

LEDBURY'S WORLD BOOKFEST

AUTHOR
FACE PAINTING
STORYTELLING
POETRY
ARTS AND CRAFTS
MASK MAKING
CRAFT MARKET
AARDMAN WORKSHOP
FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
TOWN TRAIL
PRIZES

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026

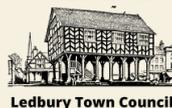
10:00AM – 4:00PM

LEDBURY
HIGH STREET

FREE AARDMAN
MODELLING
WORKSHOP

AUTHOR
WORKSHOPS
WITH
JOHN
DOUGHERTY

AARDMAN



PROGRAMME AND MORE INFO:
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ORGANISATION DESCRIPTION

VENUE

TIME

Meet the Author - John Dougherty - Get ready for a wild and wacky session with author John Dougherty! 🎨📖



Join John as he brings his hilarious books *There's a Pig Up My Nose* and *Zooming the Zoo* to life in his lively, larger-than-life performance style. Expect laughs, surprises and plenty of creative chaos as John sparks imagination in readers of all ages!

The Master's House
Ledbury Library
HR8 1EA

In conjunction with Herefordshire Libraries

11:00am - 12:00pm
There's a Pig up my nose - Ages 3-7

12:30pm - 13:30pm
Zooming the Zoo - Ages 6-11

15:00pm - 16:00pm
Zooming the Zoo - Ages 6-11

Face Painting with Looby Lou



Bring your favourite book character to life! 🎨🌟

Looby Lou will be offering free face painting, letting you become the characters you love from your favourite stories.

Completely free - no booking required.

The Burgage Hall
Church Lane
HR8 1DW

10:00am - 13:00pm



AARDMAN

Create your own clay characters with Aardman! 🎨✂️



Join the Aardman team for a hands-on modelling workshop and bring your imagination to life in clay. You can recreate favourites like *Feathers McGraw*, *Shaun the Sheep*, or *Gromit* and learn tips and tricks from the experts behind these iconic characters!

Limited to 35 participants per session – pre-book via Eventbrite or the Town Council office.

St Katherine's Hall
HR8 1DZ



10:30am - 11:30am
Gromit

12:30pm - 1:30pm
Feathers McGraw

2:30pm - 3:30pm
Shaun the Sheep



Follow our website to Eventbrite

Wild Rumpus

Storytime with Heather 📖🌟



Join Heather for a lively and interactive storytime, full of imagination and fun! After the stories, dive into creative activities including mask making, drawing and dancing.

A perfect chance to let your creativity run wild and have a blast with friends.

Ledbury Primary Long Acres
HR8 2BE

FREE parking at the school all day



10:00am - 11:00am
Ages 2-4 and must be accompanied by an adult

'Emil' Stories
Ledbury & Strömstad
Twinning Association



A Swedish story telling session about 'Emil', a young Swedish boy, the mischief he gets up to and the adventures he has. The stories are set in the 1900's.

Come and enjoy a step back in time when life was simpler and meet some very special characters created with the Astrid Lindgren magic. Activities will run alongside.

Market House High Street
HR8 1DS



14:00pm - 16:00pm
Ages 5 and up, must be accompanied by an adult. Activities are also available for toddlers

Red Earth Arts

Come and get creative with art, poetry and storytelling as you decorate cardboard birds using colourful collage materials and exciting words inspired by John Masefield's poem *The West Wind*.

Create your own beautiful "Wordy Bird" to hang up and display, and use it as inspiration for imagination and storytelling.

You'll also decorate your own mini story box with art materials and colourful paper, filling it with fun story ideas such as characters, places, objects and surprises. Pick the ideas at random to invent your own stories – a playful, creative game in a box that brings art and storytelling together.



Storytelling with Imaginellie

Masefield Matters also presents...

Magical storyteller Imaginellie, where you will learn about a Ledbury boy's adventures at sea and how he became the King's poet. Bring along the birds you've made at the Wordy Birds workshop.

Enjoy free tea, coffee and biscuits while you're here!



High Street Market & Outdoor Activities

Take a stroll along Ledbury's High Street during Bookfest and enjoy a lively mix of food stalls and market traders. It's a great chance to grab something to eat, browse for gifts or souvenirs, and enjoy the atmosphere of the day.

In St Katherine's Square, you'll find seating and children's games, making it an ideal spot to relax and enjoy your food. If you're feeling adventurous, there's also the opportunity to try axe throwing to add a bit of excitement to your visit.

Outdoor activities are weather dependent.

Best Dressed Book Character!

Dress up as your favourite book character and join in the fun!

The overall winner will receive an incredible prize - **a family ticket to Lakefest!** Why not dress up together as a family, coordinate your costumes with friends, or come as part of a group to really impress the judges?

Everyone is welcome and all ages, all characters, and all levels of effort.

Terms & Conditions apply. For full details, please visit the Ledbury Town Council website.



The Burgage Hall, Church Lane, HR8 1DW **10:00am - 13:00pm**



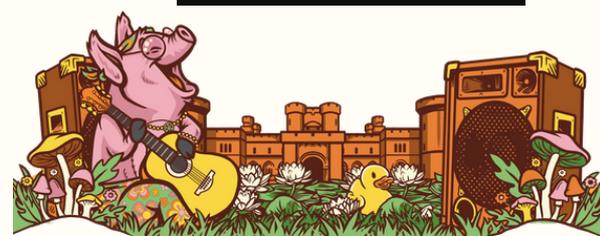
The Burgage Hall, Church Lane, HR8 1DW **13:30pm - 15:30pm**
Ages 5+ and must be accompanied by an adult



St Katherine's Square, HR8 1EA **10:00am-15:30pm**



St Katherine's Square, HR8 1EA **2:00pm onwards**



LEDBURY'S WORLD BOOKFEST COMPETITION!

This year, Masefield Matters has teamed up with the Ledbury Independent Traders Association to bring you a delightful competition! We've hidden 7 copies of John Masefield's *The Box of Delights* in shop windows along Ledbury High Street and The Homend, and we need your help to find which shops they are in.

Simply visit the participating shops, tick the shops that have the book in the window, and fill out your entry. All completed entries will go into a prize draw, and three lucky winners will receive a prize!

The trail will start on Monday 16 February, and you can pick up a form at Ledbury Town Council or fill out the one below. Drop off your completed entry at Ledbury Town Council by Saturday, 14 March!

NAME: _____ TEL NUMBER: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Melanie Louise | <input type="checkbox"/> Three Counties Book Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> The Chocolate Box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blandfords | <input type="checkbox"/> Take 4 Gallery | <input type="checkbox"/> No. 12 Boutique |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juice | <input type="checkbox"/> Trove and Chattels | <input type="checkbox"/> The Apothecary Shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raft | <input type="checkbox"/> The Ledbury Collective | <input type="checkbox"/> The Ledbury Leaf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glazy Dayz | <input type="checkbox"/> The Kitchen Cupboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Ledbury Pet Co |



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Follow the hearts free workshops

Dont forget to follow us on Instagram and tag us in your Ledbury World Bookfest pictures!

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