

# CORN EXCHANGE NEWBURY



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**AUTUMN  
2024**



# WELCOME



## Welcome to a brand new season at the Corn Exchange Newbury!

Before I launch into the season's highlights, I want to extend a huge thank you to all of our givers for

your generous donations and support of the Old Library development. At the time of print, we have achieved over 60% of our fundraising goal which is wonderful! We have more fundraising activity to come, so please keep an eye out for other ways you can continue to support the campaign.

As the leaves begin to fall, it is the perfect time to get your fill of arts and culture. Whether that is a night out with friends or some quiet inspiration and reflection, our autumn programme provides a plentiful buffet of options.

I particularly want to draw your attention to the range of dance and drama this season, including **Murder for Two** (pg 38); **Windrush Secret** (pg 31); **Black is the Color of my Voice** (pg 28); **Buffy Revamped** (pg 19) and **Casting the Runes** (pg 34). World-renowned Ballet Cymru returns to our stage with **Daydreams and Jellybeans** (pg 35) in November and we are also delighted to host the premiere of RedCape's **The Luminous** – this time-travelling physical theatre piece will have you gripped.

For those of you who like more active involvement, our courses, workshops and social events are worth a look. This July and August we present a **Summer of Play** (pg 4 & 5) with **TableTop Gaming**, brick building workshops from **The BRICK People**, an intergenerational **Memory Café** and much more.

If you haven't been to The Base yet, **OTTOPIA** (pg 11), is a great first visit. In this interactive gallery experience, you're invited to engage through play in



this black and white optical illusion world. Don't miss Kurt Jackson's return to The Base with his brand new exhibition, **Oak** (pg 12).

In August, our **Youth Theatre** groups will be taking to the stage with **The Jungle Book**. We also have four local musicians lined up for **Music on the Terrace**, whilst you relax and enjoy refreshments from our Café Bar.

In September, we can't wait to present the return of **Ablaze**, a spectacular display of fire sculptures along the canal in celebration of 10 years of 101 and outdoor arts in Newbury. We are incredibly proud to be the National Centre for Arts in Public Space and to continue producing a year-round free programme of performances in Newbury.

For families, our October holiday club **Create and Make**, is extending its hours, so you can rest easy knowing that your children will be looked after for your full work day and have the most engaging and creative time between 8.30am and 5.30pm. For younger families, don't forget our spacious Café Bar area, with its craft corner and little library, it's a great place to meet with others.

To round off that amazing season, for kids big and small, we present this year's pantomime, **Dick Whittington!** With toe-tapping tunes, magic, sparkle and, of course, laughter, it's purrfect for the whole family.

There is so much to choose from this season, you'll be spoilt for choice – see you soon!

Jessica Jhundoo-Evans  
DIRECTOR



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# OLD LIBRARY

CREATING A NEW ARTS HUB  
FOR NEWBURY



## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Help us to create a new arts hub at the Old Library in Newbury to become a permanent home for our creative participation activity, which:

- Reduces social isolation and loneliness
- Improves mental health locally
- Builds young people's confidence and self-esteem



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# SUMMER OF PLAY

## SUMMER ART CLUB AT THE BASE

Thu 25 Jul – Thu 1 Aug  
(excludes weekends)

10am – 1pm

**Tickets £20** (per child, per session – book 4 or more and get 10% off when booked in the same transaction)

Our popular Holiday Art Club takes over the Gallery this August. Exploring different themes and art techniques, children will enjoy learning new skills whilst having fun.

## MUSIC ON THE TERRACE

Sat 27 Jul, 3, 10 & 24 Aug

3pm – 5pm

**Tickets Free**

Kick-start your weekend with a drink from our bar and live music in the Corn Exchange's outside space. Perfectly positioned for summer evening sun, mingle in our terrace-style seating area and enjoy live music performed by talented local artists.

## THE BRICK PEOPLE

Tue 6 – Fri 9 Aug

10am, 11.30am,  
1.30pm, 3pm, 4.30pm

**Tickets £6.25**

**Running Time** 1 hour

**Balcony Bar**

Do you love LEGO®? The BRICK People are offering a wide range of activities at the Corn Exchange this summer. Enjoy a selection of LEGO® activity tables, along with time monitored challenges where participants' names are written on a leaderboard for all to see throughout the day.

The free-flow workshops will also include themes around the Summer Olympic Games.

Book your timeslot and enjoy:

**Speed Build** – Think you've got good skills? Try the speed build challenge.

**Raceway** – Build a vehicle to race down the LEGO® track and make it to the bottom!

**Mosaics** – Create a mosaic using LEGO® DOTS and add your design to the mosaic display.

**Timed Tower** – How tall can you make a tower with LEGO® in just 1 minute?

**Young Builders** – LEGO® DUPLO® bricks for the younger builders!

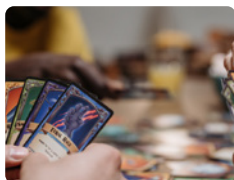
**Model Displays** – The BRICK People bring along a selection of official models and MOCS (My Own Creations) to their events.



## TABLETOP GAMING EVENT

Thu 15 – Sat 17 Aug

10am – 4pm  
& 2pm – 8pm



### Tickets

Thursday half-day pass	£5.25
Friday half-day pass	£5.25
Saturday half-day pass	£6.25
Three-day pass	£26.25

Choose your timeslot when booking, or enjoy access to the whole event with a three-day pass.

### Balcony Bar

Celebrate all things tabletop gaming with us at this 3-day extravaganza! Browse exhibitors demonstrating and selling tabletop games of all types including board games, roleplaying games, card games, miniatures, family games and party games.

Join in for the launch of our monthly *Pokémon Club*. Grab a table with your friends and play!

## MEMORY CAFÉ MEETS MY FIRST NOTES

Wed 21 Aug 10.30am – 12pm

**Tickets** Pay What You Can (pre-booking required)

### Balcony Bar

Join us for this intergenerational collaboration of our *Memory Café*, for people living with dementia and their carers, and *My First Notes*, our introductory music sessions for tots and their adults. Come to the Balcony Bar from 10.30am for tea, coffee and cake followed by a fun music session from 11am.

## OTTOPIA

Tue 6 – Thu 29 Aug Open daily 10am – 5pm

**Tickets** £7 (Free under-5s)

**The Base, Greenham**

**Suitable for all ages**

Don't miss The Base's fun family interactive exhibition *OTTOPIA* this August. Step inside the black and white striped, immersive experience that will enchant visitors of all ages and inspire curious minds! Find out more information on page 11.



## CREATE AND MAKE

Tue 27 – Fri 30 Aug 10am – 4pm

**Tickets** £37.50 per child, per day

**Age Guide** Suitable for primary school aged children (4 – 11)

**Learning Centre**

Join us during the summer holidays for arts, crafts, drama, and more! Your child will work with professional practitioners to explore their creativity, develop new skills, and make new friends.

# 101 OUTDOOR ARTS



## ABLAZE

**OUTDOOR**

**Fri 13 – Sun 15 Sep**

Timed slots between  
7.30pm – 9.45pm

**Tickets** Free (pre-booking  
required)

**Suitable for all ages**

*Ablaze* will light up the Kennet and Avon Canal with spectacular fire sculptures and live music. Let's promenade along the fiery canal together in celebration of art, community and a decade of outdoor excellence with 101 Outdoor Arts and Corn Exchange Newbury.

One of the outdoor programme's most spectacular events, *Ablaze*, returns to light up the Kennet and Avon Canal with spectacular fire sculptures and live music. In 2013, *Ablaze* enchanted audiences with its mesmerising display of fire sculptures, transforming the canal and Victoria Park into a realm of flickering braziers and ingenious installations.

Let's take a canalside promenade together in celebration of art, community and a decade of outdoor excellence with Corn Exchange Newbury and 101 Outdoor Arts.

Book your tickets for the hottest event of the year – *Ablaze* is free and open to everyone!





## 10 YEARS OF 101 OUTDOOR ARTS

This year 101 Outdoor Arts is celebrating 10 amazing years in Newbury. Since its launch in 2014, 101 has become the principal national centre supporting the creation of arts projects in public space – and we're right down the road at Greenham Business Park!

Inside 101's amazing warehouse, huge rehearsal spaces, wood and metalworking workshops and a residential Artists' Village mean that 300 artists a year can beaver away round the clock to make the spectacular free performances that entertain hundreds of thousands of audiences.

Born out of Corn Exchange's free outdoor arts programme, 101 is now central to producing the incredible international year-round performances that the town hosts – most recently *Mo & The Red Ribbon*, the giant 6m puppet which paraded through Newbury town centre last September.

101 has also supported artists from across the country to create amazing shows which have been presented in Newbury and around the world including *Furious Folly*, *451*, *Dominoes*, *Future Cargo* and last year's *CODE*. Every year, it hosts hundreds of local people to create the town's much-loved annual *Festival of Light* lantern procession.

To mark 10 years of 101, we're celebrating the volunteers and artists we have worked with since opening, while also looking to the future and the next decade of creating amazing outdoor arts in Newbury.

Join us for our spectacular fire-lit canalside promenade in September – we can't wait to set the night ablaze with you and light up the town in fiery celebration!

## 101 OPEN DAY

**OPEN DAY** Tue 24 Sep

**Drop-in between 4pm – 6pm**

**Tickets** Free (pre-booking required)

101 Outdoor Arts,  
Greenham Business Park

Step inside our rehearsal room, explore our facilities, and discover firsthand the vibrant world of outdoor arts at 101.

### What to expect

**Rehearsal room tour:** Get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at where the magic happens. Witness artists in action as they prepare for upcoming performances.

**Facility exploration:** Discover the amenities and resources available to artists at 101 Outdoor Arts.

**Share your thoughts:** Tell us what you think about 101 and outdoor arts in Newbury over tea and cake!

### Celebrate with us

Whether you're an experienced volunteer or new to the world of outdoor arts, we welcome you to be part of this exciting event. Your participation and feedback mean a lot to us as we continue to create and inspire.

### Book now

The open day is completely free but make sure to book in advance to secure your place!

[www.101outdoorarts.com](http://www.101outdoorarts.com)



# CAFÉ BAR



SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO SEE OUR  
FULL MENU

Have you visited our Café and Balcony Bar? Enjoy our open and comfortable spaces to meet with family, friends, or colleagues. There is plenty of natural light, room to park your buggy and quiet corners to work during the day. By night, it is a cosy hub to enjoy a relaxing drink or coffee.

## EATING & DRINKING

PLASTIC FREE  
NEWBURY  
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

Since being awarded the Bronze Plastic Free Newbury Award in 2023, we continue to work in a greener way at the Corn Exchange. Visit our 'classic sweet kiosk', which stocks firm sweetie favourites! Or pop in for one of our homemade lunch offerings such as soup of the week or a panini, freshly made to order with a range of tasty fillings. Perhaps a portion of our crunchy loaded nachos with vegan chilli is just what you're looking for. We also have a broad selection of hot and cold drinks as well as delicious homemade sweet treats and pastries, freshly made by local baker Camilla's Cakes.

You can find up-to-date menu details at [cornexchangenew.com/eating-drinking](https://cornexchangenew.com/eating-drinking)

## VENUE HIRE

Are you hosting or organising a celebration or work event? Talk to us about how we can help to make your event one to remember, with our auditorium, cinema and Balcony Bar available to hire, using our in-house creative expertise.



## PARTY PACKAGES

Book a dance, drama or craft birthday party with us, with food options available. For further details, please see our website and for enquiries please email

[hires@cornexchangenew.co.uk](mailto: hires@cornexchangenew.co.uk)



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# SEASONAL SOCIALS



Find out more about each of our Seasonal Social events, at [cornexchangenew.com/seasonalsocials](http://cornexchangenew.com/seasonalsocials)

## SKETCHBOOK CLUB

**Sundays 11am**

**Free** (no booking required)

Bring a sketchbook and enjoy a relaxing morning of creativity.

## VINYL SESSIONS

**Sundays 3pm – 6pm**

**Free** (no booking required)

Bring your own vinyl to play on our record player whilst enjoying treats from our Café Bar.

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

**Sun 6 Oct & Sun 3 Nov 7pm**

**Free** (no booking required)

**Age Guide** 16+

Support local performers as they showcase their talents in our Balcony Bar. From live music to close-up magic, there's no telling what you might see. Please enquire if you'd like to perform.

## FILM CLUB (NEW)

**10 Sep, 15 Oct & 12 Nov**

See website for timings and age guide

**£10** (enjoy 10% off food at the Café Bar with your ticket)

Join fellow film fans after the screening for an informal chat in the Balcony Bar.

## BOOK CLUB

**29 Sep, 27 Oct & 24 Nov 2pm**

**Free** (pre-booking required)

On the third Sunday of the month come together to chat about the latest read in our monthly Book Club.

## QUIZ NIGHT

**Fri 25 Oct & Wed 20 Nov 7pm**

**£3** per person, teams of up to 6 people

**Age Guide** 16+

Gather your friends, grab a drink from our bar and prepare to show off your general knowledge in our popular quiz!

## POKÉMON CLUB

**Third Saturday of the month**

**10.30am – 1pm**

**Free** (no booking required)

Join our monthly meet-up to trade or play! Launching at our tabletop gaming event in August (ticket required), then every third Saturday.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

**Sat 16 Nov 10am – 5pm**

Get in the Christmas spirit and shop for festive gifts and treats made by skilled independent crafters and makers, while enjoying seasonal refreshments from our Café Bar.

## OLD LIBRARY FUNDRAISING EVENTS



All proceeds from these events will go to the campaign to open a new arts hub in the Old Library in Newbury.

## DANCEATHON

**Sun 1 Sep 12pm – 10pm**

**£2** per person

**Corn Exchange Auditorium**

Join us for our fun filled 10-hour Danceathon. See our website for how to sign up and get sponsored! Under-14s must be accompanied by an adult.

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

**Sun 8 Sep 7pm**

**£5** per person

Come along to a special fundraising Open Mic Night in the Corn Exchange auditorium.

## FUNDRAISING QUIZ

**Thu 26 Sep 7pm**

**£5** per person, teams of up to 6 people

**Age Guide** 16+

Rally your quiz team, enjoy some delicious drinks from our bar and get ready for a Thursday night quiz!

# OUR CINEMA

You may not know, but tucked away on the top floor of the Corn Exchange is our cosy 40-seat cinema. Open six days a week, we show the best of contemporary and classic cinema, including arthouse, independent and family films, blockbusters, and live screenings of theatre, dance and music performances.

Our cinema is the perfect place to come to switch off and perhaps enjoy some refreshments from our Café Bar.

We also offer regular special screenings including **Silver Screens** for the over-60s, **Subtitled** screenings, monthly **Dementia Friendly** films, **Relaxed** screenings and regular Ageing Creatively **Cinema Club** events. For families, we have weekly **Parent & Babies** screenings, as well as a Saturday morning **Family Film and Craft** offering and regular **Tots Cinema** screenings. Find out more at [cornexchangenew.com/film](http://cornexchangenew.com/film)



## LIVE & ENCORE SCREENINGS

See live and encore performances from some of the most famous stages in the world, streamed to our cinema and auditorium screens. Enjoy productions from the likes of the National Theatre, Royal Ballet, Exhibition On Screen, Royal Opera House and special live music events from the comfort of your local theatre!

Find out more at [cornexchangenew.com/live-broadcasts](http://cornexchangenew.com/live-broadcasts)



### ANDRÉ RIEU 2024 MAASTRICHT CONCERT: POWER OF LOVE

Sat 31 Aug 7pm

Sun 1 Sep 1pm



### ROH AS LIVE: THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Tue 10 Sep 6.30pm



### RB: ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND

Tue 15 Oct 7.15pm

Sun 20 Oct 2pm



### ROH ENCORE: WOLF WITCH GIANT FAIRY

Sun 27 Oct 2pm



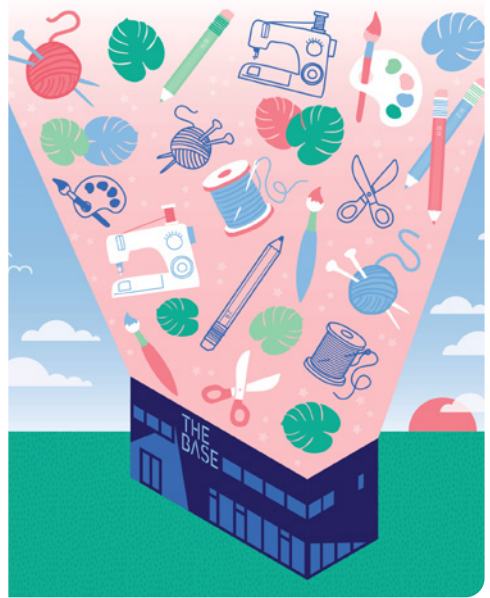
### RB ENCORE: CINDERELLA

Sun 15 Dec 2pm



### RB AS LIVE: THE NUTCRACKER

Sun 22 Dec 2pm



## OTTOPIA

**Tue 6 - Thu 29 Aug** Open daily 10am – 5pm

**Songs and Stories** Sat 10 Aug & Thu 15 Aug

**Relaxed Day** Thu 22 Aug

**Suitable for all ages**

**Tickets** £7 (Free under-5s)

Welcome to *OTTOPIA*, a gamified gallery experience where interaction leads the way in a world infused with optical illusions in black and white.

*OTTOPIA* is not just an event; it's a black and white striped adventure, offering families and visitors of all ages a chance to step into a realm that blurs the lines between reality and imagination. The experience will be packed with stripes, fun-facts, side-quests, and interactive games. Come and play!

## FESTIVAL OF ARTS & CRAFTS

### ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

**Sat 7 & Sun 8 Sep** 10am – 4pm

### ART EXHIBITION & TASTER WORKSHOPS

**Sat 7 – Sat 21 Sep** Various times

Join us at The Base for a celebration of arts, crafts and artisan food and drink from local makers and creators.

A vibrant craft weekend fair will kick off the 15-day Festival, surrounding The Base building, creating a bustling market of high-quality crafters and artists for visitors to browse.

Throughout the Festival, talented local artists' work will fill our Gallery walls, giving you the chance to purchase a piece of original work, and Taster Workshops will let you have a go at a new skill.





## KURT JACKSON: OAK

**Fri 27 Sep – Sun 17 Nov** Open Wed – Sun, 10am – 5pm

**Songs and Stories** Sat 14 Sep, Thu 3 Oct, Sat 19 Oct & Sat 16 Nov

**Relaxed Days** Thu 10 Oct & Thu 7 Nov

**Tickets** £0 Base Pass Holder (see page 13), £8.25 full price (£7.25 concs, FREE under-18s and students)

**Leading British contemporary artist Kurt Jackson returns to The Base with this never-seen-before exhibition, *Oak*.**

This new series of works incorporates painting, sculpture, drawing and printmaking; from small postcard-sized to large tarpaulin-sized pieces. Kurt Jackson has aimed to tackle the different aspects of this tree, individual trees and oak habitat; their seasonal changes in dress, the leaves and acorns, the striking and robust architectural forms and structure, as well as the role this tree has and continues to play in our shared historical and cultural narratives.

Historical sites, nature reserves, ancient woodland, clifftops, river valleys, city centres, estuaries and industrial sites have all been the locations for the making of this work.

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Visit The Base website for exhibition inspired talks, workshops and courses.



## WINTER CRAFT FAIR

**Sat 23 & Sun 24 Nov**

**10am – 4pm**

**Tickets** Pay What You Can, suggested donation £2 per person

**Enjoy browsing high-quality handmade crafts at The Base's Winter Craft Fair fundraiser!**

Come along and visit the magical Gallery grotto, where you will be able to meet the artists and buy unique and unusual gifts for loved ones directly from the makers.

All ticket proceeds will go to The Base charity (1199188).

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Kurt Jackson: River



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# DICK WHITTINGTON

Written and directed by  
PLESTED BROWN  
AND WILSHER



## PANTOMIME

Fri 29 Nov – Sun 5 Jan

Tickets £20 – £31.75

Group discounts are available. If you are interested in bringing a school group please contact our Box Office for more details.

### PERFORMANCE TYPE



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Relaxed Performance

The award-winning Plested Brown and Wilsher are back with another #NewburyPanto extravaganza, with the enchanting and dazzling *Dick Whittington*.

Join Dick on a pantomime adventure as he journeys from Newburyshire to London with his loyal, furry friend on a quest to seek fame and fortune. But will the streets really be paved with gold?

You can expect all of the usual Newbury pantomime fun, with toe-tapping tunes from across the decades, plenty of magic and sparkle, and, of course, lots of laughter – purrfect for the whole family.

Can Dick conquer the evil King Rat? And will he save the city of London? You'll have to find out for yourselves!

Don't catnap and get your tickets now!

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
25 NOV	26 NOV	27 NOV	28 NOV	29 NOV 7pm (Preview)	30 NOV 1pm (Preview) 5pm (Preview)	01 DEC NO SHOWS
02 DEC CLOSED	03 DEC 10am (Schools) 1.30pm (Schools)	04 DEC 10am (Schools) 1.30pm (Schools)	05 DEC 10am (Schools) 7pm	06 DEC 1.30pm (Schools) 8pm (Adult Only)	07 DEC 1pm 5pm	08 DEC 12pm 4pm
09 DEC CLOSED	10 DEC 10am (Schools) 1.30pm (Schools)	11 DEC 10am (Schools) 1.30pm (Schools)	12 DEC 10am (Schools) 1.30pm (Schools)	13 DEC 10am (Schools) 8pm (Adult Only)	14 DEC 1pm	15 DEC 12pm 4pm
16 DEC CLOSED	17 DEC 10am (Schools) 1.30pm (Schools)	18 DEC 10am (Schools) 1.30pm (Schools)	19 DEC NO SHOWS	20 DEC 1.30pm 8pm (Adult Only)	21 DEC 1.30pm 8pm (Adult Only)	22 DEC 12pm 4pm
23 DEC 1pm 5pm	24 DEC 10am 2pm 5.30pm	25 DEC MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 DEC 1pm 5pm	27 DEC 1pm 5pm	28 DEC 1pm 5pm	29 DEC 12pm 4pm
30 DEC 1pm 5pm	31 DEC 1pm 5pm	01 JAN HAPPY NEW YEAR!	02 JAN 1pm 5pm	03 JAN 1.30pm 8pm (Adult Only)	04 JAN 1pm 5pm	05 JAN 12pm 4pm

# AUGUST



THE CORN EXCHANGE'S INFANT AND JUNIOR  
YOUTH THEATRE PRESENT  
**THE JUNGLE BOOK**

**COMMUNITY** **Fri 2 – Sun 4 Aug** 1pm & 6pm

**Tickets** £16.25 (€13.75 concs)

Join us for our Youth Theatre production of *The Jungle Book*, the story of a man-cub and his jungle friends!

Join Mowgli, Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther on their jungle adventure as they meet and attempt to outwit a slithering snake, some rascally monkeys, and the fierce tiger, Shere Khan!

*The Jungle Book* is a beloved coming of age story about the desire for freedom, friendship, and courage, based on the novel by Rudyard Kipling, adapted by Kathryn Schultz Miller.

The Youth Theatre's production of *The Jungle Book* is supported by Rivar Ltd.

**RIVAR**  
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## I WISH MY LIFE WERE LIKE A MUSICAL

**THEATRE** **Thu 29 Aug** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £25 (€23 concs)

**Age Guide** 12+

**Running Time** 1hr 10mins (no interval)

This comedic musical revue reveals everything you could want to know about musical theatre and the people who love it – on both sides of the curtain!

Covering the journey from wide-eyed drama student to brattish diva, or past-it chorus member, or bitter has-been (or never-was), this show lifts the lid on awful auditions, debilitating dance routines, mid-performance mishaps, backstage backstabbing, superfans and harsh critics – plus those magical moments that make it all worthwhile.

Following four Edinburgh Fringe seasons and two London runs, this sell-out show comes on national tour having garnered an astonishing 50 five-star reviews, a West End Wilma award, and nine award nominations.





## DANNY BEARD: STRAIGHT EXPECTATIONS

**VARIETY** Wed 4 Sep 7.30pm

**Tickets** £24.25 (£44.25 meet and greet)

**Age Guide** 16+

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

Join *Drag Race UK* winner Danny Beard and their full live band for a 5-star night of killer vocals, snappy comedy, put downs and pick me ups.

Get ready for an evening of scandalous behaviour, lots of laughs, and an honest insight into what life's really like as a Z-list 'celeb', as the host of BBC 3's *The After Shave* takes to the road in this brand-new international tour for 2024.

In addition to a sell-out debut UK tour and critically acclaimed Edinburgh Festival Fringe residency, the last 12 months have also seen Danny host radio shows on BBC Radio 1 and take to the stage alongside Graham Norton at London's O2 Arena, plus multiple TV appearances including *The Weakest Link*, *The Traitors Uncloaked* and *Hollyoaks*.



## HERMAN'S HERMITS

**MUSIC** Thu 5 Sep 7.45pm

**Tickets** £29.25

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

With 23 hit singles, 10 hit albums and hugely successful tours, *Herman's Hermits* bring their tour to Newbury!

Formed in 1964, Manchester, *Herman's Hermits* are a hugely popular touring band, thrilling audiences worldwide with their unique sound and warm humour. Many of their chart-topping hits include, *I'm Into Something Good*, *No Milk Today*, *Silhouettes*, *There's a Kind of Hush*, *My Sentimental Friend*, *Something's Happening* and more.

The band have sold over 80 million copies, accumulated multi-million streams and downloads plus have had hugely successful tours in the UK, America, Australia, Europe and the wider world. They still rank as one of the most successful popular music acts the UK has ever produced.

AVALON PRESENTS

# THE COMEDY NETWORK

DIFFERENT LINE UP EACH NIGHT!



COMEDY

Fri 6 Sep 8pm

Fri 18 Oct 8pm

Fri 1 Nov 8pm

Tickets £16.25 (€14.25 concs)

Age Guide 18+ only

Running Time 2hrs 20mins  
(including interval)

*The Comedy Network* returns for a club night showcasing the best fresh talent!

Avalon's *Comedy Network* exists to bring a roadshow of comedic brilliance to your doorstep. *The Comedy Network* has been a proving ground for the biggest names in British comedy, with the likes of Lee Mack, Russell Howard, Jenny Eclair, Ed Gamble and Lou Sanders all having cut their teeth on the Network circuit. So, sit back and enjoy as Avalon brings you the stars of tomorrow, today.

**September's line-up includes:** Rachel Fairburn, Daman Bamrah, Susan Riddell and Ed Kear.

**October's line-up includes:** Steve Bugeja, Bella Hull, Tony Basnett and Jin Hao Lin.

**November's line-up includes:** Phil Ellis, Sara Barron, Dee Allum and Alex Farrow.

Please check the website for the latest line-up. The line-up is subject to change.



## THE BEAT FEAT. RANKING JNR

**MUSIC** Sat 7 Sep 7pm

**Tickets** £27.25

**Running Time** 1hr 55mins (including interval)

**Be prepared to dance to some of the most famous ska and reggae songs ever written!**

The Beat became an overnight sensation and one of the most popular and influential bands of the British ska movement.

By Christmas of 1979, The Beat were riding high in the UK charts with their first single, a smoking remake of the classic Smokey Robinson tune *Tears of a Clown*. Over the next five years The Beat toured relentlessly with their three studio albums, *I Just Can't Stop It*, *Wh'appen* and *Special Beat Service*. The band toured the world, touring with such artists as David Bowie, The Police, REM, The Clash, The Talking Heads, The Pretenders, and The Specials, to name but a few.

The Beat featuring Ranking Jnr continue to perform all the classic hits in their dynamic live shows.



## JAMES SEABRIGHT PRESENTS BUFFY REVAMPED

**THEATRE** Tue 10 Sep 7.30pm

**Tickets** £26

**Age Guide** 14+

**Running Time** 1hr 10mins (no interval)

**Funny, satirical and bursting with 90s pop-culture references, it's the perfect parody for *Buffy* aficionados and those who never enrolled at Sunnydale High.**

This fast-paced gem brings you the entire 144 episodes of the hit 90s TV show *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, as told through the eyes of the one person who knows it inside out... Spike. *Buffy Revamped* tours the UK following its award-winning Edinburgh Festival Fringe premiere in 2022, a Christmas season in Toronto in 2023 and several sold-out national tours.

Created by comedian Brendan Murphy whose last show, *FRIEND (The One with Gunther)*, won Best Play at the World Wide Comedy Awards.



## AN OLD LIBRARY FUNDRAISING EVENING WITH THOMAS FORRESTER

**FUNDRAISING** Wed 11 Sep 7pm

**Tickets** £16.25

**Running Time** 1hr 30mins (including interval)

Join us for an evening with well-known auctioneer Thomas Forrester, BBC Presenter and Director of Special Auction Services, at a one-off benefit event for the Old Library campaign.

Thomas Forrester will chat about his career as an auctioneer and his time being on the TV with *Bargain Hunt*. He will lend an insight into the antiques market, including stories of interesting items he has sold and things that didn't! This is also your chance to bring along an item for Thomas to value – audience members will be drawn at random to take their item on the stage to talk about.

All proceeds will go towards reopening the historic Old Library in Newbury as a permanent home for our creative participation work.

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## ROCK FOR HEROES

**MUSIC** Thu 12 Sep 7.45pm

**Tickets** £27.25

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Classic rock anthems, incredible musicians, sensational vocalists and a *rocktacular* experience, with a lot of laughs thrown in!

Performed by a superb 7-piece band, the show breathes new life into the music of Guns 'N' Roses, Bon Jovi, Van Halen, Dire Straits, Fleetwood Mac, Queen and more.

*Jump* at your chance to get your tickets today. Let *Rock for Heroes* take you back to that *Summer of '69* and join us for a big celebration of the heroes of rock!



## AN EVENING OF CLASSIC REGGAE: SIR JOHN HOLT & DENNIS BROWN

**MUSIC** Fri 13 Sep 7.45pm

**Tickets** £30.25

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

From the people who brought you the sell-out hits *An Evening of Marvin Gaye*, *An Evening of Roots*, *Rock, Reggae* and *An Evening of Aretha Franklin...*

Don't Stop the Beat Productions are honoured to pay tribute to reggae royalty, the legendary Sir John Holt, and crown prince of Reggae, Dennis Brown. They will bring the finest reggae musicians in the world, in one amazing band! Featuring London's finest, Wayne Hernandez and Delroy Pinnock singing all the hits; *Help Me Make it Through the Night*, *Tide is High*, *Money in My Pocket*, *I'd Love You to Want Me*, *Morning of my Life*, *Love and Hate* and many more. Bring your dancing shoes for this old school reggae night!

**Box Office** 01635 522733

# SEPTEMBER



## THE ULTIMATE BOYBAND PARTY SHOW

**MUSIC** **Sat 14 Sep** 4pm & 7.45pm

**Tickets** £26.25

**Age Guide** 14+

**Running Time** 2hrs 10mins (including interval)

Taking you back to the naughty 90's with 30 number one hits from all your favourite Boy Bands... this time they're *Back For Good!*

Boy bands are back... Alright!

Cue the wind machine and get ready to celebrate the 90s as these five bad boys with the power to rock you promise an unparalleled night of non-stop nostalgia in this brand-new theatre tour.

Grab your friends for a party like no other as you're taken on a journey of chart-topping hits featuring over 30 pop classics from Take That, Boyzone, and NSYNC to Westlife, Backstreet Boys, Blue and many more.



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## NICK COPE: FAMILY MUSIC

**FAMILY** **Sun 15 Sep** 11am

**Tickets** £17.25 (£1 babe-in-arms ticket for children under-18 months, please purchase from the Box Office)

**Age Guide** 3+

**Running Time** 1 hour (no interval)

Join the star of CBeebies' *Popcast*, Nick Cope, for his legendary live family music show.

Nick is back once again with his legendary performance! Singing his uniquely crafted songs while playing his guitar, accompanied by a backdrop of his beautifully animated projections. Nick reaches people's hearts with songs of the everyday, igniting children's imagination in an organic, educational and fun way.



## RACHEL TUCKER: THE 'I'M HOME' TOUR

**MUSIC** Sun 15 Sep 7.30pm

**Tickets** £27.25 (£57.25 VIP – includes meet and greet)

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

Olivier-nominated Rachel Tucker is famed for her powerhouse performance that ‘leaves no roof intact!’

Her Irish charm will immediately put you at ease as she delves into her extraordinary career with both fascinating, and often hilarious stories, from a 9-year-old singing sensation to belting on Broadway.

Belfast to London’s West End, to Broadway and back, Rachel will sing songs from the musicals she has starred in such as *Sunset Boulevard*, *Wicked*, *Come From Away* and *We Will Rock You*. Along with a selection of original interpretations of the greatest musical artists such as Barbra Streisand, Judy Garland and maybe even the great Tina Turner for that end of the show party feeling.

Rachel’s incredible vocals and storytelling will leave you spellbound and speechless, hopefully with the roof still on!



## SU POLLARD: STILL FULLY CHARGED

**COMEDY** Tue 17 Sep 7.30pm

**Tickets** £27.75

**Age Guide** 12+

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

Meet Su and her accompanist live on stage to celebrate her 50 years in show business!

Oh eck! It’s been 50 years...

Su’s new one-woman show, *Still Fully Charged*, brings a national treasure face-to-face with the adoring public to celebrate the amazing characters she has been fortunate enough to play, the incredible friends and colleagues she has met along the way, and the staggering range of music she has performed and recorded throughout her illustrious career.

Directed by Paul Boyd  
Musical Director Steve Edis  
Written by Paul Boyd and Su Pollard

# SEPTEMBER



## RICHARD JONES: SOLDIER OF ILLUSION

**MAGIC** Thu 19 Sep 7.30pm

**Tickets** £27.25 (£24.25 child, £89 family – 2 adults and 2 children, £62.25 VIP – includes meet and greet)

**Running Time** 1hr 50mins (including interval)

**Richard Jones returns to Newbury with an unforgettable night of wondrous entertainment!**

Richard Jones, The Military Illusionist, captivated the nation's heart and mind, earning his spot as the first and only magician to conquer the stage of *Britain's Got Talent*. Now, he's ready to raise the bar even higher. With his unparalleled talents and a bag of never-before-seen tricks up his sleeve, Richard will have you questioning the very fabric of reality.

*Soldier of Illusion* promises to be an experience you will be talking about for years to come. Your ticket is a golden key to a realm of inexplicable feats, unbelievable illusions, and a sense of awe that will rejuvenate your belief in the extraordinary!



## PAUL FOOT: DISSOLVE

**COMEDY** Fri 20 Sep 8pm

**Tickets** £18.25

**Age Guide** 16+

**Running Time** 1hr 45mins (including interval)

**Multi-award-winning and trail-blazing comedian Paul Foot is back with his most personal, surprising and ground-breaking show ever.**

Life is a stress: full of rushed breakfasts, angry people, internal conflict, and Jacob Rees-Mogg. But what happens when everything you thought was important – your problems, grievances against others, your very identity – simply disappears?

In the year 2022 AD something momentous changed for Paul, and in this show he will reveal how he discovered the secret of life on the outskirts of Lancaster.\* Inevitably he does get distracted by King Tutankhamun, the House of Lords, Sir Cliff Richard, officious lollipop ladies and what Jesus might have achieved if he'd been a plumber.

\*To be clear, Paul discovered the secret of life while he was located on the outskirts of Lancaster. Not the secret to living on the outskirts of Lancaster. There isn't an answer to that.





## 80S LIVE

**MUSIC** Sat 21 Sep 7.45pm

**Tickets** £31.25

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

Put your hands together and get into the groove as live band Electric Dreams perform over two dozen chart-topping anthems.

Direct from London's West End, we will be headin' down the Atlanta Highway, so bring your jukebox money and get ready to Jitterbug.

The show includes the hits *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, *The Edge of Heaven*, *Tainted Love*, *Love Shack*, *Living on a Prayer*, *The Final Countdown*, *Don't You Want Me?*, *Never Gonna Give You Up*, *It's Raining Men*... the list goes on.

This is the ultimate 80s night out, so come dressed to impress as we spin you right round for a night to remember.



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**ADVENTURES IN THEATRELAND**



## CROWN BALLET PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER

**DANCE** Sun 22 Sep 3pm

**Tickets** £29.25 (£27.25 concs, £24.25 child)

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

A wonderful treat full of glitter for the whole family!

After last year's successful tour, Crown Ballet returns to the UK this year to enchant you with the delightful production of *The Nutcracker*.

This charming and kind fairy tale is one of the jewels of Tchaikovsky's repertoire. Prepare to enter a magical new world where the nutcracker in this ballet may be a handsome prince in disguise.

Expect an unforgettable journey in this seasonal favourite, which is an ideal introduction to ballet for audiences of any age.

# SEPTEMBER



## REDCAPE THEATRE PRESENTS THE LUMINOUS

**THEATRE** **Wed 25 Sep** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £18.25 (€16.25 concs)

**Age Guide** 14+

**Running Time** 90 minutes (approx.)

### Three women. A book. One unforgettable night.

Part Victorian thriller, part contemporary tale of friendship and rebellion, this time-travelling, genre-busting new show combines RedCape Theatre's unique blend of physical theatre, dark comedy and gripping storytelling.

At their monthly book club, three women take a deep dive into Victorian London, where an anonymous killer haunts the city and women's bones are glowing through their skin. As the wine flows and the women get drawn deeper into the story, memories surface, unexpected connections are made, and their worlds begin to blur.

Commissioned by Corn Exchange Newbury with support from South Street Arts, Proteus Theatre and University of Exeter.



## THE MAGIC OF THE BEE GEES

**MUSIC** **Fri 27 Sep** 7.45pm

**Tickets** £31.25

**Running Time** 2 hours  
(including interval)

### It's time to put on your dancing shoes, for the night out of the year.

Immerse yourself in The Bee Gees' music through the 60s, 70s and 80s – including hits they wrote for artists such as Celine Dion, Diana Ross, and Dolly Parton.

Join us for this breath-taking concert spectacular, taking you on a musical journey through all your favourite songs, including *Night Fever*, *Stayin' Alive*, *More Than a Woman*, *You Should be Dancing*, *How Deep is Your Love* and many more!

This fabulously authentic production ensures the Gibb brothers' incredible legacy of classic hit songs is well and truly *Stayin' Alive!*



## STORY OF SOUL

**MUSIC** Sat 28 Sep 7.45pm

**Tickets** £33.25

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

From the producers that brought you *The Magic of Motown* and *Lost in Music*, get ready as the cast take you on a journey of sweet soul music.

Join the *Love Train*, as we give you the *Best of Our Love* and show you there *Ain't Nobody* who does it better. Powerful performances from this talented cast will showcase the biggest hits spanning a generation.

The show features songs by Aretha Franklin, Earth Wind and Fire, James Brown, Sam and Dave, Chaka Khan, Tina Turner, The Pointer Sisters, Whitney Houston, and many, many, more. So, make this *A Night to Remember*.



## DOM JOLY: THE CONSPIRACY TOUR

**COMEDY** Tue 8 Oct 7.30pm

**Tickets** £27.50

**Age Guide** 16+

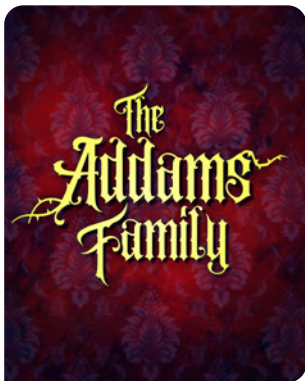
**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

Dom Joly has been off travelling the globe again. This time, he's been looking into some of the strangest and weirdest conspiracy theories in existence.

Now, he's set to embark on a rather unique theatre tour, where he will be providing a hilarious, fascinating, and slightly anarchic guide to the wacky world of conspiracies.

In the spirit of fairness, Dom will also be inviting a well-known and highly respected conspiracy theorist, Dr Julian Northcote, to take the stage to defend the alternate view.

# OCTOBER



## NOMADS MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENT THE ADDAMS FAMILY

### COMMUNITY

Wed 2 – Fri 4 Oct 7.30pm

Sat 5 Oct 2.30pm & 7.30pm

**Tickets** £20 (£18 concs)

**Running Time** 2hrs 30mins  
(including interval)

Nomads return after their successful run of *Shrek the Musical*.

*The Addams Family* is a hilarious celebration of eccentricity within families. Wednesday Addams, the iconic dark princess, has fallen for a charming young man from a conventional family. To complicate matters, she asks her father Gomez to keep it from her mother Morticia. As they prepare to host a dinner for Wednesday's boyfriend and his parents, secrets emerge, altering the family dynamics forever.



## PRESENTED BY JAMES SEABRIGHT BLACK IS THE COLOR OF MY VOICE

**THEATRE** Wed 9 Oct 7.30pm

**Tickets** £26.25

**Age Guide** 12+

**Running Time** 1hr 10mins (no interval)

Inspired by the life of Nina Simone, this acclaimed play features many of her most iconic songs performed live.

Apphia Campbell's acclaimed play follows a successful singer and civil rights activist as she seeks redemption after the untimely death of her father. She reflects on the journey that took her from a young piano prodigy destined for a life in the service of the church, to a renowned jazz vocalist at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement.

The show has toured the UK nationally to standing ovations and played sell-out seasons in Shanghai, New York, Edinburgh and the West End of London.



**'NOTHING SHORT OF SENSATIONAL... WILL MAKE YOU CHEER FOR HER, SMILE WITH HER AND THEN STING YOUR EYES WITH TEARS'**

**BROADWAY BABY**



## MUSICALS: THE ULTIMATE LIVE BAND SING-ALONG

**MUSIC** Thu 10 Oct 7.45pm

**Tickets** £34.75 (£26.75 under-16s)

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

**Get ready to unleash your inner star and experience the magic of the musicals like never before!**

Join us for an unforgettable night that will have you singing and dancing in your seats. This isn't your average sit-and-watch show – it's a wild, interactive, and seriously rockin' musical theatre experience. Step into the spotlight and join our extraordinary cast of supremely talented performers.

Featuring songs from *Mamma Mia!*, *Grease*, *Frozen*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Dirty Dancing*, *SIX*, *Hairspray*, *We Will Rock You*, *The Lion King*, *Les Misérables*, *Rocky Horror*, *Hamilton*, *Moulin Rouge*, *Jersey Boys* and much more. What are you waiting for? Grab those tickets, warm up those vocal cords, and get ready to laugh until your cheeks hurt.



## JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW

**MUSIC** Fri 11 Oct 7.45pm

**Tickets** £28.75

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

**Johnny Cash Roadshow is back with an all-new production of their much-loved show.**

Set on a Folsom Prison style stage, award-winning Clive John pays homage to the Man in Black. The brand-new *Sin & Redemption* tour takes you through the emotion of Cash's career with favourites such as *Walk the Line*, *Ring of Fire*, *Jackson* and the darker more troubled material such as *Hurt* and others from the American Recordings.

This is the longest running show of Johnny Cash, guaranteed to leave you wanting more.



**'ENERGETIC AND ENTERTAINING 5 STAR SHOW'**

**WHAT'S ON STAGE**

# OCTOBER



## CHAKA: THE MUSIC OF CHAKA KHAN

**MUSIC** Sat 12 Oct 7.45pm

**Tickets** £29.50

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

An exhilarating music show celebrating one of the world's most gifted music icons and multi-grammy award-winner, Chaka Khan.

Honouring the legacy of a legendary singer and songwriter who has captivated audiences and inspired generations of singers for over five decades with her funk, soul, pop and dance hits.

Led by the incomparable Sulene Fleming (The Brand New Heavies, Incognito, The New Mastersounds) and featuring a stellar live band, this music show encapsulates the true essence of Chaka Khan. Expect the all-time diva greats such as *I'm Every Woman*, *Ain't Nobody*, *I Feel for You* and *Through the Wire*. This show is chock-full of irresistible groove and anthemic dancefloor hits.



## SIR GEOFF HURST: LAST MAN STANDING

**TALK** Tue 15 Oct 7.30pm

**Tickets** £31.75 (£82.25 VIP – includes meet and greet)

**Age Guide** 12+

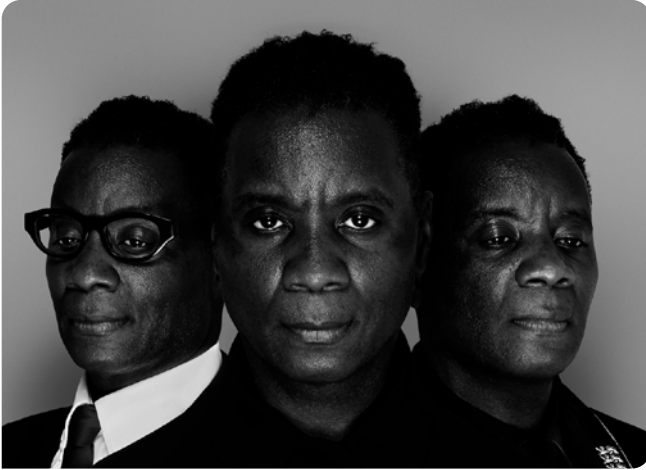
**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

**Sir Geoff comes to the Corn Exchange for one final farewell tour!**

An evening with England's hat trick hero and World Cup winner.

Sir Geoff Hurst MBE secured a unique place in the history of football in 1966 when he became the first and the only player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final. Knighted in 1998 and inducted into the English Football Hall of Fame in 2004, Sir Geoff holds a special place in the hearts of football fans across the world.

Sir Geoff is now sadly the only living player remaining from England's greatest football victory. This will be his farewell tour and your last chance to enjoy an evening with the legend.



## WINDRUSH SECRET

**THEATRE** **Wed 16 Oct** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £14.25 (€12.25 concs, €10 schools)

**Age Guide** 14+

**Running Time** 1hr 30mins (no interval)

### A one-man drama by Rodreguez King-Dorset.

*Windrush Secret* is about the million people who migrated from the Caribbean to Britain between 1948 and 1973 (The Windrush Generation) and the British political scandal which began in 2018. A young white far-right racist party leader, a black Caribbean diplomat and a white Oxford-educated Home Office government official are giving speeches on the same day, at different times, in separate locations.

One of them has a dark secret that he struggles to come to terms with during his fiery speech, which will change his life forever.

**'PULLING NO PUNCHES IN ITS PORTRAYAL OF RACIST RAGE AND PROSELYTISING'**

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## JOE PASQUALE: THE NEW NORMAL, 40 YEARS OF CACK... CONTINUED

**COMEDY** **Thu 17 Oct** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £27.25 (€25.25 concs)

**Age Guide** 7+

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins  
(including interval)

### After four decades of nonsense, Joe Pasquale is back with his brand-new tour.

Joe Pasquale has been showing off on stage for over 40 years and he's bringing back his favourite things for another airing to show that things have never been normal.

So, if you have ever asked questions such as 'Can a vegetarian get a job as a Beefeater?', or 'If beauty is relative, why are all my relatives ugly?', then this is the show for you!

# OCTOBER



## THE ROCKET MAN: A TRIBUTE TO ELTON JOHN

**MUSIC** Sat 19 Oct 7.45pm

**Tickets** £31.25

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

*Catch a star if you can and wish for somethin' special as we ask you, Are You Ready for Love?*

This is the world's favourite celebration of a musical icon. Join us as *The Rocket Man* and his amazing live band take you down the yellow brick road with two hours of glorious Elton hits, including *Saturday Night's Alright, Crocodile Rock, I'm Still Standing, Philadelphia Freedom*, and more.

They'll take you on a journey through Elton's life and career, the highs and the lows with many a laugh brought to life, live on stage.



## FIN TAYLOR: ASK YOUR MOTHER

**COMEDY** Wed 23 Oct 7.30pm

**Tickets** £16.25

**Age Guide** 16+

**Running Time** 1hr 40mins (including interval)

That comedian your mother doesn't like you seeing shares a new hour of brutally funny stand-up for 2024.

Fresh from the viral success of his hit web series *Fin vs The Internet*, and when he's not in a roll neck making influencers squirm, he's appeared on BBC's *Live at the Apollo*, *Have I Got News for You*, *The Mash Report*, and Comedy Central's *Roast Battle*.



**'GLEEFULLY PROVOCATIVE AND PACKED WITH BIG, HARD LAUGHS'**

**THE GUARDIAN**



OLIVIER AWARD  
NOMINEE

# The Tiger Who Came to Tea



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## THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA

FAMILY

Fri 25 Oct 1.30pm & 4pm

Sat 26 Oct 11am & 2pm

Sun 27 Oct 11am

Tickets £16.25

Age Guide 3+

Running Time 55 minutes  
(no interval)

★★★★★  
'DELIGHTFUL'

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Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash-hit show, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* returns on tour.

A musical play adapted and directed by David Wood, based on the book by Judith Kerr.

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger!

Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show, packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos. Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

There is a pre-show workshop for this show, find out more information on page 4 of the Learning Centre brochure.

Box Office 01635 522733

# OCTOBER



## BOX TALE SOUP PRESENTS CASTING THE RUNES

**THEATRE** **Tue 29 Oct** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £18.25 (€16.25 concs)

**Age Guide** 12+

**Running Time** 1hr 5mins (no interval)

You are invited to the edge of your seat, on a journey to the darkest corners of the night...

Expert on the so-called supernatural, Edward Dunning is a scholar and a sceptic. But when he crosses paths with the mysterious Mr. Karswell, Dunning's life becomes a waking nightmare.

A chilling new adaptation of M.R. James' classic ghost stories featuring remarkable puppetry and a haunting original soundtrack. Our advice? Don't come alone...

★★★★★  
**'GRIPPING'**  
**BROADWAY BABY**



## CARL HUTCHINSON: TODAY YEARS OLD

**COMEDY** **Thu 31 Oct** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £19.75

**Age Guide** 14+

**Running Time** 1hr 50mins (including interval)

In what has quickly become an annual tradition, Carl is back for a third consecutive back-to-back tour.

His storytelling skills and ability to hold an audience is second to none. Rich in observations and exaggerated physical comedy, a night out with this Geordie is guaranteed to have you belly laughing from start to finish!

Carl made his debut hosting BBC1's flagship show *The One Show*, and has also appeared on *The Stand Up Sketch Show* (ITV2) and *Stand Up Central* (Comedy Central). He has been heard on BBC Radio 4's *Fred at the Stand* and BBC Radio Scotland's *The Good The Bad and The Unexpected*.



## MARK THOMPSON'S SPECTACULAR SCIENCE SHOW

**FAMILY** Sat 2 Nov 2pm

**Tickets** £19.25 (£17.25 concs)

**Age Guide** 5+

**Running Time** 1hr 40mins (including interval)

Mark's *Spectacular Science Show* explores the strange and magical properties of matter with exploding elephant's toothpaste, vortex-generating dustbins and even howling jelly babies!

If you think science is boring, think again; this is science like you have never seen it before, designed for the whole family.

Awarded Best Kid's Show at Edinburgh Fringe by The Derek Awards, this interactive show promises to entertain and educate in the most spectacular way.

★★★★★  
**'BLENDS PERFECTLY THE BALANCE OF AN EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY WITH ENTERTAINMENT AND AMAZEMENT.'**

**FAMILIES ONLINE**

## BALLET CYMRU & WALES CHILDREN'S LAUREATE ALEX WHARTON PRESENT DAYDREAMS AND JELLYBEANS

**FAMILY** Sun 3 Nov 3pm

**Tickets** £16.25 (£14.25 concs)

**Running Time** 1hr 20mins (including interval)

An extraordinary adaptation of inspiring poems from Alex Wharton's first collection of poetry for children.

This sparkling dance production showcases the talents of Alex Wharton himself, reading, rapping, and rhyming his way through mischievous adventures, melancholy musings, and Jellybean drama.

An outstanding ballet aimed at the young and the young at heart, with breathtaking dancers and music from international composer Frank Moon. Ballet Cymru is an international touring ballet company from Wales, committed to inclusion and innovation in dance and classical ballet, and to the highest standard of collaboration.

For details on the pre-show workshop, please see on page 4 of the Learning Centre brochure.

**Box Office** 01635 522733

# NOVEMBER



## NEWBURY FLORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS CHRISTMAS FLORAL SPECTACULAR

**COMMUNITY** **Tue 5 Nov** 2pm  
**Tickets** £20.25

**A Christmas flower demonstration by the very talented and well-known demonstrator Robin White.**

Robin White won Designer of the Year in 2019 and visits many flower clubs to entertain audiences with his skill as a floral art designer.

The title of the demonstration is *A White Christmas*. During this demonstration, Robin will give you lots of ideas for your Christmas floral decorations, so come and enjoy an afternoon of festive flowers.



## GREENHAM TRUST CHARITY AWARDS SPONSORED BY NEWBURY BUILDING SOCIETY

**COMMUNITY** **Thu 7 Nov**  
**6.30pm**

**Tickets** Entry to the Awards event is free (pre-booking required)

**After Party tickets** £13.25  
(£11.25 for groups 5+)

**Come and celebrate the incredible work of local charities, volunteers and fundraisers.**

Following the success of the inaugural Greenham Trust Charity Awards in 2023, this year's event will be hosted by Ken Bruce, presenter of the morning show on Greatest Hits Radio. The event will acknowledge the exceptional work of local charitable organisations and individuals who have had an impact on the lives of our local community. For more information visit: [greenhamtrust.com/awards](https://greenhamtrust.com/awards)



## 90S LIVE

**MUSIC** **Fri 8 Nov** 7.45pm  
**Tickets** £32.25

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins  
(including interval)

**The music of a generation is brought to life with fantastic vocals, genius costumes and, of course, all the dance moves you know and love.**

From Take That to Oasis, Spice Girls to Supergrass, get ready for this non-stop 90s extravaganza as we set you free and Pump Up the Jam. Including songs by Britney Spears, Ricky Martin, The Vengaboys, Bryan Adams, Boyzone, Shania Twain, Aqua, Lou Bega, Eternal, B\*Witched, Wet Wet Wet, Ace of Base, 2 Unlimited, S Club 7, Gina G, Pulp, Blur, Shampoo, and many more, so come on Barbie let's go party and join us for 90s Live!

SRISHTI NINA RAJARANI DANCE CREATIONS PRESENTS

# PATHWAYS



**DANCE**

**Wed 6 Nov 7.30pm**

**Tickets** £14.25 (£12.25 concs, £11 schools)

**Running Time** 1hr 30mins  
(including interval)

*Pathways* is enabling a new generation of British South Asian dancers in this evening of four ensemble Bharatanatyam works.

The dancers showcase this classical Indian dance style from southern India, through exquisite movements, powerful rhythm and striking ensemble work.

Three works are by award-winning choreographer and Srishti's Artistic Director Nina Rajarani MBE, and one by inimitable guest choreographer Mavin Khoo. Versatile music composer and Karnatik vocalist Y Yadavan has created the music score for the performance.

**Box Office 01635 522733**



## CHIPPING NORTON THEATRE PRESENTS MURDER FOR TWO

**THEATRE** Tue 12 & Wed 13 Nov 7.30pm

**Tickets** £20.25 (€18.25 concs)

**Age guide** 12+

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

### Puts the laughter in manslaughter!

An anarchic musical murder mystery with a twist: one actor investigates the crime, whilst the other plays all the suspects! And they both play the piano throughout.

When the body of an acclaimed novelist is discovered at his birthday party, all the guests fall under suspicion. Can the local beat-cop and wannabe detective, Officer Marcus, solve the mystery before the experts arrive?

With non-stop live music from a shared piano, and plenty of murder and mayhem thrown in, *Murder for Two* is impossible to resist.



## DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'

**MUSIC** Thu 14 Nov 7.45pm

**Tickets** £32.25

**Running Time** 2 hours  
(including interval)

### Guaranteeing a crazy night of non-stop, sing-along favourites, it's the latest smash-hit show from the producers of *Lost in Music*.

Thirty of the biggest songs are brought to life by a sizzling cast, fantastic costumes and an amazing light show. Featuring *Summer of '69*, *I Love Rock 'n' Roll*, *Livin' on a Prayer*, *Sweet Child O' Mine*, *China in Your Hand*, *You Shook Me All Night Long*, *Sweet Home Alabama* and more – hold on to the feeling and... *Don't Stop Believin'*.



## SWEET CAROLINE

**MUSIC** Fri 15 Nov 7.45pm

**Tickets** £32.25

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

Direct from the West End, the ultimate tribute to Neil Diamond.

Straight from London's Adelphi Theatre, it's time for that night out you have been dreaming of – with *Stars in Their Eyes*' Gary Ryan.

Featuring 50 years of the greatest music ever written, enjoy all the hits including *Forever In Blue Jeans*, *America*, *Love On The Rocks*, *Song Sung Blue*, *Hello Again*, *Cracklin' Rosie*, *I Am... I Said*, *Beautiful Noise* and, of course, *Sweet Caroline*.

The good times never seemed so good!

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## DICK WHITTINGTON

**PANTOMIME** Fri 29 Nov – Sun 5 Jan

**Tickets** £20 – £31.75

The award-winning Pleased Brown and Wilsher are back with another #NewburyPanto extravaganza, with the enchanting and dazzling *Dick Whittington*.

Join Dick on a pantomime adventure as he journeys from Newburyshire to London with his loyal, furry friend on a quest to seek fame and fortune. But will the streets really be paved with gold?

You can expect all of the usual Newbury pantomime fun, with toe-tapping tunes from across the decades, plenty of magic and sparkle, and, of course, lots of laughter – purrfect for the whole family.

Can Dick conquer the evil King Rat? And will he save the city of London? You'll have to find out for yourselves!

Don't catnap and get your tickets now!



# FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

**OUTDOOR** Sun 15 Dec

Join us at 4pm for the procession to start at 4.30pm

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**Newbury Town Centre**

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**Free (no booking required)**

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**Suitable for all ages**

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Be part of the Corn Exchange's *Festival of Light* and help transform Newbury town centre into a twinkling wonderland.

The procession will travel along Northbrook Street before arriving in the Market Place with live music and a festive atmosphere.

In the run up to the event, we will be offering lantern making workshops with schools, community groups and the general public.







## LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

### 101 OUTDOOR ARTS

Sat 30 Nov & Sun 1 Dec, Sat 7 & Sun 8 Dec

11am – 1pm & 2.30pm – 4.30pm

**Free (pre-booking required)**

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Come to 101 Outdoor Arts and create a traditional pyramid lantern out of willow and paper ready to carry in the *Festival of Light* procession.

These workshops are a great chance to get involved in one of our biggest annual events, so come along and join in with the creative fun. Standard pyramid lanterns take between 1 and 2 hours to make.

## LANTERN MAKING FOR THE BRAVE

### 101 OUTDOOR ARTS

Sat 7 & Sun 8 Dec

11am – 5pm

**Free (pre-booking required)**

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Spend a day at 101 Outdoor Arts making a large sculptural lantern for the *Festival of Light*.

Take part in this challenging and ambitious lantern making session and work towards a giant lantern to join the parade. Previous designs have included sharks, hippos, a toucan and a very hungry caterpillar! Let your imagination run wild and bring your ideas to life at *Lantern Making for the Brave*.

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# BOOKING

## VISIT US

Corn Exchange  
Market Place  
Newbury  
Berkshire  
RG14 5BD

**Tue – Sat, 10am – 4pm**  
(or until 7pm if there is a  
performance or screening on)  
**Sun, 11am – 4pm**

Learning Centre  
Good Vibes Music Academy  
123-126 Bartholomew Street  
Newbury  
RG14 5BN

For The Base see the Learning  
Centre & The Base brochure.

## TRAVEL

Corn Exchange and Learning Centre are both in the town centre and a 5 minute walk from Newbury train station. Please consider making the green choice by walking to our venue or taking a mode of public transport. If you need to drive, parking is available at a number of town centre car parks; the closest are the Wharf and Newbury library, other car parks nearby include the Kennet Centre, Parkway and Northcroft Leisure Centre. There are also multiple bus stops and bicycle parking areas within the Market Place. Visit [cornexchangenew.com/travel](http://cornexchangenew.com/travel) to find out more.

## HOW TO BOOK TALK TO US 01635 522733

Please see our website for up to date opening hours.

## E-MAIL US

[boxoffice@cornexchangenew.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@cornexchangenew.co.uk)

## DISCOUNTS

Concessions are available on selected shows for: Groups, Under-19s, Senior Citizens, Full-time Students, Job Seeker's Allowance, and Blue Light Card holders. Those who are disabled and their essential companions are also entitled to concessions (where concessions apply).

## BOOKING FEES

All live events and live broadcasts (including encores) will be subject to a non-refundable £1.25 booking fee per ticket which is included in the advertised price. For exhibitions this will be 75p. For films a 75p booking fee is included in the price of the ticket. Booking fees for schools and groups will be capped at £7.50 per booking. Companions are exempt from the Ticket Booking Fee. No booking fees are payable for our workshops and courses programme.

## TERMS

- Tickets are non-refundable except in the case of a cancelled event.
- In the case of a sold-out show £1 per ticket will be payable on tickets returned for resale and exchange. Members and Companions are exempt from this charge.
- Tickets can be posted for an additional charge of £2.25. This is non-refundable once tickets have been posted, even in the case of an event cancellation.
- Only one discount per ticket and proof required to collect concessionary tickets.
- Tickets for babies up to 18 months cost a £1 administration fee unless otherwise specified for specific events.
- All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a paying adult.
- Pushchairs and prams will not be permitted inside the auditorium.
- Some ticket prices include a contribution of either £1 or 50p to the investment fund levy. This is part of the agreed contractual arrangements with the visiting company.
- Some performances are on general sale in advance of the publication of the brochure; subscribe to receive emails to be notified of any additions to the programme.
- In the case of a show being rescheduled, all customers will be given the option to transfer their tickets to the new date. If this new date does not work for the customer, a refund or credit to the full value of the tickets will be offered. Please note that once you have accepted tickets for the rescheduled date the standard terms and conditions of sale will then apply.

- All tickets are sold subject to availability and our current terms and conditions. For full T&Cs please visit [cornexchangenew.com/legal](http://cornexchangenew.com/legal)

## ACCESS

- Please tell us when booking if you require an induction loop, if you use a wheelchair or if you have any additional access needs.
- The Corn Exchange, Learning Centre and The Base are accessible by wheelchair.
- The Corn Exchange and The Base have accessible toilets. The nearest accessible toilets to the Learning Centre are in the Kennet Centre and a radar key is available from a member of the Learning Centre team.
- Registered assistance dogs are welcome.
- The Corn Exchange offers those who are disabled concession priced tickets (where concessions apply). Essential Companion tickets are also available at either concession rate or complimentary where applicable.
- To find out more about accessible services and performances at the Corn Exchange please visit [cornexchangenew.com/access](http://cornexchangenew.com/access) or e-mail [boxoffice@cornexchangenew.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@cornexchangenew.co.uk)

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