



In Focus

## Retford Town Centre news

### Retford Town Centre Partnership Board

The new facility for young people to visit after school – the Overflow Lounge – had its official opening on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Deputy Chairman Councillor David Naylor cut the ribbon and declared the Lounge open.

The idea had been created over three years ago at Retford Business Forum and had finally been delivered this year thanks to the hard work and persistence shown by Councillor Sue Shaw and Elizabethan Academy Governor Steve Walker. Retford Town Centre Partnership Board was delighted to allocate £25k for capital improvements from the UK Government Town Centre Streetscaping Fund; and thanks go to Richard Warren, Amy McCallum, and all of the great team at the Well.

### Retford Creative Community

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



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



- Multimedia Workshop with local artist Iain Davenport: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Iain uses acrylics, oils, ink, and water colours as well as a pallet knife – all materials supplied.
- Acrylics, watercolours and oils workshops for beginners and improvers with various local artists: runs once a month
- Sewing Machine Workshops: run on a Friday or Saturday morning, booking essential
- Kids Art Club for ages seven to 12 years: second and fourth Saturdays of each month during term time only, booking essential

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



- Stories of Bassetlaw: original works by Christy Burdock, created in response to the museum's collection and the stories of the communities it serves: runs until September 2026
- Dressed to Kill, a Film Noir style fashion exhibition: runs until October 2026
- The Age of Cine: Cameras, Projectors and the Magic of Film exhibition: runs until September 2026
- Litter Art, a photography exhibition by Frank Tomlinson: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Cath Ray Gallery**  
58b Bridgegate, Retford  
www.facebook.com/cathraybooks  
07803 204424  
raybooks@msn.com  
Open Monday to Saturday, 10.00am to 5.00pm (closes 2.00pm Tuesday)

- Mosaics and Stained Glass drop-in session: every Wednesday, 4.00pm to 6.00pm, £10.00 (plus small charge for materials)
- Clay Daisies Workshop with Nathalie Birch: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, £20.00
- Alan Hazard exhibition: runs until Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, free entry

**Majestic Theatre**  
Coronation Street,  
Retford DN22 6DX  
01777 706866  
boxoffice@majesticretford.org



- NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) Awards: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Kaleidoscope by Holly Plumley Performance Arts: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

**Retford Little Theatre**  
01777 702002  
Wharf Road, Retford DN22 6EN  
boxoffice@rlt.org.uk  
• The Screen – Downton Abbey – The Grand Finale: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June



**Wonderland Bookshop**  
64 Carolgate  
01777 948580



- June 13<sup>th</sup> 2026, Wonderland Bookshop will host an event with A.F. Steadman, British Book Awards Author of the Year 2026 and author of the children's books phenomenon, Skandar and the Unicorn Thief. Time and venue to be advised.

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

### Retford Business Forum (RBF)

RBF welcomes its latest member:



**Your Space (BPL) Retford**  
01777 706500  
retfordenquiries@bpl.org.uk  
www.yourspacetofeelgood.com/retford/

- The price you pay when you join, is the price you'll pay for life
- Help you achieve your personal fitness goals
- The money we make is invested into our facilities.
- There's always a warm welcome at Your Space

Retford Business Forum is not regularly funded by anyone and is very grateful for the support given by its members and partners. RBF needs your help – the current management team will retire in February 2027 so if you would like to help run RBF, please contact chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk



# What's On this June

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

### Dates for your diary:

- 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... and more... TBA



## Retford Big Market Day



**Saturday 20th June 2026**  
10.00am to 1.00pm

Retford Market Square and Town Centre  
**Farmers' Market (open until 1.00pm) 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: The first appearance of the Scarecrow stilt-walker plus the ever-popular Hathersage Brass Band



## Retford Book Festival

6th – 14th June 2026

Something for everyone – authors, poets, workshops & the joy of books  
www.retfordbookfestival.co.uk

Save the Date

Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On  
Sunday 29th November 2026

Don't forget!

Illuminate-Winter Festival of Light December 2026



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