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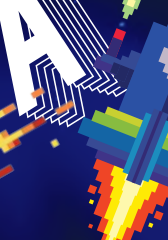
**30 APRIL
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NERDOVANA



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NEROVANA PROGRAMME

THURS 30 APRIL

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**BEHIND THE MIC: PODCASTING
WITH KIWIS AND DRAGONS**
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**CHAOS AND POPCORN:
AN INTERACTIVE QUEST**
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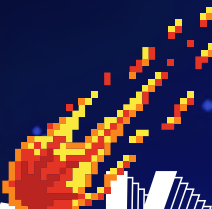
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BATTLE BOTS

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SHOW US YOUR FANDOM!

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PROPS AND PHOTO OPS



Step into the world of props, costumes, and creativity.

Explore a display of fandom-inspired props up close, then jump into the action at our interactive photo booth.

Check out the craftsmanship behind the pieces, strike a pose, and capture a *Nerdvana* moment with themed props and backdrops. Perfect for browsing, snapping photos, and soaking up the atmosphere.

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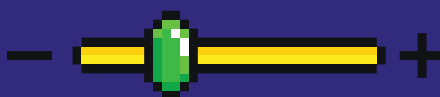
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THE REST POINT



Need a breather? Drop into our rest point, a calm, low-key space to unwind between events. Colour in, read a book, work on a puzzle, or simply take a moment to recharge before diving back into the action.

No pressure, no schedule, just a place to slow things down for a bit.



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8-BIT AND BEYOND



Step back in time and relive the golden age of gaming! Explore our Retro Gaming Station, featuring classic consoles on display and a selection you can jump in and play. From pixel-perfect platformers to iconic button-mashers, rediscover the games that defined generations.

Whether you're chasing nostalgia or trying retro titles for the first time, this relaxed, hands-on space is all about celebrating the joy of old-school gaming. Press start, have fun, and embrace the throwback vibes.

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SUB BOX: NERDVANA EDITION

IT'S BACK - the grown-up nerd edition! Our popular Sub Boxes return for *Nerdvana* in a special 16+ release. Perfect for anyone curious about sci-fi or fantasy or for readers who love a bit of surprise.

This box takes the guesswork out of choosing your next read. Inside, you'll find two library books, a hands-on geeky project and a selection of fun extras to enjoy.

An illustration of a crowded train station. In the foreground, a young girl with short brown hair, wearing a blue school uniform jacket, a red scarf, and a blue pleated skirt, is walking and looking back over her shoulder. She is holding hands with someone whose arm is visible on the right. The background shows other people in the station, some sitting and some standing, under a glass and steel roof.

SHOW US YOUR FANDOM!

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**Calling all artists, doodlers,
and fandom enthusiasts!**

We're putting together a fan art display and want your creations in the mix. Whether you're into fantasy, sci-fi, anime, comics, games, or something wonderfully niche, this is your chance to show off what you love.

Artwork can be in any style or medium, as long as it's no larger than A4. Please keep submissions library-appropriate. No nudity and appropriate language only (keep it PG, folks).

Drop your fan art into Hastings library by 27/04/26, with your name or artist handle if you'd like it credited. All skill levels welcome, if you love a fandom and made a thing about it, we want to see it.

Roll initiative, grab your pens, and let your fandom flag fly.

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BEHIND THE MIC: PODCASTING WITH KIWIS AND DRAGONS

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LIMITED PLACES – FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED

Ever wondered what it really takes to make a podcast? Join Gareth and Dan of *Kiwis and Dragons* fame as they lift the curtain on the podcasting process. From the first spark of an idea to hitting ‘publish’. This session explores the creative and practical sides of podcasting, including shaping concepts, building knowledge, choosing tech, developing skills, and getting your show out into the world.

Whether you’re curious about starting your own podcast or just keen to learn how your favourite shows come together, this is a behind the scenes look at podcasting, local style.



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CHAOS AND POPCORN: AN INTERACTIVE QUEST

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18+

FRI 1 MAY

6:00pm–9:00pm

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Get ready for chaos, quests,
and questionable choices.**

Join us for an interactive movie
night featuring *Dungeons &
Dragons: Honor Among Thieves*.

Expect heroic mishaps, iconic
characters, ridiculous decisions,
and moments where you, the
audience, gets to jump in and
play along.

Shout, cheer, roll dice, and
embrace the chaos. Participation
is encouraged and a sense of
humour is absolutely required.

Perfect for D&D fans, fantasy
lovers, and anyone who enjoys
a good adventure with a side
of mayhem.



Get your geek on.

NERDVANA

GOT YOUR GEEK ENGINE GOING?

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TABLETOP TAKEOVER: CARDS, CAMPAIGNS & COMMUNITY WITH CAT & MOUSE

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**Magic: The Gathering,
One Piece, Pokémon, Blood
Bowl... and that's just the start!**

Curious about tabletop card games or role-playing adventures? Drop in and watch exhibition matches in action, learn how different games work, or chat with the team from *Cat & Mouse*, who will be on hand to answer questions, guide newcomers, and facilitate friendly card trades.

Bring your own cards if you're keen to trade or simply come along to see what the worlds of strategy, storytelling, and tabletop gaming are all about.

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**CAT +
mouse**
Game Store

THE MINIATURE PAINT FORGE

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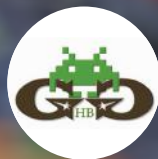
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Grab a brush and level up your mini-painting skills with *Geeks Guild!* This relaxed, hands-on session is all about painting tabletop miniatures, with tips and techniques you can use across loads of games and styles.

No experience needed, we'll supply everything, you just bring your curiosity and creativity.

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ROLL READY DICE TOWER BUILD



SAT 2 MAY

2:00pm-4:00pm

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Roll in and get crafty with our Build-a-Dice-Tower workshop! You'll follow a simple kitset to build your own dice tower, then make it uniquely yours with custom design details and creative touches. Whether you're gaming with friends or just love a good nerdy build, this relaxed, hands-on session is beginner friendly.

All materials are provided, no experience needed.



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BOARD GAMES AFTER DARK

WITH THE GEEKS GUILD

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Shake up your usual game night with an adults-only evening of tabletop fun. Dive into the *Geeks Guild* game library, try something new, and enjoy a night made for playing, laughing, and switching off. This 18+ event features great board games, pizza, spot prizes, and a relaxed, social vibe.

Blood on the Clocktower

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5:15pm-8:30pm
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**Trust no one OR trust the
wrong person.**

Blood on the Clocktower returns with the *Geeks Guild* for a high-energy social deduction game full of twists, tension, and dramatic reveals. Easy to learn, wildly fun to play, and perfect whether it's your first time or your fifth.

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ROLL AND RELAX:

A CASUAL D&D GAME

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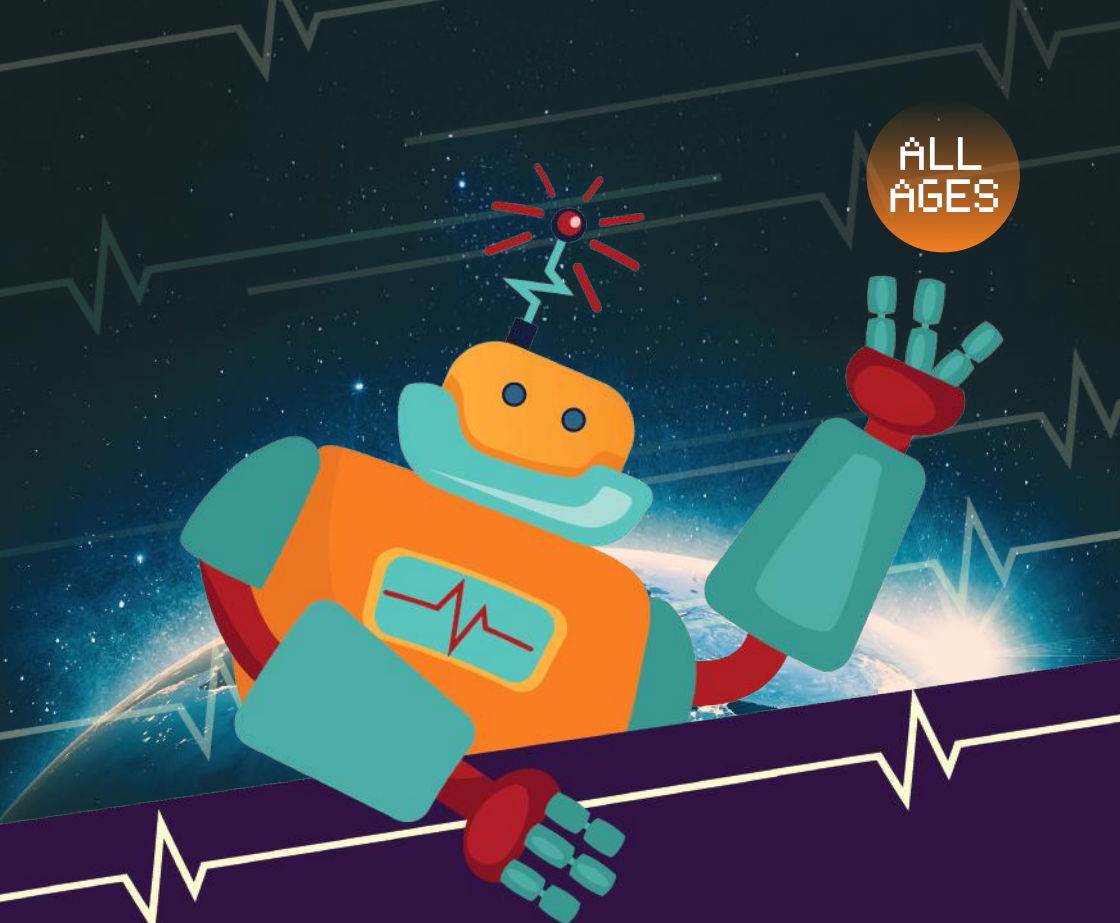
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Put your new dice tower and freshly painted mini to work in this beginner-friendly tabletop roleplaying session. Step into an adventure, roll some dice, and see your creations in action as you play through a guided game with others. Whether you're experienced or brand new, this session is all about storytelling, teamwork, and having fun at the table.

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BATTLE BOTS

SUN 3 MAY

1:30pm–3:00pm

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LIMITED PLACES – FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED

Build it. Battle it. Bragging rights apply. Battle Bots is a hands-on LEGO® challenge where you'll design and build your own mini battle bot, mount it onto a motorised base, and send it into the arena.

Team up across ages, bring a younger teammate along, or face off in friendly match-up, this is an all-ages event built for creativity, teamwork, and a bit of chaotic fun.

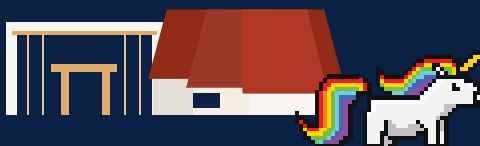


Get amongst it.

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