

WHAT'S ON

Spring 2025

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Ben Sands



Georgia Flowers Bryan Angus



David Gander



Emily Robertson



Eric Gaskell



Gemma Trickey



**LINO
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Grace Gillespie



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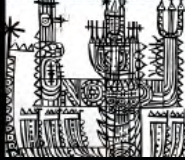
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music theatre comedy talks exhibitions films workshops family festivals

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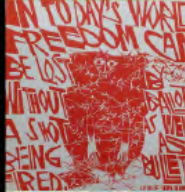
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Nicole Revy



Paul Peter Piech



Sean Star Wars



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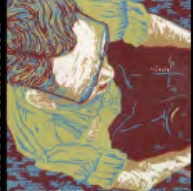
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Ian O'Halloran



Alison Diamond



**THE HORSE
BRIDGE**

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

Nick Wonham



Phillip Kingsbury



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**.

It operates as a **Pay it Forward** scheme, which helps people access free materials with no financial burdens or stigma. Anyone who is able and wants to support this initiative can contribute towards the fund by leaving a **pay it forward donation**.

We are accepting donations of unwanted art and craft materials which can be dropped in at the front desk. Special access sessions - specifically for community organisations, their users and contacts - are held regularly allowing access to the ARTbank outside of opening hours on selected Tuesdays.

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

Cover artwork: Lino Print 4 exhibition starts 31 January and runs until 23 February.

WELCOME

We would like to thank you for anything and everything you took part in that made 2024 such an incredible year of activity at the centre.

And we have even more to offer this season with new events for you to enjoy, starting with our live events calendar. This spring we are **welcoming Comedy** back to the centre on 2 March, kicking off with brilliant comedians Jake Lambert, Morgan Rees and Peter Rethinasamy on the launch night.

And if that wasn't enough we are enhancing our music programme with a new monthly **Folk Week Presents** session on a Sunday evening, starting with Gilmore & Roberts on 9 March.



The exhibition spaces begin this year with the incredible and glorious **Lino Print 4** (front cover artwork), featuring 33 printmakers from across the globe for 3 weeks. Then from 1 to 9 March is our very popular and thrilling **Art Auction**, where you can view and bid both online and in the exhibition spaces on artwork donated by very generous artists. We look forward to sharing the fantastic pieces in the auction with you on our website over the coming month.

We think it is important you know the auction has become a critical part of the fundraising we now have to undertake each year to ensure the survival of the centre, and we hope you will be able to support us. Without local council core funding, we have a **£30,000 shortfall** that we have to raise through **donations, Friends, sponsorship** and crucial events like the auction. We hope you'll be able to support us and be a vital part of **ensuring the future of the centre** as we turn 21 in April.

Liz Daone
Executive Director



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.

LIVE EVENTS

Welcome to our spring season of live events bringing you Music, Talks and the exciting return of Comedy to our events programme. Our music calendar just got even better with Folk Week Presents as a new monthly addition, featuring high quality folk singers and musicians.

TALKS

thehorsebridge.org.uk/talks



Art and Artists 4 2025 with Richard Dean MA
Mondays 17 February - 14 April 10am to 12pm

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. Topics discussed include Art and Oscar Wilde, The Museum of Lost Art and Hammershoi Time.

**Tickets £10 or
£9 for Friends**

Art Decades: Hello God
Thursday 27 February 6pm

The Art Decades series of talks look to unveil the hidden lives of rock artists. Rock music has its roots in the blues, once known as the 'the devil's music'. But artists from the blues and the beyond have tapped into religion for themes and inspiration. Hello God explores this spiritual journey through the decades.

**Tickets £8 or
£7 for Friends**



COMEDY

thehorsebridge.org.uk/comedy

Sunday evenings 7pm

Bar opens 6pm



2 March



Jake Lambert

Described as 'a joke machine' by The Telegraph, Jake is a rapidly rising stand-up known for his non-stop gag-filled storytelling. His online videos have racked up over 500 million views, building Jake a devoted fanbase. He has supported comedy heavyweights like Michael McIntyre, Jack Dee, Romesh Ranganathan, and Kerry Godliman on arena and theatre tours worldwide.



Morgan Rees

This softly spoken Welsh comedian boasts a densely packed arsenal of impressive one-liners and hilarious short stories. Morgan has appeared on BBC Radio 4 in the prestigious finals of the BBC New Comedy Award. He was also a runner-up in So You Think You're Funny 2017, and a finalist in Chortle Student Comedy Award.



Peter Rethinasamy

Born and raised in Belfast to a Malaysian father and Irish mother, Peter is a comedian with hard hitting, punchy jokes and hilarious tales of growing up in Northern Ireland. Since he started performing stand up, he has reached the semi-finals of the Laughing Horse New Act Competition and won the London Comedy Store's King Gong Competition.

Look out for **Jack Skipper in April**, who has recently gone from a carpet fitter with no qualifications to blowing up, becoming an internet sensation and full-time comedian.

Tickets £12 or £10 for Friends

MUSIC

thehorsebridge.org.uk/music

Sunday evenings 5 - 7pm

Bar opens 4pm

Tickets £17.50 or £15 for Friends



Folk Week Presents expands our Sunday evening music programme featuring 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.

9 March

Gilmore & Roberts
plus Bob Kenward, Pip Ives and more

Contemporary folk/acoustic duo Gilmore & Roberts combine award-winning songwriting with astounding musicianship and their trademark harmonies to create a powerful wall of sound.

and coming up on 13 April we have ...

Singing Loins plus floor spots and MC
The Singing Loins are a bare-knuckle 4/5 piece outfit, operating on the fringes of folk, punk, music hall, melodrama & buffoonery.

JAZZ AT THE HORSE BRIDGE



Celebrating the best of live jazz in all its forms and an exciting addition to the Whitstable music scene. Featuring top notch vocalists and musicians from across the county and beyond, led by Artistic Director of Broad Reach Records, Kai Hoffman.

23 February presents **Julian Marc Stringle**

Julian has wowed musical audiences around the world since his TV debut at the age of 14 performing with the legendary Acker Bilk. He is also a multiple 'best clarinettist' British Jazz Awards winner, with the late Sir John Dankworth describing him as "probably the best clarinettist to emerge in British jazz for several decades."

30 March presents **Steve Waterman**

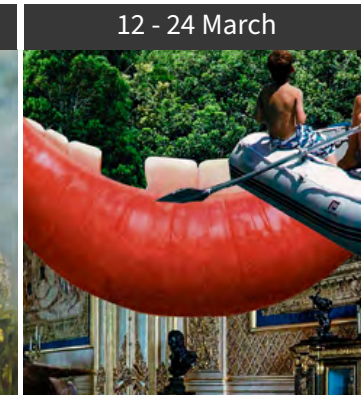
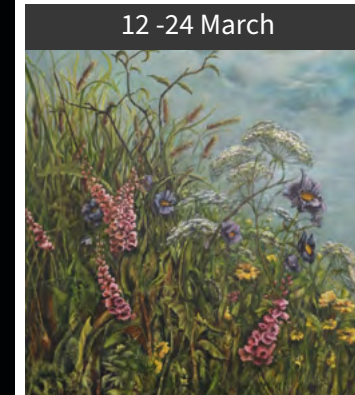
Top British trumpet player bringing his Latin jazz band to Whitstable - has toured the globe with Carla Bley Band, and worked with jazz industry A-listers including Tony Coe, Alan Barnes and Victor Mendoza. Has performed in Cuba at the Havana Jazz Festival as guests of Chucho Valdes.



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.

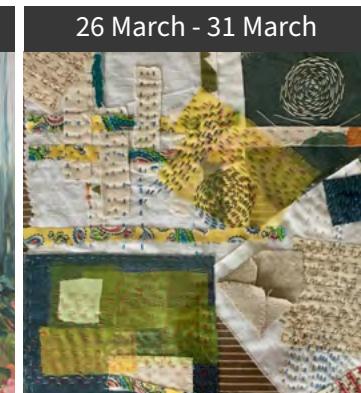
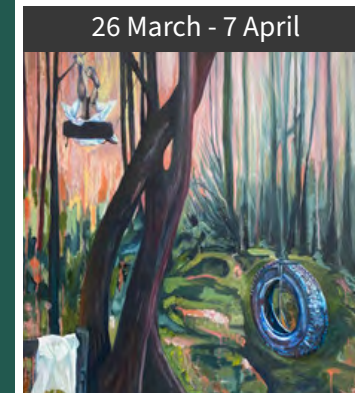


This Creative Life
Whitstable Art Society

A showcase exhibition of varied work created by members of the Society, whose choice of medium and subject matter represent the theme of 'This Creative Life'

Earworm
Joan Hobson

An exhibition of collage with a Surrealist twist. Expect familiar objects in unusual situations. Enjoy dramatic scenarios with evocative titles. Free earworm with every viewing.



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.

Thinking Inside and Outside the Box
Linda Tiley & Liz Shedden

A journey through Linda's connection with textiles as an artist, educator and shop owner, alongside pieces from the Betty Loves Bryan archive.

Lino Print 4 31 January to 23 February

Lino Print returns to The Horsebridge with some of the best local, national and international relief printmakers featuring in both galleries. Showcasing 29 incredible printmakers plus the winner and runners up of the competition supported by Handprinted.



Our amazing Art Auction returns.

Taking place online and in the gallery to help us raise vital funds to secure the future of the arts centre.

We need to raise funds to continue to provide and grow this important arts space in Kent. We are faced with constantly increasing basic running costs and this year face a shortfall of about £30,000. Our team work incredibly hard to cover most of our operating costs, but with no core council funding, to survive we need your support through events like the auction.

The auction is only possible because incredible and generous artists donate their artwork for us to auction. We hope you find new artists and artworks that you continue support once the auction is over.

Please bid and support.

VIEWING EXHIBITION
1 - 9 March 2025

CREATE & DO



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.

CLASSES, CLUBS & WORKSHOPS

thehorsebridge.org.uk/classes

These are run by independent tutors, please use the contact information to contact them directly for any queries or to book. Some classes only run during term time or have specific start dates, so please check before turning up. More details on our website.

REGULAR CLASSES

MONDAY

- 40+ Contemporary Dance** 11.30 - 12.30
Alison, Frances and Diane, fmpporritt@yahoo.com
Yoga Basics 17.45 - 18.45
Emma Epton, whitstablecommunityyoga@gmail.com
Yoga Mixed Level 19.15 - 20.15
Emma Epton, whitstablecommunityyoga@gmail.com

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

- Yoga and Meditation** 09.15 - 10.15
Lucy French, www.awakenwithin.co.uk
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

THURSDAY

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

WORKSHOPS & COURSES

15 FEBRUARY

- Guitar Masterclass with Kader Fahem** 13.30 - 15.30 £20
Learn Flamenco, Jazz and World Music. Bring your own guitar. Visit www.takaleed.co.uk

16 FEBRUARY

- Photography Level 1 course** 10.00 - 15.00 £80
With Ignite Creative Academy. Designed for the hobbyist or budding professional just starting out. Take your creative and technical knowledge to the next level. Visit www.ignitecreativeacademy.com

27 FEBRUARY, 27 MARCH

- Whitstable Wine Club** £13 a night
19.00 - 20.30
Whitstable Wine Club in association with The Offy. Try 8 wines, with nibbles and wine chat. 27 Feb is Wine and crisps match night, 27 March is Fizz night. Contact jackie@jackiebrownmktg.com

6 MARCH

- Introduction to Handweaving** £15 (£12 Friends)
10.00 - 12.00
With Lola McDowell. Recycle your yarn and fabric scraps into useful, unique and colourful bookmarks and learn some basics of handweave on simple frame looms at the same time. Book with The Horsebridge.

9 MARCH

- iPhone Photography and editing** £50
10.00 - 13.00
With Ignite Creative Academy. Take smartphone photography to a new level with tips and tricks used by photographers to achieve jaw dropping images. Visit www.ignitecreativeacademy.com

STUDIO SESSIONS

thehorsebridge.org.uk/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.

Art journalling and mixed media with Debs Smith £30

Wednesdays 5 Feb, 5 March: 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 *

Portraiture of an animal with Simon Postgate £60

Saturday 8 Feb: Simon will guide you through the drawing processes to help you create a large scale black and white portrait of your favourite animal, be it a pet or just an animal you love.
10am - 4pm £54 *

Monthly print club with Rochelle Bloom £30

Tuesdays 11 Feb, 11 March: 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 *

Monthly oils club with Gaven Alexander £30

Fridays 14 Feb, 14 March: 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 *

Linoprint reduction course with Rochelle Bloom £160

Starting 12 April for 4 weeks Reduction lino printing involves cutting and printing from the same block of lino to create your print. Learn how to plan your design, cut your block and produce an edition of prints.
10am - 1.30pm £144 *

Saturday sewing club with Linda Tiley £10

15 Feb, 22 Feb, 1 March, 15 March: Suitable for adults wishing to gain confidence with sewing clothes, home items. Learn to use patterns, buy materials and much more. Beginners welcome.
10.30am - 12.30pm £9 *

Sketch and paint course with Ilse Mikula £160

starts Monday 17 Feb for 8 weeks: Over this course you'll immerse yourself in the evocative surroundings of Whitstable, capturing & exploring colours, shapes & textures with ink and watercolour
1 - 3pm 8 sessions weekly £144 *

Abstract landscape painting with Kim O'Neil £60

Saturday 22 Feb: An inspiring workshop where you'll explore abstract landscapes. You will be guided in interpreting natural vistas into expressive, abstract compositions using paint.
11am - 3pm £54 *

Beach inspired abstract painting with Kim O'Neil £60

Saturday 22 March: 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.
11am - 3pm £54 *



FILMS

thehorsebridge.org.uk/films



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.

FAMILIES

thehorsebridge.org.uk/kids

All films are £5 with £4 for earlybirds and Friends

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



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The Critic

Monday 24 February 2pm Doors: 1.30pm

London, 1934. Jimmy Erskine (McKellen) is the most feared theatre critic of the age. He lives as flamboyantly as he writes and takes pleasure in savagely taking down any actor who fails to meet his standards.



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Bob Marley: One Love

Sunday 16 March 1.30pm Doors: 1pm

Celebrates the life and music of an icon who inspired generations through his message of love and unity. Discover Bob's powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary music.



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Thelma

Monday 24 March 2pm Doors: 1.30pm

Jane Fonda, who did most of her own stunts in the film, plays Thelma Post, a feisty 93-year-old grandmother who gets conned by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson.

10-11am
Weds

re-starting 26 February
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

playdough sticking HORSE BRIDGE painting exploring

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

PRINTMAKING
SAT 15 FEB 2 - 3PM

CREATIVE COLLAGE
SAT 15 MARCH 2 - 3PM

Suggested donation £5

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@thelittlescienceociety.com

SATURDAY

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

WORKSHOPS

17 FEBRUARY - 21 FEBRUARY 5 day course **£100**
Fundamentals of Photography 09.00 - 12.00
Ages 7-15. This half term learn the basics of photography; how light works, getting into manual mode and what makes a photo good or bad.
Visit www.ignitecreativeacademy.com

29 MARCH **£12**
Mothers Day Cupcakes 15.00 - 16.30
Learn how to decorate 6 cupcakes to take home with fondant hearts, glitter roses and sugar butterflies.
Contact jackie@jackiebrownmaking.com

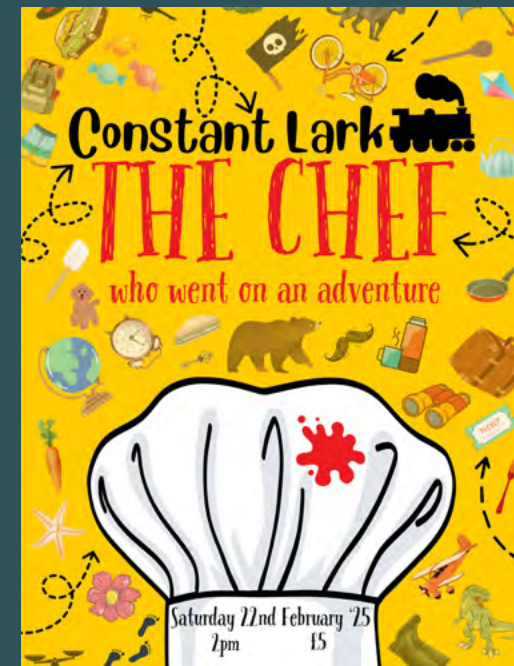
AMAZING FAMILY EVENT

SATURDAY 8 MARCH

In conjunction with Tales from Moon Lane, The Whitstable Children's Festival of Books is taking place throughout the Horsebridge Centre in this exciting one day event, to inspire children to see themselves as readers, writers and artists.

From graphic novel workshops to mini musicals, mystery solving sessions to illustration skills workshops, The Whitstable Children's Festival of Books has an event to engage and excite every child.

Find out more and book talesonmoonlane.co.uk



Join Constant Lark as they serve up a hilarious, heart warming, and action-packed adventure for all the family!

When Chef receives a mysterious letter from Mum, instructing him to deliver the special recipe book to his grandma, he sets off on an unforgettable journey. But with every twist and turn, it's clear this adventure is shaping up to be a recipe for disaster!

Along the way, he'll face: a sneaky robber, a laugh-out-loud suitcase mix-up, a big bear, mischievous pirates, a runaway train ... and so much more!

Packed with thrills, spills, and a dash of chaos, The Chef Who Went On An Adventure is a deliciously fun treat that will have you shouting 'Yes Chef!' Don't miss this fantastic journey—where the unexpected is always on the menu!

Book now on our website
thehorsebridge.org.uk/chef-theatre

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.



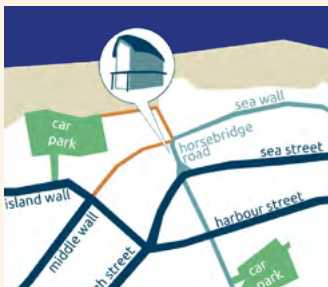
Join in the centre or on our website thehorsebridge.org.uk/friends

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

Closed Tuesdays
(except for events)

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