

# Welcome to The Master's House in Summer

This season we have a packed programme full of local heritage, talks, poetry, reading, exhibitions and arts in the centre of Ledbury.

Learn more about the local heritage of the medieval **St Katherine's Hospital** during an open house day or tour. Discover ancient crafts with a **blacksmith's demonstration**, learn a **medieval calligraphy script** or hear about medieval pilgrimage in Europe.

Come and join in on **Community Day** and **Ledbury Celebration Day**. Kids can join the **Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge** (including visiting a planetarium) and there's **Ledbury Poetry Festival 2019** and more.

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 explore.

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

## Opening Times

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| 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

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## For Further Information

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St Katherine's  
Bye Street  
Ledbury  
Herefordshire  
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Image on front:

*The Master's House is home to Ledbury Poetry Festival which runs from 5 July to 14 July for 2019. For the full programme see [www.poetry-festival.co.uk](http://www.poetry-festival.co.uk).*

*Photo by Paul Ligas Photography.*



# The Master's House Ledbury

## Activities & Events

June - September 2019



Library · Culture · Community

### Friday 31 May

7pm - 8.45pm

Free tickets

#### John Masefield Society AGM - Recordings of Reynard

Following the AGM, our entertainment will celebrate the centenary of Reynard the Fox. We have unique access to several vintage recordings including one wiped by the BBC and one featuring Masefield himself. We can't play the whole poem, but we can give an exhilarating taste!

### Monday 3 June - Saturday 8 June

Library opening times

Free

#### Pyjamarama Week

Ledbury Library is giving away a free picture book to children for Pyjamarama week, a nationwide pyjama party by BookTrust to celebrate the joys of a bedtime story. Under 5s

### Tuesday 4 June

4.45pm - 5.45pm

Free

#### Ledbury Library Readers' Group

A friendly book group held in Ledbury Library for enthusiastic readers. Read one selected title a month then meet in the library to discuss it. Come along and join us, books will be provided.

### Wednesday 5 June

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. This incredible Grade II\* listed building in the centre of Ledbury is one of the remaining parts of the medieval St Katherine's Hospital.

### Thursday 6 June

10am - 10.30am & 11am - 11.30am

Free

#### Pyjamarama Storytime and Rhyme

Bring your dressing gowns, cushions, and a favourite cuddly toy to our pyjama party in the library! All little ones and their grownups are welcome to these lively sessions with stories, rhymes, activity sheets and lots of fun. Under 5s

### Saturday 8 June

#### Ledbury Community Day

9.30am - 4pm

Free

##### Ledbury Library

We are open longer hours today! Come in, borrow a book, and use our computers and Wifi. Bring your smartphone or tablet and try our new free eBook and eAudio service. We will also be running children's storytimes at 10.30am and 2.30pm.

9.30am - 4pm

Free drop-in

##### Open House

The Friends of the Master's House volunteers will be sharing details behind the architecture and history of this beautiful building, including the opportunity to be taken upstairs to enjoy the view from the balcony. Guided tours may also include St Katherine's Hall and Chapel which are part of the original medieval hospital site.

9.30am - 4pm

Free drop-in

##### Open Archive

The John Masefield Society will be opening its archive up all day. This is always an excellent opportunity to be introduced to the delights of Masefield, and of course there will be some poetry reading.

10am - 1pm

##### Library Live Book Sale

To celebrate Community Day, Ledbury Library Development Group will be holding a small book sale. All money raised will go to support the library's work with schools. Volunteers will be available to explain what LLDG does to protect the future of our library.

10am - 2pm

Free drop-in

##### Blacksmith demonstration with Stephen McRae

Local artist blacksmith, Stephen McRae, is back demonstrating his skills and guiding visitors through the first steps of blacksmithing from his outside forge in the courtyard.

### Saturday 8 June

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

### Monday 10 June - Saturday 15 June

Library opening times (from 12 noon Monday)

#### Library Live Summer Book Sale

Ledbury Library Development Group will be holding a sale of good quality second-hand books - fiction and non-fiction. Come and stock up for your holiday reading. Money raised will be donated to help support the library's work with schools.

### Friday 14 June

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. Last meeting before the summer, the group next meets in October.

### Tuesday 18 June

4pm - 6pm

Free tickets

#### How to Use a Tablet

Learn the basics of using a tablet, from getting started with apps, picking up emails, using the internet and connecting to our library wifi. Bring your own device or borrow one of the tablets we have available for the session. Provided by Fastershire. 16+ years

### Tuesday 18 June - Monday 1 July

Library opening times (from 12 noon Tuesday) Free

#### Cartographic Loveletters

This exhibition is inspired by the residents of a care home, where Marsha O'Mahony was writer-in-residence for a year. Marsha spent time with residents who have memory loss and mental health illness to create a 'cartographic love letter'. Second World War bomber raids, hill sheep farming, lost and rejected loves, these are just a flavour of lives lived.

### Tuesday 2 July

4.45pm - 5.45pm

Free

#### Ledbury Library Readers' Group

### Wednesday 3 July

10am - 12 noon

Free tickets / donations gratefully accepted

#### Master's House Tour

### Friday 5 July - Monday 15 July

Poetry Festival opening hours Free

#### Mappa Ledbury Exhibition

Join this artistic celebration of the Ledbury Poetry Festival's community and outreach programme. Hundreds of participants of Festival workshops across the county have been creating poetry and artwork in response to the theme of Mappa Ledbury, taking its inspiration from Herefordshire's famous Mappa Mundi. The exhibition reflects on place and home with Ledbury at its poetic heart.



## Saturday 13 July

Library opening times **Free**

### Summer Reading Challenge – Space Chase

Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge, and help the Rockets family track down books that have been nabbed by aliens! As you read six library books over the summer, collect special stickers (including some stinky ones) to complete your folder and collect prizes. Take part in our Space Chase treasure hunt and draw your own Space Alien for our summer art competition. If you join the Challenge on Saturday 13 July, you can collect a free kit bag! Under 13s

## Friday 5 July - Sunday 14 July

### Ledbury Poetry Festival @ The Master's House

As part of Ledbury Poetry Festival, spend 20 minutes with these celebrated poets in the Panelled Room.

## Saturday 6 July

10.20am – 10.40am **Free**

### 20 Minutes with... Doireann Ní Ghríofa

12.20pm – 12.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Maja Lee Langvad

2.20pm – 2.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Josep Pedrals

4.20pm – 4.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Indrè Valantinaitè

6.20pm – 6.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Augusta Laar

## Sunday 7 July

12.20pm – 12.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Hannah Swinger

2.20pm – 2.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Casey Bailey

4.20pm – 4.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Nafeesa Hamid

6.20pm – 6.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Ben Norris

## Monday 8 July

10am – 12.30pm **£15 per half hour session**

### One to One sessions with Nigel McLoughlin

Develop your poetry writing skills with an individual session.

## Thursday 11 July

10am – 12 noon & 2pm – 4pm **£15 per half hour session**

### One to One sessions with David Constantine

Develop your poetry writing skills with an individual session.

## Saturday 13 July

12.20pm – 12.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Romalyn Ante

2.20pm – 2.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Aviva Dautch

4.20pm – 4.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Ben Bransfield

## Sunday 14 July

10am – 12 noon **Tickets £6**

### 'A little town of ancient grace, a long street widened at a market place' with Peter Carter and Robert Waddington

Visit the Master's House in the company of the Friends of the Master's House to set the building in its historical context and show elements of the recent restoration. Take a tour throughout the building, finishing in the John Masefield Archive. Discover the Archive's significance and find out about some of the many poets who have been associated with the town.

12.20pm – 12.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Margaret Adkins

3.20pm – 3.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... John Lawrence

5.20pm – 5.40pm **Free**

### 20 minutes with... Brenda Read-Brown

For more information see [www.poetry-festival.co.uk](http://www.poetry-festival.co.uk)

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## Sunday 14 July

11am – 4pm **Free drop-in**

### Ledbury Celebration – Open House

The Master's House and library is open for the Ledbury Celebration, a day of food, drink, music, poetry and heritage. Helta, a local acoustic folk/rock band will be playing an original mix of music styles in the courtyard and the Friends of the Master's House will be offering tours from 12 noon. Enjoy the local food and drink market outside the Master's House and visit the heritage buildings around town. See [www.ledburyfoodgroup.org](http://www.ledburyfoodgroup.org) for more details.

## Tuesday 16 July

4pm – 6pm **Free tickets**

### Staying Safe Online

A two hour course on how to make sure your computer is secure, look out for scams, safely shop and bank online, and find safe websites. Provided by Fastershire.

## Thursday 18 July

7pm – 8.30pm **Tickets £6**

### The Sacred Journey – Medieval Pilgrimage in Europe with Nick Bury

This illustrated talk given by Rev. Nick Bury will look at why pilgrimage was so popular in the Middle Ages and concentrates on the impact of pilgrimage on art and architecture from late antiquity until the fifteenth century.

## Saturday 20 July

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

## Monday 22 July - Saturday 27 July

Library opening times (from 12 noon Monday) **Free**

### The Secret Life of Plants

This exhibition by Ledbury Evergreen Club is the culmination of six months studying the various uses of plants in everyday life. During that time, they looked at medicinal uses of herbs, ancient remedies and aromatherapy, and incorporated it into art, poetry and flower arranging.

## Saturday 3 August

10.30am – 12 noon **Free**

### Ledbury U3A Recorders

Ledbury U3A Recorder Consort delights us again with a selection of favourite arrangements.

## Tuesday 6 August

4.45pm – 5.45pm **Free**

### Ledbury Library Readers' Group

## Wednesday 7 August

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

### Master's House Tour

## Saturday 10 August

**Tickets £1.50 children / £2 adults**

### Space Chase – Pop-up Planetarium

Come for an out-of-this-world experience in the library this summer in an inflatable Planetarium!

### 2.40pm The Little Star That Could

Join a yellow star on his adventure to find planets of his own and discover what makes other stars and our Solar System special. 5-8 years and families

### 3.20pm Big

How big is our Universe? Narrated by David Attenborough, this show tackles this big question on an immersive journey to the far reaches of the observable Universe. 11+ years

### 4pm International Space Station Tour and the Night Sky

Come on a virtual tour of the ISS with British astronaut Tim Peake, along with an introduction to finding your way around the night sky for budding astronomers. All ages

Supported by the Friends of the Master's House and Ledbury Library Development Group.

## Monday 12 August

10am – 4pm **£48 (including materials)**

### Medieval Lettering Workshop with Caroline Owen-Thomas

Spend a day with calligrapher Caroline Owen-Thomas learning to write Uncial, an early medieval script using an edged pen. The workshop will cover exercises on pen angles, move on to letter shapes and then words. Beginners and improvers welcome. This is the first of a series of medieval lettering workshops over a year. All materials supplied, including a pen and nib to take home. 15+ years

## Tuesday 20 August

4pm – 6pm **Free tickets**

### How to Use a Smartphone

Learn the basics of using a smartphone, from learning about apps, picking up emails, using the internet and connecting to our library wifi. Bring your own device or borrow one of the smartphones we have available for the session. Provided by Fastershire. 16+ years

## Saturday 24 August

10.30am – 11am & 11.30am – 12 noon **Free**

### YA Librarian Workshop

Love books and aged 13 to 16? Come and work with a librarian to help choose new books to add to stock in Herefordshire Libraries. Come for one or stay for both sessions. Feel free to bring a book list of your favourites! 13-16 years

## Saturday 24 August

10am – 12.30pm **Free drop-in / donations gratefully accepted**

### Space Chase – Create an Alien

Come create an awesome alien for our summer art competition. Lots of craft fun. Under 13s

## Tuesday 3 September

4.45pm – 5.45pm **Free**

### Ledbury Library Readers' Group

## Wednesday 4 September

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

### Master's House Tour

## Saturday 7 September

4pm – 6pm **Free**

### Last Day of the Summer Reading Challenge

This is the last day to finish the Summer Reading Challenge 2019 and to collect your medal and certificate. Don't forget to get your entries in for our Space Alien art competition too!

## Saturday 7 September

10am – 12 noon **£6 per session**

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## Saturday 14 September

9.30am – 4pm **Free**

### Heritage Open Day

The Master's House and library is open until 4pm as part of England's favourite heritage festival. Come and explore this magnificent building and discover its past with our free heritage tablet tour. Guided tours may also include St Katherine's Hall and Chapel which are part of the original medieval hospital site.

9.30am – 4pm **Free**

### Heritage Discovery Trail for Kids

Come dress up in Tudor costume and complete our discovery trail for Heritage Open Day. Older children can become apprentice Tudor builders and have a go making a timber-frame model of the Master's House. See session times on the day. Under 13s

10am – 2pm **Free**

### Herefordshire History

Find out more about the Herefordshire History digitisation project run by Herefordshire Libraries [www.herefordshirehistory.org.uk](http://www.herefordshirehistory.org.uk). This digital archive contains local newspapers, specialist local eBooks, photographs, almanacks and more. Find out how your photographs could be added to the collection and used to illustrate Herefordshire's past for future generations. See session times on the day.

## Tuesday 17 September

4pm – 6pm **Free tickets**

### Introduction to the Internet

Learn how to search the internet safely and effectively, including how to access our library services online. Laptops will be available for the session. Provided by Fastershire. 16+ years

## Monday 30 September, 7 & 14 October

10am – 1pm **Tickets £65 (including materials)**

### Lino Printing Workshops with Jeanette McCulloch

Lino printing is a popular technique and during these three relaxed but informative workshops we will explore lino printing (without a press) and also make our own print blocks, which add texture and pattern. This three week course is led by artist Jeanette McCulloch. All materials will be supplied, including tools to take home.

Ledbury Library will be open longer hours for Ledbury Poetry Festival. See [herefordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://herefordshire.gov.uk/libraries) for details.