

# The Hive



**What's On  
at The Hive**

**January – April 2017**

**Coming up:**

Poet Holly McNish

Harry Potter Book Night

The RPS International Images  
for Science Exhibition

Science Night

Mini Medics – First Aid for Children

**[www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)**

# welcome

Welcome to 2017 and The Hive's 5th Anniversary Year!

With the start of a new year comes a new edition of What's On. As usual the programme is packed with events for everyone to enjoy and we hope we can tempt you to try something new this season. This Spring we are all about health and well-being, including the Study Happy programme for students of all ages, with visits from our Pets as Therapy dogs, meditation classes and support from our library team on how to remain calm and focused during exam periods. The atrium will be hosting a second visit from The Royal Photographic Society showing Images of Science, tying in with Science Night for all the family. Keep a look out for all of our children's trails, including the new Sustainability Trail that tells you all about The Hive and how it works. We are proud to have won another award for our fantastic, uniquely-designed building, the SCONUL (Society of Colleges, National and University Libraries) Award for Best Designed University Library. The Hive remains at the cutting edge both in what we are and what we do, and we hope you will continue to support us and tell all your friends and families about your golden landmark library!

Laura Worsfold  
Business Development Manager

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# season's programme:

This season's highlights include more author talks, the return of The Royal Photographic Society and a full programme of business workshops and courses.

# Authors Spotlight

We continue our programme of Authors Spotlight with poet Holly McNish, who has garnered over two million YouTube views for her online poetry performances and debut author David Savill. We hope you will support us, bring friends with you and tell us your suggestions for future author visits.



## Hollie McNish

Holly McNish will be joining us to perform poems, read from and chat honestly and openly about her latest book, *Nobody Told Me*. The book is a unique blend of poetry and storytelling, taken straight from Hollie's personal diaries. As she states herself 'it is not a polished collection'; rather, it is a very candid, at times gutting, at others hilarious, look at her experiences from pregnancy to the pre-school drop off. Expect strong language as she talks colours, cravings, politics, transformers, sex, tree-climbing, feeding, train journeys, lots and lots of love and occasionally locking herself in toilets to cry a little.

Holly is an Arts Foundation Fellow in Spoken Word, and was the first poet to record at London's famed Abbey Road Studios.

*"I can't take my ears off her"* – Benjamin Zephaniah

This event is supported by Poetry on Loan [www.poetryonloan.org.uk](http://www.poetryonloan.org.uk)

**Thursday 23 March, 7.30pm**  
Adults £10.00, students £5.00  
Recommended for adults only

## David Savill – How Personal Stories Become Political

Debut novelist David Savill tells us how personal stories can become political drama, and gives advice about how to get your first novel published. *They Are Trying to Break Your Heart*, David's first novel, is set against the backdrop of the Bosnian war and follows the story of a Bosnian man seeking the truth about his childhood friend. His second novel, *Disinformation*, tells the story of a journalist caught up in Vladimir Putin's rise to power.

*"an enthralling story about destruction and justice"* – *Publisher's Weekly*

**Saturday 29 April, 6pm**  
Adults £5.00, students £3.50

## Children & Families

There is always something fun to do in the children's library. Rediscover favourite authors, uncover new ones, follow exciting trails – you never know what you will find.

Credits for the Children's University scheme [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk) can be gained for most of our 5–14 year-old activities.

### Young at Art – exploring, listening, making

Art and story themed sessions for Under 5s.

No booking required. £3.00 per child, payable on the day at each venue.

**Thursday mornings**, 10.30am–12pm

#### Jungle

**12 & 26 January** – The Hive

**19 January** – Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum

#### Desert

**9 February** – The Hive

**2 & 16 February** – Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum

#### Countryside

**2, 16 & 30 March** – The Hive

**9 & 23 March** – Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum

Young at Art is run in partnership with Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum.

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museums](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museums)

**4 book tickets online** [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)

## Harry Potter Book Night



Join the celebration for our third Harry Potter Book Night. Design your own wand, learn the rules of Quidditch, get stuck in to some potion making and come dressed as your favourite character. Maybe you'll uncover some Fantastic Beasts? There will be plenty to enjoy for free, but why not enjoy your visit even more and book for a Mad Muggles Workshop (below).

**Thursday 2 February**, 4.30pm–6.30pm

### Mad Muggles Workshop

Delve into the magical world of Harry Potter. Come and learn how to create potions, a defence against the dark art class, herbology plus loads more! Suitable for children 5–12 years. Children under 8 should be accompanied by a parent.

**Thursday 2 February**, 4.30pm–5pm or 5.15pm–5.45pm, £3.75 per child

## February Half Term

### Hands-on History

*Part of Love Worcester Heritage Festival*

Hands on history and archaeology activities led by archive and archaeology staff. This activity is free but there is a charge of £2.50 for children who want to make a mosaic.

**Thursday 23 February, 10am–3pm**



### Granny's Game

*Presented by Rhubarb Theatre*

*It's all about travel, adventure and one really surprising grandma!*

Join Julia and John as they play Granny's Game, where a trip around the board becomes a globetrotting adventure! Wrestling the snakes and climbing the ladders, our brave players will risk it all in a high-stakes quest they'll never forget.

**Thursday 23 February, 1pm & 3pm**

Suitable for 5 years and upwards. Adults £5.00, children £3.00, babes in arms free.

### Mini Medics

A fun and informative introduction to first aid for children. Each child will receive a certificate of completion and a pack to take away. Only suitable for ages 8–11 years.

**Monday 10 April, 9.30am–12.30pm**

£30.00 per child

Book online

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses)

## Easter

### Fantastic Beasts Easter Trail

Follow the trail for a Fantastic Beasts treat.

**8–23 April, all day**

50p per child

### Wild about Worcester

Come and find out what's wild in Worcester with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Treasure trail around the library, crafts and plenty of fun activities for all the family.

**Wednesday 12 April, 10am–12.30pm**

## Special Events

An interesting mix of events for all ages. Take away tips and advice on wildlife gardening, be blinded by science, and if you are a student discover new ways to enjoy yourself whilst studying.

## Micro Science Festival

During March, Worcester launches its first ever Micro Science Festival as part of British Science Week, 10–19 March. Events at The Hive include Science Night, exhibitions (see page 8), The Science of Beauty talk on 14 March, and Royal Photographic Society workshops for families on 18 March.

See [www.worcester.ac.uk/discover/achievements-upcoming-events](http://www.worcester.ac.uk/discover/achievements-upcoming-events) for full festival details.



## Science Night

**Thursday 16 March, 5–7.30pm**

Its back! Meet the experts and have a go yourself: from fossils to food, coding to chemistry, rockets to rivers – science is at the heart of all our lives. A really hands-on, fun night for all the family. We promise you'll learn something new!

Don't forget to visit The RPS Images of Science exhibition on Level 1 too.



## Up, Up and Away

Ever wanted to find out how planes fly? Come along and find out. The Mad Science team are back with their zany interactive science show – this time it's all about air pressure. Never has science been so much fun!

**Thursday 16 March**

Adults £3.50, Children £3.

Shows at 4.30–5pm,

5.15pm–5.45pm and 6–6.30pm

**6 book tickets online [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)**

## Gardening for Wildlife

Join Dr Duncan Westbury from the University of Worcester and Neil Domoney from St Peter's Garden Centre for an hour of tips and advice on wildlife gardening and complimentary planting to help reduce your reliance on pesticides. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions to both speakers as well as BBC Hereford and Worcester's radio gardening expert, Reg Moule.

**Tuesday 21 March**, 6–7.30pm  
£2.00 (includes complementary wildflower seeds and £5.00 garden centre voucher)

## Mindfulness and Well-being for Children

In recognition of Children's Mental Health Week, the University's Child and Adolescent Mental Health team invites primary schools to join us for a morning of activities to help build resilience and support coping skills.

Separately, we will be holding a twilight session for teachers and staff who work with students to raise their awareness of mental health issues amongst children.

Schools event:  
**Wednesday 8 February**, 10am–2pm

Children's Mental Health Twilight:  
**Thursday 9 February**, 6–8pm,  
£2.00 payable on the day.

## Study Happy Events

Study Happy is a year-round programme for students in Worcester to help study healthier, happier and smarter.

### Meditation in Movement (Qigong) Workshops

Weekly sessions from  
**Thursday 26 January**, 2.30–4pm

### World Poetry Day Celebrations

**Tuesday 21 March**

Look out for poems across University sites, including The Hive, and add your own favourite verses to our collection.

### Zumbathon

**Sunday 5 February**, from 1pm

Just drop in and give it a go!

[library.worc.ac.uk/study-happy](http://library.worc.ac.uk/study-happy)

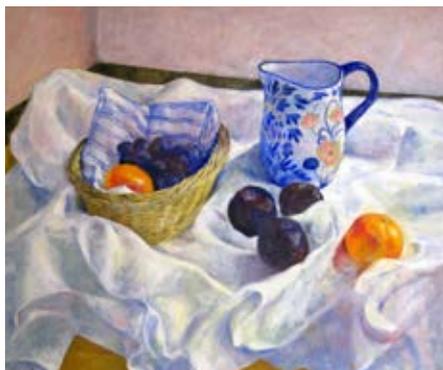
## Jump Start Theatre Performance

Be the first to see new theatre from some of the region's up and coming theatre makers before they go on tour – theatre in its rawest and most exciting form. This performance is part of the Worcestershire Arts Partnership's 1000 Days strategy. Just turn up and pay what you can.

**Sunday 12 March**, 7pm

## Exhibitions

Exhibitions in the atrium this season include a mix of illustration, painting and photography produced by professionals and amateurs, local artists and University staff and students.

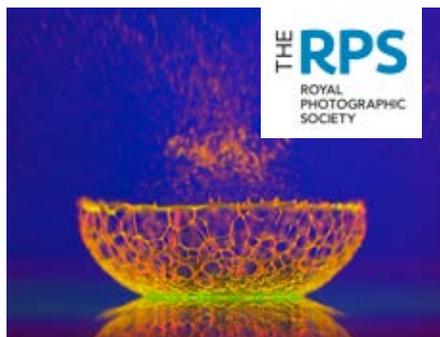


### Stan Young – A Life in Painting

Stan has been working as a painter for more than sixty years and is still as inspired by people, politics and the world around as ever. The art he saw in Florence when serving in the Eighth army encouraged Stan to study art after the war. Since then people have been central to Stan's work, but he has also, especially since moving to Worcester twenty years ago, enjoyed the painting of landscape and still life.

[www.stanyoungandmurielwood.com](http://www.stanyoungandmurielwood.com)

**12 January–5 February**



### The Royal Photographic Society International Images for Science Exhibition

100 of the best photographic images of science. From professional researchers and photographers to dedicated amateurs and young scientists trying to capture science for the first time. The selectors had just one criterion – the images need to be visually appealing but also have a science story to tell.

**8 February–22 March**

### A Nostalgia for Beauty

A photographic exhibition by David James, University of Worcester Course Leader in the Masters in Creative Media and Fellow of The Royal Photographic Society.

**10–19 March**

### Fragments

Michael Hallett photographs from 2000–2016.

**10–19 March**

**8 book tickets online [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)**

# HATCHED!



## Hatched!

Recent picture book publications from the University of Worcester Illustration staff team. The books featured are illustrated and written by Piet Grobler, Rebecca Palmer, Stephen Fowler and Daisy Hirst.

As well as a celebration of internationally published books, there will be a series of workshops run by staff and students from the Illustration course.

**27 March–26 April**



## Public Art Student Show

An exhibition of work from second year students on the Art & Design and Fine Art courses at the University of Worcester responding to the Hive's architecture, history and social context. The exhibition will include painting, sculpture, performance and audio-visual works. The exhibition at The Hive forms one part of a series of exhibitions by the students that take place across the city of Worcester.

**29 April–4 May**

## Talks & Discussions

Our talks and discussions, delivered by professors from the University of Worcester, cover a diverse range of topics and are free to attend, booking essential.



### Volunteers and Voters: World War 1 and its legacy for Worcestershire women

Professor Maggie Andrews

World War 1 enabled a number of Worcestershire women to develop their skills and spheres of influence through voluntary work and prepared them to use their newly-acquired vote in 1918. This talk and exhibition explores the legacy of World War 1 for women such as Lady Isabelle Margesson, Mrs Hooper, Mary Pakington and Mrs Rusher who became Justices of the Peace, ran women's organisations, wrote plays or campaigned for improvements in maternal and child welfare in the inter-war years.

**Wednesday 18 January, 6–7pm**

## An evidence-based view of our domestic violence intervention programmes

Professor Erica Bowen

In England and Wales domestic violence and abuse costs the economy more than £15bn per year. This talk looks at how effective current intervention programmes are and how we measure their effectiveness. It also raises the suggestion that in order to meet the needs of our diverse population domestic violence intervention programmes need to change.

**Wednesday 1 February, 6–7pm**

## Health and sickness in English children's literature

Professor Jean Webb

Health and sickness are recurring themes in English writing for children as they are naturally a part of childhood. This talk will consider the differing ways in which the healthy child and the sick child have been portrayed in English writing for children from the nineteenth century to contemporary times, and what this tells us about changing ideas about childhood.

**Wednesday 1 March, 6–7pm**

## A Theory of Everything for the NHS

Professor David Seedhouse

The NHS constitution contains many principles, values and ethical codes, but offers no definition of health. Drawing on three decades of research and writing about the nature of health, David Seedhouse will explain how this single oversight has caused massive fragmentation and inconsistency of care. Professor Seedhouse also offers a powerful solution – a theory of everything for the NHS which unites the best clinical practice with the most thoughtful ethical reflection.

**Wednesday 5 April, 6–7pm**

## Workshops & Courses

A range of courses, provided by Worcestershire County Council Libraries and Learning Service, the University of Worcester and local businesses, are available across the year.



## Leisure

Thai Chi for Beginners and Improvers

**Wednesdays from 11 January**

7–8pm (10 weeks), £54.00

Spanish for Beginners

**Thursdays from 26 January**

6.30–8.30pm (10 weeks), £100.00

Creative Writing

**Saturdays** from 4 March

10am–12pm, (5 weeks), £79.00

## Workplace Skills

Computing for Absolute Beginners

**Fridays from 13 January**

10am–12pm (6 weeks), £54.00\*

Computing for Beginners

**Fridays from 13 January**

12.30–2.30pm (6 weeks), £54.00\*

Computing for Absolute Beginners

**Fridays from 3 March**

12.30–2.30pm (6 weeks), £54.00\*

Computing for Beginners

**Fridays from 3 March**

10am–12pm (6 weeks), £54.00\*

Emergency First Aid in the Workplace

**Thursday 23 March**

10am–4pm (1 day), £57.00\*

## Business Skills

Introduction to Business Accounts for Sole Traders

**6 & 7 February**

10am–12.30pm (2 sessions), £22.50\*

Microsoft Outlook for Business

**6 & 7 March**

10am–12.30pm (2 sessions), £22.50\*

Using Social Media to Promote your Business

**3 & 4 April**

10am–12.30pm (2 sessions), £22.50\*

## ESOL (English as a second language)

Courses for beginners and improvers ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) take place at The Hive. Book online for a free assessment of your English for courses continuing at the following times:

Book online:

**[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses)**

12 Week ESOL Courses – £110.00\*

### ESOL for Beginners

**Fridays from 6 January,**

10am–12pm

**Thursdays from 12 January,**

10am–12pm

**Saturdays from 14 January,**

10am–12pm

### ESOL for Improvers

**Fridays from 6 January,**

12.30–2.30pm

**Wednesdays from 11 January,**

1–3pm

For further details and to book on the Leisure and Adult Learning courses listed above and on page 12 visit the Council website **[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses)**. There is a cost attached to each course but concessions are available on courses marked with an asterisk \*. Ask staff for details.

## Online Skills – Mini Course

Want to learn something new? How to use the internet for online services such as banking, shopping, Facebook or even emailing in our free bookable sessions. Basic keyboard and mouse skills required.

**Tuesday 10 January,** 1pm–2.30pm

**Thursday 9 February,** 11am–12:30pm

**Saturday 11 March,** 10am–11:30am

**Friday 28 April,** 10am–11:30am

## Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Lite Training

Statistics show that 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem. Would you know how you can help? MHFA Lite is a 3 hour mental health awareness course that looks at

- What mental health is and about common mental health problems
- Supporting others and yourself in distress
- Introducing what can be gained from the 14 hour Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid courses

**Monday 6 February,** 4–7pm, £25.00

## Explore the Past Workshops

### Starting Family History

Want to know how to begin tracing your ancestors and building your family tree? This two-part workshop, will explain how to get started, key tips and the main sources you will need.

**Wednesday 8 & 15 February  
(2 weeks)**

2–4.30pm, £15.00

### Exploring Ancestry.co.uk

This popular website has over 16 billion names. We'll look at what the most useful sources on there are, what has been added in recent years, and key tips to find what you want.

**Monday 13 March**

2–4pm, £6.00

### Exploring Find My Past

Discover more about this useful and newly accessible website.

**Monday 20 March**

2–4pm, £6.00

### First Steps In House History

One hour introduction to guide you round the most useful Explore the Past local or house history resources and give you some tips on getting started.

**Thursdays – 12 January, 2 February  
and 6 April, 10am–11am, £5.00**



### First Steps in Family History

One hour introduction to guide you round the most useful Explore the Past family history resources and give you some tips on getting started.

**Thursdays – 12 January, 2 February  
and 6 April**

11.30am–12.30pm, £5.00

### Explore House History

Are you interested in discovering more about the house you live in, or another historic building? Three hour workshop to find out the resources we hold which could help you discover more about its past, using a couple of buildings as examples.

**Wednesday 22 March**

10am–1pm, £15.00

### Explore Maps

It is said that all good adventures begin with a map! Join us for a workshop on maps, finding out about the different types we hold, the information they reveal and how to search for and use them here in The Hive.

**Monday 13 February**

10am–3pm, £15.00

## The Mystery of Shakespeare's Marriage & the World of Tudor Worcester

*Part of Love Worcester Heritage Festival*

Come with us behind the scenes to find out about the mystery of Shakespeare's marriage, handle Tudor pottery and see documents about Queen Elizabeth I's visit to Worcester.

**Saturday 25 February**

2–3.30pm, £6.00

## Map Art

Do you love maps? ancient, illustrated, OS, personal maps... Would you like a new interest or hobby? Map Art workshops offer a chance to explore maps in the library archive and share ideas on making your own using embroidery, textiles, printing, acrylics, collage, or simply drawing.

**Thursdays – 23 March,  
18 May, 6 July, 10am–12pm**

For more information and to book: contact Rosie

[mapartworcs@gmail.com](mailto:mapartworcs@gmail.com)

07789 968945

## Business Centre Events

### Worcestershire's Annual Entrepreneurship Research Seminar

Entrepreneurship is a fast-moving discipline and in this session, the University of Worcester aims to show you a diverse portfolio of their research. Each speaker slot will be a Pecha Kucha, 20 slides, each of 20 seconds with space for a discussion afterwards. This will ensure you get a real insight into Entrepreneurship and fuel true discussion, collaboration and opportunities.

**Tuesday 7 February, 4.30–7.30pm**

To reserve a place email [s.docherty@worc.ac.uk](mailto:s.docherty@worc.ac.uk)

### Business Breakfast

*Sponsored by Haines Watts*

Breakfast, network and presentation.

**Tuesday 28 February, 7.30–9.30am**

### Social Media Workshop

*Sponsored by Worcester BID*

Take away top social media tips for your business.

**Tuesday 14 March, 4–6pm**

### Business Breakfast

*Sponsored by Haines Watts*

Breakfast, network and presentation.

**Tuesday 25 April, 7.30–9.30am**

# Season's Programme at a Glance

## January

**6 January**, 10am & 12.30pm  
ESOL for Beginners  
and Improvers starts

**10 January**, 1pm  
Online Skills

**11 January**, 1pm  
ESOL for Improvers  
starts

**11 January**, 7pm  
Tai Chi for Beginners  
& Improvers starts

**12 January**, 10am  
ESOL for Beginners  
starts

**12 January**, 10am & 11.30am  
First Steps in House  
& Family History

**12 January–5 February**  
Stan Young exhibition

**12 January**, 10.30am  
Young at Art

**13 January**, 10am & 12.30pm  
Computing for  
Absolute Beginners  
and Beginners starts

**14 January**, 10am  
ESOL for Beginners  
starts

**18 January**, 6pm  
Volunteers &  
Voters talk

**26 January**, 10.30am  
Young at Art

**26 January**, 2.30pm  
Meditation for  
students

**26 January**, 6.30pm  
Spanish for  
Beginners starts

## February

**1 February**, 6pm  
Domestic violence talk

**2 February**, 10am & 11.30am  
First Steps in House  
& Family History

**2 February**, 4.30pm  
Harry Potter Book  
Night

**2 February**, 4.30pm  
Mad Muggles  
Workshops

**5 February**, 1pm  
Student Zumbathon

**6 & 7 February**, 10am  
Business Accounts

**6 February**, 4pm  
Mental Health First Aid  
Lite Training

**7 February**, 4.30pm  
Entrepreneurship  
Research Talk

**8 February–22 March**  
The RPS International  
Images for Science  
exhibition

**8 February**, 10am  
Well-being for Children  
Schools event

**8 February**, 2pm  
Starting Family History

**9 February**, 6pm  
Well-being for  
Children talks

**9 February**, 10.30am  
Young at Art

**9 February**, 11am  
Online Skills

**9 & 16 February**, 2pm  
Starting Family History

**13 February**, 10am  
Explore Maps

**15 February**, 2pm  
Starting Family History

**23 February**, 10am  
Hands on History  
Children's activity

**23 February**, 1 & 3pm  
Granny's Game  
Children's theatre

**25 February**, 2pm  
Behind the Scenes  
Archives

**28 February**, 7.30pm  
Business Breakfast

### **March**

**1 March**, 6pm  
Children's  
literature talk

**2 March**, 10.30am  
Young at Art

**3 March**, 10am & 12.30pm  
Computing for  
Absolute Beginners  
and Beginners starts

**4 March**, 10am  
Creative Writing starts

**6 & 7 March**  
Outlook for Business

**10–19 March**  
Photography  
exhibitions

**11 March**, 10am  
Online Skills

**12 March**, 7pm  
Jump Start Theatre

**13 March**, 2pm  
Exploring Ancestry

**14 March**, 2pm  
The Science of  
Beauty talk

**14 March**, 4pm  
Social Media  
Workshop

**16 March**, 10.30am  
Young at Art

**16 March**, 5pm  
Science Night

**16 March**, 4.30pm  
Mad Science shows

**18 March**  
RPS family workshops

**20 March**, 2pm  
Exploring Find  
My Past

**21 March**, all day  
Poetry celebrations

**21 March**, 6pm  
Gardening for Wildlife  
Talk

**22 March**, 10am  
Explore House History

**23 March**, 9am  
Emergency First Aid

**23 March**, 7.30pm  
Holly McNish –  
Author talk

**23 March**, 10am  
Map Art

**27 March–26 April**  
Illustration exhibition

**30 March**, 10.30am  
Young at Art

### **April**

**3 & 4 April**  
Social Media  
for Business

**5 April**, 6pm  
A Theory of Everything  
for the NHS talk

**6 April**, 10 & 11.30am  
First Steps in House  
& Family History

**8–23 April**  
Easter trail

**10 April**, 9.30am  
Mini Medics  
Children's workshop

**12 April**, 10am  
Wild about Worcester  
Children's activity

**25 April**, 7.30am  
Business Breakfast

**28 April**, 10am  
Online Skills

**29 April–4 May**  
Public Art  
Student Show

**29 April**, 6pm  
David Savill –  
Author talk

# regular activities:

As well as our special events we have activities, workshops, courses and drop-in sessions for babies, children, young adults and adults that take place throughout the year.

## Babies & Toddlers

### Wacky Wednesdays

**Every Wednesday**  
1.30am–3pm

A fun and free interactive parent and child session for pre-school children aged between 0-5 years. In partnership with the Children's Centre.

### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

**Every Friday**  
11–11.30am

Fun and friendly Baby Bounce and Rhyme sessions aimed at 0-1-year-olds and their parents and carers.

### Baby Latte Worcester

**Every Friday**  
11.30am–12.30pm

Meet other mums in a relaxed, child-friendly setting. Come along to Baby Latte Worcester for breastfeeding support and information.

## Children

### Bounce and Rhyme

**Every Tuesday**  
10–10:30am

Fun and friendly music-making sessions for pre-school children (1–4 years) and their parents and carers.

### Chatterbooks

**Monthly, every second Monday**  
4.30–5.45pm

Chats, fun games and activities and the opportunity to discover new books and authors. Suitable for children aged 8–12 years.

### Rat-a-tat Tales

**Every Saturday & Sunday, 11am & 3pm**  
**Wednesdays during school holidays**  
11am & 2.45pm

Listen out for the rat-a-tat in the children's library. Storytime is about to begin... Interactive stories suited to children aged 6 and under – but great fun for parents and older children.

### Code Club

**Thursdays, term time only** 6.30–7.30pm

9–11 years. Learn the skills of computer programming by creating computer games, animations and websites.

For more information email [a.neacsa@worc.ac.uk](mailto:a.neacsa@worc.ac.uk)



## Young People

It's not all about reading, there are monthly Open Mic nights and regular drama groups as well as a good selection of DVD's and games to borrow. Of course we hope you'll pick up a book or two from our extensive teen collection as well while you are here!



### Chapter 5 Teen Book Club **Second Wednesday of every month**

7–8pm, 12–16 years

Contact us if you are interested in joining – and being added to our Facebook page.



### Worcester Young Writers' Group

**Meets monthly on Saturday mornings, 10am–12pm**

If you are interested in creative writing, and aged between 9 and 14, join our Worcester Young Writers' Group and get inspired! The group meets once a month and is led by poet Nina Lewis. Places are limited so booking is essential.

To register visit:

[www.writingwestmidlands.org/worcester-young-writers-groups/](http://www.writingwestmidlands.org/worcester-young-writers-groups/)

### Open Mic Night

**Last Friday of every month –  
27 January, 24 February,  
24 March, 28 April**

6–8pm in the studio

For young people aged 12–19. Opportunity to showcase your own music, poetry or dance... just come as you are!

Book your act in:

[thehivlibrary@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:thehivlibrary@worcestershire.gov.uk)

or ask about our members'

Facebook page



## Worcester Youth TheatreMakers

**Saturdays 14 January–1 April**

10–11am for young people  
aged 6–12 years  
£60.00 per term  
(10% discount for siblings)

Make new friends and explore  
your creativity. We use theatre,  
drama games and performance  
techniques to build confidence  
and self-esteem, whilst having  
lots of fun!

Contact Worcester TheatreMakers  
to book a place  
[worcestertheatremakers@gmail.com](mailto:worcestertheatremakers@gmail.com)



## Study Happy

Study Happy is a year-round  
programme designed to help students  
in Worcester study healthier, happier  
and smarter. Join us at The Hive to  
find your perfect study space, stroke a  
Pets as Therapy dog, or try out some  
mood-boosting exercise sessions.  
See page 7 for details of Study Happy  
events at The Hive. For information  
about Study Happy resources please  
consult the Study Happy website  
[library.worc.ac.uk/study-happy](http://library.worc.ac.uk/study-happy)

Please note some sessions are only open  
to students from selected institutions, see  
the website for more details.

## Adults

Job seeking and IT support, adult readers' groups, help with reading, and health walks are just some of the opportunities on offer to develop new skills, meet new people and get the most out of the facilities and resources available at The Hive.

### IT Support

Want to set up an email account, get your head around online shopping or learn to create and save a Word document?

**Our digital champion volunteers are available Monday–Friday** 10am–3pm to help with your basic IT queries.

Any member of staff can call a digital champion on your behalf.

### Computer Basics

**Mondays** 2.30–3.30pm

**Thursdays** 10–11am

Free six week course covering first steps of using computers. Just turn up to join.

### Crafty Corner

**Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.**

From 5.30pm, just drop in.

Informal knitting, crochet and assorted yarn-based craft group.

### Job Club

**Every Wednesday**

2.30–4pm

Drop in session offering help with your job search: writing a CV, covering letters, using the internet, sending emails and preparing for interview. Ask about joining MyWorkSearch when you visit Job Club.

### Health Walks

**Every Wednesday**

Approximately 1 hour walk, slow to medium pace, suitable for all ages

Meet inside The Hive at 10.15am.

Walk starts at 10.30am.

For more information call Lin Tandy  
**07948 580335**

### Creative Writers Group

**Second Monday of every month,**

7–9pm

Are you an adult who enjoys creative writing? Bring your own creative writing to this monthly group to read out loud and gain constructive feedback.

Booking is essential as there is a maximum of 12 people who can attend. The cost of room hire is split evenly between those attending each session. To book your place email [writingbysana@gmail.com](mailto:writingbysana@gmail.com)

## Readers' Groups

### Adult Reading Group

**Monthly, every third Monday**

5.30–6.30pm

Friendly readers' group. No booking required, just drop in and join us.

**16 January:** I Am Pilgrim  
by Terry Hayes

**20 February:** The Watcher  
by Charlotte Link

**20 March:** The Green Road  
by Anne Enright

**24 April:** The Girl Who Fell From  
The Sky by Simon Mawer



## Help with Reading

Worcestershire's Libraries and Learning Service offer one-to-one help with reading for adults who have little or no reading skills and are keen to improve them. Contact 01905 728537 for more information.

### New Chapter – Reading Group

*(For adults with mild-moderate learning disabilities)*

**Twice monthly  
(every other Monday)**

10.30–11.30am

The group looks at and discusses picture books designed for adults, with each member encouraged to contribute to the story by interpreting the pictures. The group is free to attend and new members are always welcome.

## Meditation Classes

Learn how to bring meditation and daily life together in these practical meditation classes. No need to book, drop-in to any class, perfect for beginners, everybody welcome.

**Mondays 7.30–9pm, most weeks (see website for dates)**

£6 per class or concessions £3.50

[www.meditatejlc.org/worcester](http://www.meditatejlc.org/worcester)

## Hive Shops

### Worcestershire Hub

Home Choice  
Plus Surgeries

**Every Tuesday** 9.30am–12pm

Licensing Surgeries

**Tuesdays** 11.30am–1pm

**Thursdays** 1.30–3pm

For advice on taxi/private hire licensing and all other licensing issues regulated by Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

2 Counties  
Training Support

2 Counties Training Programmes of Study include functional skills or GCSE as appropriate, plus vocational qualifications such as art, hospitality, construction and many more (work experience included).

Ask about our expanding Traineeship Programme covering all areas of the work place, and often a stepping stone to apprenticeships.

For more information contact:

**Sue 07767 895701** or

**Kelly 07568130478**



While you are at The Hive, take a look at the products for sale in the shops on level 1 next to the café and level 2 in the Explore the Past area. Items for sale include jewellery, pottery, homeware and lots of local interest books, you're bound to find something you love!

### Access Information

The Hive is fully accessible to wheelchair users, mobility scooters and pushchairs. In addition to the main entrance the building can be accessed via an external lift on The Butts and via glass doors at the rear of the building on level 0. There is ramp access to all areas on each floor and lifts give access to all five public floors within the building.

## Opening Times

### The Hive

**Monday – Sunday** 8.30am–10pm

Please refer to The Hive website for Bank Holiday closures.

### Worcestershire Hub

(also in The Hive)

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** 9am–5pm

**Wednesday** 9.30am–5pm

tel: 01905 822866

### Original Archives

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and**

**Saturday** 10.30am–1pm,

1.30–4pm. **Wednesday** 1.30–7pm

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/waas](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/waas)

### Historic

### Environment Record

**Monday–Friday** 1.00–4pm.

### Café

**Monday–Sunday** 8.30am–9pm.

Selection of hot and cold snacks and drinks.

## Prices & Making a Booking

Tickets and seat reservations for events detailed in this brochure can be purchased online through The Hive website:

[www.thehiveworcester.org/whats-on](http://www.thehiveworcester.org/whats-on) unless stated otherwise.

**Prices are stated where there is a charge. If no price is stated the event or activity is free.**

For Explore the Past workshop enquiries – email:

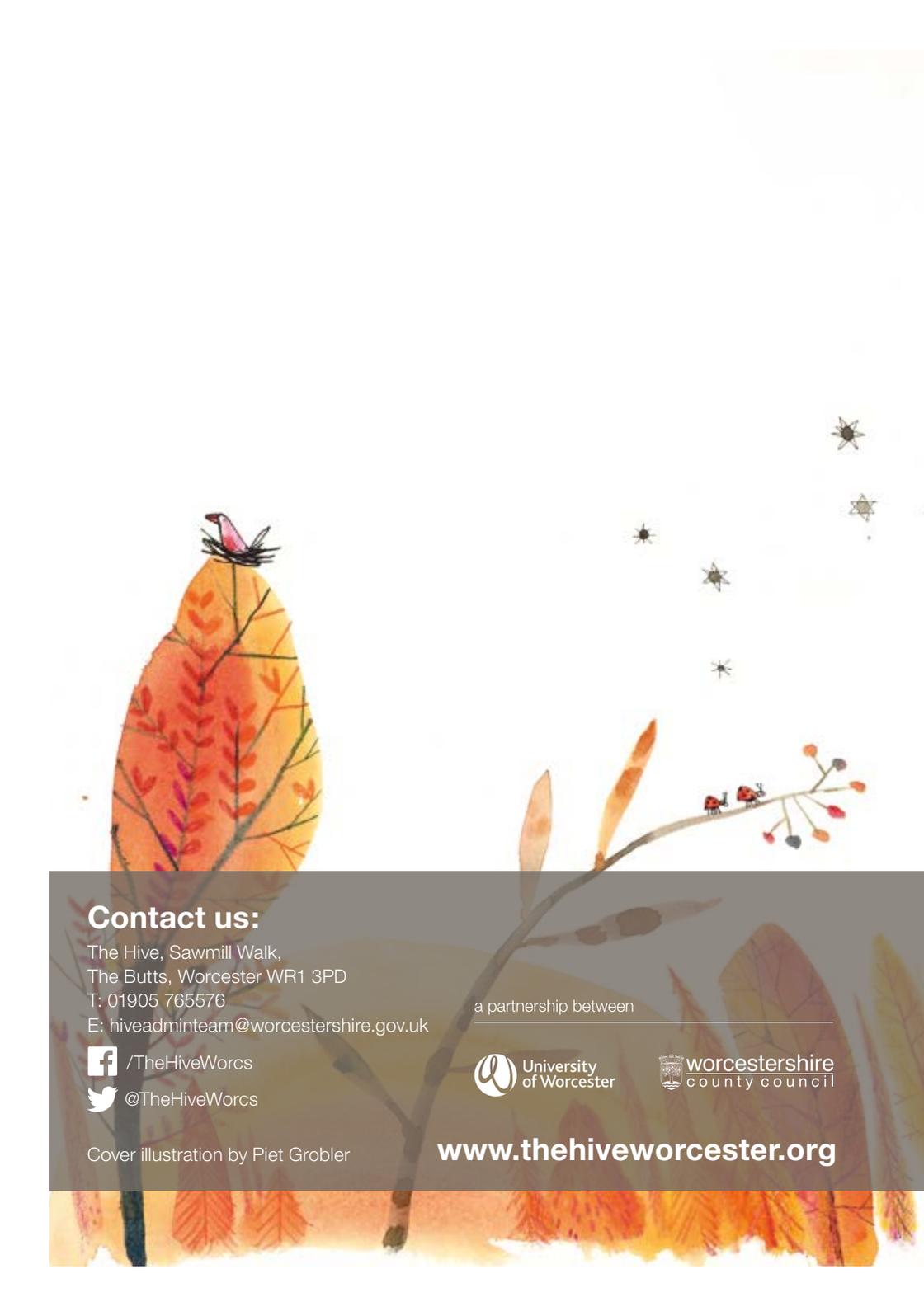
[explorethepast@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:explorethepast@worcestershire.gov.uk) tel: 01905 766352 or visit the

Explore the Past desk on Level 2.

For all other enquiries – email: [hiveadminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hiveadminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk)

tel: 01905 765576

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