



Rural Arts

**The Courthouse
July – December 2022**



Hello!

Welcome to our new season of events and activities here at **The Courthouse** from **July – December 2022**. This brochure is jam-packed with over 100 creative and cultural opportunities, with something for everyone.

Our popular adults workshop programme goes from strength-to-strength. New this season are **Marbling and Bookbinding (p.5)** and **Digital Photography (p.6)** led by the luminary Lucy Siggers. Firm favourites **Ceramic Heads, Fused Glass** and **Willow Weaving (p.5-8)** are back in abundance, and make sure not to miss out on our ever-popular **Wreathmaking sessions (p.8)**, complete with mince pies and mulled wine.

Following the success of our new weekly classes, we're excited to welcome Jo Lawson to teach **Charcoal** and **Watercolour (p.11-12)**, alongside our friendly, peer-led sessions in **textiles** and **life drawing (p.10)**. Our popular **Art Club** and **holiday workshops (p.14-15)** for children and young people this season explore marvellous movies and different cultures from around the world.

Our upcoming **free exhibitions (p.16)** see the welcome return of FRESH, our award for emerging Northern artists (apply by 21st June!) and our friends at **Thirlby Art Group**, now in its twenty-fourth year. We're also excited to celebrate mental health and wellbeing through our new **PEACE of Mind** programme, as well as our ever-popular **Christmas Makers Market** and **festive family workshops** (all found on **p.13**).

If **live performance** is more your thing, we've got plenty to offer with eight exciting new productions. There's a little bit of everything, from award-winning folk music (**Maddie Morris, p.18**) to hilarious spoken word (**We Are What We Overcome, p.18**). Our **Scratch Night (p.19)** is back, showcasing work we're

supporting by emerging and diverse artists. Not to be missed this season are mind-bending, interactive performance **We Still Fax (p.19)** and **The Rainbow Butterfly (p.18)** – perhaps our first ever aerial performance at The Courthouse! Finally, join us at Thirsk Town Hall for this year's pantomime **Cinderella (p.19)** for festive entertainment and enchantment.

We've also got three screenings (**p.20**) from world-leading companies, including **NT Live** productions featuring **Kit Harrington (Game of Thrones)** and **Jodie Comer (Killing Eve)** and a dazzling interpretation of **Merlin** from **Northern Ballet**.

We're continuing to support those most isolated and vulnerable in North Yorkshire through **free outreach programmes (p.21)** like Heart and Craft (for older people), Action Towards Inclusion (for those not in education, employment or training) and FEAST (for those on Free School Meals).

As ever, our award-winning café and artisan shop are open **Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm**, so please do visit us, try our tasty homemade treats and support local artists.

Thank you for your support. As a small charity, every card you buy, cup of coffee you drink, or event you come along to **really makes a difference** as we rebuild from the pandemic.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our fabulous upcoming events.

Best wishes,



Max May
Director and CEO



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Workshops for Adults

Get inspired at one of our unique workshops run by friendly and experienced artists. All workshops are suitable for beginners.

Marbling and Bookbinding

Artist: Tabitha Grove

Wednesday 13th + 20th July, 10am-1pm

£60 (£50 + £10 materials)

Take part in our two-day course and learn both paper marbling and book binding to make a beautiful notebook to keep or gift.



Garden Mosaics

Artist: Sue Kershaw

Saturday 16th July, 10am-4pm

£60 (£50 + £10 materials)

Learn the intricate process of producing a mosaic for outside your home or in your garden, using vitreous glass and French porcelain.



Macrame Wall Hangings

Artist: Poppy Love Oldham

Saturday 13th August, 10am-3pm

£55 (£45 + £10 materials)

Learn the meditative process of macrame to create your very own wall hangings. Take home your finished pieces to decorate your interior.



Summer Fused Glass

Artist: David Teece

Saturday 20th August, 10am-4pm

£65 (£55 + £10 materials)

Create your very own summer seaside or meadow scene in fused glass, exploring different techniques and skills.



Digital Photography

Artist: Lucy Sagers

Wednesday 14th September,
10am-4pm, £50

Friday 14th October, 10am-1pm, £35

Learn all about digital camera techniques and photography composition to get the best out of your camera and you. On the longer workshop, use what you've learnt on our guided photo walk.



Willow Owl

Artist: Wendy Bristow

Wednesday 28th September, 10am-4pm
£67 (£52 + £15 materials)

It's a hoot! Create your own willow owl using introductory weaving techniques. The perfect decorative addition to your home or garden.



Silver Wrap Ring

Artist: Genevieve Broughton

Saturday 1st October, 10am-1pm
£48 (£40 + £8 materials)

Choose from a range of designs and learn how to use a variety of jewellery making tools to make a silver wrap ring. Create textures and finishes by applying different techniques.



Willow Hedgehog

Artist: Wendy Bristow

Tuesday 4th October, 10am-4pm
£55 (£40 + £15 materials)

Using simple weaving techniques create your own willow hedgehog. The perfect addition to your garden, or a one of a kind gift.



Willow Highland Cattle Head

Artist: Wendy Bristow

Thursday 13th October, 10am-4pm
£67 (£52 + £15 materials)

Make an impressive decoration for your home with willow weaving techniques!



Ceramic Heads

Artist: Kay Latto

Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th October,
10am-4pm

£65 (£55 + £10 materials)

Sculpt a human, animal or mythical head in clay. Book onto two days to work on a larger head.



Porcelain Christmas Lanterns

Artist: Linda Breckon

Wednesday 2nd November, 10am-3pm
£55 (£40 + £15 materials)

Create a beautiful tealight lantern in porcelain clay to add that festive feeling to your home.



Willow Stag Head

Artist: Wendy Bristow

Thursday 3rd November, 10am-4pm
£67 (£52 + £15 materials)

Learn simple weaving techniques to create a willow stag head – decorate with fairy lights as a finishing touch!



Marbling Fabric

Artist: Tabitha Grove

Saturday 19th November, 10am-3pm
£57 (£45 + £12 materials)

Create your own scarf or other textile in this relaxing session of marbling and hand stitching.



Personalised Fabric Stockings

Artist: Dove Armistead
Friday 2nd December, 10am-3pm
£55 (£40 + £15 materials)

Make a personalised stocking to hang by your fireplace this Christmas, using appliqué embroidery and embellishment techniques.



Willow Deer

Artist: Wendy Bristow
Wednesday 7th December, 10am-4pm
£78 (£58 + £20 materials)

One of our most popular workshops, your standing willow deer will make a majestic addition to your garden. Using beginner-friendly willow weaving techniques, this is the perfect session to attend with a friend or loved one.



Winter Fused Glass

Artist: David Teece
Saturday 10th December, 10am-4pm
£65 (£55 + £10 materials)

Create your very own winter wonderland in fused glass. Design a snowy scene or be inspired by the festive season to create your piece.



Wreathmaking

Artist: Sorcha McCole
Wednesday 14th December,
2pm-4pm / 6pm-8pm
£30 (£20 + £10 materials)
Mince pie and mulled wine: £5

Use a range of beautiful foliage and festive decorations to create a stunning wreath for your door!

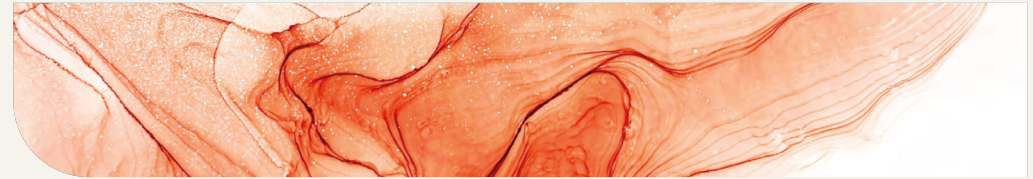


Weekly Workshops

Taste Of...

Wednesdays, 10.30am-12.30pm

With all materials included, and each workshop suitable for beginners, these Wednesday morning sessions give the perfect introduction to a range of artistic styles and techniques.



06 Jul	Expressive Ink Paintings	£12
27 Jul	Mini Abstract Ceramics	£18
03 Aug	Sashiko Embroidery Coasters	£15
24 Aug	House Plant Illustrations	£15
31 Aug	Pressed Leaf Pottery	£18
07 Sep	Lino Print Houses	£15
14 Sep	Mountains in Acrylic	£12
21 Sep	Ceramic Bud Vases	£18
05 Oct	Mixed Media Still Life	£12
12 Oct	Pottery Piggy Bank	£18
19 Oct	Freehand Machine Embroidery (10.30am-1.30pm)	£18
09 Nov	Drawing with Nature	£12
16 Nov	Surreal Portrait Collage	£12
23 Nov	Linocut Christmas Cards	£18
30 Nov	Stitched Snowflakes	£15
07 Dec	Christmas Crackers	£12

Taste Of... workshops fill up quickly, but we're always happy to add you to the waiting list. We'll also run additional workshops if there's enough demand!

Open Studio Schemes

Ceramics: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Printmaking: Fridays

10am-3pm, £12 per session

Run by The Arts Collective, develop your work in our studio alongside makers of all levels, and share skills and ideas.

You are encouraged to bring or purchase your own materials, although some groups may have specific arrangements whereby materials are purchased and shared.

Interested in joining?

Email theartscollective1@gmail.com

Twilight Textiles

Peer-led

Tuesdays, 6-9pm

£8 per session

Join our friendly, informal group and pursue your own projects. Attendees support one another to develop their hand embroidery and machine stitch skills, create beautiful home furnishings and upcycle old fabrics.

Life Drawing

Peer-led + tutor-led options available

Wednesdays, 6.30-8pm

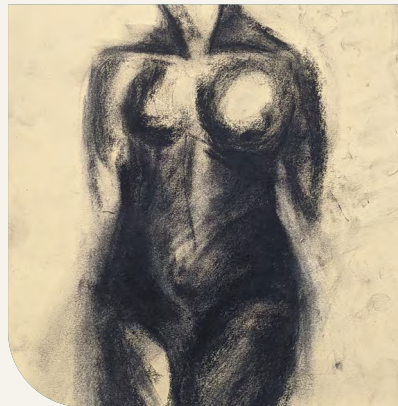
Starting from September

£8 / £15 per session

Learn observational drawing techniques with our professional life models. With all materials provided, explore the human form, using a range of mediums including pens, pencils and charcoal.



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Get Hands On With...

Join these tutor-led, multi-week courses – aimed at those with some experience or enthusiastic beginners – in our friendly, supportive studio environment.

Charcoal (4 Weeks)

Artist: Jo Lawson

Tuesdays from 12th July, 10.30am-1pm

£120 (£100 + £20 materials)

Create stunning, bold black and white landscapes using tone and texture in charcoal. Learn all about the unique properties of charcoal and the artworks it can produce.



Embroidery (4 Weeks)

Artist: Tabitha Grove

Tuesdays from 20th September,
6.30-8.30pm

£80 (£70 + £10 materials)

Build your confidence and feel inspired to delve further into the magical, meditative world of hand embroidery in this four week course. You'll use your needle and thread to make effective, intricate and surprising patterns.



Oil Painting (6 Weeks)

Artist: Jennifer Cottis

Mondays from 26th September, 2-4pm

Mondays from 14th November, 2-4pm

£120 (£100 + £20 materials)

Develop your own visual language, from observational drawing and painting to creating compositions. Learn to mix colours, choose suitable surfaces and manipulate oil paints.



Watercolour (4 Weeks)

Artist: Jo Lawson

Tuesdays from 18th October, 10.30am-1pm
£120 (£100 + £20 materials)

Explore watercolour landscapes and learn a variety of techniques, including painting washes and glazes, 'wet on wet', resists and more, to gain confidence using this classic medium.



Basics For Beginners

These courses introduce beginners to the basics of artistic techniques and mediums. All materials and equipment are provided.

Drawing The Body (4 Weeks)

Artist: Sorcha McCole

Thursdays from 4th August, 1.30pm-3pm
£65 (£55 + £10 materials)

Learn the fundamental techniques for drawing the human form such as proportion and how to capture gesture and movement in this course. Use a variety of shading techniques, as well as tone and composition to explore drawing the human body through different mediums.



Printmaking (4 Weeks)

Artist: Lauren Henderson

Saturdays from 22nd October, 1pm-4pm
£90 (£80 + £10 materials)

Learn about a variety of different printmaking techniques in this course aimed at beginners. Develop your skills in this wide-ranging medium, including monoprint, lino relief prints and collagraphs.



Events

Bringing people together and offering something new – right on your doorstep!

PEACE of Mind

September and October

See website for details

Join us for a range of workshops, talks, performance and pet therapy. Funded by the HCV Suicide Prevention Grant and open to all who have a connection to poor mental health.



Christmas Makers Market

Saturday 26th November, 10am-4pm

Free entry

Join us for our seasonal showcase of work by local makers. Choose from a wide variety of beautiful handmade Christmas gifts and enjoy festive treats in our café.



Festive Family Fun

Wednesday 21st December

£4.50-£6.50

The perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit. Bring the whole family along to our selection of one-hour workshops, packed with festive fun:

Christmas Stars: 10-11am

Painted Baubles: 11.30am-12.30pm

Origami Christmas Trees: 1.30-2.30pm

Hand-painted Decorations: 3-4pm

Fabric Stockings: 3.30-4.30pm



Activities for Children and Families

Art Club

£7.50
per
session

Thursdays, 4pm-5.15pm
(ages 6-16)

Saturdays, 10am-11.15am
(ages 6-10)

Saturdays, 11.30am-12.45pm
(ages 11-16)

Our art, craft and digital sessions are perfect for any young creative! A safe, supportive and inspiring environment – with a strong emphasis on fun and experimentation.

From September to December 2022, we continue our journey around the world. Next stops: Bali, Guatemala and Europe!

We will also be inspired by even more international events and celebrations, including Venice Biennale and Day of the Dead.

Rural Arts is a registered Arts Award Centre. You can complete a range of awards through the club (although some additional costs may apply).



Holiday Activities

Our exciting selection of themed holiday workshops are suitable for ages 5+ (unless stated) and under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. If they want, adults can join in by booking an extra place!

All activities run from 10.30am-12 noon unless stated.

Summer Holidays: Marvellous Movies

Lights, camera, action! This summer we're taking inspiration from family favourites, including Star Wars, Disney and Marvel.

09 Aug	Star Wars Collage (ages 2+)	£4.50
10 Aug	Superhero Ceramics	£6.50
11 Aug	Draw Disney	£4.50
16 Aug	Magical Mansions (ages 2+)	£4.50
17 Aug	Clay Fantastic Feasts	£6.50
18 Aug	Craft A Robot	£4.50

October Half term: Spooky Season

Come along to make handmade clay, paper or felt creations to give your friends a fright!

25 Oct	Frightful 3D Cards (ages 2+)	£4.50
26 Oct	Creepy Clay Monsters	£6.50
27 Oct	Felted Pumpkins	£4.50

Christmas Holidays: Festive Family Fun

21 Dec, 10am - 4.30pm, £4.50-£6.50

Bring the whole family to our jam-packed festive selection, including bauble painting and stocking decoration (see more on p.13!)

We're always trying to be more family friendly.

That's why we have:

- Children's menu in our café
- High chairs
- Changing unit
- Free nappies, nappy bags + wet wipes

Breastfeeding friendly

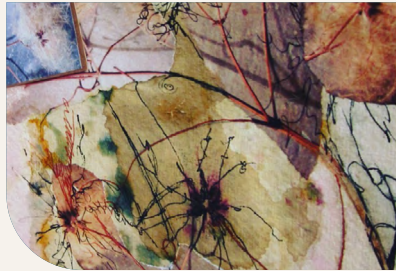
Exhibitions

Our exhibitions are free, and promote the best of regional and national artists. Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10am-4pm.

Twilight Textiles

Friday 1st July - Saturday 9th July

Enjoy a beautiful selection of work in a variety of materials created by our Twilight Textiles group, a peer-led group that meet at The Courthouse every Tuesday evening (see p.10)



FRESH

Friday 9th September - Friday 23rd September

An exciting and inspiring cross-disciplinary exhibition of art created by early-career artists in the North of England.

Apply now at ruralarts.org/fresh
Deadline: Tuesday 21st June.



Prizes include mentoring and a solo exhibition!

Thirlby Art Group

Tuesday 11th October - Saturday 22nd October

The diverse mix of artists from this group, now in its twenty-fourth year, return with their annual exhibition at Rural Arts. Watercolours, acrylics, lino prints, pastels and collage feature in their usual vibrant range of work.



Our café is the ideal place to enjoy lunch while you take in the art. Everything is homemade on site.

This season, we're adding new vegan wraps alongside our summer salads and cream teas!



Café Collection: Artist Of The Month

Our café showcases new artists each month.

July: John Warburton + David Edwards

John and David showcase a selection of landscape paintings inspired by their local countryside.



August: Angela Weir

Angela's love of nature and wild animals is captured in her atmospheric, mixed media paintings on wood and canvas.



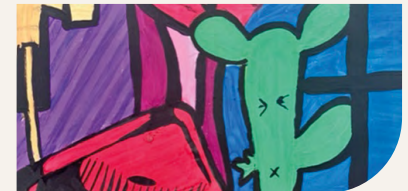
September: Leila Roberts + Keith Price

Colour and shape are explored in this vibrant joint display, featuring collage, watercolour and oil paintings of figures and landscapes.



October: Thirsk School

Drawing on the themes of still life, portraiture and landscape, this colourful collection of work is created by the talented pupils in Years 7-9.



November: Dove Armistead

Through combining the medium of textiles with written words and mixed media, Dove's work expresses the divine beauty of decay and corrosion.



December: Seasonal Sale!

Find a bargain in this mixed media collection of prints and drawings from various local artists, whose work is also available to buy in our shop.



Performances

Sit back, relax and enjoy the show with a drink from the bar!
Doors open 30 minutes before the show. AG: Age guidance.

Chloë Acoustic

Friday 15th July, 7.30pm
Full: £10, Concessions: £8 (AG: 12+)

Singer-songwriter Chloë Chadwick performs Americana-tinged alt/pop, and has shared the bill with the likes of Lady A and The Shires.



The Rainbow Butterfly

Friday 29th July, 3.30pm
Adults: £8, Children: £6 (AG: 3+)

Inspired by the lifecycle of the butterfly, this interactive children's piece blends aerial, circus and contortion skills with contemporary and hip hop dance.



We Are What We Overcome

Friday 2nd September, 7.30pm
Pay What You Decide (AG: 14+)

Combining original music with thought-provoking comedy and spoken word, this is the story of one man's journey to good mental health via a very bad idea.



Maddie Morris

Saturday 24th September, 7.30pm
Full: £10, Concessions: £8 (AG: 12+)

BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awardee Maddie has been described by Jim Moray as "leading the next generation of socially conscious songwriters."



Scratch Night

Saturday 8th October, 7.30pm
Pay What You Decide (AG: 14+)

See an exciting mix of new performances supported by Rural Arts. Share your thoughts and feedback to help each show develop!



We Still Fax

Friday 4th November, 3pm and 7pm
Pay What You Decide (AG: 8+)

An immersive and interactive experience like none other. Be guided on a super silly and sensational journey into outer space. Unlock secrets, crack codes, and when the time comes, push the big, red button.



Greyhounds

Friday 11th November, 7.30pm
Full: £10, Concessions: £8 (AG: 10+)

The year is 1941 and rehearsals for Henry V are underway... Greyhounds entwines Shakespeare's famous story of 'warlike Harry' with the everyday trials and tribulations of small village life during World War II.



Cinderella at Thirsk Town Hall

Saturday 17th December, 7.30pm
Adults: £8, Children: £6 (AG: 3+)

Combining fairy-tale enchantment with side-splitting comedy, this year's panto will leave the whole family entertained and enchanted!



We also programme performances across North Yorkshire and the Tees Valley. Find out more at ruralarts.org

Screenings

The best events from around the globe, streamed straight to The Courthouse. Doors open at 6.30pm. AG: Age guidance.

NT Live: Henry V

Thursday 14th July, 7pm (3hr20m)
Full: £10, Concessions: £8 (AG: 15+)

Kit Harington (*Game of Thrones*) plays the title role in Shakespeare's thrilling study of nationalism, war and the psychology of power. Fresh to the throne, King Henry V launches England into a bloody war with France.



NT Live: Prima Facie

Thursday 18th August, 7pm (1hr40m)
Full: £10, Concessions: £8 (AG: 15+)

Jodie Comer (*Killing Eve*) is an 'astonishing tour de force' in this award-winning one-woman play about a brilliant young barrister who loves to win, but comes face to face with unexpected forces.



Cinema Live: Northern Ballet's Merlin

Thursday 10th November, 7pm (2hr30m)
Full: £10, Concessions: £8 (AG: All)

Inspired by the story of the mythical wizard, join us on a sweeping epic adventure of heartbreak, hope and more than a little magic. Choreographed by Olivier Award-winning Drew McOnie.



Outreach

Improve your wellbeing and skills with our special free-to-access projects. We also deliver activities across North Yorkshire.

Heart & Craft: Free Creativity for Over 65s

Thursdays, monthly, 10.30am-12.30pm

14th July	18th August
29th September	27th October
17th November	8th December

Enjoy a free arts and crafts activity in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Book online at www.ruralarts.org or call 01845 526 536.



Action Towards Inclusion: Free Workshops for Unemployed People

If you're over 18 and not in education, employment or training, you might be able to access free visual arts workshops to build your skills and wellbeing.

To find out more, visit atiyorkshire.org or email jayne@ruralarts.org



FEAST: Free Holiday Activities and Food

As part of North Yorkshire Together, Rural Arts coordinates free holiday activities and food for children and young people on Free School Meals.

Find out more at www.northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast



We're looking for volunteers to help out at our evening events – speak to us or email volunteer@ruralarts.org

Check out our additional events and activities connected to mental health and wellbeing on p.13!

Venue Hire

Support our charity by hosting your event or celebration with us!



The Courthouse is a beautifully restored, Grade II listed venue in Thirsk, perfect for corporate, creative or private events.

We have multiple spaces to hire, and our state-of-the-art technical equipment includes SMART boards, 360° video conferencing software, projectors, sound systems and live streaming capabilities. We can provide a range of in-house catering options, or our award-winning café serves homemade food and drink Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm.

The Courthouse is accessible, with flat-level access, Blue Badge Parking and a Changing Place. It's also only a short distance from Thirsk market place and local car parks.

To find out more, contact venue@ruralarts.org

Visit Us!

On top of all this creativity, The Courthouse is also home to:

- ▶ An **award-winning café**, the perfect place to catch up with friends, bring the family or enjoy some 'me time'
- ▶ An **artisan gift shop** featuring unique, handmade items by designer-makers from across Yorkshire and beyond



Planning Your Visit

- ▶ A short walk from Thirsk market place
- ▶ Free WiFi
- ▶ Family friendly (see p.15)
- ▶ Local parking (Blue Badge on site)
- ▶ Accessible facilities, including a Changing Place






Above: Greyhounds (p.19)

VISIT US TODAY!

Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm

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