



WHAT'S ON GUIDE



HARTLEPOOL
BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPRING / SUMMER 2023
APRIL - SEPTEMBER

Welcome to our Spring and Summer What's On Guide!

In this guide you will find information on everything taking place at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre, the Borough Hall, Hartlepool Art Gallery and the Museum of Hartlepool.

You can find further information on all of these venues at www.culturehartlepool.com

The Box Office is open Tuesday to Friday 10am-4.30pm and Saturday 10am-4pm – you can purchase tickets in person at Hartlepool Art Gallery, Church Square, TS24 7EQ or over the phone on **01429 890000**.

Alternatively, book online at www.culturehartlepool.com

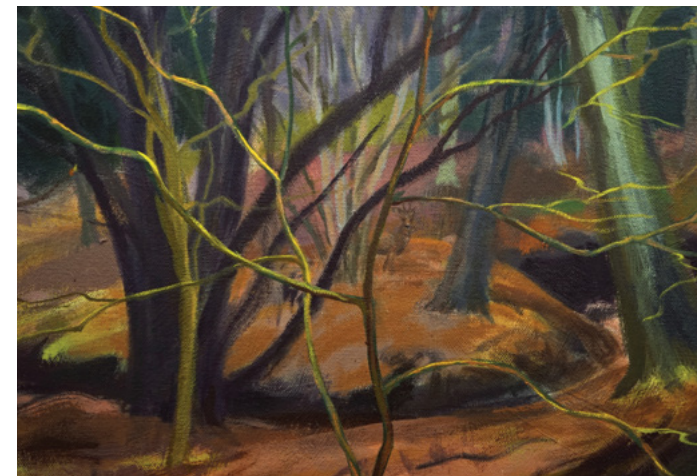


Exhibition: Lionel Playford Revering Ancient Woodland

28th January – 3rd June

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Step into the magical world of ancient woodland, as seen through the eyes of renowned landscape artist Lionel Playford. Discover how the wildwoods of the North East have barely changed over time and the importance of preserving them for generations to come.



FREE | www.culturehartlepool.com



Sewing Group

Thursdays starting 6th April – 10am to 12pm

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Pop into our sewing group and meet new friends, progress your textile projects and share tips and tricks.

Drop in – no booking required. Speak to the gallery team for more information or call **01429 869706**

FREE | www.culturehartlepool.com/art-gallery



Drawing Group

Thursdays starting 6th April – 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Join our successful adult drawing group led by renowned local artist Keith Robson.

Learn new techniques and master the skills of drawing.

Registration and booking required – speak to the gallery team for more information or call **01429 869706**

£5 | www.culturehartlepool.com/art-gallery

Dabble In Art Children's Art Group

Every other Saturday from 10am to 12pm

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Join our children's art group and learn new skills and techniques. The group is run by renowned local artist and comic creator Keith Robson, famous for his work on the Beano and the Dandy.

Suitable for age 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the session.

Drop in – no booking required. Speak to the gallery team for more information or call **01429 869706**.



FREE | www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk/dabble-in-art



Hartlepool Art Club

Monthly – 12th April | 10th May | 14th June | 12th July |
9th August | 13th September – 7pm to 9pm

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Hartlepool Art Club is a meeting place for all art lovers. It offers a wide variety of activities including talks, demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions by practising professional artists and lecturers. There's always a warm, friendly welcome whether you join as a keen beginner, an experienced painter or just have an interest in art.

Suitable for adults – no experience necessary.

Free to members, £5 to non-members | No booking required
www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk

Art, Soul & Play with EC Carter

Term time only, weekly Wednesday sessions:

19th April - 24th May | 31st May - 12th July

13th Sept - 18th Oct

Hartlepool Art Gallery

A Weekly Art session on a Wednesday where we explore being creative without any pressure. For all abilities.

Contact E C Carter directly to book a place: **07880 742422**.



2hr sessions from £15 per session - payment blocks available
www.eccarterart.com

Exhibition: Metamorphose

1st April – 3rd June

Hartlepool Art Gallery

From bud to bloom. As spring unfolds outdoors, join us for a mesmerising glimpse into botanical artworks from our collection.



FREE | www.culturehartlepool.com



Exhibition: Explore Japan

1st April- 3rd June

Museum of Hartlepool

Born 2 be Youth Group invites you to explore Japan in an exciting exhibition showcasing museum objects and an array of artworks created by young people from Hartlepool.

FREE | www.culturehartlepool.com

Hot Potato Comedy Club

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

One of the best nights out in Hartlepool!

Our line-ups will have you howling with gags from our Hot Potato faves plus a string of the best up and coming comedy acts from up and down the land!

Not for the easily offended. Line-ups subject to change.

29th April

27th May

24th June

29th July

26th August

30th September

Doors open at 7pm

£9 early bird (one week before show) then £13 |
www.culturehartlepool.com



Matt Reed is one of the Hot Potato favourites



G4 Live

9th May – Doors open at 7.30pm

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

Enticingly addictive, perfectly-pitched entertainment.

The UK's No. 1 vocal quartet extend their exhilarating 'G4 LIVE' tour with more dates into 2023!

Having exploded into the industry and the public's hearts back in 2004 on the first series of The X-Factor, G4 continue to mesmerise audiences, year after year, with their unique style and unsurpassed trademark vocal harmonies. They have to be heard live to truly appreciate the power and passion of their voices.

G4 are thrilled to be back on the road in 2023 performing in many towns and cities never yet reached by the band.

Fans, new and old are enthralled as they cheer, laugh and cry their way through this masterfully programmed set list that includes classic hits such as Bohemian Rhapsody, Creep, My Way, Circle of Life and Nessun Dorma – all leaving audiences screaming for more, night after night!



Standard £25 | www.culturehartlepool.com

Toddler Takeover Day Eco Crew

Monday 15th May 10am-11am | 11.15am-12.15pm and
1pm-2pm

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Come and join our Eco Crew at Hartlepool Art Gallery in this session especially for under fives!

We have lots of eco-themed activities for our youngest visitors and their adult including crafts using recycled materials, planting seeds, games and more to learn about how we can help mini-beasts, local wildlife and their habitats!

Three timed sessions available.

Booking is essential. Use our Eventbrite page or call the gallery on **01429 869706**.



FREE | hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk

Bottles and Fishes

Tuesday 30th May 10am-11am and 11.15am-12.15pm

[Museum of Hartlepool](#)

Friday 2nd June 10am-11am, 11.15am-12.15pm

[Hartlepool Art Gallery](#)

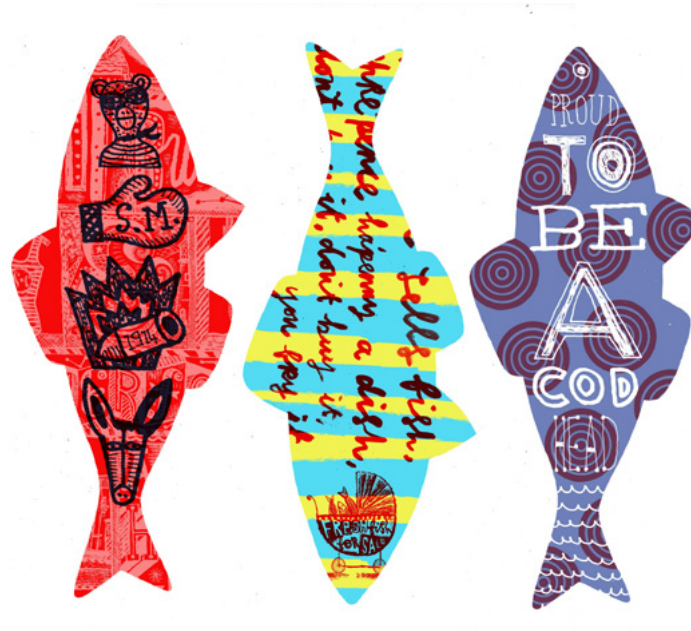
Come and create an artwork for Tall Ships Hartlepool 2023.

We're creating a large scale maritime-inspired artwork as part of artist Jonny Hannah's upcoming Shipbuilders & Fisherfolk exhibition.

Decorate your own laser-cut 'Message in a Bottle' or 'North Sea Fish' using art and craft techniques. Your finished piece will be displayed as part of the Shipbuilders & Fisherfolk exhibition while Hartlepool welcomes the Tall Ships.

Each session is suitable for all ages.

Booking is essential. Use our Eventbrite pages or call the gallery on **01429 869706**.



FREE | museumofhartlepool.eventbrite.co.uk

FREE | hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk

Hartlepool Stage Society Presents Little Shop Of Horrors 2023

14th June - 17th June | 7pm

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

Look out! Award-winning rock-horror musical comedy Little Shop of Horrors is open for business!

Seymour Krelborn, a poor floral assistant, lives downtown on Skid Row. Constantly berated by his boss, Mr. Mushnik, and longing to be noticed by his beautifully flawed co-worker Audrey, Seymour serendipitously discovers a mysterious plant in town. Aptly naming it the Audrey II, Seymour takes the plant back to his run-down flower shop. Suddenly, Seymour's life is filled with recognition and riches, all thanks to the Audrey II. Unfortunately, the plant has an unconventional thirst for something other than water.

Seymour is faced with the tough decision of giving into the lewd Audrey II's demands and continuing down the path to success, or returning back to his simple life.

Hit-filled and hair-raising, ludicrous laughs unfold in this unconventional, killer comedy musical.

Standard - £14, Concession - £12 | www.culturehartlepool.com



The Elton John Show

23rd June | 7.30pm

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

The Elton John Show is the UK's newest and most exciting Elton John tribute show to hit the stage.

With over 300 million records sold, Sir Elton John is the most successful singer-songwriter of his generation.

A flamboyant mega-star, with a never-ending back catalogue of incredible songs! From Rocket Man to Tiny Dancer, The Elton John Show brings "Young Elton" back to the stage at his energetic best.



Standard £22, Prime Seating £24.50 | www.culturehartlepool.com



Exhibition: Johnny Hannah: Shipbuilders and Fisherfolk

24th June – 4th November

Hartlepool Art Gallery & Museum of Hartlepool

Discover the history of Hartlepool as you've never seen it before.

Award-winning artist Jonny Hannah reimagines Hartlepool through a uniquely creative lens to bring to life Hartlepool's maritime and industrial heritage in exhibitions spanning the Museum of Hartlepool and Hartlepool Art Gallery.

FREE | www.culturehartlepool.com

Exhibition: Run Aground: A Shipwreck at Seaton Carew

24th June- 4th November 2023

Museum of Hartlepool

Discover the story of a mysterious shipwreck at Seaton Carew and learn about protecting our maritime archaeology and monuments in this unique exhibition.



FREE | www.culturehartlepool.com



Under 5s Story and Craft Session

Monday 26th June | 10am-10.45am & 11am-11.45am

Museum of Hartlepool

To celebrate Tall Ships Hartlepool 2023, join us at the Museum for a Tall Ships-themed story and craft session.

This session is suitable for our under 5s visitors and their adults.

Booking is essential. Use our Eventbrite page or call the gallery on **01429 869706**.

FREE | museumofhartlepool.eventbrite.co.uk

Menstrual Rage – Taming of the Shrew

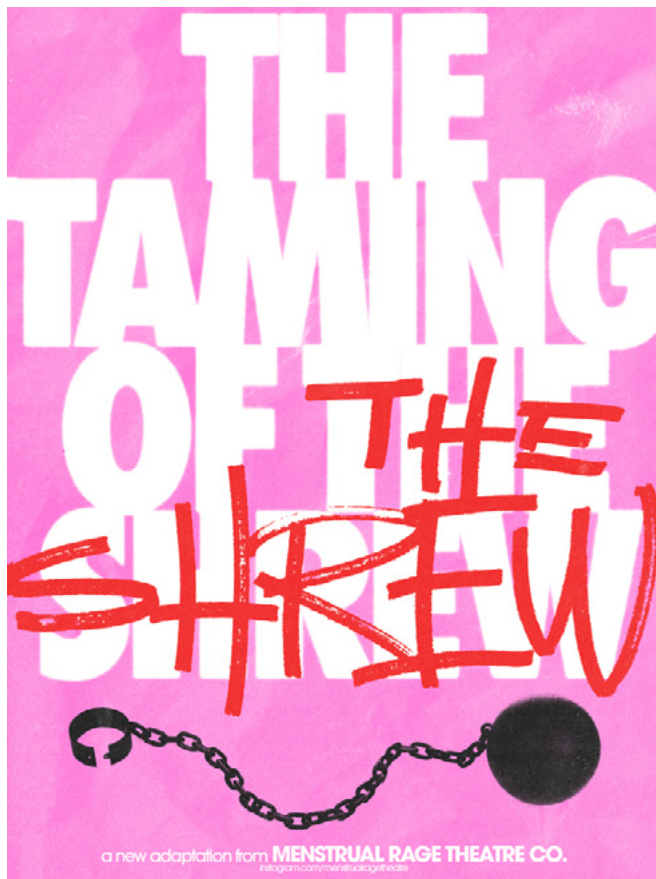
Tuesday 27th June | 7.30pm

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

Everyone wants to marry Bianca. No one wants to marry Kate. Bianca can't wed until Kate does. What are the bachelors of Padua to do? Desperate times call for desperate measures. Enter Petruchio.

This contemporary, feminist look at a Shakespearean classic shines a light on the outdated expectations of what it means to be a woman and the treatment of those who are 'undesirable.' Have times really changed that much?

Told in the way that Menstrual Rage do best, '(The Taming of) The Shrew' is loud, chaotic and sprinkled with pop culture. Join us as we show what it means to be a "foul, contending rebel."



Pay what you decide | www.culturehartlepool.com

Rosettes and Trophies - After School Crafts

Wednesday 14th June | 3.30pm-4.30pm

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Join us at Hartlepool Art Gallery to create a paper trophy or rosette badge just in time for Father's Day. What will you make to say thank you to a special person?

Booking is essential. Use our Eventbrite page or call the gallery on **01429 869706**.



FREE | <https://hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk>



Toddler Takeover Day - Tall Ships

Monday 3rd July 10am - 11am | 11.15am-12.15pm | 1pm-2pm

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Come and join us at Hartlepool Art Gallery in this session especially for under fives! We have lots of activities for our youngest visitors and their adult to celebrate the arrival of the Tall Ships to Hartlepool, including crafts, stories and activities to learn about Tall Ships and the sea.

Three timed sessions available.

Booking is essential. Use our Eventbrite page or call the gallery on **01429 869706**.

FREE | hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2023

HARTLEPOOL 6TH-9TH JULY

FREE ENTRY

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

FOOD & DRINK

Join us this July for one of the biggest **free** family events in the UK when Hartlepool again hosts the world famous Tall Ships Races.

Get on board a tall ship, fantastic live music headlined by iconic reggae band The Wailers alongside indie rock band Maximo Park, creative performances, a military village, food and drink, unique market stalls, fireworks and much more!

Come and meet Hartley, the Tall Ships Races Hartlepool 2023 mascot – watch out for him around Hartlepool in the run-up to the event!

Fancy hosting the best summer party this decade on board your own private tall ship? Quayside, sailing, with all the bells and whistles of entertainers, or just with great food and drink and the special atmosphere of the Festival all around – it's an opportunity not to be missed. Book now! **See you in July!**




THE TALL SHIPS RACES
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www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk

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ROB HERON
& THE TEA PAD
ORCHESTRA

HOLY MOLY
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CRACKERS

THE
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'UNS

MICHAEL GALLAGHER

MORE ACTS TO BE ANNOUNCED



WWW.TALLSHIPSHARTLEPOOL2023.CO.UK

The Tortoise and the Hare: A Suitcase Story

Monday 24th July | Doors open at 11.00am

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

We travel around with our suitcase of stories, spinning yarns and telling tales. What will come out of the suitcase today? It's the Tortoise and the Hare. Get ready to hop like a hare and travel like a tortoise. Who will win, slow and steady or fast and furious?

Join us for an unexpected dash to the finish line. On your marks, get set, GO!

An interactive story for under 6s and their grown-ups with live music, puppetry and a tale you thought you knew.



£6 per ticket | www.culturehartlepool.com



The Amazing Bubble Man

Saturday 29th July | 11:30am

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

Louis Pearl has been thrilling audiences around the world for over 30 years with the art, magic, science and fun of bubbles. He is a favorite at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where he has enjoyed twelve years of sell-out success.

Louis explores the breath-taking dynamics of bubbles, combining comedy and artistry with audience participation and enough spellbinding bubble tricks to keep everyone mesmerized. From square bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, fog-filled bubbles, giant bubbles, bubble volcanoes, tornados and trampolines to people inside bubbles, the Amazing Bubble Man conjures shrieks of laughter and gasps of amazement from all ages.

Standard £14, child £12 | www.culturehartlepool.com

Museum Summer Sessions

Monday 24th, 31st July, 7th, 14th, 21st August, Tuesday 29th August

All session times are 10am-11am & 11.15am-12.15pm

Museum of Hartlepool

Join us for a summer of art and crafty fun at the Museum of Hartlepool!

Our theme is Summer By The Sea and we will be making something different each session.

For details of each activity see our Facebook and Eventbrite page. Booking is essential.



FREE | museumofhartlepool.eventbrite.co.uk

Gallery Summer Sessions

Friday 28th July, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August, Friday 1st September.

All session times are 10am-11am & 11.15am-12.15pm

Hartlepool Art Gallery

Come along to Hartlepool Art Gallery this summer to take part in our art and craft sessions.

Our theme is Summer By The Sea and we will be making something different each session.

For details of each activity see our Facebook and Eventbrite page. Booking is essential. Use our Eventbrite page or call the gallery on **01429 869706**.

FREE | hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk

Big Lime Triathlon

20th August | 8am

Hartlepool Marina

What? 750m open water swim, 20km closed road cycle, 5km run.

A Triathlon consisting of three disciplines: swimming, cycling and running in consecutive order.

Events cover various distances set out by the governing body Triathlon England and competitors race against peers in their age category.

Taking part in a triathlon is achievable for everyone with practice.

For further information or to volunteer at any of our events call **01429 284050 / 07787 697643** or email **participation@hartlepool.gov.uk**



Triathlon Entry - £50 | www.activehartlepool.co.uk/big-lime-series

The History Of Rock

22nd September | 7.30pm

Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

The History Of Rock is a celebration of rock music through the decades. A jaw dropping night transporting you through the golden ages of rock! Featuring the music of artists such as Led Zeppelin, Cream, Guns n Roses, AC/DC, Queen and many more.

Rediscover the seeds of rock & roll in the 1950s, the birth of rock in the 60s, right through to the classic rock of the 70s and 80s.

A must see for any fan of rock! Experience this iconic music brought back to life by an exceptional live band consisting of some of the finest musicians and performers from around the world, original visual footage of the featured bands and artists, as well as incredible concert staging and lighting.

Relive the greatest rock songs of all time with The History Of Rock.

Standard £22, Prime Seating £24.50 | www.culturehartlepool.com



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GET INVOLVED!

Hartlepool has the huge honour of hosting the world-famous Tall Ships again this summer.

It comes after hundreds of thousands of visitors from far and wide flocked to the town when the ships last visited in 2010 – the largest free event held in England that year.

We'd love you to be part of what's set to be another fantastic and memorable event.

There's a host of opportunities to be part of our story.

For more information visit:

www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk



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