WHAT'S ON

April - June 2025



WELCOME

First a big thank you to everyone involved in our fundraising auction in March.

Together we raised an **incredible £7,500** to support the work of our arts centre.

Now back to the season ahead, which is jam packed as we head towards summer. Our Comedy line up on Sunday evenings starts off with **Jack Skipper in April**, one not to miss. And when there isn't comedy on a Sunday, we have brilliant music line-ups from the folk and jazz worlds.

If you have popped into Tesco lately, you may have seen that for April we are Tesco Community Book Club. Do check out the book shelf in the entrance and help us to raise money through book donations.

Don't miss the rest of our live event programme, including our fundraising quiz, talks, theatre from Constant Lark and an evening of fine wine and true crime! Don't miss the Peter Cushing Celebration Weekend on 24 & 25 May. There are also great activities for families this Easter holidays and new courses starting for adults in the Studio Sessions programme.

Liz DaoneExecutive Director



SHOP LOCAL

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.



211 fundraising

The GREAT 21st Anniversary fundraising quiz

Saturday 5 April bar opens 6.30pm, quiz starts 7pm **Tickets £48** or **£6** Come and join us as we celebrate 21 fabulous years with our fantastic fundraising quiz.

Book a table that can seat up to 8 for £48 or join a Friendly table with a £6 ticket.

Light snacks are included in ticket, feel free to bring your own snacks too. Please note only drinks from our bar can be consumed on the premises.

There are prizes for the winning team and you'll be able to take part in a raffle too.

COMEDY

Sunday evenings 7pm

Bar opens 6pm

£12 or £10 for Friends

thehorsebridge.org.uk/comedy



Join us every month for an evening of laughter at Comedy at The Horsebridge. Held on the first Sunday of each month the club will provide an intimate setting where you will be able to see rising stars along with some big names trying out new material.



6 April Jack Skipper supported by Marlon Davis and Rich Wilson

Jack Skipper, hailing from South London, has recently gone from a carpet fitter with no qualifications to blowing up, becoming an internet sensation and full-time comedian.

Whether telling stories of life as a family man or observations on workingclass life, his everyday guy persona has gained an impressive following on social media, with over 16 million likes on TikTok alone and 360k followers on Instagram.

Jack was a runner up in the prestigious So You Think You're Funny? New Comedian of the Year competition in 2022, reached the final of the Komedia New Act comedian in 2023 and was nominated for Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2024. He recently starred in the Stand Up Sketch Show on ITV2.









4 May
Paul McCaffrey
supported by Elliot Steel and Carly Smallman

Paul has completed two sell-out tours of the UK with Sean Lock on his Keep It Light tour in 2017, and more recently toured with Kevin Bridges on his record-breaking Brand New tour in 2018. He has performed two solo tours of his own, Suburban Legend in 2018, and Lemon in 2020/21.

An accomplished radio presenter and guest, Paul has recently been heard on talkSPORT, Absolute's The Alternative Vote, Rock 'N' Roll Football with Rob Beckett, and Russell Kane's Whistle Stop Tour on BBC Radio 2. He also presents The Paul McCaffrey Show every Saturday morning on Jack FM.

Paul is an award-winning comedian (Latitude New Act of the Year, London Paper New Act of the Year) and headlines at the biggest comedy clubs in the country. He has performed four critically acclaimed Edinburgh shows as well as major music festivals: Reading, Leeds, V Festival, Bestival and Latitude. Paul is also the co-host of smash hit podcast What's Upset You Now? with fellow comedian Seann Walsh.



Keep an eye on socials and our website to see who is coming in June!



Jazz at The Horsebridge

Sundays 5 - 7pm

Bar opens 4pm

£17.50 or £15 for Friends



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 April Shireen Francis Ouartet

Shireen Francis is a warm and soulful vocalist who continually takes her audiences into a new dimension. During her 30-year career Shireen has performed at venerable London establishments including venues such as Ronnie Scott's Club, Royal Festival Hall, Royal Albert Hall, the 100 Club and the 606 Club.



Deirdre Cartwright Organik Trio with Pete Whittaker and Gary Hammond

A new trio led by guitarist Deirdre Cartwright with Pete Whittaker Organ and Gary Hammond Congas/ percussion. Sounds of the classic jazz organ/guitar trios of the 1960s - Kenny Burrell/Jimmy Smith, Grant Green/Larry Young, Wes Montgomery/ Melvin Rhyne, plus some original takes on the Beatles, Doors, Curtis Mayfield and Kate Bush. Swing, grooves and inventive improvisation between these three outstanding musicians.



19 June

Georgia Manico

with Sam Dunn, Steve Watts and Dave Ohm

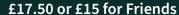
Multi-award-winning jazz vocalist, lyricist and producer, Georgia Mancio, celebrates her 25th anniversary in music in 2025. A supreme storyteller and formidable force, Georgia's authentic performances have won her two Parliamentary Jazz Awards (Best Vocalist 2021, Best Album 2020), and nominations at the Jazz FM, British Jazz and Urban Music Awards.



Folk Week presents

Sundays 5 - 7pm

Bar opens 4pm



thehorsebridge.org.uk/folk



Folk Week Presents features a different performer from the world of folk music each month. Brought to you directly from Broadstairs Folk Week in conjunction with Broad Reach Records.



13 April

Singing Loins

The Singing Loins are a bare-knuckle 4/5 piece outfit, operating on the fringes of folk, punk, music hall, melodrama & buffoonery. The Loins have been loitering around the pubs of Medway for 30 years now. Ever enduring outsiders, it's possible they are now the world's longest serving, truly amateur, original musical group. They're certainly amongst the bloody best.



Tim Edey

Tim is a multi-instrumentalist and singer who has toured the world and recorded with most of the major names in Celtic/Contemporary roots music. He was voted BBC Radio Two's Musician of the year and "Best duo" with Brendan Power in 2012, and was awarded Musician of the year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2020.

Originally from Broadstairs and of Irish descent, Tim honed his style learning from his father Richard and listening to Ed Boyd, Steve Cooney and Django Reinhardt. Tim's live shows are a stunning mix of world music, inspired instrumental virtuosity, and passion with a strong Celtic theme and above all a highly entertaining night of musical genius.



Coming up on 8 June ... Gabriel Moreno and the Quivering Poets plus support.



Echoes of Segovia His Life - His Music

22 June 2 - 3pm Tickets £12 Performed by classical quitarist **Bob Drury**

Like many guitarists of his generation, Bob Drury was hugely inspired by the great Spanish guitarist Andrés Segovia. In his 'Summer Concert' series this year Bob will play music arranged, performed or recorded by Segovia during his incredible 78 year career. Bob's programme will consist of music from John Dowland, Dominico Scarlatti, JS Bach, Fernando Sor, Francisco Tárrega, Federico Moreno-Torroba, Isaac Albéniz and Heitor Villa-Lobos



Tickets £10 or

THEATRE



Tickets £5



Art and Artists with Richard Dean MA

£9 for Friends Thursdays 17 April - 19 June 1.30 to 3.30pm

The popular series of talks returns with a new programme. Combining art history, biography and critical analysis you will learn about the lives and works of some important artists and topics. What did these artists do? Why did they do it? Why does it matter?

Course tutor, Richard Dean MA, is a practicing artist and experienced lecturer who has lectured at universities and art colleges in London and the southeast and at Tate Britain.

8 May

pril	Aubrey Beardsley
y	Richard Gerstl
ay	Marsden Hartley
ne	Somerset Maugham
une	Felix Nussbaum

Gauguin's Last Painting 24 April Killer Collector 29 May Matisse and His Muses New Objectivity 12 June

Art Decades Tickets £8 or £7 for Friends

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.

Dancing in the Streets Thursday 10 April 6 - 7pm

Detroit, Liverpool, Seattle, New Orleans, Bromley - to the initiated, these locales instantly connect to musical styles. This Art Decades takes a trip down the avenues and alleyways that have inspired some legendary sounds.





The Family Way Thursday 22 May 6 - 7pm

Some of the most unique - and funniest - stories in rock are based around family units. Whether its real siblings or imaginary ones like the Ramones, this Art Decades salutes the togetherness and the tantrums that made these families work, or not.



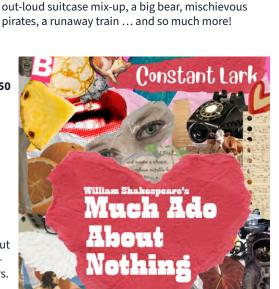
27 June 7.30pm **28 June** 2pm & 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50

"I had rather hear my dog bark at a crow than a man swear he loves me"

Welcome to Messina, where nothing stays secret for long, and gossip spreads faster than the truth! When soldiers Benedick and Claudio return victorious, new connections spark and old rivalries reignite.

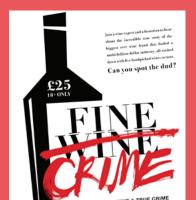
With a bumbling night watch, a devious villain, and a masked ball full of mistaken identities, Much Ado About Nothing is Shakespeare's ultimate romantic comedy bursting with wit, drama, and unforgettable characters. Will love win out, or will deception rule the day?



OF (MOST) MONTHS 7-TASTE AND ORDER, SPECIAL OFFERS & FREE Whitstable Wine Club Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm Tickets £13

This is not a wine school or a "serious" way to learn about wine. This will be a social, fun way to discover your palate and try things you may not have drunk before.

Try 8 wines, with nibbles and wine chat.



Fine Wine and Crime show **Saturday 17 May** 7.30 - 10pm

Tickets £25 Exclusive tables of 10 are available

An evening of fine wine and true crime.

Join a wine expert and a historian to hear about the incredible true story of the biggest ever wine fraud that fooled a multi-billion dollar industry, all washed down with five handpicked wines to taste. Can you spot the dud?

A welcome glass plus four wines to sample are include in the ticket. 18+ only. A non-alcoholic option can be substituted - please email to request after booking, but please note wine tasting is integral.

FILM

Monday matinees 2pm

Doors opens 1.30pm

£5 or £4 for Friends/Earlybirds

thehorsebridge.org.uk/films



Our film screenings are as much a social occasion as a chance to watch a film. Matinee screenings include free tea or coffee & biscuits.

Friends discount all year plus our Great and Best Friends can get up to 10 free films each year.



A Complete Unknown

Monday 12 May

In the early 1960s, 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. Forming his most intimate relationships during his rise to fame, he grows restless with the folk movement, making a controversial choice that reverberates worldwide.

Cast: Timothée Chalamet, Edward Norton, Elle Fanning. Director: James Mangold. Running time: 2h 21m Year: 2024.



Wicked

Monday 19 May

As one of the most beloved and enduring musicals on the stage, Wicked makes its long-awaited journey to the big screen. Wicked, the untold story of the witches of Oz, Elphaba, a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power, and Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart.

Cast: Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande, Jonathan Bailey. Director: Jon M. Chu. Running time: 2h 40m Year: 2024.



Widow Clicquot Monday 23 June

Based on the true story of Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin who became Madame Clicquot after marrying the scion of a winemaking family. Though their marriage was arranged, a timeless love blossomed. After her husband's untimely death, Barbe-Nicole flouts convention by assuming the reins of the fledgling wine business. She defies her critics and revolutionizes the champagne industry to become one of the world's first great entrepreneurs.

Cast: Leo Suter, Haley Bennett, Natasha O'Keeffe. Director: Thomas Napper. Running time: 1h 30m Year: 2023.

CREATE & DO ADULTS

There are many activities for adults regularly taking place in the centre, a mix of classes run by tutors who hire our spaces and Studio Sessions run by The Horsebridge.

ASSES, CLUBS, WORKSHOPS

These are run by independent tutors please visit our website for more details.

REGULAR CLASSES

MONDAY

40+ Contemporary Dance Alison, Frances and Diane, fmporritt@yahoo.com

Yoga Basics

Yoga Mixed Level

WEDNESDAY

Heart Centred Yoga 14.00 - 15.00 Jane Garrett, facebook.com/HeartCentredYogaUK

THURSDAY

Yoga with Dawn Lavell 11.00 - 12.00 Dawn Lavell, yogawithdawnlavell@gmail.com **Body Control Pilates: Intermediate** 18.00 - 19.00 **Body Control Pilates: Mixed Ability** 19.00 - 20.00

Alison Cobley, alisonpilates@aol.com **FRIDAY**

Modern Fusion Dance 10.00 - 10.45 Rosita Yarboy, ryarboy@sky.com

SATURDAY

Bollyjoy

Ash Mukherjee, bollyjoyous@gmail.com

SUNDAY

Yin Yoga

WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 17 MAY

11.30 - 12.30 Fused Glass workshop

10.00 - 12.00

Discover the wonderful world of glass fusing with 17.45 - 18.45 trained teacher Jane Padgham. This session will give Emma Epton, whitstablecommunityyoga@gmail.com you a great introduction to working with glass. Using 19.15 - 20.15 nature and the seasons for inspiration you will create Emma Epton, whitstablecommunityyoga@gmail.com a minimum of 2 items. Also runs in August, Oct & Nov.



CLUBS & GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

10.30 - 11.30 The Rabbit Hole: bi-weekly group 09.00 - 12.30 Ann Small, just drop-in

THURSDAY

10.00 - 11.00 Comic Club: monthly club 19.00 - 21.00



The Peter Cushing Celebration Weekend 24 and 25 May 10.30 - 17.30 Tickets £65 for day

"Forgive me if my dramatic entrance startled you" CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND FILM & TV CAREER OF A SCREEN LEGEND!

Talking Pictures TV have created an exclusive programme of events in Whitstable

- Screenings and talks with people who loved and worked with Peter Cushing
- Exclsuive screenings on the big screen in the theatre
- A bespoke guided Peter Cushing walk around
- Whistable, led by film & TV historian, Andre Vincent A Peter Cushing-themed Afternoon Tea Box with tea or coffee
- A specially curated trip only for TPTV guests at The Peter Cushing Exhibition,
- with exclusive access to unseen Peter Cushing treasures
- A Peter Cushing Quiz

For more information visit thehorsebridge.org.uk/cushing-weekend



STUDIO SESSIONS

A programme of creative workshops supported by a great community of skilled local artists and teachers. Taking place in our large, light and airy Studio, each session aims to develop or gain creative skills and confidence in an enjoyable and friendly group.

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

SINGLE SESSIONS

Life drawing with sculpture option with Steve Postgate

19 April, 3 May, 18 May or 31 May: During this workshop you will draw from a life model and have the option to create a clay figure. Sculpture option adds £15 to the cost.

10.30am - 3pm £13.50 *





Abstract florals with Kim O'Neil

Tuesday 22 April: Unleash your inner artist in our one-day workshop led by Kim O'Neil, artist and art tutor. Channel your creativity to craft an abstract floral painting.

10.30am - 3pm £54 *





£60

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Figure making workshop £35 with Steve Postgate

Thursdays 15 May or 12 June: Learn how to use clay for sculpting and make a figure of animal, human or, at least, beings from this general area of the galaxy.

10.30am - 3pm £31.50 *

Beach inspired abstract painting with Kim O'Neil

Saturday 7 June: Immerse yourself in the beauty of the local beach in this unique workshop. This session invites you to draw inspiration directly from the shoreline by the Arts Centre.

10.30am - 3pm £54 *

Abstract trees with Kim O'Neil

Saturday 17 May: Immerse yourself into the world of abstract trees, using palette knives and a variety of mediums to create stunning impressions of tree bark.

10.30am - 3pm £54 *



COURSES

Linoprint reduction course with Rochelle Bloom

From 12 April for 4 weeks Reduction lino printing involves cutting and printing from the same block of lino to build up an image and create your print. Learn how to plan your design, cut your block and produce an edition of prints.

10am - 1.30pm £144 *





£120

Still Life oil painting course with Gaven Alexander

2 May - 25 July: Four sessions to learn the fundamentals of still life painting using oils over a four class course, covering 3 hours each class, set over 4 months, which will give the oil paintings enough time to dry between classes.

9.30am - 12.30pm £108 *

Saturday sewing club with Linda Tiley

12 April, 26 April, 10 May: Suitable for adults wishing to gain confidence with sewing clothes, home items. Learn to use patterns, buy materials and much more. Beginners welcome.

Fundamentals of composition

Thursdays 24 April - 3 July: This 10 week

and overall composition techniques.

10.30am - 3pm £225 *

course is designed to provide a comprehensive

composition. Explore various composition aspects

understanding of the key elements of artistic

course with Kim O'Neil

10.30am - 12.30pm £9 *

MONTHLY SESSIONS

Monthly print club with Rochelle Bloom

Tuesdays 8 April, 6 May, 3 June: Print Club is a social, sharing & learning group, offering a studio space where people can come to experiment and print with professional guidance and support.

10am - 2pm £27 *





Art journalling and mixed media with **Debs Smith**

Wednesdays 9 April, 7 May, 4 June: A great way to learn mixed media techniques without having to buy a canvas. It can be done in any book, or any substrate, it is essentially art for you!

10am - 1pm £26 *



Fridays 25 April, 16 May, 13 June: This monthly club is open to anyone who has always wanted to try oil painting or wants to spend time with others getting the most out of a medium they already enjoy. 9.30am - 12.30pm £27 *

£30



CREATE & DO FAMILIES

classes run by tutors who hire our spaces and sessions run by us.

There are many activities for families regularly taking place in the centre, a mix of





REGULAR CLASSES

MONDAY

Hey Diddle Music 3-4 years 09.20 - 10.00 Hey Diddle Music 0-2 years 10.20 - 11.00 Anita Memmott, nitamemmott@gmail.com The Maypole Project Art Sessions 15.45 - 18.00 Phillip Price, phillipprice@maypoleproject.co.uk

WEDNESDAY

The Horsebridge pre-school Art Den 10.00 - 11.00 a weekly creative play session from 18 months old. La Jolie Ronde: Reception to Year 2 16.00 - 16.45 La Jolie Ronde: Years 3 to 5 16.45 - 17.30

Vicki Sullivan, lajolierondevicki@gmail.com

THURSDAY

Little Science Society 10.00 - 11.00 Monika Wentowska, info@thelittlesciencesociety.com

SATURDAY

The Horsebridge Family Art Club 14.00 - 15.00 A monthly creative workshop for all the family.

WORKSHOPS DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS





14 - 17 APRIL 4 day course Fundamentals of Photography 09.00 - 12.00 Ages 7-15. A workshop on the fundamentals of photography; how light works, getting into manual mode and what makes a photo good or bad. Visit www.ignitecreativeacademv.com

16 APRIL Whitstable Dancing Kids

Cross-generational community dance Easter holiday children's session taster session for 6 to 9 year olds. Encouraging creativity and agency, having fun whilst growing gross motor skills and confidence. Contact marieforbes@hotmail.com

16 APRIL

£15 **Printing with Light** 10.00 - 11.00

Learn simple photographic processes using the magic of light-sensitive paper to create unique prints. A great opportunity to explore your creativity. Visit http://www.artworks.website

17 APRIL 10.00 - 11.00 **Printing into Clay**

Create unique clay pieces decorated with tattoos, stamps and found objects. A great opportunity to explore your creativity.

Visit http://www.artworks.website



3D SEASCAPES

£5

MIXED MEDIA & PRINTING

THEATRE

£4 - £10

11.15 - 12.30



18 APRIL 11am - 12pm and 3 - 4pm The Chef who went on an adventure

Join Constant Lark as they serve up a hilarious, heart warming, and action-packed adventure for all the family! Read more in the theatre section or pop to our website to book and find out more. thehorsebridge.org.uk/chef-theatre



The Horsebridge ARTbank

is a place where donated and preloved art materials are available for you to take home by paying whatever you are able as part of our Pay What You Can scheme.

We know the **positive impact of** creativity on well being which is why it is important to us that **no one is** excluded from being able to access and enjoy art and craft materials.

The ARTbank is located on our ground floor and available to visit anytime we are open.

Find out more about the ARTbank: thehorsebridge.org.uk/artbank

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.



Sense of self: stories from within

Michelle Goggi

Michelle's work is a rich, colourful exploration of the ideas of self, life rituals, and the experiences that shape us all. She explores rites of passage, examining the Shamanic practices she has studied and their roots in modern-day rituals.



Textile and Haberdashery Pop EDGE Up ARTbank Made

Horsebridge Arts

Thanks to so many generous donations we are holding a special pop up ARTbank full of textiles, wool and haberdashery, all available on a take what you need and pay what you can basis.



Made in Whitstable

A vibrant, mixed exhibition from this well-established local artists' collective, featuring paint, prints, textiles, ceramics and glass.



ReflectionsCaroline Anderson

A solo show featuring work influenced by living and painting in Sark, as well as the clear sky reflected in the sea.



The Golden Jack

A celebratory exhibition marking the 50th Whitstable Jack-in-the-Green procession.



SeasaltLocus Arts Group

A non-confrontational, transparent look at the world around us, presented to lift and remind the viewer of the natures beauty.



Echoes of the Deep Katherine Turner

In this solo show Katherine explores the relationship between light and dark through her paintings.



The Space BetweenArtist Collective

A collective of contemporary artists exploring intersections of time, place and transformation.



State of Flux THE FIVE

Sinclair Ashman, Sarah Mander, Kay Senior, Consuelo Simpson & Sally Tyrie 'THE FIVE' are a group of multi-disciplinary artists responding collectively to the concept of State of Flux.



Natures Palette

Irene Southon, Lindsay Wilkinson and Sue Moreton A collaboration of three local artists using fused glass, feltwork, photography and ceramics.



People Power

Clare Kent
In this exhibition Clare addresses
how humans connect to their
inner selves, each other, the earth
and the universe. Celebrating the
importance of our individuality
through personal interests,
passions and faiths.



Trees of Life

Nero (Radovan Nehrer)
Nero presents a collection of
unique sculptures created using
wire, taking on the look of the
traditional bonsai and other native
trees.

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 £25

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.



Join in the centre or on our website thehorsebridge.org.uk/friends

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

PLEASE JOIN TODAY

Charity Number 1099570

Come and visit ... stay in touch



Mondays to Saturdays 9am - 5pm

Sundays 10am - 4pm

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