

Welcome to The Master’s House in Autumn

As the nights draw in this winter, the Fetch Theatre’s colourful storytelling and puppetry will be bringing to life the folklore of Herefordshire with their incredible production of **Pedlar’s Tales**.

Listen to author Bill Laws talk about **Herefordshire’s Home Front in the Second World War**, find out about local transport history, and try some new crafts and calligraphy workshops.

Families can come and make lanterns for the **Christmas Lights Switch-on**, there is our popular book sale, and adults can challenge their brain cells in the **Library Live Annual Quiz**.

Have a look and put some dates in your diaries!

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

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
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Ledbury
Herefordshire
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Image on front: The Great Hall shows the original oak timber frame, which has been dated to 1487. The dark oak is the original timber and the lighter wood was used in the restoration.



The Master’s House Ledbury

Activities & Events

October 2019 - January 2020



Library · Culture · Community

Tuesday 1 October
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. Books are provided.

Wednesday 2 October
10am – 12 noon **Free tickets (donations welcome)**

Master’s House Guided Tour

The Friends of the Master’s House will be hosting a detailed guided tour of this 15th century timber-frame building. This incredible Grade II* listed building in the centre of Ledbury was once part of the medieval St Katherine’s Hospital.

Friday 4 October
7pm – 9pm **£5 (on the door)**

Home on the Move – Book Launch and Poetry Salon @Ledbury Books and Maps

Featuring poets Margaret Adkins, Jim Denning and Jacqui Rowe, this event launches a new poetry anthology called Home on the Move: Two Poems Go on a Journey. Home on the Move explores notions of ‘home’ that are challenged and reshaped by unprecedented migration and interrogates ideas of home, belonging and language from poetic perspectives.
poetry-festival.co.uk

Monday 7 October - Saturday 12 October
Library opening hours **Free drop-in**

How to Use BorrowBox

Bring in your tablet or smartphone and find out how to borrow library eBooks and eAudiobooks. Learn how to install the BorrowBox app, search for and download books, and reserve your next read. It’s a quick and easy way to access hundreds of the latest bestselling titles, completely free!

Tuesday 8 October - Saturday 2 November
Library opening hours **Free**

Life in Herefordshire During the First World War



This exhibition explores life in Herefordshire during the First World War from 1914-1918, with stories about people who lived in the county and those who went to war.

Friday 11 October
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 readers’ group.

Tuesday 15 October
4pm – 6pm **Free tickets**

Introduction to Emails

Learn how to set up an email account and how to send and receive emails and attachments. Laptops will be available for you to use. Provided by Fastershire. 16+ years

Tuesday 15 October
7.30pm – 8.30pm **Tickets £4**

Herefordshire’s Home Front in the Second World War

Eighty years after the start of the Second World War, author Bill Laws looks at life on the Home Front: Land Army girls and Timber Jills, Ledbury’s POWs and Rotherwas’ Canaries, homesick evacuees, Billy Butlin’s Redhill Hostel and finding a fitting uniform! Books will be available to buy on the night.

Saturday 19 October
10am – 12 noon **£7 per session**

Ledbury Young Writers’ Group

Fun and creative writing workshops for young people, led by professional writer Sara-Jane Arbury. Advance booking is essential, visit writingwestmidlands.org to reserve a place. 8-13 years

Monday 21 October
10am – 4pm **Tickets £48 (including materials)**

Decorated Alphabets of the Middle Ages Workshop

Spend a day with calligrapher Caroline Owen-Thomas learning to draw or trace eye-catching alphabets, and the techniques of how to paint them using gouache. Perfect for cards and special gifts. All materials supplied, including brushes and fineliners, and there will be an opportunity to buy materials to take home. 15+ years

Friday 25 October
7pm – 8.45pm **Free tickets**

Will Ye Not Come Home, Brother, Home to Us Again?

While John Masefield was away at sea, his younger brother Harry travelled East, becoming a tea planter in Sri Lanka. Harry’s granddaughter, Caroline Magnus, tells Harry’s story from his Ledbury childhood and relationship with the poet to his life in Sri Lanka – plus the discovery of Harry’s other family.

Saturday 2 November

10am – 12 noon

Free

Time to Read Storytime

Come and enjoy some favourite stories in the library and take home a free book to keep. Join us to hear the story of The Cave by Rob Hodgson, and create a character to live in our very own cave in the library. Family activity

Saturday 2 November

9.30am – 12 noon

Tickets £10 (including materials)

Christmas Baubles and Bells

Create beautiful Christmas baubles and jingly bell decorations with artist Jeanette McCulloch. We will incorporate fancy papers, cotton fabrics, ribbons, craft bells and wire. 16+ years

Tuesday 5 November

4.45pm – 5.45pm

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Thursday 7 November

7pm – 8.30pm

Tickets £3

Pedlar’s Tales presented by the Fetch Theatre

An intriguing, fun and interactive storyteller's performance featuring puppets, music and a mysterious character! Bite-sized stories inspired by the incredible folklore of Herefordshire. 8+ years & adults

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Free drop-in

Reading Wishlist Workshop

Love books and aged 13 to 16? Join a librarian to help us choose new books for Herefordshire Libraries. Bring your reading wishlist and find out which new books are being published by your favourite authors. 13-16 years

Monday 11 November - Saturday 16 November

Library opening hours (from 12 noon Monday)

Library Live 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 winter reading. Money raised will be donated to buy new library eBooks.

Thursday 14 November

7pm – 8.30pm

Tickets £6

That Locomotive Should Be ON the Track!

Illustrated anecdotes and stories, amusing and otherwise, from Gareth Davies’ time in the transport industry and a life with trains and buses.

Tuesday 19 November

4pm – 6pm

Free tickets

How to Use a Tablet

Learn the basics of how to use 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

Saturday 23 November

10am – 12.30pm & 1pm – 3pm

Free drop-in (donations welcome)

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Pop in to see Sara-Jane Arbury and Jeanette McCulloch from Red Earth Arts and make your own fun and funky Christmas decorations using recycled and second-hand bits and pieces, sparkly stuff, twinkly things, glittery objects and shiny words! A Ledbury Library Development Group event. Family workshop

Saturday 23 November

10am – 12 noon & 2pm – 4pm

Free drop-in (donations welcome)

Make a Lantern

Come and make a bright and colourful lantern ready for the switching on of the Christmas lights in town this afternoon. All materials supplied. Family workshop

Monday 25 November - Saturday 30 November

Library opening hours (from 12 noon Monday)

Free

Floral Art Exhibition

A variety of seasonal flower arrangements will be on display created by Ledbury and District Floral Art Club.

Monday 25 November

7pm – 9pm

Tickets £5

Library Live Annual Quiz @Feathers Hotel

Don your thinking caps at the Annual Quiz to support the library! Sara-Jane Arbury teases the grey cells with questions to give everyone a chance to win the coveted Library Live Quiz shield. Teams of 4 max welcome! Fantastic raffle! Sandwiches and a bar! Doors open from 6.30pm. A Ledbury Library Development Group event.

Tuesday 3 December

4.45pm – 5.45pm

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Tuesday 10 December

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

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Free drop-in

Christmas Recorder Consort

Ledbury Recorder Consort will entertain and inspire with some seasonal music to put you in the mood for Christmas! Enjoy a mince pie and apple juice.

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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. 16+ years

Monday 3 February - Saturday 15 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!

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.