

Kettering Highlights

Spring 2014

A guide to what's happening in and around the Borough of Kettering

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what's on
in March,
April
& May!

Kettering
Borough Council

Welcome to Kettering Highlights

Welcome to your spring edition of Kettering Highlights which gives you the highlights of what's happening in and around Kettering.

You can find out what activities are taking place in March, April and May at the Museum, Art Gallery and around the Borough.

For more events please visit www.kettering.gov.uk/highlights or call **01536 315 115**. Your views are really important to us and we'd love to hear what you think, so email us at highlights@kettering.gov.uk



The shop at the Manor House Museum




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Museum & Art Gallery

The Manor House Museum and the Alfred East Art Gallery are collectively known as Kettering Museum and Art Gallery and always offer an exciting range of changing exhibitions, permanent displays, children's activities and much more.

Museum and Gallery opening times are Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4.45pm.

Please note that both the Museum and Art Gallery are closed on Bank Holidays, and for a short period in late March/early April for stocktaking. Please see our website for details.

 @KMuseumGallery

Kettering Market Place

Kettering's Market Place offers an attractive and fun place to stage a range of public events throughout the year and provides an ideal setting to meet friends and relax.

For further information visit www.kettering.gov.uk/marketplace

 @MarketPlaceKett



Visit our website
www.kettering.gov.uk

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The Museum & Art Gallery

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This guide is also available in large print, Braille, on audio tape, CD and can be translated into other languages. Please call us on **01536 410 333** for further assistance.

Your views are really important to us and we'd love to hear what you think about **Kettering Highlights** so email us at **highlights@kettering.gov.uk**



“Head XXIII” (detail), Sue Baker Kenton

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Fantastical Animal Alphabet & Practical Dialogue

Alfred East Art Gallery **FREE**

8 March – 12 April

Leicester Print Workshop has teamed up with the Alfred East Art Gallery to present two exhibitions of contemporary original prints.

Practical Dialogue is a research project and exhibition lead by LPW's 2013 Artist in Residence, Sue Baker Kenton and features the results of collaborative partnerships between printmakers and artists working in other media. The participating artists are: Sue Baker Kenton, Serena Smith, Peter Clayton, Gino Ballantyne, Richard Devereux and Gordon Millar.

A Fantastical Animal Alphabet is a project developed in partnership with Compton Verney and in response to the British Museum's collection of animal prints.



Nine LPW artists were commissioned to produce an alphabet of the real and the imagined. Featuring a range of printmaking techniques: lino cut, screenprint, letterpress as well as book binding and origami, this lively exhibition is designed to share the versatility of printmaking in fine art.

COMING SOON

Jamie Boots

Alfred East Art Gallery **FREE**

18 January – 1 March

Originally from New Zealand, Jamie is a self-taught artist whose work is produced in graphite pencil. The finest detail is achieved by etching fur or skin texture into the paper and then working over the top of it with darker tones of pencil. A large number of photographs are taken with up to ten pictures being used to create the composition of the drawing whilst also trying to capture the individual character of the animal to be drawn. Jamie also produces one off wood carvings made out of plywood which have a very tactile appearance.

Jamie first exhibited his work in 2004 and has won a number of awards for his artwork. In a very short period of time a hobby became a profession and with a limited number of originals being available each year his drawings have become highly collectable. Many of Jamie's pictures are available as limited edition prints in galleries throughout the UK.



Courtesy of Jamie Boots

Focus on Photography 14 Corby Photographic Club

Alfred East Art Gallery **FREE**

Long Gallery

3 May - 31 May

Serving Corby and the surrounding areas, the club has a mixed programme of competitions and lectures as well as various practical sessions around the county. Our enthusiastic group of photographers, with abilities ranging from beginners to experienced amateurs, value traditional photographic techniques as well as embracing the latest digital technology. At Corby Photographic Club our main aim is to stimulate and encourage members whilst always keeping it enjoyable.

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onwards for
Lunchtime Talks
at the Gallery



Courtesy of Barry Knott



Kettering Collects

Manor House Museum **FREE**

1 March - 31 May

From the Museum's own collection, to individual collectors from across the Borough, Kettering Collects will look at the history of collecting and at what and why people collect today.

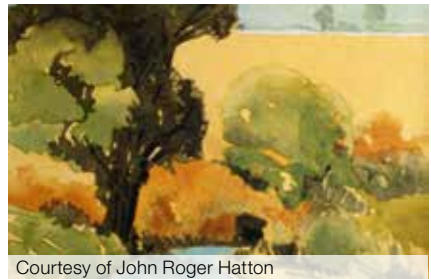
In celebration of the Museum's 25th year at the Manor House site, the exhibition will highlight the history of collecting, and it will look at what happens to objects donated to the Museum. It will also showcase a range of items collected by the Museum through its 100+ year long history.

Image & Imagination *John Roger Hatton NDD*

Alfred East Art Gallery **FREE**
Long Gallery

15 February - 15 March

Roger's work is an interpretation of the landscape, observed in daily travel from home to his studio in East Northamptonshire, regular visits to the East Neuk, Fife, Scotland and to the Big Sur coast near Monterey, Northern California. The work is mainly water based media, newer works are tending towards Impressionism or full abstraction, experimenting with colour, light and texture sourced from sketches, reference photographs or images glimpsed on his travels and conveyed to paper or canvas directly from the mind. This invites the



Courtesy of John Roger Hatton

viewer to use their own imagination in interpreting the work.

Roger trained at Northwich College, Cheshire and Leicester College of Art, graduating in Graphic Design, Typography and Photography, and more recently at West Dean College, Sussex. He is currently studying abstracting landscape with the Royal Watercolour Society in London where his work was exhibited in 2013.

Art in Mind

Alfred East Art Gallery **FREE**

18 March - 8 April

Kettering Mind is a local charity based in Russell Street since March 1994. They provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. Mind's resource centre provides a safe, non-judgemental environment where service users have access to 1:1 support, community support, peer support, various courses such as relaxation, anxiety management and creative groups such as music and art. As well as being therapeutic, groups such as art, mosaic, knitting and quilting help individuals to learn new skills and achieve success in creative activities. This helps to build confidence and improve self esteem.

Mind are delighted with this opportunity to exhibit our work and hope that it will help to reduce the stigma that still surrounds mental health issues in today's society.

For any information about services, contact Mind:

01536 523 216

Kettmind@hotmail.com



open14

Alfred East Art Gallery **FREE**

26 April – 31 May

This annual open exhibition presents an exciting opportunity for young, amateur and professional artists to showcase their artistic talents.

The open14 exhibition is open for artists 16+ and for younger talents the Youth open14 is open for ages 8 - 16 years, all competing for a range of artist's prizes.

The popular and diverse exhibition presents an array of artworks and contemporary craft by artists from the local and regional areas around Northamptonshire.

The exhibition includes a wide selection of different art forms with painting, photography, illustration, sculpture, textiles and ceramics.

All works in the exhibition are for sale, providing an ideal opportunity to start your own art collection and support local artists.

To apply to take part in the exhibition, download a copy of the entry forms at **www.kettering.gov.uk/open14** or pick a copy up at the Art Gallery.

Sponsored by Kettering Borough Council, Typestart and Portland Print.

Submission dates:

Wednesday 16th April, 10am – 4pm

Thursday 17th April, 10am – 4pm

Saturday 19th April, 10am - 2pm



Community Corner at the Manor House Museum

Northamptonshire Family History Society

March

Are you interested in learning more about your family history?

Come and find out about Northamptonshire Family History Society and what it has to offer. Our display will give you ten top tips for researching your family history and show you the many different types of records that are available to help you along the way.



Kettering Operatic Society Musical Theatre Company

April

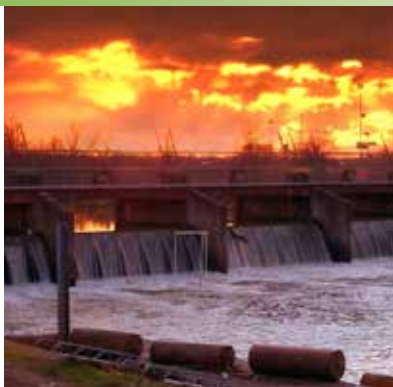
Little Dorothy Gale of Kansas often dreams of what may lie over the rainbow. One day a tornado hits her home town and carries her away to Munchkinland. Find out more about this production of 'The Wizard of Oz' in this Community Corner display. The Lighthouse Theatre opens the curtains to the performance between 29 April and 3 May.

Kettering District Photographic Society

May

We will be presenting members' photographs from Novice through to Advanced members all taken in and around the Kettering area. There will be full details of our club including all the years activities and Training Workshops. Our membership is open to all.

Courtesy of KDPS



To find out how your local group can feature in the Museum's Community Corner please contact us on **01536 534 219**, or by email at museumandgallery@kettering.gov.uk

All items in this showcase are for sale

Maggie Smith – Basketry

March

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Inspiration for Maggie's work comes from the natural world and the materials around her. Using a wide variety of materials and techniques she creates both traditional and contemporary work as well as work to commission.

Seeing the willow in all its different forms, textures and colours; finding new things she can do, new things the willow can do; all this inspires her on to the next piece.

Courtesy of Maggie Smith



Courtesy of Julia Smith

Julia Smith – Ceramic Artist

April

Subtle colours, organic textures and inspiration from nature are reflected in Julia's range of earthenware ceramics. She works from her home studio near Inverness which looks out over the Moray Firth.

Julia's current collection ranges in size from mugs, bowls & plates to large fruit and serving bowls.

T&B Artisans – Jewellery Makers

May

Handmade jewellery, mostly made from silver as well as other materials, such as copper, iron, aluminium, hard stones. Individual and unique pieces and small collections of matching sets.

"Their designs seem like sketches of things that are found in nature, and that point to mystery and pleasure."

Giorgio Boratto, mentelocale.it
Courtesy of T&B Artisans



EGG – A View Into The Past

Alfred East Art Gallery **FREE**

Saturday 15 March - Saturday 10 May

A special exhibition showcasing the three most famous artists Kettering has produced in the last 160 years; EGG exhibits works of art from Sir Alfred East, W.B. Gash and T.C. Gotch.

This exhibition shows off the styles of artists in the late 19th Century/early 20th Century which can be viewed in contrast with modern day painters in the upcoming open14 exhibition.



Life Drawing

Alfred East Art Gallery

Thursday 20 March, 7 – 9pm

Thursday 10 April, 7 – 9pm

Thursday 15 May, 7 – 9pm

Tickets: £10 per session, paid in advance at the gallery

Untutored, monthly life drawing sessions set in the large gallery. Whether you are a professional or amateur artist; or just 'looking to keep your hand in'; these sessions could be suited to you. The Gallery has a limited number of easels that can be loaned on the evening.

Contact katieboyce@kettering.gov.uk for more details or call **01536 534 274**.

Shopping at the Museum and Art Gallery

The Manor House Museum shop stocks an excellent range of educational, historical and fun items, perfect for gifts or a personal treat! Why not pop in to browse our new stock.

The Alfred East Art Gallery also sells a range of prints, postcards and artist books. As well as this, many of our temporary exhibitions feature works for sale, including paintings, photography and sculpture.



Other Spring Events

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Drypoint Printing with Watercolour Collage *Sue Baker Kenton with Leicester Printworks*



Where: Alfred East Art Gallery
When: Saturday 22 March, 10am – 4pm
Tickets: £40 per person, £30 with a Leisure Pass. Lunch will be provided

During this one day course you will experiment with drawing, print and collage. Using the technique of drypoint you will transfer an image to a plate, assemble a watercolour collage using Chinese wenzhou paper and print your image. At the end of the course you will leave with a set of delicate, yet experimental art works.



Courtesy of Leicester Print Workshop

What is a Drypoint?

Drypoint is an intaglio method of printmaking. Intaglio means 'to incise'. A tool is used to scratch a design into the

surface of the plate. This creates a burr along the edge of the scratched line which gives a drypoint its distinctive soft, velvety line. Ink is then rubbed into the incised lines and the printed using a press.

Willow Basket in a Day *with Maggie Smith*

Where: Alfred East Art Gallery
When: Saturday 26 April, 10am – 4pm
Tickets: £50 per person, £40 for Leisure Pass holders

Basketry is one of the oldest of crafts, and with today's new appreciation of craftsmanship it is going through a revival.

This course is suitable for beginners, and lunch will be provided.

You will learn the traditional skills necessary to make a small round willow basket for holding fruit, bread, eggs etc. This is a basic basket which will introduce you to many of the techniques that are a solid foundation for a wide variety of baskets.

Courtesy of Maggie Smith



Family History

Manor House Museum

Tuesday 18 March, 2.30 – 4pm

Tuesday 29 April, 2.30 – 4pm

Tuesday 20 May, 2.30 – 4pm

Looking for help getting started with your family tree and want to learn more about available records and how to use them?

Perhaps you need advice on where to go next or have hit a brick wall in discovering more about a family tree member?

Drop-in to get started and meet a professional genealogist during one of our 10 minute 'quick-question' surgery sessions. Please call in advance to check availability.



Caring for your Treasures

Manor House Museum

Thursday 3 April, 2.30 – 4pm

Have you got a treasured object at home that you would like to know how best to look after?

Our Museum Officer may be able to help. To find out more about how to care for your treasured possessions and ensure that they are preserved for generations to come, why not drop into our special event.

Please call in advance to check availability.

Archaeological Finds

Manor House Museum **FREE**

Wednesday 19 March, 2.30 – 4pm

Wednesday 21 May, 2.30 – 4pm

Have you found an object in the ground that might be of archaeological interest?

If you have found something that you would like to know more about, please bring it along to one of these free sessions run by Northamptonshire's Finds Liaison Officer, Julie Cassidy.

Please call in advance to check availability.



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'The Man Behind The Canvas' *by Lee Burrows*

Where: Alfred East Art Gallery
When: Friday 14 March, 1 – 2pm
Tickets: £5 per person, £3.50 for Leisure Pass Holders

Northampton based artist, Lee Burrows, will provide a brief outline on how he became interested in painting and the different subjects that he paints. He will then concentrate on his social realism/ commentary paintings where he will explain the stories behind them and why he paints this particular subject.

Courtesy of Lee Burrows

'A Brief Introduction to Printmaking' *by Leicester Print Workshop*

Where: Alfred East Art Gallery
When: Friday 4 April, 1 – 2pm
Tickets: £5 per person, £3.50 for Leisure Pass Holders

Leicester Print Workshop will give a brief introduction into the art of Printmaking using the current exhibition, Practical Dialogues and Fantastical Animal Alphabet, as illustration. The talk will also guide us through both exhibitions giving insight into the background behind the work and how they were formed.



Courtesy of Leicester Print Workshop





'Delving into Wicksteed's Archives' *by Charlotte Widgery*

Where: Alfred East Art Gallery

When: Friday 9 May, 1 – 2pm

Tickets: £5 per person, £3.50 for Leisure Pass Holders

A group of dedicated volunteers have been collating and cataloguing the park's history. Find out what they have uncovered and how these stories will be shared.

Education Service

Kettering Museum and Art Gallery offer a wide range of educational services to schools, local community groups and other organisations within Northamptonshire. We provide Loans Boxes, available to hire, providing an excellent way to bring life into teaching history and much more, within your own venue. In addition, on-site visits are welcomed at the Museum and Gallery.

Sessions led by our experienced learning facilitators are available both on-site and outreach, using objects from our handling collections to provide an engaging and memorable learning experience.





Friends of Kettering Art Gallery & Museum Talks & Events

'The Sun Still Never Sets' *by John Wilson*

Where: Alfred East Art Gallery
When: Thursday 10 April, 7.30pm
Tickets: £3 per person, free to Friends Members. Available on the door, no advance booking required.

AGM of the friends of Kettering Art Gallery and Museum 7pm, followed by the talk at 7.30 pm.

John Wilson, Chair of the Friends, who has recently visited the Falkland Islands, Turks & Caicos, Bhutan and South Sudan, will give an illustrated talk on these countries, with particular reference to their British connections.



Friends of Kettering Art Gallery and Museum

'Grammar School Education in Kettering' by Maurice Bayes

Where: Alfred East Art Gallery
When: Thursday 20 March, 7.30pm
Tickets: £3 per person, free to Friends Members. Available on the door, no advance booking required.

Maurice Bayes gives a brief history of the Kettering Grammar School and Barbara Lewis presents and compares the history of Kettering High School for Girls. Both discuss the post war changes to education, the end of grammar schools in Kettering, and memorable moments of the 50s and 60s school days.



'Sir Alfred East, Landscape Painter' by Geoff Hales

Where: Alfred East Art Gallery
When: Thursday 15 May, 7.30pm
Tickets: £3 per person, free to Friends Members. Available on the door, no advance booking required.

Geoff Hales will repeat his presentation of Alfred East as he reminisces about his childhood in Kettering, his work in his brother's shoe factory, his decision to be a painter and his highly successful career in Japan, Europe and at home in England.



Image courtesy of Kettering Borough Council

Show your support for the Art Gallery and Museum!

For a small annual subscription you will receive free evening talks, invitations to previews, local outings and a chance to get involved in the work of the Museum and Art Gallery. They now also offer family membership with benefits for children.

For more information contact the Chair of the Friends, John, on **01536 518 941** or pick up a membership form at the Museum or Art Gallery.



Children's Activities at the Manor House Museum

Join us for Fun in the Easter Holidays!

Manor House Museum

'Museum Makes'

Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 April

A fun-filled week of children's craft activities inspired by some of the Manor House Museum's most popular and interesting artefacts.

'Easter Crafts'

Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17, and Tuesday 22 April

Join us for a host of Child friendly Easter Crafts! Workshops last approximately 1 hour and are charged at £3 per child, £2 for Kettering Leisure Pass Holders. Free to Young Friends of Kettering Art Gallery and Museum.

Contact the Museum for further information and the full activity timetable.

General Opening Times: Tuesday-Saturday, 10am – 4.45pm (last admission 4.30pm)

Please note the Museum and Art Gallery will be closed on Bank Holiday Friday 18 April.



'Myths, Legends and Magic'

Manor House Museum

Join us for fun in the May Half-Term Holiday!

Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 May

A packed programme of 'Myths, Legends and Magic' inspired art and craft workshops to keep the kids busy this Half-Term!

Workshops last approximately 1 hour and are charged at £3 per child, £2 for Kettering Leisure Pass Holders. Free to Young Friends of Kettering Art Gallery and Museum.

Contact the Museum from April onwards for further information and the full activity timetable.

Booking
is
essential!



Free Activities

The Manor House Museum always offers an exciting range of free activity worksheets, trails, brass rubbings and more alongside its exhibitions!



Community Events and Entertainment Around the Borough

Sean Hughes plays Kettering Arts Centre, Saturday 15 March

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Sean Hughes

Kettering Arts Centre
Saturday 15 March, 8pm (doors 7:30pm)
£13 (£12 concessions)

Sean Hughes is back on tour following a critically acclaimed, audience packed run of his new show 'Penguins' at The Edinburgh Fringe. Sean was awarded the Herald Angels Award for Best Comedy show.

He was recently voted No. 40 in Channel 4's 'World's 100 Greatest Comedians' poll.



*"At his funniest
and most
profound"*
The Sunday Herald



*"Someone
you could listen
to forever on almost
any subject"*

The British Comedy
Guide

Miles Jupp

Kettering Arts Centre
Saturday 1st March, 8pm
£15 (£13 concessions)

Miles Jupp – actor, writer and comedian – is making a return to stand-up and going on his first live UK tour since the hugely successful "Fibber In The Heat". Regularly appearing on Have I Got News For You, Mock The Week as well as an assortment of other shows and acting in Alan Bennett's People at the National Theatre for 8 months.

The Blues Band

Kettering Arts Centre
Saturday 24th May, 8pm
£20 in advance, £22 on the door

The individual members of The Blues Band were already held in admiration by generations of R&B fans when they formed back in 1979.

The band is today acknowledged throughout Europe and beyond as being amongst Britain's finest, most skilled practitioners in the art of the blues.





Grumpy Old Women

Lighthouse Theatre
Monday 26th May 2014, 7.30pm
£20

By popular demand the Grumpies are back to knock some sense into the nation. Perrier Award-winning comedian, writer and original star of Grumpy Old Women Jenny Eclair will be joined by fellow recruits Susie Blake (Mrs Brown's Boys BBC One, Coronation Street, ITV1) and actress and singer Kate Robbins (Where The Heart Is ITV1, Casualty BBC One) in this brand spanking new show.

"Delightfully
childish"
WhatsOnStage

Richard Tyrone Jones has a Big Heart

Kettering Arts Centre
Saturday 17th May 2014
doors 7.30pm start 8pm
£8 (£7 concessions)

Richard Tyrone Jones – gym-goer, man about town, performance poet – got heart failure for his 30th birthday. This hour-long show charts his decline, hospitalisation and eventual recovery through stand-up, poetry, and a bit of ironic singing and dancing.



"A
charismatic
and likeable
performer."
The Skinny



Nick Penny & David Garret Poetry, Harp & Birdsong

United Reformed Church, London Rd
Saturday 21st March
Start 7.30pm

£5 on the door, light refreshments inc.

Northamptonshire poet David Garrett and harpist/composer Nick Penny celebrate the natural beauty of the Nene Valley with a truly memorable evening of poetry, harp and birdsong, mixing spoken word with original music.



Sport Relief Mile

Kettering Market Place
Sunday 23rd March, from 12pm
£6 adults, £3 children, £15 family ticket

Join in the fun and games and walk, jog or run the Kettering Sport Relief Mile. The event will start from 12pm, with a mass warm up followed by the run at 12.30pm. You can run, walk or hop 1 mile, 3 mile or 6 miles.

For further information and to register please visit www.sportrelief.com or you can enter on the day at Kettering Market

Pantaloons Theatre Co Sherlock Holmes

Kettering Arts Centre
Saturday 5th April, 7.30pm
£10 (£9 concessions)

Holmes and Watson tackle their most fiendish case yet in this delightfully inventive and hilarious show for all ages featuring live music, audience interaction and more mystery than you can shake a magnifying glass at!



*"Witty,
energetic and
accessible"*
The Guardian



Potbelly Folk Festival – Autumn Day Special

Kettering Arts Centre, St Andrew's Church
Saturday 22nd March
doors 1.30pm start 2pm til late
£8 (£5 concessions)

This special day festival is returning this Spring, with more quality folk music, great beers, wonderful people and an atmospheric venue. There will be more children's arts activities and the cafe in the church rooms, plus under 5s go free!



**The
EGGS
Factor**

**Tuesday 28th April -
Saturday 12th April**

**Enter the prize draw to
win an Easter surprise!**

**Come along to Kettering Town centre this
Half Term to take part in our**

Easter Egg Hunt!

**Find all the shops in the wordsearch to
help you locate all the eggs**

**50p per form available from the Manor House Museum - all
proceeds go to charity**



**A treat for
every town
returned!**

**For further information on Easter holiday activities, please visit
www.kettering.gov.uk/easter**

Contact Details and Opening Hours

Kettering Museum and Art Gallery – Free Entry
Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am – 4.45pm

Closed Bank Holidays

Email: museumandgallery@kettering.gov.uk

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