SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARTS EVENTS CALENDAR, 2016 issue 8

September – October

Phoenix Community Cinema

Film showings supported by South Northamptonshire Council Community Grant Funding. Part of The Big Country Rural Cinema Network, a publicly funded mobile cinema scheme (formerly Centre Screen). Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Northants Touring Arts performances supported by South Northamptonshire Community Grant Funding, Arts Council England and Northamptonshire County Council. Info on how to book a show: www.northantstouringarts.co.uk

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SEPTEMBER

Thurs 1 & Fri 2 SPLAT!
Sports, Play, Leisure and ArTs activities for children, age 5 to 16.
Last days of holiday Activity Hubs (sports and crafts) at Brackley Leisure Centre, Cycling at Hazelborough Woods (Thurs.), Village Family Fun at Hartwell (Fri.). Information: www.southnorthants.gov.uk/SPLAT (T) Bookings: 01327 322277.

Fri 2 Eddie the Eagle – film (cert.PG)
Phoenix Community Cinema at Culworth Village Hall, 8pm. (T) 01295 760855. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Sat 3 & Sun 4 Alderton Arts Festival – visual arts & theatre
Celebrating the 40th year, the popular Art Festival is including plays on Alderton Mount performed by Heartbreak Productions. Paintings by 30+ local artists, crafts, books, produce, entertainment & refreshments at St Margaret’s Church, 10:30am – 6pm.
www.alderonartfestival.co.uk/
Open air theatre: Murder on the Terrace – Sat. 7pm; The Tempest (Shakespeare) – Sun. 4pm.
Production information: http://www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk/.
Gates open 3 hours before for picnics. (T) 07818 443508

Tues 6 Come and Sing with Towcester Choral Society – music
All are welcome at the first rehearsal of the new term. Come and see what we are about. We start singing at 7:30 pm but please come by 7:15 pm so you can be given music and have an opportunity to meet our Musical Director and other members of the committee. Contact our Membership Secretary, tel: 01327 353691 or email: membership@towcesterchoralsociety.org.uk. See also Choral Workshop, 15 October.

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Weds 7 – Sun 18 September: Art by Anne Whitlam – visual arts
Exhibition and sale of paintings by Brackley artist Anne Whitlam. The Green Room Cafe & Bistro, Bridge Street, Brackley. Information: 01280 700791 or The Green Room 01280 703123.

Weds 7 Bridge of Spies - film (cert.12A)
Phoenix Community Cinema at Kings Sutton Memorial Hall. (T) Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Fri 9 – Sun 11 Heritage Open Days
Local places taking part in the national festival where heritage buildings open their doors for one weekend include Brackley, Blisworth, Easton Neston, Hartwell, Canons Ashby, Daventry, Northampton, Great Houghton, Hardingstone. Information: www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting

Sat 10 The Kings’ Men – music
A highly acclaimed close harmony group formed from the Choral Scholars of King’s College, Cambridge perform a programme of music from classical to pop. St Lawrence Church, Towcester. 7.30pm. (T) from Coleman’s or 01327 350459 – check if any tickets left.

Mon 12 Blisworth Art Group – visual arts
Blisworth Art Group has an evening group with room for new members, starting its second term tonight. Blisworth Baptist Chapel Coffee House, 7:30 – 9:30pm. Information: 01604 858594 / 858476.

Thurs 15 Dad’s Army – film (cert. PG)
Brackley Film Club at the library. Phoenix Community Cinema. (T) Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Thurs 15 The Lady in the Van – film (cert.12A)
Phoenix Community Cinema presented by Friends of Middleton Cheney Library film night. 7:30pm. (T) from the library or www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EHFDKK. Film information: Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Sat 17 Eddie The Eagle – film (cert. PG)
Phoenix Community Cinema at Marston St. Lawrence Village Hall. (T) 07956 993830. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Sat 17 Hudson & Cutler – music
Shutlanger Music Events’ penultimate fundraising concert for Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust will be a great evening of folk fiddle & guitar with two top musicians returning by popular demand. Shutlanger Village Hall, 8pm. (T) 07941 368958.

Tues 20 for 9 weeks In Tune with the Times – music course
WEA course on social history & satire in musicals. Helmdon Reading Room, Church St, Helmdon, Brackley NN13 5QJ, 7:30pm. (T) Information www.wea.org.uk or phone 01295 760079

Wed 21 for 9 weeks Brushstrokes of History – visual arts
WEA course on how historical events inspired painters. A5 Rangers Club, Islington Rd, Towcester. 10:15-11:45am. (T) Information: www.wea.org.uk or phone David Wilcock on 01327 351782. Also running in Weston – see Oct 12.

Fri 23 What we do... and we don’t know about Shakespeare – talk
The Friends of Towcester Library present an informative evening with guest speaker Dr Elizabeth Dollimore. Towcester Library, 7pm. (T) towlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk

Fri 23 Strictly Georgian – dance & costume
Brackley Town Hall restoration project event, related to the Georgian period. 7.30pm. Information: activities@brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk

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Tues 27 Sept. for 7 weeks The history of Art from Neolithic to Modern – visual arts
Tutor Barry Whitehouse describes art through history and demonstrates the techniques used.
Byfield Village Hall, The Green, Byfield NN11 6UT, 7.30-9.30pm. (T) Information: www.wea.org.uk or phone Susan Kennedy on 01295 660537

Thurs 29 Eddie The Eagle – film (cert. PG)
Blisworth Film Club, village hall. Phoenix Community Cinema. (T) 01604 858590. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Fri 30 Florence Foster Jenkins – film (cert.PG)
Phoenix Community Cinema at Blakesley Village Hall. (T) 01327 860594. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

OCTOBER

Sat 1 Cwmbach Male Choir – music
Rotary Club of Towcester presents a concert by the Welsh choir which has packed out Towcester church on their previous visits. Their repertoire has something for everyone – operatic choruses, spirituals, hymns, folk music and popular ballads. The evening will also feature music students from Sponne school. St Lawrence Church, Towcester, 7pm. (T) 01327 3532851 and http://www.towcester-rotary.org.uk/shop/

Thu 6 – film t.b.a.
Phoenix Community Cinema at Middleton Cheney Library, 7:30pm. (T) Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Fri 7 Suffragette – film
Phoenix Community Cinema at Milton Malsor Village Hall, 7:30pm. (T) 01604 858418. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Sat 8 – Sun 16 South Northants Art Trail 2016 – visual arts
Over 40 artists and makers working in watercolours, acrylics, oils, glass, ceramics, enamels, polymer clay, jewellery and wood open their studios or exhibit their work at many venues around the district. Meet the artists and see some of them demonstrate their skills. Information and trail map: www.arts-sn.org.uk

Sat 8 Florence Foster Jenkins – film (cert.PG)
Phoenix Community Cinema at King’s Sutton Memorial Hall. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Tues 11 – film t.b.a.
Phoenix Community Cinema at Whittlebury Village Hall, 7:30pm. (T) 01327 857037. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Weds 12 for 9 weeks Brushstrokes of History – visual arts
WEA course on how historical events inspired painters. Weston Community Project, High St, Weston NN12 8PU. 2 – 3:30pm. (T) Information: www.wea.org.uk or phone 01295 768133.

Fri 14 Florence Foster Jenkins – film (cert.PG)
Phoenix Community Cinema at Culworth Village Hall, 8pm. (T) 01295 760855. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Sat 15 The Big Dragon Draw – visual arts
Creative event for families including children up to 14 years. Agent Green, a Dragon whisperer, will relate stories and lead drawing, collage and mask-making activities. Organised for the fourth year by Middleton Cheney Library Supporters Group, this is a Family Arts Festival and Big Draw event. Middleton Cheney Library, 10:30am – 12:45pm and 2pm – 4:15pm. Information from the library. (T) www.ticketsource.co.uk/MCLSG.

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Sat 15 Choral Workshop – music
Come and learn selections from Karl Jenkins’ hugely successful ‘mass for peace’ under the expert guidance of Towcester Choral Society’s Musical Director, Helen Swift. Towcester Town Hall, 10am – 5pm, concluding with a performance. Music provided. (T) John Maleham: j.maleham@btinternet.com, Tel. 01327 860558.

Thurs 20 Eddie The Eagle – film (cert. PG)
Phoenix Community Cinema at Brackley Film Club. (T) Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Thurs 20 – film t.b.a.
Phoenix Community Cinema at Nether Heyford Village Hall, 7:45ppm. (T) 01327 340803. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Sat 22 – film t.b.a.
Phoenix Community Cinema at Marston St Lawrence Village Hall. (T) 07956 993830. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Fri 24 La Pastorella – music
Vivaldi, Telemann and Kauffmann in pastoral mood – music for violin, baroque recorder, trumpet, oboe and continuo performed by Fiori Musicali. Syresham church, 7:30pm (T) www.fiori-musicali.com or 0333 666 3366. Supported by South Northamptonshire Council with a Community Grant.

Thurs 27 Eye in the Sky – film
Phoenix Community Cinema at Blisworth Village Hall, 7:30pm. (T) 01604 858590. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Fri 28 Youth – film
Phoenix Community Cinema at Blakesley Village Hall, 8pm. (T) 01327 860594. Info: www.ruralcinema.net

Sat 29 & Sun 30 Singers Workshop
One or two-day workshop open to experienced singers aged 16+ to work with Judith Baxter and guest tutor Alan Lamb on solos, duets or group songs from musical theatre, jazz, classical or folk songs. The Old School, Banbury Rd, Moreton Pinkney. (T) Book before 30 September: 01295 768247 or jb.baxter21@btinternet.com

Phoenix Community Cinema (formerly Centre Screen Northamptonshire)
Films can be seen most months at Blakesley, Blisworth, Brackley, Culworth, Evenley, Hackleton, King’s Sutton, Marston St. Lawrence, Middleton Cheney, Nether Heyford, Paulerspury and Whittlebury. For more information about screenings in community venues contact Anna.Hayward@phoenix.org.uk

More films:
Yardley Hastings Secret Cinema: see Love Yardley Hastings on Facebook
Croughton Film Club: www.croughton.org.uk/village-life/societies-and-clubs/film-club/

Visit the website for future performances and around the county: www.northantstouringarts.co.uk.

If you are interested in arranging a live performance by professional performers in your community, have a look at the shows on offer and information on the website and get in touch with the scheme organiser on 0870 850 5601 or Sue Carverhill at the Council (see below).

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Interested in art and crafts?

Northants Open Studio Trails 2016: 27 August – 1 October: [www.kettering.gov.uk/nost](http://www.kettering.gov.uk/nost)

Art & Craft courses at Vitreus Art, Potterspury: [www.vitreus-art.co.uk](http://www.vitreus-art.co.uk); Cool Contours at Chipping Warden: [www.coolcontours.co.uk](http://www.coolcontours.co.uk); Bay Tree Cottage, Farthingstone: [www.btcworkshops.co.uk](http://www.btcworkshops.co.uk)

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See the Events Calendar on our website for further event information and additions: [www.southnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk) and visit the Leisure pages for local arts information and details of holiday activities for children.

Useful county/regional/national culture websites:

- [www.royalandderngate.co.uk](http://www.royalandderngate.co.uk)
- [www.emvan.net](http://www.emvan.net)
- [www.northantscraftsguild.co.uk](http://www.northantscraftsguild.co.uk)
- [www.northantsdfas.org.uk](http://www.northantsdfas.org.uk)
- [www.nmpat.co.uk](http://www.nmpat.co.uk)
- [www.northantsjazz.co.uk](http://www.northantsjazz.co.uk)
- [www.fiori-musicali.com](http://www.fiori-musicali.com)
- [www.oudenlelitfest.org.uk/](http://www.oudenlelitfest.org.uk/)
- [www.mkweb.co.uk/Whats-On](http://www.mkweb.co.uk/Whats-On)
- [http://oxonarts.info/](http://oxonarts.info/)
- [www.artsatstowe.co.uk](http://www.artsatstowe.co.uk)
- [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/arts/sections/get-creative](http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/sections/get-creative) BBC Arts ‘Get Creative’
- [www.whatnextculture.co.uk/](http://www.whatnextculture.co.uk/)

To receive updates on arts events and information about arts opportunities by email, contact Sue Carverhill, Arts Development Officer on sue.carverhill@southnorthants.gov.uk; by telephone on 01327 322334, or post: South Northamptonshire Council, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD.

Please also follow SNC Leisure on [Facebook (SNC Leisure)](http://www.facebook.com) or [Twitter @SNCLeisure](http://twitter.com).

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