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WHAT'S ON

July-September 2026



**THE HORSE
BRIDGE**

A place where everybody can experience creativity.
Everyone is welcome, everyone can take part.

WELCOME

It is going to be a very busy summer in Whitstable and The Horsebridge is going to be right there with you! Supporting festivals and events across the town including Harbour Day, Wild about Whitstable, the carnival and Whitstable Rocks Oyster Festival.

As many of our term-time classes come to an end in July a whole host of summer classes and workshops begin for both adults and young people that run throughout August. These include our Pay What You Can family activities, with specials for Harbour Day and Wild about Whitstable. And if you are looking to entertain 8-12 year olds over summer, do take a look at Ocean Commotion on page 8!

Our theatre, talks and films programme never stops and include a fantastic illustrated talk with the Rickard Sisters 'The Art of Graphic Novels' and immersive improv theatre 'TwoProv' presented by No Name Nomads. For family entertainment Constant Lark are back with their hilarious and high-energy 'Tales of Gods and Heroes'. Find out more on pages 4 and 5.

As September rolls-in we launch a whole new series of events and activities. Our Discover Sessions launch a 10-week jazz course alongside History and Studio Sessions covering Whitstable history, linoprinting, abstract painting, sewing, gelli-plate printing and much more. And our events schedule includes a chance to do-si-do at our fundraising Ceilidh.

Join us for the Shipwright Shanty Crew singing from our balcony as part of the Festival Fringe for Whitstable Rocks Oyster Festival, along with family workshops and a chance to hear Simon Postgate talk about those childhood TV favourites of Bagpuss and The Clangers in 'From sketch to screen'.

Looking forward to welcoming you all this summer.

Liz Daone
Executive Director

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MAKERS SHOP

You can find our makers shop on the ground floor of the Centre, on the way to our exhibition spaces. We stock a unique range of cards, prints, ceramics, glassware, homeware, bags, t-shirts, accessories gifts and craft kits, with an emphasis on promoting local designers, artists and makers.



Cover image:
Calming Sea by **Debra Ivens** who is part of the 30/40 Summer Open exhibition. See page 14 for details.

LIVE EVENTS

Live music, theatre, talks and more

Fundraising Ceilidh

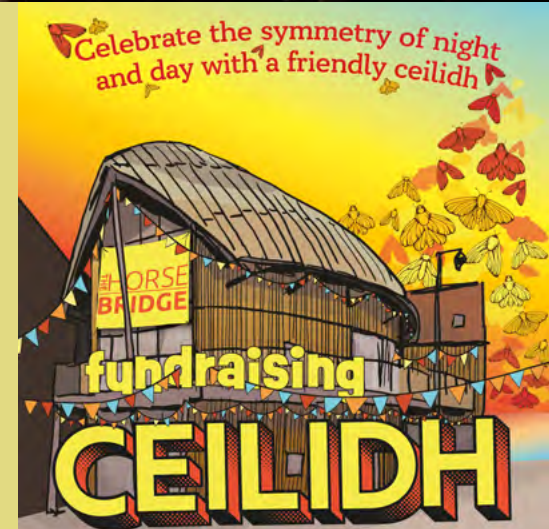
19 September 19.30 - 22.30 bar opens 7pm

Tickets £10 or £9 for Friends

Embracing the equinox. Celebrate the symmetry of night and day with a friendly ceilidh at the Horsebridge.

Bringing together music, dance and jolly about. Enjoy a chance to brush up your dosidoing amongst friends while raising funds to support inclusive art activities to reach those who need it most.

thehorsebridge.org.uk/ceilidh



JAZZ

Sundays 5 - 7pm

Bar opens 4pm

£17.50 or £15 for Friends

thehorsebridge.org.uk/jazz

Celebrating the best of live jazz in all its forms, featuring top notch vocalists and musicians from across the county and beyond, led by Artistic Director of Broad Reach Records, Kai Hoffman.



27 September Immy Churchill Trio

Immy Churchill is one of the UK's most exciting young jazz voices — a vocalist, lyricist and singer-songwriter already making waves across the UK and European jazz scenes. Hailed as a "rising star", she has performed at the country's most iconic venues including **Ronnie Scott's**, **Pizza Express Live**, and **The Vortex**, and tours regularly in Germany and Switzerland.

For this special performance, Immy invites you to share an evening of song with her close collaborators **Dom Howard (guitar)** and **Scottie Thompson (keyboard)**. Expect an intimate journey through standards, folk songs, and original compositions inspired by **John Taylor**, **Pat Metheny**, **Bill Frisell**, and **Norma Winstone** — all filtered through the group's ethereal, story-driven approach.





The Art of Graphic Novels:

An illustrated talk with the Rickard Sisters
6 August 18.30 - 20.30

Tickets FREE

Scarlett and Sophie Rickard make graphic novels. They've been writing and drawing ever since they were children, and now they do it together. Best known for their graphic adaptations of hard-hitting Edwardian political books including their most recent book, 'This Slavery', which was shortlisted this year for the British Book Awards. Let them take you on an entertaining illustrated tour of their work with a Q&A after.



From sketch to screen:

The animation of Smallfilms with Simon Postgate
13 September 14.00 - 16.00

Tickets £10 or £9 for Friends

Simon Postgate, son of Oliver Postgate creator of Bagpuss, Noggin the Nog and The Clangers, explains in his talk how the different animation techniques evolved and changed from early live TV to homespun classics created from a cowshed in darkest Blean. Don't miss this chance for a peek back into the world of locally-produced, childhood animation!

Art Decades Monthly Thursdays 18.00 - 19.00

Tickets £8 or £7 for Friends

The Art Decades series of talks look to unveil the hidden lives of rock artists outside the recording studio and finds out how they coped when they were really tested to the limit.

16 July Girls Keep Swinging

The female of the species must fight their corner in any art form but in the macho world of rock music, the gutsiest as well as the most subtle she-talents have emerged. This Art Decades celebrates the famous and the unjustly neglected or overlooked, from Madonna to Sister Rosetta Tharpe, from Carol Kaye to Kim Gordon and many more, with further reference to other disciplines including art, photography and cinema.

20 August Music at the Movies

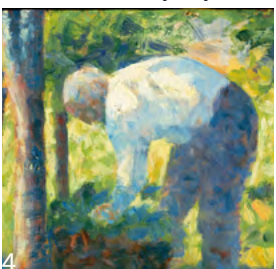
More than just a compilation of rock biopics, this Art Decades explores the representation of music and music makers on film, taking in a wide range of genres, and tracing where directors and artists have triumphed against the odds or suicidally courted disaster. Music at the Movies showcases works dominated by rock stars as well as those that offer tantalising glimpses of artists in embryo, revealing a rich genre in cinema.



Art and Artists 7 (re-run) with Richard Dean MA

Tickets £10 or £9 for Friends

A repeat of Richard's latest series of talks for a Monday morning audience. Combining art history, biography and critical analysis you will learn about the lives and works of some important artists and topics.



Mondays 29 June - 14 September 10.00 to 12.00

What did these artists do?
Why did they do it? Why
does it matter?

Each session will incorporate discussion, PowerPoint presentations, handouts and recommendations for further study.

29 June	Manet's Musique
13 July	Realism, Impressionism, Naturalism
20 July	Marie Bashkirtseff
27 July	1913: Crest Of A Wave
3 August	Guernica: The Making Of An Icon
10 August	Picasso At War
17 August	Whaam! It's 1963
24 August	Seurat And His Dots
14 Sept	Francis And George: Love And Death



No Name Nomads presents TwoProv:

one act plays improvised by two people

Fri 28 August 19.30 - 21.30

Tickets £10 or £9 for Friends

Age Restriction: 16+

Act 1: The Improvised Surprise Party. Look, we need to level with you. We're RUBBISH party planners. Everything's gone wrong! Join established duo Twinprov for a fun immersive improvised party where the star of the show might just be.... you!

Act 2: A City of Twos' Tales. By No Name Nomads: David Robert and Grant Stimpson Everything you are about to see will be made up on the spot; nothing has been scripted or rehearsed. Audience enters. They see a stage with two actors and chairs. They have no idea what is about to unfold. It's the same for the actors.

Constant Lark's Tales of Gods and Heroes

Sat 29 August 2pm & 5pm and Sun 30 August 2pm & 5pm

Tickets £5

Age Restriction: 6+

Join Constant Lark for a hilarious, high-energy journey through the world of Greek myths. With nothing but cardboard, imagination and plenty of disagreements, six performers bring gods, monsters and legendary heroes to life in this family-friendly retelling of ancient stories. Expect laughter, chaos and a fresh take on some of the world's oldest tales.

Family friendly, running time is 1 hour.



FILM MATINEES

Mondays 2pm

Doors open 1.30pm

£6 or £5 for Friends/Earlybirds

thehorsebridge.org.uk/films

Our film screenings are as much a social occasion as a chance to watch a film. They include free tea or coffee & biscuits available when doors open 30 minutes before the film starts.



Rental Family

Monday 20 July Earlybird book by 6 July

An American actor in Tokyo struggling to find purpose lands an unusual gig: working for a Japanese "rental family" agency, playing stand-in roles for strangers. He rediscovers purpose, belonging, and the beauty of human connection.

Running time: 1h 50m

Year: 2025.

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My Mother's Wedding

Monday 21 September Earlybird book by 7 Sept

Follow three estranged sisters who return to their English countryside home for their twice-widowed mother's third wedding. The celebratory weekend quickly devolves into sibling bickering as they confront unresolved trauma, failed relationships, and the shadows of their deceased fathers.

Running time: 1h 36m

Year: 2023.

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CREATE & DO FAMILIES

thehorsebridge.org.uk/families

There are many activities for families regularly taking place in the centre, a mix of classes run by tutors who hire our spaces and sessions run by us.



REGULAR CLASSES

MONDAY

P Mini Makers Club 16.00 - 17.00
weekly art club for children in school year R to 2.

WEDNESDAY

P Art Den 10.00 - 11.00
weekly creative play session from 18 months old.

La Jolie Ronde: Reception to Year 2 16.10 - 16.55
Vicki Sullivan, lajolierondevicki@gmail.com

P Young Makers Club 16.00 - 17.00
weekly art club for children in school year 3 to 6.

Constant Lark Acting School Age 11-16 17.30 - 18.30
with the Horsebridge, learn acting techniques and build confidence, join up for a term & get involved.

THURSDAY

Hey Diddle Music 3-4 years 09.15 - 09.55

Hey Diddle Music 0-2 years 10.05 - 10.45

Anita Memmott, nitamemmott@gmail.com

Little Science Society 10.30 - 11.30

Monika Wentowska, info@thelittlescienceociety.com

FRIDAY

La Jolie Ronde: Preschool French 15.00 - 15.30

Vicki Sullivan, lajolierondevicki@gmail.com

SATURDAY

P Family Art Club 14.00 - 15.00
monthly creative workshop for all the family.

Constant Lark's Tales of Gods and Heroes

29 & 30 August 2pm and 5pm

Tickets £5

Recommended for ages 6+. See page 5 for full details.



PAY WHAT YOU CAN

We believe that everybody should be able to experience creativity and take part.

P Look for this symbol on our family creative sessions to just Pay What You Can. We'll suggest a donation, but you can just pay what you are able to. If booking online, select a FREE ticket and add a donation if you can at checkout. This includes many of our family summer activities.

Family Art Club is for children of any age who like to be creative and want to enjoy it with parents, guardians or grandparents in a supportive and inspiring space.

FAMILY ART CLUB



REPEAT PRINT
SAT 4 JULY 2 - 3PM

JUICY FRUIT DRAWINGS

SAT 19 SEPT 2 - 3PM

Suggested donation £5



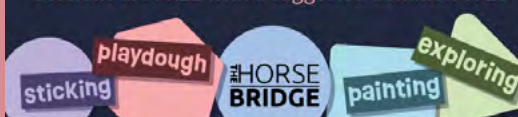
10-11am
Weds



for pre-schoolers 18 months+

Come and get creative with your little one painting, sticking, modelling playdough and more.

Led by Denise there will be a variety of different activities for your child to develop their artistic skills! Sessions are FREE with a suggested donation of £5



Our after school club for children in years R to 2.

Mini Makers is an informal weekly club where younger children can explore different mediums and their own art style.

See our website for more details.
thehorsebridge.org.uk/mmc

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The Horsebridge Young Makers Club is an informal weekly after-school club where young people can learn about different mediums and explore their own art style.

Try activities like ... Fabric landscapes

Dioramas

Junk model robots

Abstract painting

Clay cactus

Self portraits

THE HORSE BRIDGE

Look out for our Youth sessions for ages 11-18 from September.

SUMMER FUN!

Join us this school holiday for our Summer Family Art Club

FAMILY summer ART CLUB

Just for the summer holidays we are running on Wednesdays! Join us for a different themed art or craft mini project each week to make and take home.



WEDNESDAYS 2 - 3.30PM
29 JULY and
5, 12 & 26 AUGUST

FREE with a suggested donation £5



Whitstable Harbour Day takes place on Saturday 15th August with a day long programme of maritime themed events for all the family, including three workshops with us.

P Anchors away!
11am-12pm

Make and decorate your very own ship's anchor!



P Coastal treasure frames
1 - 2pm

Design your own cardboard photo mounts using nautical craft materials and beach finds.



P Light up seabed reefs
3-4pm

Turn recycled egg boxes into a glowing seabed reef! Using colourful craft materials and a safe LED tealight that makes it shine in the dark.



Join us for drop-in family workshops as part of Wild about Whitstable 2026

On Wednesday 19 August take part in Wild about Whitstable Coastal Crafts. Either 10.30am - 12pm or 2 - 3.30pm

Suitable for all ages, designed for all the family and children must be accompanied by an adult. 7

FAMILY SUMMER FUN!



OCEAN COMMOTION

A THREE-DAY DRAMA & MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS

An imaginative drama-and-music devised performance for children, drawing on ideas about living by the sea.

EXPLORE, CREATE & PERFORM!
★ DRAMA
★ MUSIC
★ STORYTELLING
★ MOVEMENT
★ TEAMWORK
★ FUN!

AUGUST 12TH-14TH 2026
10AM-3PM DAILY
£105

FINAL PERFORMANCE SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH AT 11AM
AS PART OF THE HARBOUR DAY CELEBRATIONS AT DEAD MAN'S CORNER

VENUE: THE HORSEBRIDGE

WORKSHOP LEADERS: SARA KETTLEWELL (PLAYTIME THEATRE) & ANITA MEMMOTT (MY MUSIC SCHOOL)

WORKSHOP

12 - 14 AUGUST

Ocean Commotion

10.00 - 15.00

A THREE-DAY DRAMA & MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR AGES 8-12

Join Anita and Sara for an imaginative drama-and-music devised performance for children, drawing on ideas about living by the sea.

During this workshop your children will be able to explore, create and perform through fun activities such as drama, music, storytelling, movement and teamwork.

There will also be a final performance on Saturday August 15th as part of the Harbour Day Celebrations at Dead Mans Corner.

Workshop leaders are Sara Kettlewell from Playtime Theatre and Anita Memmott from My Music School.



A CREATIVE ADVENTURE BY THE SEA
COME AND MAKE WAVES WITH US!

WHITSTABLE ROCKS OYSTER FESTIVAL 2026

11-13 SEPTEMBER

A Weekend of Music, Tradition, Fun & Flavour

For three incredible days this September celebrate the mighty oyster and everything that makes this coastal town so unique.

As festival fever takes over the town, come and experience what we have on offer here at The Horsebridge as part of Festival Fringe activities for all the family.

Decoupage Oyster Shells

Sat 12 Sept 10am & 11.15am

The Horsebridge

Using real oyster shells, join us to decorate and transform them into beautiful decoupage trinket dishes to take home. Perfect for all ages, this relaxed family workshop is a fun way to create unique seaside keepsakes together.

Free, with a suggested donation of £5. Booking recommended.



Shipwright Shanty Crew

Sunday 13 Sept 12 - 1pm

The Horsebridge balcony



Talk: From sketch to screen:

The animation of Smallfilms

Sunday 13 Sept 2 - 4pm

The Horsebridge

Simon Postgate, son of Oliver Postgate creator of Bagpuss, Noggin the Nog and The Clangers, explains in his talk, about how the different animation techniques evolved and changed from early live TV to homespun classics created from a cowshed in darkest Blean. See full listing on page 4. Tickets £10.



BOOK ONLINE at thehorsebridge.org.uk/wroaf2026

EXPLORE THE FESTIVAL AT WHITSTABLEROCKSOYSTERFESTIVAL.COM

CREATE & DO ADULTS

Classes, Clubs, Workshops and Courses

Take part in a regular class, club, workshop or course and try your hand at something new. Activities include sewing, yoga, writing, pilates, comics, dance, drawing and more.



The activities below are run by independent tutors, please visit our website for the most up to date information and how to book.
thehorsebridge.org.uk/classes

CLASSES

MONDAY

40+ Contemporary Dance 11.30 - 12.30
Alison, Frances and Diane, fmporritt@yahoo.com
Shift with Lara and Jodi 17.45 - 18.30
Lara Piras/Jodi Muter-Hamilton, shift.barre@gmail.com
Yoga Mixed Level 19.15 - 20.15
Emma Epton, whitstablecommunityyoga@gmail.com

TUESDAY

Joanna Movement Matters: Mat Pilates 09.15 - 10.15
Joanna, www.pilatesmovementmatters.co.uk

WEDNESDAY

Shift with Lara and Jodi 12.45 - 13.30
Lara Piras/Jodi Muter-Hamilton, shift.barre@gmail.com
The Rehearsal Rooms (fortnightly) 19.00 - 21.30
Emma, emstempest100@gmail.com

THURSDAY

Joanna Movement Matters: Mat Pilates 10.15 - 11.15
Joanna, www.pilatesmovementmatters.co.uk
Body Control Pilates: Mixed Ability 18.30 - 19.30
Alison Copley, alisonpilates@aol.com

SATURDAY

Bollyjoy 10.30 - 11.30
Ash Mukherjee, bollyjoyous@gmail.com

SUNDAY

Yin Yoga 10.00 - 11.00
Emma Epton, whitstablecommunityyoga@gmail.com

CLUBS & GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

The Rabbit Hole: bi-weekly group 09.30 - 12.00
Ann Small, just drop-in
Whitstable Wine Club (monthly) 19.00 - 20.30
Jackie Brown, jackie@jackiebrownmktg.com

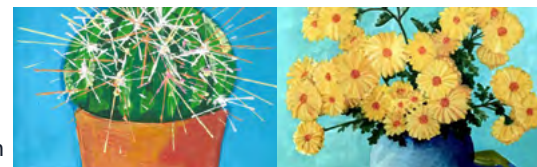
THURSDAY

Comic Club: monthly club 19.00 - 21.00
Instagram: @whitscomicclub



WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Whitstable weekend writing retreat £85 or £160
Saturday 11 July 10.00-17.00
or/and Sunday 12 July 10.00-16.00
Hope & Anchor Writing return to The Horsebridge!
Join us for one (£85) or two (£160) days of writing, rambling & conversation.
Hope & Anchor, www.hopeandanchorwriting.com



Acrylic workshop with ArteStart £140
Tuesdays starts 14 July 10.00-13.00
4-week course: Using acrylics to create art, inspired by both objects and the landscape. Learn colour mixing, techniques and experimentation.

Naive style/Coastal folk workshop £35
with Artestart

Tuesday 11 August 10.00-13.00
Inspired by Alfred Wallis's naive artwork, create your own unique painting of a Whitstable scene.

Paper making workshop with ArteStart £70
Monday & Tuesday 17-18 August 10.00-13.00
Creating your own hand-made paper using recycled paper, fibres and petals, to be used for either drawing or watercolour.

All abilities welcome with Artsestart. Cathy & Helen
artsestart.tuition@gmail.com or www.artsestart.co.uk



Ten week creative writing course £300
Wednesdays starts 16 September 10.00-12.00
or Thursdays starts 17 September 18.45-20.45
This ten-week programme is designed for emerging writers ready to explore their voice, refine their craft, and engage meaningfully with the written word.
Chris Simpson, www.writerchrissimpson.com

DISCOVER SESSIONS

thehorsebridge.org.uk/discover-sessions



Discover new areas of arts and creativity across our Discover Sessions. We are excited to expand our learning programme, beyond the ever popular Studio Sessions with History and Music Sessions. The same great quality and teaching, but in new subjects, giving you confidence to try something new in a welcoming group environment. Tea, coffee, equipment and materials all included unless specified.

Don't forget the ***special 10% off for Best Friends**, with Great Friends getting 5% off the full price.

COURSES

From a few weeks to ten weeks, explore a subject in greater depth with one of our courses

HISTORY SESSIONS



The Whitstable Murder Club
with **Graham Birrell** **£120**

Thursdays starts 17 September This six week short course is aimed at all true-crime lovers. Each week looks at a real-life historical murder with one central question – was the prime suspect guilty? Using original documents from National Archives actual case files, the course participants become the jury on some of the most infamous murders in British history.
7 - 9pm £108 *

MUSIC SESSIONS



10 week Jazz Course
with **Richard Rozze** **£200**

Thursdays starts 10 September A fantastic opportunity to broaden your musical knowledge and to meet like minded musicians, whilst learning a variety of jazz styles. Focusing on all areas of performance and improvisation Suitable for all instrumentalists and vocalists of an intermediate to advanced level.
7 - 8.30pm £180 *

STUDIO SESSIONS



Coastal Journal
with **Ilse Mikula** **£125**

Mondays 6, 13 & 20 July and 3 & 10 August: Celebrate the colours of summer while exploring the rich coastal life of Whitstable's shoreline, from delicate flora to diverse fauna. Over 5 sessions, you'll develop observational drawing and watercolour skills, creating a personal Art Journal inspired by your discoveries.
11.30am - 2pm £112.50 *



The Art of Colour
with **Kim O'Neil** **£250**

Thursdays starts 10 Sept: The Art of Colour: A 10-Week Acrylic Paint Colour Mixing Course for Every Skill Level Dive into the vibrant world of pigments and learn fundamental colour theory and techniques to create captivating hues. A dynamic blend of theory and hands-on practice to unleash your creative potential, from beginners to seasoned artists.
10.30am - 12.30pm £225 *



Linoprint reduction course
with **Rochelle Bloom** **£160**

Sundays 20 Sept - 11 October Reduction lino printing involves cutting and printing from the same block of lino to build up an image instead of using a single colour or multiple plates to create your print. During this four week course you will learn how to plan your design, cut your block and produce an edition of prints.
10am - 1.30pm £144 *

THE HORSE BRIDGE ROOM HIRE

FOUR SPACES TO CHOOSE FROM
whether it's for dance classes or off-site meetings

Come and experience the fantastic **new air-conditioning** in our top floor event space, loved by dance teachers and theatre groups alike.

Or enjoy the sea view from our smallest of meeting spaces. There is also a studio space complete with large glass windows leading onto a balcony and a sink and clean up area. The spaces all benefit from our staffed reception to welcome visitors and are serviced by a lift, offering an accessible space.

Take a look at the virtual tours and find out more online: thehorsebridge.org.uk/spaces
prices start at **£19/hour** with daily rates available too.
capacities up to **220 people** from 21sqm to 114sqm

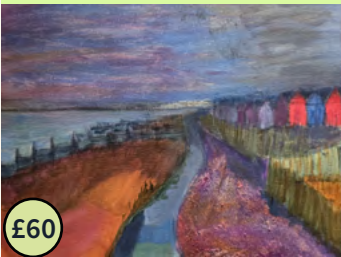


SINGLE SESSIONS

These sessions allow you to explore a creative activity without the commitment of a course.

STUDIO SESSIONS

Abstract beach hut painting with Kim O'Neil



Saturday 18 July Create a playful, painterly abstract beach hut artwork using acrylics and expressive mark-making. You'll explore colour, structure, and texture to bring a sense of seaside charm and summer light into your painting.
10.30am - 3pm £54 *

Creative collage one-day workshop with Anne Davison



Friday 24 July A high-energy, hands-on workshop where we're ditching the rulebook and diving head first into the art of collage. Forget shop-bought papers—you're going to make your own from scratch. Leave with the skills and confidence needed to continue exploring collage independently and creatively.
10am - 4pm £72 *

Abstract Pebbles with Kim O'Neil



Saturday 1 August This gentle, meditative session explores the quiet beauty of pebble forms through colour, layering, and simple composition. We'll begin by looking at the shapes, tones, and rhythms found in natural pebbles, then translate those qualities into soft abstract arrangements.
10.30am - 3pm £54 *

Introduction to gelli plate printing with Anne Davison



Friday 21 August Unleash your creativity in this hands-on printmaking workshop! Perfect for beginners and mixed-media artists alike who are looking to expand printing skills. This workshop will guide you through the basics of using a gelli plate to create beautiful, textured prints using recycled materials and found objects.
10 - 4pm £72 *

Collage and abstract painting with Kim O'Neil



Saturday 19 September Collage & Abstract Painting: A One-Day Creative Fusion Workshop. Explore the vibrant meeting point between collage and abstract painting. Build a dynamic mixed-media piece using ephemeral papers, found objects, and intuitive mark-making to create a work that feels alive, layered, and deeply personal.
10.30am - 3pm £54 *

Detailed portrait of a face with Simon Postgate



Saturday 26 September Be guided through the processes involved in producing a large close-focus drawing of the face. The technique employed involves using charcoal and oiled charcoal on high quality Italian paper. The emphasis at the start is on accuracy using tried and tested methods such as measuring and using a grid.
10am - 4pm £54 *

Monthly print club with Rochelle Bloom



Tuesdays 7 July, 4 Aug, 1 Sept Print Club is a social, sharing, learning group, offering studio space where people with some experience of the process can experiment and produce their own prints. With guidance, advice and support of professional teacher and technician Rochelle to develop skills and techniques.
10am - 2pm £27 *

Monthly oils club with Gaven Alexander



Fridays 17 July, 28 Aug, 25 Sept These monthly sessions are open to anyone who has always wanted to try oil painting, or, are already using oils but want to spend some time in the company of other oil painters, developing and continuing to learn how to get the most out of this medium.
9.30am - 12.30pm £27 *

Still Life oil painting with Gaven Alexander



Fridays 10 July, 21 Aug, 11 Sept Learn the fundamentals of still life painting using oils. Setting up your composition, capturing light and glazing to create depth in your artwork as well as getting the best out of oil paint as a medium. Suitable for both those starting on their painting journey or someone with more experience.
9.30am - 12.30pm £27 *

Absolute beginners - art class for adults with Debbie Swann



Tuesdays 28 July, 25 August If you have been wanting to learn how to draw and paint, but don't have a clue where to start, then this class is for you! Debbie will build your confidence and help you learn the basics.
11am - 1pm £18 *

Figure making workshop with Steve Postgate



Thursdays 16 July, 13 Aug, 10 Sept Enjoy a creative couple of hours making a clay figure or figures of your choice with the gentle demonstration and advice of experienced sculptor Steve Postgate. It could be based on a picture or memory. Anything that feels emotionally interesting or memorable.
6.30 - 8.30pm £31.50 *

Saturday sewing club with Linda Tiley



Saturdays 5, 19, 26 Sept & 3 Oct Supportive group sessions aimed at sewists with a little experience to help and support to gain confidence using the sewing machine. Beginners are welcome. Must be booked in advance.
10.30am - 12.30pm £9 *

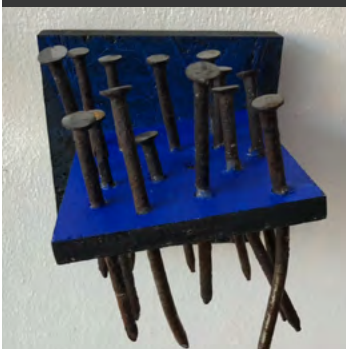
EXHIBITIONS

thehorsebridge.org.uk/exhibitions



Our exhibition spaces offer a diverse and dynamic programme all year. They showcase work from a wide range of artists as well as art, heritage and community projects curated by The Horsebridge. Exhibitions are **free to visit** and are open to the public.

1 - 13 July



PORTFOLIO

Artist Collective

Four artists each with a background of portfolio working, who combine their art practice with other pursuits. Their work, including painting, sculpture and collage, is informed and inspired by their varied careers including tutoring, international fencing, music, therapy and architecture.

1 - 13 July



Forward and Flowers

Hannah Forward and Georgia Flowers

Forward and Flowers are contemporary printmakers based in East Sussex. Although both working in the shared medium of linocut, they present distinctive collections of prints that reflect their personal artistic styles, themes and subject matter.

17 - 26 July

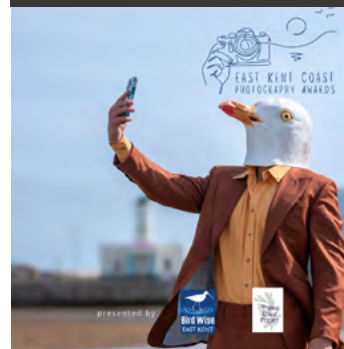


30/40 Summer Open

Artist Collective

The Horsebridge 30/40 Open brings together more than 100 original artworks united by a single format: 30 x 40 cm. Within these shared dimensions, artists explore a range of ideas, techniques and materials, offering a rich collection of contemporary artistic expression in this striking summer exhibition.

29 July - 10 August



East Kent Coast Photography Exhibition 2026

Bird Wise East Kent

In partnership with Thanet Coast Project, Bird Wise East Kent present winners from their 2026 photography competition, showcasing the natural beauty of our coastline, while also highlighting the impact of humans upon these environments.

29 July - 9 August

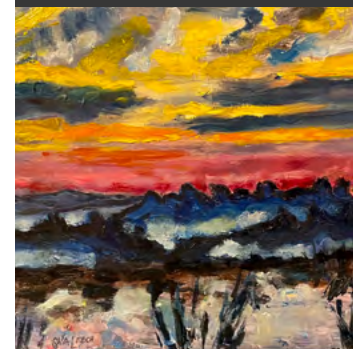


Horsebridge Summer Shop

The Horsebridge

This summer, we're bringing the best of Whitstable to you with our exclusive summer shop! This is the place to find our full range of Whitstable themed items, featuring handmade gifts, cards and unique merchandise from local artists, makers, and independent designers.

13 - 24 August



Between the Sky and the Flower

Sasha Leech

Landscapes, cityscapes and flowers. Twisting, dancing paint, bold colours, rhythm, movement and atmosphere.

12 - 24 August



Stories of Land, Sea & Sky

Michele Papageorgiou and Anne-Marie Ryhill
In this collaborative show, two East Kent-based artists explore themes of land, sea, sky and wildlife through expressive coastal-inspired artworks rooted in the Kent landscape

26 August - 7 September



Moment of Discovery: Whitstable's Hidden Artists

Whitstable Creative Collective
The Whitstable Creative Collective presents its first exhibition: a group of local people, most showing their work for the first time, who have discovered the artist hidden within them.

26 August - 7 September



Lost Doll Found

Lost Doll Found Collective

This first exhibition as a collective explores their relationship with dolls. "Often seen superficially as simply 'a toy', something which we grow out of, we may have wildly differing and strongly held emotional reactions to them".

9 - 21 September



MAHL 2026

MAHL

Join MAHL for an engaging exhibition featuring a talented group of artists from East Kent, united by friendship and a passion for creativity.

9 - 21 September



Oils Club Presents....

Members of the Horsebridge Oils and Still Life Clubs

Celebrating the paintings created by members of our Oils Clubs, who have developed and refined their artistic practice under the guidance of artist Gaven Alexander.

23 September - 6 October



Nature's Senses

Caroline Anderson

The aim of Caroline's art is to connect her love of nature with the viewer's senses; to invite them into the canvas.

DID YOU KNOW ...

... that Friends of The Horsebridge help make a difference for so many people in our community?

Our Friends are critical to initiatives like ARTbank, Pay What You Can, supporting emerging local creatives through our Shop and just keeping the lights on and the doors open for everyone that relies on us. Being a Friend also means you can be part of shaping the future of the centre too.

Without your support all of this could soon be gone as we battle a £30,000 shortfall.

Join as a Friend from £30

Benefits include 10% off in The Horsebridge Shop, all film screenings at our Earlybird prices and special prices and invites to activities throughout the year.



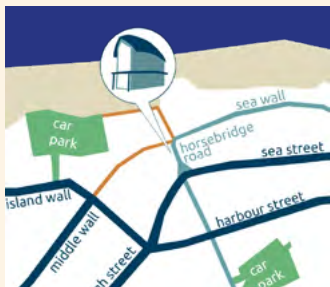
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Great and Best Friends can get up to 10% off Studio Sessions and free Film tickets every year.

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10am - 4pm

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