Creative Harborough

THINGS TO DO

This Autumn

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2026

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

September's Celebration showed just how much goes on in Market Harborough. There's plenty more to see, do, try and discover this autumn. Here's a selection of what's on at www.creativeharborough.org

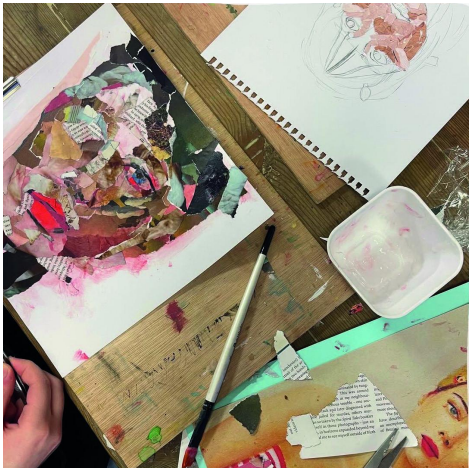
Busking Film Theatre Art Craft Music Literature Dance Heritage Events

ART

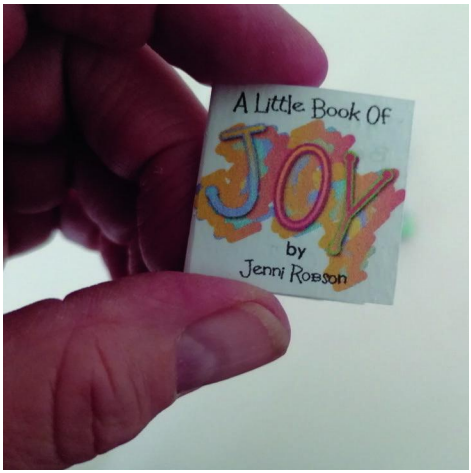
Left to Draw
Union Wharf, Market Harborough
Autumn and winter workshops with local and visiting artists, all bookable at left-to-draw-studios.square.site. Visit www.creativeharborough.org for times and prices.

- **Vintage Plate Painting with Helen from Two Peas,** Fri 16th Oct
- **Capturing the Whole Body with Mel White,** Sat 24th Oct
- **An Easy Way to Paint Figures and Objects with Andy Barber,** Sat 7th Nov
- **Intro to Linocut Printmaking with Page and Press,** Sat 14th Nov
- **Large Scale Botanicals with Stacey,** Fri 20th Nov
- **Create Your Own Christmas Cards with Stacey,** Fri 27th Nov
- **Urban Charcoal Landscapes with Ian Cox,** Sat 28th Nov
- **Winter Watercolour Landscape with Deborah Bird,** Sat 5th Dec

Also weekly classes in social art, life drawing and beginners' art, plus a film club and the Left to Read book club. Film club Mon 26th Oct, further dates to be confirmed.







CRAFT

Leicestershire Craft Centre
10a High Street
Throughout the season
A busy timetable of art, sewing and craft courses, whether you've never threaded a needle or have been making for years. Patchwork, dressmaking, glass fusion, watercolour, jewellery making and plenty more. Visit www.leicestershirecraftcentre.co.uk for the full programme. From £10.

Harborough Museum
Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street
Halloween Mask Making
Fri 23rd Oct, 10.30am-12pm
Make your own Halloween mask: colour it in with pens and pencils, then decorate it with craft materials. £2.

The Enterprise Club
The Village, 65 St Mary's Road. 5-8pm
Christmas crafting for all ages, with help from Enterprise Club young people and the Dot & Dab Craft Shop team. Drop in, pay as you go, and stay for desserts, refreshments and pizza from The Wood Oven van.

- **Christmas Community Crafting,** Thurs 29th Oct. Make jewellery to give as gifts: bracelets, necklaces, earrings, keyrings and bag charms. £2-£5.
- **Christmas Community Crafting,** Thurs 26th Nov. Make jewellery, festive wreaths and Christmas tree decorations. £2-£6.

Katy Dynes at The Incredible Makers Market
Kettering Arts Centre, Lindsay Street, Kettering, NN16 8RG
Sat 7th Nov, 10am-3.30pm
Katy Dynes, illustrator and workshop provider, has a stand at this yearly market of independent and local stallholders, each chosen for affordable, high quality, unique work. £3, children free.

DANCE

Orquesta Atipica Eco-Tango: Play Tango
Louisa's Place, 4a St Mary's Road
Mon 26th Oct, Mon 16th Nov and Mon 7th Dec, 3-5pm
An afternoon immersed in the art of playing tango, in the Cocktail Bar at Louisa's Place. For anyone interested in playing or dancing. Free, no booking required.



EVENTS

Harborough Culture Cafe

Louisa's Place, 4a St Mary's Road.
7.30-9.30pm, £7
Monthly talks on all kinds of arts and creative subjects, with time for questions.

- **Local Radio in a Digital World,** Wed 28th Oct.
  Why does local radio still matter? HFM presenters Phil and Chris go behind the scenes on how community radio works, how it's funded and how it stays relevant.
- **Master of Lies: The Story of Anthony Blunt,** Wed 25th Nov. Piers Blofeld draws on newly released documents for a fresh look at Blunt, the 'fourth man' of the Cambridge spy ring. Espionage, loyalty, power and deception.
- **A Moment of Calm,** Thurs 10th Dec.
  A gentle evening with Culture Cafe favourites, guitarist Charlie James and violinist Sharon Warnes: relaxed chat, stories and music for guitar and violin.

The Enterprise Club

Celebrating Young Creativity and Enterprise
Sat 5th Dec, 9am-1pm
Harborough Theatre, 13 Church Square
A fundraising coffee morning celebrating young people's creativity. Homemade cakes, handmade crafts and preloved treasures, with live music from singer-songwriter Bethia Mitchell and a carol sing-along.
Cost: see organiser.



St Dionysius Church

St Dionysius Church, 1 Church Square
Christmas at the parish church, from a forest of decorated trees to carols by candlelight.

- **Christmas Tree Festival,** Fri 27th Nov to Tues 1st Dec, 1-8pm. A winter wonderland. Vote for your favourite tree, and enjoy live music, a themed Lego display, a photo scene, a children's trail and refreshments. £3.
- **Advent Carol Service among the Christmas Trees,** Sun 29th Nov, 6-7pm. The annual Advent service amongst the festival trees. Hear the choir and join in the carols. Free.
- **Pop-up Nativity,** Fri 4th Dec, 5.30-6.30pm. Open to all. Take a part in the Nativity play on the night, or relax and watch the story unfold. Free.
- **Nine Lessons and Carols,** Sun 20th Dec, 6-7pm. The annual service: hear the choir and join in traditional carols, with Christmas readings. Free.

EXHIBITION

Great Bowden Art Exhibition
Annual Art Exhibition
Sat 17th and Sun 18th Oct, 10am-5pm
Great Bowden Village Hall, Great Bowden
This year's annual exhibition, with plenty of great work on display. As always, entry is free.

Wingates Gallery
Wingates Gallery, 44a St Mary's Road
Skateboard Deck Auction
Decks on view now until the auction
Sat 5th Dec, from 5pm
Eighteen artists have painted 50 skateboard decks to raise money for art supplies for 17 local schools and colleges.
Come and see them, then place a bid before the night or join the auction in person. Booking is essential. Free.



Market Harborough Photographic Society
Harborough Museum, Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street
Photographic Exhibition
Tues 17th Nov to Fri 12th Feb, 10am-5pm, Tuesday to Saturday.
The Society's exhibition in the museum and library, running right through the winter. Free.



Art By Kath Topham
Mimi's Cafe, Unit 1, The Old Fire Station Annex, Fairfield Road
Local abstract artist Kath Topham and Mimi's Cafe team up for a pop-up exhibition, part of the Visual Artist Association's OpenSpaces 2026 campaign, a global art trail in everyday spaces.

- **Dreams: Pop-up Art Exhibition,** Tues 17th to Wed 25th Nov. Open Tues, Thurs and Fri 8.30am-4.30pm, Wed 8.30am-2pm, Sat 9am-4.30pm, Sun 10am-1.30pm. Free.
- **Meet the Artist,** Wed 18th Nov, 8.30am-2pm. Come and talk to Kath about her work. Free.
- **Gallery Dining Evening: Dreams,** Thurs 19th Nov, 6.30-10pm. An evening surrounded by abstract art and friendly conversation, with a menu inspired by the work on display. Limited tickets from Mimi, or via Instagram @mimiscafe_. £38.

FILM

Harborough Cinema
Harborough Theatre, 13 Church Square
New releases, family favourites and live screenings of theatre, opera and ballet.

- **Late Fame (15)**
  Fri 16th Oct, 7.30pm. £9.
- **Coyote vs. Acme (PG)**
  Sun 18th Oct, 7pm. £9.
- **The Met Opera: Macbeth (PG)**
  Tues 20th Oct, 6pm. £14.
- **Tony (15)**
  Fri 23rd Oct, 7.30pm. £9.
- **Hunt for the Wilderpeople (12A)**
  Sun 25th Oct, 7pm. £9.
- **The Royal Ballet & Opera: Carmen**
  Tues 10th Nov, 7pm. £12.
- **Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom (U)**
  Wed 11th Nov, 2.30pm. £9.
- **National Theatre Live: Golden Boy**
  Thurs 12th Nov, 7pm. £14.
- **Bad Apples (15)**
  Fri 13th Nov, 7.30pm. £9.
- **Derek vs Derek (15)**
  Sun 15th Nov, 7pm. £9.
- **Sense & Sensibility (U)**
  Sun 22nd Nov, 7pm, and Wed 25th Nov, 2.30pm. £9.
- **Heart of the Beast (PG-13)**
  Fri 27th Nov, 7.30pm. £9.
- **Don't Forget Me (15)**
  Sun 29th Nov, 7pm. £9.
- **André Rieu's Christmas Concert**
  Sat 5th Dec, 7pm. £12.
- **The Royal Ballet & Opera: The Nutcracker** Sun 13th Dec, 7pm. £14.



HERITAGE

Market Harborough Historical Society
Monthly talks at the Methodist Church, Northampton Road, 7.30pm. Non-members £4.

- **The History of Firearms: Pistols, Alan Shaw,** Wed 14th Oct
- **Celtic Gods and Paganism in Ancient Leicestershire, Dr Alan Charles Breeze,** Wed 11th Nov
- **The Victorian Village: East Farndon in the 19th Century, Alan Langley,** Wed 9th Dec

History Day: A Nation in Turmoil: Aspects of the English Civil Wars, *Octagonal Theatre, Welland Park Academy,* Sat 31st Oct, 10am.
Four guest speakers on lesser-known corners of the Civil Wars.
Buffet included. £15, students £3.
Book by Sat 17th Oct at www.marketharboroughhistoricalsociety.org

LITERATURE

Waterstones Market Harborough
Waterstones, 9 The Square.
All free
Book signings in the town centre.

- **Craig Revel Horwood,**
  Thurs 22nd Oct, from 1pm.
  Strictly's star judge signs copies of 'The Book of Panto', a history of pantomime from its archetypal characters to interviews with performers, costumiers, set designers and directors.
- **Emily-Jane Clark,**
  Sat 7th Nov, 11am-12pm.
  The author signs the latest Cringe Club book, illustrated throughout and for readers aged 8 and up.
- **Tim Relf,**
  Sat 21st Nov, 2-4pm.
  The poet signs copies of his new collection, 'Not Even October'.



MUSIC

Louisa's Place
Louisa's Place, 4a St Mary's Road.
All free entry
A variety of free live music in this popular town centre bar. Food is served most evenings; email louisasplace4a@gmail.com to reserve.

- **Rustic Dream** Sat 10th Oct, 7.30-11pm
- **John Maher & Friends**
  Thurs 15th Oct, 5-8pm
- **Paige & Evan** Fri 16th Oct, 7-10pm
- **Harry Walker** Sat 17th Oct, 7.30-10pm
- **Kontraband** Fri 23rd Oct, 7-10pm
- **John Maher** Sat 24th Oct, 8-11pm
- **Sunday Session: Slim Steve & Miss Hannah** Sun 25th Oct, 2.30-4.30pm
- **DJ Papa Cleave**
  Sat 31st Oct, 8pm-midnight
- **Rachel** Sat 7th Nov, 8-10pm
- **Open Mic Night** Fri 13th Nov, 7-10pm
- **DJ Gavlar: House & Disco**
  Sat 14th Nov, 9pm-midnight
- **John Maher & Friends**
  Thurs 19th Nov, 5-8pm
- **Kontraband** Fri 20th Nov, 7-10pm
- **Angelheart** Sat 21st Nov, 9-11pm
- **Sunday Session: Slim Steve & Miss Hannah** Sun 29th Nov, 2.30-4.30pm
- **Kontraband** Fri 4th Dec, 7-10pm
- **DJ Skefa & O Tolerance**
  Sat 5th Dec, 7.30pm-midnight
- **Open Mic Night** Fri 11th Dec, 7-10pm
- **John Maher & Friends**
  Thurs 17th Dec, 5-8pm

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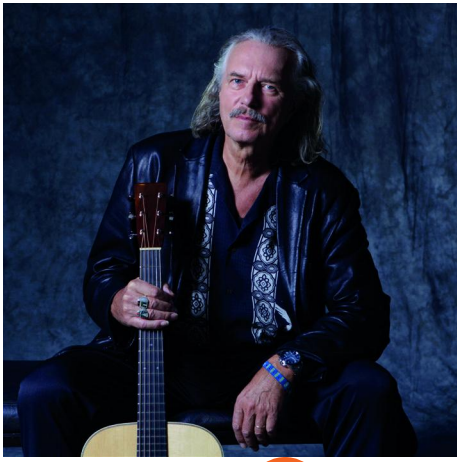
Harborough Jazz

The Three Swans, High Street.
Sunday lunchtimes, 12.30-3pm
Members receive a discount on ticket prices.

- **Steve Waterman's Latin Jazz Quartet**
  Sun 11th Oct. £17.
  One of the top British trumpet players, at home and internationally, with Latin music from Cuba, Brazil and Argentina. Bring your dancing shoes!
- **James Allsopp plays Stan Getz**
  Sun 8th Nov. £18.
  The award-winning saxophonist, clarinettist and composer celebrates Stan Getz: tender ballads, bossa novas, swinging standards and bebop.
- **Alan Barnes and David Newton,**
  Sun 13th Dec. £17.
  Two award-winning jazz musicians who have played duets together for almost 50 years, from Louis Armstrong to Chick Corea, with anecdotes and humour.



Busk!

The Undercroft, Old Grammar School, High Street. All free
Local musicians in the outdoor space under the Old Grammar School.

- **Difficult Times**
  Sat 17th Oct, 2.30-5pm.
  It started with three boys, a school and an unexpected obsession with jazz. Their sound now takes in Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel and beyond: three friends improvising, experimenting, swapping instruments and still finding their sound.
- **HWu3a Strictly Ukuleles**
  Sat 24th Oct, 11.30am-12.30pm.
  A friendly, welcoming u3a group for anyone who wants to learn, improve or rediscover their love of the ukulele and play in good company.

Market Harborough Orchestra: The Symphonic Cinema

Methodist Church, Northampton Road
Sat 17th Oct, 7.30-10pm
Music from the movies: John Williams classics from Jurassic Park, E.T. and Star Wars, Herrmann's Suite from Psycho, Hisaishi's The Legend of Ashitaka from Princess Mononoke, and Shostakovich's Suite for Variety Orchestra, including the famous Waltz No. 2. £12.

Harborough Blues

Louisa's Place, 4a St Mary's Road.
7.30-10pm

- **Hans Theessink,** Wed 21st Oct.
  After more than 50 years on the road and 30 albums, Hans is a roots and blues institution, with a sonorous baritone and unmistakable guitar playing. Welcomed all the way from Vienna. £18.

- **Rag Mama Rag,** Wed 4th Nov. Guitars, ukulele, harmonica and washboard for American music of the 1920s to 40s: country, blues, ragtime and their own compositions. £16.
- **Tyzack & Tortora,** Wed 2nd Dec. Leading musicians from The Guy Tortora Band and The Spikedrivers, with guitars, fine harmonies and a soulful, rootsy performance. £18.

Harborough Singers: In Brass & Voice

Octagonal Theatre, Welland Park Academy, Sat 24th Oct, 7.30-10pm.
A joyful town collaboration between the Harborough Band and the Harborough Singers: two halves, plus joint surprises. Tickets from the Harborough Singers and Harborough Band websites, or from Mistry's. £15, under 18s £5.

BabyGigs

Methodist Church, Northampton Road
Family concerts designed for 0 to 7s and their grown-ups.

- **Halloween Piano Party,** Sat 31st Oct, 10.30-11.15am. Wear your scariest costume for the most frightening, mysterious and magical music ever written for the piano. From £5.
- **Harp**, Sat 28th Nov, 10.30-11.15am. Emily Hopper returns with her beautiful harp. Cost: see organiser.
- **The BabyGigs Christmas Carol,** Sat 19th Dec, 10.30-11.30am. Seasonal music and puppets in an unforgettable version of the Christmas tale. Cost: see organiser.

Acoustic Night

Upstairs at the Red Cow, 59-60 High Street, Thurs 5th Nov and Thurs 3rd Dec, 8-10.30pm
A calm, evocative evening among creative people. Relax above it all with a beer upstairs. Free.

Angelheart: Angelheart Live

The Red Cow, 59-60 High Street
Fri 6th and Sat 14th Nov, 9.30-11.30pm
An acoustic duo playing covers from the 70s to now: classics and pop and dance tunes. Free.

Market Harborough Choral Society

Methodist Church, Northampton Road. 7.30-9.30pm, £18
Admission includes programme and refreshments. Children under 12 free.

- **Music for Remembrance,** Sat 7th Nov. Music by Matthew Coleridge (Requiem), Gjeilo, Parry, Ireland, Elgar and Bednall, with organ accompaniment.
- **A Feast for Christmas,** Sat 12th Dec. Old and new carols, and audience participation pieces for all the family.



MUSIC

Harborough Live Events: Liz Jones & Broken Windows Tour 2026
Lubenham Village Hall, Lubenham, LE16 9TE
Sat 7th Nov, 8-10pm
Roots, blues and psychedelia in the 60s spirit of free music, compared to Little Feat, The Faces and Fleetwood Mac. Licensed bar, limited seating. £15.25.



St Dionysius Church: Christmas Special Musical Showcase
St Dionysius Church, 1 Church Square
Thurs 26th Nov, 7-8.20pm
An evening before the Christmas Tree Festival opens, with Part 1 of Handel's Messiah performed by the Southwell Singers, soloists and chamber orchestra directed by Patrick Burnham and Michael Smedley, and a finale by Mozart and Dvorak. £12.



Luminatus Ensemble: Advent by Candlelight
St John the Baptist Church, Billesdon, LE7 9AE
Sat 5th Dec, 5-6pm
A sequence of choral music from a small group of professional singers. Tickets from tickettailor.com/events/luminatus/2350449. £20, under 18s and carers free.



Harborough Live Events:
The Dark Side of the Wall: A Tribute to Pink Floyd
Octagonal Theatre, Welland Park Academy. Sat 5th Dec, 7.30-10pm
An award-winning Midlands Pink Floyd tribute with nearly 30 years of live shows behind it, and an engaging light show. All seated, licensed bar. £20.

Foxton Community Choir: Christmas Sparkle Concert
St Andrew's Church, Main Street, Foxton Fri 11th Dec, 7.30-9.30pm
Christmas music old and new from this friendly community choir, with festive favourites and beautiful harmonies. Cost: see organiser.

Phoenix Saxophone Orchestra: Christmas Concert
Library, High Street, Desborough, Northamptonshire, NN14 2QS
Sat 12th Dec, 7-9pm
Festive tunes alongside light classical, pop, jazz and big band favourites, original saxophone ensemble music and carols to sing along with. Ticket includes a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. £12, under 16s £6.

HWu3a: Christmas Extravaganza
(HWu3a members only)
Methodist Church Hall, Northampton Road
Mon 14th Dec, 10am-12.30pm
The annual showcase of talented members and entertainment groups, plus seasonal fare and surprises. Free.

Great Bowden Music Fest: A Taste of Vienna
St Peter & St Paul Church, Dingley Road, Great Bowden
Fri 1st Jan 2027, 3.30pm
Start the new year the Viennese way.

THEATRE

Market Harborough Drama Society: **The Southbury Child by Stephen Beresford**
Harborough Theatre, 13 Church Square
Tues 3rd to Sat 7th Nov, 7.30-10pm
Directed by Nadine Beasley. A dark comedy in which a Devonshire priest with a fondness for drink and a wandering eye finds himself isolated in a whirl of public opinion, after taking an unpopular stand over a child's funeral. £16.

Harborough Theatre: **The Last Quiz Night on Earth by Alison Carr**
Harborough Theatre, 13 Church Square
Wed 9th to Sat 12th Dec, 7.30-10pm
A Studio production directed by Wendy Lomas. The apocalypse is coming, and the only act of defiance left is a pub quiz: a comedy drama with a fully interactive quiz for the audience. £10.



Wingates Gallery is Market Harborough's leading independent, family-owned, multi award-winning gallery. We are very grateful to them for arranging the printing of our Autumn leaflet.

Wingates Gallery
44a St Mary's Road,
Market Harborough
www.wingatesgallery.co.uk
Tel: 01858 465455

Wingates Gallery

Creative Harborough

Creative Harborough is a volunteer-led group which aims to make it easier for local people to access creative activities in Market Harborough. We are funded by donations and by occasional grants from Harborough District Council.

Scan the QR codes to visit our website for more information about us and about all the groups in the network.

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