it has provided to so many artists, we have decided to add a summer event! Be inspired by the great outdoors this summer, whether that is in the heart of the countryside, in your own back garden or your local park. Let's celebrate new-found freedom and the opportunities that lie ahead. To enter your work, which can be in any medium, visit the link in the title above and read the full terms and conditions on how to apply. **Deadline for submission: 11 July.**
- Latest [Meet the artist](#) features Mike Caddy and Jenny Timms, glass artists – see how a piece of stained glass art is created.
- First in a new series on Creative Careers in the [#LOVEArt blog](#) is Art Education and 'My Life in Art' continues with journalist/artist Chris Woodcock.

Thursday 1 – Friday 30 July: Summer Exhibition

Culworth Primary Academy artwork from pre-school to Year 6, celebrating children's creativity. [Forge Coffee](#), The Green, Culworth.

Friday 2 July – Sunday 1 August: Faces and Places Exhibition

Taylor Allen showcases her portraits and drawings of places, such as Evenley, where she grew up. [Forge Coffee](#), Evenley.

Saturday 28 August – Monday 30 Bank Holiday: [Towcester & District Art Society](#)

Exhibition & Sale of original art by local artists. Free admission. Supporting Paulerspury Village Flower Festival. Paulerspury Village Hall, High Street, Paulerspury, Towcester, NN12 7NA
Saturday 12 noon - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 5pm, Monday 10am – 4:30pm.

[Alderton Art Festival](#) 4 & 5 September

Artists interested in exhibiting are invited to register. Organisers hope that the big weekend event will be live again this year.

South Northamptonshire Art Trail 2-10 October

Artists are invited to join [South Northamptonshire Arts](#) and *register for this October's Art Trail by 11 July*.

Art & craft workshops

The following have dates for classes and courses, which are booking up fast. More venues on our [Arts page](#). Check websites or contact each to find out safety measures:

- [Vitreus Art, Towcester](#)
- [Yardley Arts](#), Yardley Hastings – see below for a selection, including activities for young people.
- [South Northamptonshire Arts workshops](#) at Vitreus Art, near Towcester:
Social Media for Artists - Two interactive evening workshops to help artists promote their work on Social Media: **22 July** Social Media for Beginners; **26 August** Growing your Social Media presence.
Choosing the Right Frames for your Art - evening workshop for artists and art lovers, **8 September**, 7pm.
- [Artistic Retreats, Upper Boddington](#)
- [Stone Carving with Nicolas Moreton](#), Old Dairy Farm, Upper Stowe, **August 28 – 30**.
- [Adult Learning for Wellbeing](#) and some great free art, photography & mindfulness outdoors at Country Parks.
- **Flower T Pot** Thursdays 10am – 1pm at Nether Heyford Baptist Rooms. Contact Veneeta or Clare on 07729 105584 or 07716 410344, email veneetar@icloud.com or slaterac33@gmail.com.
- **The Seasons Art Class**, Bugbrooke Community Centre
Courses are designed to be fun for absolute beginners to improvers. For more information call Jemma on 01604 375833, email jemma@northantsartclass.co.uk or visit facebook.com/seasonsartclassnorthampton

Saturdays 10 & 24 July

[Saturday Art Club for Children \(afternoon workshop\)](#)

A fun and experimental Saturday art class with Emma Lindsay. There will be an exciting project each time, inspired by a different artist, which will teach children new skills and how to use art materials in fun and varied ways. Yardley Arts, The Old School Hall, Yardley Hastings, 2 – 4pm.

Tuesday 20 July

Mindfulness with Art taster

This has been a hard year for many of us, so could you benefit from understanding more about taking care of your wellbeing? This taster workshop will give you an opportunity to practise a number of different mindfulness meditations, using a focus on paintings to help with this process. Yardley Arts, The Old School Hall, Yardley Hastings, 7 – 9pm

Monday 2 – Wednesday 4 August

Creative Song Writing for Children

If your children love being musical, then they will just love this song writing course with Sophie Garner. Through games, exercises, singing, and song writing, they will embark on a fun, explorative journey of self-discovery. This is a unique opportunity to learn from an expert and take away tools they will never forget. 3-day course, mornings or afternoons. Yardley Arts, The Old School Hall, Yardley Hastings,

Thursday 5 August

Amazing Animation for Children

Make a monster of an animation on this fun, half-day workshop with Clinton Osborne of Animation Station, where you get to make monsters or bring your own models, toys and drawings and bring them to life to scare the rest, using iPads, backgrounds and props. Yardley Arts, The Old School Hall, Yardley Hastings, 10am – 4pm (Half or full day).

Performing Arts

Live theatre is back!

Northampton's Royal&Derngate stages come alive with a festival of musical theatre, plays, music and comedy. Seating is restricted according to Covid safety guidelines. Don't miss The Masks We Wear, a brand new musical production is a celebration of young people's voices, creativity and resilience, a welcome return to young actors performing on the Royal stage, **9 & 10 July**. Box Office 01604 624811. See It Safely accredited venue, in association with **Society of London Theatres** and **UK Theatre**.

NN12 Community Choir will continue to be virtual on Wednesdays from 7pm, until we can return to singing together in person. Our intention is to get back to being in person as soon as possible. New members welcome. Contact nn12choir@gmail.com for a free taster session and further information.

The People's Show Choir

A new choir for people who love musical theatre songs will be starting as soon as is permitted, in Turweston. Contact Rey Lear for further information about joining: reylear7@gmail.com.

JAZZ @THE WALNUT TREE

Station Rd, Blisworth NN7 3DS. Weekly lunchtime jazz, 12.30 – 3pm. A great venue, free parking, real ales, great hot food, bar snacks, top national and international jazz bands. Restricted numbers, socially distanced. Tickets in advance only, £15. Call Tad on 01604 858549 to check availability or book; email tadjazzfriends@gmail.com for information.

- **Sunday 4 July: Sarah Spencer's Transatlantic Band.** New Orleans jazz.

- **Sunday 18 Tad Newton's Jazzfriends** with special guest vocalist **Roy Forbes**.
- **Sunday 25 Graham Smith's Jazz Allsorts**.

Sunday 25 July: Dappled Sounds

Concert by wind and trumpet ensemble in the garden, Sulgrave Manor, 6pm. Bring chairs or blanket. [Tickets & information](#)

5 August: [The Tempest at Sulgrave Manor](#)

Join The Pantaloons on a voyage to an enchanted island full of adventure, romance, magic and monsters... Shakespeare's tale in the gardens. Bring chairs or blanket. 7pm.

Catch up online with [Midsummer Music Virtual Festival 2021](#) if you missed the streamed performances – or watch your favourites again! Donations to the Mayor's fund for chosen charities.

WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

23 – 25 July Wellbeing Festival at Renew169 Towcester

[Renew169](#) wellbeing café at 169 Watling Street, Towcester, now open Mondays and Tuesdays, are joining forces with Arbor Vitae Lifespan Solutions Ltd to offer four free workshops to help people improve their wellbeing in the wake of Covid-19 and move forwards. Anxiety Busters for teens and sessions tailored for men, women and seniors. For information and to book, email manager@renew169.org.uk.

Please note, the previously announced Open Day has been postponed until September

FUNDING & ADVICE

Missed the **Northants Virtual Funding Fair**? The presentations can now be viewed on YouTube: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/fundingfairvideos.

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

Arts information, opportunities and funding: [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.

Voluntary Arts has had a makeover and changed its name to **Creative Lives**. The organisation 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/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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