March – August 2020

Queens Park Arts Centre and Limelight Theatre

Celebrating 40 Years as Aylesbury’s Creative & Cultural Hub

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Welcome to Queens Park Arts Centre’s Spring / Summer 40th Anniversary season.

It feels appropriate to have such a busy season ahead of us in our 40th year. We have the largest number of creative and holistic workshops and courses on offer in the Centre’s history; justly earning The Times’ accolade of ‘Britain’s largest independent Arts Centre’. We also have a great selection of live performances (including a welcome return by The Anchoress in July), a range of wonderful exhibitions and our ever-popular Makers Fair in May.

In terms of extending reach and access, 2020 is quite a year - in collaboration with the British Film Institute we’ll be welcoming numerous primary and secondary schools to the Centre, as part of the BFI's school film initiative. Unbound Theatre have an extensive and varied programme, performing in several beautiful Buckinghamshire locations. The WanderHouse is visiting five new Bucks schools, as well as revisiting some old friends and extending its reach into Hertfordshire. Our outreach work is an important way to spread the Centre’s ethos to thousands of people and encourage the next generation to take up the many and various opportunities afforded by their local arts centre.

One such opportunity is volunteering. I’d like to thank our dedicated staff team and all 120 of our volunteers – of all ages – who are essential to the day-to-day running of so many aspects of the Centre. This includes numerous enthusiastic tutors who give their time, skills and talents to the community, allowing us to offer a range of ‘drop-in pay-as-you-go’ weekly workshops. In this 40th year I’d also like to pay special thanks to the Centre’s Board of Directors who’ve been so instrumental in the Centre’s development and to our long standing core funders, The William Harding’s Charity and Aylesbury Vale District Council, whose support is very much appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Centre this season and hope you enjoy our programme.

Best wishes,
Sarah Lewis
Artistic Director

Primary Schools Outreach Project
‘The Joy of Making’

Our thanks to the Rothschild Foundation for their support for ‘The Joy of Making’, led by Pippa North; an outreach project to six Buckinghamshire Primary Schools, which will be starting in Spring 2020, culminating in a special exhibition in the Centre’s Main Gallery.

March
- Fri 6: BFI School Study Day – ‘Black History on Screen’
- Sat 7: The Dung Beatles
- Fri 13 – Sat 14: ‘Three Tall Women’
- Sun 15: Sunday Special Workshops
- Fri 20: BFI School Study Day – ‘Harry, Arietty, the BFG and Me’
- Sat 21: Steve Knightley
- Fri 27 – Sat 28: ‘Murder Around the Clock’

April
- Fri 3: BFI School Study Day – ‘¡Hola niños!’
- Fri 3: Improv Showcase
- Sat 4: Keith Thompson Band
- Mon 6 – Thu 9: School Showcase
- Fri 17 – Sat 18: JUMP 30th Anniversary Celebration
- Sat 25: Fish & Chip Quiz Night
- Sat 25 – Sun 26: Pottery Masterclass with Elaine Wells

May
- Fri 1: Ray Coates
- Sat 2: Voodoo Room
- Sat 9: The Acoustic Strawbs
- Sat 16: May Maker’s Fair
- Sat 23: Ben White & Tom Lucas
- Sat 23 – Sun 24: Pottery Masterclass with Elaine Wells
- Tue 26 – Fri 29: School Holiday Workshops

June
- Fri 5: ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’
- Sat 6 – Sat 20: Shakespeare Tour
- Fri 12: ‘As You Like It’
- Sun 14: Sunday Special Workshops
- Sat 20: Catfish
- Sat 27: Purple Zeppelin

July
- Sat 4: The Anchoress
- Sat 11: ‘Couch Improv’
- Sat 18: Sweet Billy Pilgrim
- Sat 18 – Sun 19: Summer Special Workshops
- Mon 27 – Fri 31: School Holiday Workshops

August
- Mon 3 – Fri 21: School Holiday Workshops

Please Note
Once purchased, tickets and workshop spaces are non-refundable. Booking fees apply for online payments – see p.39 for more details.

Our license does not permit the consumption of alcohol purchased off-premises. We have a licensed bar on site.

The Limelight Theatre has a programme of mostly professional shows. For more details about any of our performances, visit www.qpc.org, call 01296 424332 or email info@qpc.org

Welcome Calendar

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Maker’s Fair

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Anniversary

Celebrating 40 Years of Queens Park Arts Centre

2020 marks 40 years since Queens Park Arts Centre opened its doors as the cultural and creative hub of Aylesbury Vale.

Over the past four decades the Centre has been at the very heart of the artistic landscape in Buckinghamshire, and has been recognised as one of the country’s ‘Top Arts Hotspots’ by The Times.

Initially funded by Buckinghamshire County Council, Queens Park quickly grew from running a limited programme of workshops to developing an ambitious roster of classes, performances, exhibitions and events, which continues to expand and develop to this day.

At the heart of the Centre’s activities and ethos is its dedicated team of volunteers. Whether running workshops, staging theatre shows, staffing the Coffee Bar or helping promote Queens Park, our volunteers continue to be essential to our operations.

When core funding was significantly reduced in the late 1990s a campaign began to secure the Centre’s future. The Purchase Appeal to buy the building’s freehold was completed in 2009 and since then Queens Park has operated as an independent arts organisation – the largest of its kind in the UK. The Centre has worked hard to increase its financial self-sufficiency, whilst being extremely fortunate to receive longstanding core funding from Aylesbury Vale District Council and the William Hardings Charity.

Welcoming hundreds of thousands of people through its doors every year, Queens Park continues to promote participation in the arts through affordable weekly workshops, an eclectic mix of live music, theatre and comedy, exhibitions from local, national and even international artists, plus special events such as Craft Fairs.

In recent years the Centre’s Outreach Project the WanderHouse has seen Queens Park make creative connections with thousands of young artists and makers, and its production company Unbound has become the most prolific theatre makers in the area. Meanwhile the welcome addition of the Susan Diane School of Dance and our very own gallery shop Artisan have brought an entirely new usership to the venue.

With many exciting projects and initiatives in development for 2020 and beyond, Queens Park is looking ahead to the next 40 years!

Spring / Summer Events

May Maker’s Fair 2020
Saturday 16 May, 10am – 4pm

Celebrating 40 years of Queens Park Arts Centre, this special event features a wide selection of handmade items to view and buy, live music, dance and theatre, plus hot and cold food (including BBQ and Pimms), children’s craft activities, demonstrations and free parking throughout the day.

Entry: £2.00 / £1.00 concessions & members (U14s go free) Children’ Activities: £2.00
All proceeds contribute to the Centre’s fundraising campaign.

Town Centre Events

We’re thrilled to be a part of a wide range of great events taking place in Aylesbury Town Centre this season:

26 April – St George’s Day & Historic Fayre
2-3 May – Walking Play 2020
21 June – Aylesbury Soapbox Derby
27 June – WhizzFizzFest
5 July – Aylesbury-on-Sea
5 August – Play in the Park
29 August – Live in the Park

See our website for details.
March / April

Fri 27 – Sat 28 Mar – 7:30pm
’Terror Around the Clock’
by Karen Banfield
1958. Molly runs a milkshake bar with daughters Bunty and Suzie and their next door neighbour. When Bunty is spotted by a talent scout and a face from the past reappears, things couldn’t look better. So what turns one of them to murder?
Tickets: Single - £12.50 / Table of 6 - £70 / Table of 8 - £85
This performance is raising funds for Queens Park Arts Centre.

Fri 3 Apr – 8pm
Unbound Theatre presents...
’Improv Showcase’
Join our in-house theatre company for a night of spontaneous storytelling starring a superb team of improvisers. Come armed with a few suggestions and then sit back and watch some side-splitting sketches and scenes unfold!
Tickets: £5.00 / £4.00 concessions

Sat 4 Apr – 8pm
The Keith Thompson Band
British Blues Rock musician Keith Thompson, has been consistently performing in mainland Europe now for 25+ years, where he is well known to a blues following as an exciting live performer.
Tickets: £10.50 in advance / £12.50 on the door

Fri 17 – Sat 18 Apr – 7:30pm
JUMP – 30th Anniversary Weekend
JUMP will return to Aylesbury for two nights to celebrate thirty years of the band’s existence. Special guests will be in attendance to ensure that this will be simply unmissable!
Tickets: www.jumprock.co.uk

April / May

Sat 25 Apr – 7pm
Fish & Chip Quiz Night
Tuck into tasty fish & chips then test the little grey cells at our fundraising quiz, hosted by Grace & Faye. Teams (6 people max) must be booked by 21st April
Tickets: £10.00 (food included)

Fri 1 May – 8pm
Ray Coates
Join Ray Coates for an evening of uplifting, empowering and inspirational music. Introducing the launch of Ray’s album ‘Garden of Life’.
Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00 concessions

Sat 2 May – 8pm
Voodoo Room
Celebrating the music of Hendrix, Clapton and Cream, this classic power trio deliver all-time great hits of their musical muses, with the true passion and energy worthy of these masterpieces.
Tickets: £13.50 / £11.50 concessions

Sat 2 – Sun 3 May
Unbound Theatre presents...
’Laws of Time’
Commissioned by Aylesbury Town Council, we’re delighted to be presenting a brand new interactive immersive play in Aylesbury Town Centre – featuring our time travelling hero Professor Chronomier and her companion Astrid!
See www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk for details

Sat 9 May – 8pm
Rotate Rocks Presents...
Strawbs 50th Anniversary Acoustic Concert
The legendary Strawbs help celebrate Queens Park’s 40th Anniversary. The Acoustic Strawbs of the 21st century consist of founder, constant guiding force, and lead vocalist Dave Cousins, alongside long-time band members lead guitarist Dave Lambert and the astonishingly versatile Chas Cronk - the classic 1970s Strawbs front line.
Tickets: £18.50 (no concessions)
This concert is raising funds for Queens Park Arts Centre.

Sat 23 May – 8pm
Ben White & Tom Lucas
Two young musicians focused on playing the blues coming out of Chicago from the late 40s to the early 50s. Includes classic covers, their own original material inspired by the era.
Tickets: £10.00 / £8.00 concessions

Sat 7 Mar – 8pm
The Dung Beatles
One of Aylesbury’s best-loved bands are back for their annual gig at the Limelight Theatre. Join the group as they perform a spellbinding selection of the Fab Four’s catalogue; from ever-popular classics to hidden gem album tracks.
Tickets: £13.50 / £11.50 concessions

Fri 13 – Sat 14 Mar – 7:30pm
Unbound Theatre presents...
’Three Tall Women’ by Edward Albee
Edward Albee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play exploring memory and identity is brought vividly to life by our in-house production company. Directed by Shaun Nolan.
Tickets: £8.50 / £6.50 concessions
Presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd.

Sat 21 Mar – 7.30pm
Steve Knightley
Exploring his extensive back catalogue and introducing unheard, new material, Steve explores the themes and stories that inspire him and shows how music and words create songs that acquire a life of their own!
Tickets: £19.00 (no concessions)

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Unbound Theatre present a project like no other, as they produce not one but two classic Shakespeare plays and tour them to a variety of amazing venues. They’ll have ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ and ‘As You Like It’ in their repertoire, but for some of the shows they won’t know which one they’ll be performing until the audience decides!

**Tour Dates**

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**Tickets:** £15.00 (no concessions)

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UK and British Blues Award winning band Catfish have carved a reputation for themselves as an excellent live band with a phenomenal frontman in 24 year old guitarist/vocalist Matt Long who plays with a real passion for the blues.

**Tickets:** £10.50 in advance / £12.50 on the door

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Twice voted Best UK Tribute Act, Purple Zeppelin are proud to pay tribute to the two greatest Rock Bands of all time: Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin – together on the same bill!

**Tickets:** £15.50 (no concessions)

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Put our improvisers through their paces as they tackle your suggestions for relationship problems – real or imagined. Some problems we will solve… others we’ll probably make a great deal worse!

**Tickets:** £5.00 / £4.00 concessions

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As part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations, Unbound Theatre are undertaking a theatre project like no other on a local scale, as they stage two of Shakespeare’s best-loved plays – A Midsummer Night’s Dream and As You Like It – and tour them out to a variety of amazing venues, where audiences will get to choose which play they see!

See page 8 for dates and visit www.qpc.org for times and ticket prices

All proceeds contribute to the Centre’s fundraising campaign.
Drama Workshops

Performing Shakespeare
with Erika Sanderson
2 week course: 17 Mar & 24 Mar,
7pm – 9:30pm
Full Course: £10.00 / £8.00 members

Mask & Physical Theatre
with Erika Sanderson
2 week course: 12 May & 19 May,
7pm – 9:30pm
Full Course: £10.00 / £8.00 members

Script Work
with Dario Knight
2 week course: 14 Jul & 21 Jul,
7pm – 9:30pm
Full Course: £10.00 / £8.00 members

Writing Workshops

Creative Writing
with Claire Steele
8 Mar, 5 Apr, 31 May, 28 Jun & 19 Jul
10am – 4pm
One-day writing workshops, ideal for all levels of experience.
£18.00 / £15.00 members per session

Theatre Productions

‘Three Tall Women’
13-14 Mar – Limelight Theatre
Edward Albee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning exploration of memory and identity. Directed by Shaun Nolan.
Tickets: £9.50 / £6.50 concessions

Improv Evenings
Fri 3 Apr & Sat 11 Jul – Limelight Theatre
Two nights of epic improvised stories and games. Directed by Gareth Johnson.
Tickets: £5.00 / £4.00 concessions

‘Robin Hood’
Sun 26 Apr – Bucks County Museum
A 30-minute retelling of England’s most famous folk hero, as part of Aylesbury Town Council’s ‘St George’s Day & History Fayre’ event.
Entry: Free!

Laws of Time
Sat 2 & Sun 3 May – Aylesbury Town Centre
Professor Chronomier is back for another interactive immersive play celebrating Aylesbury’s history, commissioned by Aylesbury Town Council.
Info: www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

October

‘The Three Musketeers’
Sun 5 Jul – Vale Park
Entry – Free!

The Unbound Sketchbook
‘Mind the Gap Tour’
From Summer 2020
Our comedy team are hitting the road once again, with their latest collection of rib-tickling sketches – including an explanation of why you really should Mind the Gap on the London Underground... Directed by Erika Sanderson.
See www.qpc.org for latest tour dates

Audio Productions

The Unbound Sketchbook (Podcast)
A fantastically-funny audio show spanning sketches, sitcoms and panel games.
Available on Soundcloud, Spotify and iTunes.

The Caretaker
An audio drama of Pinter’s classic play, released in Spring 2020 with Calibre Audio Library.
Info: www.calibre.org.uk

Casting & Auditions

Community Showcase (Casting Call)
Deadline: 30 Apr
A very special autumn showcase celebrating local talent. Actors, writers and directors welcome to contribute to an amazing night of theatre.
Email dario@qpc.org to register your interest.

Pantomime Auditions
12 Jul & 19 Jul, 11am
Come and be part of our epic pantomime production – the grand finale of our 40th Anniversary celebrations.
Email dario@qpc.org for details.
Weekly Workshops

For full details visit www.qpc.org or call 01296 424332

Weekly Workshops

Pottery & Sculpture

Monday
Pottery for Adults with Disabilities
with Tony Tomblin
10:00am – 12:30pm
£10.00
Check our website for current availability.

Pottery for Beginners
with Elizabeth Browning
1:00pm – 3:00pm
£8.50 / £6.50 members

Tuesday
Tutored Sessions
10:00am – 12:30pm: with Helen Neighbour
2:00pm – 4:30pm: with Joyce Hill
7:00pm – 9:30pm: with Jane Dow
£8.50 / £6.50 members

Wednesday
Tutored Sessions
10:00am – 12:30pm: with Gill Brown
1:30pm – 4:30pm: with Jeanne & Ron Upton
7:00pm – 9:30pm: with Patrick Hayward
£8.50 / £6.50 members per session

Thursday
Tutored Sessions
10:00am – 12:30pm: with Jenny Hay
7:00pm – 9:30pm: with Charlie Butters
£8.50 / £6.50 members per session

Friday
Untutored Sessions
10:00am – 12:30pm
1:30pm – 4:00pm
£8.00 / £6.00 members per session

Painting & Drawing

Monday
Life Drawing & Painting Untutored
9:30am – 1:30pm
Info: 01296 624708.
Fees: see our website

Oil Painting
with Michael Navarro
7:00pm – 9:30pm
£8.50 / £6.50 members

Tuesday
Open Art Studio Untutored
10:00am – 12:30pm
1:30pm – 4:00pm
£8.00 / £6.00 members per session

NEW! Life Drawing for Beginners & Teens
with Josephine Whitfield
Ages 15+: 4:15pm – 6:15pm
15 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar
Full Course: £17.00 / £15.00 members

Life Drawing Untutored
(Facilitated by Graham Brant)
7:00pm – 9:30pm
£10.00 / £8.00 members (inc model fee)
Student Rate: £6.00

Wednesday
Painting & Drawing
with Anne Bennison
10:00am – 12:30pm
£8.50 / £6.50 members

Drawing & Painting
with Brende Hurley
10:00am – 12:30pm
£9.50 / £7.50 members
Check with Centre for availability

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Tutored Sessions
10:00am – 12:30pm: with Helen Neighbour
7:00pm – 9:30pm: with Jane Dow
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£8.00 / £6.00 members per session

Saturday
Life Drawing & Painting
Untutored
10:00am – 12:30pm
Info: 01296 589 806
£12.00 (inc model fee)

Short Courses
For details of Leila Ward's three-week courses in painting & drawing, please see p22.

For full details visit www.qpc.org or call 01296 424332
Weekly Workshops

Music & Singing

Monday

Gorgeous Recorders
Untutored (facilitated by Nigel Pritchard)
10:00am – 12:00pm
£6.00

Guitar Club
with Nicola Gray & Chris Yoxall
7:30pm – 9:30pm
Info: christopheryoxall@outlook.com / nicolaegray@hotmail.com
£8.50 / £6.50 members

Tuesday

Sing with a Big Voice
with Maria Scobey
8:00pm – 9:00pm
Info / Fees: 07708040011 / abigvoice@hotmail.co.uk / www.abigvoice.co.uk

Wednesday

Beginners Jazz Group
with Rick Atkins
2:00pm – 4:30pm
Info: 079605985188 / ratkins161@gmail.com
£8.00 / £6.00 members

Beginners Guitar
with Steve Marchant
7:30pm – 8:30pm
£3.50 / £3.00 members

Thursday

Good Vibrations Choir
with Parkinson’s UK
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Info: aylesburyheroes@gmail.com
6 classes for £15.00

Intermediate Guitar
with Michael Hidalgo
7:30pm – 9:30pm
Info: michael@the-hidalgos.com
£8.50 / £8.50 members

Sunday

Creative Writing
with Claire Steele
See page 21 for details

Drama, Dance & Wellbeing

Monday

Belly Dance Classes
with Barefoot Studios
7:00pm – 8:00pm: Beginners
8:00pm – 9:00pm: Intermediate
9:00pm – 9:45pm: Anuket Rehearsal
Info: 07963407725 / barefootdee@live.co.uk
£5.50 / £5.00 members

Tuesday

Jigsaw Theatre
for adults with disabilities
1:00pm – 3:30pm: Ages 18+
Info: 07866037708 / www.jigsawtheatre.org.uk

Drama for Adults
We will be running various drama courses this season – see p.10 for details.

Wednesday

Tai Chi - Qigong
with David Lamb
2:30pm – 3:30pm
£60 for 10 classes / £9 weekly rate
Info: qigongarts@aol.com

Thursday

Yoga & Mindfulness
with Hannah Rogers
5:30pm – 6:45pm
£7.00 / £5.00 members

Book Club (Monthly)
with Laura Franklin
7:30pm – 9:00pm
Contact Centre for dates and titles.
£5.00

Friday

Yoga & Mindfulness
with Hannah Rogers
10:00am – 11:00am
£7.00 / £5.00 members

Saturday

Susan Diane School of Dance
SDSD are based at Queens Park Arts Centre and run a wide variety of dance classes throughout the week.
For a full timetable, and details of fees, please contact susan@susandiane.co.uk / 01296 632 391 or visit www.susandiane.co.uk
Needlework & Textiles

**Monday**

- **Beginner’s Patchwork** with Jean Twyford
  2:00pm – 4:30pm
  £8.50 / £6.50 members

- **Tapestry** with Ariana Odell
  5:00pm – 7:00pm
  £3.50 / £3.00 members

- **NEW! Knitting Club** with Amy Morgan
  7:15pm – 9:15pm
  9, 16, 23 Mar – Knitted / Crochet Hat
  4, 11, 18 May – Knitted Shawl
  Each Course: £45 / £40 members
  Contact the Centre for info on what to bring

**Tuesday**

- **Seed Bead Jewellery** with Denise Walker
  10:00am – 12:00pm
  £8.50 / £6.50 members

- **Pretty Stitchers** with Annie Cooper
  2:00pm – 4:00pm
  Info: annie@littlediggers.com
  £3.50

- **Crochet** with Amy Morgan
  7:00pm – 9:00pm
  £5.00 / £4.50 members

**Wednesday**

- **Advanced Patchwork** with Jean Twyford
  10:00am – 12:30pm
  £8.50 / £6.50 members
  Check with Centre for availability

- **Bobbin Lacemaking** with Rosemary Masters
  7:00 – 9:30pm
  £6.80

**Thursday**

- **Snipit & Sew** with Audrey Blencowe-Bunton
  10:00am – 12:30pm
  £8.50 / £6.50 members

- **Bobbin Lacemaking** with Rosemary Masters
  7:00pm – 9:30pm
  Info: 01296 681 228
  £8.00

Woodwork & Mixed Crafts

**Monday**

- **Woodcarving** with Jeremy Turner
  7:00pm – 9:30pm
  £12.50 / £10.00 members per session
  This workshop must be booked in advance, contact jeremy.turner155@btinternet.com / 07870853473 to book.

**Tuesday**

- **Woodwork: Learn to Turn & Make Whatever You Want!** with Rose Miller
  7:00pm – 9:00pm
  £10.00

**Wednesday**

- **Mixed Crafts** with Irene Scott
  10:00am – 12:30pm
  £8.00 / £6.00 members

**Thursday**

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  10:00am – 12:30pm
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**Volunteer!**

If you’ve got a passion for art and craft, why not start up your own workshop to pass on your skills and enthusiasm? Email carlotta@qpc.org or call 01296 424332 for more info.

Some workshops have limited spaces. For full details about all of our workshops, and to check current availability, visit www.qpc.org or call 01296 424332.

If you’re interested in starting a workshop please contact 01296 424332 / info@qpc.org
Sunday 15th March
10am-4pm

All workshops £45 / £40 members (unless otherwise stated)

A Little Nest of Owls
with Pippa North
Try your hand at the addictive process of needle felting. We will make a nest and a trio of adorable little owls. Makes a beautiful gift. £5 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

Scented Soaps for Mother’s Day & Easter
with Helen Neighbour
Create wonderfully fragrant and lovely looking handmade soaps. A step on from the introduction workshop, but is still suitable for beginners. Additional materials purchasable on the day.

Handbuilding with Clay
with William Rolls
Discover a variety of techniques to create your own animal sculpture. Suitable for complete beginners. Please bring images for inspiration.

Pottery - Raku Firing
with Charlie Butters
Discover how to create amazing glaze effects using the raku method of firing. Bring 4-6 bisque-fired pieces to fire on the day.

Knitting & Crochet – Bags & Rags
with Jaz Cooper
Bring your junk and jaz it up - make plastic bags into “plarn”, strip old sheets into rag-yarn and then crochet/knit something new with it. No previous experience necessary.

Willow Garden Props
with Anita Osborne
Create a willow garden structure to adorn your raised bed and support those climbing blooms. Bring secateurs, gloves and an apron. £10 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

Copper Foiled Glass
with Caroline Kearsey
Learn copper foiling in a fun and relaxed atmosphere to produce Spring-themed decorative items. Please wear closed toed shoes. £10 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

The Bee with Korry’s Little Shop
Come and stitch this goldwork Bee. Learn how to handle the goldwork wires and create a pair of detached wings. £16 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

Fiddle Workshop
with Nigel Walker
10am-1pm
Suitable for fiddle players wishing to develop their playing and violinists wanting insight for interpretation. £25.00 / £20 members

Blacksmithing with Nicky Packham
Visit a practising workshop to learn and refine the art of blacksmithing. Class takes place in Milton Keynes. Call Centre for address.

Sunday 14th June
10am-4pm

All workshops £45 / £40 members (unless otherwise stated)

Flower Fairy
with Pippa North
Using a mixture of techniques, including wet felting a flower hat, create a beautiful little wooden fairy. Please bring special materials, embellishments and a sewing kit if you have one. £5 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

Copper Foiled Glass
with Caroline Kearsey
Learn copper foiling in a fun and relaxed atmosphere to produce Summer-themed decorative items. Please wear closed toed shoes. £10 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

Pottery Throwing
with Charlie Butters
Learn the basic principles of throwing clay to make cylinders (the basis of most pots). £50 / £55 members
Clay included, plus firing and glazing for one pot.

Make a String Picture
with Jeremy Turner
Glue down a string design onto a board, apply wrinkled aluminium foil, then paint in the spaces with glass paints.

Lino Printing
with Josephine Whitfield
Enjoy a workshop on the theme of fresh and packaged food. Draw from life and create a design in colour. Learn how to add text to the printing plate as it prints backwards.
Special Workshops

Sunday Specials

Introduction to Silk Shading
with Korry's Little Shop
Learn this dazzling embroidery technique with a simple but effective pink camellia design. £10 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

Blacksmithing
with Nicky Packham
Visit a practising workshop to learn and refine the art of blacksmithing. Class takes place in Milton Keynes. Call Centre for address.

Horsehair & Feather Raku Workshop
with Helen Neighbour & Jane Dow
Use items like horse hair, feathers, sugar and other flammable items, to create a decorative effect. Bring 4-6 piece of bisque-fired work on the day. Contact Centre for pre-workshop information.

Sunday 19th July
10am-4pm
All workshops £45 / £40 members (unless otherwise stated)

Pottery Throwing
with Charlie Butters
Learn the basic principles of throwing clay to make cylinders (the basis of most pots). £60 / £55 members Clay included, plus firing and glazing for one pot.

Clay Heads
with Josephine Whitfield
Create a clay head on a polystyrene mould. Every head tells a story, so come along with some ideas!

Summer Specials – 18th-19th July
10am-4pm
All workshops £90 / £80 members

Butterfly Blessings Book
with Pippa North
Wet felt a beautiful cover for a gratitude or mindful book. Fill with watercolour pages and stitch together. We will paint the edges of the pages and add a touch of gold. Needle felt a beautiful blue butterfly to adorn your cover. £10 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

Develop your own Fragrance & Design your Soaps
with Helen Neighbour
Take your soap making to another level in this workshop, where you will have the opportunity to create your own personalised fragrance and design your own beautiful handmade soap. Additional materials purchasable on the day.

Leatherwork – A Right Handful
with Elizabeth Bond
Prepare the leather and linings then learn how to saddle stitch a vibrant simple hand bag or messenger style bag. £30-£35 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

3D Embroidery
with Korry's Little Shop
Take your embroidery skills further, using unusual techniques and threads to create an amazing 3D piece. £5 for materials payable to tutor on the day.

Kachina Dolls
with Jeremy Turner
Shape and carve a Hopi Kachina doll from wood then mount it on a base, paint it and add decorations.

Junk Modelling Workshop
with Nicky Packham
Discover how to weld and bolt junk metal together into your very own sculpture. Bring £10 - £20 with you for purchase of scrap metals. Class takes place in Milton Keynes. Call Centre for address.

Creative Writing
with Claire Steele
8 Mar, 5 Apr, 31 May, 28 Jun & 19 Jul
10am – 4pm
One-day writing workshops, ideal for writers of all levels of experience looking to discover and develop their skills. £18 / £15 members (per session)

Places must be booked in advance.
All Sunday Special Workshops are suitable students for aged 16+

For full details about each of these workshops please visit www.qpc.org or call 01296 424332
Special Workshops

Adult Art Courses

Painting & Drawing Courses

with Leila Ward

Portrait Drawing
24, 31 Jul & 7 Aug, 10:30am-1:00pm

Beginners Acrylics – Part 1
28 Feb, 6, 13 Mar, 1:30pm-3:30pm
20, 27 Mar, 3 Apr, 10:30am-12:30pm
3, 10, 17 Jun, 10:30am-12:30pm

Beginners Acrylics – Part 2
24 Apr, 1, 15 May, 1:30pm-3:30pm
29 Jul, 5, 12 Aug, 10:30am-12:30pm

Beginners Drawing – Part 1
7, 14, 21 Mar, 1:30pm-3:30pm
6, 13, 20 Mar, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Beginners Drawing – Part 2
8, 15, 22 Jan, 10:30am-12:30pm
9, 16, 23 Jul, 1:30pm-3:30pm
28 Feb, 6, 13 Mar, 10:30am-12:30pm
25 Apr, 2, 9 May, 1:30pm-3:30pm
8, 15, 22 Jul, 10:30am-12:30pm

Watercolour Classes
with Leila Ward

Watercolour – Spring Flowers
1 Apr, 10:30am-12:30pm

Watercolour – Night Sky
5 Jun, 10:00am-12:45pm

Beginners Watercolours – Part 1
26 Feb, 4, 11 Mar, 10:30am-12:30pm
20, 27 Mar, 3 Apr, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Beginners Watercolours – Part 2
22, 29 Apr, 6 May, 10:30am-12:30pm
24 Apr, 1, 15 May, 10:30am-12:30pm
5, 12, 19 Jun, 1:30pm-3:30pm

These three-week courses are ideal for anyone with a passion for drawing and painting, and cover everything you need to know to get started. Please bring your own materials.

Suitable for ages 14+
Info: leila_ward@msn.com

Each Course: £55 / £50 members

Watercolour Classes
with Leila Ward

Watercolour – Summer Plant
12 Jun, 10:30am-12:45pm

These single-session classes are ideal for those with some experience looking to broaden their watercolour skills.

Info: leila_ward@msn.com

Each class: £18 / £12 members (materials included)

Pottery Summer School
With Helen Neighbour

Making Week: Tue 28 – Fri 31 Jul, 10:30am-12:30pm
Glazing Day: Sun 27 Sep, 10:30am-12:30pm

Enjoy the opportunity to create some larger interesting hand built pieces, or develop and practice your throwing skills. The course is ideal for novice potters looking to spend quality time learning additional skills. Cake included! Wear an apron and bring a packed lunch!

Info: carlotta@qpc.org

Full Course (incl. glazing): £120 / £100 members

Creative Walks
New for 2020!

Wendover Woods
28 Jun, 10am-1pm
Ashridge Estate
12 Jul, 10am-1pm

These creative walking workshops aim to engage the local community in a range of artistic pursuits. Linking nature with creativity, these walks are led by experienced tutors and allow students to record their experiences through either watercolour sketches or digital photography.

Info: carlotta@qpc.org

Each Walk: £25 / £20 members

Pottery Masterclasses
with Elaine Wells

25 Apr - Pottery Throwing
Demonstration: 10:30am-12:00pm
Workshop: 1:30pm-3:00pm

26 Apr - Pottery Throwing
Demonstration: 10:30am-12:00pm
Workshop: 1:30pm-3:00pm

For full information: www.qpc.org / info@qpc.org / 01296 424332

Places must be booked in advance for these courses
Special Workshops

Adult Art Courses

23 May – Decorating Ceramics
Demonstration: 10:30am-12:00pm
Workshop: 1:30pm-3:00pm

Local ceramicist Elaine Wells – who appeared on the acclaimed TV series 'The Great Pottery Throwdown' will be joining us for a series of masterclasses, exploring the throwing and decoration processes of pottery. In the morning Elaine will give a talk, demonstrating her own techniques; then in the afternoon students will be able to attend a workshop will Elaine and have a go themselves!

Each Demonstration / Workshop: £15 / £10 members (£30 / £20 to attend a full day)
Spaces are limited – book early to avoid disappointment.

Beginners Classes
Discover a new hobby!

Woodcarving with Jeremy Turner
29 Feb, 7, 14 Mar, 1:30pm-3:30pm
6, 13, 20 Jun, 1:30pm-3:30pm
Learn the basics of carving wood, including the design and creation process, how to choose the type of wood and how to look after your carving tools!

Each Course: £60 / £50 members

Pottery Throwing with Charlie Butters
24 Feb, 2, 9 Mar, 7:00pm-9:00pm
20, 27 Apr, 4 May, 7:00pm-9:00pm
21, 28 Mar, 4 Apr, 1:30pm-3:30pm
27 Jun, 4, 11 Jul, 1:30pm-3:30pm
An opportunity to work with an experienced tutor to learn the key principles of throwing cylinders at the potters' wheel.

Each Course: £70 / £60 members

Pottery Hand Building Pinch Pots & Coll with Helen Neighbour
29 Feb, 7, 14 Mar, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Pottery – Textures & Patterns in Hand Building with Helen Neighbour
6, 13, 20 Jun, 2:00pm-4:00pm
These two courses are perfect for anyone interested in handbuilding pottery, and explore both the techniques of make ceramics and the various ways of decorating them.

Each Course: £60 / £50 members

Learn to Knit with Amy Morgan
24 Feb, 7:15pm-9:15pm
27 Apr, 7:15pm-9:15pm
This class covers the basics of hand knitting; with these simple techniques you can go on to knit almost anything! In this session you will learn how to cast on, how to knit and purl, and how to cast off. You will need to bring 5mm knitting needles, DK or aran weight yarn.

Each Class: £15 / £10 members

Knit a Shawl with Amy Morgan
9, 16, 23 Mar, 7:15pm-9:15pm
Choose from a selection of three patterns and customise with your preferred colours. Students will need to know how to knit and purl but all other skills will be taught. Bring materials with you.

Full Course: £45 / £40 members

Knit / Crochet a Hat with Amy Morgan
4, 11, 18 May, 7:15pm-9:15pm
Choose from a selection of patterns and customise with your preferred colours. Suitable for knitters and crocheters. You will need to know the basics of each craft but all other skills will be taught. Bring materials with you.

Full Course: £45 / £40 members

Life Drawing for Beginners & Teens with Josephine Whitfield
25 Feb, 3, 10 Mar, 4:15pm-6:15pm
Learn the key skills of drawing a life model, with guidance from an experienced tutor. Perfect for art students looking for more experience or complete beginners wanting to try a new skill.

Full Course: £17 / £15 members

Linocut - Peony with Leila Ward
14 Aug, 10:30am-1:30pm
Discover how to use linocut tools to create your very own unique design inspired by a beautiful flower!

Info: leila_ward@msn.com
£18 / £12 members (materials included)

Therapeutic Art Course
For adults with learning disabilities or autism

Therapeutic Art Course with Talkback Nclude
6-week Course: 26 Feb – 1 Apr, 1:00pm-3:00pm
This course is for adults with learning disabilities or autism, and aims to provide students with opportunities to explore and express themselves through art, using a range of different materials such as paints, pastels and pencils etc.

Full Course: £60 per term (£10 per session)
Bookings must be made via Talkback www.talkback-nclude.com

23 May – Decorating Ceramics
Demonstration: 10:30am-12:00pm
Workshop: 1:30pm-3:00pm

24 May – Decorating Ceramics
Demonstration: 10:30am-12:00pm
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2023 Places must be booked in advance for these courses

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Children’s Weekly Workshops

Workshops for Young People

Tuesday

**Yoga & Mindfulness**
with Helena Legg
Ages 11+: 4:15pm – 5:15pm
£3.00 / £2.50 members
First session is free!

**Life Drawing**
with Josephine Whitfield
See p25 for details.

**Music Theory Classes**
with TheMES
Mixed Ability, Ages 7+: 4:15pm – 5:00pm
Info / fees: the-mes@outlook.com

**Sing with a Big Voice**
with Maria Scobey
Ages 8-16: 7:15pm-8:00pm
Info / Fees: 07708040011 / abigvoice@hotmail.co.uk / www.abigvoice.co.uk

Wednesday

**Sewing for Young People**
with Barbara Mills
Ages 10-14: 4:00pm – 5:30pm
£3.50 / £3.00 members

**Teen Pottery**
with Charlie Butters
Ages 13+: 4:30pm – 6:00pm
£3.50 / £3.00 members

Theatre for Young People
with Pete Benson
Ages 9-14: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
£3.50 / £3.00 members

Saturday

**Saturday Maker’s Club**
For ages 7-11
First Session: 10.00am – 11.00am
Second Session: 11.30am – 12.30pm
A chance to explore all manner of artistic disciplines. See www.qpc.org for the timetable of activities.
(Please note parents will need to stay on site if children are attending both sessions).
Pottery sessions are ‘Making Only’ – additional Glaze Sessions (for 1 large piece or 2-3 small pieces – at tutor’s discretion) will be held during the year. See www.qpc.org for details.
£5.00 / £4.00 members per session
*Ages 5+ may attend the 10am crafts session
There will be no Maker’s Club on 22 Feb, 11 Apr, 18 Apr, 16 May, 30 May

**Family Workshop**

*Naturally Creating Together*
with Pippa North
3rd, 10th & 17th July, 10am-12pm
Aimed at families with young children, we will explore a range of natural, sustainable and recycled materials including paints, clay and felt. A wonderful opportunity to experiment with a different material every week, using unusual and sensorial resources.

Entry: £12 / £10 members per session
(per child, adults go free)
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Susan Diane School of Dance

Queens Park Arts Centre is proud to be the home of the Susan Diane School of Dance.

SDSD is a fully-registered dance school founded in 1975. The school’s qualified teachers lead classes for students of all ages, teaching Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern Theatre, Acro, Street and Musical Theatre.

Pupils regularly appear in Festivals and Pantomime, raising thousands of pounds for local charities. The school also enters students for examinations (ISTD / IDTA) in all genres.

Find out all about the school and its timetable at www.susandiane.co.uk, or you can contact the school via office@susandiane.co.uk / 01296 632 391
Children’s Workshops

School Holiday Workshops

Easter Holiday

Mon 6 Apr, 10am – 3pm
Handsome Hens in Hats
with Pippa North

Tue 7 Apr, 10am – 3pm
Bodacious Bunnies
with Pippa North
Awesome Bunnies with attitude, bright & beautiful painted princesses. Recycled materials.

Tue 7 Apr, 10am – 3pm
Pottery Decorative Bird Houses
with Helen Neighbour
Have fun making some special homes for birds to nest in.

Wed 8 Apr
Beginners Pottery Throwing
with Fi Chappelle
Morning Session: 10am – 1pm
Afternoon Session: 2pm – 5pm
For ages 9+
Learn the basics of throwing a pot at the wheel.
£18 / £15 members

Wed 8 Apr, 10am – 3pm
Woodwork – Carve a Dish
with Jeremy Turner
For ages 9+
Carve a dish and decorate it with patterns and paints.

Thu 9 Apr, 10am – 3pm
Woodelf and the Flower Feast
with Pippa North
Our little elves enjoy a party in the woods, create a tiny fairytale. Recycled materials.

Thu 9 Apr, 10am – 3pm
Pottery Animal Houses
with Helen Neighbour
For ages 8+
Make some little comes for the creatures in your garden, including hedgehogs, voles and toads!

Fri 29 May, 10am – 3pm
Little Carpet Baggages
with Pippa North
Tiny little furry monsters that live on their own piece of carpet. How many can we make?! Recycled materials.

May Half Term

Tue 26 May, 10am – 3pm
Tinned Dormouse
with Pippa North
Create a little furry friend to live in a tin, always there for a cuddle. Recycled materials.

Tue 26 May, 10am – 3pm
Pottery Decorative Planters
with Helen Neighbour
For ages 8+
Come and make some funky and fun plant pots!

Wed 27 May, 10am – 3pm
Woodwork – Carve a Relief Panel
with Jeremy Turner
For ages 9+
Themed around threatened species – carve a bird, insect or flower (bring a picture with you!)

Thu 28 May, 10am – 3pm
Bluebirds in the Cherry Blossom
with Pippa North
Our beautiful tissue and paper / foil birds live on a branch decorated with gorgeous blossoms. Recycled materials.

Thu 28 May, 10am – 3pm
Pottery Angels & Fairies
with Helen Neighbour
Have fun making your own magical character out of clay.

Wed 27 May
Beginners Pottery Throwing
with Fi Chappelle
Morning Session: 10am – 1pm
Afternoon Session: 2pm – 5pm
For ages 9+
Learn the basics of throwing a pot at the wheel.
£18 / £15 members

All Workshops £24 / £20 members
All workshops are for ages 7+ unless otherwise stated.
Wear an apron and bring a packed lunch!

Please check with the Centre for holiday opening times
School Holiday Workshops

Summer Holiday

Mon 27 Jul, 10am – 3pm
Sleeping Selkies with Pippa North
Create a beautiful decorated Selkie, straight out of the sea and into a story. Recycled materials.

Tue 28 Jul, 10am – 3pm
The Victorious Vegetable Shop with Pippa North
Create your own valiant, valorous, vaporous and virtuous little veggy personalities, bedecked and presented ready to purchase. Recycled materials.

Thu 30 Jul, 10am – 3pm
Drawing for Beginners with Leila Ward
For ages 13+
Learn key drawing techniques, including shading and perspective, shape, form and texture.

Thu 30 Jul, 10am – 3pm
Big Blue with Pippa North
Create a wonderful painted Blue Whale Flag, with a row of little streamers. Recycled materials.

Fri 31 Jul, 10am – 3pm
Friday Festival Fun for Teens – Festival Bag with Pippa North
For ages 13+
Learn how to wet felt and make a beautiful small festival bag in vibrant colours to wear around your waist on a belt. With beads and tassels, your own unique bag to keep essentials in.

Mon 3 Aug, 10am – 3pm
Big Blue Two with Pippa North
Save and recycle. Convert a large pot into a painted ocean – your very own recycle bin.

Tue 4 Aug, 10am – 3pm
Cats Go Crabbing with Pippa North
Yes – they are still going! For all the fans – our little friends having seaside fun with a giant Crab. Hurrah! Recycled materials.

Fri 7 Aug, 10am – 3pm
Friday Festival Fun for Teens – Festival Tent Marker with Pippa North
For ages 13+
Create a beautiful decorative fish and bird pole to mark your tent or carry in a crowd and flutter in the breeze. Do the next workshop and add gorgeous copper decorations! Recycled materials.

Mon 10 Aug, 10am – 3pm
Pottery Coil Pots & Containers with Helen Neighbour
Have fun creating some beautiful un-lidded functional pots, jugs and vases.

Mon 10 Aug, 10am – 3pm
Pooka and the Puffin with Pippa North
Another regular visitor, naughty Pooka has invaded the Puffin’s patch – he’s a very cross bird. Recycled materials.

Tue 11 Aug
Beginners Pottery Throwing with Fi Chappelle
Morning Session: 10am – 1pm
For ages 9+
Learn the basics of throwing a pot at the wheel.
£18 / £15 members

Tue 11 Aug
Woodwork - Poupées Sauvages with Jeremy Turner
Shape a special doll with Drawknife and Spokeshave, fit arms and legs with Brace and Bit, and then animate them with string, ribbon, foil, bottle tops and paint.

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School Holiday Workshops

**Children’s Workshops**

**Victorious Vegetables**
with Pippa North
Veggies rule! Courageous carrots and bombastic beans – let’s make a whole patch! Recycled materials.

**Pottery Owls**
with Helen Neighbour
Come and have a bit of a hoot making a fun and friendly owl.

**Acrylics for Beginners**
with Leila Ward
For ages 13+
Learn the basic techniques of painting with acrylics, including colour mixing, washes, and impasto.

**Silky Sloth and the Happiness Tree**
with Pippa North
Our gorgeous little sleepy friend almost loses her grip, but our tree is special! Recycled materials.

**Friday Festival Fun for Teens – (Copper) Festival Fish & Birds**
with Pippa North
For ages 13+
Emboss a little shoal of shimmer copper fish, or a trio of birds, attach a garland and welcome the summer. Recycled materials.

**Pottery Castles & Temples**
with Anna Hayward
Taking inspiration from real life buildings, create your very own clay castle or temple.

**Pottery Underwater World Wall Plaque**
with Helen Neighbour
For ages 8+
Create a beautiful underwater seascape that can be decorated so it will look beautiful on your wall.

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**Pottery Creative Dishes**
with Helen Neighbour
Have fun creating a dish, which you can decorate with a variety of creatures and designs.

**Beautiful Buzzies**
with Pippa North
Are you brave? Try making tiny little bees using a needle and wool, and a little house for the real bees. Recycled materials.

**The Golden Octopus**
with Pippa North

**Pottery Tree Houses**
with Anna Hayward
Time to go on a tree-top adventure by creating your very own clay woodland hideaway.

**Pottery Octopus Gardens**
with Anna Hayward
A ceramic underwater scene with an octopus and maybe even a yellow submarine...

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Create an opulent bird with fancy feathers.

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**Little Red in a Forest Bag**
with Pippa North
Upcycle a couscous bag into a forest and re-imagine Red, Wolf and Grandma. Recycled materials.

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**All Workshops £24 / £20 members unless otherwise stated**
Pottery workshop fees include bisque firing. Places must be booked in advance.

**Summer Workshop Discounts**
**Sibling Discount** – book two siblings onto the same class and get £2 off the second booking
**Multi-Workshop Discount** – book two workshops and get the third half price.

*Only one discount applies per booking – discounts applicable when booking in person or via telephone.*
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Art group based at the Chilterns MS Centre, a charity for those affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

The culmination of a special outreach project, led by Pippa North in six Buckinghamshire primary schools, funded by the Rothschild Foundation.

‘Flower Paintings’ – the culmination of a year-long project painting flowers at Lindengate, Wendover.
**Creative Opportunities**

**WanderHouse**

The WanderHouse is Queens Park Arts Centre's flagship community outreach project initially funded by the Arts Council of England.

Led by interdisciplinary artist Pippa North, the WanderHouse aims to inspire young artists by giving them access to high-quality tailor-made arts and crafts experiences. This has led to creative collaborations with local schools and youth groups, ranging from single workshops to whole-school projects resulting in unique art installations inspired and created by the school community.

**If you would like the WanderHouse to come to your school or community setting, contact Sarah Lewis via sarah@qpc.org / 01296 424332.**

*Our thanks to the Rothschild Foundation for their support of ‘The Joy of Making’ and our collaboration with six Bucks primary schools in 2020.*

**Craft Parties**

Celebrate special occasions such as birthdays, stag and hen parties or anniversaries by getting creative at one of our Craft Parties.

We cater to all ability levels and tailor parties to partygoer's interests, offering a range of artistic disciplines to choose from, including pottery and art & craft. Parties last two-hours, are led by an experienced tutor and cater to groups of up to 12 people, aged 6+.

*For a full list of options and prices, contact Carlotta Tonello via carlotta@qpc.org or call 01296 424332.*

**Fundraising**

There are all sorts of great ways you can support the Centre's ongoing fundraising campaign, including through such initiatives as the Vale Lottery, and The Giving Machine. For more information please contact Sarah Lewis – sarah@qpc.org

**Room Hire**

We have fully-equipped rooms suitable for classes, conferences, meetings and rehearsals. The Limelight Theatre is also available to hire for performances. Prices start from £17 per hour plus VAT. For more information please contact Carlotta Tonello – carlotta@qpc.org

**Coffee Bar**

The Coffee Bar is open throughout the day for workshop students. We're also open to the general public Monday – Friday from 10am – 5pm. We serve teas and fresh coffee, sandwiches, paninis, soup, snacks, fresh fruit and cold drinks, as well as treats like ice cream! The bar is also licensed to sell alcohol during performances at the Limelight Theatre.

**Art Shop**

We stock a range of art supplies, including paper and sketchbooks, paints and charcoal, pottery tools, pencils, inks and other stationary. If you need a specific item just ask a member of staff.
We’re always happy to welcome new people to the team – find out how you can get involved via info@qpc.org / 01296 424332.

Queens Park couldn’t run without its dedicated volunteer tutors, bar staff and event teams. If you’d like to get involved, email dario@qpc.org or call 01296 424332.

If you’re a keen stitcher or painter then we want to hear from you! We need able volunteers to join our production team for Unbound Theatre productions.

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Volunteering

Queens Park Arts Centre

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Payments & Ticket Bookings
There is a £1.50 booking fee for all bookings made online. This charge covers the costs of maintaining our box office system and website. We are no longer able to accept payment via American Express. We cannot accept cheques for payments under £10. Contactless payments can be made both at Reception and in our Coffee Bar.

Refunds
Once purchased tickets / workshop places are non-refundable. In the instance that a show / workshop is cancelled the amount returned will be minus any booking fee.

Gallery Space
Telephone the Centre on 01296 424 332 or email info@qpc.org if you are interested in showing your work. Please note, exhibitors are required to take out membership. The Centre charges 30% commission on exhibition sales.

Artisan
If you produce hand-crafted bespoke items and wish to take part in Artisan contact info@qpc.org or see our website for further details.

Membership
Benefits include: An invitation to the AGM, discounted workshops, 20% off two tickets for most Limelight shows. Concessionary members receive 10% off two concessionary tickets for most shows.

Annual membership costs:
• Standard: £28
• Concessionary: £17
• Children: £10
• Family Membership: £45

Further ways to save
• Opt to join the e-mailing list and receive regular updates. Email – info@qpc.org
• Concessions – if you are under 16, or in full-time education, unemployed, or over 60
• Group bookings – for every booking of 10 people, one goes free
• People in extreme financial difficulties may also receive discounted or free membership. Telephone for details.

• Become a volunteer – volunteers are entitled to free membership amongst other benefits

Gift Aid
If you are a tax payer, using gift aid can make your donation go further. Please complete a gift aid form. This enables the Centre to reclaim the tax on your donation or membership fee.

Gift Vouchers
Available for Queens Park Arts Centre workshops and Limelight Theatre tickets. Certain restrictions may apply to some shows / workshops.

Volunteering
Ways you can help include: bar / coffee bar, fundraising, becoming a volunteer tutor, promotion and distribution. Register your interest by emailing your details to info@qpc.org or by calling 01296 424 332.

Mailing List
You can receive the brochure in two ways:
By post or by email (this helps to reduce the Centre's postage costs and saves the environment at the same time). Contact the Centre with your details by emailing info@qpc.org or tel: 01296 424 332.

Access
The building is fully accessible. We have disabled parking close to the main doors, and the theatre is at ground level. The brochure is available in large print and on audio. If you are unsure which workshop is most suitable for you, please contact the Centre in advance to discuss how we can meet your requirements.

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Opening Hours (term time only)
- Monday to Thursday: **10am until 9.30pm**
- Friday / Saturday: **10am – 4pm & 7pm until show finishes**
- Sunday: **Closed**

How to make a booking
For all special workshops and performances we recommend advanced booking.

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- **By telephone:** 01296 424332
- **Online:** [www.qpc.org](http://www.qpc.org)
  - **Email:** info@qpc.org
- **By post to:** Queens Park Arts Centre, Queens Park, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7RT.
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