

# WHAT'S ON

**WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY**

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS **APRIL-JUNE 2019**

**LIVE MUSIC**

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LIZ BERRY PHOTO: LEE ALLEN

## **THE REPUBLIC OF MOTHERHOOD POET LIZ BERRY**

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**As one of Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations, we are delighted to present a funded programme of work for children and young people.**



In this brochure, the following exciting events are all funded by Arts Council England: The Big Draw 2018: Play!, Little Creatives, Story Explorers, Once Upon a Pillow Fight and our family concert.



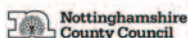
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## Adventures in Music

10 magical musical adventures for you and your little one

Suitable  
for children  
aged 2 - 5

**FREE** weekly sessions start again in May  
See [inspireculture.org.uk/adventures](http://inspireculture.org.uk/adventures) for details



working with  
**Nottinghamshire  
Music Hub**



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# We're an Arts Award Supporter!



Inspire is proud to be registered as an Arts Award Supporter and offers a wide cultural programme across our venues. Many of our events are free or incur a very small charge and many can be accessed by young people looking for opportunities locally to help them achieve an Arts Award. [inspireculture.org.uk/artsaward](http://inspireculture.org.uk/artsaward)

# WELCOME TO YOUR APRIL - JUNE SEASON! ARTS AND CULTURE, LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY

West Bridgford Library aims to put a spring in your step this season with a packed programme of events.

Join us to celebrate World Book Day (23 April) at our special Book Club Live event, which will explore the thorny issue of what makes a book 'literary' or 'commercial'. And don't miss the beautiful and passionate poetry of Forward Prize winner Liz Berry in May.

The season also brings the chance for everyone to tuck into some Home Cooked Heritage - our exhibition exploring Nottinghamshire food stories past and present, with an associated talk on 23 April.

Families can have fun spotting popular sci-fi themed tunes during our family concert Blast Off! in June, while even the tiniest artists can make their mark in our innovative Little Creatives workshops (June and July).

Jazz Steps will be bringing artists of international renown to the library this season, offering audiences the chance to catch world-class music in the heart of your community.

With all this and more, spring is set to be another exciting season!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Inspire is registered for the **Family Arts Standards** for family events in our four largest libraries, including West Bridgford. This means we are working hard to make families feel welcome. We've identified events in the programme and online that are Fantastic for Families with this badge:

**Find out more:** [www.familyartsstandards.com](http://www.familyartsstandards.com)



## West Bridgford Library

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Bridgford Road  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham NG2 6AT

### Opening hours

Open seven days a week  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am - 7pm  
Wednesday 9am - 1pm  
Saturday 9am - 4pm  
Sunday 11am - 3pm

### Booking events

Tickets for events can be booked online, in person at the library, or by phone.

Phone: 01623 677 200

Online: [www.inspireculture.org.uk](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk)

Tickets are non-refundable unless an event is cancelled. Programme is subject to change.

### Contact Inspire

Phone: Ask Inspire 01623 677 200

Email: [ask@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:ask@inspireculture.org.uk)

### Keep up to date

To receive news and information about Inspire, including our events, direct to your inbox, visit the website to sign up to email updates. You'll be able to select from a range of preferences based on your own interests.

[www.inspireculture.org.uk/emails](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/emails)

### Access

There is ramped access to the main entrance and level access to ground floor areas. Access to the first floor is via stairs or lift. Please let us know if you require a wheelchair space for ticketed events or have access needs. Email us or call us (contact details above).

A large print version of this brochure is available on the website, and can be made available at the library.

[www.inspireculture.org.uk](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk)



# UNDER FIVES STORY EXPLORERS: FANTASTICAL FORESTS

Friday 5 April, 2pm  
Free  
Booking essential  
Ages 2 – 5

**STOP PRESS:**  
This event is now  
fully booked

Nottingham  
Playhouse



## EXHIBITION THE BIG DRAW 2018: PLAY!

Until Tuesday 9 April  
Free

Visit The Big Draw 2018  
exhibition and discover what  
happened when the circus  
visited the library!

The exhibition centrepiece - by  
wonderful automata maker Keith  
Newstead - illustrates the  
hilarious antics that ensued. Keith  
was inspired by pupils from  
twelve Nottinghamshire primary  
schools and the fantastic  
professional artist Emma Reynard.  
They all had fun letting their  
imaginings, creativity and  
pencils run wild to produce an  
exhibition that celebrates fabulous  
libraries, amazing automata and  
the ever playful Big Draw!

**The Big Draw** is the world's  
biggest drawing festival which  
takes place every October. The  
theme for The Big Draw 2018 was  
Play!



A magical storytelling journey for you  
and your little one, in association with  
Nottingham Playhouse.

Through puppetry, music and sensory  
play, Story Explorers will unleash your  
child's imagination and take them on an  
exciting storytelling adventure. We're  
heading deep into the forest – what  
woodland creatures will we meet along  
the way?

Story Explorers is taking place at 12  
Inspire libraries. For details visit  
[www.inspireculture.org.uk/explorers](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/explorers)

*"There's  
always room  
for a story that  
can transport  
people to  
another place."*

J.K. Rowling







### FAMILY THEATRE

## UPSWING PRESENTS: ONCE UPON A PILLOW FIGHT

Sunday 7 April, 4.30pm

Library members: £3

Non-library members: £6

Booking essential

Ages 5+



It's time for bed, but everyone is wide awake.

In *Once Upon a Pillow Fight* children and their adults tuck themselves into comfy beds - but while you settle in, two characters are not nearly ready to sleep and their bedtime adventures soon descend into pillow-fighting chaos.

Join Upswing for a wonderfully inventive mix of theatre, acrobatics and storytelling.

Running time: 45 mins (20 minutes performance followed by an interactive drawing session).

Programmed in association with The Spark Arts for Children.

This production will tour four Inspire libraries. For details visit [www.inspireculture.org.uk/popup](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/popup)

the **spark**  
arts for children

Photo: Mark Robson Design: Sam Charrington



### LIVE MUSIC

### JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT

### THE LIBRARIES PRESENTS:

## JAMES ALLSOPP, CONOR CHAPLIN AND DAVE STOREY PLAY SONNY ROLLINS

Thursday 11 April, 7.30pm

£10

Booking essential

Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied  
by an adult)

This fine trio play in the classic jazz tradition with strong energy, originality and an intrinsic sense of playfulness. Paying homage to one of the last surviving heroes of the music, Sonny Rollins, these renowned London-based musicians - James Allsopp (sax), Conor Chaplin (bass) and bandleader Dave Storey (drums) - celebrate the legacy of one of the most important and influential jazz musicians in history.

Drawing inspiration from a career spanning more than seven decades, the trio have selected a handful of Rollins' classic original compositions and repertoire associated with "the greatest living improviser" especially for this tour of Inspire libraries.

In collaboration  
with Jazz Steps.

JAZZ  
STEPS

This performance is also available at Worksop, Beeston and Southwell Libraries. For details visit:  
[www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz)



**ARTS AND HERITAGE  
EXHIBITION  
HOME COOKED  
HERITAGE**

**Friday 12 April –  
Thursday 30 May**  
**Free**



How do you bring archive materials, 120 school children, 50 adults, a storyteller, an artist and an archaeologist together in one project? Food! Exploring the heritage of recipes unearthed in Nottinghamshire Archives, a celebration of food stories, past and present, have become a sea of tea towels showcasing creative responses to this National Heritage Lottery Fund Shared Heritage project.

The Home Cooked Heritage project has seen children and adults creatively explore the theme of food. The exhibition of archive materials and contemporary responses will tour library galleries before being added back into Nottinghamshire Archives for future food historians to uncover.

[www.inspireculture.org.uk/homecookedheritage](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/homecookedheritage)

**HERITAGE TALK  
HOME  
COOKED  
HERITAGE**

**Tuesday 23 April, 2.30pm**

**Free**

**Booking essential  
Adults**

James Wright is the heritage expert behind our recent project *Home Cooked Heritage* and has delved into Nottinghamshire Archives in search of interesting food-related stories. His background as a Buildings Archaeologist makes him ideally suited to reveal how food was prepared and served in earlier times.

**Nottinghamshire Archives** is a fabulous resource open to the public and holding more than four million documents waiting to be discovered.

[www.inspireculture.org.uk/archives](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/archives)



This fabulous free day out for all the family returns for the seventh time to showcase Nottinghamshire's heritage. Explore local history displays, enjoy craft demonstrations and activities, browse the books for sale and join us in celebrating our local history. **Free.** Just drop by.

[www.inspireculture.org.uk/lhf](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/lhf)



BOOK CLUB LIVE

## WORLD BOOK NIGHT SPECIAL: LITERARY VS COMMERCIAL

Tuesday 23 April, 7.30pm

£5

Booking advised

Adults (under 18s to be  
accompanied by an adult)

Join us on World Book Night for a very special event. Hear our panel discuss and debate the thorny issue of what makes a book literary or commercial. What defines a book as literary? Who decides? Is it important to categorise books in this way? Is one more valuable than the other?

Booklovers will not want to miss this fascinating event, where these questions and more will be debated by a panel from the world of books and writing, including award-winning novelist Alison Moore.



### Alison Moore

Alison is an acclaimed writer and a Patron of Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature. Her first novel *The Lighthouse* was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the National Book Awards, and won the McKitterick Prize. Her short fiction has been included in *Best British Short Stories*, *Best British Horror* and *Best New Horror*, broadcast on BBC Radio and collected in *The Pre-War House and Other Stories*. In 2018, she published her fourth novel *Missing* and her first book for children *Sunny and the Ghosts* to be followed by *Sunny and the Hotel Splendid* in 2019.

Full panel to be announced soon. For details visit [www.inspireculture.org.uk/worldbooknight](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/worldbooknight)

Come along for an evening of brilliant book-focused conversation, live at your library!



**World Book Night** is an annual celebration of words and reading. Find out more at [www.worldbooknight.org.uk](http://www.worldbooknight.org.uk)



**LIVE MUSIC****JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES****PRESENTS:****ELINA DUNI AND ROB LUFT:  
SONGS OF LOVE AND EXILE****Thursday 16 May, 7.30pm****£10****Booking essential****Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)**

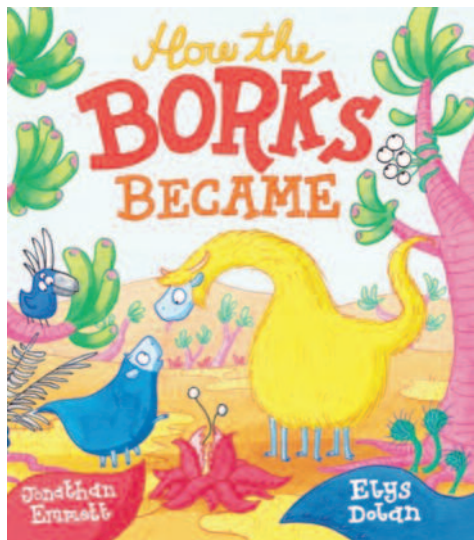
The renowned international ECM artist, and recent Swiss Music Prize-winning vocalist, Elina Duni is joined by virtuosic, award-winning guitarist Rob Luft, himself highly acclaimed as one of the rising stars of London's flourishing contemporary jazz scene. Luft's playing incorporates echoes of West African high-life, English folk and indie rock, and his joyous, original sound finds an ideal counterpart in Elina's vocals.

Together, they take us on a journey through timeless folk songs which still resonate today. A rare chance to catch a remarkable and unique voice of the international stage here in Nottinghamshire.

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**JAZZ  
STEPS**

This performance is also available at Worksop, Beeston and Southwell Libraries. For details visit [www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz)

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES****HOW THE BORKS BECAME,  
WITH JONATHAN EMMETT****Saturday 18 May, 2pm****£3 per child, accompanying adult free****Booking advised****Ages 5 – 9**

*How the Borks Became* introduces Charles Darwin's world-changing theory of natural selection to children in an entertaining blend of science and storytelling. Join author Jonathan Emmett to discover how natural selection enabled the Borks to evolve from blue, smooth-furred and short, to yellow, shaggy-furred and tall.

**Jonathan Emmett** worked as an architect before pursuing a career in children's books. He has since written more than 60 books for children and his work has been translated into more than 30 different languages.

As well as writing picture books such as *Bringing Down the Moon*, *Someone Bigger* and *The Princess and the Pig*, Jonathan also writes and paper-engineers pop-up books. His books have won several awards including the Red House Children's Book Award for *Pigs Might Fly* and the Sheffield Children's Book Award for *The Pig's Knickers*.



POETRY READING

# LIZ BERRY: THE REPUBLIC OF MOTHERHOOD

Tuesday 21 May, 7.30pm

£8 / £6

Booking advised

Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)

*"This is writing to carry round with you, a pamphlet to open in a schoolroom, a hospital, on a train, in a street, and share its words, its great life and its love, with everyone you can."* The Poetry School

*"I crossed the border into  
the Republic of Motherhood  
And found it a queendom,  
a wild queendom."*

From *The Republic of Motherhood*  
by Liz Berry

Forward Prize winner Liz Berry makes her debut appearance in West Bridgford, reading a selection of her powerful, atmospheric poems whose themes include a sense of place, the beauty of dialect, post-industrial landscape and the raw experiences of new motherhood.

**Liz Berry** was born in the Black Country and now lives in Birmingham. Her first book of poems, *Black Country* (Chatto 2014), described as a 'sooty, soaring hymn to her native West Midlands' (Guardian) was a Poetry Book Society Recommendation, received a Somerset Maugham Award and won the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Award and Forward Prize for Best First Collection 2014. Her pamphlet *The Republic of Motherhood* (Chatto, 2018) was a Poetry Book Society Pamphlet Choice and the title poem won the Forward Prize for Best Single Poem 2018.

*"An electrifying  
collection of poems  
that makes your  
heart sing."*

Jessie Burton, *The Daily Telegraph*





HERITAGE TALK

# THE BOOTS BOOKLOVERS LIBRARY

Tuesday 28 May, 2.30pm

£3

Booking essential

Adults

Boots' Archivist, Judith Wright, talks about the much-loved Booklovers Library. Between 1899 and 1966 Boots the Chemist operated a national circulating library which was renowned for service to its subscribers. Look back at the style and elegance of the libraries and the stories of the librarians who worked there.



FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP

## SPACE JUNK SCULPTURES CRAFT BOMB 2019

Friday 31 May, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Suitable for all

Just drop by



Join in with the Get Creative Festival at an artist-led craft bomb workshop. Come along and make Space Junk Sculptures from lots of different recycled and craft materials and be prepared to boldly go where no craft bomb has gone before!



Get Creative

LIVE MUSIC

JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES

PRESENTS:

**JULIAN SIEGEL,  
ROSS STANLEY AND  
GENE CALDERAZZO:  
IN TRIO**

Thursday 13 June, 7.30pm

£10

Booking essential

Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied  
by an adult)

For this unique library tour, award-winning saxophonist Julian Siegel brings a handpicked ensemble of stellar musicians to his home county of Nottinghamshire, performing in the classic organ trio jazz tradition. Expect a free-wheeling exploration of popular jazz repertoire and music of the genre's great composers.

**Julian Siegel** has won the 2007 BBC Jazz Award for Best Instrumentalist and the 2011 London Jazz Award. **Ross Stanley** is one of London's most revered and in-demand jazz keyboardists. **Gene Calderazzo**, from New York and living in London, has established himself as one of the busiest drummers on the international scene.

*"One of the UK's most creative saxophonists... There's not a moment that doesn't fizz with ingenuity and imagination"*

MOJO on Julian Siegel

In collaboration  
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JAZZ  
STEPS

This performance is also available at  
Workop, Beeston and Southwell  
Libraries. For details visit

[www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz)





### UNDER FIVES LITTLE CREATIVES

**Saturdays 22 and 29 June,  
6 and 13 July**  
**Either 10.30 - 11.15am  
or 11.45am - 12.30pm**  
**Free**  
**Booking essential**  
**Ages 2 - 5**



Calling all tiny artists! Join us for creative art sessions specifically designed by artists for very young children. The sessions will help your little one to develop new skills as they splodge, splat, scribble and squidge. Share in their active, playful and messy fun and see their confidence grow as they explore fascinating materials and stimulating creative activities each week.

Book one session, or all four, and choose a time that suits you.  
**All children must be accompanied.**



### HERITAGE TALK ON THE TRAIL OF T. C. HINE

**Tuesday 25 June, 2.30pm**  
**£3**  
**Booking essential**  
**Adults**

Local guided walk leader Lucy Brouwer takes us on a talking not walking, illustrated, tour of Nottingham. She will be pointing out the sites and stories connected with this iconic local architect, without the need for us to leave our seats.

### FAMILY CONCERT BLAST OFF! A MUSICAL SPACE ADVENTURE

**Sunday 30 June, 1pm**  
**Library members £3**  
**Non-library members £6**  
**Booking advised**  
**Ages 5 - 11**



Join our magnificent orchestral band The Hubs for a concert of intergalactic favourites.

Performing well known music from Star Wars, E.T. and Doctor Who, as well as popular classics from composers such as Richard Strauss, this fun family concert offers an exciting introduction to live music and is sure to be out of this world!

After the performance, meet the musicians and try out some instruments for yourself.





# REGULAR FREE EVENTS

## FOR ADULTS

### VIP READING GROUP

**First Thursday of every month,  
11am – 12pm**

Our visually impaired reading group is a lively, friendly group, reading books in either audiobook or large print format. Open to all, including those with no visual impairment, and new members are welcome.

### UNWIND WITH WORDS

**Third Monday of every month,  
10.30am - 12pm**

Take time to relax and explore the joy of words through stories, poems and conversation.

### FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY SURGERY

**Last Friday of the month,  
1.30 - 4pm**

Book a free 1:1 appointment for help to discover more about your family or community history. Beginners welcome.

*Please note there is no surgery in July, August or December.*





# earth & fire

INTERNATIONAL | CERAMIC | FAIR

21, 22 & 23 JUNE 2019

at the Harley Gallery,  
Welbeck, Nottinghamshire S80 3LW

*a celebration of clay and the potter's art*

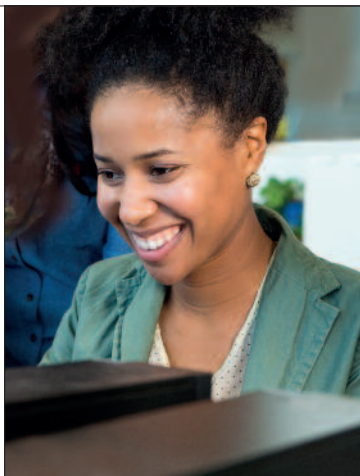
# INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2019

23 – 28 September | A week of wonderful words

[WWW.INSPIRE CULTURE.ORG.UK/POETRY-FESTIVAL](http://WWW.INSPIRE CULTURE.ORG.UK/POETRY-FESTIVAL)

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**INSPIRE LEARNING**  
**ADULT & FAMILY**  
**COURSES AT YOUR**  
**LOCAL LIBRARY!**

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[learning@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:learning@inspireculture.org.uk) | 01623 677200



## Gallery hire

Are you an artist or a creative group looking to show your work to local audiences? Inspire library art galleries offer professional, affordable exhibition spaces that bring great art to local communities in the vibrant, creative and welcoming setting of libraries.

Our galleries feature exhibitions by amateur, semi-professional and professional artists, alongside our own programmed exhibitions throughout the year. Six of our libraries have galleries that you can apply to hire: Mansfield Central, Worksop, West Bridgford, Arnold, Retford and Beeston.

For full details and application forms visit the website.

**[www.inspireculture.org.uk/galleries](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/galleries)**

## Venue hire

West Bridgford Library is a great place to hold meetings and events. The library has two dedicated meeting rooms for hire, both with interactive SMART board and refreshment-making facilities.

Visit our website **[www.inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire)** for more details, or call Ask Inspire 01623 677 200.

*Discounts are available for community groups.*

## Gift shop

Looking for the perfect present for a book lover? Then visit our library shop where you'll find a selection of quirky book-related gifts, fun items for young creatives and other unusual finds.

## About Inspire

Inspire is an innovative cultural organisation launched by Nottinghamshire County Council. We are a Community Benefit Society that is dedicated to inspiring people to read, learn and enjoy culture, with the help of our services.

## Join us!

It's free to join Inspire and becoming a member will allow you to help shape the way our services are managed. Visit the website to find out more. **[inspireculture.org.uk](http://inspireculture.org.uk)**

## Inspire and be inspired

### Local, affordable and flexible room hire at your local library!

- Host conferences, meetings, interviews, team building, workshops, classes and more
- We cater for groups, self-employed and local businesses
- Various shapes and sizes of room available
- Costs from as little as £5 per hour for community groups and non-profit organisations (or £10 commercial).

**Find out more: 01623 677 200**  
**[inspireculture.org.uk/roomhire](http://inspireculture.org.uk/roomhire)**  
**[askinspire@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:askinspire@inspireculture.org.uk)**



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# WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE...

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|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------|------|
| Until Tue 9 Apr                | The Big Draw 2018: Play!  | Exhibition            | Free  | 4    |
| Fri 5 Apr, 2pm                 | Story Explorers: Fantastical Forests                            | Under Fives           | Free  | 4    |
| Sun 7 Apr, 4.30pm              | Once Upon a Pillow Fight  | Family Theatre        | £6/£3 | 5    |
| Thu 11 Apr, 7.30pm             | Jazz Steps: Allsopp, Chaplin and Storey<br>Play Sonny Rollins   | Live Music            | £10   | 5    |
| Fri 12 Apr – Thu 30 May        | Home Cooked Heritage Exhibition                                 | Exhibition            | Free  | 6    |
| Tue 23 Apr, 2.30pm             | Home Cooked Heritage Talk                                       | Heritage              | Free  | 6    |
| Tue 23 Apr, 7.30pm             | World Book Night Evening  | Books and Reading     | £5    | 7    |
| Thu 16 May, 7.30pm             | Jazz Steps: Elina Duni and Rob Luft:<br>Songs of Love and Exile | Live Music            | £10   | 8    |
| Sat 18 May, 2pm                | How the Borks Became,<br>with Jonathan Emmett                   | Children and Families | £3    | 8    |
| Tue 21 May, 7.30pm             | Liz Berry: The Republic of Motherhood                           | Poetry                | £8/£6 | 9    |
| Tue 28 May, 2.30pm             | The Boots Booklovers Library                                    | Heritage              | £3    | 10   |
| Fri 31 May, 10.30am – 1.30pm   | Space Junk Sculptures<br>Craft Bomb 2019                        | Family Arts Workshop  | Free  | 10   |
| Thu 13 Jun, 7.30pm             | Jazz Steps: Siegel, Stanley<br>and Calderazzo: In Trio          | Live Music            | £10   | 11   |
| Sat 22 Jun, 10.30am or 11.45am | Little Creatives  | Under Fives           | Free  | 12   |
| Tue 25 Jun, 2.30pm             | On the Trail of T.C. Hine                                       | Heritage              | £3    | 12   |
| Sat 29 Jun, 10.30am or 11.45am | Little Creatives  | Under Fives           | Free  | 12   |
| Sun 30 Jun, 1pm                | Blast Off! A musical space adventure                            | Family concert        | £6/£3 | 12   |

**REGULAR EVENTS** For details of our regular, free events see page 13.