

THE BANK SPRING 2024



HAVE YOUR SAY!

ACTIVITIES & WORKSHOP SURVEY

Can you spare 10 minutes of your time to tell us what activities and workshops you want to see at The Bank?

By completing the survey, you will help us tailor our activities programme to help everyone to get creative!

To begin, visit
www.thebankeye.org/survey
Or scan the QR code



Thank you!

ENJOY LUNCH WITH US

We're lucky to have a fantastic volunteer chef who has supported the re-launch of our lunch menu. Our seasonal menu's are all homemade with locally sourced ingredients.

Serving Wednesday - Saturday from 11.30am - 2.30pm

Special thanks to our suppliers **Fleurs Artisan Greengrocers**
& **David Dunnett Family Butchers**

ABOUT THE BANK

A CREATIVE HUB FOR THE COMMUNITY

Established in 2012, **The Bank Arts Centre** is a not-for-profit community project run by Eyes Open CIC. We are a volunteer-led creative hub working to make the arts accessible and inclusive to our rural community. Based in a grade-II listed ex-midlands Bank building in the centre of Eye, Suffolk, we host an eclectic programme of exhibitions, live music, theatre, comedy, activities, workshops and classes alongside our family friendly café.

Supported by **Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council**





THE BANK ARTS CENTRE WHATS ON / SPRING 2024

A NEW YEAR AT THE BANK!

There is no better way to start the year than by welcoming a new Director to our Team! Liam Hayes is a local musician and teacher who has been a wonderful support to us over the past couple of years and we are very excited to welcome him to the Team. As well as becoming a Director, Liam will be involved with managing our live music events later in the year. Our fantastic **“One Night Only”** events are his creation, please do come along if you haven't before!

Our live events are in full swing and we have a great line up of music, comedy and theatre for you. From local performers to those from further afield embarking on their national tours - lots of enjoy! Highlights of our spring calendar include the return of our **Comedy Club Night** now hosted by Shaft of Wit (17th February) and Power-Folk band **Wise Woman** who are joining us for an joyful singing workshop followed by an evening performance (16th March).

Last year, our exhibitions programme supported 107 artists to exhibit their work and we continue to grow our network of creatives and showcase the work of artists from across East Anglia and beyond. To find out about current opportunities and open calls visit www.thebankeye.org/artists

We're working with Eastern Angles Theatre Company with an audio story telling project **“Streets Aloud!”** documenting stories of Eye. To find out how to get involved - visit www.thebankeye.org/streetsaloud

Behind the scenes, we are working away at some upcoming projects that we are very excited to share later in the year. For now, thank you for your ongoing support - every cup of coffee, every event ticket, and every visit helps us continue to run our venue on behalf of our community.

MUSIC & EVENTS

All tickets available in-house and online.

Visit www.thebankeye.org/eventsandactivities

Have a question or interested in working with us?

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17 FEBRUARY

THE BANK'S COMEDY CLUB NIGHT

Back by popular demand.. our comedy night returns with an exciting line up! Nigel Boy Syer, Chris Norton Walker and Dan Evans. Hosted by Kai Barron. Provided by Shaft of Wit. 16+

Doors 7pm / Start 7.30pm

Tickets £14 (In House & Online)



24 FEBRUARY

ONE NIGHT ONLY ALL OUT 80's - LIVE MUSIC

A celebration of music from the 1980's. Featuring favourites from Wham!, ABBA, Kenny Loggins, Bon Jovi, Huey Lewis, Duran Duran and many more! Performed by Average Funk Band. 80's Fancy dress encouraged. Not to be missed!

Doors 8pm / Start 8.30pm

Tickets £9 / £9.50 (Online)

3 MARCH

DRUMMING MASTERCLASS WITH JOE EVANS

A 90 minutes masterclass from Joe Evans and a special guest performance from Sam Pritchard, drummer for Tempus Frayed.

Starts 3pm. Tickets £12 (Eventbrite)

9 MARCH

VOICES FROM THE PAST

FUNDRAISER

Eye Film Archive present a screening of video recordings of the town when life was very different! Raising money for The Bank

Doors 7pm / Start 7.30pm

Tickets £5 (In House & Online)



16 MARCH

WISE WOMAN

Power-folk four-piece folk band hailing from the East Anglian and Welsh wildlands. Wise Woman bring a heady collision of lush vocal harmonies, cinematic cello and 90s girl power, telling the hidden stories of women.

Doors 7pm / Start 7.30pm

Tickets £11 / £11.50 (Online)

16 MARCH 3-5.30PM

WISE WOMAN - SINGING WORKSHOP

An informal, joyful singing workshop with Wise Woman before their evening performance. A guide through a folk favourite or two, harmony singing, and one of their own original songs. No experience needed! **Free to attend. Evening event ticket holders can attend without signing up.**

22 MARCH

THE SOUL VAULT

Monthly soul event with live performers and DJ's - featuring Dominic Uppiah. Hosted by L&C Event Management and Promotion. **Doors 7pm / Start 7.30pm**
Tickets £10 / £12 (Door)



20 APRIL

HOWLIN MAT PARKER

Nationally acclaimed blues slide guitarist, with tales of the history of the blues & life on the road with his music.
Doors 8pm / Start 8.30pm
Tickets £12

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



PAINTING WITH LAURA BEARDSSELL-MOORE

We are partnering with local Artist **Laura Beardsell-Moore** to provide a programme of workshops teaching the basics of painting. To find out more about the workshops on offer and to register your interest, please visit our website.
www.thebankeye.org/laura

REGULAR GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

Looking for a regular class or meet up? We have a selection of drop-in sessions and workshops to help you get creative!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10AM - 1PM

THE ART GROUP

Weekly drop-in group. Bring your own materials and meet like-minded creatives.

MONTHLY 2ND WEDNESDAY
1.15 - 3.15PM

KNIT & NATTER GROUP

Friendly drop-in group.
For more information please contact Wendy Thompson.
T: 07792 018137

MONTHLY 3RD WEDNESDAY
7.15 - 10PM

FOLK NIGHT

Bring your own instruments and take part, or enjoy listening!
£3 contribution requested

MONTHLY 3RD THURSDAY FROM 7PM
POETRY EVENING

ONLINE

Online meet up to enjoy poetry. Read, contribute or just listen along! Voluntary donation appreciated. Please book online.

EVERY FRIDAY 10AM - 12 NOON
PRINTMAKING

Learn collagraph and polyblock printmaking with local artist Emily Procner. **Booking required.**
£12 per session.
E: emilylady44@hotmail.com

ARTS & EXHIBITIONS CALENDAR



14 FEBRUARY - 16 MARCH

LANDED

A showcase of contemporary art practices from seven MA Fine Art and Printmaking Students from the Cambridge School of Arts. Featuring explorations of handmade paper making, paint, print, ink, film, and photography.

Artists: Olivia Bevan, Francesca Gagni, Steve Goddard, Declan Hoare, Sue Lowndes, Penny Nichol, Ric Pimentel and Mansi Shouche.

Private View. 17th February. 4-6pm.

20 MARCH - 27 APRIL

PORTRAIT OF US

OPEN CALL

Recognising our vibrant community with a collection of self-portraits. From the representational to the metaphorical, conceptual and abstract.

**Now accepting submissions.
Deadline Friday 1 March 2024**

APRIL/MAY

MINI EXHIBITION!

FUNDRAISER

Exhibition of mini artworks - all sales raising funds to support running costs of The Bank's Exhibition programme.
Details to be announced.

JUNE

SUMMER OPEN CALL

Annual Summer Open Exhibition showcasing artists across East Anglia.
Details to be announced.

AUGUST

HANNAH ANDREWS-MILLER

Solo exhibition by winner of The Bank's Young Artist Award 2023. [Gallery]

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

WILD PERSPECTIVES

Open Call exploring local Flora & Fauna. Partnered with Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council to explore Suffolk Wildlife Trust 30 Day's Wild Event. **Details to be announced.**

OCTOBER

YOUNG ARTIST AWARD 2024

Exhibition and Awards recognising dedication to developing skills in the Arts.

NOVEMBER

NIKKI COLLIER

Solo exhibition by winner of The Peter Campbell Award for Excellence in Fine Art & The Bank's Community Choice Award.

For all enquiries about Arts & Exhibitions at The Bank - please contact Abbie Schug

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We have many opportunities available for Artists at The Bank. To find out more, visit **www.thebankeye.org/artists**

Want to stay up to date with Arts & Exhibitions at The Bank? Follow us on Instagram at **[@thebank.gallery](https://www.instagram.com/thebank.gallery)**



THE VAULT DIGITAL HUB



Launched in Spring 2022, The Vault Digital Hub is a high specification Gaming and Training Hub in the Bank's original basement-level vault. We have an exciting programme of digital activities for children and adults.

GAMING PARTIES

Enjoy a unique gaming experience with exclusive party hire for up to 8 players. With 8 networked high specification pcs, 165Hz refresh rate monitors, GTX 1650 graphic cards, X Box controllers, led lighting and a expanding library of games.

TRAINING

Learn new skills with our exciting training courses for young people aged 8 to 17, including advanced computer game making, coding, 3D modelling, video and sound editing, animation, web and graphic design.

SOUND RECORDING NEW!

The Vault and Main Hall are available for sound recording and editing hire. Suitable for local musicians. Professional equipment available. Sound engineer available if you need support.

3D PRINTING NEW!

Affordable 3D printing service now available. Objects up to 256mm x 256mm x 256mm. Supply your own filament or use ours - capable of printing many types of filament, including PLA, PETG, TPU, ABS, ASA and reinforced materials such as PLA-CF, PETG-CF/GF.

For all enquires about The Vault please contact Jon Betts

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Find out more at

www.thebankeye.org/thevault

Want to stay up to date with what's on in The Vault? Follow us on Instagram at [@thebank.vault](https://www.instagram.com/thebank.vault)



The Vault Digital Hub is able to provide subsidised and free training opportunities with support from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils & The National Lottery

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE! BECOME A VOLUNTEER

The Bank is run by a dedicated team of volunteers who share a passion for bringing the Arts to our rural community. There are many ways to get involved and we appreciate each and every act of support.

Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, gain confidence, meet like-minded people, and make a real difference to your community.

There are perks too! All our volunteers receive free tickets to events, food and drinks on shift, travel expenses, and more.

If you have any spare time to support us at The Bank and want to get involved - please contact Jon Betts

T: 07887 480241

Or scan the QR code to find out how you can help!



General Opening

Wednesday - Saturday 10.30am - 3.30pm

Lunch menu serving from 11.30am - 2.30pm

2 Castle Street, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7AN

Dog Friendly & Disabled Access

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