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WHAT'S ON

January - April 2024

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WELCOME TO OUR MUSEUM EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS GUIDE!

Welcome to the first What's On of 2024! As we step into the new year, we're delighted to share a packed schedule of exhibitions and events at Nothampton Museum and Art Gallery and Abington Park Museum, catering to all ages and interests.

Exciting news! We're thrilled to introduce our brand-new offsite exhibition program, a unique venture bringing museum collections to local libraries across Northamptonshire. In collaboration with West Northamptonshire Libraries, we're setting up small exhibition spaces in Daventry, Towcester, Brackley, and Weston Favell. This means more access to our exhibitions, reaching communities across West Northamptonshire and enriching cultural offerings at local libraries.

Our first temporary exhibition, "Unearthed: Portable Antiquities Scheme Finds from across Northamptonshire," will showcase archaeological discoveries from Northamptonshire, some never seen before. Featuring items acquired through the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS), the exhibit brings to light artifacts discovered by the public. It's a unique glimpse into our local history.

Stay in the know! Sign up for our monthly email list to receive updates on all the latest news and events.





SELLING GALLERY

The museum's Selling Gallery provides a vibrant and exciting showcase for new and established Northamptonshire artists and creators to display and sell their work. Browse and buy original and limited-edition paintings, photographs and prints, sculpture and ceramics. The works change frequently as our portfolio of artists and makers grows, so there's always new works to see and buy.

CAFÉ AND TERRACE

Our café serves light meals, snacks and drinks, with a focus on Northamptonshire food producers and the finest fresh local ingredients.



MUSEUM SHOP

The museum shop features many items made by local artisans as well as contemporary gifts from independent suppliers you won't find on the high street. From pocket money toys and games to stationery and cards, homeware to jewellery, as well as products which reflect our collections, exhibitions and Northamptonshire history and many products reflecting our internationally important shoe collection.





SHOE GALLERY

The Shoe Gallery showcases the depth and breadth of the internationally renowned shoe collection. It highlights how we design and make shoes and why we wear the shoes that we do, with an emphasis on all the fascinating stories shoes can tell. Our shoe collection is one of the largest collections of shoes and shoe heritage in the world and is Designated as being of national and international importance by Arts Council England.

ART GALLERIES

Our two dedicated art galleries host a programme of changing exhibitions featuring works from our collections and touring exhibitions.



HISTORY GALLERIES

The Northampton History Galleries chart Northampton's history from the Stone Age through the Civil War, the Great Fire of Northampton, the rebuilding of the town and the key trades from the 1700s until the present day.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION GALLERY

The Temporary Exhibition Gallery showcases a varied programme of touring and in-house exhibitions.

VENUE HIRE

Our two museums offer truly unique settings for events.

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery offers a central location and a stunning venue with a real 'wow' factor for your corporate or private event. The Central Hall and Link spaces are ideal venues for both corporate and private functions, from drinks receptions, gala dinners, award ceremonies, conferences and exhibitions, to wedding receptions and private parties and the Studio space is ideal for workshops and business meetings.



Abington Park Museum in the heart of beautiful Abington Park offers an intimate and elegant venue, all in the setting of a Grade 1 listed, historic building once the home of Shakespeare's granddaughter. The Great Hall and Thursby Room are ideal for smaller corporate or private events and the inner courtyard provides a wonderful private open-air space. The museum is also licensed for wedding ceremonies, civil partnerships and receptions in the Great Hall or Thursby Room.

SCHOOLS AND LEARNING

A full learning offer is available, with a dedicated schools and activity studio space for workshops and visits.



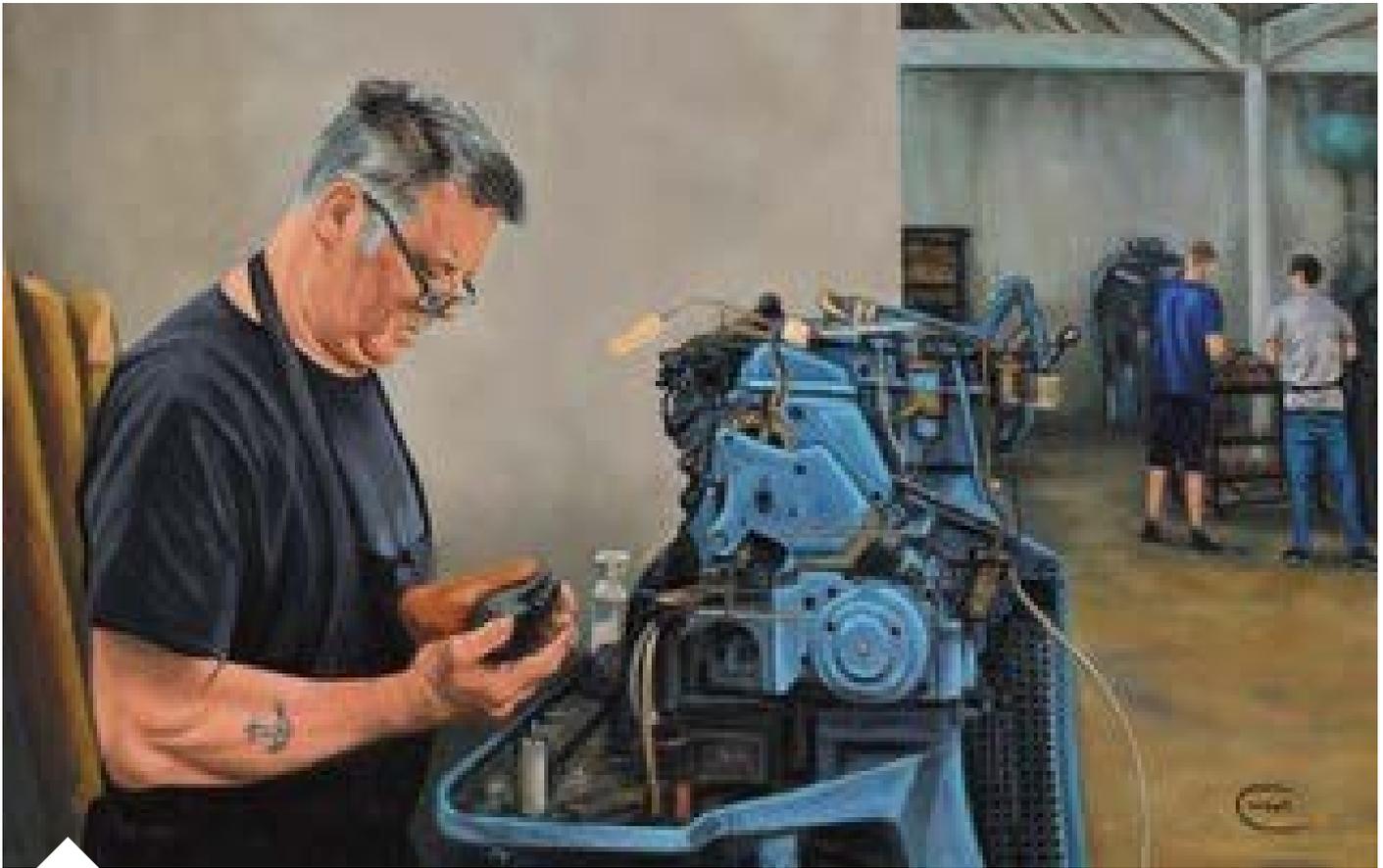


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NORTHAMPTON TOWN AND COUNTY ART SOCIETY OPEN ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2023 - 24

Until Sunday 4 February 2024

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Northampton Town and County Art Society are delighted to return to Northampton Museum and Art Gallery. Members, Associate Members and selected non-Members exhibit their work in the Gallery allowing visitors a chance to see the wide variety of styles and subjects that such a group show offers.



MATERIAL MATTERS

Artworks by Alison Goodyear, Michelle Keegan and Michael Evans

Until Sunday 25 February 2024

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

The exhibiting artists engage in a collective exploration of ideas and enquiries pertaining to materiality and a diverse array of technological processes within our respective disciplines of painting, printmaking, and virtual reality. Their collaborative works embody the synergy between the mechanical, the digital, and the handcrafted.

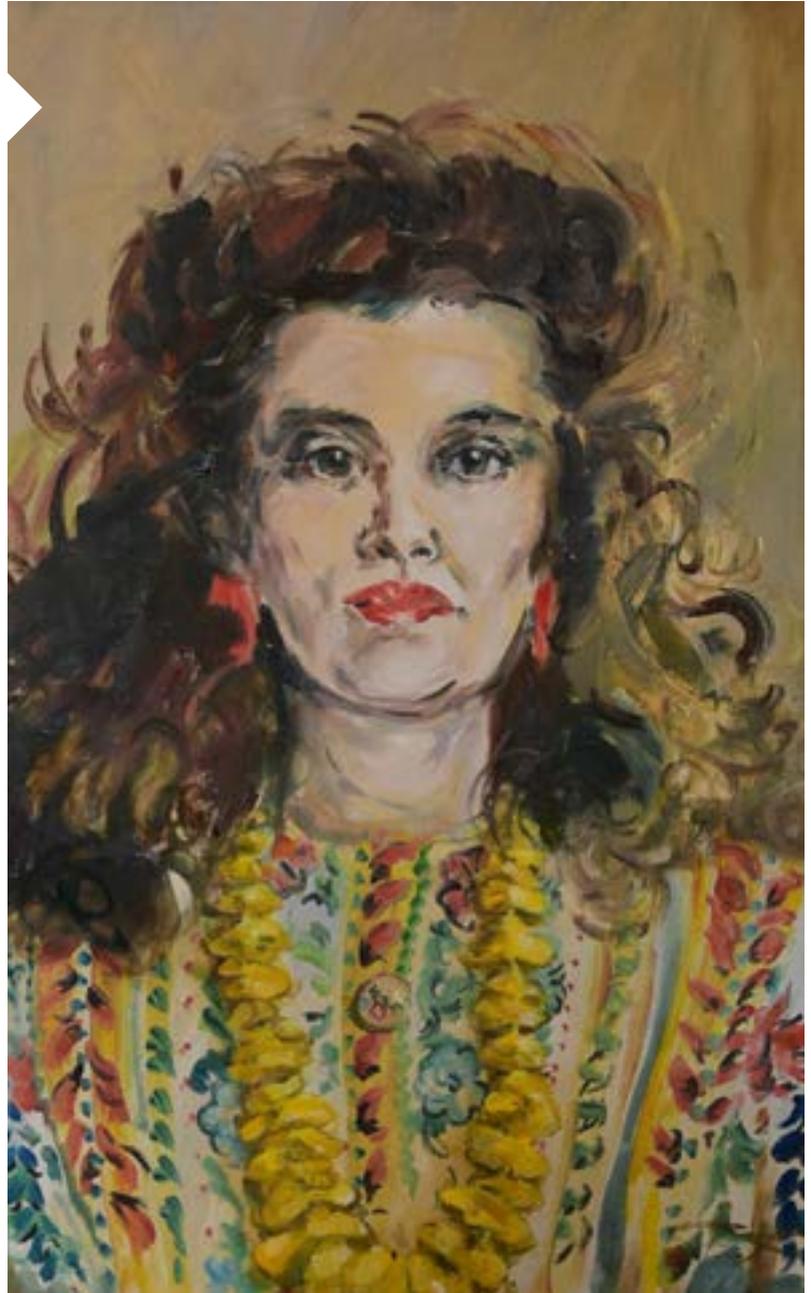
LIFE AND ART: ELKE POLLARD RETROSPECTIVE

Saturday 10 February

- Sunday 28 April 2024

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Well-known amongst the local art community for her gregarious personality, Elke Pollard created a wide body of work in a variety of media and styles predominantly colourful large-scale portraits and floral still lifes. Alongside her art, Pollard worked as a designer and seamstress. This exhibition will showcase art and design highlights from the life of this influential and prominent Northampton artist.





ABSTRACT ART FROM THE COLLECTION

Saturday 2 March - Sunday 1 September 2024

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

A celebration of the 20th century paintings, prints and sculptures in our collection that all share an abstraction of form, from large oil on canvas paintings to angular metal sculptures. This exhibition is a presentation of this central stream of modern art production, investigating abstract art's unique voice, freedom of expression and artistic origins.

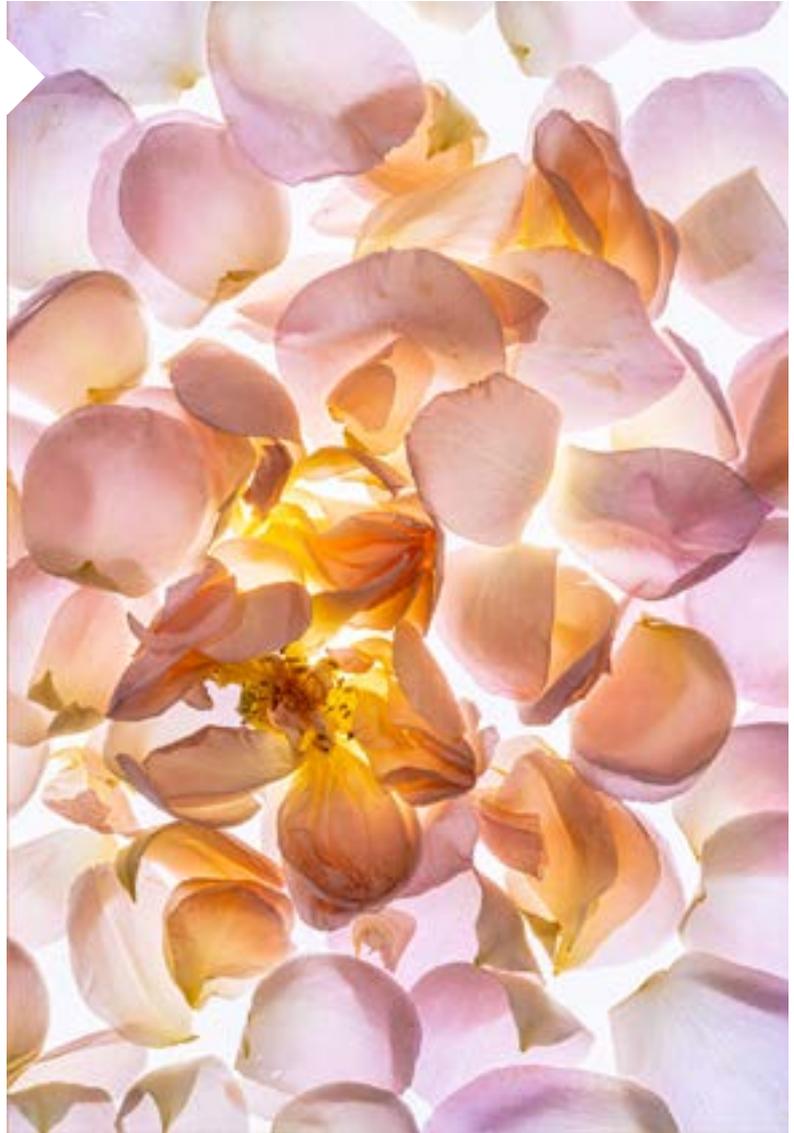
BEYOND PHOTOGRAPHY

Saturday 10 February

- Sunday 21 April 2024

Abington Park Museum

Northampton Open Studios Award winner Andy Carter uses both precision and abstraction to make my images unlike - or beyond - photographs. The exhibition will include images captured using a harmonograph - which he designed and built specifically for photography; it can produce beautiful and ethereal forms, connecting together sound, space and light.





VIVIENNE WESTWOOD: A PERSONAL COLLECTION

Saturday 16 March - Sunday 9 June 2024

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Vivienne Westwood was seen as the Grand Dame of fashion design for over 50 years. Her work with partner Malcolm McLaren defined the look of punk in the 1970s and subsequent fashion collections shaped the fashion world of the late twentieth century. This exhibition showcases a small part of an extensive personal collection that features her iconic shoes and outfits from her career defining collections such as Seditious, favoured by the Sex Pistols and Pirate. The Vivienne Westwood brand was not involved in the curation or organisation of this exhibition



Image courtesy of Andy Marlow

PUNK: RAGE & REVOLUTION

Until Sunday 3 March 2024

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery



Punk took the world by storm, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to inspire and provoke people today. The young people of Northamptonshire were as inspired by punk as the rest of the country - they formed bands, set up music and clothing stores and managed punk nights. This major exhibition follows the Punk: Rage & Revolution exhibition at Leicester Museum and Art Gallery and explores fashion, music, the local gig scene and much more.



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Free Admission



ART IN THE PARK

Friday 26 April - Sunday 26 May 2024

Abington Park Museum

Abington Park Museum's annual open exhibition will be taking place from April to May this year. The exhibition is open to all artists living and working in Northamptonshire, both amateur and professional. Entry forms and terms and conditions will be available on the website www.northamptonmuseums.com from 1 February 2024. The closing date for entries is 12 April 2024.



ABINGTON IN PICTURES

Until Sunday 4 February 2024

Abington Park Museum

Abington is a beautiful area of Northampton to live and work and has inspired many artists over the years. Featuring works by local artists from Northampton Museums and Art Gallery's art collection it is clear to see how the area, especially the park and its surroundings, have enthused and stimulated artists into creativity.



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THE WELLNESS SERIES

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Looking after our mental wellbeing is increasingly important. We are providing a series of activities to help everyone stay well and happy. The sessions are designed to add some calm or enjoyment to your day, whether it's on your lunchbreak, after work or at the weekend.

IMMERSIVE YOGA

Tuesday 9 January - Tuesday 13 February

6-7pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Be immersed in our energetic, dynamic, flow yoga experience, where a 270 degree projection of colour, film and music will surround you as you take part in this class. Led by experienced instructor Maz, her yoga flow classes are all about listening to your body and moving in a way that feels good to you. The class will be suitable for all levels and modifications and progressions will be offered. There will be an emphasis on strength and softness within poses. Classes are based on a spiritual or philosophical theme or focus that changes each week. Please bring your own yoga mat/towel and water bottle. Book a series ticket and get a free Museum branded mat and water bottle.



£8 per class or £45 for a series ticket
Over 18s only
Booking essential



YOGA BRUNCH

Saturday 16 March 2024,

9am-12noon

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join Maz, our dedicated and experienced yoga teacher who will help you to reset and recharge with an energising yoga flow. The morning will start with a hot drink and an energy ball on arrival followed by a meditation session to ground you ready for your uplifting immersive yoga practice. After the class, we all gather for a healthy, nutritious brunch to refuel and chat with fellow yogis. Brunch included in the price. Bring your own yoga mat/towel and water bottle. Please notify us of any specific dietary requirements.

£27.50 per person

Over 18s only

Booking essential



TAI CHI

January 10 - March 20 (excluding 21 February)

Wednesdays, 1-2pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Tai Chi And Chi Kung (Qigong) exercises are performed standing. The ancient flowing movement and philosophy is suitable for all levels of health and fitness. Sifu Nick, regional representative for the Master Ding Academy, teaches all aspects of traditional Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan as passed down through the generations. It will strengthen and harmonise your mind and body as you explore the cultivation of internal energy ('chi') in solo and paired practices. Information for participants: Tai Chi can be done in any clothing, but it's better if you have full range of motion and that any footwear is flat, therefore most opt for gym gear and trainers/plimsolls. No special equipment is required. Please bring a drink if you feel you may need this.

Although the origins of the Art are martial, the majority of today's Tai Chi practitioners are looking for good mental health, a strong healthy body, a sense of harmony and well-being, a way to bust stress, a chance to relax and revitalise and a fresh way of approaching life. Come and discover all of this and more by awakening the power of your chi, that has always been there.

£8 per class
Over 18s only
Booking essential



IMMERSIVE SOUND BATH

Friday 12 January, 9 February & 8 March, 6.30-8pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join us for what promises to be an amazing event, where sound healing frequencies and stunning immersive visuals meet to create a powerful experience. Enter a realm of peace, tranquillity, contemplation and wonder. Lay back and melt away any stresses you may be carrying, as the journey unfolds with beautiful visuals and sacred geometry.

Ashleigh Louise is a Sound Practitioner and Holistic Therapist who intuitively creates and layers frequencies and vibrations with gongs, chimes, drum, crystal singing bowls and more.

Stimulate your senses and clear your mind with this offering of transformative sounds enhanced by beautiful visuals.

Sound Therapy benefits include:

- Improved sleep
- Improved focus and concentration
- Meditation
- Stress relief
- Anxiety relief

£20 per person
Over 18s only
Booking essential

Please note, sound therapy is not recommended for those in the first trimester of pregnancy, those with metal implants in the body, those with severe mental health conditions and those who have sound induced epilepsy. If you wear a hearing aid, it is recommended to switch it off during in the session. If you are unsure whether this session is suitable for you, please consult with your doctor. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat to lie on, or purchase one from the museum shop.



CRAFT & CHATTER

Every Friday (except Friday 29 March), 12.30-2pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

If you're looking for a way to unwind after a busy week or just want to make some new crafting friends, come along with your chosen craft to these friendly informal sessions. They take place every Friday lunchtime in the Northampton Museum & Art Gallery lower café area.

Drop in - no booking required but please purchase a drink or something to eat from the café.

Free Admission



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TALKS

THURSDAY MORNING TALKS

10.30am-12pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Thursday 11 January

Alfred Cockerill

Speaker: Bob Farey

Alfred Cockerill was a leading philanthropist and benefactor to the town. He arrived in Northampton in 1857, penniless, but went on to make a fortune from farming and market gardening. He used his wealth to promote structural, social and sporting initiatives in Northampton. The talk will cover his life and legacy.

Thursday 25 January

Singing For Victory: The Forces' Sweethearts of WW2

Speaker: Kaffy Rice-Oxley

A talk about the lives and experience of three Sweethearts - Gracie Fields, Joyce Grenfell and Vera Lynn - who went out with ENSA (Entertainments National Service Association) into the theatres of war to sing for troops behind the lines and in the hospitals. Featuring performances of WW2 songs including 'We'll Meet Again' and 'The White Cliffs of Dover'.



£3 per talk, £20 for the series
Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits
Booking essential

THURSDAY MORNING TALKS

10.30am-12pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Thursday 8 February

All I Did Was Go For a Walk

Speaker: Dave Askew

After experiencing a health scare in 2013 Dave started a blog to share his love for walking in Northamptonshire. His website receives more than 1 million views a year and the Facebook Group has over 33,000 members, all with links to Northamptonshire. Dave shares stories from more than 210 walks in Northamptonshire plus another 169 outside the County and across the world. Last year he took over 4000 people on Group Walks.

Thursday 29 February

Was Your Ancestor a Criminal?

Speaker: Colin Chapman

During this illustrated talk, describing examples of offences in Northamptonshire regarded as crimes in past centuries, Dr Chapman will ask the audience to consider "Was your ancestor a criminal?"

Thursday 14 March

Treading the Duckboards

Speaker: Kate Wills

As the Great War raged amid shot and shell, songs, dance and laughter were created by the troops themselves. This is the story of their shows at the front.

Thursday 28 March

Medieval Surgery

Speaker: Steve Bacon

Steve explains the theory of the four humours that underpinned Medieval medicine and demonstrates the skill of the surgeon. Live leeches add the eeeek factor to some of this talk. While it is not possible for these sessions to be too 'hands on' - or should that be 'hands off'? Audience participation is encouraged and questions are answered with relish - or is that just fake blood?

Thursday 18 April

Walter & Frank

Speaker: Graham Mckechnie

This is the story of two extraordinary men from Northampton: Walter Tull and Frank Anderson. One from the Cobblers, one from the Saints. Both were the first mixed heritage players for those clubs and both later went to war.

£3 per talk, £20 for the series
Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits
Booking essential



STEVE IGNORANT IN CONVERSATION

Saturday, 10 February, 2-3pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery



Steve Ignorant is a singer/songwriter and artist. He co-founded the anarcho-punk band CRASS with Penny Rimbaud in 1977. When CRASS finished he played in various bands and is currently performing with his own bands Steve Ignorant's Slice Of Life (Post Punk) and the Steve Ignorant Band (Anarcho Punk). Join us at the museum to hear from one of the punks featured in our temporary exhibition Punk: Rage & Revolution. Steve will share his experiences of the punk scene in the 1970s and 80s when he was lead singer for CRASS, who played several gigs in local Northampton venues. Limited copies of his book *The Rest is Propaganda* will be available after the talk.

£6
Booking essential

FASHION TALK SERIES

What Victorian Women Wore

10.30-11.30am, Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

A series of five talks delivered by costume specialist Sharn Matthews and senior shoe curator Rebecca Shawcross exploring what Victorian women wore with examples from the clothing and shoe collections at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery.

Wednesday 24 April

1850s

Small waist, drooping shoulders, voluminous skirts, boots.

Wednesday 1 May

1860s

Hoop skirts, fitted bodices, slippers

Wednesday 8 May

1870s

Bustles, square necklines, frills and ruffles, court shoes

Wednesday 15 May

1880s

Princess line corsets, large bustles, angular shapes, carriage boots, pattens

Wednesday 22 May

1890s

Bell-shaped skirts, shirtwaists, the new woman, Cromwell shoes



**£6 per lecture, £20 for the series
Booking essential**

FEELING BLUE, SEEING RED: THE ROLE OF COLOUR IN ART

10.15am-12.15pm, Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Few things bring an artwork more to life than its colour – or the absence of it. As long as artists have created art, colour has been a tool they've used to render the world as they see it. This series will explore how the meaning of colour has been fashioned and manipulated over time so that each colour has developed its own identity and meanings.

Friday 19 January

Colour

Artwork: Madonna and Child with Saint Catherine of Alexandria attributed to Jan Mertens

Speaker: Dr Conny Bailey

Friday 26 January

Blue

Artwork: The River Nene - David Gommon

Speaker: Dr Conny Bailey

Friday 2 February

Yellow

Artwork: Still Life and Fruit & Napkin
- Ben Mathews

Speaker: Dr Conny Bailey

Friday 9 February

White (and Black)

Artwork: Underfoot 1, Missing Twin
- Peter Jewell

Speaker: Dr Miriam Gill

Friday 16 February

Red

Artwork: Red Forms - Frank Avray Wilson

Speaker: Dr Conny Bailey



Speakers are correct at the time of going to press but may be amended due to unforeseen changes to availability or subject expertise.

**£6 per talk or £25 for the series,
Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits
Booking essential**



VIVIENNE WESTWOOD: A PERSONAL COLLECTION

Saturday, 16 March, 2-3pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join us for a Q&A with Lee Price former assistant at the iconic World's End shop on the Kings Road, London. His passion for Vivienne Westwood clothing and shoes collected over many years forms the content of this talk and the related exhibition.

£8
Suitable for age 14+
Booking essential



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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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Songs of Self Expression

Friday 23 February

10-11.30am, 11.30am-1pm, 1.30-3pm and 3-4.30pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Creative Songwriting for Beginners.

Inspired by the explosion of Punk in 1976, this workshop invites you to create a song through your own lyrics. Encouraging you to express your ideas and thoughts on paper, giving you the freedom to unleash your inner creative! Suitable for children aged between 7 and 12 years.

£7 per person

Suitable for ages 7-12 years

Booking essential

FOR THE BIRDS

Tuesday 20 February, 1-2.30pm and 3-4.30pm

Abington Park Museum

Celebrate the avian world and make some cute wool birds for a decorative window hanging to take home. All materials supplied. Suitable for ages 5+ All children must be accompanied by adult.

£4 per person

Suitable for ages 5 years and over

Booking essential



MINI MUSEUM EXPLORERS

Held on Fridays

12 January to 22 March

10.15-11.35am

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join us for our popular hands-on and fun pre-school sessions for the under-fives.

Explore the museum through stories, music, art and craft activities whilst making new friends and creating memories in an engaging and family friendly environment.

These sessions are for pre-school children (from 2 to 5 years) and their parents and carers. Held on Friday mornings during term time with a different theme each week. Child snack and adult tea/coffee included and booking essential as places are limited.



12 January	Winter
19 January	Sculpture
26 January	Birds
2 February	Fossils
9 February	Light and Dark

16 February	Love is All Around (Valentines Day)
1 March	Texture
8 March	Weather
15 March	Flowers
22 March	Easter

£4 per child per session

Refreshments included

Booking essential as places are limited

**These sessions are for pre-school children (2-5 years)
and their parents and carers**

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS TRAIL

**From Saturday 17 February - Sunday 25 February,
During regular opening hours
Abington Park Museum**

Enjoy a bird themed trail around Abington Park Museum and find out about our feathered friends. Spot all the birds to win a prize. Afterwards why not try some bird watching in the park.

**£2 per person
Suitable for Families**

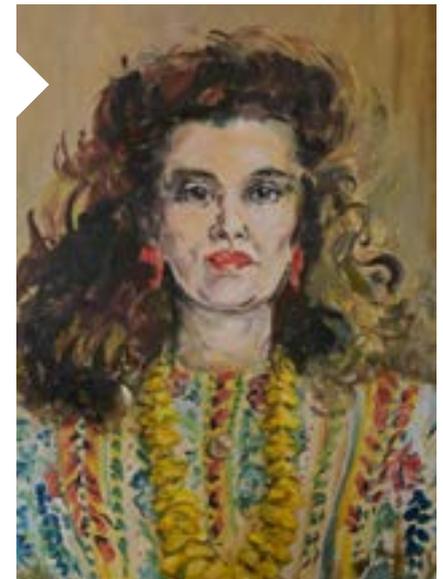


PORTRAITS AND FLOWERS TRAIL

**From Saturday 17 February - Sunday 25 February,
During regular opening hours
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery**

Inspired by Elke Pollard's Exhibition hunt for portraits and flowers in the Art Galleries. Find all the faces and flowers to win a prize.

**£2 per person
Suitable for Families**



DROP IN WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 21 February, 12noon-4pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join us in the museum for family fun - games, scavenger hunts, colouring sheets and puzzles, stories and dress up as well as simple craft makes. Free of charge, donations welcome. No need to book - just drop in.

Free
Suitable for families
Drop in



PUNK UP YOUR T-SHIRT!

Thursday 22 February, 1-2.30pm and 3-4.30pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Take inspiration from our Punk: Rage and Revolution exhibition to create your own punk inspired T shirt - use printing, embellishments and creativity to create your own fashion item with a message!

Please bring a plain T shirt or top to use. A range of creative materials will be available but feel free to bring any other materials that you would like to use.

£4 per person
Suitable for ages 8 years and over
Booking essential



EASTER WORKSHOPS

EASTER EGG TRAIL

Friday 29 March - Sunday 14 April

Abington Park Museum

Join us for a special Easter trail around Abington Park Museum with a chocolate egg as a prize for every child.

£2 per trail

Drop in during opening hours



POM POM ANIMALS

Tuesday 9 April, 1-2pm & 2.30-3.30pm

Abington Park Museum

Join us for a fun workshop to create your own woolly pompom animal. Choose from Easter chicks, bouncing bunnies or silly sheep ... or maybe create your own strange new creature!

£5 per person

All materials provided

Booking essential



PUT YOUR FACE ON

Thursday 11 April, 1-2.30pm & 3-4.30pm

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Create your own self or other person portrait out of clay, taking inspiration from the portraits of Elke Pollard.

£5 per person

All materials provided

Booking essential





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ADULT WORKSHOPS

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SHOEMAKING WORKSHOP WITH HETTY ROSE

Saturday 20 April, 10am-4.30pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Create your very own pair of women's designer shoes in this fabulous one-day class. Professional shoe designer Hetty guides you step by step through traditional hand lasting techniques, making this workshop suitable for everyone including complete beginners. Hetty will prepare your fabric and leather pieces in your shoe size prior to the workshop and supply all the tools required, so on the day you have everything you need to create your footwear masterpiece.

At the end of the workshop, you get to walk away in our own unique pair of exclusive designer shoes. There is a selection of shoe styles to choose from including a peep toe slingback, mule and ballet shoe. The shoes can be made with various heel heights from flat, mid to high. Hetty is known for her use of vintage Japanese kimono fabrics, of which there will be a selection to choose from for your shoes. Hetty can also accommodate some foot issues.



£325 per person payable in instalments.
Initial 25% deposit non-refundable
Ages 14 years and over
Booking essential



WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOPS WITH DAVID DOUGLAS

Saturday 27 April - Saturday 25 May, 2-4pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join us for a Springtime watercolour workshop series led by Northamptonshire artist and teacher David Douglas. Workshops are open to adults of all abilities and offer a chance to improve techniques and meet other artists.

Saturday 27 April Trees and Leaves

Saturday 4 May Rivers and Lakes

Saturday 11 May Flowers and Gardens

Saturday 18 May Portraits

Saturday 25 May Still Life

£20 per workshop or £90 for the series.
Ages 18 years and over.
Price includes tea, coffee and basic materials.
Booking essentials

AN INTRODUCTION TO PORTRAIT PAINTING IN OILS

Saturday 2 March, 10am-4pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

A one-day workshop based on a step-by-step process to create a portrait from a photographic reference. The process will cover:

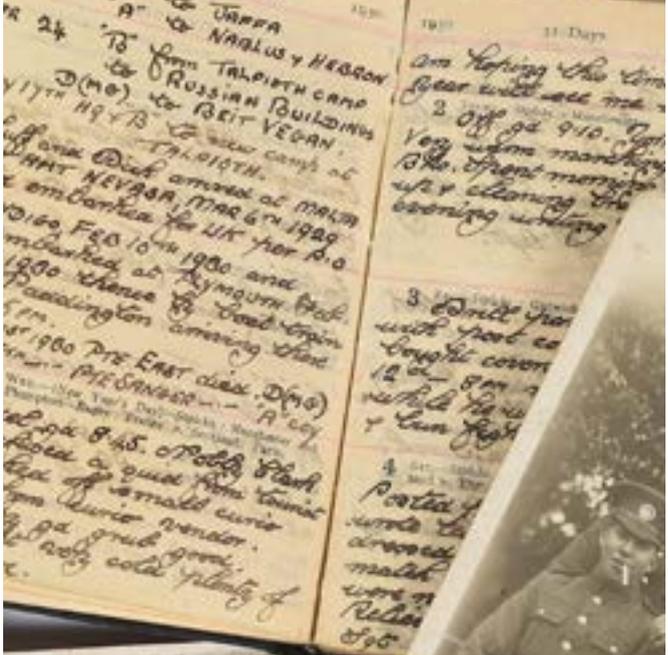
- Using oil paints
- The typical proportions of the face
- Measuring and mapping out key features from the photograph
- The use of line, tone, and value to create the portrait

Cordell is an experienced painter who will also provide supporting handouts as part of the workshop to explain and demystify the technical terms and techniques involved. At the end of the workshop you will have created a portrait that you will be able to take away with you.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch or lunch is available to purchase from the museum café.



£65 per person.
Price includes all materials.
Ages 18 years and over.
Booking essential



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EVENTS

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DROP-IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YEOMANRY AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT ENQUIRY SESSION

Thursday 15 February, 10.30am-1pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Saturday 20 January, 1-4pm
Saturday 16 March, 1-4pm
Abington Park Museum

Do you have a military ancestor that you would be interested in finding out more about? Do you have a question about the Northamptonshire Yeomanry or Regiment? Do you have a treasured military object that you would like to know more about? Come along and ask our military experts. We are also collecting family stories of people who served as part of D-Day and Operation Overlord or family stories of civilians on the home front. Come and share your story!



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A TOURS



TOURS OF ABINGTON PARK MUSEUM

Sunday 21 January

Sunday 18 February

Sunday 24 March

Sunday 21 April

Sunday 19 May

2-2.45pm

Abington Park Museum

Volunteer led guided tours of the historic Abington Park Museum. Discover the history of the building and the stories of the people who have lived there. Includes a chance to view objects not normally on display.

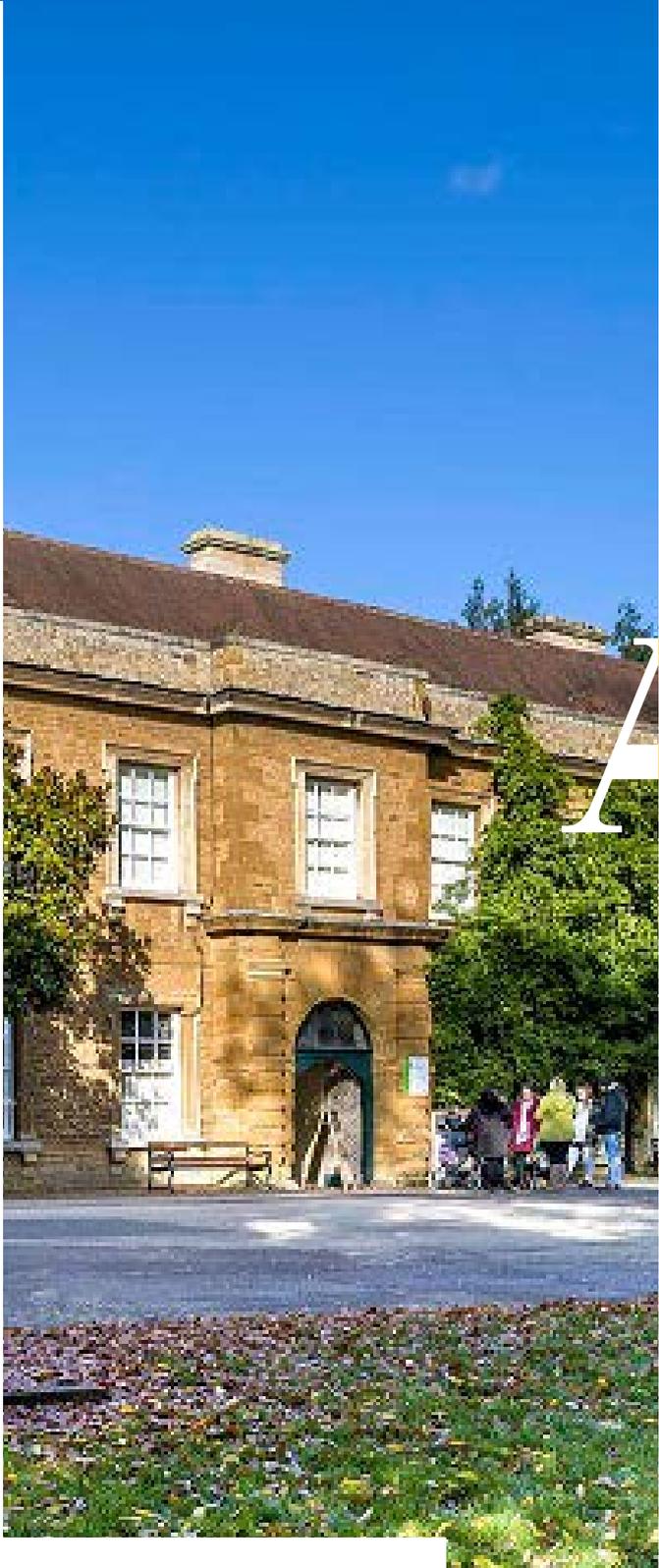
Recommended for adults. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note there is no lift, and the tours will involve stairs and uneven surfaces.

The tour will last approximately 45 minutes.

£3.50

Booking recommended



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FAIRS

VINTAGE & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 9 March, 11am - 4pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

A selection of vintage, reworked and handmade stalls selling fashion, accessories, jewellery, collectibles, homeware and more. Enjoy the delicious hot food and drinks in the courtyard from local food and drink producers. Free admission.

Stallholders - stall prices start at £27, email museums@westnorthants.gov.uk for an application form.

Free Entry





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Ongoing Exhibitions

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Until Sun 4 Feb 2024	Northampton Town & County Art Society Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	08 N
Until Sun 4 Feb 2024	Abington in Pictures Exhibition Abington Park Museum	17 A
Until Sun 25 Feb 2024	Material Matters Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	09 N
Until Sun 3 Mar 2024	Punk: Rage & Revolution Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	14 N

Upcoming Exhibitions

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Fri 2 Feb - Sun 1 Sep 2024	Abstract Art From The Collection Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	11 N
Sat 10 Feb - Sun 28 Apr 2024	Life And Art: Elke Pollard Retrospective Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	10 N
Sat 10 Feb - Sun 21 Apr 2024	Beyond Photography Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	12 N
Sat 16 March - Sun 9 Jun 2024	Vivienne Westwood: A Personal Collection Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	13 N

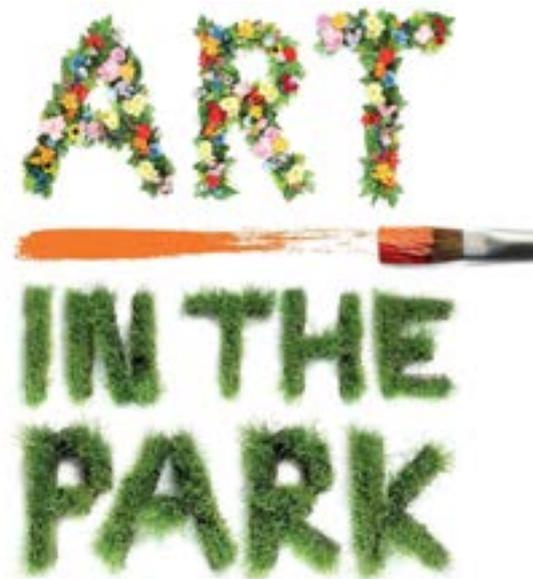


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Fri 26 Apr- Sun 26 May 2024	Art In The Park Exhibition Abington Park Museum	16 A

January

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Fri 5 Jan	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	16 N
Tue 9 Jan	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	19 N
Wed 10 Jan	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Thu 11 Jan	Alfred Cockerill Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	25 N
Fri 12 Jan	Mini Museum Explorers - Winter Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 12 Jan	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Fri 12 Jan	Immersive Sound Bath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N



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Tue 16 Jan	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	19 N
Wed 17 Jan	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Fri 19 Jan	Mini Museum Explorers - Sculpture Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 19 Jan	Feeling Blue, Seeing Red, The Role of Colour in Art: Colour Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Fri 19 Jan	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Sat 20 Jan	Drop in Northamptonshire Yeomanry & Regiment Enquiry Session Event Abington Park Museum	42 A
Sun 21 Jan	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	44 A
Tue 23 Jan	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	19 N
Wed 24 Jan	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N



January/February

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Thu 25 Jan	Singing For Victory: The Forces' Sweethearts of WW2 Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	25 N
Fri 26 Jan	Mini Museum Explorers - Birds Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 26 Jan	Feeling Blue, Seeing Red, The Role of Colour in Art: Blue Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Fri 26 Jan	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Tue 30 Jan	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	19 N
Wed 31 Jan	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Fri 2 Feb	Mini Museum Explorers - Fossils Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 2 Feb	Feeling Blue, Seeing Red, The Role of Colour in Art: Yellow Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Fri 2 Feb	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N



February

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Tue 6 Feb	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	19 N
Wed 7 Feb	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Thu 8 Feb	All I Did Was Go For a Walk Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	25 N
Fri 9 Feb	Mini Museum Explorers Light and Dark Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 9 Feb	Feeling Blue, Seeing Red, The Role of Colour in Art: White(and Black) Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Fri 9 Feb	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Fri 9 Feb	Immersive Sound Bath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Sat 10 Feb	Steve Ignorant in Conversation Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	27 N



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Tue 13 Feb	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	19 N
Wed 14 Feb	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Thu 15 Feb	Drop in Northamptonshire Yeomanry & Regiment Enquiry Session Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	42 N
Fri 16 Feb	Mini Museum Explorers - Love Is All Around (Valentine's Day) Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 16 Feb	Feeling Blue, Seeing Red, The Role of Colour in Art: Red Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Fri 16 Feb	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Sun 18 Feb	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	44 A
Tue 20 Feb	For The Birds Children's workshop Abington Park Museum	32 A



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Wed 21 Feb	Pop in Wednesday Children's workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	34 N
Wed 21 Feb	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Thu 22 Feb	Punk Up Your T-Shirt Children's workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	34 N
Fri 23 Feb	Songs of Self Expression Children's Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Fri 23 Feb	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Wed 28 Feb	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Thu 29 Feb	Was Your Ancestor a Criminal? Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Fri 1 Mar	Mini Museum Explorers - Texture Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 1 Mar	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N



March

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Sat 2 Mar	An Introduction to Portrait Painting in Oils Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	40 N
Wed 6 Mar	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Fri 8 Mar	Mini Museum Explorers - Weather Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 8 Mar	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Fri 8 Mar	Immersive Sound Bath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Sat 9 Mar	Vintage & Craft Fair 46 Fair Abington Park Museum	46 A
Wed 13 Mar	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Thu 14 Mar	Treading the Duckboards Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Fri 15 Mar	Mini Museum Explorers - Flowers Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33



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Fri 15 Mar	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Sat 16 Mar	Yoga Brunch The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	20 N
Sat 16 Mar	Vivienne Westwood: A Personal Collection Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	30 N
Sat 16 Mar	Drop in Northamptonshire Yeomanry & Regiment Enquiry Session Event Abington Park Museum	42 A
Fri 22 Mar	Mini Museum Explorers - Easter Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Fri 22 Mar	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Sun 24 Mar	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	44 A
Thu 28 Mar	Medieval Surgery Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Fri 5 Apr	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N



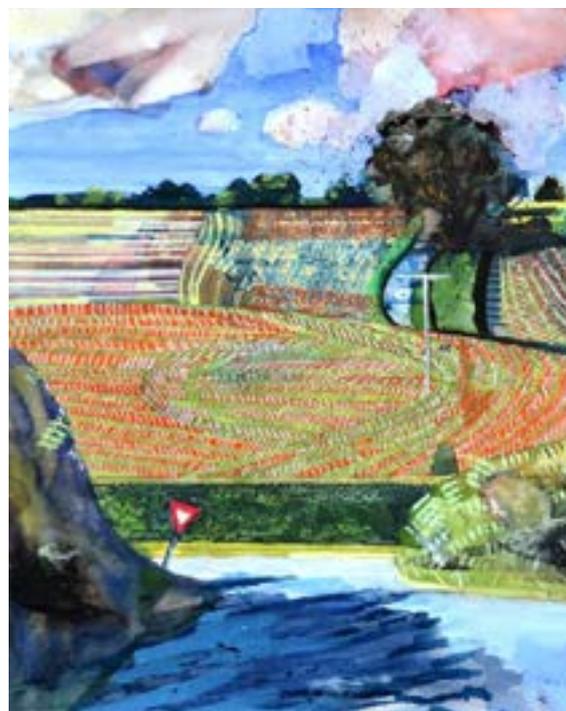
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Tue 9 Apr	Pom Pom Animals Children's Workshop Abington Park Museum	36 A
Thu 11 Apr	Put Your Face On Children's Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	36 N
Fri 12 Apr	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Thu 18 Apr	Walter & Frank Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Fri 19 Apr	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Sat 20 Apr	Shoemaking With Hetty Rose Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	38 N
Sun 21 Apr	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	44 A
Wed 24 Apr	What Victorian Women Wore - 1850s Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 26 Apr	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N



April/May

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Sat 27 Apr	Watercolour Workshop with David Douglas: Trees and Leaves Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	39 N
Wed 1 May	What Victorian Women Wore - 1860s Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Sat 4 May	Watercolour Workshop with David Douglas: Rivers and Lakes Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	39 N
Wed 8 May	What Victorian Women Wore - 1870s Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Sat 11 May	Watercolour Workshop with David Douglas: Flowers and Gardens Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	39 N
Wed 15 May	What Victorian Women Wore - 1880s Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Sat 18 May	Watercolour Workshop with David Douglas: Portraits Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	39 N
Sun 19 May	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	44 A



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Wed 22 May	What Victorian Women Wore - 1890s Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Sat 25 May	Watercolour Workshop with David Douglas: Still Life Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	39 N



HOW TO BOOK

Tickets for events at both of our museums and online events can be booked in the following ways:

Online 24/7 at [Northampton Museums & Art Gallery Events | Eventbrite](#)

In person at Northampton Museum & Art Gallery & Abington Park Museum during opening hours (see page 59).

By phone on 01604 838111 during Northampton Museum & Art Gallery opening hours (see page 59).

By phone on 01604 838110 during Abington Park Museum opening hours (see page 59).

Please note our phone numbers will soon be changing, see page 57 for details

REFUND AND EXCHANGES

No refunds or exchanges once tickets have been purchased unless a performance is cancelled or postponed.

BOOKING FEES

- There are no booking fees for ticket bookings made over the phone or in person at Northampton Museum & Art Gallery or Abington Park Museum.
- Online ticket bookings are made using Eventbrite. Booking fees apply on each event and vary according to the price of each event. The booking fee is clearly displayed on each event at the time of booking.

CARERS TICKETS

We offer one free carers ticket when accompanying a visitor that requires extra help to participate in any event. This permits access to the event for the sole purpose of assisting with the full paying ticket holder to facilitate them during the event. When booking the full paying ticket, you should notify the museum that you require a carers ticket to facilitate them during the event.

On arrival at the event please show the relevant paperwork at the admissions desk when you collect your tickets/register for the event. One of the following will be accepted:

- Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance award letter (dated within the last 12 months)
- Personal Independence Payment letter (dated within the last 12 months)
- A current and valid Blue Badge - or image of
- Letter from a GP or consultant (dated within the last 12 months) confirming the need for a full-time carer. This does not need to be a letter of diagnosis

Unfortunately, if the above documentation is not provided at the event, a carers ticket cannot be issued, and a full price ticket will need to be purchased before entry to the event can be granted.

TICKET COLLECTIONS

- If a ticket is booked online, you will receive an e-ticket by email.
- If a ticket is booked in person, you will receive a ticket receipt.
- If a ticket is booked over the phone, you will be able to collect your ticket receipt on the day of the event from the reception of the museum where the event is taking place. Alternatively, you are welcome to collect the ticket in advance, during opening hours, from the museum where the event is set to take place

CHILDREN

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult to our events, unless the event specifically states that children can be left unaccompanied.



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NORTHAMPTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

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Email: museums@westnorthants.gov.uk



ABINGTON PARK MUSEUM

Open Saturday and Sunday 12-4pm

Open spring and summer bank holidays 12-4pm

Also open Tuesday-Sunday during Northamptonshire school holidays

FREE ENTRY

Park Avenue South, Northampton, NN1 5LW

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