

# WHAT'S ON

## WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY

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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 Comic Strip Workshops, Big Draw art activities and Family Theatre.



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**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**

14 July to 9 Sept

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

# MISCHIEF MAKERS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

For children aged 4 - 11

**At all Inspire libraries this summer!**  
Join Dennis, Gnasher and friends on a hunt for buried treasure!

Completely free to join, the **Summer Reading Challenge** invites children to read six library books of their choice, collecting rewards (including very stinky stickers!) along the way.

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

NEW BEAMTOWN LIBRARY

# 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 JULY - OCTOBER SEASON! ARTS AND CULTURE, LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY

This season sees the return of the Inspire Poetry Festival (25 – 29 September), with some brilliant events in the festival programme taking place at West Bridgford Library. Our events include a reading by the wonderful Jo Bell and a funny, yet heartfelt, spoken word show from former Mulletproof Poet Andrew Graves.

In July, the annual Summer Reading Challenge arrives at all Inspire libraries to help keep children reading during the school holidays – this time with the help of Dennis, Gnasher and other Beanotown residents. We host some special events inspired by this year's Mischief Makers theme.

And with family theatre, art workshops, heritage talks, a Book Club Live Man Booker Special and a new season of jazz, it's set to be another packed and varied programme of inspiring events.

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Inspire is registered for the **Family Arts Standards** for family events in our three 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

0115 981 6506

[westbridgford.library](http://westbridgford.library)  
[@inspireculture.org.uk](https://www.instagram.com/inspireculture.org.uk)

### Opening hours

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

### Contact Inspire

[info@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:info@inspireculture.org.uk)  
Ask Inspire: 0115 804 4363

### Booking events

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

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

**Phone** 0115 981 6506

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

### 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 0115 981 6506.

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)



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018: MISCHIEF MAKERS

Saturday 14 July –  
Sunday 9 September  
For children aged 4 – 11  
Free

Join Dennis, Gnasher and friends this summer on a hunt for Beanotown's buried treasure! The Summer Reading Challenge invites children to read six library books, of their choice, collecting stickers along the way to explore the map and find clues. But watch out – with Dennis around, some of those stickers are sure to be stinky...

To help celebrate this year's reading fun, West Bridgford Library will be hosting events sure to inspire young mischief makers as they take up their challenge.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

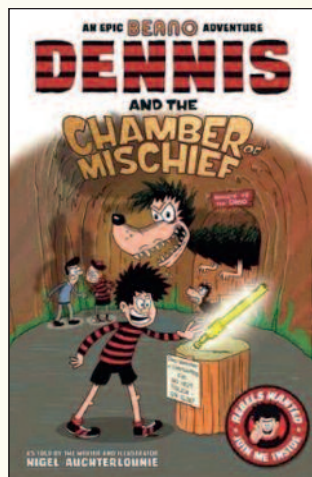
## JOHN KIRK PRESENTS: DENNIS AND THE CHAMBER OF MISCHIEF

Wednesday 1 August, 11am  
Free  
Booking advised  
Ages 6+ and their families

Beanotown has become boring. When Dennis hears about the legendary Golden Pea Shooter of Everlasting Fun, it sounds like the only thing that can return his hometown to its former glory. Dennis must go on a quest, discovering the mysterious Chamber of Mischief in his bid to find the Golden Pea Shooter.

Join storyteller John Kirk on a fun-packed adventure with some of your favourite Beano characters as he retells Nigel Auchterlounie's *Dennis and the Chamber of Mischief*.

With kind permission of Beano Studios and Kings Road Publishing.



### About the storyteller

John Kirk is a storyteller. His previous work includes Michael Morpurgo's *Private Peaceful*, Roald Dahl's *The Twits* and Jeremy Strong's *The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog*. John enjoys bringing stories to life with dynamic and imaginative ideas.



Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge at  
[inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

## FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP MISCHIEF MAKERS COMIC STRIP WORKSHOP

Monday 13 August,

10am - 3pm

Free

Booking essential

Ages 5+ and their families

Write and print your own comics this summer with author Emma Pass and artist Duncan Pass. First Emma will help you create a cracking story with a magnificent hero and a mischievous villain. Then Duncan will show you how to turn it into a comic strip which you'll print on one of his hand-built printing presses, made from a 200-year-old washing mangle.



## EXHIBITION ZINES

Until Wednesday 25 July  
Free

Members of the public and school pupils turned their ideas into ink and published their own printed and bound Zines – see the results in this stunning exhibition of original work.

Visit the gallery to enjoy a range of Zines, including special poetry Zines developed in workshops with poet Andrew Graves. All participants experimented to great effect with image, layout, design and editing in Risograph printing workshops with print studio Dizzy Ink.

### What's a Zine?

A Zine is a self-published magazine, often used to reproduce images, ideas and writing simply and creatively.



## FAMILY THEATRE

The Spark Arts for Children presents:  
Hiccup Theatre in association with Derby Theatre

## THE GINGERBREAD MAN

Sunday 29 July, 3.30pm

Library members: £3 child or adult

Non-library members: £6 child or adult

Booking essential

Ages 4+ and their families

the **spark**  
arts for children



**"Run, run as fast as you can,  
you can't catch me, I'm the  
Gingerbread Man!"**

Chase after our cheeky  
gingerbread hero as he sets  
off on the biggest adventure  
of his life! Out of the kitchen,  
through the town, across the  
fields and all the way to the  
river... Now if he could just  
avoid that sly old fox!

Hiccup Theatre cook up a  
brand new version of this  
classic tale adding original  
live music, tasty storytelling  
and dollops of fun.

*"Hiccup Theatre will  
charm, entertain and  
delight in equal  
measure."*

[whatsonstage.com](http://whatsonstage.com)

The Gingerbread Man will be on tour across Inspire  
libraries this summer. For details, visit  
[inspireculture.org.uk/popup](http://inspireculture.org.uk/popup)



## LIVE MUSIC

JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE  
LIBRARIES PRESENTS:

## THE BIG EASY

Thursday 13 September, 7.30pm

£10 / £8

Booking essential

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

The Big Easy's dynamic, energetic  
and often virtuosic performances  
make them great to watch and  
perfect for dancing; their  
high-energy swing interspersed  
with moments of soulful  
melancholy will get your toes  
tapping and onto the dance floor.

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

In collaboration with Jazz Steps.

JAZZ  
STEPS



**HERITAGE TALK**  
**GRANTHAM CANAL:**  
**PAST, PRESENT AND**  
**FUTURE**

**Tuesday 25 September, 2.30pm**

**£3**

**Booking advised**  
**Adults**

David Lyneham-Brown, Chief Executive of the Grantham Canal Society, tells the story of the canal from its opening in 1797, through abandonment in the 1920s to the current Three Shires project, scheduled to have completed £10 million worth of restoration work in 2020. Come and hear all about the progress so far and plans for the future.

Don't miss a special performance this evening from former Canal Poet Laureate Jo Bell as part of Inspire Poetry Festival. See page 9.



**Book Club Live**  
**events aim to bring**  
**readers and writers**  
**closer together.**

**BOOKS AND READING**  
**BOOK CLUB LIVE SPECIAL:**

**MAN BOOKER**  
**PRIZE**  
**SHORTLIST**  
**EVENING**

**Thursday 11 October, 7.30pm**

**£5**

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

The Man Booker Prize for Fiction  
 - the premier UK literary award  
 with a global reputation –  
 celebrates 50 years of the finest  
 fiction this year.

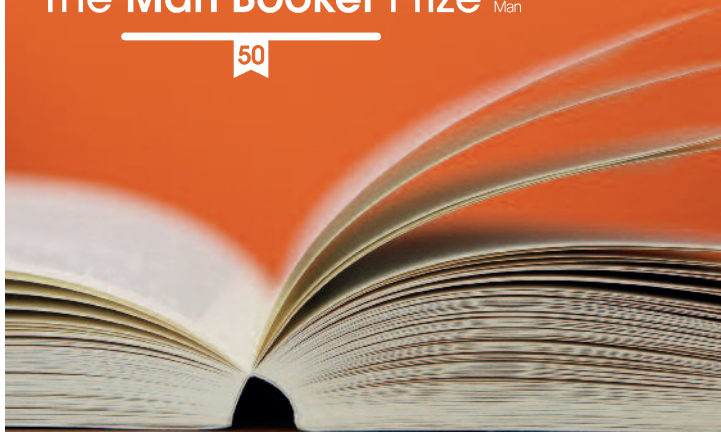
**The Man Booker Prize** 

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Join us for this Book Club Live Special to hear our panel chat about the books on this year's Man Booker Prize shortlist. Will you agree with their views? Which book will get your vote? How can the judges compare six very different titles and choose one above all others? Don't miss this evening of fascinating live chat about the Man Booker – the perfect preparation for the winner announcement on Tuesday 16 October. The shortlisted books will be announced on 20 September.

Look out online and at the library this summer when we reveal our panel for this special event.

Find out more about the Man Booker Prize at  
**[themanbookerprize.com](http://themanbookerprize.com)**





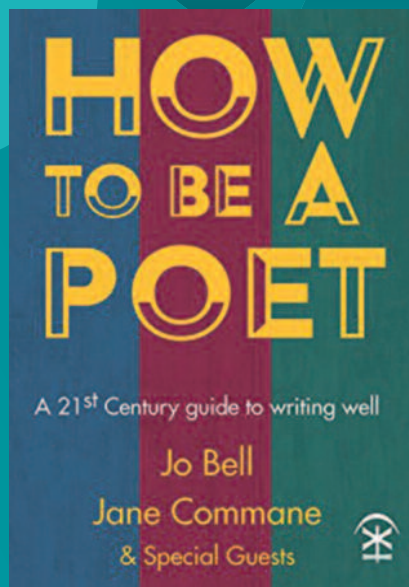
# INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2018

**Tuesday 25 September –  
Saturday 29 September**

Following the success of last year's festival – including a sell-out performance from Hollie McNish – and the wonderful Poetry Hour with Henry Normal in April, we're bringing more fantastic poetry to West Bridgford Library in September 2018 – and to our libraries in Beeston, Southwell, Mansfield and Worksop too.

The full festival programme, featuring appearances by **Kei Miller, Vanessa Kisuule, Maura Dooley, Ben Norris** and more, will be available online and in print soon; meanwhile here are the key festival events for West Bridgford Library:

For the full festival programme across all venues visit  
[inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival](http://inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival)



**WORKSHOP**  
**HOW TO BE A POET  
WITH JO BELL**  
**Tuesday 25 September,**  
**2.30 – 5pm**  
**£10**  
**Booking essential**

Inspired by her book of the same name, Jo Bell leads a session for poets of any level who are serious about their writing. Through exercises and discussion, this workshop will delve into the challenges and realities of writing poetry. *How to be a Poet* is a manifesto of sorts. It is an exploration, both practically and creatively, of what it is to write poems, read poems, share poems and publish poetry. It is a guide to writing well, and aims to be bold and upfront about the realities of writing poetry and being a poet in the 21st century. It contains advice, but also a healthy dose of myth-busting, plenty of challenging ideas and some thought-provoking proposals. It won't pull any punches. It is a Poem-Writers Guide to the Galaxy.





## PERFORMANCE

**JO BELL****Tuesday 25 September, 7.30pm****£10 / £8****Booking strongly advised****Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult**

**Jo Bell** was born in Sheffield and grew up on the fringes of the Derbyshire Peak District. A winner of the Charles Causley Prize, the Manchester Cathedral Prize and the Saboteur Award, she was the first Canal Laureate for the UK and now lives in a narrowboat.

Her latest book is *Kith* (Nine Arches Press), other books include *52: Write a Poem a Week* and *How to be a Poet*. She has been commissioned by the National Trust, Canal and River Trust, Stratford Poetry Festival and Glastonbury Festival and has written for *Heritage* magazine and *Country Walking*. She is a tutor for The Poetry School, Poetry Society and Arvon Foundation and has appeared on BBC Radio 4 and 6 Music Live.

*"Jo Bell is one of the most exciting poets now writing and no time is wasted in the company of her work."* Carol Ann Duffy



## INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2018

### PERFORMANCE **GOD SAVE THE TEEN**

**Thursday 27 September,**

**7.30pm**

**£8 / £6**

**Booking advised**

**Under 18s to be accompanied  
by an adult**

A troubled teenage son and his aloof single father pick their way through a bitterly indifferent relationship in a funny and moving coming of age show about growing up and getting it wrong. Ex-youth worker and poet Andrew Graves relates a drama of gob-smackingly embarrassing first dates, imagined rock-n-roll supermarkets, divorce, disillusion and working class rebellion. Expect disappearing goths, sadistic PE teachers and a search for the truth and somewhere to belong.

Whether a teen or not, everyone will relate to this honest and nostalgic prayer to that joyously painful, pimple-faced period in our lives where everything and nothing seems possible; where you can be earnest, awkward, beautiful and ridiculous all at the same time.

**Andrew Graves** regularly performs his work throughout the UK and has appeared on 6 Music's Cerys Matthews Show and the recent BBC 4 documentary Evidently John Cooper Clarke. He has performed alongside Henry Normal, John Hegley and Sleaford Mods and has been praised by the likes of comic book legend Alan Moore.



*"A true poet."*

Henry Normal

*"Graves' vital and visceral voice burns bright on behalf of an under represented community."*

Toria Garbutt

### **POETRY TAKEOVER**

**Saturday 29 September,**

**11am – 3pm**

**Free**

**Just drop by**

From 11am to 3pm there will be lots of **free** poetry activities happening including craft, magnetic poetry, poetry hide and seek and more.



LIVE MUSIC

JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES

PRESENTS:

**WENDY KIRKLAND:  
PIANO DIVAS**

Thursday 25 October, 7.30pm

£10 / £8

**Booking essential**

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

Celebrating pianist singers with a rightful place in jazz history, including Diana Krall and Blossom Dearie, the repertoire blends fresh arrangements of classics with specially written original songs. This top-class band consists of Wendy Kirkland (piano/voice); Pat Sprakes (guitar); Paul Jefferies (bass) and Stevie Smith (drums) and guarantees to captivate and entertain.

In collaboration with Jazz Steps.

JAZZ  
STEPS

*"Proper jazz piano  
– excellent band."*

Dave Gelly, Observer

*"Refreshing tribute  
to pianist singers  
like herself."* Jazzwise

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





**FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP**  
**THE BIG DRAW**  
**2018: PLAY!**  
 Sunday 28 October,  
 11.30am – 1.30pm  
 Free  
 Booking essential  
 Ages 5+ and their families

*What would happen if the circus visited the library? ...*

Come along and join in this year's Big Draw fun whatever your age, no drawing ability required! With a sense of playfulness and the magical, this creative, hands-on family workshop will be inspired by the question: what would happen if the circus visited the library?

Create expressive and joyous figures, artworks and armatures and experiment with lights and shadow play to bring your enchanting creations to life.

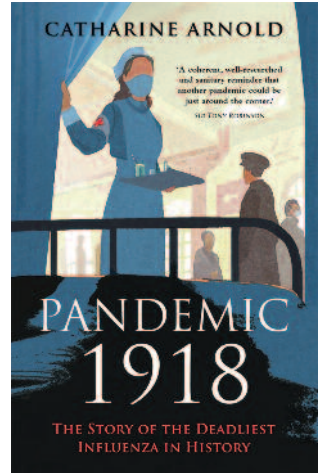


### About The Big Draw Festival

The Big Draw Festival is for anyone who loves to draw, as well as those who think they can't. It's an opportunity to join a global community in celebration of the universal language of drawing.

This year's theme is Play! For kids and big kids alike, The Big Draw Festival 2018 is all about letting loose, embracing happy accidents, discovery and most importantly having fun with those HBs!

Find out more at [thebigdraw.org.uk](http://thebigdraw.org.uk)



**HERITAGE TALK**  
**PANDEMIC 1918:**  
**THE STORY OF THE DEADLIEST INFLUENZA IN HISTORY**  
 Tuesday 30 October, 2.30pm  
 £3  
 Booking advised  
 Adults

In the dying months of the First World War, Spanish Flu suddenly overwhelmed the globe, killing up to 100 million people. By digging into archives, memoirs and government documents, Nottingham author Catharine Arnold gives an account of the disease through the human stories of those affected - from David Lloyd George and Vera Brittain to the many others who have no memorial.

This event also takes place at Beeston Library in October. Visit [inspireculture.org.uk/whatson](http://inspireculture.org.uk/whatson) for details.



## REGULAR FREE EVENTS

### YOUNG PEOPLE

#### READING HACK

**Third Monday of the month,  
4 - 5.30pm**

**For young people aged 14 – 24**

Our Reading Hack group meets monthly to discuss books, movies and music over coffee and snacks. Plus, there's the chance to get involved in Hack-related volunteering opportunities – which could include encouraging younger children to love reading or helping to organise a poetry-themed DJ set – anything with reading at its heart!

### 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.*

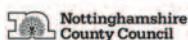


# Adventures in Music

10 magical musical adventures for you and your little one

Suitable  
for children  
aged 2 - 5

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



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**Inspire Members' Event**

## INSPIRE AGM

**with special guest (to be announced)**

**Thursday 20 September, 7 - 8.30pm**  
**Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, NG9 1AE**  
**Free (Inspire members only)**  
**Booking essential**

Members of Inspire are invited to our third Annual General Meeting. Hear presentations covering the last year at Inspire, followed by an exciting performance from a soon-to-be announced special guest following the AGM. Book online at [inspireculture.org.uk/AGM](http://inspireculture.org.uk/AGM)

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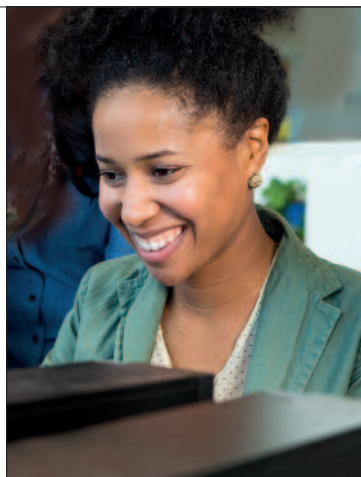
BEESTON  
AGM

## BE INSPIRED... INSPIRE LEARNING ADULT & FAMILY COURSES AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

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[learning@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:learning@inspireculture.org.uk) | 0115 804 4363



 Education & Skills  
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## 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. All galleries are suitable for wall-based works. Small installations and sculpture collections will also be considered.

**[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 web page or call the library direct for more details.  
**[www.inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire)**

*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.



## Get help using a computer when applying for a visa

West Bridgford Library can help people applying for a visa online who need support using a computer. Our staff can help you with:

- Getting access to a computer
- Getting access to the internet
- Searching on Gov.uk

Ask a member of staff for more information. We can't help you with:

- which visa to apply for
- what information to put in your application
- an application you have already made

## 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)**

To get help to apply for a VISA online contact We are Digital, who will put you in touch with the right support for you:

Phone: 03333 445 675  
Text message: text the word "VISA" to 0753 741 6944  
Email: [visa@we-are-digital.co.uk](mailto:visa@we-are-digital.co.uk)  
(include a telephone number you can be contacted on).



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# WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE...

Date and time	Event	Type	Price	Page
Until Wed 25 July	Zines	Exhibition	Free	5
Sat 14 July – Sun 9 Sep	Mischief Makers: Summer Reading Challenge	Children	Free	4
Sun 29 July, 3.30pm	The Gingerbread Man	Family Theatre	£6 / £3	6
Wed 1 Aug, 11am	John Kirk Presents: Dennis and the Chamber of Mischief	Children and Families	Free	4
Mon 13 Aug, 10am - 3pm	Mischief Makers: Comic Strip Workshop	Family Arts Workshop	Free	5
Thu 13 Sep, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: The Big Easy	Live Music	£10 / £8	6
Tue 25 Sep, 2.30pm	Grantham Canal: Past, Present and Future	Heritage Talk	£3	7
Tue 25 Sep, 2.30 – 5pm	How to be a Poet with Jo Bell	Workshop	£10	8
Tue 25 Sep, 7.30pm	Jo Bell	Performance	£10 / £8	9
Thu 27 Sep, 7.30pm	God Save the Teen	Performance	£8 / £6	10
Sat 29 Sep, 11am – 3pm	Poetry Takeover	Community	Free	10
Thu 11 Oct, 7.30pm	Book Club Live: Man Booker Special	Books and Reading	£5	7
Thu 25 Oct, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Wendy Kirkland – Piano Divas	Live Music	£10 / £8	11
Sun 28 Oct, 11.30am - 1.30pm	The Big Draw: Play!	Family Arts Workshop	Free	12
Tue 30 Oct, 2.30pm	Pandemic 1918: The Story of the Deadliest Influenza in History	Heritage Talk	£3	12

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