

# Welcome to The Master’s House in Spring

This spring, there has been a dramatic murder in The Master’s House. Come and join us for a night of entertainment with a new **original murder mystery** brought to you by Sara-Jane Arbury and LADS.

Discover new research into the **life and times of Edward Cowper**, a Master of St Katherine’s Hospital in Tudor times, explore the history of the building on a heritage tour, and see photographic images from the **restoration of The Master’s House**.

Learn more IT skills, try your hand at **calligraphy**, and kids can turn favourite stories into music this half-term at our free **Lyrics in the Library** workshops.

Have a look and put some dates in your diary!

The Master’s House is a 15th century medieval building at the heart of Ledbury. Restored by Herefordshire Council and Heritage Lottery Fund, it is now home to Ledbury Library, Ledbury Poetry Festival, Age UK, and the Friends of the Master’s House. This public building is open to everyone – come in and have a browse.

Event details are correct at time of print. Tickets are available six weeks before the event.

## Opening Times

Monday	9.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday	9.30am – 6pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30am – 4.30pm
Friday	9.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	9.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday	Closed

## Booking & Tickets

Tel: 01432 383499  
Email: ledburylibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

## For Further Information

Contact Ledbury Library on  
01432 383499  
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St Katherine’s  
Bye Street  
Ledbury  
Herefordshire  
HR8 1EA

Image on front:  
*The memorial to Edward Cowper at St Michael and All Angels Church, Ledbury. Master of St Katherine’s Hospital in 1562-1574 and 1580-1596. Find out more about his accounts of The Master’s House at themastershouseledbury.org*



# The Master’s House Ledbury

## Activities & Events

February – May 2019



Library · Culture · Community

### Monday 28 January - Saturday 16

### February

Library opening hours (from 12 noon

Monday)

### Library DVD Sale

A DVD sale of ex-library stock from libraries across

the county. Find a bargain for a winter movie night!

### Tuesday 5 February

4.45pm – 5.45pm

Free

### Ledbury Library Readers’ Group

A friendly readers’ group held in Ledbury Library.

Drop in and join us and books will be provided.

### Wednesday 6 February

10am – 12 noon

Free tickets / donations

gratefully accepted

### Master’s House Tour



The Friends of the Master’s House will be hosting a

detailed tour of this beautiful 15th century building

that featured on Channel 4’s Great British Buildings:

Restoration of the Year.

### Friday 8 February

11am – 12.30pm

Free

### A Good Read? Readers’ Group

Bring along a book you have read, share your

thoughts and perhaps a short snippet from the book

in this friendly and informal readers’ group. Second

Friday of each month.

### Saturday 9 February

10am – 12 noon

£6 per session

### Ledbury Young Writer’s Group

Fun and creative writing workshops for young people,

led by professional writer Sara-Jane Arbury. Booking

is essential, visit [www.writingwestmidlands.org](http://www.writingwestmidlands.org) to

reserve a place.

9-14 years

### Tuesday 12 February

7pm – 9pm

£5 (on the door)

### Ledbury Poetry Salon

Do you want to discover more about poetry? Come

along to a Ledbury Poetry Salon, with an Open Mic and

Featured Poet. This month join Nigel McLoughlin, a

prize-winning Northern Irish poet with five collections

of poetry in print including most recently *Chora*. His

work was selected for inclusion on The Poetry Archive

and he was elected a Fellow of the RSA in 2005.

### Tuesday 19 February

4pm – 6pm

Free tickets

### How to Use a Tablet

Learn the basics of how to use a tablet, from learning

about apps, picking up emails on your tablet, using the

internet and how to connect to our library Wi-Fi. Bring

your own device or we will have tablets available for

the session. Provided by Fastershire.

16+ years

### Wednesday 20 February

10.30am – under 5s

Free tickets

11.30am – 5 to 8 years

1.15pm – 8+ years

### Lyrics in the Library

Musical games, songs and activities! Come and

join the fabulous Bym Welthy this half-term as we

explore your favourite books and characters and

weave them into song. There are three age groups,

however siblings are welcome to join the same

group. Not to be missed! Sponsored by Ledbury

Library Development Group.



### The Life and Times of Edward

Cowper

Library opening hours

Free

### 16 March

### Tuesday 19 February - Saturday



**Friday 22 February**  
**10am – 4pm Tickets £45 (including materials)**  
**Modern Calligraphy Workshop**  
Master the art of the printed pen and learn an informal modern calligraphy script with calligrapher Caroline Owen-Thomas. The workshop will cover the basic strokes, and move on to letterforms using ink and gouache on paper. Beginners welcome. All materials supplied including a pen and nib to take home. 15+ years

**Saturday 2 March**  
**9.30am – 4pm** **Free**  
**Open House**  
The library will be open until 4pm this Saturday, and the Friends of the Master’s House will be sharing details behind the architecture and history of the building. This friendly group of volunteers are passionate about The Master’s House and its place in the past, present and future of Ledbury – find out how you could get involved over a cup of tea and cake!

**Tuesday 5 March**  
**4.45pm – 5.45pm** **Free**  
**Ledbury Library Readers’ Group**  
A friendly readers’ group held in Ledbury Library. Drop in and join us and books will be provided.

**Wednesday 6 March**  
**10am – 12 noon** **Free tickets / donations gratefully accepted**

**Master’s House Tour**  
The Friends of the Master’s House will be hosting a detailed tour of this beautiful 15th century building that featured on Channel 4’s Great British Buildings: Restoration of the Year.

**Thursday 7 March**  
**7pm – 9.30pm** **Tickets £12 (includes soup and bread)**

**An Evening of Fine Die-ning: A Murder Mystery**  
A feast given in honour of Eleanor, sister of Master Edward Cowper, is cut short by the untimely demise of Eleanor herself! She’s been poisoned... but whodunnit? Become Ledbury’s super sleuth by solving the deadly puzzle penned by Sara-Jane Arbury. The corpse is fresh and there are clues (and red herrings aplenty) but who is concealing a lethal secret? You may have to kill for tickets... A murder mystery brought to you by Ledbury Amateur Dramatic Society. 14+ years

**Friday 8 March**  
**11am – 12.30pm** **Free**  
**A Good Read? Readers’ Group**  
Bring along a book you have read, share your thoughts and perhaps a short snippet from the book in this friendly and informal readers’ group. Second Friday of each month.

**Saturday 16 March**  
**10am – 12 noon** **£6 per session**  
**Ledbury Young Writer’s Group**  
Fun and creative writing workshops for young people, led by professional writer Sara-Jane Arbury. Booking is essential, visit [www.writingwestmidlands.org](http://www.writingwestmidlands.org) to reserve a place. 9-14 years

**Tuesday 19 March**  
**7pm – 9pm**  
**£5 (on the door)**  
**Ledbury Poetry Salon @ Ledbury Books and Maps**  
Do you want to discover more about poetry? Come along to a Ledbury Poetry Salon, with an Open Mic and Featured Poet. This month join David Morley, winner of the Ted Hughes Award for New Poetry for *The Invisible Gift: Selected Poems*, and a Cholmondeley Award for his contribution to poetry. In 2018 he was elected a Fellow of The Royal Society of Literature.



**Tuesday 19 March**  
**4pm – 6pm** **Free tickets**  
**Introduction to Emails**  
Learn how to setup an email account, send and receive emails and attachments. Laptops will be available for the session. Provided by Fastershire. 16+ years

**Tuesday 2 April**  
**4.45pm – 5.45pm** **Free**  
**Ledbury Library Readers’ Group**  
A friendly readers’ group held in Ledbury Library. Drop in and join us and books will be provided.

**Wednesday 3 April**  
**10am – 12 noon** **Free tickets / donations gratefully accepted**

**Master’s House Tour**  
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**Saturday 6 April**  
**10am – 12 noon** **£6 per session**  
**Ledbury Young Writer’s Group**  
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**Friday 12 April**  
**11am – 12.30pm** **Free**  
**A Good Read? Readers’ Group**  
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**Monday 15 April**  
**7.30pm – 9.30pm** **Tickets £5**  
**Talking about Pigs with Helen Browning @ Burgage Hall, Ledbury**  
Helen Browning, author of *Pig* and CEO of the Soil Association is an organic livestock and arable farmer. Farm animal welfare and the management of our countryside are central to discussions around food, climate change and the loss of wildlife. A thought-provoking talk co-sponsored by Ledbury Library Development Group and the Ledbury Food Group.

**Tuesday 16 April**  
**4pm – 6pm** **Free tickets**  
**How to Use a Smartphone**  
Learn the basics of how to use a smartphone, from learning about apps, picking up emails on your smartphone, using the internet and how to connect to our library Wi-Fi. Bring your own device or we will have a few smartphones available for the session. Provided by Fastershire. 16+ years

**Tuesday 30 April - Saturday 25 May**  
**Library opening hours** **Free**  
**Restoration of The Master’s House**



This exhibition showcases images from the restoration of The Master’s House as layers of additions were unpeeled to reveal the original medieval timber beams visible today.

**Wednesday 1 May**  
**10am – 12 noon** **Free tickets / donations gratefully accepted**  
**Master’s House Tour**  
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**Saturday 4 May**  
**10am – 12 noon** **£6 per session**  
**Ledbury Young Writer’s Group**  
Fun and creative writing workshops for young people, led by professional writer Sara-Jane Arbury. Booking is essential, visit [www.writingwestmidlands.org](http://www.writingwestmidlands.org) to reserve a place. 9-14 years

**Tuesday 7 May**  
**4.45pm – 5.45pm** **Free**  
**Ledbury Library Readers’ Group**  
A friendly readers’ group held in Ledbury Library. Drop in and join us and books will be provided.

**Friday 10 May**  
**11am – 12.30pm** **Free**  
**A Good Read? Readers’ Group**  
Bring along a book you have read, share your thoughts and perhaps a short snippet from the book in this friendly and informal readers’ group. Second Friday of each month.

**Tuesday 21 May**  
**4pm – 6pm** **Free tickets**  
**Introduction to the Internet**  
Learn how to search the internet safely and effectively at Ledbury Library, including how to access our library services online. Laptops will be available for the session. Provided by Fastershire. 16+ years

**SCHOOL VISITS**  
**Wednesdays (term time)** **Years 4, 5 and 6**



Discover one of the most complete medieval hospital sites surviving in England. Explore the building on our free self-led visits and complete the interactive challenges set around the house. Build a timber-frame model, work on the Master’s accounts, search for medieval recipes, and more! Sessions last 4½ hours  
Curriculum links: KS2 Local history, literacy, maths  
Supported by the Friends of the Master’s House volunteers and library staff. For more details and to book contact Ledbury Library.

**BOOK A GROUP TOUR OF THE MASTER’S HOUSE**  
The Friends of the Master’s House volunteers welcome requests for private tours for groups of 10 or more people on Wednesdays, 10am to 3pm. Tours last 90 minutes. Contact Ledbury Library to arrange a booking. All the Friends ask is for a donation to go towards funding future heritage events in the building.

If you would like to receive this events programme by email, the Friends of the Master’s House have started a supporters group. Joining is free and members will receive news about the building and its heritage, and opportunities for volunteering to help with activities. Pick up an application form from Ledbury Library.