

# EVENTS PROGRAMME

JAN – JUNE  
2024

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### New year, new events

Welcome to our new Jan to June 2024 programme that includes a top class selection of music, film, arts workshops and a poetry festival. With more than 30 events and workshops to choose from, we promise that there really will be something for everyone to enjoy.


Last autumn's introductory arts workshops were a great success, so we are running Art Workshops again on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons to provide space for new attendees. A new five-week introductory course on Printmaking will take place on Tuesday nights, and there's a new Oils for Beginners course on Thursday nights, which we hope will be extended until June.

Please see ArtsforHungerford.com for more information on the arts workshops; current attendees will always have priority booking.

We are delighted to be part of the Hungerford Poetry Festival. This will run from 2 to 16 March, and events include an exhibition of poetry by local residents in Hungerford Library, a poetry-writing workshop, the creation of a new poem to celebrate Hungerford, an open-mic event and a poetry trail around the town. There'll also be two nights of performance poetry by some of the best in the business. So get booking NOW!

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### ARTS WORKSHOPS



**Croft Hall – Course of 10 two-hour introductory workshops on either TUES or WED – £130**  
**TUES 9 JAN & TUES 27 FEB – 1.30pm**  
**WED 10 JAN & WED 28 FEB – 1.30pm**

#### Mixed Media

Join Jacky Purtil for a mixed media course where you can explore experimental artwork skills, including Bubble Art and Oil Pastel stencils.

### ARTS WORKSHOPS



**TUES 16 JAN & TUES 5 MAR – 1.30pm**

#### Introduction to Oil Painting

Perfect for those who are novice to intermediate level wanting to learn new techniques and improve their skills in a relaxed, friendly and sociable atmosphere with guidance from artist Richard Bellin.

**ARTS WORKSHOPS**



**WED 17 JAN & WED 6 MAR – 1.30pm**

**Introduction to Abstract Painting Techniques**

Jacky Purtill will teach some exciting creative techniques, including developing motifs and patterns with metallic watercolours on black paper, as well as using mark-making tools and acrylic paint to create stunning abstract galaxy inspired artworks.

**ARTS WORKSHOPS**



**TUES 23 JAN & TUES 12 MAR – 1.30pm**  
**WED 24 JAN & WED 13 MAR – 1.30pm**

**Introduction to Printmaking**

Join Shirley Carter to learn how to make creative pictures inspired by nature and landscape, using simple printmaking techniques. Participants will create prints using Gelli plates and recycled card to make their own stencils. The second workshop will develop these techniques, with the addition of collage to create an exciting mixed media composition.

**ARTS WORKSHOPS**



**TUES 30 JAN & TUES 19 MAR – 1.30pm**  
**WED 31 JAN & WED 20 MAR – 1.30pm**

**Introduction to Acrylics**

Faye Knight will be running these workshops where participants will get the opportunity to learn acrylic painting techniques and also how to use a palette knife effectively.

**NEW ARTS WORKSHOPS**



**TUES 6 FEB & TUES 26 MAR – 1.30pm**  
**WED 7 FEB & WED 27 MAR – 1.30pm**

**Introduction to Tetra Pak Printing**

Join Sabrina Talana-Carruth for an introduction to the simple and effective art of Tetra Pak printing. Using up-cycled household materials, such as Tetra Pak cartons from beverages and a countertop pasta machine as a printing press, the first workshop introduces Tetra Pak printing, and the second will progress what has been learned in the previous session.

**NEW**  
**ARTS WORKSHOPS**



**TUES 10 JAN – 7 FEB**  
**5 WEEKS**  
**7pm – 9pm**  
**£130**

**Introduction to Silkscreen Printing on Paper**

Join a local husband and wife team from Berkshire Printmakers for this fun, creative hands on intro to silkscreen painting. All materials are included in the cost and a huge library of plain and patterned screens, squeegees, waterbased inks and stencils will be provided. Bring an art apron.

**NEW**  
**ARTS WORKSHOPS**



**THUS 11 JAN – 8 FEB**  
**5 WEEKS**  
**7pm – 9pm**  
**£120**

**Oils for Beginners**

Throughout these workshops, you will learn the techniques and skills required from artist Richard Bellin to master oil painting and develop your own artistic practice. All materials will be provided including paints, canvases, palette knives, brushes and so on.

Richard intends to continue courses through to June, see ArtsforHungerford.com for dates.

**FILM HISTORY/THRILLER/BIOPIC**



**FRI 12 JAN – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall - Tickets £6**

**Oppenheimer**

*Oppenheimer* has been hailed as director Christopher Nolan's magnum opus. An engrossing epic that takes you inside the tortured mind of an American scientist driven to change the world through the cataclysmic power of the atomic bomb he helped create.

With stunning visuals and a sharp script, this film has elicited a career-best performance from Cillian Murphy (of *Peaky Blinders* fame) and a potentially Oscar-winning one from Robert Downey Jr.

*'One of the most stirring things about this excellently dense and jumpy biopic is that Nolan never tries to reconcile his subjects' contradictions. If anything, he realises the futility of trying to know the unknowable'* The Wire

**MUSIC**  
**FOLK/AMERICANA**



**SAT 13 JAN – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £16**

**The Dunwells**

Leeds-based Indie duo The Dunwells return to Hungerford for a third time. Their debut album *Blind Sighted Faith* was released in 2012 and has been followed by six further albums and EPs.

These passionate and prolific singer-songwriters have previously supported Mumford and Sons, Tom Jones, Scouting for Girls, Bryan Adams, and Elbow. With strong vocals, powerful melodies, and heartfelt lyrics, The Dunwells are a great live act and are sure to sell out fast.

**FILM DRAMA/ROMANCE**



**FRI 26 JAN – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

**Past Lives**

Celine Song's directorial debut is semi-autobiographical, following two childhood friends across 24 years as they lose contact with each other and later reconnect. Past and present lives and loves collide in this immigrant story that reflects on the 'what-ifs' we all experience on our journey through life.

*'It's the kind of nuanced movie that allows for self-reflection as well as entertainment, following two characters who illustrate how relationships—both fully realized and not—influence our lives.'* Roger Ebert

**MUSIC BLUES**



**SAT 27 JAN – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £16**

**Errol Linton**

Join us for a night of Brixton blues with Errol Linton who's been a legend of the London blues scene for more than 30 years, and endorsed by Andy Kershaw, Paul Jones and John Peel. He has played with many musical greats, including Bo Diddley, Abram Wilson, Doctor John and Screaming Jay Hawkins. Errol's music blends elements of Mississippi and Jamaica blues with those of London, creating a unique raw and exciting sound.

*'The greatest British blues performing artist.'*  
Cerys Matthews

**FILM COMEDY/FANTASY**



**FRI 9 FEB – 7.30PM**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

**Barbie**

Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling star in what was one of 2023's big hits. Living in a glowing matriarchal wonderland, Barbie nevertheless experiences existential angst, so travels with Ken to the real world where things are very different. *Barbie* combines big, pink visuals and dance numbers with sharp satire critiquing consumerism and taking on feminism and patriarchy. There's something for everyone of all ages in this fabulous fun film.

*'It's a riotously entertaining candy-coloured feminist fable that manages to celebrate, satirise and deconstruct its happy-plastic subject.'* The Guardian

**MUSIC JAZZ**



**SAT 10 FEB – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £16**

**Aret Komlosy & Band**

Jazz up your weekend with a show by Aret Komlosy and her band. Aret has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, Chelsea Flower Show, as well as the London Hippodrome, and has worked with the likes of Bryan Ferry and Peter Gabriel.

A talented singer and songwriter whose songs have been covered by Will Young and Peter Grant, Aret's show is a must for fans of Dusty Springfield, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday.

**MUSIC SWING/JAZZ**



**SAT 24 FEB - 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets, see website**

**Vintage swing & jazz with Kitty Mazinsky**

Enjoy a delicious meal provided by the Funghi Club while being serenaded by vintage singer Kitty Mazinsky, accompanied live on piano. Tap your toes to upbeat swing and savour sweet ballads as Kitty brings us classic numbers from the 1920s to the 1960s. Hits by Ella Fitzgerald, Doris Day, Nat King Cole and more create the perfect atmosphere for a sophisticated evening out.

**FILM DRAMA**



**FRI 23 FEB – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

**The Old Oak**

In what may be veteran director Ken Loach's final film, working-class anger is directed at foreign newcomers to a struggling former mining community. However, the local pub landlord's blossoming friendship with Syrian refugee Yara delivers a compelling message of hope that underlines the importance of understanding and community in difficult times.

*'Film-making language utterly without the cynical twang that is de rigueur for everyone else.'*  
 The Guardian

**MUSIC CLASSICAL**



**FRI 1 MAR – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £20**

**London Haydn Quartet**

One of the world's leading period instrument string quartets, the London Haydn Quartet has performed in New York, Utrecht, Cheltenham, Lyon, Singapore and Australia. The programme for this evening will feature compositions by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Haydn played by musicians described by *BBC Music Magazine* as 'players of faultless intonation, unanimity and blend'.



**ARTS POETRY**

**SAT 2 MAR – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £16**

**Poetry Festival – Joelle Taylor & Josie Alford**

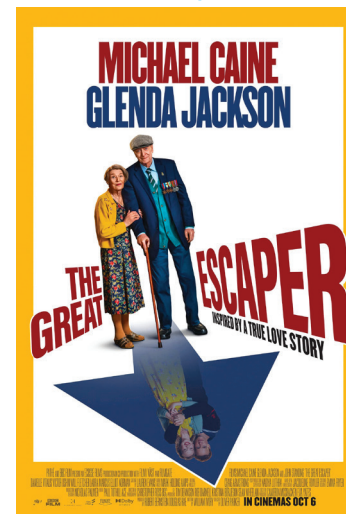
A former UK Performance Poetry slam Champion, Joelle won the 2021 T. S. Eliot Prize for her most recent collection *C+NTO & Othered Poems*. Having published three poetry collections, Joelle has performed in the UK and in Zimbabwe, Brazil, Botswana, Australia and Singapore. She has also appeared on television shows such as *Faking It*, *Blue Peter* and *The One Show*.

*'Memorable and often astonishing poetry that is at once epic and intimate.'* Times Literary Supplement

Bristol-based Josie Alford released her debut poetry collection, *Faulty Manufacturing*, in 2023, and has had poems published in various anthologies and magazines. Her sequinned stage persona has been seen at Womad and Blah, Blah, Blah, among other festivals, and her work covers everything from dealing with loss to the discography of the Spice Girls.

*'One of the new wave of spoken-word performers; sassy, intelligent young women who knock the gatekeepers of 'proper poetry' off their dusty pedestals'* Lucy English

**FILM DRAMA/HISTORY**



**FRI 8 MAR – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

**The Great Escaper**

Cinematic greats Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson star in this true story of an 89-year-old World War II veteran who escapes from his nursing home to attend D-Day commemorations in June 2014. Heart-warming, without being overly sentimental, *The Great Escaper* blends nostalgia with reconciliation, reflecting on the ways conflict shaped a generation. Best of all is the tender relationship between the two leads, in what was Jackson's final film, and may well be Caine's too.

*'An engaging exploration of love, loss, memory and trauma.'* The Wire

**MUSIC ROCK**



**SAT 9 MAR – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £20**

**Ultimate Elton & The Rocket Band**

Rapidly established as the foremost Elton John tribute act in the UK, Ultimate Elton & The Rocket Band conjure up an uncannily accurate reproduction of the classic live shows of one of pop music's most successful artists. Featuring classics such as 'Candle in the Wind', 'Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me', 'I'm Still Standing', 'The Bitch is Back' and 'Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting', this promises to be a truly spectacular show.

*'Quite simply the best Elton tribute you will see or hear anywhere.'* Stuart Epps, record producer

FILM ROMANCE/SCI-FI



FRI 15 MAR – 7.30pm  
Croft Hall – Tickets £6

Poor Things

Based on Alasdair Gray's 1992 novel of the same name, this coming-of-age tale is from the same team who brought us *The Favourite*, a period dark comedy. Emma Stone plays Bella Baxter, the mysterious ward of a Victorian anatomist, who embarks on a sensual journey of self-discovery with louche lawyer, Duncan Wedderburn (played by Mark Ruffalo) as the pair travel across continents. Various described as 'hilarious', 'wildly imaginative' and 'insanely enjoyable', *Poor Things* is a smart steampunk parable.

ARTS POETRY/COMEDY



SAT 16 MAR – 7.30pm  
Croft Hall – Tickets £16

Poetry Festival – Clare Ferguson-Walker

Comedian Phil Jupitus called her 'absurdly talented', while legendary performance poet John Cooper Clarke, who she has often supported, said she is 'funny as f\*ck'. She describes herself as a poet, comedienne, MC, singer and sculptor.

Arts for Hungerford is delighted to welcome the multi-talented Clare Ferguson-Walker for a great evening of poetry and comedy, which promises to be hilarious, heartfelt and touching.

'Very funny and straight-talking.' Metro

FILM CRIME/HORROR



FRI 19 APR – 7.30pm  
Croft Hall – Tickets £6

A Haunting in Venice

Based loosely on Agatha Christie's *Hallowe'en Party*, this is Kenneth Branagh's third outing as Hercule Poirot, in which the Belgian detective is coaxed out of retirement by an old friend to attend a séance. In a haunted Venetian palazzo, Poirot uncovers secrets, lies, a historic curse, and, of course, murder.

'An enjoyably spooky mystery.' The Guardian

Who we are

Arts for Hungerford was formed as a Community Interest Company in 2016. We are run entirely by volunteers, providing as wide a range of arts as possible at an affordable price to the people of Hungerford and the surrounding area.

Our events span the visual arts (film, photography, drawing and painting, ceramics and other media, architecture), literature and the performing arts (classical and contemporary music, theatre, dance and comedy).

We aim to schedule events each year running from September to the end of June. Normally two film and two arts events take place every month plus arts workshops and an annual Children's Arts Festival.





**MUSIC ROCK/FOLK/JAZZ**

**SAT 20 APR - 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £28**

**Hejira – Joni Mitchell**

Outstanding vocalist/guitarist Hattie Whitehead fronts a seven-piece band of top-flight jazz musicians celebrating the music of Joni Mitchell. Playing guitar with Joni's stylistic mannerisms, Hattie captures the poise, power and beauty of her vocals, bringing Mitchell's poetic masterpieces thrillingly to life. Alongside renditions of numbers from Joni's 1980 live album *Shadows and Light*, we can expect an evening of the great songs from Mitchell's back catalogue, such as 'Woodstock', 'Free Man in Paris', 'Amelia', and, of course, 'Hejira'.

*'A must for fans of Joni Mitchell's music, a band led by guitarist Pete Oxley and with the brilliant young singer Hattie Whitehead, this will be a real treat.'* Jazz FM Recommends

**FILM BIOPIC/DRAMA**



**FRI 26 APRIL – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

**One Life**

Anthony Hopkins and Johnny Flynn star as the older and younger Nicholas Winton in this biopic. In the late 1930s, Winton, a British stockbroker and humanitarian, saved hundreds of Jewish children from the Holocaust. Known as 'the British Schindler', Winton was later recognised for his efforts in an appearance on the BBC's *That's Life*, when he met many of those he had rescued 50 years earlier. This film recounts his life-saving achievements and his own later reflections on his actions.

*'Anthony Hopkins' performance delivers a subtle but profound gut-punch.'* Time Out

**Volunteers**

Arts for Hungerford is a Community Interest Company run entirely by volunteers. The emphasis is on creating professional arts events, while creating a social and fun experience for volunteers.

We are always seeking good volunteers for both backstage and front-of-house roles, particularly assistance in staging events. If you are interested then please contact us either by email or phone, or at one of our events.



**MUSIC ROCK**

**SAT 27 APR – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £20**

**Genesis Visible Touch**

Back by popular demand, Genesis Visible Touch provides the ultimate Phil Collins-era Genesis show. Fronted by the charismatic Chris O'Connell, the band features only top class musicians. Performing songs from albums such as *We Can't Dance*, *Invisible Touch*, *Genesis*, *Abacab*, *Duke*, *And Then There Were Three*, *Wind and Wuthering*, *A Trick of the Tail*, as well as older Genesis classics.

The last time the band came to Hungerford it was standing room only, so make sure you book your ticket early.

*'Top drawer musical performances and exemplary vocals, matched with leading production values ... a live show not to be missed!'* Dave Hutchins, Studio Engineer



**FILM BIOPIC/DRAMA/MUSIC**

**FRI 10 MAY – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

**Bob Marley One Love**

A new release in 2024, this biopic charts the life of Jamaican reggae superstar Bob Marley. Starring Kingsley Ben-Adir and James Norton, the movie was made with the blessing of the Marley family. Expect a celebration of this iconic cultural figure, who overcame adversity through revolutionary music, and spread a universal message about love and unity.

**MUSIC DISCO/PUNK**



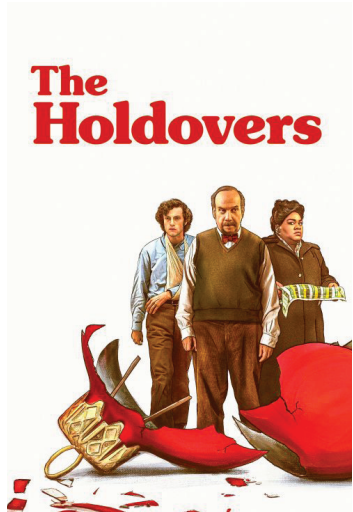
**SAT 11 MAY – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £16**

**Bugeye**

Influenced by David Bowie and Blondie, and channelling Nineties' acts such as The Subways, Elastica and Blur, Bugeye fuse post-punk with Noughties' optimism. Hailing from Croydon, this all-female four-piece released their debut album *Ready, Steady, Bang* in 2020 to critical acclaim. Melding synths, disco beats, and dirty guitars with socially aware lyrics, Bugeye will take you back to your teens and forward to the future.

*'Speaker-shaking disco pop, with a snarling post-punk edge.'* Record Collector Magazine

**FILM COMEDY/DRAMA**



**FRI 24 MAY – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

**The Holdovers**

A cantankerous classics teacher is forced to stay on at the New England boarding school where he works to chaperone a student with nowhere to go over the Christmas break. Teacher and student, along with a school cook, gradually form a genuine and heart-warming bond.

*'A consistently smart, funny movie about people who are easy to root for and like the ones we know.'* Roger Ebert

**FILM DRAMA/ROMANCE**



**FRI 7 JUN – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

**The Taste of Things**

Juliette Binoche stars as cook Eugenie, whose 20-year-long relationship with gourmet Dodin sparks culinary creativity. When she becomes ill, he shows his affection by cooking for her. A hit at Cannes Film Festival, this subtitled French film is a skilful blend of sensual pleasures, combining tender romance with rich gastronomy.

*'Food is a gift of love here – and romance courses through this delightful film.'* Time Out

**MUSIC BLUES/ROCK**



**SAT 8 JUNE – 7.30pm**  
**Croft Hall – Tickets £16**

**Krissy Matthews**

A gifted guitarist, Krissy has played with John Mayall and Jeff Healey and recorded a live session for BBC Radio 2's *Paul Jones Blues Show*. Having performed more than 1,000 concerts worldwide, Krissy has also appeared at Ronnie Scott's in London and the Cavern in Liverpool. As you might expect from someone who has shared billing with the likes of Toto, Joe Satriani and Greg Allman, Krissy delivers intense, energetic and accomplished blues.

*'If you want to hear the blues played with plenty of youthful swagger, then you've definitely come to the right place.'* Rock 'n' Reel



**ARTS CHILDREN/FAMILIES**

**SAT 15 JUN – 10am to 4pm Croft Activity Centre & Croft Hall – Tickets FREE**

### Children’s Arts Festival

An action-packed day of fun hands-on arts activities for 3- to 11-year-olds. Enjoy theatre workshops, art sessions, music-making, storytelling and much, much more. See artsforhungerford.com for full details nearer the time. If the weather’s fine, bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it. Refreshments will be available.

The arts are an important part of any community and it’s not just about outstanding performances, but learning to take part, enjoy and appreciate. Through this arts festival we hope to encourage as many children as possible to get a feel for creativity.

### FILM DRAMA



**FRI 21 JUN – 7.30pm  
Croft Hall – Tickets £6**

### Evil Does Not Exist

Takumi and his daughter live in an unspoiled village near Tokyo, but their idyll is threatened when a city company proposes buying up land nearby for a ‘glamping’ site for tourists. Much more than a simple portrayal of the clash between town and country, this is a subtitled film with hidden depths and beautiful cinematic moments reflecting on people’s relationships with their environment and the need for balance.

*‘The director Hamaguchi inverts our imagination of idyllic rural life, contending that a tourist’s romanticisation of “getting away from the city” might blind them from the realities of what that really means.’ The Verge*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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