

WHAT'S ON GUIDE

OCTOBER - MARCH 2024



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Welcome to our Autumn and Winter What's On Guide!

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

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.creativehartlepool.co.uk







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Sign up to Creative Hartlepool's mailing list to learn more about upcoming shows at The Town Hall Theatre, events at the Borough Hall and across the town, alongside our special offers!

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Jonny Hannah: Shipbuilders and Fisherfolk



24th June – 4th November 2023



Hartlepool Art Gallery and Museum of Hartlepool



Free



www.culturehartlepool.com

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.



Sewing Group

- 📅 Thursdays starting 5th October 2023 | **10am - 12pm**
- 📍 Hartlepool Art Gallery
- £ Free
- 🌐 www.culturehartlepool.com/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.



Drawing Group

- 📅 Thursdays starting 5th October 2023 | **12pm - 2pm**
- 📍 Hartlepool Art Gallery
- £ £5
- 🌐 www.culturehartlepool.com/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

Folk Festival

- 📅 Friday 6th – Saturday 8th October 2023
- 📍 The Borough Hall, the Squircle, St Hilda's Church and other locations on the Headland
- £ Visit website to see price options
- 🌐 www.hartlepoolfolkfest.co.uk

Hartlepool Folk Festival returns this year with more surprises than ever! Along with iconic folk acts including Altan and Spiers & Boden, the programme features popular poet John Hegley and a screening of Ken Loach's new film The Old Oak, with screenwriter Paul Laverty as a special guest.

The outdoor Family Festival is back, with loads of completely free activities and performances, and there will be a new Craft & Food Village in the Headland Sports Hall.

Don't miss the amazing Sing-Along-A-Wickerman on Saturday night! This hilarious participative show marks 50 years since the release of the beloved British horror film.



Hartlepool Art Club



11th October | 8th November | 13th December |
10th January, 14th February | **7pm - 9pm**



Hartlepool Art Gallery



Free to members / £5.00 to non-members



www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk

Hartlepool Art Club is a meeting place for all art lovers. They offer 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.



Dabble In Art



Every other Saturday starting Saturday 14th October
2023 | **10am - 12pm**



Hartlepool Art Gallery



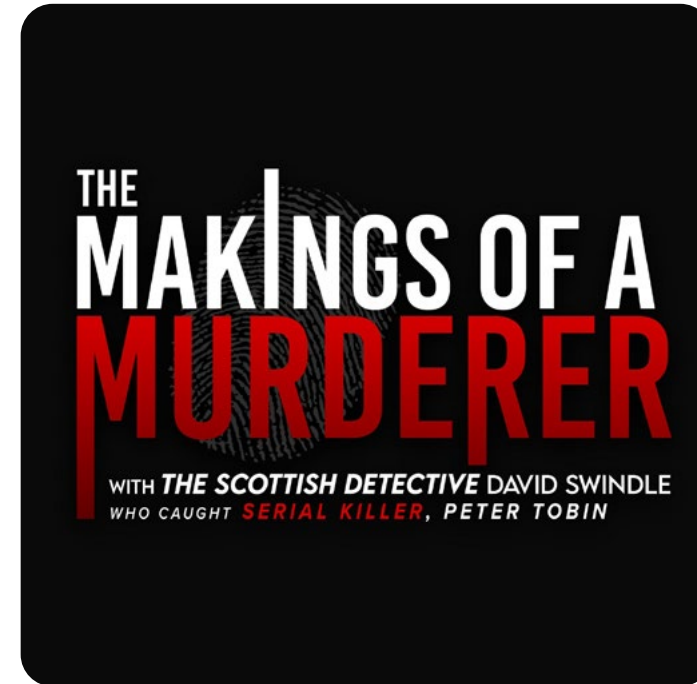
Free



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

Dabble In Art is led 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.



Tuesday 17th October 2023 | Show time **7:30pm**



Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre



£25



www.culturehartlepool.com/events

The Makings of a Murderer

Hosted by the Detective Who Brought Serial Killer PETER TOBIN to Justice.

Join The Scottish Detective, David Swindle, for a chilling, thrilling, night at the theatre. True crime fans, and those with a curious mind, can explore the cases, the circumstances and the detective's perspective on what really went on, the early warning signs and the clues behind The Makings of a Murderer!

What makes a serial killer tick? What are the tell-tale signs? What really goes on behind the scenes?

Learn about the biggest British serial killers of all time – including Jack the Ripper, Peter Tobin, Harold Shipman, Peter Sutcliffe and 'Killer Couples' – Fred and Rose West and The Moors Murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley.

With more than 34 years as a senior detective, David shares his unique insight into the minds of the murderers, the famous cases that were never solved, and how the murderer got away with it. . . from someone on the inside.



Ultimate Dinosaurs with Dr Ben Garrod

Get ready to go on an exciting pre-historic adventure as Ben talks you through the deadliest predators that ever roamed the planet. Yes dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus rex, Allosaurus and Spinosaurus would have walked or swam right where you are now!

Putting the knowledge of unwitting parents against their all-knowing kids, Dr Ben presents an interactive, educational and highly entertaining show. So come and test your knowledge against Dr Ben in this hit live interactive show which is bigger and better than ever.



Thursday 19th October 2023 | Show time **5pm**



Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre



Standard £17 | Child £15 | Concession £15



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Hot Potato Comedy Club

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!



Saturday 28th October | Saturday 25th November |
Christmas special Saturday 16th December |
Saturday 27th January | Saturday 24th February |
Saturday 30th March | Show starts from **8pm**



Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre



£9 early bird (until week before show) then £13.
Christmas special £17



www.culturehartlepool.com/events



The Big Draw Halloween Crafts – Inspired by Insects!



Monday 30th October 2023
Sessions are **11am - 12pm** & **1pm - 2pm**



Museum of Hartlepool



Free



www.museumofhartlepool.eventbrite.co.uk

INSECTS! Inspired by our collection and Halloween we will be creating a large scale insect landscape and some insect based Halloween Crafts to take home. This session is part of THE BIG DRAW campaign.



Togetherfest, A Comic Making Workshop



Wednesday 1st November 2023
Sessions are **2 - 3pm** & **3.15 - 4.15pm**



Hartlepool Art Gallery



Free



www.hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk

In this workshop you will learn the basics of cartooning with our visiting comic artist! You will create a unique, sequential piece to your story by making a one page comic in just one hour.

Suitable for ages 14+

Tickets go on sale closer to the event.



The Big Draw Bonfire Night Art!



Friday 3rd November 2023
Sessions are **10am - 11am** | **11.15am - 12.15pm**



Hartlepool Art Gallery



Free



www.hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk

Join us to create a large scale collaborative Bonfire Night artwork and your own paper pop-up fireworks to take home. This session is part of THE BIG DRAW campaign.

Tickets go on sale closer to the event.

Fireworks Display



Sunday 5th November 2023



Seaton Carew



Free



www.creativehartlepool.co.uk

Celebrate bonfire night with a spectacular fireworks display that will illuminate the sky across Seaton Carew.

Visit www.creativehartlepool.co.uk closer to the date for times.



Thank You For The Music



Friday 10th November 2023. Show time **7.30pm**



Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre



£25



www.culturehartlepool.com/events

Calling all Dancing Queens, this is your night to say, Thank you for the Music!

This international smash-hit tribute show brings all ABBA's number one hits to the stage in a production like no other. The hugely popular show, now in its 20th year, with a brand-new show for 2021/22 combines the unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes, and dazzling performances by our all-star cast.

Join us for the party of the year, you can dance, you can jive, and have the time of your life as we bring you all the hits, including Waterloo, Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, Mamma Mia, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Gimme, Gimme, Gimme, The Winner Takes It All and many many more!



1960s Fashionista: The Marguerite Elliot Collection

-  11th November – 4th March 2024
-  Museum of Hartlepool
-  Free
-  www.culturehartlepool.com/art-gallery

This exhibition shines a light on one of our most fabulous clothing collections all assembled by one fashion fan: Marguerite Elliot. Originally from Hartlepool, Marguerite, collected the latest fashions, magazines and accessories while living in London during the swinging 60's. Come and see some stunning pieces, learn all about fashion icons and designers and discover how the decade revolutionised the fashion industry.



Hartlepool Art Club's 76th Annual Exhibition

-  18th November 2023 – 13th January 2024
-  Hartlepool Art Gallery
-  Free
-  www.culturehartlepool.com

A showcase of the imagination and skills that have established Hartlepool Art Club's reputation as one of the leading art societies in the north of England.



Adult textile course

-  Friday 17th, 24th November | 1st, 8th December 2023
-  Hartlepool Art Gallery
-  £25
-  www.culturehartlepool.com

Join us for a 4-week course to create a Christmas wall hanging using the traditional skill of rag-rugging. All materials and tools are provided, so you just need to bring yourself! At the end of the four weeks, you will have learned a new skill and have a wall hanging to take home.

Please purchase tickets from Hartlepool Art Gallery or call 01429 869706

Matt Reed Gin – Credible

-  Saturday 18th November 2023 | Show time 8pm
-  Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre
-  £15
-  www.culturehartlepool.com/events

A man who has been in every situation that comedy can throw his way. Broken ribs up a mountain. On-stage nudity. Crowds of 10 and of 25,000. He's done it all and he's done it brilliantly. Spend an evening with Hartlepool's favourite MC Matt Reed as he brings his solo show to Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre.



Wintertide Festival

 24th – 26th November 2023

 Headland

 Free

 www.wintertidefestival.co.uk

Kickstarting the winter season 2023 is the year for Wintertide Festival to excite, 'IGNITE' and mark a turning point for the independent festival. Taking over the historical Headland with three days of artistic programming that surprises and delights, transforming spaces and places to encourage people to see the everyday in a different way. This year the programme sees large sculptural build and burn working with renowned artist Alex Rigg, which will be ceremonially ignited during the closing finale.

The re-emergence of the community lantern parade will connect and engage more people than ever with opportunities to get involved across the town. Day and night Art Trail utilising residential house windows, facades & gardens as temporary exhibition spaces with our Street Ambassador programme.

Projected exhibition, performances, makers market & full music programme across the site linking with partner venues. Look on our website or follow us on social media to keep up to date with more details.



Member of Artists' Union England, the trade union for visual, applied and socially engaged artists www.artistsunionengland.org.uk @ArtistsUnionE

Hartlepool Stage Society Presents 70 Years Of Musical Memories

 Wednesday 29th November | Thursday 30th November 2023. Show time **7:00pm**

 Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre


 Standard £12 | Concession £10

 www.culturehartlepool.com/events

Hartlepool Stage Society are celebrating their Platinum Anniversary in 2023, so join them for a whistle-stop adventure through 70 years of Musical Memories! Performing songs from their favourite musicals performed over the years, this wonderfully nostalgic concert will feature members old and new in a fantastic celebration of their time together.



Relaxed Open Sessions at Hartlepool Art Gallery

 28th September 2023 | 26th October 2023 | 30th November 2023 | 21st December 2023 | 29th February 2024 | 28th March 2024 | 25th April 2024 | **4 - 5pm**

 Hartlepool Art Gallery

 Free

 www.culturehartlepool.com/art-gallery

Our sensory friendly open hours are perfect for those who may benefit from the music and lighting being turned down, reduced noise and smells from the café and a relaxed ambience. We welcome anyone who would like to enjoy some peace and quiet while viewing the exhibition.

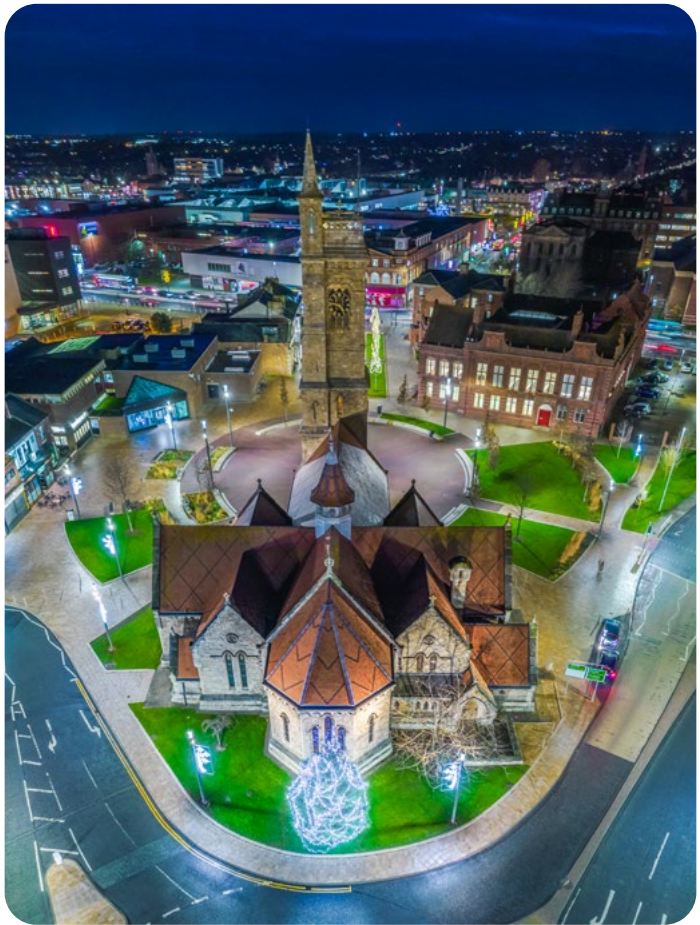
Ear defenders, visual story and fidget toys available.

Christmas Light Switch On

-  Friday 1st December 2023
-  Church Square
-  Free
-  www.creativehartlepool.co.uk

It's the most magical time of the year when we illuminate the town in dazzling Christmas lights! Join us at Church Square when some very special guests will be pressing the button!

Stay tuned to the Creative Hartlepool website and social media pages to find out more information.




Festive Shopping Event at Hartlepool Art Gallery

-  Saturday 2nd December 2023 | 10am - 3pm
-  Hartlepool Art Gallery
-  Free
-  www.culturehartlepool.com


This festive shopping event is the perfect opportunity to get in the Christmas spirit. Browse our eclectic range of beautifully hand crafted, local gifts, take in the artworks, enjoy a mulled wine, free family craft, opportunity to 'meet the maker' and gift wrapping all in the surroundings of our beautiful Grade II listed building.



AJ Theatrical Productions Presents Peter Pan

 10th December - 28th December 2023

 Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

 Adult Stage Facing – £24.50
Child Stage Facing – £20.00
Adult Side Facing – £20.00
Child Side Facing – £18.00

 www.culturehartlepool.com/events

AJ Theatrical Productions are delighted to be back at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre this Christmas with their family pantomime Peter Pan and the Lost Boys. Since the record-breaking run of Jack and the Beanstalk last Christmas AJ Theatrical Productions are back this Christmas for an adventure like never before!

This production includes all your favourite characters in an adventure like never before! Get ready to join Peter and the lost boys as they fight to defend Neverland against the dastardly Captain Hook!

Starring audience favourites Ruff Diamond as the Lost boys and singing sensation Anthony Turner returns to reprise his role as the baddie!



So get ready to hiss, boo and sing along! As Peter Pan takes flight, what could possibly go wrong?



Toddler Takeover Day Christmas Edition

 Monday 11 December 2023:
Sessions are **10am - 11am** | **11.15am -12.15pm** | **1pm -2pm**

 Hartlepool Art Gallery

 Free

 www.hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk

Join us at Hartlepool Art Gallery for our fantastic Christmas Edition of Toddler Take Over! Your little ones will become trainee elves for the session taking part in many activities including tree decorating, play dough, Christmas crafts, visiting our polar bear reading den, small world play and dressing up.

Suitable for under-fives with their adults. Tickets go on sale closer to the event.



John Bulmer: Northern Light

 27th January – 4th May 2024

 Hartlepool Art Gallery

 Free

 www.culturehartlepool.com

See Hartlepool during the 1960s as captured by legendary photographer John Bulmer before he shot to fame with his iconic images of the north for the Sunday Times magazine.

Never shown in the town before, the photographs Bulmer took sixty years ago provide a fascinating record of the town during one moment in time.

February half term Family sessions

 Monday 19th February 2024:
11am – 12pm | 1 – 2pm

 Museum of Hartlepool

 Free


 [www.museumofhartlepool.
eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.museumofhartlepool.eventbrite.co.uk)

Join us at Hartlepool Art Gallery for a fun family art and craft session!

Tickets go on sale closer to the event.



Mini Pride Event

 Wednesday 21 February 2024:
10.30 – 12.30pm | 1.30 – 3.30pm

 Hartlepool Art Gallery

 Free

 www.culturehartlepool.com

Join Curious Arts at Hartlepool Art Gallery for Mini Pride, a celebration of everything that's unique and wonderful about families! Take part in fun, creative activities from colourful arts and crafts to an interactive story time with our Curious Artists.

Suitable for ages 3-7 and their families.
Tickets go on sale closer to the event.

February half term Family sessions

 Friday 23 February 2024:
10 – 11am | 11.15am – 12.15pm

 Hartlepool Art Gallery

 Free

 www.hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk

Join us at Hartlepool Art Gallery for a fun family art and craft session!

Tickets go on sale closer to the event.



The History Of Rock

 Thursday 22nd February 2024 | Show time **7.30pm**

 Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

 Free

 www.culturehartlepool.com/events

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

The Dazzling Diamonds



Friday 23rd February 2024 | Show time **7.30pm**



Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre



£20 – £25 | Cabaret Table seats £25 | Balcony £20



www.culturehartlepool.com/events

The Dazzling Diamonds are coming to Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre with their brand-new comedy variety drag show. The show is packed with high energy dance routines, stunning live vocals, and side-splitting comedy sketches, not forgetting the spectacular costumes which are bound to leave your jaw on the floor!

Featuring favourite singalong songs from artists such as Cher, Adele, and Dolly Parton, as well as songs from some of your favourite movies, the show is certain to have something for everyone! Receiving 5* reviews from audiences, The Dazzling Diamonds are a cast of three drag artists all of whom have performed internationally across Europe.

Join Miss Lola Lush, Miss Alexis and Bailey La Creame for an unforgettable night filled to the brim with glamour, laughter, and fun. It's guaranteed to be a night to remember!

** This show contains adult themes and strong language. Please note that under 16s must be accompanied by an adult*



We're delighted to announce that in 2023 and 2024, we will be teaming up with the National Theatre in London to bring the best of British Theatre to Hartlepool via cinema screenings.

Whether you're into classic drama, rom-coms, award-winning contemporary plays or Shakespeare – you're guaranteed the best seat in the house. Filmed live from one of Britain's most exciting stages, you'll be at the heart of the action – whether that's watching Kit Harrington do battle in Henry V or Phoebe Waller-Bridge's knockout solo stage adaptation of Fleabag.

Upcoming screenings will be in November 2023 and across 2024. Keep up to date here www.creativehartlepool.co.uk for announcements of the new titles as soon as they happen!

Visit our website for more information



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