

# What's On At The Artsbar?



## Comedy Night

The Artsbar is the perfect venue for Wokingham's Comedy Club bringing together professional comedians in a unique environment for people who are serious about comedy. These nights are organised by Bartlee Theatre who not only bring in a choice selection of comedians but also end the night with their own band. The Comedy Night is a monthly event, held every first Friday of the month. Tickets can be purchased at the door but with less than a week left we highly recommend you pre-order now as there are only a handful left.

This month you can expect comedies from Dan Evans, Chris Stokes, Jarred Christmas and an MC to be confirmed.

Tickets cost £12.50 and can be purchased at [bart@bartleetheatre.co.uk](mailto:bart@bartleetheatre.co.uk)

Visit [www.wokinghamcomedyclub.co.uk](http://www.wokinghamcomedyclub.co.uk) for the next show.

## Arts Workshop

True to its name, the Artsbar is not just a venue for events but on Thursday evenings Cree8 run Arts Workshops. At these workshops you will not only have an opportunity to meet local artists and the work they have on display, but after a short talk you are encouraged to partake in a practical workshop. Each workshop is unique and different art mediums are used to explore your own artistic horizons.

To find out what is happening next, or if you are an artist looking for a venue to display your art, please contact Jane at the Arts Bar on either: 0118 977 5886 or [artsbar.cantley@gmail.com](mailto:artsbar.cantley@gmail.com)

## 5 O'clock Club

After a hectic week, every Friday at 5pm (as the name suggests) we encourage you to come down to the Artsbar for a wind down, quiet drink and a casual network gathering for any and all. The club is an excellent place to not just make new contacts in an informal and enjoyable manner but also to discuss 'hiccups' that you encountered during the week. Why talk about business-related problems? Simply because there maybe someone there who can help or even resolve any issues.

If you would like to receive the weekly invite you just need to send an email to [maurice.monk@gmail.com](mailto:maurice.monk@gmail.com) and request to be added to our guest list, because in the upcoming weeks we will be having a BBQ as BBQ and business is the perfect combination to mark this Financial Quarter.



## Current Exhibition

The current exhibit displays a selection of work created by Martin Bright and is on display 20<sup>th</sup> May until 1<sup>st</sup> July. The compilation of paintings was made over the last decade in oil & acrylic; urban landscape and musicians are the predominant themes.

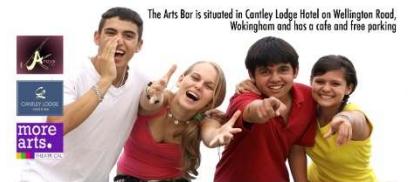


Supporting Martin's work is jewellery from Nadine Bright.

After completing a foundation course in art and design at Berkshire College of Art and Design, Nadine went on to study photography at Plymouth College of Art and Design. In the following years she worked in the photographic industry. Currently she is taking time out to look after her two young daughters and have taken a course in jewellery making at [Shiney Company](#) in Bristol. She particularly likes working in glass beads and wire, and enjoys combining contrasting colours to give striking and individual effects.

## Drama Classes

The Artsbar is not just for adults, as from the 24th April, in association with BartLee Theatre, we have hosted Drama Classes which runs until 26<sup>th</sup> June for 8-12 year olds. These classes will be taught by theatre professionals whom will be training the guys in a range of skills and tricks to not only introduce them to the theatre but to give them a strong footing so not to "break a leg" in the future; classes are between 11am-12:30pm.



For more information on the course content or to book a place, please email:

Bart on [bart@bartleetheatre.co.uk](mailto:bart@bartleetheatre.co.uk)

This 10 week course costs £120.

## Salsa

We are running Salsa classes every Wednesday in the Artsbar from 7pm-9pm taken by Red Hat Salsa, for both beginners and intermediate dancers. The classes are taught by Sharon who is the founder of Red Hat Salsa and has over 14 years experience teaching at both levels. The sessions are dedicated especially to make Salsa fun and easy in an atmosphere which is relaxed and friendly, reflecting the Artsbar. You do not need to book in advance or come with a partner just come along and dance the night away.

Only £8 (£5 full-time students, concessions etc)

For further information please visit their website:  
[www.redhatsalsa.co.uk](http://www.redhatsalsa.co.uk)

## Open Mic Nights

Expression Open Mic nights are held every other Sunday evening in our relaxed and comfortable bar area which welcomes music players, singers and listeners of all music. The night begins at 8pm and ends around 10:30pm, leaving enough time to stay for a drink and chat with others of a similar mind.



If you wish to contact Expressions you can either email them on: [expression.openmic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:expression.openmic@hotmail.co.uk) or visit: [www.myspace.com/expressionopenmic](http://www.myspace.com/expressionopenmic)

## Poetry

At the Arts Bar we aim to support and embrace all types of the arts, especially those that have been shunned in today's fast paced modern era; poetry is a lost art and as such we hold Poetry Readings at the Arts Bar. On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June we have two renowned poets, Moniza Alvi and A F Harrold, coming down to read from their recent works.

Moniza Alvi was born in Pakistan and grew up in Hertfordshire. She has published six collections of poetry including *The Country at My Shoulder* (OUP,1993) and *Europa* (Bloodaxe Books,2008).

In 2002 she received a Cholmondeley Award from the Society of Authors. She tutors for the Poetry School.

A F Harrold will launch the collection *Flood* (Two Rivers Press) which builds on his excellent debut, *Logic and the Heart*. Ashley is a poet working in various styles including the comic and performance poetry of his cabaret appearances and has run and programmed the popular Reading poetry Poets' Café, for many years.

Entrance to these reading cost £5 and is payable on arrival.

For more information please visit their website:

[www.poetrymatters.co.uk](http://www.poetrymatters.co.uk)

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