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The Rose Petal Café is open!

We invite you to come in and enjoy our delicious menus in our spacious, friendly cafe located in Ropetackle Arts Centre, near the picturesque River Adur.

Rose Petal Café offers fabulous lunches and exquisite Afternoon Teas. We also have a lovely range of refreshments including quality teas, coffees, hot chocolate and scrumptious homemade cakes! Becky and her team look forward to seeing you soon.

OPENING TIMES:

Monday - Saturday 10am-4pm
Sundays CLOSED

Pre-Show Suppers

Delicious suppers are served in the foyer before selected shows by the lovely Lesley's Kitchen. Full details are on page 6 and on our website. Advance booking is necessary.

The Ropetackle Bar

The bar is open approx. an hour before each event and during performances for audience members only. It has a great selection of local and international beers, ciders, wines and spirits, and serves bar snacks.

Refreshments and ice-creams are also available for children's events and films.



WELCOME TO ROPETACKLE

Welcome to the latest Ropetackle brochure, where you'll find top-drawer entertainment to keep you going through the winter and into spring! With live music, comedy, theatre, films, family shows, talks and workshops, there really is something for everyone. We're proud to be a hub for community arts, high-quality, professional productions, and a warm and friendly place to visit.

This season, we're looking forward to stellar performances from music masters **Oysterband** (p30), **Eliza Carthy** (p67), **Show of Hands** (p61), **Thea Gilmore** (p23), **Bonzo Bills** (p54) and **Mad Dog Mccrea** (p33), comedians **Shaparak Khorsandi** (p19), **Joe Thomas of The Inbetweeners** (p27), **Hal Cruttenden** (p57), **Paul Sinha** (p58), **The Funny Mummy** (p36) and **David Eagle** (p56), and some exquisite tributes along the way, including **Fleetwood Bac** (p8), **The Doors Alive** (p35), **ELO Encounter** (p21), **Simply Us + Them** (p74), **The Unravelling Wilburys** (p48) and **Seriously Collins** (p44.)

We are delighted to welcome prolific trumpeter **Chris Coull** to the stage in a regular monthly jazz series, featuring a special guest or two. There's blues, folk, Americana, swing, dance, soul, pop, and the wonderful **Saidi Kanda** with his "New Africa" vibes (p58.)

Families - don't miss the beautiful **Can Bears Ski?** (p20), the madcap **Adventures of Captain Calamity** (p32), **The Museum of Marvellous Things** (p59), **The Noise Next Door's Adventure Academy** (p60) and the magnificent **Brick People for LEGO® lovers** (p63.)

There are shows and films for toddlers, theatrical storytellers for all ages, writing workshops, circus workshops, singing workshops, Saturday Sessions, matinée films and so much more. Take a look inside, check out our website or pop in and have a coffee.

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support; we can't wait to see you soon!

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FILMS AT ROPETACKLE



ROPETACKLE FILM CLUB

Ropetackle film Club organises monthly films from September until June. The films for the year have been chosen from suggestions made by Film Club members. As ever, the films cover many genres from a range of decades and films from other countries. We really feel there is no better way to see film than on the big screen as a shared experience!

To join Ropetackle Film Club, go to www.ropetacklecentre.co.uk and follow the links to Film Club for further information.

It is not too late to become a member and enjoy the films still to be screened:

- Tár
- Jean de Florette
- Women Talking
- The Shawshank Redemption
- Letter from an Unknown Woman
- Rashomon

ROPETACKLE CINEMA

Our cinema programme includes the well-attended monthly matinées, family films in school holidays, evening films, the ever-popular monthly My First Cinema for toddlers, and the monthly Relaxed Viewings.

Relaxed Viewings are open to all. At these screenings, there is softer lighting and a relaxed layout with a flat floor. All films are shown with subtitles, and refreshments (included in the ticket price) are served in the interval. This makes the environment particularly suitable for people with memory loss, dementia or sensory issues.

Our ticket prices are very competitive and, with a free car park over the Norfolk Bridge, there are no extra charges.

While most of our programme is listed in the brochure or the cinema flyer, please do check the What's On page on the website for the latest additions.

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SHORT STORIES, TALL TALES:

THE BIG TOP

Interactive storytelling for babies, toddlers and their parents or carers.

Actress and mum Hannah Summers brings classic and modern stories to life through live performance and interactive, creative play. Adventure into stories, explore through the senses and let your little ones' imaginations run free. There's a different story every month! Suitable for ages 0-4 years.

The Big Top

Come and meet Bertie, the little boy with a big imagination. On one stormy, rainy day Bertie is bored at home and from his very own bedroom he takes us all to an imaginative, colourful, circus show where anything is possible.

Please note, all infants over one month old require a ticket as this show is specifically aimed at babies and pre-schoolers.

Thursday 11th January | 11.30am | £10 adult/child pair, £5 additional child, £6 additional adult



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ROPETACKLE FILM CLUB PRESENTS:

TÁR  



Revered conductor Lydia Tár has it all. Numerous awards, an amazing apartment, a supportive partner, an angelic daughter and her dream gig conducting the Berlin Philharmonic. She is about to face the challenge of her glittering career - recording Mahler's monumental Fifth Symphony - but, as her focus shifts to infatuations old and new, her perfect life begins to crumble.

Drama/Music/2022/US/Cert 15/158 mins

Thursday 11th January | 7.30pm | Open to Film Club members and their guest (£7) Limited seats available to non-members (£9)



MARTYN JOSEPH  

"One of acoustic music's most original voices, and most forward-looking of his generation of singer/songwriters" ~ Q Magazine

A unique talent driven by passion, social awareness and love for his trade, Martyn is a jaw-dropping guitar player who has developed a uniquely percussive style and a powerful, show-stopping voice that has led him to be dubbed "The Welsh Springsteen". Gifted with the rare ability to speak to the soul with his expressive and poignant lyrics, Martyn has enjoyed a career spanning 30 years, 33 albums, over a half a million record sales and thousands of live performances.

Often compared to the likes of Bruce Springsteen, John Mayer, Bruce Cockburn and Dave Matthews, Martyn is a mesmerising live performer and a revered stalwart of the folk canon.

Friday 12th January | 8pm | £20



FLEETWOOD BAC

The closest you will get to the real thing.

Fleetwood Bac are the world's first and best Fleetwood Mac tribute band, endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself and the only Mac tribute to authentically replicate the classic Rumours line-up.

Over the past few years they have received rave reviews from 'The Stage' newspaper, the UK's leading Fleetwood Mac fan sites, the official Stevie Nicks website and from ecstatic audiences wherever in the world they play.

Fans include original Mac bassist and biographer Bob Brunning, who joined the band several times on stage, and Peter Green's official biographer Martin Celmins.

The sound, look, mystical atmosphere and on-stage chemistry are all portrayed with the same passion and energy that received a seal of approval from 'Big Daddy' Mick.

Saturday 13th January | 8pm | £22.50 all standing



RELAXED VIEWING:

TOP HAT

They're dancing cheek-to-cheek!

Showman Jerry Travers (Fred Astaire) demonstrates his new tap dance steps late

one night in a hotel, much to the annoyance of Dale Tremont (Ginger Rogers) sleeping below. She goes upstairs to complain and the two are immediately attracted to each other. Complications arise when Dale mistakes Jerry for his producer, who happens to be married to her best friend.

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Cert U/99 mins/Subtitles

Monday 15th January | 2pm | £5 (Carers free)

 **ROPETACKLE CINEMA**


ROPETACKLE STORYTELLERS:

JASON & THE ARGONAUTS

Join 'Greek myth powerhouse' Joshua Crisp as we explore the tragedy behind this epic tale.

Ropetackle Storytellers is a celebration of traditional oral storytelling that shares myths, legends and folklore from across the ages and

across the world...

Sent on an impossible mission, Jason sets out as the captain of a ship of heroes, ready to reclaim the kingdom that has been stolen from him. But can this angry teenager become the king he is destined to be? Is Jason truly the hero of this story?

Monday 15th January | 7.30pm | £7

THE CATALYST CLUB

A monthly event serving up the old tradition of the French Salon.

Be inspired and entertained as three guest speakers talk for 15 minutes each, on a subject close to their heart.

Speakers are booked in advance; topics are kept top secret until the night! Hosted by author and BBC radio presenter Dr David Bramwell, in partnership with Ropetackle and Shoreham Wordfest.



Tuesday 16th January | 7.30pm | £8 standard, £10 feeling generous

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TACKLE THE ISSUES: HEALTH

Join us for the latest in our series of Tackle The Issues, a joint venture between Ropetackle, Shoreham Wordfest and the University of Sussex, in which we try and get to grips with the big issues of the day - and none is bigger than health...

A panel, chaired by Professor Malcolm Reed, Dean of the Brighton and Sussex Medical School, will look at the range of issues currently topping the health agenda. Clearly the current state of the NHS, including the lengthening waiting lists and the poor state of industrial relations - to name but two - will be central to the discussion, but there are other related topics that are sure to crop up, not least the declining state of the nation's health.

The first half of the evening will involve brief presentations by our panel, followed by a discussion among the panellists. In the second half, it's your turn, when we throw open the discussion to the audience in the hope that at the end of the evening, we might have made some small progress towards, if not tackling, at least to having a greater understanding of the issue.

Thursday 18th January | 7.30pm | £10

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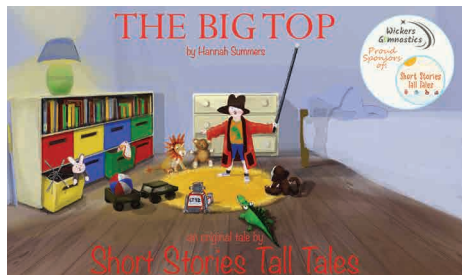
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Friday 19th January | 11.30am & 1.30pm | £10 adult/child pair, £6 additional adult, £5 additional child

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THE BRIGHTON BEACH BOYS PRESENT:

BOWIE – GOLDEN YEARS



The Brighton Beach Boys return to mark the anniversary of David Bowie's passing eight years ago, with their greatest hits show

The band recreate the hits of David Bowie, drawing on material taken throughout his illustrious career. Whether it's **Major Tom** or **The Jean Genie**, **Kooks** or **Ziggy Stardust**, this will be an evening full of tales, dreams of a rock maestro, and a glorious celebration of his unique talent. Featuring the wonderful voice of **Glen Richardson** and lead guitar by **Ade 'Sleez' Marshall**, with **Dave Barnard** on bass, **Charlotte Glasson** on saxes, **Steve Wrigley** on guitar and vocals, **Jono Harrison** on keys, and **Vinnie Lammi** on drums.

Friday 19th January | 8pm | £20 allocated seating

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP: NEW BEGINNINGS

Join award-winning author and playwright, Jill Hucklesby, and create new writing exploring the opportunities the new year brings. We will take inspiration from worldwide customs and nature here in the UK, with the return of fieldfares, redwings and waxwings to our shores. The workshop will include verbal storytelling, quiet writing time and a chance to share work with the group. All abilities welcome.

18+. Please bring pen and paper.

Saturday 20th January | 10am-12.30pm | £17





SATURDAY SESSIONS:

DOWNSBAT SWING BAND 🎵

The Saturday Sessions take place each month, presenting an eclectic range of local performers ready to entertain you with their wonderful music.

The Downsbeat Swing Band is an established Sussex-based 11-piece big band, including vocalist. Playing in a swing and jazz style, they draw from the Great American Songbook and jazz standards, as well as more contemporary sounds. Entry is free but ticketed; capacity and seating is limited so please book early to secure your place!

Saturday 20th January | 1-3pm | Free but ticketed



BARNSTORMERS COMEDY CLUB 😊

Enjoy unbeatable stand-up comedy on the third Saturday of every month from some of the biggest names on the UK comedy circuit (and beyond)!

With three different acts a month alongside a top MC, this is Saturday night entertainment at its finest! This month brings the amazingly hilarious talents of: Ben Van Der Velde, Joe Wells, Sally-Anne Hayward, plus top MC Kevin Precious. Strictly for over 18s. Adult content and strong language. Group discounts and party packages available

Saturday 20th January | 8.30pm | £15 advance, £16.50 on the door.
Group ticket £13pp (min. 6 people)

MATINÉE FILM:

THE QUIET GIRL 🎬

Where silence speaks volumes

Set in rural Ireland, this beautiful Oscar-nominated, heart-wrenching drama follows Cait, a 9-year-old neglected 'quiet girl' whose life is transformed through the unconditional love of foster parents. However in her new house, where there are meant to be no secrets, she discovers one.

Subtle and masterful performances all round.

Cert 12A/91 mins/Subtitles

Tuesday 23rd January | 2pm | £5



ROPETACKLE CINEMA

DR DAVID BRAMWELL'S NO.9 BUS TO UTOPIA 🗨️

The Sony-award-winning BBC broadcaster, author and show host engages and uplifts his audience.

After his partner left for someone "younger but more mature", David's quest for personal growth led to a global adventure. He explored unique communities in Europe and America, including Damanhur, a 1000-strong Alpine community with an underground temple and singing plants. These experiences raised questions about depression, wealth, utopia and alternative living.

Upon returning, David aimed to transform himself, his neighbourhood, and his city. His solo show, a mix of humour and inspiration, tackles these questions and uncovers surprisingly simple answers.

Wednesday 24th January | 7.30pm | £10





MY FIRST CINEMA PRESENTS:

ROOM ON THE BROOM

An animated film no one under 5-years-old should miss!

To the annoyance of her cat, a kindly witch allows a dog, a bird and a frog to ride on her broomstick, making it top-heavy. A fire-eating dragon destroys the broom and threatens to eat the witch.

Cert U/24 mins

 **PETACKLE CINEMA**

Friday 26th January | 11am | £4 per adult & child/£3 additional adult or child. Under 18 months' free.



THE TREASON SHOW

The Treason Show's usual suspects are back!

There's no Dry January for The Treason Show team as Ropetackle's very own satirists get straight back to

work, serving 100%-proof topical gags and hilarious parodies to start 2024 off with a bang! It's satirical shots all round as Mark Brailsford and the team load up for what promises to be a momentous year. Not to be missed!

Age guidance: 16+

Friday 26th January | 8pm | £17

INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Embark on a journey of creative discovery.

Do you have an idea for a story but are not sure where to start? Are you stuck in your writing and looking for inspiration? Are you ready to take the plunge and find your writing voice/style? If so, come along to this one-day workshop where you'll learn a raft of tricks and tips to get you writing and keep you at it.

Accessible to all and guided every step of the way, this fun, friendly workshop offers a supportive environment and the chance to meet like-minded people. Just bring a pen and a notebook and watch the magic happen ...

Facilitated by writer, journalist and Ropetackle marketing manager Nicky Thornton.

Saturday 27th January | 10am-4pm | £40



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Lesley's Kitchen are serving delicious, freshly-cooked suppers before selected events. A two-course meal (main + dessert) costs just £13, or £10 for a main only. Meat and vegetarian options are available and shown on the website, and special dietary options are taken into account.

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SHAPARAK KHORSANDI: SCATTERBRAIN 🧠

An irresistible mixture of stand-up and reading excerpts from her new book on the subject, *Scatterbrain* is the new show from this much-loved performer.

In 2021, Shaparak (Shappi) Khorsandi (Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!) got an ADHD diagnosis, and it's changing the way she sees her past... and future.

From discovering the joys of shoplifting through to finally understanding her attraction to toxic men, *Scatterbrain* will have you laughing (and crying) as you find out what it's like to live a life out of control.

Saturday 27th January | 8pm | £18

CAN BEARS SKI? 🧑🏿🧑🏻🧑🏿

Join Little Bear and Dad Bear as they learn how there are many ways to communicate love and find your place in the world.



Little Bear can't hear Dad Bear calling, but feels the floor vibrate with heavy footsteps...

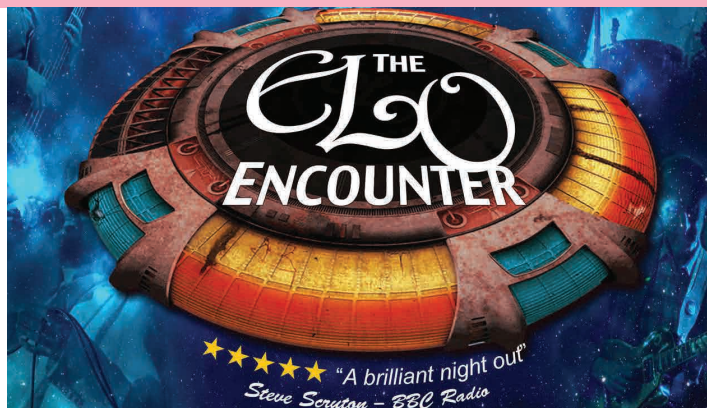
Little Bear can't catch the funny joke at school when friends are laughing, but feels the crunch of snow on frozen pavements.

'Can Bears Ski?' is based on the book by poet Raymond Antrobus, Ted Hughes award-winner, who draws on his own experience as a deaf child in a hearing world.

With a set inspired by Polly Dunbar's stunning illustrations, puppetry and music, **Pied Piper Theatre Company** are delighted to be working with Paula Garfield and Deafinitely Theatre to bring this beautiful story to the stage.

50 mins. This play is highly visual with an integrated cast of both hearing and deaf actors, easily accessible for all children age 3+ and their families. It will be in spoken English and British Sign Language.

Sunday 28th January | 11am & 2pm | £11 adult, £9 child, £36 family of four



THE ELO ENCOUNTER

Roll over Beethoven because the greatest tribute to Jeff Lynne's Electric Light Orchestra is back due to popular demand!

An all-live show featuring soaring strings, striking vocal harmonies and the much-loved songs from ELO's hit-filled library including Evil Woman, Telephone Line and Don't Bring Me Down.

The ELO Encounter promises a night filled with rock, roll and blue skies that would make even Mozart mambo and Bach boogie! So Hold On Tight because Rock 'n' Roll Is King in a show that is guaranteed to have you partying All Over The World.

Not only flawlessly recreating the wonderful music of ELO, this is a spectacular live show from start to finish. Stunning lights and special effects create an atmosphere that will have you fully immersed in the whole experience. Get ready for an ELO encounter like never before.

Thursday 1st February AND Friday 2nd February | 8pm | £23

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

THE MARK TRAVERS PROJECT

The Mark Travers Project is an exciting acoustic jazz collective playing an eclectic combination of original compositions and arrangements of jazz standards and contemporary classics. From stylings on Charlie Parker's Ornithology to a Latin take on "All of Me", this group are an engaging and exciting blend of youth, experience and talent that have played everywhere from The 606 Club to the Royal Albert Hall. The band features Mark Travers on trumpet, Venezuelan-born Pablo Barrios on piano, Oscar Ho on double bass, Isaac Harari on drums and special guests on guitar.

Entry is free but ticketed; capacity and seating is limited so please book early to secure your place!

Saturday 3rd February | 1-3pm | Free but ticketed



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THEA GILMORE

Entirely written, played and produced by Thea, 'Thea Gilmore' is absolutely the record she wanted to make.

Twenty albums and 25 years into her recording career and only now does Thea Gilmore feel enough of herself to make the self-titled album that renews her vows to music, her first love.

Sustained by the very public dissection of her personal life laid bare on her last full-length release, the stunningly intimate Afterlight, Thea's hard-earned reputation as one of the most distinctive, strident and bold singer/songwriters of her generation propels her to reach for new ground and this new release feels like a great leap forward into tomorrow. Since the release of her first album, Burning Dorothy, in 1998, Thea has appeared at hundreds of festivals and has sold out shows across the globe. Her music has featured in award-winning feature films, and she has worked with and won the admiration of cultural icons such as Bruce Springsteen, Martha Wainwright, John Cooper Clarke, Billy Bragg, Steve Earle and Beth Orton.

Saturday 3rd February | 8pm | £24



CHRIS COULL'S SUNDAY JAZZ

Bandleader and trumpeter Chris Coull hosts a relaxing series of Sunday morning jazz concerts.

Taking place on the first Sunday of the month, Chris will be joined by a talented local band and special guest musicians, performing an entertaining and varied show each month.

This month's guests are Sara Oschlag/Oli Howe Quintet

Danish-born Sara is one of the finest singers on the South Coast. Her honest stage presence, expressive voice and effortless sense of swing have made her a firm favourite with musicians and audiences alike. Oli Howe has just released his latest album 'Outta Here' and regularly performs with the award-winning YolanDa Brown. They are joined by Chris Coull (trumpet), Nigel Thomas (bass), and Angus Bishop (drums).

The bar will be open serving teas, coffees, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages, and pastries will be available to purchase.

Sunday 4th February | 11am | £12



WOJTEK: THE BEAR WHO JOINED THE ARMY

"A personal, funny and moving talk from a brilliant storyteller and raconteur." David Bramwell, Catalyst Club

During World War 2, a band of Polish soldiers escaping from Siberia came across an orphaned bear cub and took him under their wing. Together they made a remarkable journey across continents and off to war.

This is a fascinating story about the connection and friendship between humans and animals, all battling against a backdrop of turbulent uncertainty. Using slides and rare filmed footage, Pete Fijalkowski tells the spellbinding true account of Wojtek (pronounced Voy-Tek) who rose to the rank of Corporal; a tale that sounds so incredible, that you would think it was lifted off the pages of a children's book.

This talk is aimed at an adult audience, but would also be suitable for children aged 10+.

Wednesday 7th February | 7.30pm | £8

PRE SHOW SUPPERS

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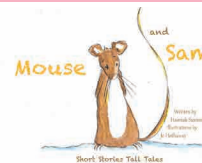
MOUSE AND SAM



There once lived a mouse under the floorboards of a creaky old house. But on one usual day, an adventure ensues in an unusual way! Join our timid mouse in an interactive storytelling show. Your little ones will love to explore and discover the world through his eyes as he finds a way to play and be brave.

Please note, all infants over one month old require a ticket as this show is specifically aimed at babies and pre-schoolers.

Thursday 8th February | 11.30am | £10 adult/child pair, £6 additional adult, £5 additional child



ROPETACKLE FILM CLUB PRESENTS:

JEAN DE FLORETTE



Jean de Florette, a hunchbacked city tax collector (Gérard Depardieu) inherits a little land with a freshwater spring in Provence.

He happily packs up his loyal wife and their beautiful child and moves to the country to grow vegetables and breed rabbits on the land. Director Claude Berri captures the relentlessness of human greed while recounting the story of how two provincial farmers systematically destroy the happiness of the man from the city, stealing his joy, his hope and even his future.

Drama/1986/France/Cert PG/116 mins/Subtitles

Thursday 8th February | 7.30pm | Open to Film Club members and their guest (£7) Limited seats available to non-members (£9)





JOE THOMAS IN CONVERSATION: 15 YEARS OF THE INBETWEENERS

A revealing and exciting exclusive.

Circa 2007, Joe Thomas was a budding actor/writer headed for

the Edinburgh Festival Fringe alongside university writing partner, Simon Bird. While performing their two-man show *The Meeting*, the pair were spotted by Iain Morris and Damon Beesley - TV producers who were developing an as-then-untitled E4 sitcom about four hapless sixth-formers, chronicling their various misadventures.

Later titled **The Inbetweeners**, the series went on to become Channel 4's most-watched show ever, winning a Rose D'Or for Best Sitcom and spawning two feature films, the first of which broke records for having the most successful opening weekend for a comedy film in the UK.

In this stripped-back, relaxed event, Joe will be talking predominantly about his time on *The Inbetweeners*, but touching on his other work including **White Gold**, **Taskmaster** and **The Great Celebrity Bake Off**.

Come along, bring your friends (ooh, fwwwends!), and enjoy this exclusive evening of hilarity and insight into the nation's best-loved teen sitcom from one of its stars.

MEET AND GREET:

Ropetackle is a registered charity supported by fantastic volunteers. For a donation (£5 recommended), Joe is happy to stay for a short while to meet fans and take selfies after the show. Donations can be made on the night.

Friday 9th February | 8pm | £18



LAURENCE JONES PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS

The Bad Luck & The Blues Tour

Multi-award-winning blues guitarist, vocalist and songwriter Laurence Jones hits the road to celebrate the release of his seventh studio album 'Bad Luck & The Blues' – the first album to feature Jones with his new 'power-trio' line-up.

The British blues guitar sensation has shared stages with Van Morrison, Ringo Starr, the late Jeff Beck, Johnny Winter, Joe Bonamassa, Status Quo, Glenn Hughes and Vintage Trouble, among many others, and wows the audience wherever he goes.

With scintillating riffs, powerful solos and catchy songs, Jones's cross-over sound has won him several major awards and accolades, and appearances at some of the world's most prestigious venues, including the Royal Albert Hall and New York's Carnegie Hall.

Saturday 10th February | 8pm | £20 seated, £18 standing



THE SHARON SHANNON TRIO

Ireland's iconic musician is redefining traditions and boundaries

Sharon is an Irish musician, best known for her work with the button accordion and her fiddle technique.

Her eponymous 1991 debut album was the best-selling album of traditional Irish music ever released in Ireland, and since then, she has gone on to become a proper national treasure.

After 20 albums, and countless concerts and musical collaborations across the world, Sharon is still breaking new musical ground, infusing her music with genres as diverse as reggae and classical.

She recently created and presented a four-part musical TV series called Heartlands which saw her travel the length of her ancient namesake, the mighty River Shannon, making music along its journey.

Sunday 11th February | 8pm | £24 front four rows, £21 general admission



FAMILY FILM:

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Ariel, the youngest of King Triton's daughters, is a beautiful and spirited young mermaid with a thirst for adventure. Longing to find out more about the world beyond the sea, Ariel visits the surface and falls for the dashing Prince Eric. Following her heart rather than her father's orders, she makes a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to experience life on land.

Cert PG/130 mins/Animation

Monday 12th February | 2pm | £4

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OYSTERBAND

Modern, folk-based British music – acoustic at heart, sometimes intense, sometimes rocking!

Four decades of Oysterband songs over two evenings: from their early acoustic roots, through the roaring 90s, onwards to a new century... and songs for the future.

Tues 13 Feb: The 80s and 90s

From **Step Outside** to **Holy Bandits** and beyond. Featuring: Oxford Girl, Hal-an-Tow, Too Late Now, When I'm Up I Can't Get Down, and Granite Years.

Weds 14 Feb: Into a New Millennium

Through **Meet You There** to **Read The Sky**. Featuring: Rise Above, Here Comes the Flood, Dancing as Fast as I Can, A River Runs and The Corner of the Room. Plus many more!

Tuesday 13th February AND Wednesday 14th February | 8pm | Special offer: £27 for one night, £50 for both nights. Offer subject to availability.



SINGING SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN

These sessions are about singing for fun.

Mike will sing songs, chants, and sillinesses for children, where everyone is included and encouraged to sing along. Mike Reinstein has been singing with children in schools since 1995. He began as a music teacher at an all-age special needs school in London, where he started writing songs for his students.

Please note these are sessions where children can enjoy songs aimed at them, and sing along all they like. 45 mins. For children aged 4-7. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday 13th February | 11am | £6



LONG NOSE PUPPETS PRESENT: OUT OF THE HAT

Brought to you by the makers of Shoe Baby, Flyaway Katie, Arthur's Dream Boat, Pat-a-Cake Baby and Penguin

When Doris and Delilah wake up to find something strange and sparkly has fallen from the sky, they are inspired to put on the world's greatest magic show! But HOW do you make real magic happen? They encounter some fabulous characters: a transformative moth, a band of musical frogs, an artistic spider and a sassy glow-worm who all help to create their dream. A story about friendship and the true magic of nature, full to the brim with lively songs by the talented Tom Gray of Gomez. A feast for the senses and a spectacular theatre experience for everyone!

Wednesday 14th February | 11am & 2pm | £9

THE ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN CALAMITY

This is a wild mix of magic and mayhem like no other...

From the moment Captain Calamity and Crew fly in from The Lollipop Lighthouse in Chocolate Button Bay, the craziness bursts onto the stage. Expect belly-wobbling, jaw-dropping family fun featuring baffling balloon bursting, beautiful bubbles, silly science, gigglesome games, cheeky tunes, one or two custard pies and enough craziness to send you into a fits of laughter before the curtain comes crashing down.

55 mins Ages 4+

Thursday 15th February | 2pm | £11 adult, £9 child, £36 family of four



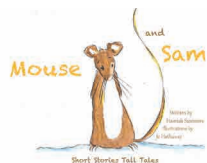
JOHN CRACE: DEPRAVED NEW WORLD

A blisteringly hilarious tour through the whirlwind of post-Brexit Britain, from the ousting of Boris to the dawn of a new era ... sort of.

Another month, another PM – how many have we been through now? But fear not: despite all the nonsense that has spewed forth from Westminster over the past two years, John Crace's lacerating political sketches have provided the nation with some desperately needed relief. Taking in everything from Partygate, BoJo's drawn-out farewell and the disastrous reign of Liz Truss, to the psychodrama of the Tory leadership contest(s), the return of Rishi Sunak and the shenanigans of his impressively inept colleagues, Depraved New World is a worryingly funny collection which captures British politics at its most absurd.

Thursday 15th February | 7.30pm | £15





SHORT STORIES, TALL TALES:

MOUSE AND SAM

Actress and mum Hannah Summers brings classic and modern stories to life through live performance and interactive,

creative play. Adventure into stories, explore through the senses and let your little ones' imaginations run free.

For story details, please see page 26

Friday 16th February | 11.30am & 1.30pm | £10 adult/child pair, £6 additional adult, £5 additional child



MAD DOG MCREA

"A sound that is mixed, mashed and finely honed through years of live gigs" ~ Rock 'n' Reel Magazine

Mad Dog Mcrea blend a unique mixture of folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz, bluegrass and 'shake your

ass' music. From self-penned songs of adventure, drinking, love and life, to traditional songs of gypsies, fairies, legless pirates and black flies – Mad Dog never fail to captivate their audience with their infectious songs. With five albums under their belt, they are serious and acclaimed recording artists too. The band are fired up and ready for action – this is one show you really shouldn't miss.

Please note, this is an all standing event.

Friday 16th February | 8pm | £20 all standing

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP: LOVE LETTERS

Join award-winning author and playwright, Jill Hucklesby, and create new writing inspired by famous love letters, including those of Napoleon Bonaparte and Virginia Woolf, before exploring wider themes of love and desire in your chosen writing style. The workshop will include verbal storytelling, quiet writing time and a chance to share work with the group. All abilities welcome. Just bring a pen and paper.



Saturday 17th February | 10am-12.30pm | £17

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

WESTERN JAZZ QUARTET

The Western Jazz Quartet have a melodious, easy-listening sound and play an eclectic mix of jazz standards from the American Songbook.

Enjoy classic swing tunes alongside Latin rhythms from the 30s through the 60s and 70s, with some well-known standards alongside lesser known tunes.

The quartet comprises Claire Western (alto and soprano sax), Vic Forte (guitar), Bill Keller (double bass), and Graham Allen (drums).

Entry is free but ticketed, capacity and seating is limited.

Book to secure your place!

Saturday 17th February | 1-3pm | FREE





THE DOORS ALIVE 🎵

This experience is a must for any Doors fan!

The Doors Alive flawlessly resurrect the essence of a genuine 1960s Doors

concert. They transport audiences back in time with iconic hits like "Light My Fire," "When The Music's Over," "Riders On The Storm," "The End" and more. Frontman Mike Griffioen effortlessly embodies the late Jim Morrison's look, attitude and baritone voice, while band members Barrington Meyer, Buzz Allan and Norbert Varga, showcase the musical prowess of original Doors members in an authentic way.

Please note, this is an all standing event.

Saturday 17th February | 8pm | £20 all standing



RELAXED VIEWING:

DIRTY DANCING 🎬

"Baby" Houseman (Jennifer Grey) goes with her family to a resort in upstate New York.

Baby is from privileged surroundings but

becomes infatuated with dance instructor Johnny Castle (Patrick Swayze), a man from a vastly different background.

She becomes Johnny's dance partner and they fall in love. Baby's father forbids the relationship but she's determined to help Johnny perform the last big dance of the summer.

ROPETACKLE CINEMA

Cert 12A/96 mins/Subtitles

Kindly sponsored by Barchester's Charitable Foundation.

Monday 19th February | 2pm | £5 (Carers Free)



THE CATALYST CLUB 💬

Be inspired and entertained as three guest speakers talk for 15 minutes each, on a subject close to their heart.

Speakers are booked in advance; topics are kept top secret until the night!

Hosted by author and BBC radio presenter Dr David Bramwell, in partnership with Ropetackle and Shoreham Wordfest.



Tuesday 20th February | 7.30pm | £8 standard, £10 feeling generous

THE FUNNY MUMMY 😊

'Mummy, I love your boobies...they're so long!'

Join the Funny Mummy for this hilarious one-woman comedy show, all about the bonkers world of parenting.

From pregnancy to playdates, WhatsApp groups to school runs – if you're a parent, and you need a laugh, then this show is for you!

Alyssa Kyria, aka The Funny Mummy, is the co-creator of Bring Your Own Baby Comedy and performs comedy to audiences across the country. Her comedy, music videos and sketches have gone viral on Netmums and Facebook and she has starred on BBC, ITV and SKY.

Wednesday 21st February | 8pm | £14





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THE HAUNTING 🎭

A gripping adaptation of Dickens' most haunting works.

When book dealer David Filde is employed to catalogue an

estate's impressive library, he finds an incredible array of rare books. However, as a series of strange and unexplained events conspire to keep him from his work, he soon realises that if he is to convince his sceptical employer that the mysterious phenomena he is experiencing are real, they must journey together to discover the source...

Thursday 22nd February | 7.30pm | £17



MY FIRST CINEMA PRESENTS:

ZOG AND THE FLYING DOCTORS 📺 👨🏫

A great comic adventure for an unlikely trio.

Meet the flying doctors, Princess Pearl and Sir Gadabout, with their trusty air ambulance Zog the Dragon as they tend to a sunburnt mermaid, a distressed unicorn and a sneezy lion.

Fabulously original sequel by Julia Donaldson

Cert U/24 mins

ROPETACKLE CINEMA

Friday 23rd February | 11am | £4 per adult & child/£3 additional adult or child. Under 18 months' free

MOM AND THE REBELS 🎵

Experience the unique sound of
MOM + The Rebels!

MOM + The Rebels was born in 2018 when "church met trad". The duo, comprising seven-time All-Ireland champion banjo and harp player Lisa Canny and renowned bassist and producer Dejay Edmund, mix Irish folk with gospel to create a sound like no other. Longlisted for Glastonbury Emerging Artists 2023, Radio 1 Supported, Spotify, 2fm and RTE Radio playlisted, the duo have enjoyed great support for their debut releases. With big plans in place for 2024, these guys won't be playing small venues for too much longer - catch them here while you can!



Friday 23rd February | 8pm | £15

BARNSTORMERS COMEDY CLUB 😊

Enjoy unbeatable stand-up comedy every month from some of the biggest names on the UK comedy circuit (and beyond)!

With three different acts a month alongside a top MC, this is Saturday night entertainment at its finest! The amazing acts are featured on the website two weeks ahead of the show date.

Strictly for over-18s. Adult content and strong language. Group discounts and party packages available.

**Saturday 24th February | 8.30pm | £15 adv., £16.50 on the door.
Group ticket £13pp (min. 6 people)**





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MATINÉE FILM:

ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET

Temple, church and bra-straps

The big-screen version of Judy Blume's 1970 cult novel of pre-teen anxiety is here to shock and thrill a whole new audience. Moving home and filled with dread about busts, bras and boys, 11-year-old Margaret seeks spiritual help. But, with a Jewish mum and Christian dad, praying is proving tricky ... This charming and witty coming-of-age tale will make you believe that discovering who you are is a journey that lasts a lifetime.

Cert PG/106 mins/Subtitles

Tuesday 27th February | 2pm | £5

RQ PETACKLE CINEMA



MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK, JOHN MCCUSKER, AND JOHN DOYLE

"It takes a lifetime of playing to sound as effortless as these guys"
~ The Herald (Scotland)

These masters of flute, fiddle, song and guitar promise a night of beautifully crafted music, drawing from their vast repertoire. It promises to be an evening to remember, as their warm, intimate, and richly-talented performance has been celebrated by fans and critics alike. Don't miss the opportunity to experience their captivating folk songs, tunes and charming bonhomie.

Wednesday 28th February | 8pm | £20



Opera



Rock



Folk



Family



Blues



Spoken Word



Jazz 40



RAINEY'S RAGTIME BAND



Music from the early years, featuring Ma Rainey's classic songs and a selection of well-known tunes.

Immerse yourself in the nostalgic melodies of the 1920s and 1930s for a captivating journey back in time, featuring Ma Rainey's iconic songs and a handpicked selection of beloved tunes from that golden era. Led by the renowned Richard Exall on tenor saxophone and clarinet, along with the exceptional musical director Don Barratt on piano, these talented musicians have meticulously arranged the music to capture the true essence of the era.

Led by the renowned Richard Exall on tenor saxophone and clarinet, along with the exceptional musical director Don Barratt on piano, these talented musicians have meticulously arranged the music to capture the true essence of the era. The well-established rhythm section, comprising Sam Kelly on drums and Marianne Windham on double bass combine with the acoustic jazz influences of Tony Qunta (acoustic guitar) to set the foundation for a captivating and immersive musical experience.

Complementing the ensemble is the much-sought-after, multi-British Jazz awards-winner, Amy Roberts (alto saxophone and clarinet) together with the powerful and enchanting vocals of Gemma Dorsett and Chrissie Myles, whose voices will transport you to the jazz clubs of yesteryear.

Thursday 29th February | 8pm | £18

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THE TREASON SHOW



"Rib cracking, side splitting, gun firing, hard hitting... why, it's The Treason Show!" ~ Brighton & Hove Independent

With an eagerly-anticipated election looming and a succession in the air, there's topical comedy mayhem to unleash with Mark and the award-winning Treason team on top form in this, their 24th record-breaking year.

Warning: May Contain Satire and Nuts. Age guidance: 16+

Friday 1st March | 8pm | £17



AFRICA TAKE PART



Fun Family Creative Workshops

African Night Fever and Ropetackle proudly invite you to take part in this special free, family friendly fun-packed day of workshops, embracing the

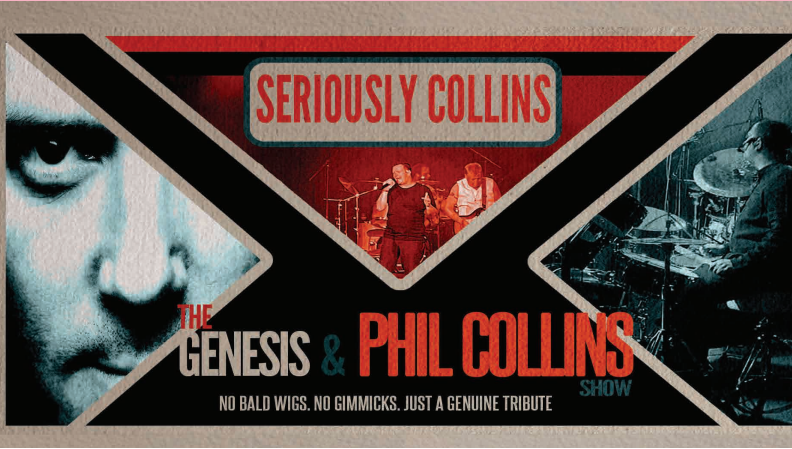
magical spirit of West Africa and its cultures.

The workshops are designed for all abilities and we encourage family participation.

11am-12.30pm: Arts and crafts activities, and two 30 min drumming workshops (spaces are limited, first come, first served)

1.30pm-2pm: West African dance workshop, open to all.

Saturday 2nd March | 11am – 2pm | FREE but ticketed



SERIOUSLY COLLINS



Now in its 6th year. The show that has Phil Collins fans excited.

Featuring the UK's favourite and most charismatic Phil Collins sound-a-like and a superb group of musicians behind him, **Seriously Collins** is the serious show for serious Phil Collins fans that never fails to get audiences on their feet.

Chris Hayward and his band bring you the most authentic show dedicated to Phil Collins and Genesis.

No gimmicks, no bald wigs, just a genuine tribute to one of the biggest artists of our generation.

Enjoy a stunning two-hour show bringing you all the hits and more.

Each song is meticulously re-created to take you back to Phil and Genesis in their heyday. **This is the show fans deserve.**

Saturday 2nd March | 8pm | £21.50 allocated seated, £19.50 standing



CHRIS COULL

CHRIS COULL'S SUNDAY JAZZ



ELA SOUTHGATE, 3 MARCH

This month, Chris is joined by singer Ela Southgate and guitarist Matt Wall to perform luscious Latin jazz arrangements and Bossa nova.

Sunday 3rd March | 11am | £12



EOS: PAINTING THE MODERN GARDEN - MONET TO MATISSE



A film for lovers of art and lovers of gardens

Based on the sell-out show at

the Royal Academy of Arts, London. Claude Monet was an avid horticulturist and arguably the most important painter of gardens in the history of art, but he was not alone. Great artists like Van Gogh, Bonnard, Sorolla, Sargent, Pissarro and Matisse all saw the garden as a powerful subject for their art. These great artists, along with many other famous names, feature in an innovative and extensive exhibition from the Royal Academy of Art, London. From the exhibition walls to the wonder and beauty of artists' gardens like Giverny and Seebüll, the film takes a magical and widely-travelled journey to discover how different contemporaries of Monet built and cultivated modern gardens to explore expressive motifs, abstract color, decorative design and utopian ideas.

Filmed and directed by David Bickerstaff. Produced by Phil Grabsky.

Wednesday 6th March | 7.30pm | £12

SHORT STORIES TALL TALES:

AMY'S ROCKET



Interactive storytelling for babies, toddlers and their parents or carers.

Actress and mum Hannah Summers brings classic and modern stories to life through live performance and interactive, creative play.

Adventure into stories, explore through the senses and let your little ones' imaginations run free. There's a different story every month! Suitable for ages 0-4 years.

Amy is a quiet girl, but Amy's life is LOUD. Her family are LOUD. Her town is LOUD and she's had enough! She announces to her family that she's flying to Mars, but will she like the quiet? And who will she find living there? Climb aboard a rocket and adventure with Amy - maybe there really is life on Mars!

An original tale written and told by Hannah Summers.

Please note, all infants over one month old require a ticket as this show is specifically aimed at babies and pre-schoolers.

Thursday 7th March | 11.30am | £10 adult/child pair, £6 additional adult, £5 additional child



LIKE FILMS? JOIN US!

See **The Ropetackle Film Club** details on **page 4**. We really feel there is no better way to see film than on the big screen as a shared experience!





PEATBOG FAERIES

Hailing from the Isle of Skye, the Peatbog Faeries are the figurehead trailblazers of the Celtic dance music renaissance.

Drawing upon a dazzling myriad of influences from traditional jigs and reels through jazz, hip hop, reggae and more, they take traditional Scottish music and bring it fresh-faced and breathless into the 21st century. From the moment they take to the stage, the mood is set for a no-nonsense, feel-good atmosphere, each number sounding like an encore itself.

They tease unlikely combinations from the familiarity of instruments such as fiddle and highland pipes – blending with techno rhythms and soaring sounds and take this to another plane.

The traditional styles that influence the musicians can still be heard – and when an unexpected drop-down to those glorious core melodies sneaks in, the result is spine-chilling!

Age guidance: 16+

Please note, this is an all standing event.

Thursday 7th March | 8pm | £23 all standing



THE UNRAVELLING WILBURYS

With their perfect combination of brilliant musicianship and tongue-in-cheek humour, The Unravelling Wilburys are one of the UK's top tributes.

As well as playing the songs of 1980s supergroup the Traveling Wilburys, the band also perform some choice numbers from the back catalogue of each of its five iconic members: Roy Orbison, Tom Petty, George Harrison, Bob Dylan and Jeff Lynne.

Born out of the ashes of the popular Beatles tribute band Sgt Pepper's Only Dart Board Band, the fabulous Unravelling Wilburys feature Sticky Willy, Walter, Thumper, Blind Melon, and Rev. Honky Tonk.

A fabulous night out for lovers of great music.

Friday 8th March

AND

Saturday 9th March | 8pm | £23 allocated seating



STEVE RICHARDS' ROCK 'N' ROLL POLITICS 🗨️

Steve Richards is an acclaimed anecdotalist who has had access to the people at the top of UK politics for more than 20 years.

As well as being a regular presenter of BBC Radio 4's Week in Westminster, Richards has written columns for The Guardian, The Independent, The New Statesman, and The Spectator, and is often seen on TV. At a time of political upheaval at home and abroad, Richards asks the big and small questions and reveals stories from the front line. Includes Q&A.

Wednesday 13th March | 7pm | £15



ROPETACKLE FILM CLUB PRESENTS: WOMEN TALKING 🎬

A timely, topical and thought-provoking drama

Following a series of sexual assaults by the men in an isolated Mennonite colony, eight women congregate in a barn to talk about how to move forward from their past. Can they forgive the men for years of abuse and cover-up or do they abandon their community for good? Director Sarah Polley guides her formidable ensemble of performers – including Rooney Mara, Claire Foy, Jessie Buckley and Frances McDormand – through a taut, relentlessly intense meeting of faith and fury.

Drama/2023/US/Cert 15/104 mins

Thursday 14th March | 7.30pm | Open to Film Club members and their guest (£7) Limited seats available to non-members (£9)



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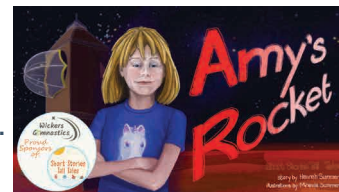
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For details, please see page 46.

Friday 15th March | 11.30am &

1.30pm | £10 adult/child pair, £6 additional adult, £5 additional child



SOUTH COAST SOUL REVUE 🎵

A night of soul and funk!

This Brighton 8-piece have been entertaining audiences with their dynamic mix of classic and



contemporary soul music since 2011. Two irrepressible and highly talented lead vocalists, funky horns, and a pulsating rhythm section make for a truly authentic soul revue experience. If you love the music of artists like Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, Earth Wind & Fire and Stevie Wonder, this is the gig for you!

Friday 15th March | 8pm | £17 standing, £19 seated

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Call 01273 464440 for more information or visit ropetacklecentre.co.uk for more details.



CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP: THE RITES OF SPRING

Join award-winning author and playwright Jill Hucklesby and create new writing inspired by the season described by Margaret Atwood as 'the time of plans and projects.' We'll explore uplifting

examples from literature and focus on the theme of 'hopefulness' in your chosen writing style. The workshop will include verbal storytelling, quiet writing time and the chance to share work with the group. All abilities welcome.

18+ Please bring pen and paper.

Saturday 16th March | 10am-12.30pm | £17



SATURDAY SESSIONS: ROB CAST 🎵

Rob's songs - based on real life and real love - are brought to life when he performs with his old school friend Richard. His intense Americana style is perfectly complemented by Richard's smooth and sultry double bass. Expect hints of **Nick**

Lowe and Richard Hawley, originals and obscure covers on the set list.

Entry is free but ticketed; capacity and seating is limited. Book to secure your place!

Saturday 16th March | 1-3pm | Free but ticketed

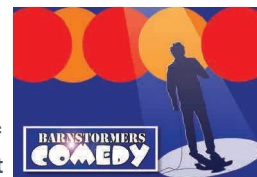
BARNSTORMERS COMEDY CLUB 😊

Enjoy unbeatable stand-up comedy on the third Saturday of every month from some of the biggest names on the UK comedy circuit (and beyond)!

With three different acts a month alongside a top MC, this is Saturday night entertainment at its finest! The amazing acts are featured on the website two weeks ahead of the show date.

Strictly for over-18s. Adult content and strong language. Group discounts and party packages available.

Saturday 16th March | 8.30pm | £15 adv., £16.50 on the door. Group ticket £13pp (min. 6 people)



RELAXED VIEWING: FUNNY FACE 🎬

It's Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn in Paris!

Photographer Dick Avery (Astaire) chooses bookshop assistant Jo Stockton (Hepburn) for a new modelling role for a fashion magazine. Jo has what she considers a funny looking face - something Dick calls 'interesting'. She hates fashion but the job would take her to Paris where Jo hopes to meet her idol, a philosophy professor - only in Paris, the two worlds begin to collide.

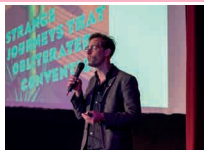
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ROPETACKLE CINEMA

Cert U/103 mins/Subtitles

Monday 18th March | 2pm | £5 (Carers Free)





THE CATALYST CLUB

Be inspired and entertained as three guest speakers talk for 15 minutes each, on a subject close to their heart.

Speakers are booked in advance; topics are kept top secret until the night! Hosted by author and BBC radio presenter Dr David Bramwell, in partnership with Ropetackle and Shoreham Wordfest.

Tuesday 19th March | 7.30pm | £8 standard, £10 feeling generous



A NIGHT IN THE CANYON

An homage to the golden age of American(a) music, featuring the timeless songs of James Taylor, Carole King, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Buffalo Springfield, The Eagles, Joni Mitchell and many more.



A Night In The Canyon brings together an unrivalled collective of award-winning artists in their own right, namely Robbie Cavanagh (Winner of the Whispering Bob Harris Emerging Artist Award 2023), Eddy Smith ("a heady blend of soul, blues and rock" ~ Blues Matters), and Jana Varga (Emerging Artist nominee, UK Blues and Roots). This is not a tribute show in



the traditional sense of the word, but more the artists themselves performing their own takes, both individually and collectively, on these timeless classics of the late 60s/early 70s American Songbook.

Thursday 21st March | 8pm | £18

MY FIRST CINEMA PRESENTS:

THE SNAIL AND THE WHALE

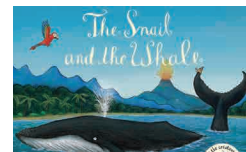
A tale showing that if you try hard enough, anything is possible.

A tiny snail goes on an amazing journey by hitching a ride on the tail of a huge humpback whale.

Written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler.

Cert U/24 mins

Friday 22nd March | 11am | £4 per adult & child pair, £3 additional adult or child. Under 18 months' free



 **ROPETACKLE CINEMA**

BONZO BILLS



Expect memorable Bonzo Dog songs, authentic early jazz, quirky original songs, magic, and a little Bonzo chaos!



A fusion of the early jazz-influenced **Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band** and **Bill Posters Will Be Band** - now one of the few remaining comedy bands. Featuring originals from Bonzo Dog (Roger Ruskin Spear), Three Bonzos And A Piano & Whoopee Band (Dave Glasson), Bill Posters Will Be Band & Whoopee Band (Biff Harrison), Bill Posters Will Be Band (Megs Etherington and Chris Lowe), along with their most recent addition, Nick Ball on drums, washboard and spoons.

Friday 22nd March | 8pm | £15



DAVID EAGLE 🧐

"David Eagle is a genuine stand-up rookie phenomenon! Looking forward to hearing more." Reginald D Hunter

David Eagle is a comedian and musician and member of three-time BBC Radio 2 Folk award-winning band The Young'uns.

In 2018, he branched out into stand-up comedy and was crowned New Comedian Of The Year at Nottingham Comedy Festival, Bath Comedy Festival and Leicester Square Theatre. Recently he featured on BBC Radio 4's flagship comedy 'The Now Show.' David is blind, and his comedy often explores how his disability means the most ordinary, commonplace events are turned into surreal and convoluted dramas. Occasionally he dons his accordion (often as a spiteful repost to hecklers) and performs one of his comedy songs, such as his George Formby parody, described by the Guardian as "a comic tour-de-force."

Saturday 23rd March | 8pm | £14



MATINÉE FILM:

A HAUNTING IN VENICE 🎬

A terrifying mystery set in eerie, post-World War 2 Venice on All Hallows' Eve, featuring the return of the celebrated sleuth, Hercule Poirot. Now retired and living in self-imposed exile in the world's most glamorous city, Poirot reluctantly attends a séance at a decaying, haunted palazzo. When one of the guests is murdered, the detective is thrust into a sinister world of shadows and secrets.

Cert 12A/103 mins/Subtitles

Tuesday 26th March | 2pm | £5



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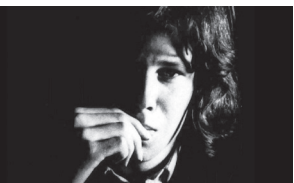
COMEDY SPECIAL: HAL CRUTTENDEN AND FRIENDS 😊

Join Hal Cruttenden, one of Britain's best-loved stand-ups, for this special evening

of mirth! Hal is one of the country's top comics, with TV appearances including Have I Got News For You, Would I Lie To You, The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice, The Apprentice: You're Fired, Live At The Apollo and the Royal Variety Performance, where he performed in front of Queen Elizabeth and King Charles.

Check our website for details of the support acts.

Wednesday 27th March | 8pm | £21



KEITH JAMES PRESENTS: THE SONGS OF NICK DRAKE 🎵 🍷 WINE SHOW SUPPERS

Nick Drake is one of the UK's most revered singer-songwriters. He has given us

timeless songs that shed all the tears of life within their fragile yet perfect lines. He recorded three cherished albums between 1969 and 1972, but was almost entirely unknown in his day. After his tragic death in 1974, aged only 26, his music almost disappeared into obscurity. Now, thanks to a massive resurgence of interest and a worldwide re-evaluation of his genius, Drake has become a national treasure. Keith James was the first artist to bring this intriguingly fragile music to venues across the UK in a live concert form, resulting in more than 1000 shows in venues across the UK and Europe, including Glastonbury.

Thursday 28th March | 8pm | £20

PAUL SINHA AND FRIENDS 😊

Join Paul Sinha (The Chase, Live At The Palladium) and special guests for an evening of hilarity!

Despite being known to many as 'the man in the white suit on The Chase,' Paul Sinha has been a stand-up comedian for nearly 30 years; from his first tentative steps on comedy's open-mic circuit in the late 1990s to appearing at the London Palladium 20 years later, his comedy has been intelligent, hilarious and full of insight.

Support acts to be announced soon!

Friday 29th March | 8pm | £18



AFRICAN NIGHT FEVER PRESENTS: SPICED-UP EAST AFRICAN MUSIC MEETS MODERN AFRICA 🌍

WITH SAIDI KANDA & MVULA-MANDONDO

Saidi Kanda is a standout performer in African traditional and New African Music. His latest album, "Ambush," in collaboration with Edward Shearer, gave birth to Mvula-Mandondo. The evening promises East African traditional music, New Africa vibes, and the chance to dance to joyous melodies. Explore African Caribbean cuisine from the **Soul Food Sisters** and get ready for a musical journey through the African Savannah.

Saturday 30th March | 8pm | £19 seated, £17 standing





CIRCUS WORKSHOP

Roll up, roll up! Come and experience all the fun of the circus with Circus Brighton – a specially-designed children's circus workshop that

teaches hula-hooping, diabolo, poi-spinning, balance, juggling, plate-spinning and much more! Participants will learn all skills and perform in their very own circus show as a finale.

Limited spaces; book early to secure your place. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Duration 60 minutes. Suitable for ages 5+

Tuesday 2nd April | 11am | £10



THE MUSEUM OF MARVELLOUS THINGS

Welcome to The Museum of Marvellous Things, where the impossible can happen!

Discover stars in jars, catch moons like balloons, dance with Doo-Dahs in cages, sing with Noo-Nahs on stages. Because this is a museum like no other – it's made from the magic of YOUR imagination – and you get to bring it alive. With giant puppets, magical effects, interactive storytelling, LIVE original music and a chance to make your own special puppet, this is a fun-filled family show based on the picture book by Kristina Stephenson (creator of Sir Charlie Stinky Socks). So...come on in and LET THE MAGIC BEGIN!

Ages 3-8.

Wednesday 3rd April | 11am & 2pm | £9

CHRIS COULL - AN EVOLUTION IN SWING

An unmissable evening celebrating the best in swing music.

Enjoy an evening charting the development of the jazz orchestra, from Ellington's 'jungle' music of the 20s, Basie's 30s Kansas style, 40s war-time swing through to 50s modernism and beyond. Featuring classics from Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Glen Miller and Charlie Barnett. Led by Chris Coull (trumpets), and featuring Lucy Pickering (vocals), Gabriel Garrick and Andy Panayi (alto sax), Mike Pilley (trombone), Terry Seabrook (piano), Rhys Lovell (bass), and Peter Cater (drums.)

Thursday 4th April | 8pm | £14



THE NOISE NEXT DOOR PRESENTS:

THE ADVENTURE ACADEMY... FOR ADVENTURERS!



"Comedy masterpiece" *** ThreeWeeks**

Enrol at the world's most reckless and ridiculous school with comedy legends The Noise Next Door. Where will your adventure take you? Dangerous deserts? Treacherous tundras? Volatile volcanoes? It's all up to you in this side-splitting, globe-trotting hour of entertainment that is fun for all ages. The Noise Next Door are 12-time sell-out veterans of The Edinburgh Fringe and have appeared on 'The One Show' (BBC One) and 'Britain's Got Talent' (ITV1), as well as alongside the likes of Michael McIntyre, Katherine Ryan, Romesh Ranganathan and Harry Hill. For ages 5-105!

Friday 5th April | 2pm | £9 child, £10 adult, £36 family of four



SHOW OF HANDS: FULL CIRCLE PART II



Rekindling folk's heartbeat,
one last encore

The renowned folk duo Steve Knightley and Phil Beer will

revisit their roots with the "Full Circle Part II" tour. Over three decades, they've embraced grassroots venues, enriching folk music and connecting with fans. This tour aims to reconnect with loyal supporters and inspire budding folk musicians.

Saturday 6th April | 8pm | £35 adult, £17.50 under-21s



CHRIS COULL'S SUNDAY JAZZ



Bandleader and trumpeter Chris Coull hosts a relaxing series of Sunday morning jazz concerts. With special guests: Sam Carelse/Jason Henson Ensemble

Since bursting onto the jazz scene relatively recently, Sam Carelse has made waves with her

string influences from Anita O'Day, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and Annie Ross. She is joined by partner Jason Henson, a guitar virtuoso and gypsy jazz/swing specialist, host Chris Coull (trumpet), Rhys Lovell (double bass), and Joe Edwards (drums).

The bar will be open serving teas, coffees, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages, plus pastries will be available to purchase.

Sunday 7th April | 11am | £12

SINGING SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN



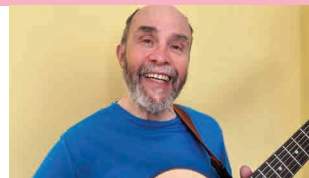
Fun Singalong with Mike Reinstein!

These sessions are about singing for fun. Mike will sing songs, chants, and sillinesses for children, where everyone is included and encouraged to sing along.

For details, please see page 31.

45 mins. For children aged 4-7. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday 9th April | 11am | £6



THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE



A film to delight everyone, whether you are new to the lovable Brooklyn plumbers or revisiting childhood memories. Enter a world of nostalgia, humour and excitement as Mario and friends puzzle their way through the Mushroom Kingdom to rescue Luigi and save the world from fire-breathing Bowser.

Cert PG/92mins/Animation

Tuesday 9th April | 2pm | £4



ROPETACKLE CINEMA

CIRCUS WORKSHOP



Roll up, Roll up! Learn some amazing circus moves.

See page 59 for details!

Wednesday 10th April | 11am | £10



CIRCUS BRIGHTON





THE WELLINGTON WAILERS

Come one, come all to listen and join in to the choruses, for these songs hail from,

or are influenced by, the work songs of the historic days of sail, when England ruled the waves and when sailors hauled the ropes, pushed the capstan and manned the pumps to the rhythmic sound of the shanty.

Returning to the Ropetackle stage to once again sing and perform shanties and songs of the sea in their inimitable style. Led by irrepressible shanty-man Mike Green, the Wailers will regale you with old favourites and new. Includes new members!

Wednesday 10th April | 8pm | £12



THE BRICK PEOPLE

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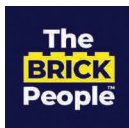
We're delighted to be welcoming The Brick People, who'll be offering a wide range of LEGO®-related activities.

Events consist of various LEGO® activity tables, some containing self-building

activities and other tables featuring monitored activities such as a timed speed or tower build, where names of the builders are entered onto a leader board for the day for all to see.

There are also a selection of amazing official and unofficial LEGO® creations by The BRICK People and the wider LEGO® hobbyist community.

Thursday 11th April | Times: 10-11am, 11.15am-12.15pm, 12.45-1.45pm, 2-3pm, 3.15-4.15pm, 4.30-5.30pm | £5



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ROPETACKLE FILM CLUB PRESENTS:

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION



'If you don't love Shawshank, chances are you're beyond redemption.'

Found guilty of killing his unfaithful wife and her lover in a fit of passion, Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) is shipped to the gothic, wind-swept corridors of Shawshank prison to serve a life sentence. As he protests his innocence, he slowly overcomes the hellfire tortures of the prison system while managing to inspire his fellow inmates to lift their degraded horizons. Among them is Red (Morgan Freeman in a matchless supporting role), the lifer who, given time, can provide almost everything.

With a beautifully rounded script, writer/director Frank Darabont conjures up a spellbinding odyssey stretching through the years from 1946 to 1967. You will not experience a more divine movie experience this side of Oscardom.

Drama/Crime/1994/US/Cert 15/142 mins

Thursday 11th April | 7.30pm | Open to Film Club members and their guest (£7) Limited seats available to non-members (£9)



LIKE FILMS? JOIN US!

See The Ropetackle Film Club details on page 4. We really feel there is no better way to see film than on the big screen as a shared experience!





SHORT STORIES TALL TALES:

THE GINGERBREAD MAN

Come and meet my curious gingerbread man who discovers he has arms and legs and a cherry nose! He moves up hill and

down dale, he doesn't get tired or out of puff, not like the rest of us! And he cheekily taunts the farm characters who all want gingerbread for their tea, calling "run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man!" An energetic spin on an old fairy tale that's been told and retold by families for nearly two centuries. This tall tale will enthral and inspire your little ones' creative imaginations.

Adapted for Storytelling, written and told by Hannah Summers, illustrations by Miranda Summers. Please note, all infants over one month old require a ticket as this show is specifically aimed at babies and pre-schoolers.

Friday 12th April | 11.30am & 1.30pm | £10 adult/child pair, £6 additional adult, £5 additional child



SARAH GILLESPIE

Where poetry meets music

In 12 years, Anglo-American artist Sarah Gillespie has released four albums, three EPs, and a book of poetry. Her

new album, 'Half Cut,' recorded at Berlin's famed Hansa Studios, blends narrative folk, Americana and jazz with poetic lyricism. Sarah has toured worldwide, headlining prestigious venues and festivals, including Ronnie Scott's and the Southbank Centre. She's featured on BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour twice and was interviewed by Andrew Marr on BBC Radio 4's 'Start the Week,' leveraging her politics and philosophy Master's degree.

Friday 12th April | 8pm | £17 advance, £19 on the door

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CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP: PLANET EARTH – A CELEBRATION



Join award-winning author and playwright, Jill Hucklesby, and, in the month that celebrates Earth Day, create new writing inspired by our world and its place in the universe. We will explore contemporary writing about earth and reflect on the planet's wonders, developing new work in your chosen writing style. The workshop will include verbal storytelling, quiet writing time and the chance to share work with the group. All abilities welcome.

18+ Please bring pen and paper.

Saturday 13th April | 10am-12.30pm | £17

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

NICOLE AND JAMES

Nicole and James are a talented husband-and-wife duo based in Shoreham. Having performed separately all around the world for more than 10 years, they met six years ago and have performed together ever since. The super singers are looking forward to entertaining you with a selection of their favourite songs, in a lovely, easy-listening set.

Entry is free but ticketed; capacity and seating is limited.
Book to secure your place!

Saturday 13th April | 2-4pm | Free but ticketed

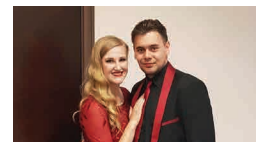




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ELIZA CARTHY

A modern English music icon, captivating audiences worldwide.

Experience the English folk revival through the brilliance of Eliza Carthy MBE. Hailed as the "Queen of English Folk" by The Observer, Eliza's genre-spanning music, powerful voice, and mesmerising fiddle-playing have captivated a new generation. With two Mercury Prize nominations and an array of awards over a thirty-year career, she's collaborated with luminaries like Paul Weller, Rufus and Martha Wainwright, Patrick Wolf, and Jarvis Cocker.

Don't miss her extraordinary, boundary-pushing talent.

Supported by Jennifer Reid.

Saturday 13th April | 8pm | £21

RELAXED VIEWING:

ON THE TOWN

Sailors Gabey, Chip and Ozzie (memorably played by Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Jules Munshin) are let loose on a 24-hour pass in New York. Gabey sees a poster of "Miss Turnstile" and falls head over heels for her, innocent Chip gets hijacked by a lady cab driver, and Ozzie meets a gorgeous anthropologist who thinks he's the perfect example of "prehistoric man." With Oscar-winning music and terrific shots of New York.

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Cert U/98 mins/Subtitles

Kindly sponsored by Barchester's Charitable Foundation.

Monday 15th April | 2pm | £5 (Carers Free)



THE CATALYST CLUB

A monthly event serving up the old tradition of the French Salon.

Be inspired and entertained as three guest speakers talk for 15 minutes each, on a subject close to their heart.

Speakers are booked in advance; topics are kept top secret until the night! Hosted by author and BBC radio presenter Dr David Bramwell, in partnership with Ropetackle and Shoreham Wordfest.

Tuesday 16th April | 7.30pm | £8 standard, £10 feeling generous





EXHIBITION ON SCREEN PRESENTS:

JOHN SINGER SARGENT

Step into the glittering world of fashion, scandal and shameless self-promotion that made John Singer Sargent the painter who defined an era.

John Singer Sargent is known as the greatest portrait artist of his era. What made his 'swagger' portraits remarkable was his power over his sitters, what they wore and how they were presented to the audience. Through interviews with curators, contemporary

fashionistas and style influencers, Exhibition on Screen's film will examine how Sargent's unique practice has influenced modern art, culture and fashion.

Filmed at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the Tate Britain, London, the exhibition reveals Sargent's power to express distinctive personalities, power dynamics and gender identities during this fascinating period of cultural reinvention.

Wednesday 17th April | 7.30pm | £12



SHORT STORIES TALL TALES:

THE GINGERBREAD MAN

Interactive storytelling for babies, toddlers and their parents or carers.

For story details, please see page 65.

Thursday 18th April | 11.30am | £10 adult/child pair, £6 additional adult, £5 additional child

DALLAHAN

"Wild and free yet precise and flawless... a bold stroke on the teeming trad folk landscape" ~ Bright Young Folk

Forged in Scotland and Ireland's traditional music scene, but drawing on the music of the Balkans and North America, Dallahan take their listeners on a journey. Traversing styles and countries of the world in a dazzling live show, they create their own unique brand of world folk delivered with stunning virtuosity.

A 2023 sell-out, we are delighted to have these guys back once more.

Thursday 18th April | 8pm | £15



FLATS & SHARPS

A highly-skilled Bluegrass outfit - be sure not to miss 'em!

Delivering energetic, enthusiastic and spirited shows to audiences around the world, Flats & Sharps are a Cornish four-piece who have been performing their unique take on Bluegrass music for more than 10 years. Their shows include a wide variety of influences, from a fresh and modern outlook on foot-stomping Bluegrass material through to their powerful and well-crafted original songs, with beautiful moments everywhere in between.

Their music perfectly blends strong harmonies and stonking solos, their incredible stage presence and energy create an evening that'll have you dancing, laughing and singing along in no time.

Friday 19th April | 8pm | £15





SHOREHAM ALLSTARS 🎵

Showcasing the very best that the next generation of musicians in Shoreham and beyond has to offer!

Legendary local young musicians'

collective The Shoreham Allstars will be gracing the Ropetackle stage for an afternoon of top-quality music from some of the area's most talented and creative young bands and acts. The Shoreham Allstars have been running as a collective since 2008 (playing their first ever gig on the Ropetackle stage) and have played more than 400 ensemble gigs at festivals, arts centres, schools, pubs and outdoor events in Sussex and beyond, including established venues. They have grown to become a unique, established and cherished part of the local community.

Featuring a selection of quality Allstars acts, this promises to be a life-affirming and inspiring afternoon of covers and original songs.

Saturday 20th April | 2-5pm | £10/£7 under-12s



BARNSTORMERS COMEDY CLUB 😄

With three different acts a month alongside a top MC, this is Saturday night entertainment at its finest! The amazing acts are featured on the website two

weeks ahead of the show date.

Strictly for over-18s. Adult content and strong language. Group discounts and party packages available.

**Saturday 20th April | 8.30pm | £15 advance, £16.50 on the door.
Group ticket £13 pp (min. 6 people)**

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AUSTEN'S WOMEN: LADY SUSAN 🎭

From the award-winning creators of A Christmas Carol, I, Elizabeth, Female Gothic, Christmas Gothic, and A Room of One's Own.

Based on Jane Austen's 1794 work, this Dyad Productions show, performed by Rebecca Vaughan and directed by Andrew Margerison, brings the Regency era to life.

Meet the captivating characters: Lady Susan, the coquettish black widow; rebellious daughter Frederica; sister-in-law Catherine; family matriarch Mrs. De Courcy; and carefree friend Alicia.

This darkly comic Regency tale explores society's struggles and desires, with Lady Susan at the forefront.

Tuesday 23rd April | 7.30pm | £18



MY FIRST CINEMA PRESENTS:

STICK MAN

Stick Man lives in the family tree with his three children and their mother and he is heading on an epic adventure across the

seasons. Will he get back in time for Christmas?

Cert U/24mins

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Friday 26th April | 11am | £4 per adult & child/£3 additional adult or child. Under 18 months' free



ROPETACKLE STORYTELLERS PRESENT:

JEKYLL & HYDE

Dr Jekyll has discovered a potion which taps into the darkest parts of his soul.

When he drinks it, the brilliant scientist

transforms into the twisted and ruthless Mr Hyde. Hyde is everything Jekyll cannot be in polite Victorian London - bestial, fearless and free. But when Hyde begins fighting for control of the body they share, and starts leaving a grisly trail of savagely-murdered corpses, what price must Jekyll pay to rein in the darker part of his nature?

Award-winning performers Joshua Crisp and Amelia Armande bring their signature mastery of storytelling and the spoken word to this classic horror story. Blending the original text with sinuous physicality and dark humour, JEKYLL & HYDE explores what evils can lurk in the depths of the human heart.

12+ recommended.

Friday 26th April | 7.30pm | £7

SIMPLY US + THEM: RECREATING THE SOUND OF PINK FLOYD

In this incredible evening, we celebrate the seminal *Dark Side of the Moon*, plus other Pink Floyd classics, accompanied by an impressive light show.

Featuring several musicians from Ropetackle headliners Simply Dan, Simply Us + Them faithfully recreate this sublime album in its entirety. Come and be transported with eternal classics like Money, Time - and of course - Us and Them.

Age guidance 16+. Please note, this show will feature some strobing and laser effects.

Saturday 27th April | 8pm | £20 seated, £18 standing

MATINÉE FILM:

THE GREAT ESCAPER

Based on the true story of a Hove pensioner who absconds from his care home to pay respects to the fallen soldiers in the D-Day landings, this 5-star masterpiece pairs screen legends Michael Caine (Bernard) and Glenda Jackson (Irene) in her last performance. The sharp and witty script will bring a tear to your eye as the couple reflect upon 60 years together, and of loss, love and enduring human spirit. A fitting finale to Glenda Jackson's wonderful contribution to British cinema.

Cert 12A/96 mins/Subtitles

Tuesday 30th April | 2pm | £5

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Thursdays 6.30pm – 8pm

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8-week courses:

25th Jan – 21st Mar (except 15th Feb)

18th Apr – 13th June (except 30th May)

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Wednesdays 6.30pm – 8pm

Explore theatre acting techniques, learn more about improvisation, script work and how to create a character. All ages (18+).

8-week courses:

24th Jan – 20th Mar (except 14th Feb)

17th Apr – 12th Jun (except 29th May)

£120 per course

Contact: www.savagehearttheatre.com/ classes

Tel: 07473 962662

AGE IS A STAGE

Age Is A Stage will reignite your creative spark to help you feel forever young!

These interactive drama sessions take place in our theatre and are open to all regardless of experience. Participants are encouraged to have fun, break the rules, be silly and playful and look at the world with a fresh perspective unclouded by routine and social media! Open to everyone age 50+

Tuesdays from 10.30am-12pm. Visit our website for exact dates. £10 per person.

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Tuesdays, 9.30-10.30. £8/class.

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Please phone ahead to book your space, as places are limited.

Contact: Charlie on 07780 660942.

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General level Pilates class

Thursdays 9.30-10.30am

12 spaces max £56 for 6 weeks.

Starts 4th January

Contact: 07941092612

rachelattmere@yahoo.co.uk

PIPSQUEAKS DANCE CLASS

A creative, imaginative and playful session for 2-5 year olds using music, stories and our world as stimuli. A supportive and nurturing environment with the emphasis on joy as much as dance. Led by Pippa, a qualified dance teacher with 20 years' experience teaching creative dance in South London primary schools as well as 18 years on the teaching faculty for English National Ballet.

Fridays 10-10.45am, £7 drop-in

Contact: pippaemanuel@outlook.com

Call: 07805 433984

NEW! CHEEKI MONKEYS!

Pop-up baby & children's market and fun family day out!

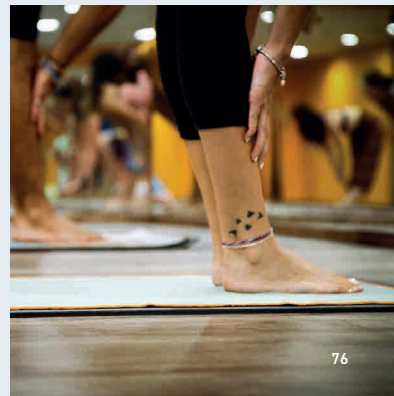
Come and have a browse with friends and shop pre-loved children's clothes, toys and equipment.

Entry is £1.50 for adults, children are free.

Saturday 10th February

10am-12pm

If you would like to sell items, visit www.cheekimonkeys.co.uk to book a stall.



HOW TO FIND US

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PARKING

Free parking is available just over the Norfolk Bridge in the Adur Recreation Ground. Additionally, there are car parks at Tarmount Lane and the Shoreham Centre. See map for locations.

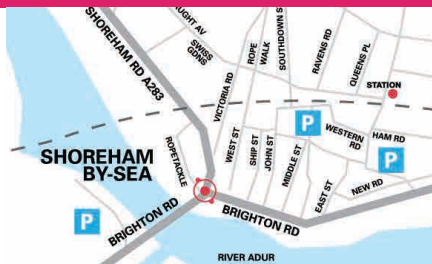
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You can hire our 200 seat auditorium or smaller mezzanine room for conferences, lectures, meetings, workshops, and classes. We also have the best rehearsal/filming space around. We can provide catering, media tools, reception, and other facilities. Very competitive rates.

Visit our website for more details, or call us to check availability.

MAILING LIST

Stay ahead of the curve with events and special offers with our weekly newsletter. Sign up via our website, over the phone or in the foyer.

**BOOKING**

Tickets can be booked in person, online, or over the phone. Each ticket bought incurs a booking fee of £1, capped at £5. This helps pay for our ticketing costs. There is no booking fee if you buy in person at the Box Office.

BOX OFFICE

The Box Office is open Monday to Saturday from 10am - 4pm and before evening shows.

Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged, unless the show is cancelled.

DOGS

Our foyer and box office areas do get busy, so for safety reasons we can only allow guide dogs into the Centre. Thank you for your understanding.

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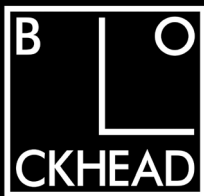
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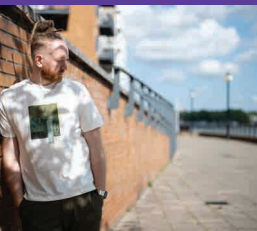
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