

THE  
**ARC**  
WINCHESTER

**What's On**  
May - Aug 2026

Katie Spencer  
Saturday 6 June,  
7:30pm

 HAMPSHIRE  
CULTURAL  
TRUST

**Book events:**

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Ella Al Shamahi

**FOLK  
DERVISH**

**Saturday 9 May, 7:30pm**

**£25 adv / £28 14+**

Irish folk icons Dervish bring their signature 'wall of sound' to The ARC. Expect world-class musicianship, soaring vocals from Cathy Jordan, and an evening of pure, high-octane traditional music at its finest.

**CABARET  
HUNDRED WATT CLUB**

**Saturday 16 May, 7:30pm**

**£16 18+**

A glittering, decadent night of vintage-inspired burlesque, riotous comedy, and jaw-dropping circus acts tied up in a cheeky ribbon.

**ELLA AL SHAMAHI:  
BECOMING HUMAN**

**Thursday 28 May, 7:30pm**

**£20 14+**

Join the BBC Human host and National Geographic Explorer for a thrilling, humorous journey into our origins, revealing how humans evolved from humble beginnings to the "explorer species" of today.

Hundred Watt Club



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**BLUES/ROCK**  
**LAURENCE JONES +**  
**SUPPORT**

**Friday 29 May, 7:30pm**

**£16 14+**

Voted "Young Artist of the Year" three times at the British Blues Awards, guitar virtuoso Laurence Jones delivers an electrifying masterclass in modern blues-rock.

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**SIMON EVANS IS**  
**STARING AT THE SUN**

**Thursday 4 June, 7:30pm**

**£18 14+**

The Radio 4 stalwart explores our "glitchy" digital reality and the analogue nostalgia of his youth in this highly acclaimed hour of stand-up.

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**SINGER/SONGWRITER**  
**KATIE SPENCER**

**Saturday 6 June, 7:30pm**

**£12 14+**

A "world-class" folk guitarist with a distinctive soulful vibrato, Katie Spencer delivers a masterclass of pastoral songwriting and intricate fingerpicking influenced by the likes of Joni Mitchell.



Daliso Chaponda



**DALISO CHAPONDA:**  
**TOPICAL STORM**

**Thursday 11 June, 7:30pm**

**£17 14+**

The Have I Got News For You star returns with Topical Storm, an explosive and provocative new stand-up show that deconstructs our chaotic modern media and the absurdity of the news cycle.

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**BLUES/ROCK**  
**DAVY KNOWLES**

**Friday 12 June, 7:30pm**

**£20 14+**

Dubbed the "gunslinger guitarist of the 21st century" by Peter Frampton, Davy Knowles brings a formidable blend of screaming electric blues and haunting acoustic folk to the stage.



**DEREK MITCHELL:  
DOUBLE DUTCH 2**

**Thursday 18 June, 7:30pm**

**£18 14+**

Viral comedy sensation Derek Mitchell brings his sharp-witted and hilarious exploration of cultural quirks and linguistic confusion to the stage in this highly anticipated sequel.

**BLUES/ROCK  
DEAN DYSON-TURNBULL**

**Saturday 20 June, 7:30pm**

**£15 14+**

A true 21st-century troubadour, Dean Dyson captivates audiences with his rich, cacao-smooth baritone and peerless acoustic guitar work that spans the musical depth of Paul Simon to Michael Bubl .

**COUNTRY ROCK  
A NIGHT IN NASHVILLE  
WITH SNAKE OIL  
AND FRIENDS**

**Friday 26 June, 7:30pm**

**£16 14+**

Dust off your boots for a heartwarming, high-energy tribute to the greats of Country and Tex Mex, featuring the hits of Johnny Cash, The Eagles, and The Mavericks.

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Dean Dyson-Turnbull

## ANIA MAGLIANO: PEACH FUZZ

Thursday 16 July, 7:30pm

£20 18+

Fresh from Taskmaster and Live At The Apollo, Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee Ania Magliano brings her most relatable show yet, packed with "beautifully crafted" routines and unhinged observations.

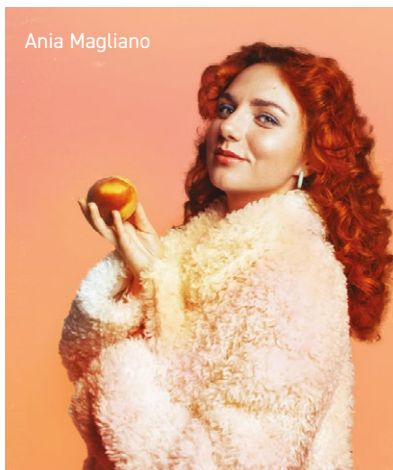
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## SONGBOOK BEYOND THE STREETS OF LONDON

Friday 17 July, 7:30pm

£18 14+

A fascinating, nostalgic journey through the swinging sixties, featuring the iconic songs of Ralph McTell, Cat Stevens, and The Beatles alongside archival screen images to celebrate an extraordinary era of songwriting.



## COUNTRY ROCK ALTER EAGLES

Friday 31 July, 7:30pm

£20 14+

Celebrating over 20 years as a premier tribute act, this six-piece band delivers a world-class, note-for-note recreation of the Eagles' legendary catalogue.

## Monthly Nights

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## ACOUSTIC CAFÉ

Fridays at 7:30pm

1 May, 5 June, 3 July,  
7 August

£7 advance 14+

Join us for a relaxing evening in The Arc café showcasing acoustic music from multiple local up and coming artists.

## YINKA SHONIBARE CBE RA: PATTERNS OF POWER

**The Gallery – continues to  
Wednesday 3 June 2026**

This new exhibition showcases 20 years of internationally acclaimed artist Yinka Shonibare's work, including 40 woodblocks and screenprints, and the striking large-scale sculpture *The Crowning* (2007). Renowned for his witty, visually sumptuous pieces, Shonibare explores history, identity, and the complex relationships between Africa and Europe, often reimagining his signature Batik motifs in playful and thought-provoking mixed media works.



African Roots of Modernism (Gba gba), 2023. Courtesy Yinka Shonibare and Cristea Roberts Gallery, London. Photographer: Stephen White & Co.  
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## WINCHESTER PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S 2026 EXHIBITION

**City Space – Thursday 16 April to Sunday 31 May 2026**

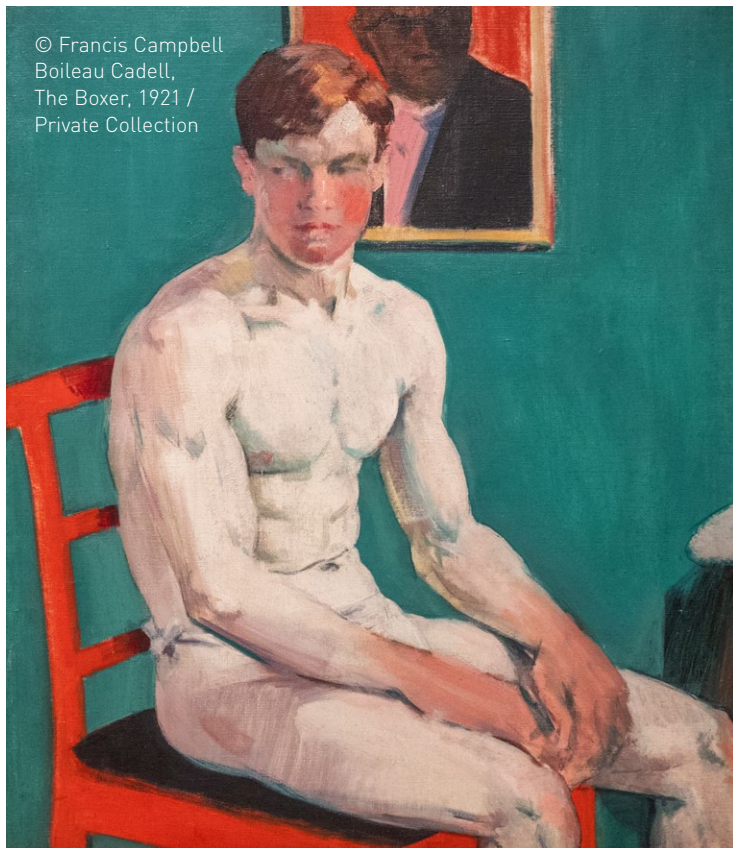
Selected from over 500 entries, this popular exhibition showcases the very best of Winchester Photographic Society members' work, including a special category on "Action and Movement." Prints are available to buy and visitors can vote for their favourite 2026 image.

## THE COLOUR FACTORY ARTISTS: THE EVERYDAY

**City Space – Thursday 4 June to Sunday 26 July 2026**

This new exhibition celebrates variety in disciplines, processes and perspectives, capturing the world through colour, nature, everyday objects and the beings around us. Each piece is created individually yet sits harmoniously together, reflecting a group of artists who support each other while continuing a 32-year legacy of creativity, workshops and community projects.

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Boileau Cadell,  
The Boxer, 1921 /  
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## SCOTTISH COLOURISTS: RADICAL PERSPECTIVES

### The Gallery

**Saturday 13 June to Wednesday 16 September 2026**

*Radical Perspectives* celebrates the creation of a new language of colour in European art. Featuring SJ Peploe, JD Fergusson, Leslie Hunter, and FCB Cadell, this exhibition marks 100 years since their first London show and places them alongside contemporaries including Fauve painter André Derain and Bloomsbury Group artists Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant. For the first time, these groundbreaking Scottish artists are shown in the wider context of the British, Irish and European avant-garde, challenging conventions around who defined radical painting from 1905 to 1915.

# Classes



Art, Culture & Heritage  
A Yinka Shonibare Inspired Art Course

For descriptions and details of these classes, please refer to the website.

## WINCHESTER LIFE DRAWING TAKEOVER

Sundays from 12 April for  
20 weeks, 12pm – 2pm  
Wednesdays from 15 April for  
20 weeks, 1pm – 3pm  
£15 full / £13.50 concession  
(Weekly cost)

## BABY MASSAGE WITH LADY BIRD BABY

Tuesdays from 21 April for  
13 weeks. Times vary – please  
check website  
£10 per session

## STITCHERY POKERY

Thursdays from 23 April for  
5 weeks, 10am – 12pm  
£75 full/£67.50 concessions

## ART FOR ENJOYMENT

Fridays from 24 April for 5 weeks,  
Fridays from 05 June for 5 weeks,  
Fridays from 17 July for 5 weeks,  
10.30am – 12.30pm  
£75 full/£67.50 concessions

## ART, CULTURE & HERITAGE: A YINKA SHONIBARE INSPIRED ART COURSE

Tuesdays from 05 May for  
5 weeks, 10.30am – 12.30pm  
£75 full/£67.50 concessions

To find out more about our  
concession rates, please visit  
[hampshireculture.org.uk/](http://hampshireculture.org.uk/)  
concessions

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## Home Education

### EXPLORING THE SCOTTISH COLOURISTS

Wednesdays from 3 June for 5 weeks, 10:30am – 12:30pm | FREE

## SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP BASED ON YINKA SHONIBARE

Saturday 25 April, 10am – 4pm

£75 full/£67.50 concessions

## INK PAINTING WORKSHOP LANDSCAPES WITH SUMI TECHNIQUES

Saturday 9 May,  
10.30am – 4.30pm

£55 full / £49.50 concession

## WATERCOLOUR MASTERCLASS ABSTRACT BOTANICAL PAINTING

Monday 18 May,  
10.30am – 4.30pm

£55 full / £49.50 concession

## PATTERN SCREEN PRINTING INSPIRED BY YINKA SHONIBARE

Saturday 30 May, 10am – 4pm

£75 full/ £67.50 concessions

## BLOCK PRINTING WORKSHOP

Thursday 4 June, 10am – 4pm

£75 full/ £67.50 concessions

## THE ART OF MOTTAINAI SASHIKO POT HOLDER WORKSHOP

Saturday 6 June,  
10:30am – 4:30pm

£55 full/ £49.50 concessions

## WATERCOLOUR MASTERCLASS ABSTRACT LANDSCAPES

Tuesday 16 June,  
10:30am – 4:30pm

£55 full / £49.50 concession

## FREEFORM QUILTING

Monday 29 June, 10am – 4pm

£75 full/£67.50 concessions

## CLAY, CALM AND CREATIVITY: FROM SLAB TO FAB

Tuesday 30 June, 10am – 4pm

£75 full/£67.50 concessions

## OIL PASTELS SIMPLY FLORALS, INSPIRED BY THE SCOTTISH COLOURISTS

Saturday 4 July,

10:30am – 4:30pm

£55 full / £49.50 concession

## BLOCK PRINTING WORKSHOP

Saturday 11 July, 10am – 4pm

£75 full/ £67.50 concessions

## FOLK ART REVERSE APPLIQUE PROJECT

Tuesday 14 July,

10:30am – 4:30pm

£55 full/ £49.50 concessions

### Paint and Sip

#### WITH ALAN BECKETT

Fridays 1 May, 19 June,  
10 July, All 6:30pm – 9pm

£16

#### WITH BERKSHIRE PRINTMAKERS

Friday 5 June, 6:30pm – 9pm

£35

# Children & young people and Library Events

## Library Events

### DAD'S ONLY RHYMETIME

Saturday 18 April, 30 May  
and 27 June, 10am - 11am

FREE no need to book

### FAMILY FUN

Every Saturday, 2pm - 4pm

FREE no need to book

### HOME EDUCATION CLUB

Every Monday, 1pm - 3pm

FREE no need to book

### KNIT AND NATTER

Every Tuesday, 10am - 12pm

FREE no need to book

### SCRABBLE CLUB

Every Monday, 11am - 12pm

FREE no need to book

### HONG KONG CONNECTIONS

Last Saturday of every month,  
2pm - 4pm

FREE no need to book

### RHYME TIME

Every Thursday, 10am - 10:30am  
and 11am - 11:30am

FREE no need to book

### CENTENARY STORYTIME

Every Tuesday and Saturday,  
11am - 11:40am

FREE no need to book

### READ ALOUD & CHAT ABOUT

Every Wednesday  
10:30am - 12:30pm

FREE no need to book

## May Half Term

### DECORATE A FAIRY TOAD STALL DOOR FOR YOUR GARDEN

Wednesday 27 May,  
10.30am - 12pm | £12

### BUILD AND DECORATE A BUG HOTEL FOR YOUR GARDEN

Wednesday 27 May,  
1pm - 2:30pm | £15

### WEAVE A RAINBOW TRINKET BASKET

Thursday 28 May,  
10:30am - 12pm | £12

### SUMMER WREATH MAKING

Thursday 28 May,  
1pm - 2:30pm | £15

### PRINT A SHONIBARE EXHIBITION INSPIRED POSTER

Friday 29 May,  
10am - 12pm | £25

### PRINT A SHONIBARE EXHIBITION INSPIRED TOTE BAG

Friday 29 May,  
1pm - 3pm | £25

Please visit our website to  
discover more fun activities  
for the whole family this May  
half term and the during the  
summer holidays!

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# Hiring an event space

At The Arc, we have a range of flexible spaces that are available for hire including our 175-seat Performance Hall, three light, airy learning rooms, meeting rooms and a café. All these facilities are available for private hire.

Whether it is a regular class, a performance, a children's party, or business meetings and events, our flexible facilities can accommodate your requirements. We can organise catering, tutors and café staff where needed.



## Café & Shop

Enjoy coffee and cake or a light lunch at The Arc café, before heading over to the shop to discover books, gifts and exclusive exhibition items.

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