

Celebrating Black History Month

A VARIETY of events will be taking place to celebrate Black History Month in October.

The Black Arts Consortium and Wellingborough Council are hosting the month-long series of events at various buildings around the town.

The month will be launched with a spectacular showcase at The Castle featuring Wellingborough's community acts tomorrow, Friday, October 1, at 1.30pm.

Included in the events is a Shangwe creative writing workshop for black and dual



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heritage women of African and African Caribbean descent.

The eight weekly sessions will take place at the Wellingborough African Caribbean Association, Rock Street, starting from Wednesday, October 6, between 7pm and

9pm.

It will cost £2 per session. To book a place contact 07960 120468.

On Wednesday, October 13, author Patrick Augustus will be giving a talk about his life as an author, his inspiration and the messages behind his text.

He is the man behind the book and television series *Babyfather* and will be talking at 7.30pm at Wellingborough Library. Tickets cost £5 or £3 for library members and concessions and include refreshments. Call (01933) 225365 for tickets.

Visual artist Philomena Francis will be presenting her exhibited work *Brown Sugar Series* at The Castle and will be talking about her role as an artist, the type of work she does and her thoughts and ideas about the exhibition on Saturday, October 2, between 2pm and 3pm.

An animation workshop will be taking place at The Castle on Tuesday, October 12 for children aged 13 years plus who want to have a go at producing their own animated film in the style of *Wallace and Gromit*. Admission is free and the session will take place between 2pm and 5pm.

Knowledge will be tested on Friday, October 15, when a black history quiz evening takes place at The Castle. It will run from 7.30pm until 9.30pm and costs £3 including refreshments.

A mind, body and health workshop will be taking place at the Wellingborough African Caribbean Association between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Thursday, October 21. Admission is free.

A black film screening afternoon will be taking place at The Castle on Monday, October 25.

It will take place between 2pm and 5pm and will include *Coming to England*, a drama adaptation of Floella Benjamin's book which tells the story of a 10 year-old from Trinidad moving to England in the early 60s.

It will also include *A Great and Mighty Walk* which was produced and narrated by Wesley Snipes. It chronicles the life and times of African American historian John Henrik Clarke.

And on Saturday, October 30, the Big Deep Roots Black History Month Finale will be taking place at The Castle. It will feature Mabulu from Mozambique, a nu-generation African band fusing traditional roots with rap and hip hop.

Tickets cost £10 or £7 for concessions, and the show will start at 8.30pm.

On the catwalk

A FASHION show and sale will be taking place at Wrenn School, London Road, Wellingborough, on Tuesday, October 12, at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £2 and include a complimentary glass of wine or juice.

For more information contact (01933) 222039.