

# WHAT'S ON GUIDE

SPRING 2023  
FEBRUARY – APRIL



**HARTLEPOOL**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Welcome to our Spring What's On Guide!

In this guide you will find information on everything taking place at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre, The Borough Hall, Hartlepool Art Gallery and the Museum of Hartlepool.

You can find further information on all of these venues at [www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)

The Box Office is open Tuesday to Friday 10am-4.30pm and Saturday 10am-4pm – you can purchase tickets in person at Hartlepool Art Gallery, Church Square, TS24 7EQ or over the phone on **01429 890000**.

Alternatively, book online at [www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)



## **Lionel Playford: Revering Ancient Woodland**

28<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Hartlepool Art Gallery**

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Step into the magical world of ancient woodland, as seen through the eyes of renowned landscape artist Lionel Playford. Discover how the wildwoods of the North East have barely changed over time and the importance of preserving them for generations to come.



FREE | [www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)

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Souvenirs can be much more than physical objects. Memories, encounters and past experiences shape us and influence how we deal with the present and look to the future.

These exhibitions by MA students from the Northern School of Art explore the legacies of souvenirs.

**SOUVENIR**

FREE | [www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)

## Hot Potato Comedy Club

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February | Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March |

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Doors open at 7pm

**Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre**

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### One of the best nights out in Hartlepool!

Our line-ups will have you howling, with gags from our Hot Potato faves plus a string of the best up-and-coming comedy acts from around the land!

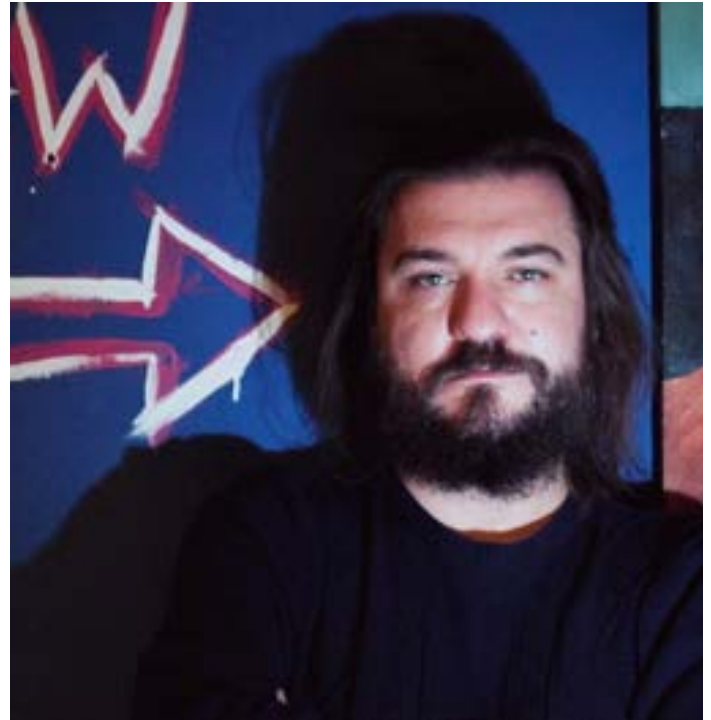
Not for the easily offended.

Line-ups subject to change.



£8 early bird (one week before show) then £11 |

[www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)



*Matt Reed is one of the Hot Potato favourites*

# Elite Events Presents An Evening With Jeff Stelling

Wednesday 1st February

Standard – Doors open 7.15pm | Platinum – Doors open 6.15pm | VIP – Doors open 6.45pm

**Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre**

Elite Events brings you an evening not to be missed with Hartlepool legend and compere for the evening Jeff Stelling, plus special guest, former professional footballer and ex-Hartlepool manager, Middlesbrough and Blackburn star Craig Hignett.

Jeff will talk through his glittering career, from the early days to hosting the world's biggest football show, Gillette Soccer Saturday.

It will give you a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on in the studios with some incredible football stories from Jeff, who has over 20 years of hosting and has worked with some of football's biggest stars including George Best, David Beckham and many more.

Standard £25, VIP £45, Platinum £100 |  
[www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)



An evening with  
**Jeff Stelling**  
Compere for the evening former professional footballer Craig Hignett

ELITE EVENTS

- DATE & LOCATION -  
**WEDNESDAY  
1ST FEBRUARY**  
HARTLEPOOL TOWN HALL THEATRE - TS24 8AH

- TICKETS & INFO -

- THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE -  
**PLATINUM** £100  
MEET & GREET WITH PRIME SEATING  
+ SIGNED PICTURE  
EARLY 6.15PM DOORS - LIMITED TICKETS ONLY

**VIP** £45  
6:45PM - 7PM DOORS & PHOTOS

**STANDARD** £25  
7:15PM DOORS

## Sewing Group

Thursdays starting 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 10am to 12pm

**Hartlepool Art Gallery**

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Pop into our sewing group and meet new friends, progress your textile projects and share tips and tricks.

Drop in – no booking required.

Speak to the gallery team for more information or call 01429 869706



**FREE** | [www.culturehartlepool.com/art-gallery](http://www.culturehartlepool.com/art-gallery)



## Drawing Group

Thursdays starting 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 12.30pm to 2.30pm

**Hartlepool Art Gallery**

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Join our successful adult drawing group led by renowned local artist Keith Robson.

Learn new techniques and master the skills of drawing.

Registration and booking required – speak to the gallery team for more information or call 01429 869706

**£5.00** | [www.culturehartlepool.com/art-gallery](http://www.culturehartlepool.com/art-gallery)

## Dabble In Art Children's Art Group

Every other Saturday from 4<sup>th</sup> February until 27<sup>th</sup> May – 10am to 12pm

### Hartlepool Art Gallery

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Join our children's art group and learn new skills and techniques. The group is run by renowned local artist and comic creator Keith Robson, famous for his work on the Beano and the Dandy.

Suitable for age 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the session. Drop in – no booking required. Speak to the gallery team for more information or call 01429 869706.



**FREE** | [www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk/dabble-in-art](http://www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk/dabble-in-art)



## Hartlepool Art Club

Monthly – 8<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm to 9pm

### Hartlepool Art Gallery

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Hartlepool Art Club is a meeting place for all art lovers. It offers a wide variety of activities including talks, demonstrations, workshops and exhibitions by practising professional artists and lecturers.

There's always a warm friendly welcome whether you join as a keen beginner, an experienced painter or just have an interest in art. Suitable for adults – no experience necessary.

*Free to members, £5 to non-members | No booking required*

[www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk](http://www.hartlepool-art-club.co.uk)

# February Half Term Family Activities

## Bottles and Fishes

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – **Museum of Hartlepool**  
10am to 11am and 11.15am to 12.15pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – **Hartlepool Art Gallery**  
10am to 11am and 11.15am to 12.15pm

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Come and create an artwork for Tall Ships Hartlepool 2023.

In collaboration with artist Jonny Hannah we're creating a large scale maritime-inspired artwork as part of our upcoming Shipbuilders & Fisherfolk exhibition.

Decorate your own lasercut message in a bottle or North Sea fish using art and craft techniques. Your finished piece will be displayed as part of the Shipbuilders & Fisherfolk exhibition while Hartlepool welcomes the Tall Ships.

Each session will focus on a different artistic technique and is suitable for all ages.

Booking is essential using our Eventbrite pages (please book using the page for the venue hosting the specific event):

**FREE** | <https://museumofhartlepool.eventbrite.co.uk>

**FREE** | <https://hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk>





## Ugly Duckling – Northern Ballet

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 2pm & 4:15pm

**Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre**

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Don't miss Northern Ballet's hugely popular Ugly Duckling as it returns to the stage this spring. Ugly Duckling is lonely and fed-up, ignored by those around her who think she is too ugly to fit in. She tries to make friends with fellow ducklings as well as with frogs, cats and even a fox, but realising she is not like any of these animals, she is left sad and alone. Follow the duckling on her journey as she overcomes her troubles and learns to love herself and those around her.

Retelling the famous Hans Christian Andersen fairytale, Ugly Duckling is the perfect opportunity for your little ones to enjoy live ballet, music and theatre for the first time.

As seen on CBeebies, Northern Ballet's sell-out productions for children are not to be missed.

This child-friendly performance lasts approximately 40 minutes.

*Adult - £8, Child - £6.50* | [www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)



## The Queen Story – A Tribute to Queen

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Doors open 7.30pm, event starts at 8pm

### Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre

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The Queen Story live at Hartlepool Town Hall Theatre.

A one-of-a-kind tribute to Queen.

A two-hour show telling the story of Queen from their early performances in the 1970s right through the stadium performances of the 80s, including a re-creation of Queen's legendary Live Aid set. Featuring fantastic musicianship and authentic costumes, this show is not to be missed!

Featuring all Queen's greatest hits such as Killer Queen, Somebody to Love, Radio Gaga and of course, Bohemian Rhapsody, this superb tribute is "guaranteed to blow your mind!"



Standard - £20, Child - £15, Concession - £17.50 | [www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)

## After School Craft Session

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

### Hartlepool Art Gallery

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Join us at Hartlepool Art Gallery to create some paper flowers crafts in time for Mother's Day. What will you make to say thank you to a special person?

Booking is essential using our Eventbrite page.



FREE | [hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk)



## Exhibition - Metamorphose

1<sup>st</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### Hartlepool Art Gallery

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From bud to bloom. As spring unfolds outdoors, join us for a mesmerising glimpse into botanical artworks from our collection.

FREE | [www.culturehartlepool.com](http://www.culturehartlepool.com)

## **Easter Holiday Family Activities** **Crafts and Bottles and Fishes**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10am to 11am and 11.15am to 12.15pm

**Museum of Hartlepool**

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Join us to create a variety of Easter crafts such as paper weaving, stick puppets and bunny ears. Take part in our Bottles and Fishes project and create an artwork for Tall Ships Hartlepool 2023.



Booking is essential using our Eventbrite page:

**FREE** | [museumofhartlepool.eventbrite.co.uk](https://museumofhartlepool.eventbrite.co.uk)



## **Easter Holiday Family Activities** **Paper Wreaths and Bottles and Fishes**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 11am and 11.15am to 12.15pm

**Hartlepool Art Gallery**

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Come along to create a paper flower wreath to decorate your home for Easter. Take part in our Bottles and Fishes project and create an artwork for Tall Ships Hartlepool 2023.

Booking is essential using our Eventbrite page:

**FREE** | <https://hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk>

# **Easter Holiday Family Activities**

## **Bottles and Fishes**

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**FREE | [hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk](https://hartlepoolartgallery.eventbrite.co.uk)**



## Jobs & Skills @ The Hub

Mondays to Fridays every day – 10am to 4pm

**Community Hub Central**

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Drop in and speak to our dedicated team about gaining new skills and qualifications, volunteering opportunities, employment support and much more!



**JOBS  
& SKILLS  
@THE HUB**



FREE | [www.hartlepoollearningandskills.com](http://www.hartlepoollearningandskills.com)

# Quick Guide

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**THE TALL SHIPS RACES**  
**Hartlepool 2023**

organised by Sail Training International

# GET INVOLVED!

Hartlepool has the huge honour of hosting the world-famous Tall Ships again this summer.

It comes after hundreds of thousands of visitors from far and wide flocked to the town when the ships last visited in 2010 – the largest free event held in England that year.

We'd love you to be part of what's set to be another fantastic and memorable event.

There's a host of opportunities to be part of our story.

For more information visit:

[www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk](http://www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk)



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**JULY**