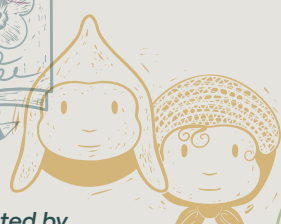




# Discover Blackburn this Summer

## Events & activities guide



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## Blackburn Print Rally

*Ian Halawi*

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY FROM  
26 JULY ACROSS THE SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS **FREE**

11am – 4.45pm

- 1 The Visitor Centre in Blackburn Market
- 2 Waterstones Book Shop, The Mall
- 3 Ask Me Station, The Mall
- 4 Derian House Charity Shop, King William Street
- 5 Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery

Visit five print stations across Blackburn to create your own multicoloured commemorative art work of Blackburn.



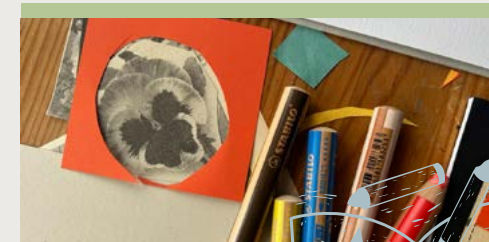
## Maelstrom About Town

*Maelstrom*

SATURDAY 26 JULY **FREE**

King William Street, The Mall, Rhode Island Coffee, The Market, Blackburn Bus Station, Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery, The Drummers Arms 11am – 4pm

Maelstrom is a non-auditioned all-male singing ensemble breaking the mould of male voice choirs. Under the direction of award-winning MD Jeff Borradaile, Maelstrom sings an eclectic and crowd-pleasing range of a cappella music from around the world.



## Mini-Zines Workshop

*Molly Bland*

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY **FREE**

Blackburn Market  
11am – 3pm

Join Molly to learn how to defeat summer boredom or creative block through the art of zine-making. Cut, stick and doodle your way out of any creative traffic jam by going back to basics and having fun with making. Materials provided but feel free to bring your own collage materials along if you wish.



## Pop Poetry Drop In

*Ella Otomewo and Chris Brown*

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY **FREE**

Outside Blackburn Market,  
Corner of Ainsworth St and Church St  
11am – 2pm

Join Ella and Chris in their pop up tent! The Pop Poetry team will be waiting to meet you and keen to help you get writing and exploring words. Create short poems with our resident poet and add them to a digital zine. At the end of the day we'll have built a book of poems for everyone to enjoy.



## Aquanauts Adrift

*Enter Edem*

FRIDAY 25 JULY **FREE**

Outside Blackburn Market,  
Corner of Ainsworth St and Church St  
Performances at 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm

Bubbles and barnacles are everywhere! Explore the Aquanauts Adrift trawl and see what you find in their nets, with wonderful krill puppetry, eye-catching bubble spectacles and fascinating storytelling seashells, join these deep-sea divers on their journey from the ocean.



## Caspian's Storm

*LAStheatre*

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST **FREE**

King William Street, outside Blackburn Town Hall  
Performances at 11am, 12.30pm & 2pm

Caspian the crab is small in stature but BIG in curiosity. Happy in his rock pool home, he loves cleaning, collecting adventure stories, and watching the humans who live near the shore. But one stormy night, a strange magic connects sea and land thrusting Caspian into the spotlight and off on an adventure of his own.



## Commemorative Plates and Poems

*Ella Otomewo & The Making Rooms*

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST **FREE**

Victoria Court, The Mall

Come and write a short poem about Blackburn and paint it on a plate to be fired and displayed for the rest of the Summer.



## Puppet Birding HandMade Theatre

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST **FREE**

Outside Blackburn Market, Corner of Ainsworth St and Church St

Performances at 11.30am & 2.30pm and Workshop at 1pm (inside Blackburn Market)

Join HandMade Theatre for some Puppet Birding, a fun family show inspired by British birds. Meet our two quirky Bird Watchers as they take you on an adventure in search of birds. We will also be running a puppet making workshop, so join us and make your very own flapping bird puppet.



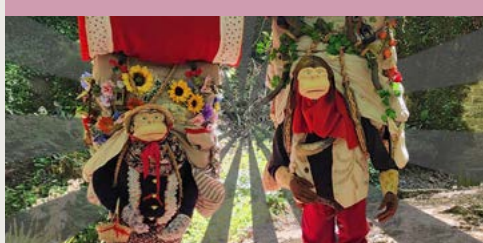
## Pirate Princess Gemma Bond

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST **FREE**

King William Street, The Clocktower

Performances at 11.30am & 2pm

Pirate Princess is a heartwarming story of hope against adversity told with physical theatre, clowning and circus. Join poor shipwrecked Princess Poppy on a tiny island. Can she overcome a big dress, extreme weather and the ultimate test of strength to see her way to safety?



## Hodman and Sally Flying Buttresses

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST **FREE**

King William Street and The Mall  
11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm

Hodman and Sally are adorable explorers on a mission to discover all they can about the outside world. Wondering as they wander. Find them in the town centre as they discover Blackburn.



## Design A Pocket Adventure Print, Paint and Pixel

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST **FREE**

Blackburn Market  
11am - 3pm

Join Print, Paint and Pixel and create your own treasure book! Pick 6 surprise location stickers, then create, design and decorate your own 8-page booklet. Once it's finished, it's time to head off on your own adventure, explore the market and find your chosen locations.



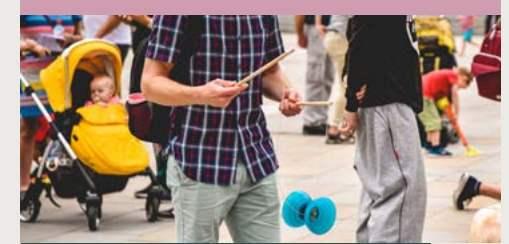
## Tree Pixel Workshop Winston Plowes

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST **FREE**

Under the trees on King William Street

11am - 3pm

Join land artist Winston Plowes this summer to help make a piece of community land art celebrating the trees of Blackburn town centre. Let's gather under the shade of the town's plane trees to make a tribute together to the oaks and sycamores of Sudell Cross, the whitebeams and hornbeams of Tontine Street and the nearby sweet chestnuts, walnuts and dawn redwoods in Cathedral Gardens.



## Circus Skills Workshop Circus House

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST **FREE**

Outside Blackburn Market,  
Corner of Ainsworth St and Church St

11am - 3pm

Join The Circus House team for a circus skills workshop. Have a go with diabolo, spin some plates, learn to juggle or even try aerial hoop!



## Ukulele Zero to Ukulele Hero in 10 minutes!

Richard Moss

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST **FREE**

Blackburn Market  
11am - 3pm

Join Richard for an inclusive workshop where all ages can play and sing fun songs with the ukulele within minutes! You don't need an instrument or any musical experience, just a little enthusiasm.



## Bhangra Tots Sohan Kailey

THURSDAY 21 AUGUST **FREE**

Blackburn Market  
11.30am & 1.30pm

Join the adventure with Sohan Kailey as he takes you on an exciting adventure of Bhangra dancing fun. A heartwarming story about a bunny rabbit who has to leave its home and start a new beginning. Not knowing where to go the bunny rabbit meets new friends and starts a new life where everyone is welcome. An uplifting story told in English and Punjabi phrases.



## Decibelles About Town *Decibelles*

SATURDAY 23 AUGUST **FREE**

King William Street, The Mall, Rhode Island Coffee, The Market, Blackburn Bus Station, Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery, The Drummers Arms  
11am – 4pm

Blackburn's one and only, award-winning female a cappella choir are bringing their sequins to town to serenade the crowds with a mix of stunning music from around the world and across the generations.

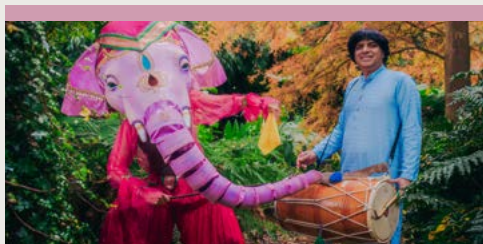


## Storytelling *Ian Douglas*

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST **FREE**

Outside Blackburn Market, Corner of Ainsworth St and Church St  
11am, 12.30pm & 2pm

Ian Douglas tells stories of mythical creatures and long lost lands, of strange travellers and even stranger travels. Sit down and listen to him weave song, drama and laughter a plenty into his tales from all over. Look out for Ian and Vera – his trusty pedal powered caravan – bring a cushion, settle in and enjoy



## The Elephant and the Drummer *Sonia Sabri Company*

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST **FREE**

King William Street  
11am, 12.30pm & 2pm

A roaming, interactive, dance and live music walkabout performance Elnaz the Elephant and Dholli the Drummer are the best of friends and absolutely love music and dance. When Dholli starts playing, Elnaz can't stop herself from dancing along!



## The Fisher and his Wife *Lempen Theatre*

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST **FREE**

King William Street  
11am, 12.30pm & 2pm

A very, very long time ago there lived a fisherman, together with his wife, in a small cottage made of dirty old metal. They had everything they ever needed and were happy and content. Then one day a talking fish starts granting them wishes...

This traditional story from the fairy tale collection of the Brother's Grimm has a sudden rebirth and renewed relevance in the present day.



## Summer at The Bureau *The Bureau*

SATURDAYS FROM 12 JULY – 6 SEPTEMBER **£**

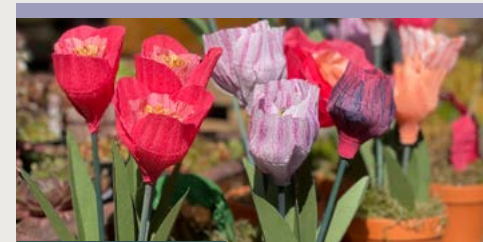
Imaginarium 9.30–11am & 10.30am–12pm

Public Living Room (social drop-in in the cafe) 11am–12.30pm

Family Art Club. Paper Creations! 1.30–3.30pm

Cafe & Gallery open 11am–3pm

**Exhibition:** 'Drawing in space - Space for drawing'



## Workshops *Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery*

WED 23 / THU 24 / FRI 25 JULY **FREE**

Artist led workshops with Saima Hussain inspired by our South Asian Gallery 12–3pm

TUE 29 / WED 30 / THU 31 JULY **FREE**

Columbian printing press with Print, Paint and Pixel 12–3pm

FRI 1 / FRI 15 / FRI 29 AUGUST **FREE**

Still Life with Nadeem Baghdadi 12–2pm

TUE 5 / WED 6 / THU 7 AUGUST **FREE**

Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery x The Making Rooms joint workshop, using TMR laser cutter 12–3pm

SAT 9 / SAT 30 AUGUST **FREE**

Workshop with Sana Maulvi 11am–1pm

TUE 12 / WED 13 / THU 14 AUGUST **FREE**

Crepe paper flowers with Lisa Howard 12–3pm

TUE 19 / WED 20 / THU 21 AUGUST **FREE**

Gilded bookmarks with Annahieta Oskooi 12–3pm

TUE 26 / WED 27 / THU 28 AUGUST **FREE**

Collage with Luke Saxon 12–3pm

TUESDAY—SATURDAY 11am to 4pm **FREE**

A range of free, family-friendly activities including: "Get Crafty sessions", still life drawing, trails, and quizzes.

Check the website for further details  
[blackburnmuseum.org.uk](http://blackburnmuseum.org.uk)



# Events & activities this Summer



## Library Events *Blackburn Libraries*

**TUESDAY 29 JULY** £\*

*Jack & The Beanstalk with Robin Simpson - Storyteller*  
2-3pm

**TUESDAY 5 AUGUST** £\*

*Creepy Crawlies with Zoo Lab*  
2-3pm

**EVERY WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY** FREE

*Lego Club*  
1:30-3pm

**EVERY THURSDAY** FREE

*Different types of craft*  
2-3pm

**EVERY TUESDAY** FREE

*Storytime & Craft*  
2-3pm

**EVERY SATURDAY** FREE

*Saturday story time*  
12-12.30pm

**THROUGHOUT JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER** FREE

**Story garden summer reading challenge**  
For children age 4 - 12 in all our libraries. Children read six library books, collect stickers and prizes. Audio books, eBooks and eAudio can also count towards the challenge.

\*Tickets £1 per child, £3 per supervising adult.

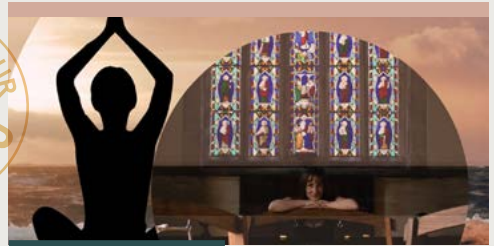


## Ride the flumes *at Blackburn Leisure Centre!*

**THROUGHOUT SUMMER** £

**Blackburn Leisure Centre**  
6.30am-10pm Mon to Fri. Sat 8.30am to 5pm,  
Sun 9am to 5pm

These hugely popular sessions require a ticket, so make sure to book now at [bwdleisure.com](http://bwdleisure.com). Plus, there's free re:fresh public swimming sessions available for under 16s!



## Sound Bath *With Gong Within*

**FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER** £

**The Bureau, 7-8pm**

Sound Therapy. Relaxation. Meditation. Enjoy the meditative power of gong sounds, go within and connect with yourself.

# Discover Blackburn

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