

# 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 Ledbury's timber-frame buildings or discover the history of **great art and medieval hospitals** like the Master's House in Europe. Or try something new with a **creative exploration of art materials**, a range of library IT courses, and an opportunity to work with an **artist blacksmith**.

Explore The Master's House in our **Community Day** celebrations, join the Summer Reading Challenge, take part in **Ledbury Poetry Festival 2018**, and so much more!

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The Master's House is a 15th century medieval building at the heart of Ledbury. Restored by Herefordshire Council and HLF, 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

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## For Further Information

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The Master's House  
St Katherine's  
Bye Street  
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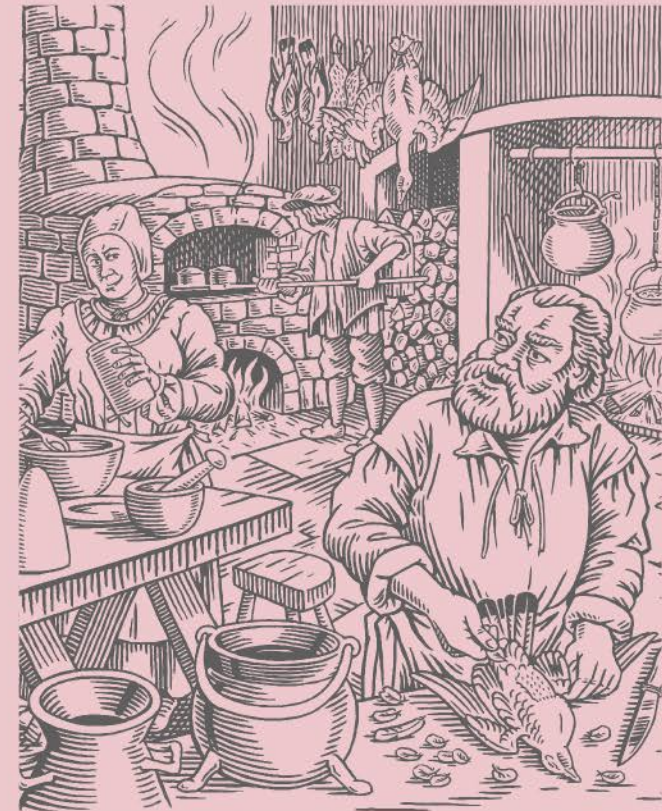
*Ann Henbage (housekeeper) and George Hodnett (cook) at work in the kitchen for Master Edward Cowper in the 16th century. This image can be purchased as a tea towel among the many other unique items for sale from the Friends' Gift Cart in The Master's House.*

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# The Master's House Ledbury

## Activities & Events

June - September 2018



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Library · Culture · Community

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## Saturday 26 May - Saturday 9 June

Library opening hours

Free

### A Fruit Farming Year – Nature and Nurture

An exhibition of photographs arranged by Ledbury Food Group. Pat Strauss set out with her camera to follow the seasons and cycles of Castle Fruit Farm, where hard work and the gifts of the natural environment are the ingredients for a bountiful crop.

## Monday 4 June

7.30pm – 9pm

Tickets £5

(includes a glass of apple juice)

### Castle Fruit Farm – The Story Behind the Photos with Michael and Richie Bentley

In conjunction with Ledbury Food Group's exhibition, members of the Bentley family share insights into their sustainable approach to managing this busy commercial fruit farm. A Ledbury Food Group event.

## Monday 4 June - Saturday 9 June

Library opening hours

Free

### National Bookstart Week

BookTrust's annual celebration of the joys and benefits of sharing books, stories and rhymes from an early age. Children can pick up a free book from the library to keep, while stocks last.

## Tuesday 5 June

4.45pm – 5.45pm

Free

### Ledbury Readers' Group

A friendly book group held in Ledbury Library. Drop in and join us. Books will be provided.

## Tuesday 5 June

7pm – 9pm

£5 on the door (includes a drink)

### Ledbury Poetry Salon with featured poet Jacqui Rowe

Jacqui Rowe has had four poetry pamphlets published and her poems have appeared widely in magazines such as The Interpreter's House and Poetry Review. She has read her poems on Radio 4's Poetry Please hosted by Roger McGough and is a sought-after mentor for other poets.



## Wednesday 6 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 that featured on Channel 4's Great British Buildings: Restoration of the Year.

## Friday 8 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 group. Next meeting in October.

## Saturday 9 June

### Ledbury Community Day

9.30am – 4pm

Free

### The Master's Open House

The Friends of the Master's House will be sharing details behind the architecture and history of the Master's House, including the opportunity to visit 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

### Open Archive

The John Masefield Society will be hosting an open archive. Visit the John Masefield archive upstairs and get to know more about Ledbury's famous son and the country's Poet Laureate.

10am – 1pm

### Library Live Book Sale

Ledbury Library Development Group are a user group who support our library; running events and raising funds for specific projects. Come and find out what they do and visit their sale of good quality secondhand books.

10am – 2pm Free drop-in

### Stephen McRae – Artist Blacksmith

Come and experience first-hand the extraordinary skill of hand forging as Stephen guides you through the first steps of blacksmithing. Find out how to get further involved with the design and creation of a piece of permanent public art for Ledbury. For more details, contact [rachel@joinedupheritage.org](mailto:rachel@joinedupheritage.org)



10.30am – 1pm

Free drop-in

### Build Your Own Bug Hotel

A finale to Ledbury Food Group's exhibition exploring how nature and nurture work together at Castle Fruit Farm, come build a simple bug hotel for your own garden. Materials provided. 5+ years (accompanied)

## Tuesday 12 June

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

## Tuesday 12 June

7pm – 8pm

Tickets £5

### The New Geopolitics of Terror with William Hopkinson

Crises and tensions in the Middle East; should the UK and Europe concentrate on domestic problems or be active players on the international stage? The potential downsides of intervention are clear; but what about the results of leaving serious security problems unaddressed. William Hopkinson, local resident and international relations scholar, talks about his book and the changed nature of war. A Ledbury Library Development Group event. 16+ years

## Saturday 16 June

10am – 12 noon

£6 per session

### Ledbury Young Writer's Group

Professional writer and poet Sara-Jane Arbury leads a young writer's group to explore creative writing in a fun and imaginative way. Booking is essential, visit [www.writingwestmidlands.org](http://www.writingwestmidlands.org) to reserve a place. 9 - 14 years

## Tuesday 19 June

7pm – 9pm Free

### Ledbury Poetry Reading Circle

In this friendly and relaxed session Chloe Garner will bring along some poems by poets who will be appearing at the 2018 Poetry Festival. This is a chance to read, chat about and enjoy poems as a group.



## Tuesday 3 July

4.45pm – 5.45pm

Free

Ledbury Readers' Group

## Saturday 30 June - Sunday 8 July

Festival opening hours Free

Poetry Paradise Garden – Artwork and Poetry Exhibition

An artistic celebration of the Festival's community outreach programme. Hundreds of participants at Festival workshops across the county have been creating poetry and artwork in response to the theme of a Poetry Paradise Garden.



## Saturday 30 June - Sunday 8 July

Free

Ledbury Poetry Festival @ The Master's House

As part of Ledbury Poetry Festival, spend 20 minutes with voice coaching alumni, Versopolis emerging European poets, and Ledbury emerging poetry critics. In partnership with Herefordshire Libraries.



### Saturday 30 June

10.30am – 10.50am

20 Minutes with... Elisabeth Sennitt Clough

11.30am – 11.50am

20 Minutes with... Kathy Pimlott

12.15pm – 12.35pm

20 Minutes with... Shauna Darling

2.20pm – 2.40pm

20 Minutes with... Maya Chowdhry

4.20pm – 4.40pm

20 Minutes with... Ailbhe Darcy

### Sunday 1 July

11.30am – 11.50am

20 Minutes with... William Wootten

12.15pm – 12.35pm

20 Minutes with... Danny Pandolfi

2pm – 2.20pm

20 Minutes with... Matt Black

### Saturday 7 July

11.30am – 11.50am

20 Minutes with... Kateryna Kalytko

12.15pm – 12.35pm

20 Minutes with... Tomica Bajsi

2pm – 2.20pm

20 Minutes with... Michał Sobol

3.40pm – 4pm

20 Minutes with... Lou Raoul

### Sunday 8 July

10.30am – 10.50am

20 Minutes with... Nasser Hussain

11.30am – 11.50am

20 Minutes with... Dzifa Benson

12.15pm – 12.35pm

20 Minutes with... Mary Jean Chan

1.20pm – 1.40pm

20 Minutes with... Jade Cuttle

2.20pm – 2.40pm

20 Minutes with... Sarala Estruch

3.20pm – 3.40pm

20 Minutes with... Jennifer Lee Tsai

4.20pm – 4.40pm

20 minutes with... Maryam Hessavi

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

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## Sunday 8 July

10am – 4pm

Free

The Great Ledbury Celebration – Vintage Car Club

The Master's House is open for the Great Ledbury Celebration. The Vintage Sports Car Club will be outside with a display of vintage and classic cars from around the Ledbury area. These are not museum exhibits which sit polished and never used; they are used regularly for sporting and the pleasure of driving an old car.

## Friday 13 July

7pm – 8.30pm

Free tickets

The John Masefield Society AGM and 'The Sound of Dauber'

The John Masefield Society AGM entertainment will include a vintage American radio broadcast of Masefield's poem Dauber. Dating from 1936 this 'special dramatic version' was presented within the celebrated Columbia Workshop series. It will also include an excerpt of the author himself reading from his famous narrative poem.

## Friday 13 July

7pm – 8.30pm Tickets £7

Taro Takeuchi in Concert  
@ St Michael's Church, Ledbury

We are delighted that Taro, one of the country's leading lutenists, is returning to Ledbury. Join us at St Michael's Church as he plays his favourite Georgian pieces on both lute and Baroque guitar as he connects us musically and historically with the delicate original lute at Butcher Row Museum. Tickets from Ledbury Library.



## Saturday 14 July - Saturday 8 September

Library opening hours

Free

Summer Reading Challenge – Mischief Makers

Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge over the school holidays - read at least six library books of your choice and collect stickers and prizes along the way. Go exploring with a Beanotown treasure hunt and enter our cartoon character competition. If you join on Saturday 14 July, you will receive a free kit bag! Under 13s

## Tuesday 17 July

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

## Thursday 19 July

7pm – 8pm

Tickets £6

Great Art in Medieval Hospitals  
with Nick Bury

Throughout Europe in the Middle Ages there were a number of hospitals such as St Katherine's in Ledbury, some of which commissioned great works of art. In this illustrated talk, Nick will reveal the best of these works and how it was thought they would help heal or comfort the sick.

## Monday 23 July - Saturday 28 July

Library opening hours (from 12 noon Monday)

Library Live Summer Book Sale

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

## Wednesday 1 August

10am – 12 noon

Free tickets / donations gratefully accepted

Master's House Tour

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## Saturday 4 August

10.30am – 12 noon

Free drop-in

Ledbury U3A Recorder Consort

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

## Monday 6 August

7.30pm – 9pm

Tickets £6

An Evening of Timber Frame Buildings  
with Gareth Calan Davies

Join Gareth for an illustrated introductory talk and private viewing of the exhibition 'A Celebration of Timber Frame Buildings'.

## Tuesday 7 August - Saturday 19 August

Library opening times

Free

A Celebration of Timber Frame Buildings

Friends of the Master's House and local publisher GHAL Productions stage an exhibition of these character buildings that tell us much of the social history of Herefordshire and the middle Marches. From humble dwelling to grand merchant's house, the story is told in photographs with original pastel and pencil drawings by Cheryl Davies. Artwork, books and cards on sale.

## Tuesday 7 August

4.45pm – 5.45pm

Free

Ledbury Readers' Group

## Tuesday 21 August - Saturday 22 September

Library opening hours

Free

Herefordshire Life Through a Lens  
Exhibition

This exhibition brings the work of local photographer Derek Evans out of the archives and into the community. The first in a series of exhibitions comes from the hop yards of the county. Featuring both archive and contemporary images, it complements the newly released film 'Stories from the Hop Yards'. A Catcher Media project in partnership with Herefordshire Council's Libraries, Archive and Learning and Achievement Services.

## Tuesday 21 August

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

## Monday 27 August

10am – 4pm

Free

Ledbury Carnival

The Master's House is open for Ledbury Carnival. Come explore this magnificent building and discover its past with our free tablet tour. Guided tours may also include St Katherine's Hall and Chapel which are part of the original medieval hospital site.

## Tuesday 4 September

4.45pm – 5.45pm

Free

Ledbury Readers' Group

## Wednesday 5 September

10am – 12 noon

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## Saturday 8 September

9.30am – 4pm

Free

Heritage Open Day

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

## Saturday 8 September

Library opening hours

Summer Reading Challenge – Last Day

The last day to finish the Summer Reading Challenge 2018 and to collect your medal and certificate.

## Monday 17 September, Monday 24 September, Monday 1 October

10am – 1pm

Tickets £60

Creative Exploration of Art Materials  
with Jeanette McCulloch

A course of three relaxed but informative workshops exploring a variety of art materials; gouache, ink, wax, chalks, graphite dust. Imagery from the Medieval world will act as a visual stimulus. This three week course is led by artist Jeanette McCulloch, who graduated from the Royal College of Art and is a community artist and illustrator. All materials will be supplied.

## Tuesday 18 September

4pm – 6pm

Free tickets

Introduction to the Internet

Learn how to search the internet safely and effectively at Ledbury Library. Our tutor will also take you through accessing our library services online. Laptops will be available for the session. Provided by Fastershire. 16+ years

If you would like to receive this events programme by email, the Friends of the Master's House are starting 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.