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WHAT'S ON

September - December 2024



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As we move from summer to autumn, it's your last chance to see *Titanic: Honour and Glory* closing 15 September and *Elmer and Friends* closing 8 September. We are excited to introduce two new exhibitions that delve into Northampton's rich history and culture.

Shaped By Shoes: The Northamptonshire Shoe Industry explores the fascinating history of Northampton's most iconic product shoes! Discover how shoes have shaped the identity and industry of the town and region over the centuries.

Dissent: Art and Protest in Northamptonshire explores the long history of protest in Northampton, from the Bradlaugh riots of the late 19th century to contemporary protest movements. Through powerful art, *Dissent* highlights the enduring spirit of resistance and activism in our community.

As well as this we have a full programme of events and activities, with something for all interests.

We look forward to welcoming you to these exhibitions 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.



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.

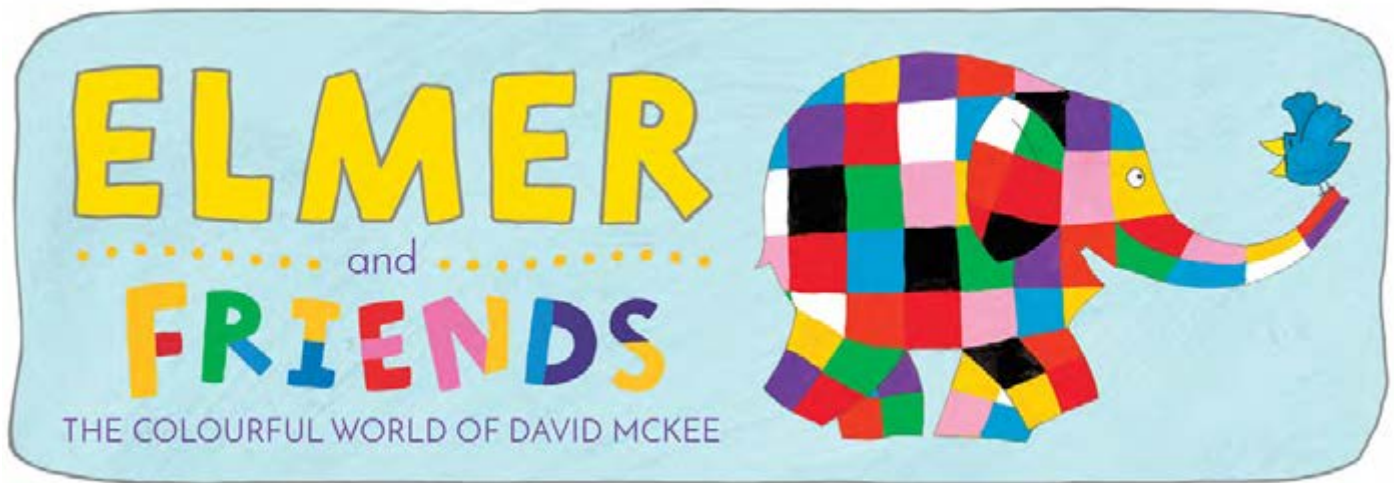




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TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

Free Admission



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ELMER AND FRIENDS: THE COLOURFUL WORLD OF DAVID MCKEE

Until 8 September

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

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.



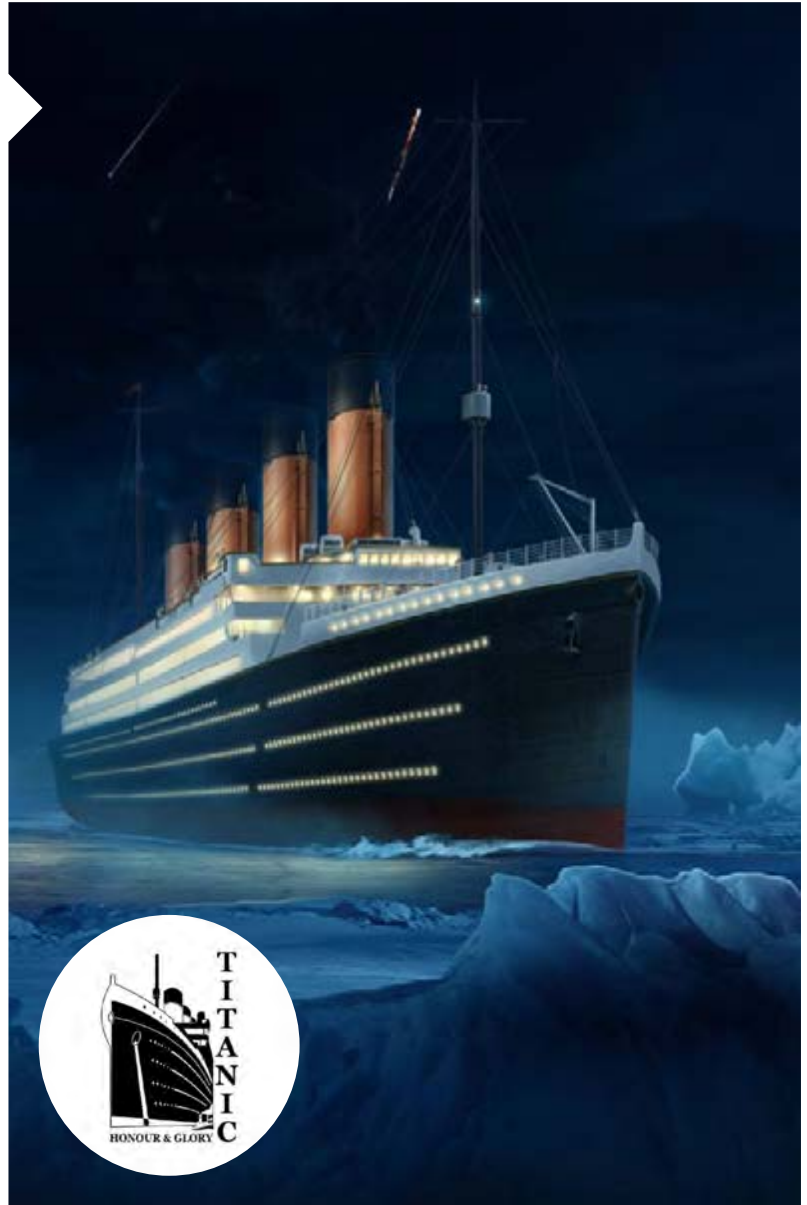
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TITANIC: HONOUR AND GLORY

until 15 September

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

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*.





FROM THE COLLECTION: ABSTRACT ART

Until 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.



DISSENT: ART AND PROTEST IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Saturday 14 September - Sunday 1 December

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

To mark 150 years since the people of Northampton took to the streets to endorse the atheist MP Charles Bradlaugh, the dissenters and protestors of Northamptonshire will be examined through people's stories, events and art in this exhibition.

Including the work of artists Chris Fiddes, June Mendoza and John Collier, as well as Free Art Collective and the Partisan Social Club.



NORTHAMPTON TOWN AND COUNTY ART SOCIETY 107TH OPEN ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Saturday 14 December - Sunday 23 February 2025

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 giving visitors a chance to see the wide variety of styles and subjects that a group show offers.



SHAPED BY SHOES: THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHOE INDUSTRY

Saturday 28 September - Sunday 23 February 2025

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

The shoemaking industry has been part of Northamptonshire's 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.

FROM THE COLLECTION: EVERYDAY

Saturday 19 October

- Sunday 23 February 2025

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Artists have always sought to depict the everyday from working lives to domestic moments. This exhibition will look at these often-intimate scenes and includes the work of Sir Frank Brangwyn, Charles Spencelayh, Jan Miel and Sir Francis Cook.





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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY: POPPY PROJECT

Until 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.





PAINTERS IN THE PARK

Saturday 7 September - Sunday 3 November

Abington Park Museum

An exciting and diverse exhibition showcasing works from eight talented Northamptonshire artists. This must-see show covers mixed media, oils, collage, batik silk and acrylic paintings, all for sale.

The artists will also be on hand to demonstrate and discuss their working techniques throughout September and October.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

Saturday 16 November - Sunday 5 January 2025

Abington Park Museum

Come to Abington Park Museum to play a giant Christmas themed board game to mark the passing of the winter season through games and japes. Along the way visitors can answer Christmas themed questions and learn some interesting facts about the festive season.



D-DAY AT 80

4 June - 30 September

Located in display cases in Weston Favell Library, Towcester Library, Brackley Library and 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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TALKS

THURSDAY MORNING TALKS

10.30am-12pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Thursday 12 September

The Ship of Dreams

Speaker: Steve Dimmer

375 miles south of Newfoundland, two and a half miles beneath the Atlantic Ocean lies the wreck of the most famous ship ever, RMS Titanic. This talk will examine its journey through conception, manufacture, triumphant launch and catastrophic maiden voyage, showing the many mistakes that were made and the lessons that were learnt too late.

Thursday 26 September

Alan Turing and the Real Imitation Game

Speaker: Michael Kushner

During WW2 at Bletchley Park, Alan Turing broke the most complex German Enigma ciphers. Post-war he worked on many new scientific innovations at Manchester University. This real-life story of an amazing mathematician and codebreaker, who had the foresight of computers and the benefits and dangers of Artificial Intelligence. This scientific hero was prosecuted over his sexuality and treated callously by British Justice.



Thursday 10 October

Ikebana, living with flowers

Speaker: Laura Malpas

Discover the long history of flower arrangement in Japan, from when it was an occupation of men, monks and samurai and its evolution into the important and respected cultural practice seen throughout Japan today. The talk is illustrated with images from historic woodcut prints and photos of modern arrangements in Japan.

This session also includes some basic principles of modern Ikebana, with a how to demonstration of a simple style using seasonal flowers and branches.

£3.50 per talk, £26 for the series
Booking essential

THURSDAY MORNING TALKS

10.30am-12pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Thursday 24 October

Silverstone - the village and the circuit

Speaker: Gerald Lovell

The story of a village dominated over centuries by the forestry and the wood trade with its 22 woodyards; yet having a parallel history of a Benedictine Abbey, a royal hunting lodge, a WW2 Wellington Bomber Training Station that was transformed into a motor racing circuit, the birthplace of Formula One and home of British Motor Racing.

Thursday 7 November

The wonderful world of the pipe organ

Speaker: Paul Hale

Ever wondered how long pipe organs have been around or how they work? All will be revealed by Paul Hale, one of the UK's leading organ specialists.

Thursday 21 November

All the King's Horses and all the King's Men

Speaker: Keith Baldwin

In this talk Keith will share with us lots of little-known details about His Majesty's Household Cavalry. Delivered in a light-hearted way it is guaranteed to entertain as well as to inform.

Thursday 5 December

No way home

- The making of a memoir

Speaker: Lis Ainsworth

Intimate diaries of separation and survival in 1945 Germany; the physical and emotional journeys, made separately by two sisters and their serendipitous family reunion. With themes of faith, philosophy and continuance, forced from their destroyed childhood home as girls, they became women in a new world order, their lives forever changed.

Thursday 19 December

A Christmas talk of magic gone wrong, with magic show

Speaker: John Constantine

This is an illustrated talk on magicians past and present where the act has gone fatally wrong. There's also, by total contrast, an entertaining magic show featuring nothing dangerous at all - just pure sleight of hand, misdirection and mind reading!

£3.50 per talk, £26 for the series
Refreshments included
Booking essential

D-DAY COMMEMORATIVE ART LECTURE SERIES

Canvas and Courage: Artistic Reflections on War and Resilience

10.15am-12.15pm, Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

In commemoration of the D-Day anniversary, we invite you to join us for a compelling exploration of art in the shadow of war offering a powerful testament to the role of art in navigating and transcending the darkest chapters of our shared history. This series of four lectures embarks on a poignant exploration of war through the lens of the artist, both amateur and professional, as well as exploring how the arts used England's green and pleasant land to counterpoint the after effects of WW2.

Friday 13 September

An Ocean of Pain and Death: Images of Operation Overlord

Artwork: **Paintings and drawings by David Bevan**

Speaker: **Dr Miriam Gill**

Friday 20 September

Time to Breathe - sculpture parks and their role in public recovery post WW2

Artwork: **Madonna and Child (bronze maquette)**

- **Henry Moore**

Speaker: **Dr Conny Bailey**

Friday 27 September

Brothers in Arms Paul and John Northcote Nash

Artwork: **Sheep Pen - John Northcote Nash**

Speaker: **Dr Conny Bailey**

Friday 4 October

Reviving Spirits: The Impact of Great Bardfield Artists on Post-WW2 Arts

Artwork: **The Pagoda, Kew & An Old Crab
and a young - Edward Bawden**

Speaker: **Dr Miriam Gill**



**£6 per talk, £20 for the series,
Price includes refreshments
Booking essential**



Image: Protest is Beautiful, Free art collective, 2007

ART AND POLITICS: DISSENT, PROTEST, AND AGENCY IN ARTISTIC PRACTICE

Saturday 14th September

12-1pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

This talk explores art as a critical tool for reflecting on society. It examines how artists have responded to social, economic, technological, ecological, and political changes. By presenting the philosophical and practical challenges they have addressed, it speculates on how their work has been shaped by the world, and how their art, in turn shapes the world.

Dr Andrew Hewitt and Dr Mel Jordan are both Professors of Art and the Public Sphere at the University of Northampton and Coventry University respectively. In 2018 they formed the Partisan Social Club and previously worked collaboratively with Dave Beech as the Free Art Collective. Their participatory artworks aim to transform audiences into a discursive but dissenting public.

£6 per person
Booking essential

THE NEW WOMAN TO THE NEW LOOK

Wednesdays 2 - 30 October

10.30-11.30am

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

The New Woman to the New Look is a series of five talks delivered by costume specialist Sharn Matthews and curator Rebecca Shawcross exploring what women in the first half of the twentieth century wore with examples from the clothing and shoe collections at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery.

Wednesday 2 October:

1900s The S-shape silhouette, leisure footwear

Wednesday 9 October:

1910s Hobble skirts, empire lines, boots

Wednesday 16 October:

1920s Hemlines, flappers, bar shoes

Wednesday 23 October:

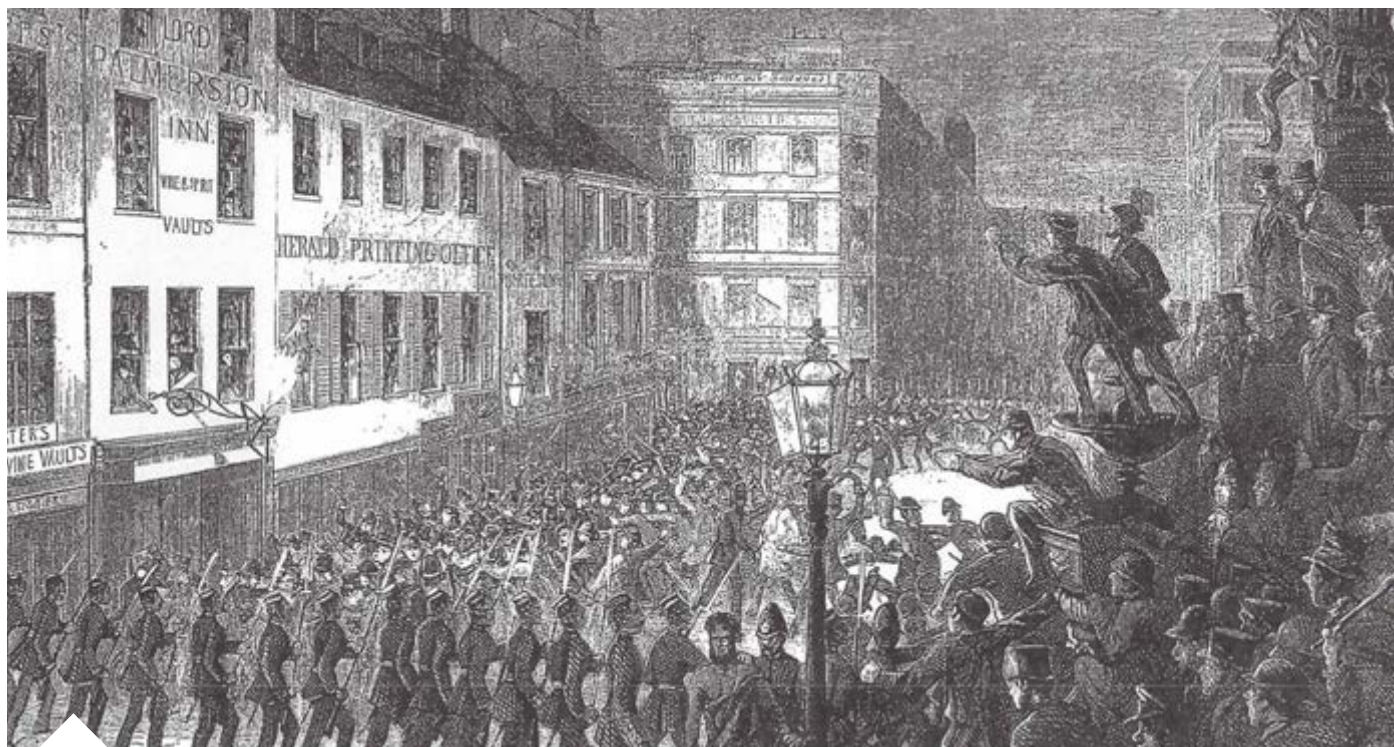
1930s The bias cut, T-bar shoes, sandals

Wednesday 30 October:

1940s Utility, The New Look, clogs and court shoes



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



THE BRADLAUGH RIOT

Sunday 6th October

2-3pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

The forgotten story of arguably the most important political campaign of the mid 19th century, when the idealism and passion of the 1868 election was tainted by divisive religious bigotry, and how the frustration and anger of the radical candidate's supporters exploded into violence when he came bottom of the poll at the by-election of October 1874. This talk is presented by Chris Pounds from the Charles Bradlaugh Society.

£6 per person
Booking essential

FAME OF THE LASTING KIND: NORTHAMPTON'S ENDURING SHOEMAKING LEGACY

Saturday 12 October

2.30 - 3.30pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

From humble shoemaking origins in the Middle Ages, to becoming 'the shoemaking capital of the world', Northampton's shoemaking legacy spans over 800 years.

In what way did lasting (the forming of leather over the wooden form, to make a shoe), as well as all the other skills of cordwainers, see Northampton admired for its shoemaking across the world? Cordwainer, calceologist, and educator Brett Walker returns to Northampton to give his talk, illustrating how the town gained, and retains, a fame of 'the lasting kind'.



£6 per person
Booking essential

ART HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

Pre-Raphaelite Dawns

10:15am - 12:15pm, Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

In 1848, the year of revolutions, a group of young artists founded a movement which would shake and re-shape artistic culture in Britain. Rejecting the Royal Academy's expectations, these artistic revolutionaries sought inspiration from wider artistic traditions, often finding their subject matter in the life and literature of the High Victorian Age. The original Brotherhood was rapidly augmented by a wider circle of creative women and men and successive generations adopted and extended the Pre-Raphaelite vision. Using examples from the museum's art collection, join us as we consider the innovations and insights of this movement and how they can be traced in visual culture to the present day.

Friday 8 November **Idols, Idylls and Industry:** **Pre-Raphaelite Artists and** **their Followers**

Artwork: **Angel with Cymbals**
- Edward Burne-Jones
Speaker: **Dr Conny Bailey**

Friday 15 November **More Than Just a Pretty Face:** **Pre-Raphaelite Women Artists**

Artwork: **Joan of Arc**
- copy after Marie d'Orléans
Speaker: **Dr Conny Bailey**

Friday 22 November **Pre-Raphaelitism and the** **Northern Renaissance**

Artwork: **Vision of the Shepherds**
- William Holman Hunt
Speaker: **Dr Conny Bailey**

Friday 29 November **Sacred Domesticity:** **Pre-Raphaelite Interiors** **and the Stories They Tell**

Artwork: **Sir Lancelot at the Chapel of the**
Holy Grail - Edward Burne-Jones
Speaker: **Dr Miriam Gill**

Friday 6 December **Major Minors: Pre-Raphaelite** **Followers and their Works**

Artwork: **The Angel of the Holy Grail -**
Ernest W. Twining
Speaker: **Dr Conny Bailey**



Speakers and artworks 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, £25 for the series
Price includes refreshments
Booking essential



CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Saturday 16th November

2-3pm

Abington Park Museum

From turkey to Santa himself, relax into Christmas and spend an hour discovering the history behind some Christmas traditions, learning how these have evolved over time. You may be surprised how old or young some traditions are. This talk is delivered by Sharn Matthews, museum volunteer.

£5 per person
Booking essential



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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 10 September - Tuesday 15 October
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.



£8 per person, £40 for the series
Over 18s only
Booking essential



TAI CHI

Wednesdays 4 September - 18 December

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/plimsols. No special equipment is required. Please bring a drink if you feel you may need this. Although the origins of the Art are martial, most 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. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and flexible soled shoes and bring water to drink.

£8 per session
Over 18s only
Booking essential



IMMERSIVE SOUND BATH

Friday 13 September, Friday 25 October, Friday 22 November, Friday 13 December

6.30 - 8pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join us for 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

£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. Attendees are advised to arrive at least 5-10 minutes before the start of the session. All sessions start promptly at 6.30pm and attendees will not be admitted once the session has started.



YOGA BRUNCH

Saturday 9 November

9am - 12pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Join Maz, our dedicated and experienced yoga teacher who will help you to reset and recharge in this yoga experience. 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, energising yoga flow yoga practice. After the class, we all gather for a healthy, nutritious brunch to refuel and chat with fellow yogis. Bring your own yoga mat/towel and water bottle.

£27.50 per person (price includes brunch)

Over 16s only

Booking essential



CRAFT & CHATTER

Every Friday (except Friday 27 December)

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 cafe.

Free Admission - donations welcome



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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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MINI MUSEUM EXPLORERS

Held on Fridays

Friday 20 September - Friday 20 December
(excludes 1 & 8 November)

10.15 - 11.45am

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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. Child's snack and adult tea/coffee included and booking essential as places are limited.



Friday 20 September	Pots/containers
Friday 27 September	Autumn
Friday 4 October	Trees/leaves
Friday 11 October	Shoes
Friday 18 October	Light (Diwali)
Friday 25 October	Halloween

Friday 15 November	Space
Friday 22 November	Buildings
Friday 29 November	Fossils/dinosaurs
Friday 6 December	Bodies
Friday 13 December	Sound/music
Friday 20 December	Christmas

£5 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



POP IN WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 30 October

12 - 4pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Pop into the museum on this Wednesday afternoon for fun, hands on activities for families to enjoy.

These activities are free of charge, donations welcome.

**Drop in
No need to book**



HALLOWEEN MAKES DROP-IN

Thursday 31 October

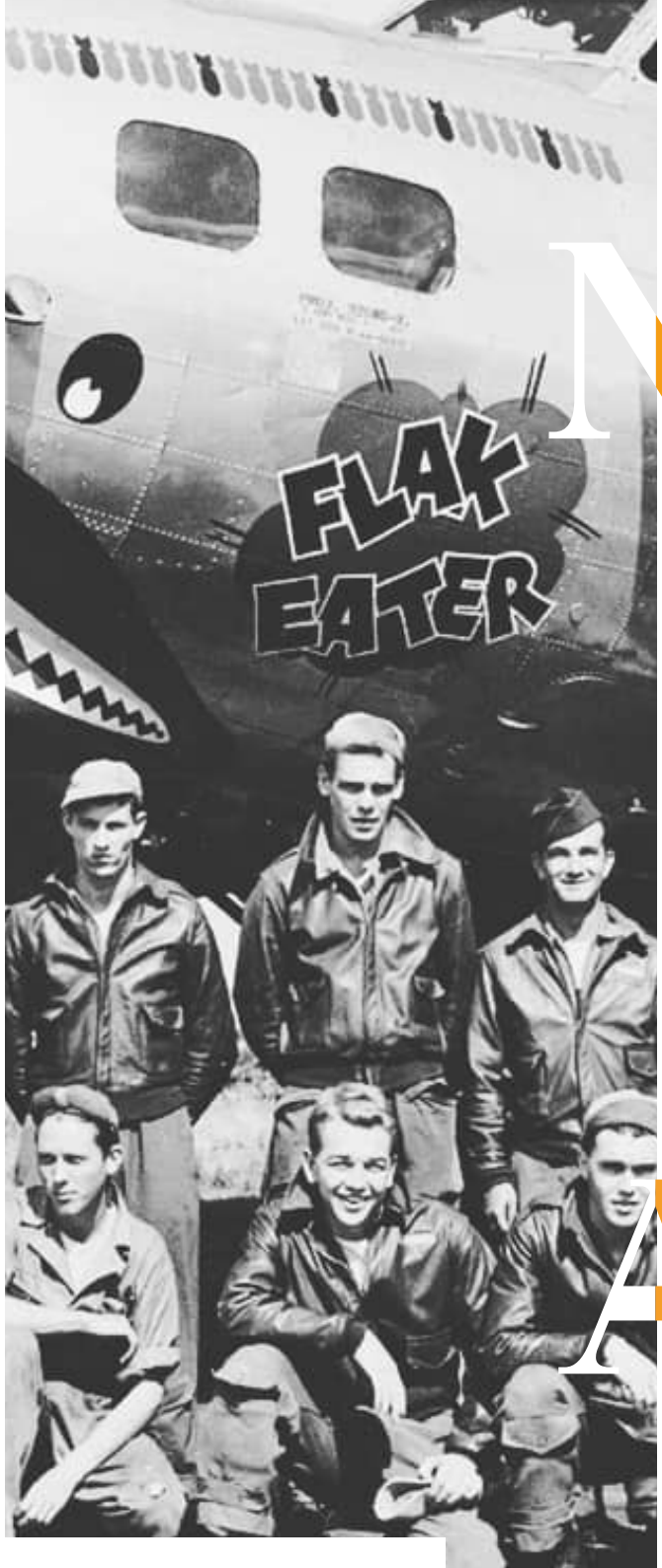
12-4pm

Abington Park Museum

Drop in to the museum for some fun hands-on Halloween activities for families.

These activities are free of charge, donations welcome.

Drop-in
No booking required



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EVENTS

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BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 5 October

10.30am - 4pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Experience the Northampton Book Extravaganza, where the magic of words in print take centre stage. Brought to you by vintage events company Rosie's Retro Bazaar and independent publishing house, Fantom. We're thrilled to announce that the Book Extravaganza will be coming to Northampton Museum and Art Gallery in October!



Immerse yourself in the universe of books as we bring together a diverse range of stalls, including:

- Independent Publishers & Bookshops: Discover unique publications and support local literary ventures.
- Fresh Talent, Poets & Local Authors: Meet up-and-coming writers and explore their latest works.
- Comic Creators, Zines & Illustrators: Delve into the world of graphic storytelling and visual artistry.
- Literary Societies & Publishing Services: Connect with organisations shaping the literary landscape.
- Second-Hand & Antiquarian Book Dealers: Hunt for rare finds and literary treasures.
- Book Crafts: Anything from bookmarks to bookends and book inspired tote bags to repurposed old books. Artistic license to free your imagination!
- Book related merchandise and memorabilia.
- Prints & Paper Ephemera: Vintage printed materials such as posters and maps.
- Stationery & Accessories: Browse through a selection of writing essentials and literary-themed accessories.

Whether you're seeking hidden gems, eager to support local talent, or simply looking to indulge your inner bookworm, the Northampton Book Extravaganza promises something special for every book lover.

Don't miss out on this captivating literary event—it's a celebration of words, creativity, and community!

Free entry

ITALIAN SUPPER CLUB WITH CARMELA'S KITCHEN

Saturday 7 September

7 - 10pm

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.

£45 per person
Over 18s only
Booking essential

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

Melon and Parma ham on a bed of mix leaves.

Vegetarian option - Melon and mozzarella bocconcini salad.

Primo - First course

Pork Bolognese sugo with mezze maniche pasta and a pecorino crumb.

Vegetarian option - Lentil Bolognese sugo with mezze maniche and a vegetarian cheese crumb.

Secondo - Main Course

Cod loin (or hake) on a bed of olive sughetto with lemon baked courgettes.

Vegetarian option - Aubergine involtini on a bed of olive sughetto with lemon baked courgettes.

Dolce - Dessert

Chocolate and mascarpone cheesecake with a toasted hazelnut crumb.

Coffee with Cantucci biscotti

Please pre-order vegetarian options direct with the museum in advance of the event by 23rd August.





MILITARY IDENTIFICATION DAY

Saturday 2 November

12 - 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.



Free - donations welcome

ITALIAN SUPPER CLUB WITH CARMELA'S KITCHEN

Saturday 7 December

7 - 10pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

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£45 per person
Over 18s only
Booking essential



Menu

Aperitif - Welcome drink

Prosecco with winter berries/Elderflower cordial.

Antipasti - Starter

Roman suppli al telefono - Roman style rice croquettes with a mozzarella centre.

Primo - First course

Roasted chestnut ravioli with a browned butter dressing and textured chestnut crumb.

Secondo - Main Course

Pork polpettone, wrapped in speck and served with Tuscan beans.

Vegetarian option: Tomatoes stuffed with rice.

Dolce - Dessert

Tiramisu Pistachio and lemon tiramisu Biscotti and Marsala with coffee.

Coffee with Cantucci biscotti

Please pre-order vegetarian options direct with the museum in advance of the event by 22nd November.

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ADULT WORKSHOPS

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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.



£65 per person
Booking essential

CHRISTMAS PUDDING WORKSHOP WITH CARMELA

Saturday 16 November

10am - 1pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

In this fun filled festive class, Carmela will demonstrate how to make her favourite 'Ricciarelli' almond biscuits, perfect to gift to a loved one. This will be followed by a seasonal tiramisu and this year we'll be making a decadent pistachio and lemon tiramisu with a generous topping of verdant pistachio nuts. You'll go nuts for this wonderful dessert!

Together we will all make a decorated chocolate slab using a combination of dried fruits, nuts and sweets. Carmela will finish by demonstrating to you all, how to make her signature amaretto and cranberry Christmas pudding, and you will all make this plump, fruity pudding to take home and steam along with your decorated chocolate slab.



You will be advised on booking of any equipment you need to bring with you on the day.

£30 per person
Over 16s only
Booking essential



DECORATE YOUR FESTIVE WREATH WITH EMMA REMINGTON FLOWERS

Saturday 23 November

10.30am-12pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Want to make a wreath with a twist? Free up your unique artistic vision and add creative materials to a prepared foliage base such as, dried flowers, grasses, fruits and spices, and of course a beautiful ribbon to finish it off.

Emma Remington Flowers will provide you with a prepared 12" spruce and foliage wreath for you to then decorate. Explore how to use different techniques of wiring and gluing materials together, as well as how to choose the right technique for the ingredients you decide to use for your wreath.

An immersive step-by-step class led by a professional florist, this workshop is the perfect opportunity to get stuck in straight away and learn new skills quickly. Creating a stunning wreath to proudly hang on your door!

All materials, 12" foliage wreath, scissors and sundries supplied. May be worth bringing a pair of gardening gloves and a pinny!



£45 per person
Over 16s only
Booking essential

FESTIVE WREATH MAKING WITH EMMA REMINGTON FLOWERS

Saturday 23 November

1.30-4pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Craft a luxury, traditional and classic Christmas wreath from scratch using forest foliage, pinecones, moss and even a bauble or two. Add your own personalisation to your festive wreath and let your imagination and character shine through your creation. You'll take home a unique wreath that will make your neighbours jealous!

Emma Remington Flowers will take you through the process of wreath making step by step. Starting with a 12" moss frame you will learn how to build your base which can then be decorated – learning the skills of wiring and design to make a stunning wreath you'll be proud of.

All materials, foliage, scissors and sundries supplied. May be worth bringing a pair of gardening gloves and a pinny!



£60 per person
Over 16s only
Booking essential

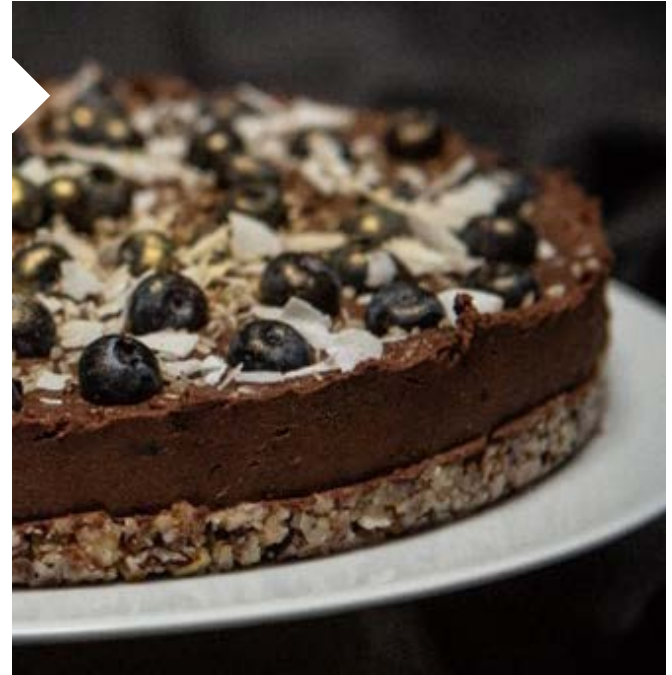
INDULGE IN SWEET PLANT-BASED CREATIONS: MASTER THE ART OF GUILT-FREE SNACKS & DESSERTS

Saturday 30 November

10am - 1pm

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Natasha, The Loving Chef will showcase a delightful Raw Chocolate and Blueberry Torte with a Festive Twist. This decadent dessert combines rich, velvety chocolate with the vibrant flavours of fresh blueberries, perfectly complemented by a hint of seasonal cheer. It's a luscious treat that promises to add a touch of magic to your festive celebrations while also sharing a variety of refined sugar healthier substitutes.

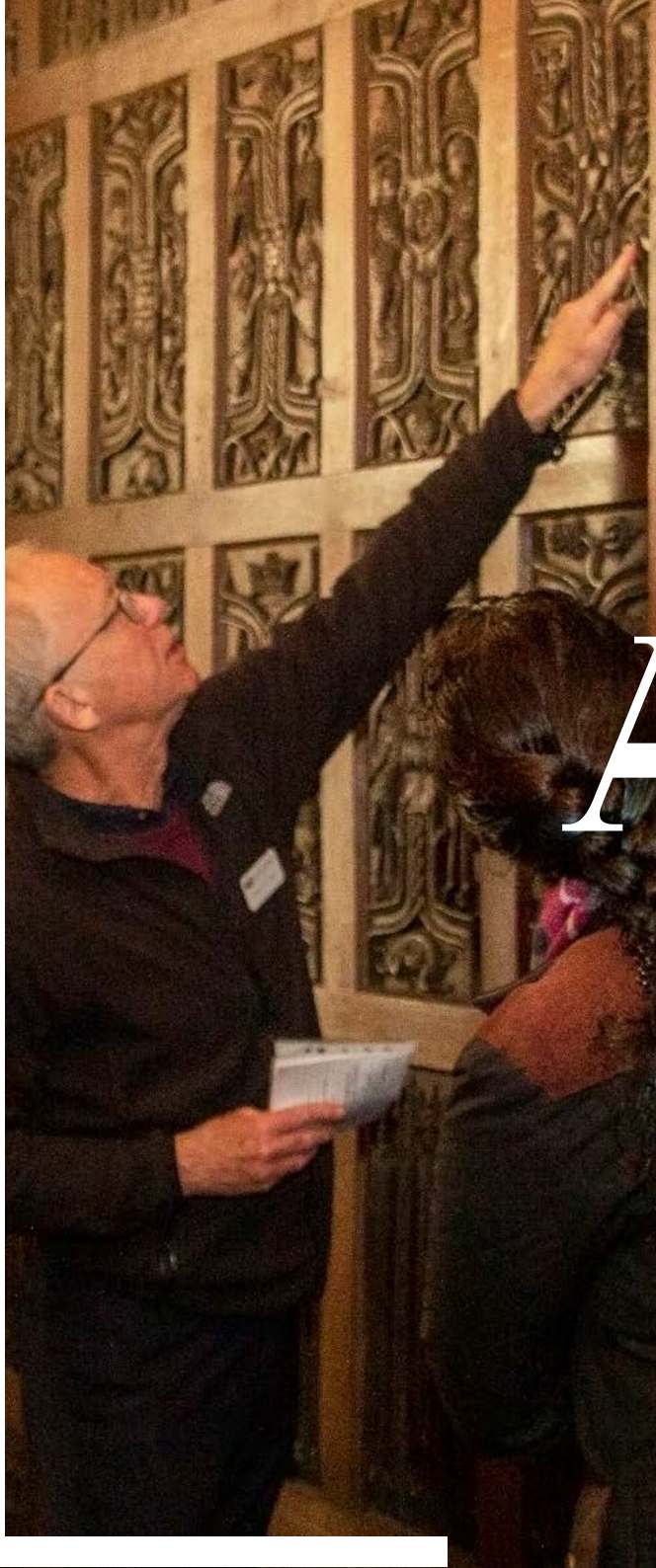


Natasha will then go on to demonstrate to everyone how to create Salted Maple Walnut Vegan Fudge, a rich and creamy delight made with pure maple syrup, punctuated with crunchy walnut pieces and a smattering of sea salt crystals, it's like salty, sweet perfection! It's a deliciously guilt-free treat that satisfies every sweet tooth, that everyone can then turn their hand to and make to take home to freeze or share with loved ones.

Then for the final stages of the workshop you will be shown how to make amazing Energy Peanut Butter Protein Balls, these bite-sized delights are packed with wholesome ingredients, including creamy peanut butter, oats, and plant-based protein. Perfect for a quick snack or post-workout treat, they offer a delicious and nutritious way to keep you fuelled throughout the day. After the demonstration everyone can then create their own to take home to share with loved ones, or to freeze ready for their festive season!

After booking you will be advised of any equipment you need to bring with you on the day.

£40 per person
Over 16s only
Booking essential



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A **TOURS**



TOURS OF ABINGTON PARK MUSEUM

Sunday 22 September

Sunday 20 October

Sunday 17 November

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 essential



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FAIRS

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 November
11am to 4pm**

Abington Park Museum

Our ever-popular Christmas Fair returns for 2024 and will include a wide range of artisan producers and crafters offering quality gifts, decorations and festive food and drink.

Stallholders – prices start from £29.

Email museums@westnorthants.gov.uk for availability



Free entry



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**COMING
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TWO DAY SHOE MAKING WORKSHOP WITH HETTY ROSE

Saturday 15 March - Sunday 16 March 2025

10.30am - 4.30pm each day

Northampton Museum & Art Gallery

Learn to make your very own pair of shoes in this two-day course alongside designer Hetty Rose, known for her use of vintage Japanese kimono fabrics. You will learn the basics of pattern cutting, choosing leathers and kimono fabric to make your uppers. You will then learn the process of sewing, lasting and heel covering to complete your shoes.

There are several shoe styles to choose from including flats and heeled shoes. We can accommodate fitting issues (wide/sensitive feet) and you will be expertly guided by Hetty through every stage, so no experience needed.

Day One: Hetty will give an introduction into shoe making and the tools you will be using over the two days. You will tape up your last (shoe mould) and draw on your design from a suggestion of designs by Hetty. You will then create your patterns and use these to cut your upper material and linings. You will also sew your uppers ready to use the next day. You will also learn to cover your insole for the inside of your shoes.

Day Two: To begin you will learn how to last your shoes using tacks and glue, to create the shape of your shoes. Next you will learn how to forepart fill your shoes and attach the soles. The next process involves choosing your heel and covering. You will learn how to cover your heels and they will be attached to the shoes. You'll finish by inserting the padding and sock inside the shoe. The shoes will be ready to take away from the course this day.

The course will run at a leisurely pace and there will be time for questions and demonstrations from Hetty. You will also receive a suppliers list and shoe making process sheet. All necessary materials and tools will be provided to participants during the workshop. Participants may bring their own fabric if they wish, subject to suitability checks by Hetty Rose.

The use of sewing machines is required and students should bring their own. Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch or you may source lunch locally in the town centre. Payments can be made in installments over the phone or in person, with an initial non-refundable 25% deposit (£156.25). 3 further payments of £156.25 with the final balance payable by 15 February 2025. Contact our booking line 01604 526322 to book.



£625 per person

Over 16s only

Booking essential, places are limited



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Ongoing Exhibitions

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Until Mon 30 Sep	80th Anniversary D-Day Poppy Exhibition Exhibition Abington Park Museum	16 A
Until Sun 13 Oct	From the Collection: Abstract Art Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	10 N

Upcoming Exhibitions

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Sat 7 Sep – Sun 3 Nov	Painters in the Park Exhibition Abington Park Museum	17 A
Sat 14 Sep – Sun 1 Dec	Dissent: Art and Protest in Northamptonshire Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	11 N
Sat 28 Sep – Sun 23 Feb 2024	Shaped by Shoes Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	12 N
Sat 19 Oct – Sun 23 Feb 2025	From the Collection: Everyday Exhibition Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	14 N



Upcoming Exhibitions

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Sat 16 Nov – Sun 5 Jan 2025	Countdown to Christmas Exhibition Abington Park Museum	18 A
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Wed 4 Sep	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
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Sat 7 Sep	Italian Supper Club Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	42 N
Tue 10 Sep	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	31 N
Wed 11 Sep	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Thu 12 Sep	The Ship of Dreams Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N



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Fri 13 Sep	An Ocean of Pain and Death: images of operation overlord Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Fri 13 Sep	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Fri 13 Sep	Immersive Sound Bath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Sat 14 Sep	Art & Politics: Dissent, Protest and Agency in Artistic Practice Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	24 N
Tue 17 Sep	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	31 N
Wed 18 Sep	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Fri 20 Sep	Mini Museum Explorers - Pots/containers Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 20 Sep	Time to Breathe - sculpture parks and their role in public recovery post WW2 Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N



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Fri 20 Sep	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sun 22 Sep	Tour of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	52 A
Tue 24 Sep	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	31 N
Wed 25 Sep	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Thu 26 Sep	Alan Turing and the Real Imitation Game Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Fri 27 Sep	Mini Museum Explorers - Autumn Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 27 Sep	Brothers in Arms - Paul and John Northcote Nash Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Fri 27 Sep	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N



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Tue 1 Oct	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	31 N
Wed 2 Oct	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Wed 2 Oct	1900s: The S shape silhouette Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	25 N
Fri 4 Oct	Reviving Spirits: The Impact of Great Bardfield Artists on Post WW2 Arts Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	23 N
Fri 4 Oct	Mini Museum Explorers - Trees/leaves Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 4 Oct	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 5 Oct	An Introduction to Landscape Painting In Oils Adult workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	46 N
Sat 5 Oct	Book Extravaganza Fair Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	41 N
Sun 6 Oct	The Bradlaugh Riot Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	26 N



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Tue 8 Oct	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	31 N
Wed 9 Oct	1910s Hobble skirts, empire lines, boots Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	25 N
Wed 9 Oct	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Thu 10 Oct	Ikebana, living with flowers Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	21 N
Fri 11 Oct	Mini Museum Explorers - Shoes Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 11 Oct	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 12 Oct	Fame of the Lasting Kind Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	27 N
Tue 15 Oct	Immersive Yoga The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	31 N
Wed 16 Oct	1920s: Hemlines, flappers, bar shoes Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	25 N



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Wed 16 Oct	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Fri 18 Oct	Mini Museum Explorers - Light (Diwali) Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 18 Oct	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sun 20 Oct	Tour of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	52 A
Wed 23 Oct	1930s: The bias cut, T-bar shoes, sandals Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	25 N
Wed 23 Oct	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Thu 24 Oct	Silverstone - the village and the circuit Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Fri 25 Oct	Mini Museum Explorers - Halloween Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 25 Oct	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N



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Fri 25 Oct	Immersive Sound Bath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Tue 30 Oct	1940s Utility, The New Look, clogs and court shoes Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	25 N
Wed 30 Oct	Pop in Wednesday Children's Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	38 N
Wed 30 Oct	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Thu 31 Oct	Halloween Makes Drop-in Children's event Abington Park Museum	39 A
Fri 1 Nov	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 2 Nov	Military Identification Day Event Abington Park Museum	43 A
Wed 6 Nov	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Thu 7 Nov	The wonderful world of the pipe organ Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N



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Fri 8 Nov	Idols, Idylls and Industry: Pre-Raphaelite Artists and their Followers Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 8 Nov	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 9 Nov	Yoga Brunch The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	34 N
Wed 13 Nov	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Fri 15 Nov	More Than Just a Pretty Face: Pre-Raphaelite Women Artists Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 15 Nov	Mini Museum Explorers - Space Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 15 Nov	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 18 Nov	Christmas Pudding Workshop Adult workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	47 N
Sat 16 Nov	Christmas Customs Talk Abington Park Museum	29 A



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Sun 17 Nov	Tour of Abington Park Museum Tour Abington Park Museum	52 A
Wed 20 Nov	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Thu 21 Nov	All the King's Horses and all the King's Men Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Fri 22 Nov	Pre-Raphaelitism and the Northern Renaissance Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 22 Nov	Mini Museum Explorers - Buildings Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 22 Nov	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Fri 22 Nov	Immersive Sound Bath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33 N
Sat 23 Nov	Decorate Your Festive Wreath Adult workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	48 N



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Sat 23 Nov	Festive Wreath Making Adult Workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	49 N
Sat 23 Nov	Christmas Fair Fair Abington Park Museum	54 A
Sun 24 Nov	Christmas Fair Fair Abington Park Museum	54 A
Wed 27 Nov	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Fri 29 Nov	Sacred Domesticity: Pre-Raphaelite Interiors and the Stories They Tell Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 29 Nov	Mini Museum Explorers - Fossils/Dinosaurs Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 29 Nov	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 30 Nov	Sweet Plant Based Creations Adult workshop Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	50 N



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Wed 4 Dec	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N
Thu 5 Dec	No way home - the making of a memoir Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22 N
Fri 6 Dec	Major Minors: Pre-Raphaelite Followers and their works Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	28 N
Fri 6 Dec	Mini Museum Explorers - Bodies Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37 N
Fri 6 Dec	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35 N
Sat 7 Dec	Italian Supper Club Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	44 N
Wed 11 Dec	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32 N



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Fri 13 Dec	Mini Museum Explorers - Sound/music Children's event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37
Fri 13 Dec	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35
Fri 13 Dec	Immersive Sound Bath The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	33
Wed 18 Dec	Tai Chi The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	32
Thu 19 Dec	A Christmas talk of magic gone wrong, with magic show Talk Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	22
Fri 20 Dec	Mini Museum Explorers - Christmas Children's Event Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	37
Fri 20 Dec	Craft & Chatter The Wellness Series Northampton Museum & Art Gallery	35



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

Telephone: 01604 838110 (will soon be updated to 01604 526321)

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