

# ARTS NEWS, May - June 2022

South Northamptonshire area, West Northamptonshire Council



Links to websites and emails will show when you hover your cursor over underlined words – click or press to open.

## MAY 2022

### Until Fri 13 [The Knife Angel Sculpture and Events](#)



The Knife Angel, the National Symbol Against Violence and Aggression, is in Northampton's All Saints Plaza before continuing its national tour at Corby. The statue is made of over 100,000 knives collected at knife amnesties. It was made at British Ironwork Centre by artist Alfie Bradley. Not only does the Angel act as a catalyst for turning the tide on violent and aggressive behaviour, it also acts as a beautiful memorial designed to celebrate lives lost through violent and thoughtless actions. Art by young people and events information:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/community-safety-and-emergencies/knife-angel>

### Sun 1 – Tues 31 [Jenny Le Blique Art Exhibition](#)

Jenny returns for a second exhibition, this time in Evenley following her display at Culworth last year. Expect lots of colour and texture depicting the countryside that inspires her. [Forge Coffee](#), The Green, Evenley NN13 5SQ.

### Mon 2 – Tues 31 [Samantha Sage Art Exhibition](#)

Eco-conscious artworks exploring the ever-changing sky and depicting nature in mixed media. [Forge Coffee](#), Culworth High St OX17 2AZ.

### Fri 6 **Swing Dance with The Hot Jazz Vagabonds** – music & dance

Lindy Hop with a live band featuring vocalist Airlee Scott. Far Cotton Working Men's Club, Main Rd, Northampton NN4 8EN. 7:30pm. [Tickets in advance](#). Regular [Lindy Hop sessions](#) at the club on Thursdays.

### Sat 7 [Towcester Handmade Fayre](#) – crafts

Quality selection of handmade crafts and produce made and sold by the artisans themselves. Free entry. Towcester Town Hall, 9:30am to 4pm.

### Sat 7 [World Textile Day Event](#)

Talks 11am and 2pm, Fair Trade market. Kings Sutton Memorial Hall, Astrop Rd, OX17 3PG

### **Sat 7 Towcester Studio Band Concert – music**

Welcome Back concert. St Lawrence Church, Towcester, 7:30pm. Donations to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

### **Sun 8 Basin St to Boogie – music**

Tad Newton's Jazzfriends with special guest Lester Brown on trumpet, rising young star of the London Jazz Scene. The Walnut Tree Inn, Station Rd, Blisworth NN7 3DS. 12.30-3pm. Tickets £15 in advance: for reservations and enquiries call Tad Newton on 01604 858549 or email [tadjazzfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tadjazzfriends@gmail.com).

### **Sun 8 – Thurs 26 The Heseltine Open 2022 – visual arts**



Showcasing artworks of many kinds by artists (professional and 'emerging') based in South/West Northants and North Oxfordshire. A selling exhibition of paintings, prints, textile art, ceramics, sculpture and jewellery. [The Heseltine Gallery](#), Archery Rd, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2QR. Free admission. Open Sundays to Fridays (closed Saturdays), 10am to 4pm.

One of several venues on the Northants side of Banbury, the exhibition is part of **Oxfordshire Artweeks** which runs from 7 to 29 May. Full details of all [Artweeks](#) studios and venues online. See also 21 – 29 May for more Banbury & Villages artists and venues nearby. Brochures for Artweeks are available widely from participating venues and artists' studios, or you can download an online flip-book [here](#) or a pdf guide [here](#).



### **14 The World of Gilbert & Sullivan – music**

Performance by [The Wandering Minstrels](#), St. Lawrence's Church, Long Buckby, Northants.

### **Sun 15 The Jazz Saxophone Greats – music**

Zoltan Sagi and his quartet. The Walnut Tree Inn, Station Rd, Blisworth NN7 3DS. 12.30-3pm. Tickets £15 in advance: for reservations and enquiries call Tad Newton on 01604 858549 or email [tadjazzfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tadjazzfriends@gmail.com).

### **Mon 16 – Sun 22 [Northampton Film Festival 2022](#)**

'Know Your Place' through film. Events and films around Northampton.

### **Sat 21 – Sun 29 [Oxfordshire Artweeks 2022](#) – visual arts**

The [trail map](#) for Banbury & surrounding villages (North week, 21 – 29 May) includes venues in

- **Kings Sutton:** #454 Collective in the church and Margot Bell by the square, from 22<sup>nd</sup>; #455 Paul Murphy & Sharon Woods at 2 Banbury Lane; #456 Jon Bowen installations at weekends at 22 Banbury Lane; #457 Helen Woolner ceramics at 1 Astrop Rd; #458 David Bostock photography in the Memorial Hall.
- **Adderbury:** #450-452 3 @ The Lodge, Groom's Lodge.
- **Middleton Cheney:** #460 Open Exhibition by 36 artists at The Heseltine Gallery (8 – 26 May); #461-466 Group of 6 at The Barn, New Inn.
- **Culworth:** #459 Ann Culworth lithographs & painting, from 25<sup>th</sup> at Wheatsheaf House by The Green.



### **Sat 21 Singing Workshop with Helen Swift**

A workshop singing ancient and modern music, including William Byrd's 'Mass for Four Voices', Eric Whitacre's 'The Seal Lullaby' and Morten Lauridsen's 'O Magnum Mysterium', directed by Helen Swift and organised by Brackley Chamber Music Club. £16 including hire of music and light refreshments. Croughton Village Hall, 1 – 6pm. Booking forms and information from [helen.vearncombe@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.vearncombe@btinternet.com).

### **Sun 22 Rachael Johnson Band – music**

Featuring Amy Roberts (sax/flute). The Walnut Tree Inn, Station Rd, Blisworth NN7 3DS. 12.30-3pm. Tickets £15 in advance: for reservations and enquiries call Tad Newton on 01604 858549 or email [tadjazzfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tadjazzfriends@gmail.com).

### **Tues 31 A Royal Night Out – film**

Rural cinema\* returns to Cogenhoe Village Hall with 'A Royal Night Out'. 3pm to 6:30pm with the film starting at **4pm**. Tickets £5 on the door.

### **Tues 31 Red Sky at Night – outdoor theatre**

[Mikron Theatre company](#) arrives in Northants for a tour on the Grand Union Canal, with one of 3 shows (more in June). The wild and wonderful world of weather. Wharf Inn, Welford, [NN6 6JQ](#) 7.30pm



*\*Simon Hopkins of LunaFlix is planning to provide community venue film shows for more venues from the Autumn. Contact Sue Carverhill if you are interested (see p.4)*

## **JUNE – some key dates and events coming up**

### **2 – 5 [QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS](#) – a selection**

- **Traditional fair**, 3 & 4 June, [Lampport Hall](#)
- **Singing in the Reign**: Paulerspury Players variety show to kick off the village celebrations, Friday 3.
- **Towcester Jubilee Fayre**, Sat 4: A fun day out for all the family. 11am-5pm Towcester Recreation Ground.
- **Jubilee Pageant**, Northampton, **Sat 4**: parade around the town.
- **Big Jubilee Lunch Street Parties & [Delapre Abbey Event](#)**, Northampton Sun 5
- **Hartwell Jubilee Craft Fair, Choir & Costumes**, Community Centre.

[Mikron Theatre](#) – outdoor theatre by the Grand Union Canal and nearby villages. Visit the website for show and venue information.

### **Fri 17 – Sun 19 [Towcester Midsummer Music Festival 2022](#)**

The Rotary and Lions clubs of Towcester are delighted that this year's 20th Anniversary festival will take place LIVE across Towcester town centre.

### **Sun 19 [Northampton Music Festival 2022](#)**

Information is current at the time of issue. Please check all organisations' updates, especially if there are changes to government guidance which affect public opening and activities.

For countywide cultural events and places to visit the [Britain's Best Surprise website](#).

***Would you like your club, society or arts activity featured in future issues or listed on our Arts webpage? Contact Sue Carverhill, Arts Development Officer on 01327 322334 or [sue.carverhill@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:sue.carverhill@westnorthants.gov.uk)***

## **CREATIVE WORKSHOPS, COURSES AND PROJECTS**

There are many opportunities to attend **workshops and courses** around our area. Learn all sorts of arts and craft skills, or purchase a session as a gift for someone else. Links to local places [here](#).

## **FUNDING & ADVICE**

**West Northants Council Community Funding Grants - [online Expression of Interest Form](#)**

Are you planning an arts project that would benefit our communities later this year or next? The Grants Officer will advise, on receiving your form.

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

Arts information, opportunities and new funding guidelines: [Arts Council England website](#). Sign up for the newsletter for updates so you don't miss new grant opportunities. Also details of how to enjoy many exciting cultural activities and projects from around the country.

[Creative Lives](#) supports creativity for all and is a good source of information.

[The Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance](#) also has a wealth of resources and information.

Our **Healthy Communities web pages** can still be accessed via the new website from <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/culture-and-tourism/local-tourism> or <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/health-leisure-and-parks> - click on 'Leisure Centres and Sports Clubs', then 'South Northamptonshire'.

**Sue Carverhill**  
**Arts Development Officer**  
**Healthy Communities, Wellbeing Directorate**

Direct phone: 01327 322334 | 07725 781328; email: [sue.carverhill@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:sue.carverhill@westnorthants.gov.uk)  
West Northamptonshire Council  
The Forum | Moat Lane | Towcester | Northants NN12 6AD



**West  
Northamptonshire  
Council**

[www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)  
0300 126 7000

**Trust | High Performing | Respect | Innovative | Value | Empower**