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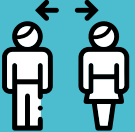

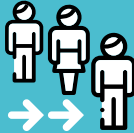


**THE HOME
OF VISUAL ART
AND CRAFT**

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WELCOME

Welcome to our autumn season of events in the Learning Centre and at The Base. These workshops, courses and activities are at the heart of what we do and, over the past few months, we have continued to engage with people of all ages, both in our local community and indeed from across the country, through our digital programme of activity. Whether it has been the **West Berkshire Community Choir Project**, our **HOMEMADE Dance Week**, online art classes, or babies joining us for our **Rhyme and Shine** sessions, we have loved keeping people creative in their homes.

As we welcome visitors back to our buildings, the most important thing is to ensure everyone is safe and comfortable, and throughout this period our team has been working hard to find ways in which we can deliver these activities. Our practitioners have been fantastic in the way they have been adapting their workshops and courses to ensure they can take place. They have reduced the numbers permitted to each session so we can have suitable distances between participants and have developed ways that materials can be prepared to avoid contact. Equipment will no longer be shared and we are increasing and enhancing our cleaning regimes.

We know that some people will not be able to join us in person just yet so some of our courses are now being delivered completely online, and for other courses you will have the choice of whether you take part online or in person.

During the lockdown period, our **Youth Theatre** moved online and they will continue this autumn with a combination of online and in person sessions to enable our young people to keep up their weekly drama activity.

The Gallery at The Base also reopens in September with a wonderful celebration of the longstanding literary partnership of **Quentin Blake and John Yeoman**. These instantly recognisable illustrations will evoke memories of favourite childhood stories and we also look forward to introducing this beautiful artwork to a new generation.

Whichever activity you choose to try, and whether it is online or in person, I and all the team here look forward to welcoming you back.

Katy Griffiths
DIRECTOR



To find out more about the Corn Exchange Youth Theatre please visit cornexchangenew.com/youththeatre or e-mail getinvolved@cornexchangenew.co.uk.

RHYME AND SHINE

Tuesdays

10am – 11am
22 Sep – 8 Dec

Join us for a relaxed online singing session for you and your under-2s. The first 30 minutes of the session will be singing followed by 30 minutes of time for you to chat with the other parents/carers and Becci, our early years practitioner.

Suitable for parents/carers with babies aged 2 and under
£1.50 PER SESSION

DANCE YOURSELF FIT

Wednesdays

9.45am – 10.15am
23 Sep – 9 Dec

An online fitness class designed for new parents who are keen to keep moving. A fun, active session for you and your baby.

Suitable for parents/carers with babies aged 1 and under
£4 PER SESSION

TODDLER DANCE

Wednesdays

10.30am – 11.15am
23 Sep – 9 Dec

An online dance-based movement group for toddlers, combining props and simple story-songs, promoting confidence, coordination and rhythm.

Suitable for ages 2 – 4
£4 PER SESSION

TOTS CREATE

Thursdays

10.30am – 11am
24 Sep – 10 Dec

Explore and create with your little one through music, dance, drama and crafts in our weekly online class perfect for tots.

Suitable for ages 5 and under
£1.50 PER SESSION

MAKATON RHYMETIME

Fridays

2pm – 2.30pm
25 Sep, 23 Oct & 27 Nov

A relaxed monthly online group for families to learn, sign and sing a fun song using Makaton!

Suitable for all ages
£1.50 PER SESSION

LITTLE STORY SUNDAYS

Sundays

10.30am – 11am
27 Sep & 22 Nov

With imaginative play, singing and craft, this is a chance for the whole family to explore much-loved stories in this online session.

Suitable for ages 6 and under and their families
£1.50 PER SESSION



Image: Alex Harvey-Brown

FAMILY YOGA

Sun 15 Nov

3 – 6 years 11.30am – 12.30pm
7+ years 1pm – 2pm

Enjoy an hour of yoga with your family in the comfort of your home.

£4 PER SESSION



DANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Explore contemporary and modern styles of dance in these online sessions.

WISE 

Mondays

6pm – 7.30pm
21 Sep – 2 Dec

Male youth company – audition only.

Suitable for ages 11 – 16
£35 FOR 10 WEEK TERM

INFANT DANCE

Tuesdays

4pm – 4.45pm
22 Sep – 8 Dec

Suitable for ages 4 – 7
£4 PER SESSION

JUNIOR DANCE

Tuesdays

4.45pm – 5.45pm
22 Sep – 8 Dec

Suitable for ages 8 – 11
£60 FOR 11 WEEK TERM

YOUTH DANCE

Tuesdays

6.30pm – 8pm
22 Sep – 8 Dec

Suitable for ages 11 – 14
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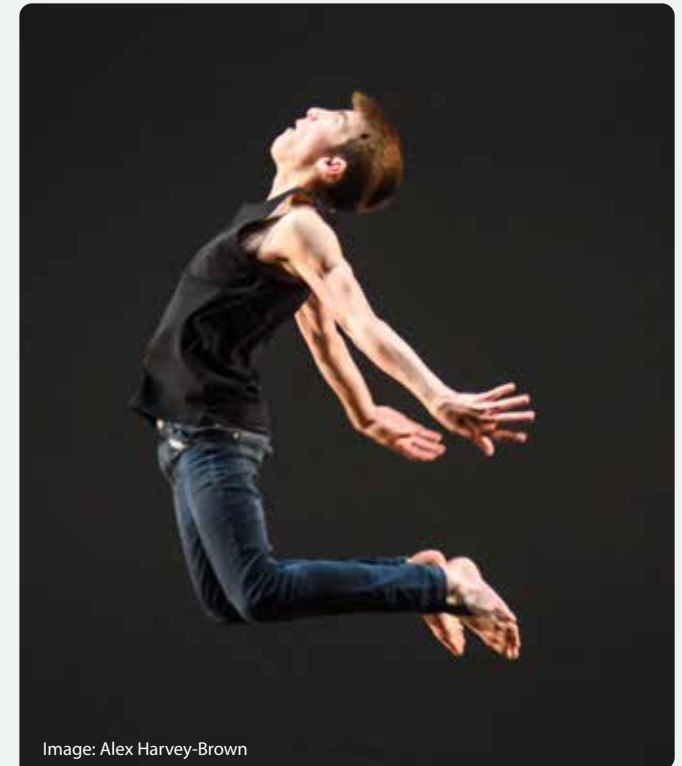


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ARTS AWARD CLINIC

Wednesdays

4.30pm – 5.30pm
23 Sep, 14 Oct & 11 Nov

Come to our online clinic where our Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Award Advisers can support you on your creative journey.

Suitable for young people who are doing their Arts Award
FREE




Image: Alex Harvey-Brown

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AFTERNOON ART

Mondays

1.30pm – 3.30pm
21 Sep – 7 Dec

Perfect for novices and more experienced artists alike, explore a different subject each week. Please bring along any medium you wish to use.

£75 FOR 11 WEEK TERM +
(£55 FOR OVER-65S)

WRITING FOR PERFORMANCE

Mondays

8.45pm – 9.45pm
21 Sep – 30 Nov

A creative and supportive environment to explore a range of writing styles used in performances, from playwriting to monologues to performance poetry.

£75 FOR 10 WEEK COURSE

PILATES

Wednesdays

12pm – 1pm
23 Sep – 21 Oct & 4 Nov – 2 Dec

This multi-level class for over 55s will tone and balance your muscles, align your body and strengthen your core.

Age guide 55+

£45 PER 5 WEEK COURSE



TAI CHI QIGONG

Wednesdays

2pm – 3pm
23 Sep – 2 Dec

Improve your mood and reduce anxiety and stress while building better balance, strength and flexibility with this low impact Chinese exercise.

Age guide 55+

£90 FOR 10 WEEK COURSE

ADULT THEATRE SKILLS

Thursdays

8.45pm – 9.45pm
24 Sep – 10 Dec

An opportunity for adults of all ages and experiences to develop acting and theatre techniques.

£75 FOR 11 WEEK TERM

THANK FRIDAY IT'S IMPROV!

Fridays

8.45pm – 9.45pm
25 Sep – 11 Dec

A fun, social monthly group for fans of improv and those who have always wanted to have a go!

£75 FOR 11 WEEK COURSE

CREATIVE WRITING FOR WELLBEING – FINDING HIDDEN TREASURE

Tuesdays

1pm – 3pm
6 Oct – 10 Nov

This course led by Jacqui Smith is all about having fun, stimulating your creative side, having some social time and getting to know yourself better.

£65 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE

DANCE FOR ADULTS

DARE TO DANCE

Wednesdays

4pm – 5pm
23 Sep – 9 Dec

An opportunity for dancers of all abilities aged 55+. Join us online and explore your creative side while improving your overall fitness and flexibility.

£78 FOR 11 WEEK TERM
(£54 FOR OVER-65S)



DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S

Fridays

3.30pm – 4.30pm
25 Sep – 4 Dec

Develop confidence and strength as well as relief from symptoms. For people living with Parkinson's and their carers.

£5 OR 1 PARKINSON'S TOKEN *
PER PERSON, PER SESSION

NOCTURN ADULT DANCE

Tuesdays

8.30pm – 9.30pm
3 Nov – 8 Dec

Led by NOCTURN's John Darvell, these popular weekly adult dance classes fuse a range of contemporary styles.

£60 FOR 6 WEEK TERM



SING 55

Mondays

11.30am – 12.30pm
21 Sep – 7 Dec

A community singing group specifically for people over 55. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary.

£1.50 PER SESSION

BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays

6pm – 7pm
22 Sep, 13 Oct & 10 Nov

A monthly online discussion group where you can look deeper into the texts you love and discover new ones.

FREE

GONG BATH


Sundays


10am – 11am
4 Oct & 8 Nov

A gong bath is the ultimate in deep relaxation. The sounds help lower brainwave activity and vibrate and massage every cell of the body which aids both relaxation and healing.

£15 PER PERSON, PER SESSION +


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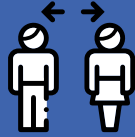
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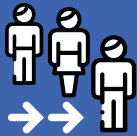
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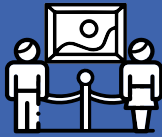


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Quentin Blake and John Yeoman 50 Years of Children's Books



All the Year Round © Quentin Blake. Quentin Blake and John Yeoman: 50 Years of Children's Books is a touring exhibition from House of Illustration, curated by Quentin Blake.

The Base reopens this autumn with House of Illustration's *50 Years of Children's Books* exhibition, which celebrates the work of Quentin Blake and John Yeoman.

Much-loved illustrator Quentin Blake has had a number of extended collaborations with writers, but the longest of all has been with John Yeoman. House of Illustration's *50 Years of Children's Books* is the first to celebrate this partnership. It features the original drawings from their first book, *A Drink of Water*, and ten other projects by the pair – from picture books and short novels for children to adaptations of classic folk tales, including *The Boy Who Sprouted Antlers*, *The Fabulous Foskett Family Circus* and *Up with Birds*.

This is your chance to find familiar favourites or to introduce Quentin Blake's instantly recognisable drawings to a new generation.

**Friday 18 September –
Sunday 6 December**

Open Wed – Sun
10am – 5pm (last entry 4pm)

Tickets

(must be booked in advance with a time slot) £7.50 (£6.50 concs, £6 under-16s, under-5s free, £20 family ticket – 1 adult and 3 children or 2 adults and 2 children)

Parent and Baby Day Fri 16 Oct
Relaxed Day Wed 18 Nov

LITTLE ARTISTS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 

Thursdays

4.15pm – 5.15pm
1 Oct – 10 Dec

Prepare to get creating in this super fun and creative arty-hour.

Suitable for ages 7 – 11

£55 FOR 10 WEEK COURSE

EXPLORATIVE CRAFT DAY 

Sat 28 Nov

10am – 12pm or 1pm – 3pm

Bring your child along for an ultimate craft session including colour, painting and collage making. Led by Mandy Allport.

Suitable for 6 – 10 years

£10 PER CHILD



Creating Characters - see page 12

CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK 

Sat 7 & 14 Nov

10am – 12pm

Learn how to create your own comic book character with resident artist Richard Francis Bellin. Be inspired by Quentin Blake's inky characters and use your imagination to create your own comic book story!

These workshops take place in the gallery.

Suitable for ages 7 – 12

£35 FOR 2 WEEK COURSE (INCLUDES ENTRY TO THE EXHIBITION)

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CLAY CLASS: OPEN LEVEL  

Mondays

6pm – 8pm

21 Sep – 19 Oct & 2 – 30 Nov

Join resident artist and *Pottery Throw Down's* Cait Gould to explore the possibilities clay offers in a friendly, relaxed environment.

**£145 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE +
£270 FOR 10 WEEK COURSE**

STILL LIFE DRAWING 

Wednesdays

6pm – 8pm

23 Sep – 21 Oct & 4 Nov – 2 Dec

A great course for improving creative observation, in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. Led by resident artist Richard Francis Bellin.

**£75 FOR 5 WEEK COURSE +
£135 FOR 10 WEEK COURSE**

START WITH ART: BEGINNERS 

Mondays

10am – 12pm

2 Nov – 7 Dec

Perfect for beginners, explore different art styles and techniques in our weekly online class.

£50 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE +

WATERCOLOURS AND PASTELS 

Tuesdays

10am – 12pm

22 Sep – 1 Dec

A general painting course with an emphasis on watercolour and pastel. Led by Tessa Kirby.

£100 FOR 10 WEEK COURSE +

OILS COURSE  

Thursdays

10am – 12pm

24 Sep – 3 Dec

Always wanted to try painting in oils but it looks too difficult/expensive/messy? Find out how relaxing, rewarding (and clean) it really is! Led by Debrah Martin.

£150 FOR 10 WEEK COURSE +

START WITH ART: INTERMEDIATE 

Mondays


1pm – 3pm


2 Nov – 7 Dec

Following on from Start with Art: Beginners, this online intermediate class will explore art styles and techniques in greater detail.

£50 FOR 6 WEEK COURSE +

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MAKE A WILLOW ZARZO BASKET 

Sun 27 Sep
10am – 3pm

Led by Judith Needham, in this workshop you will be able to make your very own willow zarzo basket.

£60

JELLI (MONO) PRINT WORKSHOP 

Sat 3 & 10 Oct
10am – 4pm

Join Sally Haynes to explore using jelli blocks, water based inks and acrylics to produce prints onto various papers using stencils, images and found materials.

£160 FOR 2 SESSIONS +

INTRODUCTION TO GLASS FUSING: 2 PROJECTS 

Sun 4 Oct
11am – 5pm

Join Shirley Eccles for an introduction to the skills and techniques involved in glass fusing and slumping.

£105 + £10 DISCOUNT WHEN BOOKED WITH GLASS FUSING: FESTIVE WREATH AND DECORATIONS

RAKU CLAY WORKSHOP 

Sun 11 Oct
10am – 4pm

Suitable for beginners and more experienced potters alike: discover the elemental nature of 'raku-firing' with resident artist Cait Gould.

£95

ART FOR CALM 

Sat 17 Oct
1pm – 4pm

Using simple drawing, painting and collage techniques, Katherine Kingdon will work with you to explore the written word as a starting point for creativity.

£45 +

CREATING CHARACTERS 

Sun 18 Oct
10am – 2pm

Drawing inspiration from Quentin Blake's masterful illustrations, join artist Katherine Kingdon to learn and explore how to draw people and capture their character.

£55 (INCLUDES ENTRY TO THE EXHIBITION) +

AUTUMN LEAF HANGING 

Tue 20 Oct
6pm – 9pm

In this introduction to the art of copper foiling, Justine Buckland will teach you how to create your very own autumnal leaf hanging.

£55

WEAVE YOUR OWN WILLOW CHICKEN 

Sun 25 Oct
10am – 4pm

Spend a fun day learning the art of willow sculpture with Judith Needham and take home a life-sized chicken to enhance your garden.

£70



ARM KNIT A THROW FOR BEGINNERS 

Tue 3 Nov
6pm – 8pm

Sun 29 Nov
2pm – 4pm

Learn how to knit an on-trend arm knitted throw using gorgeous soft chunky yarn and just your arms! Led by Sophie Hale.

£60 PER SESSION

BORN AGAIN BOHEMIA JEWELLERY MAKING 

Fri 6 Nov
11am – 2pm

Immerse yourself in the joys of jewellery making with a wide selection of high quality beads from pearls, crystals, glass and wood. Led by Mandy Allport.

£50



LINOPRINTING 

Sun 8 Nov
10am – 12pm

Tue 24 Nov
1.30pm – 3.30pm

An introduction to the skills and techniques involved in linoprinting, led by Charlotte Adcock.

£45 PER SESSION

HOLLY, IVY AND MISTLETOE WIRE DECORATION 

Fri 13 Nov
11am – 3pm

Be inspired by winter foliage and learn how to shape coloured copper wire, under the guidance of Flora Gare, to create your own Christmas decoration for your candles or to hang in your home.

£44 +

MAKE A WILLOW STAR 

Sun 15 Nov
1pm – 4pm

Join Judith Needham and make a large willow star, decorated with fairy lights. Ideal for hanging on your front door or to display on top of your Christmas tree.

£35

CHUNKY KNIT WREATH MAKING 

Tue 17 Nov & 1 Dec
6pm – 8pm

Sophie Hale will teach you how to make your very own eco-friendly Christmas wreath that will last years using luxury giant wool.

£45 PER SESSION

CHRISTMAS CANDLE HOLDER 

Sat 21 Nov
10am – 4.30pm

Justine Buckland will guide you through the art of copper foiling to create a 3D candle holder.

£65

GLASS FUSING: FESTIVE WREATH AND DECORATIONS 

Sun 22 Nov
11am – 5pm

Join Shirley Eccles to experiment with glass fusing techniques to create a glass wreath or festive decoration.

£105 + £10 DISCOUNT WHEN BOOKED WITH INTRODUCTION TO GLASS FUSING: 2 PROJECTS WORKSHOP

MAKE A WILLOW ANGEL 

Sun 29 Nov
10am – 1pm

Spend a fun morning with Judith Needham making a beautiful white willow angel decorated with fairy lights.

£35



MAKE A WIRE CHRISTMAS ROBIN 

Fri 4 Dec
11am – 4pm

Under the instruction of Flora Gare learn how to create your very own Christmas robin using layered coloured copper wire.

£55 +

TABLE-TOP WILLOW REINDEER 

Tue 8 Dec
10am – 2.30pm

Join Judith Needham to make a willow reindeer, using a range of basketry techniques, to display on your table or windowsill at home.

£35

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RESIDENT ARTISTS

Don't forget to visit the Resident Artists' Studios upstairs to see examples of their work and what they are currently creating.

Richard Francis Bellin
Justine Buckland
Samantha Emmons
Cáit Gould
Alice McLroy
Jane Skingley
Mary Sutton
Luke Webb

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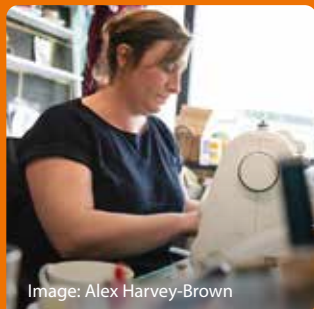
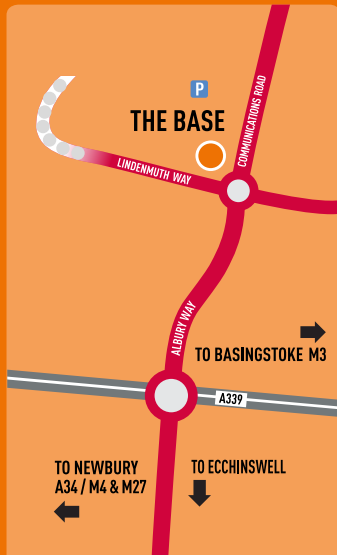
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Box Office opening hours:
Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm

0845 5218 218

*Calls cost 2p per minute plus your telephone company's access charge.

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Learning Centre, 6 Market Place, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5AY

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