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May - August 2024



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JOIN US FOR A SUMMER OF DISCOVERY

Welcome to your packed guide for an exciting Summer at the Northampton Museum & Art Gallery and Abington Park Museum. We have a diverse programme filled with engaging exhibitions, insightful talks, and events for all ages.

Fashion lovers rejoice! Vivienne Westwood – A Personal Collection is a captivating exhibition, exploring the life and legacy of the iconic designer Vivienne Westwood through the eyes of a personal collector.

Looking to learn? Join our insightful talks delving into a wide range of subjects and interests led by knowledgeable and engaging members of our team and expert speakers.

Unwind and rejuvenate. Relax and recharge your batteries with our Wellbeing Series, a wide range of calming activities to feed the mind, body, and soul.

Commemorate. June sees the 80th anniversary of D-Day with a commemorative poppy display at Abington Park Museum and a series of exhibitions at Daventry, Towcester, Brackley and Weston Favell libraries. Take part in our extensive D-Day events honouring the occasion.

We look forward to welcoming you for a Summer of discovery with something to excite and engage everyone.



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.



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.

CAFÉ AND TERRACE

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





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.



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.

ART GALLERIES

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

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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TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

Free Admission



VIVIENNE WESTWOOD: A PERSONAL COLLECTION

16 March - 9 June

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 highlights a small part of an extensive personal collection belonging to Lee Price, featuring her iconic shoes and outfits from her career defining collections such as 'Seditionaries', favoured by the Sex Pistols and Pirate. The Vivienne Westwood brand was not involved in the production or curation of this exhibition.



FROM THE COLLECTION: ABSTRACT ART

1 March - 13 October

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.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE EXHIBITION

11 May - 30 June

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

An art exhibition with a difference. There is no theme, no one artist, no particular artistic period but a whole mixture of artworks from across our Fine Art Collection, all of which have been chosen by our wonderful team of Guest Curators. Our 30 plus curators have chosen everything from small, detailed embroidery, to papier-mâché dog sculptures, to large scale colourful canvases. Come see what has been chosen, would you have made the same choices?



COLLECTIVE II

18 May - 23 June

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Seeing is often overlooked as an active pursuit, it is a conscious process of looking beyond the simple recording of a subject, to a creative response that says something about the individual and their relationship to that experience. This collection of work represents that process of seeing and shares the unique worldview of nineteen young photographers from Northampton College.

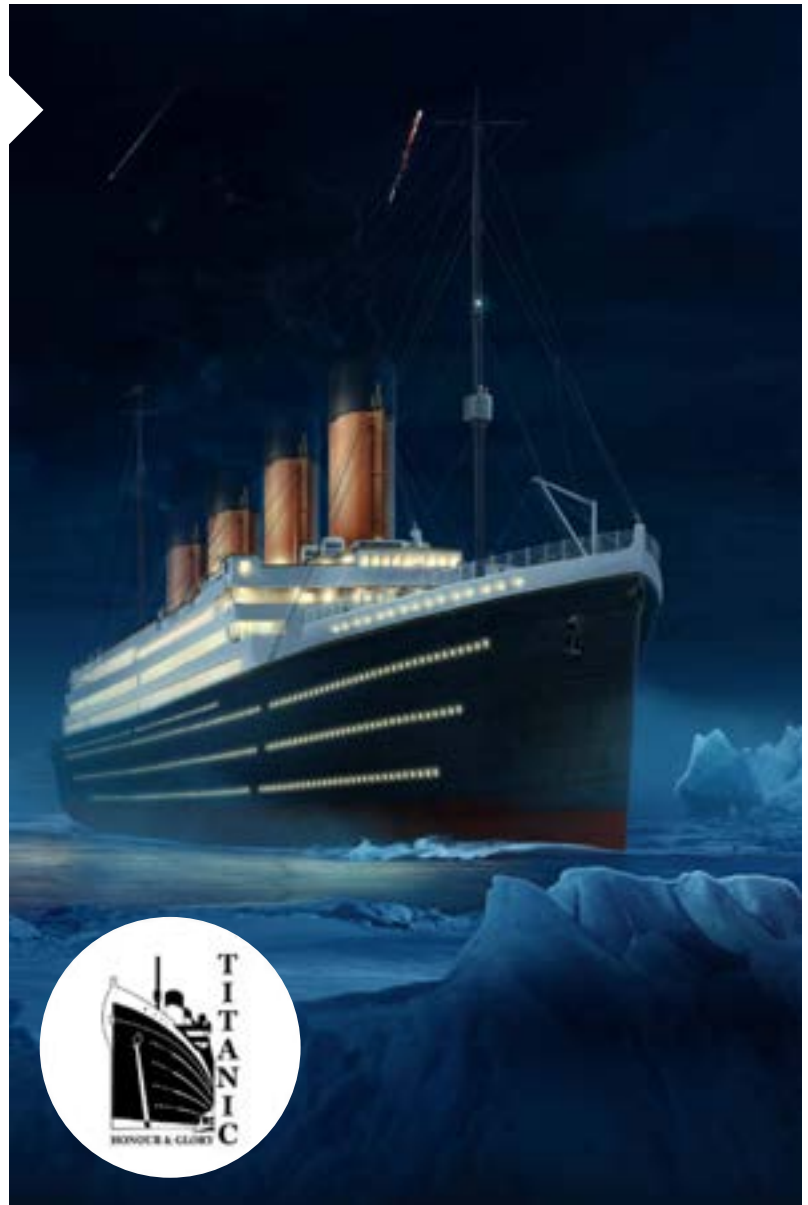


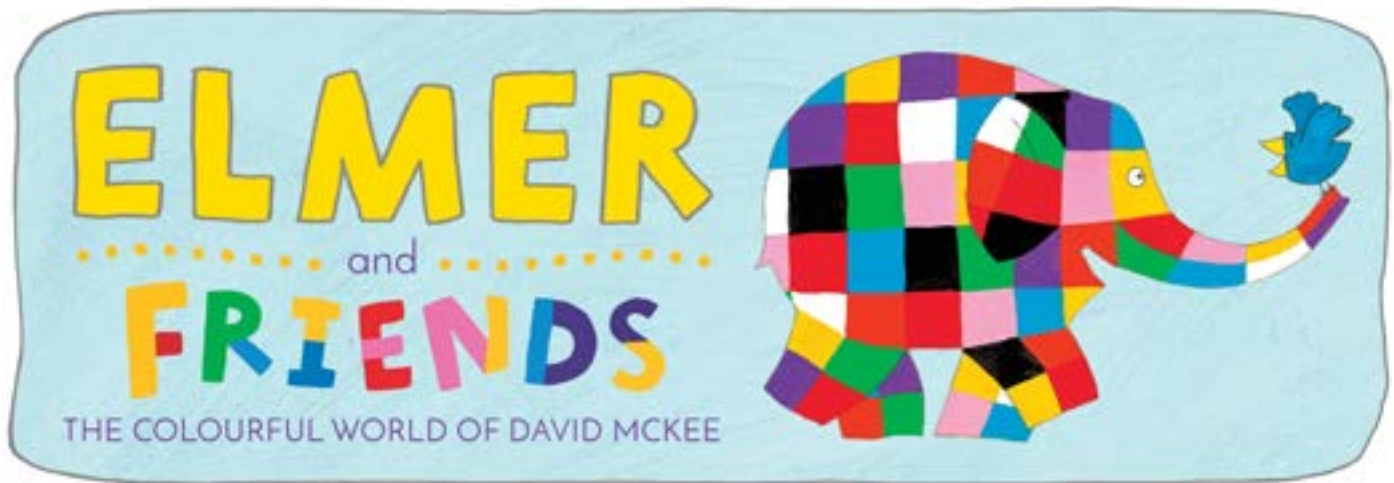
TITANIC: HONOUR AND GLORY

22 June - 15 September

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This exciting exhibition brings to life the history of the legendary ocean liner, the Royal Mail Steamer Titanic. From her conception to her premature demise, Titanic has become one of the most famous ocean liners in the world, displaying artefacts from the disaster and props from the blockbuster film, *Titanic*.





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ELMER AND FRIENDS: THE COLOURFUL WORLD OF DAVID MCKEE

6 July - 8 September

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As if by magic, Elmer, Mr Benn, and Bernard will be appearing at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery as the colourful world of David McKee is brought to life through original paintings, storyboards and illustrations, film, and interactives. There is something for big and little kids to discover as these well-loved characters are revealed. An exhibition from Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books.

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ART IN THE PARK

27 April - 2 June

Abington Park Museum

Abington Museum's open art exhibition returns for its 63rd year. Showcasing artistic talent from across the county covering a wide range of subjects and genres. Many of the works are for available to purchase.



80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY: POPPY PROJECT

1 June - 30 September
Abington Park Museum

The poppies in the display have all been crafted by local craft groups, individuals and community organisations including the Museum Craft and Chatter group. Each knitted or crocheted poppy represents an individual with a Northamptonshire connection, who was a casualty of the D-Day landings in June and the subsequent battles through to September of 1944. The casualties include members of the Northamptonshire Yeomanry, people from the Northamptonshire airfields and Northamptonshire people serving in the armed forces.



BRILLIANT BIRDS: THE LOVE BIRDS WEDDING

8 June - 1 September
Abington Park Museum

Owls, a penguin, cranes, and storks along with many other birds all feature in *The Lovebirds Wedding* by Henry Stacy Marks. Their stories and myths, facts and imagery will all be explored in this family friendly exhibition.





JOHN CLARE

4 May - 31 May

Located in display cases in Weston Favell Library, Towcester Library, Brackley Library, Daventry Library

John Clare died 160 years ago on 20 May 1864. We are marking this anniversary with a temporary exhibition in four Northamptonshire libraries, featuring some marvellous notebooks, works of art and individual poems from the library's collection. Clare is best known for his poetry relating to the changes he saw in the rural environment during his lifetime and his almost scientific observation of nature.

D-DAY AT 80

4 June - 30 September

Located in display cases in Weston Favell Library, Towcester Library, Brackley Library, Daventry Library

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day, this small exhibition across 4 libraries explores the impact of D-Day on Northamptonshire and Northamptonshire people, looking at both the home front and those serving away in France. The Northamptonshire Yeomanry were part of Operation Overlord. The exhibition features original artworks by Major D.G. Bevan sketched at the front.

The 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry landed in Normandy over the 13 -14 June 1944 at Le-Hamel as part of the 33rd Armoured Brigade. The Regiment suffered 27 officers and 247 men killed, wounded, and missing by March 1945.

The 2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry the Reconnaissance Regiment of the 11th Armoured Division was equipped with the British Cromwell tank. The Regiment landed near Courseulles-Sur-Mer on the 18 June. Soon after and owing to the heavy losses suffered by the Regiment it was disbanded.





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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

Tuesdays from 7 May - 21 May

6-7pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Be immersed in our energetic dynamic flow yoga experience, where our 270-degree projection of colour, film and music will surround you as you take part in this yoga class in the museum's Central Hall. The sessions will be led by experienced instructor Maz, whose 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 exploring the balance of 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 or purchase from our Northampton Museum & Art Gallery yoga range in our museum shop.



£8 per class
Over 18s only
Booking essential



TAI CHI

Wednesdays from May 1 (excluding 26 June and 17 July)

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 is better if you have full range of motion with flat footwear, 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, many of today's Tai Chi practitioners are looking for good mental health, a strong healthy body, a sense of harmony and wellbeing, 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 24 May, Friday 14 June, Friday 5 July , 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 and anxiety relief.

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

£22 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, 12.30-2pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

If you are 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 - donations welcome

ART HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

Light, love and life: Themes, motifs and legacies of the impressionist movement

10.15am - 12.15pm, Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join us for a captivating journey through the legacy of Impressionism as we delve into the transformative impact of this iconic movement. Discover Impressionism's key themes from serene natural landscapes to the dynamic energy of city life and learn how Impressionist artists reimagined their surroundings. We shall also examine some of the fascinating cross-cultural exchanges that enriched the movement's scope. There will be opportunity to engage directly with examples from Northampton Museums and Art Gallery's collection that capture the essence of Impressionist innovation and interpretation.

Friday 7 June

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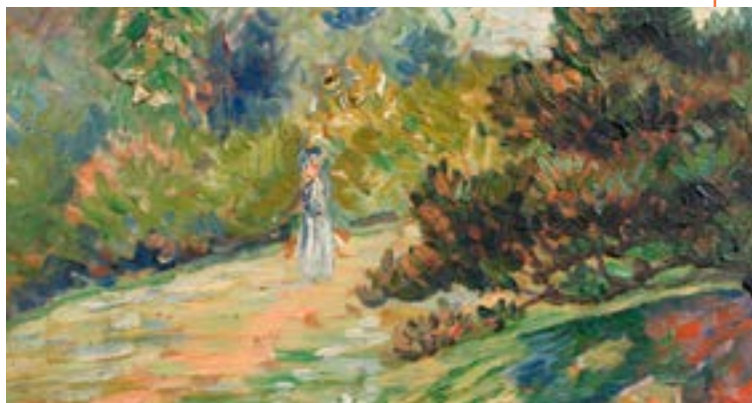
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Artwork: **Amy Stanton, Aged 19 -**

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£6 per talk or £25 for the series
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Booking essential



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TALKS

THURSDAY MORNING TALKS

10.30am-12pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Thursday 2 May

Spirit Photography in the Victorian Era

Speaker: Corrine Gretton - West

Find out about the Spirit Photographers from the 1800s that used the Wet Plate Collodion process to create images of ghosts during the rise of spiritualism.

Thursday 16 May

The Underground Railroad - Patterned Path to Freedom

Speaker: Kay Goddard

The incredible bravery, secrecy, and indomitable endeavours of escaping slaves from the Southern States of America. How stitching quilt blocks helped them to flee to safety in Northern states and Canada.

Thursday 6 June

D-Day

Speaker: Richard Gibbons

D-Day was the name given to the June 6th, 1944, invasion of the beaches of Normandy. A fascinating insight into the build-up to D-Day, the plans for the invasion, landings, the campaign in the Bocage, and the aftermath.

Thursday 20 June

The Last Naval Hero

Speaker: Roy Smart

The extraordinary story of David, 1st Earl Beatty, who rose with meteoric speed from humble Royal Naval Cadet to First Sea Lord and his controversial part in the greatest battle in maritime history. His life in the Shires, marital strife, immense riches, and scandal!

Thursday 4 July

Sulgrave Manor

Speaker: Martin Sirot-Smith

Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family. Meet Lawrence Washington, twice Mayor of Northampton and builder of Sulgrave Manor.

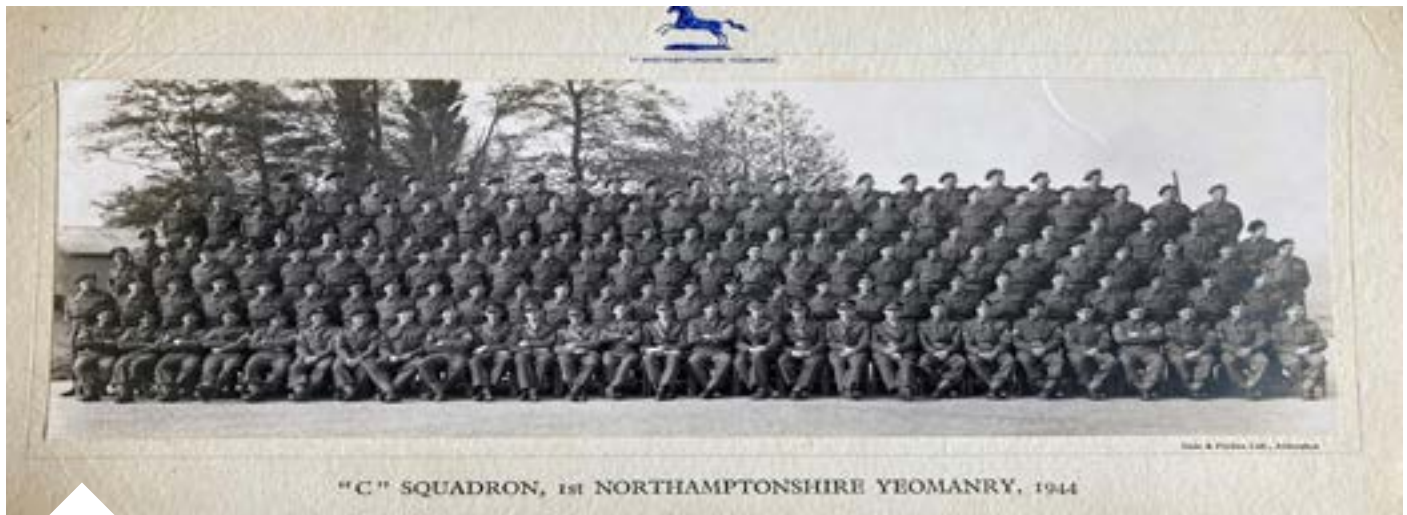
Thursday 18 July

Mata Hari - Spy or Scapegoat?

Speaker: Philomena Liggins

In 1917 Mata Hari was executed by the French as a German spy. Though she professed her innocence the British and French authorities thought otherwise. Who was right?

**£3 per talk, £18 for the series
Booking essential**



THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YEOMANRY AT D-DAY - STORIES FROM THE FRONT

Thursday 13 June, 10.30 - 11.30am

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day, this talk will explore the role of the Northamptonshire Yeomanry as part of Operation Overlord. The 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry landed in Normandy over the 13 -14 June 1944 at Le-Hamel as part of the 33rd Armoured Brigade. The 2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry the Reconnaissance Regiment of the 11th Armoured Division landed near Courseulles-Sur-Mer on the 18 June. The talk will feature individual stories researched especially for D-Day 80 and original artworks by Major D.G. Bevan sketched at the front.

£6
Booking essential



D-DAY COMMEMORATIVE ART LECTURE SERIES

Canvas and Courage: Artistic reflections on war and resilience (D-Day)

7 - 8.15pm, Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

In commemoration of the D-Day anniversary, we invite you to join us for an exploration of art in the shadow of war, offering a powerful testament to the role of art in navigating and transcending this dark period of our shared history. This 3-week series embarks on a poignant exploration of war through the lens of the artist, beginning with a session on D-Day and Operation Overlord as captured by professional, commissioned, and amateur artists. Next, we spotlight some of the personal narratives of amateur artists from the warfront. Finally, we explore how art was as a means of post-conflict restoration, emphasizing its role in healing, reconciliation, and fostering discussions on peace and remembrance.

Thursday 23 May

An Ocean of Pain and Death: Images of Operation Overlord

Speaker: Dr Conny Bailey and Dr Miriam Gill

Thursday 6 June

Painting to Remember and Carving to Forget: Soldiers' Art and Craft in Two World Wars

Speaker: Dr Conny Bailey

Thursday 20 June

Artistic Antidotes

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£7 per lecture
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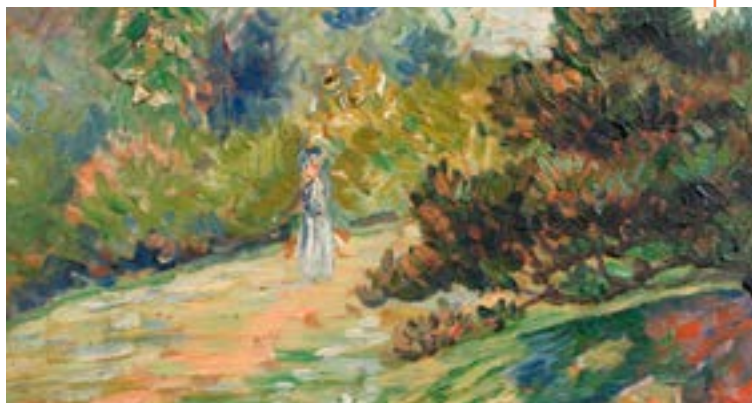
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FASHION TALK SERIES

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 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
Booking essential

HEROES OF THE TITANIC REVEALING THE STORY OF THE HEROIC ENGINEERING CREW

Saturday 22 June

12 - 1pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join our presenter who is dressed in full White Star Line uniform and step on board the legendary liner as we reveal the incredible story of heroic engineering crew of the R.M.S. Titanic.

There were many acts of heroism carried out during the tragic sinking of the Titanic by the thirty-five members of the engineering crew, all of whom lost their lives. Tragically, the official inquiry into the sinking had no first-hand account of the actions and bravery of those men who stayed at their posts and endeavoured to save the ship from sinking. In this talk we delve further into their incredible story, their bravery and ultimate sacrifice which helped save 705 survivors in one of the worst maritime disasters that shook the world. Following the presentation, there will be a question-and-answer session and an opportunity for discussion.



£6
Booking essential

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PEOPLE AT D-DAY - STORIES FROM THE FRONT

Thursday 11 July

10.30 - 11.30am

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day this talk will tell the stories of people who took part in Operation Overlord. Northamptonshire men and women served in the navy, army and air-force and were also involved in special operations. We will also share activity on the home front including Salute the soldier fundraising in the villages, an Evils We Face exhibition in Northampton, the Land army and food production in rural Northamptonshire. The talk will feature individual stories researched especially for D-Day 80.



£6
Booking essential



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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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POP IN WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 29 May

Wednesday 31 July

Wednesday 7 August

Wednesday 21 August

Wednesday 28 August

12 - 4pm

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Pop into the museum on Wednesday afternoons for fun, hands on activities for families. These activities are free of charge, donations welcome, with a different theme each week. No need to book, just drop in.

Free - donations welcome

MINI MUSEUM EXPLORERS

Held on Fridays
Friday 3 May - Friday 12 July
10.15-11.45am
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 2.5 to 5 years) and their parents and carers. Held on Friday mornings during term time with a different theme each week. Childs snack and adult tea/ coffee included and booking essential as places are limited.



3 May	Space
10 May	Clothes
17 May	Kings and Queens
24 May	Pots
7 June	Abstract

14 June	Stone Age
21 June	The Sea
28 June	Boats and Ships
5 July	Summer
12 July	Colour

£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

TIME TO SHARE - SUMMER EDITION

Tuesday 6 August

Tuesday 13 August

10.30 - 11.30am

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Step into a world of summer wonder with Northamptonshire Central Library! Experience the magic of Time To Share, a family friendly event featuring story readings and engaging elephant themed crafts for the whole family.

**Suitable ages - 8+
Drop in Session**

Northamptonshire Libraries SUMMER READING CHALLENGE "MARVELLOUS MAKERS"

Saturday 20 July - Saturday 21 September

Northamptonshire Central Library

Join in at your local library and discover what's waiting for you with the Summer Reading Challenge in partnership with the Reading Agency. Find out what free activities will be available and you sign up to embark on a journey to read six captivating books and earn your very own certificate and medal. Don't miss out on the opportunity to ignite your love for reading and creativity this summer! This is in partnership with Create (createarts.org.uk), and our official 2024 illustrator, Natelle Quek!

[Fine out more about Marvellous Makers](#)

**Suitable Ages - 4-11
During opening times**



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A vertical strip of a painting depicting a landscape. It shows a path leading through a green field, bordered by a white fence. In the background, there are large, leafless trees under a blue sky.

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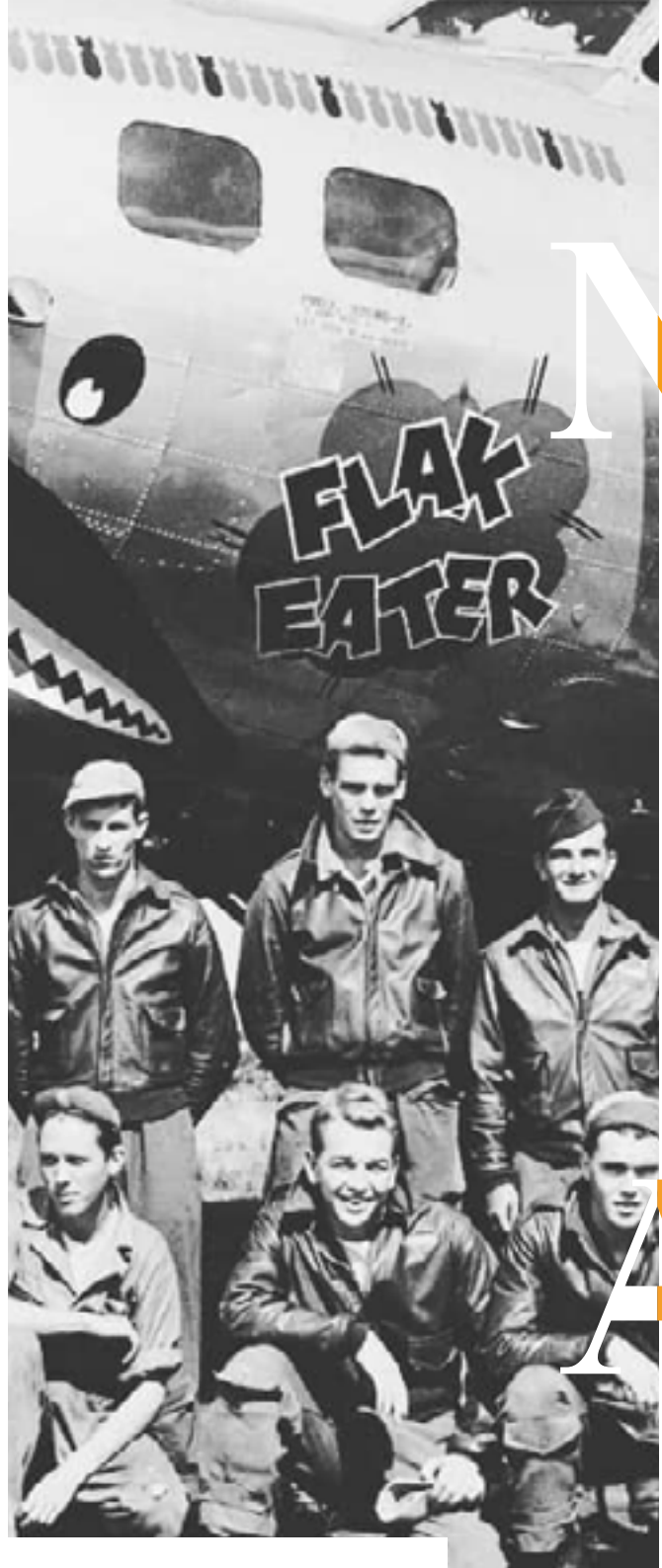
WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOPS WITH DAVID DOUGLAS

Saturday 4 May - 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 4 May	Rivers and Lakes
Saturday 11 May	Flowers and Gardens
Saturday 18 May	Portraits
Saturday 25 May	Still Life

£20 per workshop
Ages 18 years and over.
Price includes tea, coffee and basic materials.
Booking essentials



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SUPPER CLUB WITH CARMELA'S KITCHEN

Saturday 18 May

10am - 4pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join us for an exclusive Italian Supper Club run by Italian food writer and cookery tutor Carmela Sereno Hayes and sponsored by the leading olive oil company Filippo Berio. You will enjoy a four course Italian dinner made specifically for you together with a welcome drink, served in the stunning surroundings of the museum's link space. Carmela cooks authentic food with passion echoing the cucina povera tradition of cooking. A simple and delicious style of cooking which uses seasonal produce where possible. This is a social dining event where diners in small groups are seated on shared tables of up to 6 people. Groups who have booked together will be seated together, larger groups of more than 6 will be spread over more than one table. If you wish to sit with friends at this event, please let us know. We do not operate as a fully licenced restaurant/bar and so will be offering a small selection of beers, wines, and soft drinks at this event. Wines have been chosen by the chef to complement the food being served.

Places are limited for this experience so book early to avoid disappointment.

£45 per person
Booking recommended

Allergy information - All supper club dishes may contain one or more of the 14 allergens specified below.
Allergens: C-Cereals, CE-Celery, N-Nuts, D-Dairy, G-Gluten, L-Lupin, P-Peanuts, SD-Sulphur Dioxide, M-Molluscs, CR- Crustaceans, E- Eggs, MU-Mustard, SO-Soya, F-Fish, SE- Sesame. Whilst every care and precaution is taken when preparing your food, we are unable to guarantee the chance of cross contamination. Carmela prepares all food from her family kitchen that has received a 5 star environmental health rating dated January 2022.



Menu

Aperitif - Welcome drink

Prosecco/sparkling elderflower

Antipasti - Starter

Toasted focaccia with ricotta, lemon zest, mortadella and chopped pistachio nuts

Vegetarian option - without mortadella

All vegetarian options need to be booked direct with the museum in advance

Primo - First course

Orecchiette pasta served with green beans, potato and pesto

Secondo - Main Course

Pork meatballs with oven roasted red onions, peppers, courgette and chickpeas

Vegetarian option - Lentil polpetta with oven roasted red onions, peppers, courgette and chickpeas

All vegetarian options need to be booked direct with the museum in advance

Dolce - Dessert

Lemon, polenta and thyme cake with whipped mascarpone and flaked, toasted almonds

Coffee with savoiardi biscuit



HISTORIC TRANSPORT DAY

Saturday 15 June, 11am - 4pm

Abington Park Museum

Historic Transport Day is a free to attend event, for all the family. On display in the park will be a range of vintage and modern vehicles including Volkswagen, Daimler, Porche and vintage motorcycles from all decades. There will be commercial trucks and vans, the Country Lion 1971 Bedford bus as well as firm favourite the Heinkel Kabine bubble car. The local fire service fire engine and Neighbourhood Policing teams will also put in an appearance. Inside the museum will be the Bassett-Lowke Gauge One model railway in action, stalls, and children's activities. Northampton Transport Heritage will return this year with rides around the local area on the heritage buses.



Free - donations welcome

Suitable for all the family

Hot and cold refreshments will be available to buy from transport related stalls

Small charge for children's activities



D-DAY COMMEMORATED: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S CONNECTIONS

Saturday 8 June

Sunday 4 August

12 - 4pm

Abington Park Museum



Drop-in and find out about Northamptonshire's connection to D-Day. Meet costumed re-enactors depicting local Northampton soldiers serving in D-Day. View selections of uniforms equipment/kit and handle objects all related to the roles played by the different forces. Hear stories about the local people involved in D-Day and the Northamptonshire Yeomanry. Find out what was happening on the home front at the time. Watch films and view objects from the period. Find out about the role played by Northampton airfields and the RAF and USAAF. Our military enquiry volunteers will be on hand to answer your queries about your military ancestors. Activities for children and families.

**Free - donations welcome
Suitable for all the family**



DROP-IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YEOMANRY AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT ENQUIRY SESSION

Saturday 8 June, Sunday 4 August

1 - 4pm

Abington Park Museum



Do you have a military ancestor that you want to know more about? Do you have a question about the Northamptonshire Yeomanry or Regiment? Do you have a treasured military object that you wish to explore? Come along and ask our military experts.

Free - donations welcome

**MASQUE THEATRE
OPEN AIR PRODUCTION
THE WINTER'S TALE
BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

**Thursday 25 July - Saturday 3 August,
excluding Sunday 28 July
7.30 - 10pm (doors open at 7pm)
Abington Park Museum**

A 'tale best told in winter' except, of course, when it is Masque Theatre's Summer show in the courtyard of Abington Park Museum. The title of the play itself invites us to know it is a story - one of high romance, love, a pastoral wedding, and songs all set against court suspicions, dark deeds and, eventually, redemption - all is well that ends well but that is another play! Leontes, King of Sicilia, believes his wife, Hermione, has 'paddled palms' with his best friend. Not an auspicious start to the tragic comedy that is set in Sicilia and Bohemia and unfolds with lords and ladies, shepherds and shepherdesses who combine to restore Leontes (and Hermonie's) love, even if it includes a plot with an exit pursued by a bear!



Tickets can be pre-booked via the Masque phone line - 07783 531 542 or by emailing tickets@masquetheatre.co.uk. Alternatively, you can pick up a ticket in person from St Giles Music, St Giles Terrace, Northampton. Tickets can also be purchased at the venue from 7pm on the door. No ticket refunds if a performance is cancelled due to inclement weather, however they can be transferred to another night, subject to availability.

**£12 per adult, £10 Masque members, £6 per child up to and including 16 years of age, £30 Family (2 adults and 2 children)
Suitable for ages 12 and above**



LOVE PARKS

LOVE PARKS WEEK

Sunday 28 July

12 - 4pm

Abington Park Museum

Join us for this one-day event in Abington Park as we celebrate Love Parks Week 2024. There will be activities for all the family. A range of community organisations will be present for you to find out more about what is to love about your park.

Free



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A **TOURS**



TOURS OF ABINGTON PARK MUSEUM

Sunday 19 May

Sunday 23 June

Sunday 21 July

Sunday 18 August

Sunday 22 September

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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SHAPED BY SHOES: THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHOE INDUSTRY

28 September - 23 February 2025

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

The shoemaking industry has been part of Northamptonshire history for hundreds of years. This exhibition will look at how the industry has affected the lives of the people of Northamptonshire and beyond, not only through employment but providing hospitals, carnivals, days out and Christmas parties. It will explore the history of the biggest employers in Northamptonshire through personal stories and artefacts.

AN INTRODUCTION TO LANDSCAPE PAINTING IN OILS

Saturday 5 October, 10am-4.30pm
Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Cordell Garfield's one day workshop is an ideal introduction to landscape painting in oils. Working from a reference photo provided a landscape painting will be produced following a step-by-step process. The process will cover:

- Using oil paints
- Measuring and mapping out key features from the photograph with reference to perspective
- The importance of use of tone, hue and chroma in creating a landscape
- Organisation of a colour palette and approach to painting

Cordell is an experienced painter who will provide demonstrations during the day, with supporting handouts as part of the workshop to explain the techniques and approach involved. Suitable for beginners and improvers, you will create a landscape painting that you will be able to take away with you at the end of the workshop.



Booking essential
£65 per person



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Ongoing Exhibitions

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18 May - 23 Jun	Collective II Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	11 N

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11 May - 30 Jun	The People's Choice Exhibition Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	10 N
1 Jun - 30 Sep	80th Anniversary of D-Day: Poppy Project Exhibition Abington Park Museum	16 A
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8 Jun - 1 Sep	Brilliant Birds: The Love Birds Wedding Exhibition Abington Park Museum	17 A
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6 Jul - 8 Sep	Elmer and Friends: The Colourful World of David McKee Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	13 N
28 Sep 2024 - 23 Feb 2025	Shaped by Shoes: The Northampton Shoe Industry Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	49 N
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Wed 1 May	Tai Chai The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Wed 1 May	What Victorian Women Wore - Hoop Skirts, Fitted Bodices, Slippers Fashion Talk Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	30 N
Thu 2 May	Spirit Photography in the Victorian Era Thursday Morning Talks Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N



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Fri 3 May	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 3 May	Mini Museum Explorers - Space Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 4 May	Watercolour Workshop Rivers & Lakes Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	38 N
Tue 7 May	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Wed 8 May	What Victorian Women Wore - Bustles, square necklines, frills and ruffles, court shoes Fashion Talk Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	30 N
Wed 8 May	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Fri 10 May	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 10 May	Mini Museum Explorers - Clothes Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 8 May	Watercolour Workshop Flowers & Garden Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	38 N



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Tue 14 May	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Wed 15 May	What Victorian Women Wore - Princess line corsets, large bustles, angular shapes, carriage boots, pattens Fashion Talk Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	30 N
Wed 15 May	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Thu 16 May	The Underground Railroad - Patterned Path to Freedom Thursday morning talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Fri 17 May	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 17 May	Mini Museum Explorers - Kings and Queens Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 18 May	Watercolour Workshop - Portraits Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	38 N
Sat 18 May	Italian Supper Club Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	40 N
Sun 19 May	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	47 A



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Tue 21 May	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Wed 22 May	What Victorian Women Wore - Bell-shaped skirts, shirtwaists, the new woman, cromwell shoes Fashion Talk Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	30 N
Wed 22 May	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Thu 23 May	An Ocean of Pain and Death: Images of Operation Overlord D-Day Commemorative Art Lecture Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 24 May	Immersive Sound Bath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Fri 24 May	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 24 May	Mini Museum Explorers - Pots Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 25 May	Watercolour Workshop - Still Life Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	38 N
Wed 29 May	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N



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Wed 29 May	Pop in Wednesday Children's Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	34 N
Fri 31 May	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Wed 5 Jun	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Thu 6 Jun	D-Day Talks Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Thu 6 Jun	Painting to Remember and Carving to Forget: Soldiers' Art and Craft in two World Wars D-Day Commemorative Art Lecture Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 7 Jun	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 7 Jun	Mini Museum Explorers - Abstract Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Fri 7 June	Flowers Always and Always: The Garden in Impressionist Art Art History Lectures Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Sat 8 Jun	D-Day Commemorated: Northamptonshire's Connections Events Abington Park Museum	42 A



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Sat 8 Jun	Drop in Northamptonshire Yeomanry and Northamptonshire Regiment Enquiry Sessions Events Abington Park Museum	43 A
Wed 12 Jun	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Thu 13 Jun	Northamptonshire Yeomanry at D-Day - Stories from the Front Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	27 N
Fri 14 Jun	Picnics and Pleasure Art History Lecture Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Fri 14 Jun	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 14 Jun	Mini Museum Explorers - Stone Age Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Fri 14 Jun	Immersive Soundbath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Sat 15 Jun	Historic Transport Day Event Abington Park Museum	41 A
Wed 19 Jun	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N



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Thu 20 Jun	The Last Naval Navel Hero Thursday Marning Talks Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Thu 20 Jun	Artistic Anecdotes D-Day Commemorative Art Lecture Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 21 Jun	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 21 Jun	Impressionist Landscapes Art History Lecture Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Fri 21 Jun	Mini Museum Explorers - The Sea Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 22 Jun	Heros of the Titanic - Revealing The Story of the Heroic Engineering Crew Talks Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	31 N
Sun 23 Jun	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tours Abington Park Museum	47 A
Fri 28 Jun	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N



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Fri 28 Jun	Mini Museum Explorers - Boats and Ships Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Fri 28 Jun	City Life and City Lights Art History Lecture Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Wed 3 Jul	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Thu 4 Jul	Sulgrave Manor Thursday Morning Talks Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Fri 5 Jul	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 5 Jul	Mini Museum Explorers - Summer Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Fri 5 Jul	Meji to Monet - Impressionism and Japan Art History Lecture Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	29 N
Fri 5 Jul	Immersive Soundbath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Wed 10 Jul	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N



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Fri 12 Jul	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 12 Jul	Mini Museum Explorers - Colour Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Thu 18 Jul	Mata Hari - Spy or Scapegoat? Thursday Morning Talks Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N
Fri 19 Jul	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Sun 21 Jul	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	47 A
Wed 24 Jul	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Thu 25 Jul	Masque Theatre Open Air Production - The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare Events Abington Park Museum	44 A



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Fri 26 Jul	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 26 Jul	Masque Theatre Open Air Production - The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare Events Abington Park Museum	44 A
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Mon 29 Jul	Masque Theatre Open Air Production - The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare Events Abington Park Museum	44 A
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Wed 31 Jul	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N



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Wed 31 Jul	Masque Theatre Open Air Production - The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare Events Abington Park Museum	44 A
Thu 1 Aug	Masque Theatre Open Air Production - The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare Events Abington Park Museum	44 A
Fri 2 Aug	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Fri 2 Aug	Masque Theatre Open Air Production - The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare Events Abington Park Museum	44 A
Sat 3 Aug	Masque Theatre Open Air Production - The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare Events Abington Park Museum	44 A
Sun 4 Aug	D-Day Commemorated: Northamptonshire's Connections Event Abington Park Museum	42 A



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Sun 4 Aug	Drop in Northamptonshire Yeomanry and Northamptonshire Regiment Enquiry Sessions Events Abington Park Museum	43 A
Tue 6 Aug	Time to Share - Summer Edition Children's Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	36 N
Wed 7 Aug	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Wed 7 Aug	Pop in Wednesday Children's Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	34 N
Fri 9 Aug	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Tue 13 Aug	Time to Share - Summer Edition Children's Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	36 N
Wed 14 Aug	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Fri 16 Aug	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Sun 18 Aug	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	47 A
Wed 21 Aug	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N



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Wed 21 Aug	Pop-in Wednesday Children's Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	34 N
Fri 23 Aug	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Wed 28 Aug	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Wed 28 Aug	Pop-in Wednesday Children's Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	34 N
Fri 3 Aug	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N

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Sun 22 Sep	Tours of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	47 A
Sat 5 Oct	An Introduction to Landscape Painting in Oils Adult Workshops Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	50 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 526322 during Northampton Museum & Art Gallery opening hours (see page 66).

By phone on 01604 838110 during Abington Park Museum opening hours (see page 66).

Please note our phone numbers will soon be changing, see page 66 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

Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm

Open Sunday 12-5pm

Also open spring and summer bank holidays 10am-5pm

FREE ENTRY

4-6 Guildhall Road, Northampton, NN1 1DP

Telephone: 01604 526322

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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