

# Retford Town Centre news

## Retford Creative Community

There are many brilliant creative activities which make up Retford's talented Creative Community. Here are just a few of them:



**Bassetlaw Museum**  
Grove Street,  
Retford  
www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk



- The Last Projectionist: The Story of Cinema in Workshop – a presentation by Derek Taylor: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00pm to 3.00pm, suggested donation £3.00
- Creative Visions, an exhibition by the Worksop Society of Artists: runs until Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, free admission
- The Age of Cine: Cameras, Projectors and the Magic of Film exhibition: runs until September 2026, free admission

**Cath Ray Gallery**  
58b Bridgegate,  
Retford  
www.facebook.com/cathraybooks  
07803204424  
raybooks@msn.com



- Mosaics and Stained-Glass weekly drop in with Mel: Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April, 4.00pm to 6.00pm, £10.00 (plus small charge for materials used)
- Woven Patchwork Workshop with Bev (with silks, linens and antique fabrics): Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1.00pm to 4.00pm, £50.00 (all materials and refreshments provided, no experience necessary)
- Slow stitching for the Soul with Bev: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am to 11.30am, £15.00 (all materials provided)
- Drop-in drawing and painting sessions in the studio: Monday to Saturday, 10.00am to 12.00pm, £10.00 (refreshments, easels and advice provided, bring your own materials).

**Retford Arts Hub**  
01777 860414  
info@retfordartshub.com



- Four-week 'Learn to Crochet' course with Chris: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Two-part Gellie Printing Workshop: Fridays 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Hub resident artists will be supporting Open Studios on the first four Saturdays in May, opening their studios to the public.

## The Chocolate Kitchen

**The Chocolate Kitchen**  
West Street, Retford DN22 6ES  
01777 711007  
www.thechocolatekitchen.co.uk

- Children's Chocolate Making Easter Hamper (age 8+): Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, £25.50 each
- Chocolate Lollipop: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, £9.95 each

**Majestic Theatre**  
Coronation Street,  
Retford  
01777 706866



- Staples Dance Academy present Encore: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00pm and 7.00pm, £15.00 (+£1.00 fee)

Find out more information on www.discoverretford.co.uk and www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk.

## Retford Business Forum (RBF)



RBF would like to welcome its latest members, located in the Hummingbird Collective, Market Square, Retford, DN22 6DL:

**ELR Aesthetics**  
Emma Richford  
www.facebook.com/elraesthetics.uk  
and 07752523205



A tranquil oasis within The Hummingbird Collective, offering a curated selection of high-end beauty treatments designed to elevate one's natural allure.

**Hudson and Porter**  
Winnie Porter  
www.facebook.com/hudsonandporter  
and 01302 435418



An independent home, interiors, garden, and gift boutique with a specific interest in chic antique and European inspired homewares along with shabby chic French countryside interiors, one-off finds, toddler-wear, William Morris, Chalk and much more.

**Angela Rudderforth Artisan Glass**  
angelrmmn@aol.com  
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**Paper Peony Crafts**  
Alison Siddle  
(a.siddle@hotmail.com)



Retford Business Forum is not regularly funded by anyone and is very grateful for the support given by its members and partners. Membership is still only £24.00 per year and is open to individuals, community groups, and businesses who share their positive approach to Retford and its surrounding area. Contact [membership@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:membership@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk). RBF needs your help – if you would like to volunteer for a few hours, or to help run RBF, please contact [chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk).



# What's On this April

## EVEN MORE FANTASTIC, FREE, FAMILY FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT FROM RETFORD BIG MARKET DAYS IN 2026

### Dates for your diary:

- 16th May** - Circus Skills Workshop
- 20th June** – Stilt-walking Scarecrow plus Hathersage Brass Band
- 18th July** – Punch & Judy
- 15th August** – Punch & Judy
- 19th September** – Mr Mouse Stilton-walker plus Hathersage Brass Band
- 17th October** – The Big Bird stilt-walker
- 21st November** – 2 x stilt-walking Christmas Elves
- 19th December** – The Frost Fairy plus Hathersage Brass Band

### Plus Two great Retford Town Centre promotions sponsored by Discover Retford from Saturday 21st March to Saturday 4th April 2026:

**Retford Easter Egg Hunt:** Edinburgh Woollen Mill (prize draw box), Ten Green Bottles, The Pottery, Retford Arts Hub, Nicole Olivia Cake Design, Pennington's Electrical, Specsavers, Vintage Bakery, Bassetlaw Museum, Kiwi Café, Hummingbird Collective, Ed'z Kitchen, Lynx Black Belt Leadership Academy, Bassetlaw Hospice Shop, Bassetlaw District Council offices 17B Market Square (Entry forms at all locations from 21st March).



**Retford Easter Window competition:** Ten Green Bottles, The Pottery, Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Retford Arts Hub, Pennington's Electrical, Specsavers, Hummingbird Collective, and Bassetlaw Hospice Shop

## Retford Big Market Day



**Saturday 18th April 2026**  
10.00am to 1.00pm

Retford Market Square, Buttermarket and Town Centre

**Farmers' Market (open until 1.00pm), Craft, and Traditional Saturday Markets (open from 8.30am to 2.30pm)**

(These markets are organised by Bassetlaw District Council)

To book a stall contact 01909 533533/licensing@bassetlaw.gov.uk

### Fantastic Free, Family fun – this month:

come and see the amazing stilt-walking St George's Knight



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