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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO THE 2026 FESTIVAL OF CHICHESTER: FIVE FABULOUS WEEKS OF FUN AND LEARNING ACROSS THE COMMUNITY, FROM PLAYS TO TALKS, FROM MUSIC TO WALKS, FROM ART TO WORKSHOPS AND ALL KINDS OF SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT.


This is the definitive guide to around 120 individually organised events, packed with both local talent and big names from further afield. The festival has been a fixture in the city calendar since 2013 but, in case you're in doubt, we're not to be confused with the Chichester Festival Theatre (p43), despite the similarity of our names.


Getting the best from the Festival of Chichester

The brochure in front of you is arranged in two complementary ways. In the front section is a simple diary listing each occurrence of any event. Each event has a code (Letter/Number combination) the letter and colour-coding referring to the genre linking to a more extensive description plus photo in themed sections in the rear half of the brochure.

If you like what you see from the description in the brochure, the next step is to use the same event code on our website. There you will find further details, including - most importantly - a link to the online booking site for the event. Sadly, following the Novium's removal of a booking office, we do not have the option to sell in-person tickets this year and each event is thus separately ticketed through the organiser's own online link.

Please note that even if an event is marked as free it may still require booking. Some free events also suggest a charitable donation.

The venues are many and varied. Those marked  are 2km or more out of central Chichester. Full details can be found on the website.

Events marked  are outdoors, so check the weather forecast and go prepared.




Events are the responsibility of the individual event organisers and published details are subject to change, so please check the festival website and confirm details at the time of booking. The Festival committee cannot be held responsible for any problems or issues arising. Before the Festival of Chichester starts, our friends at the Chichester Fringe (p4) will be putting on another two weeks of remarkable events, their last day coincides with our first.

About us

The festival rose from the ashes of the former Chichester Festivities in 2012/13. The festival remains a charity guided by a small committee of volunteers. See p50 if you think you might be keen to join us in facilitating the arts in this wonderful city. Meanwhile, we are extremely grateful to Chichester City Council, our headline sponsor, Edward Cooke, and our other advertisers who, between them, make the festival possible. We sorely miss our festival patron, celebrated actor Dame Patricia Routledge, who passed away last year (see p12). However, we remain thrilled to acknowledge the continuing support of our Festival President, best-selling author Kate Mosse.

The festival committee is:

Phil Hewitt (chairman), Anne Scicluna, Ben Williams, Earl Collins, Jen Cordero, Mark Elliott, Matt Goddard, Simon O'Hea and Vicki Meddows-Smith.

Key Code:  = venue beyond central Chichester city limits,  = outdoors event,  = environmentally based event. **Free** events may still require a ticket due to limited availability.



Festival President, Kate Mosse

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

Until 2025, many festival events were ticketed through the Novium Museum, but its physical box office has now closed. For pre-booked events, please use the online ticket links provided by each organiser, available in the expanded brochure at www.festivalofchichester.co.uk. If you need help booking online, your local library can assist: digital volunteers can offer one-to-one support with basic skills.

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FESTIVAL LAUNCH

Sunday, June 14

FESTIVAL LAUNCH, CATHEDRAL GREEN

Though the first events of this year's Festival of Chichester occur a day earlier on Saturday 13th, our official launch this year will be part of SussexFest (event C3), a free community celebration on Chichester's Cathedral Green, bringing together the very best of Chichester and Sussex. From hands-on arts and crafts to heritage activities led by local museums, galleries and charities, there's plenty for families to explore. Also expect face-painting, performances from local community choirs and dance groups, alongside a selection of local food and drink. Open to everyone, SussexFest is a joyful summertime gathering that celebrates our city's people, stories and traditions – right in the heart of Chichester.



DAILY LISTINGS

BEFORE THE FESTIVAL

Art Trail (p13)

Fringe (p4)

Priory Park mini-festival 8th-14th June, (Event C2)



THROUGHOUT JUNE

9:00-21:00 most days Exhibition for New Park Silent Art Auction. Free entry to viewing, bids open till June 30th
Event A1

BookFest YA. Author visits, library and writing events and creative writing masterclass for 11-17 year olds. See **Event W2** and childrensbookfest.com


THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Daily Elmer and Friends: The Colourful World of David McKee at the Novium
Event C1

Various dates Chichester Harbour Boat Trips from Itchenor (p49) **Event WT1**  

SATURDAY, 13TH JUNE



9:00-21:00 Silent Art Auction Exhibition **Event A1**

10:00-13:00 Photography workshop with Simon King **Event W1** 


10:00-16:00 Priory Park Bowls Club Open Day, see **Event C2**

10:00-17:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:30 Transformations: Ian McEwan at the Movies. Talk & films **Event SW1**

17:00 Seal Safari Boat Trip **Event WT1**  

19:00 Tesoro Duo - 100 Years of the Musicals **Event M1**

19:30 An Evening of Song **Event M2** 


19:30 WemsFest: Tarran **Event M3**

SUNDAY, 14TH JUNE


9:00-21:00 Silent Art Auction Exhibition **Event A1**

10:00-16:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

11:00-14:00 BookFest YA creative writing masterclass for 11-17 year olds
Event W2

11:00-16:00 SussexFest, **Multiple Events C3**  **Free**

11:30 Highlights of Chichester walking tour **Event WT2** 

14:00 Singing in The Bishop's Garden **Event M4**  **Free**

14:00 Soprano Katie Brown at Fernleigh **Event M5**

15:00 Sung Evensong at the Guildhall, Priory Park see **Event C2** **Free**

18:00 Stradivarius Piano Trio at Eartham **Event M6**  

19:00 Othello, The Lord Chamberlain's Men **Event T1** 

MONDAY, 15TH JUNE

9:00-21:00 Silent Art Auction Exhibition **Event A1**

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE

10:00 Tales from the Cathedral Library **Event W3**

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:30 Guided Tree Walk, Bishop's Palace Gardens **Event WT3** 🌿🌿

18:00 Future Chichester discussion **Event C4** **Free**

19:00 Upstairs@Raps; Jazz Avenue. See emsworthmusic.club/raps-tickets

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:30 Art Tour, Chichester Cathedral **Event WT4**

11:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌿

18:00 Improv Workshop **Event W4**

18:00 Spoken Word and Jazz (MA Showcase) **Event SW2**

18:00 ASCE Lecture: Scandinavian Modern - Behind the Scenes **Event SW3**

19:00 ECCO Community Orchestra **Event M7**

19:30 Prehistoric Sites in Sussex: Mystery and Legend **Event SW4**

THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:30 Guided Tree Walk, Bishop's Palace Gardens **Event WT3** 🌿🌿

11:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌿

17:00-21:30 Thursday Late | Celebrating Pride **Event A2** 🌿 **Free**

19:00 An Evening with Felix, Greg and Kate Mosse **Event SW5**

19:00 Young-Choon Park, Classical Pianist **Event M8**

FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

Noon Improv Workshop **Event W4**

19:00 Chopin and Shostakovich sonatas for cello and piano **Event M9**

19:30 Yoga Talk with Fleur **Event SW6**

20:00 Jazz Club with UK No.1 Guitarist Nigel Price **Event M10**

SATURDAY, 20TH JUNE, 2026

All day Celebrate Women Writers Day (CWWD) **Event SW7** **Single ticket allows entry to all CWWD events.**

10:00 From Carcassonne to Chichester, Kate Mosse CBE (within CWDD, **Event SW7**)

10:00-17:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

11:30 Female Who's Who in West Sussex Records Office Collections (within CWDD, **Event SW7**)

14:00 The Place That Made You: Prose and Poetry Creative Writing Workshop **Event W5**

14:00 Fashion, Fury and Feathers, by Tessa Boase, author of Mrs Pankhurst's Purple Feather (within CWDD, **Event SW7**)

14:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌿

15:00 LANO Sound Bath with Ayumi **Event W6**

15:30 Making Crime Pay, writing crime fiction by Elly Griffiths and Lesley Thomson (within CWDD, **Event SW7**)

17:00 The Missing Thread; author Daisy Dunn in conversation with Kate Mosse (within CWDD, **Event SW7**)

19:00 Sogdian Ensemble: Tales of the Silk Road **Event M11**

19:30 Chichester Singers Summer Concert **Event M12**

19:30 Opera Night 2026, Bognor **Event M13** 🚗

SUNDAY, 21ST JUNE

10:00-16:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

11:30 Highlights of Chichester walking tour **Event WT2** 🌿

20:00 WemsFest: Gnoss - Scots Traditional Music **Event M14** 🚗

MONDAY, 22ND JUNE

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

19:00 Solo 2 Darwin – in the Footsteps of Amy Johnson **Event SW8** 🚗

19:30 Sasha's Guitar Legacy, West Sussex Guitar Orchestra **Event M15**

19:30 Romans and Normans playing in the park **Event C5** 🌿

TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2026

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** **Free**

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌿🚗

19:00 Classical Threads, Persian Colours **Event M16** **Free for ChiUni students**

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** **Free**

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌿🚗

10:45 Harbour Discovery Boat Trip from Itchenor **Event WT1**

11:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌿

14:00 Yes I Can: Professor Laura Ritchie on self-belief **Event SW9**

15:00 Yes I Can: Laura Ritchie book signing **Event SW9** **Free**

18:30 An Evening of Music Inspired by the European Holocaust **Event M17**

19:30 Sussex Castles: History and Folklore **Event SW10**

THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2026

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** **Free**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌿🚗

11:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌿

15:30 Small Ship Ocean, Rivers, Expedition Cruising and Tours **Event SW11** **Free**

18:00 Talks at Six: Global Security Challenges **Event SW12** **Donation**

18:15 Explore Trees in Litten Gardens **Event WT7** 🌿🌿

19:30 Poetry & Jazz Cafe **Event SW13**

FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2026

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** **Free**



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10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

16:30 The Martians Live **Event M18** free

19:00 The Pearl Trio **Event M19**

19:30 Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia: A European Odyssey **Event M20** Free

19:30 Chichester Chorale and soprano Catherine Hamilton: Magnificent Mozart **Event M21** 🚗

19:45 2026 Chichester Jazz Club All-Stars **Event M22**

SATURDAY, 27TH JUNE

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** Free

10:00-17:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

11:00-19:00 Chichester Gala. See ad (p19) **Event C6** 🌧️ Free

11:00 Chichester Cathedral Textile Tour **Event WT8**

14:00 Hope Through Education for the Girls of Afghanistan **Event SW14** Free

14:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌧️

16:30 Strings Of Light: Secrets of the Harp-Guitar **Event M23**

19:00 Soprano Katie Brown at Fernleigh **Event M5**

19:30 Strings of Light: Secrets of the Harp Guitar **Event M24**

19:00 Nashville Nights in Boxgrove **Event M25** 🚗

19:30 There is Sweet Music; Southdown Soloists in aid of Stonepillow **Event M26** 🚗

19:30 An Evening with the Southdowns Concert Band **Event M27**

SUNDAY, 28TH JUNE

10:00-16:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

11:30 Highlights of Chichester walking tour **Event WT2** 🌧️

Noon-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** Free

13:30 Introduction to Indian Blockprinting **Event W7**

MONDAY, 29TH JUNE

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

18:00 Chichester Society: Regeneration on the City **Event C7** Free

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream **Event T2** 🌧️🚗

TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** Free

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

19:00 Upstairs@Raps; Zoe Schwarz and Rob Koral. See emsworthmusic.club/raps-tickets

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: Alan Ayckbourn's Living Together **Event T2** 🌧️🚗

WEDNESDAY, 1ST JULY

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** Free

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

11:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌧️

12:00 Goodwood Art Foundation Lunch Event in aid of Sage House **Event CB**

14:30 By The Sleepy Lagoon - Selsey Gramophone Society **Event M28** 🚗 Free

16:30 60 Minutes of Classical Music, Bognor **Event M29** 🚗

18:00 Jenny Andersson: Centres For Life **Event SW15**

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream **Event T2** 🌧️🚗

19:30 Sussex folk song and folk song collectors **Event SW16**

19:30 60 Minutes of Classical Music, Bognor **Event M29** 🚗

THURSDAY, 2ND JULY

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** Free

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

11:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌧️

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: Alan Ayckbourn's Living Together **Event T2** 🌧️🚗

FRIDAY, 3RD JULY

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** Free

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

11:00-18:00 Catherine Barnes' Pictures in the Porch + 100 Exhibition **Event A4** 🌧️ Free

15:30 Small Ship Ocean, Rivers, Expedition Cruising and Tours **Event SW11** Free

19:00 The Martians Live at The Jam Café **Event M30** Free/donation

19:30 Zoe Barnett, classical guitar: Music for a Summer Night **Event M31**

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream **Event T2** 🌧️🚗

19:30 Arts Dream Selsey: Letters Live - A Performance **Event T3** 🚗

20:00 The Jazz Club presents Virtuoso Harmonica Artist Rob McCann **Event M32**

SATURDAY, 4TH JULY

10:00-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** Free

10:00-17:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌧️🚗

11:00-18:00 Catherine Barnes' Pictures in the Porch + 100 Exhibition **Event A4** 🌧️ Free

14:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌂

14:30 Roman History Boat Trip from Itchenor **Event WT9** 🌂🚗

19:00 Cello & Piano with Prof Laura Ritchie & Dr Christine Tokatlian **Event M33**

19:00 Ensemble Reza: Music from the New World **Event M34**

19:30 Arts Dream Selsey: Letters Live - A Performance **Event T3** 🚗

19:30 Portsmouth Baroque Choir: American Choral Music **Event M35**

19:30 European Polyphony and Modern Echoes Across the Atlantic **Event M36** 🚗

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: Alan Ayckbourn's Living Together **Event T2** 🌂🚗

SUNDAY, 5TH JULY

10:00 Cello Day: all-day learning/music making for intermediate-advanced level cellists **Event M37**

10:00-16:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌂🚗

11:00-18:00 Catherine Barnes' Pictures in the Porch + 100 Exhibition **Event A4** 🌂🚗 **Free**

11:30 Highlights of Chichester walking tour **Event WT2** 🌂

Noon-16:00 Chichester Art Society Annual Exhibition **Event A3** **Free**

14:30 Poisoned Beds: drama focussed on female suffrage and oysters **Event T4**

14:30 & 19:30 Arts Dream Selsey: Letters Live - A Performance **Event T3** 🚗

17:00 Piano Masterclass with Dr Christine Tokatlian **Event M38**

18:30 Handel's Samson: Portsmouth Choral Union with The Consort of Twelve **Event M39**

19:00 Historic and Literary Slindon: a guided walk **Event WT10** 🌂🚗

MONDAY, 6TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:15 & 14:15 Sailing Trips on Oysterboat 'Terror' **Event WT6** 🌂🚗

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: Alan Ayckbourn's Living Together **Event T2** 🌂🚗

TUESDAY, 7TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A Retrospective **Event A5** **Free**

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream **Event T2** 🌂🚗

19:00 Upstairs@Raps: The Connolly Hayes Duo. See emsworthmusic.club/raps-tickets

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A Retrospective **Event A5** **Free**

11:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌂

19:30 Sussex Rural Writers, talk **Event SW17**

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: Alan Ayckbourn's Living Together **Event T2** 🌂🚗

THURSDAY, 9TH JULY, 2026

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A Retrospective **Event A5** **Free**

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

11:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌂

18:30 Soprano Katie Brown at Fernleigh **Event M5**

19:00 Full Circle: Blake, The Beats and The Downs. Poetry & Music **Event M40**

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream **Event T2** 🌂🚗

20:00 ABSUMA + support **Event M41**

FRIDAY, 10TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A Retrospective **Event A5** **Free**

13:00 Bach suites 1 and 5 for solo cello; Pavlos Carvalho **Event M42**

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: Alan Ayckbourn's Living Together **Event T2** 🌂🚗

SATURDAY, 11TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A Retrospective **Event A5** **Free**

10:00-17:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

10:30 Sentimentality, Scepticism and Struggle: British Strikes and Political Protest On Film **Event SW18**

12:30 Charlotte Hastings - Kitchen Therapy Workshop **Event W8**

14:00 We are still here: a Palestinian community holds onto its land **Event SW19** **Free**

14:00 Historic walks through Chichester **Event WT5** 🌂

18:30 Outdoor Theatre | Pinocchio **Event T5** 🌂

19:00 The Laurel Canyon Experience **Event M43**

19:30 (garden access from 17:30) Pergola Open Air Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream **Event T2** 🌂🚗

19:30 Chichester Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert. see advert (P31) **Event M45**

19:30 Alison Pearce - International Soprano **Event M44**

20:00 Experiment: electronic and live music with immersive art installations **Event M46** **Free**

SUNDAY, 12TH JULY

10:00-16:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium **Event C1**

11:30 Highlights of Chichester walking tour **Event WT2** 🌂

Noon-16:00 Oxmarket at 50: A Retrospective **Event A5** **Free**

13:45 The Laurel Canyon Experience **Event M43**

14:30 The Joy Frequency Experience! Raise your vibration workshop **Event W9** 🚗

15:00 OLAYÁ: Brazilian Music at Lordington **Event M47** 🌂🚗

MONDAY, 13TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium
Event C1

20:00 The Jazz Club presents
Legendary Saxophonist Greg Abate
Quartet **Event M48**

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium
Event C1

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A
Retrospective **Event A5 Free**

10:45 Influential queens of Egypt - a
perspective by Eileen Goulding **Event
SW20**

19:00 Upstairs@Raps; Robin Bibi and
David Raphael. See emsworthmusic.
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19:30 A Tree Odyssey with Jon Stokes
Event SW21 🍀

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A
Retrospective **Event A5 Free**

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium
Event C1

11:00 Historic walks through
Chichester **Event WT5** ☂️

19:30 All Change! How the Coming of
the Railway changed Sussex Forever
Event SW22

THURSDAY, 16TH JULY, 2026

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium
Event C1

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A
Retrospective **Event A5 Free**

11:00 Historic walks through
Chichester **Event WT5** ☂️

18:00 Creative Chichester: ideas for
community-owned ventures **Event
C9 Free**

20:00 Southern Cathedrals Festival
Organ Recital: Markus Eichenlaub
Event M49

FRIDAY, 17TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A
Retrospective **Event A5 Free**

10:00-16:30 Elmer and Friends, Novium
Event C1

14:00 Southern Cathedrals Festival
Song Recital: 'A Woman's Life' -
Natasha Page and Ella O'Neill **Event
M50**

15:00 The Skylark and the City: poetry
& music **Event SW23**

18:30 Southern Cathedrals Festival
Concert: Wesley, Parry & Brahms
Event M51

19:00 Echoes and Dreams. An evening
of nostalgic Greek music **Event M52**

21:00 Southern Cathedrals Festival
Late Night Piano Recital: Tim Rumsey
Event M53

SATURDAY, 18TH JULY

10:00-16:30 Oxmarket at 50: A
Retrospective **Event A5 Free**

10:30-16:30 Chichester Collage
Workshop at the Novium **Event W10**

10:00-17:00 Elmer and Friends, Novium
Event C1

14:00 Historic walks through
Chichester **Event WT5** ☂️

15:00 Serene Sounds: Classical Music
Sound Bath **Event M54**

15:00 Southern Cathedrals Festival
Chamber Recital: Duo Dorado (violin
and harpsichord) **Event M55**

17:00 Serene Sounds: Classical Music
Sound Bath **Event M54**

18:30 Southern Cathedrals Festival
Concert: Vivaldi, Copland & Hussey
Event M56

18:45 Seascape Painting: Guided Boat
Trip **Event A6** ☂️ 🚗

19:30 Songs of Hope: Renaissance
Choir 50th anniversary concert **Event
M57** 🚗

19:30 Summer Soul **Event M58** 🚗

SUNDAY, 19TH JULY

10:00-16:00 Elmer and Friends,
Novium **Event C1**

11:30 Highlights of Chichester walking
tour **Event WT2** ☂️

Noon-16:00 Oxmarket at 50: A
Retrospective **Event A5 Free**

13:00 A Celebration of Chichester's
Amphitheatre **Event C10** ☂️ **Free**

15:00 Matthew and Edward Cooke
perform duets for piano and organ in
aid of Chestnut Tree House Children's
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BOOK YOUR TICKETS

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THE LATE AND MOST DEFINITELY GREAT DAME PATRICIA ROUTLEDGE SPOKE BEAUTIFULLY AT THE LAUNCH OF LAST YEAR'S FESTIVAL OF CHICHESTER. JUST AS SHE HAD DONE THE YEAR BEFORE. AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT.

Dame Patricia summed up perfectly why we do what we do and why the Festival matters – for the joy it

brings people, for the opportunities it creates and for the way it brings us all together.

The arts are the heart of our nation, she told us all at our launch last year. By extension Dame Patricia was the heart of our Festival, and we will miss her terribly.

Dame Patricia was our Festival Patron for more than ten years, and it was a role she approached with a wonderful mix of seriousness and fun. She had a beautiful generosity of spirit which made her the most warm-hearted of encouragers. But as we discovered at her funeral last autumn, she was also the most practical of encouragers, offering huge financial support to so many different organisations in and around the city through the work of her Foundation.



Dame Patricia loved to support young performers of all kinds, but it was absolutely true to her nature that she chose to do so without fanfare. She created opportunities for people but she did so without show. She was a force of nature. She also chose to be a force for good. And as a festival we were fortunate indeed to have her as our Patron.

As the weeks slip by, we realise ever more just how privileged we were to count Dame Patricia as our patron. She will never be far from our thoughts. With Dame Patricia behind us, we felt empowered. We knew we were doing the right thing. The comfort is that we know that she is still behind us – and always will be.

Phil Hewitt, chairman of the Festival of Chichester

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ART & CRAFT



**Thursday, 18th June,
17:00-21:30**

A2: THURSDAY LATE: CELEBRATING PRIDE, Pallant House Gallery, 9 North Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1TJ

Pallant House Gallery and Chichester Pride are delighted to be partnering to deliver a night full of fun. Enjoy an incredible line-up of music and performance in the courtyard, free access to the galleries and the latest exhibition 'British Landscapes: A Sense of Place' accompanied by other exciting creative activities. ☂ **Free but booking advised. £18/£16.20 adult/concs for the talk.**



**Friday, 3rd, Sat 4th & Sun
5th July 11.00 - 18.00**

A4: PICTURES IN THE PORCH + 100, Juno Studio, 107 Cedar Dr, Chichester, PO19 3EL

Catherine Barnes' exhibition of 20 paintings in the porch plus 100 others in the store. Choose two from a catalogue in the car port. You sit; we bring; we hang; you look. A unique opportunity to spend time looking at your choice. Unlimited street parking at the weekend. Families welcome. ☂ **Free**



**Daily throughout June,
approx. 9:00-21:00**

A1: EXHIBITS FOR SILENT ART AUCTION, New Park Centre, Chichester, PO19 7XY

Discover inspiring artworks at The Silent Art Auction this June in the cafe bar at New Park Centre. Generously donated by renowned local artists, pieces will be exhibited throughout June, before a public, silent bidding process. All proceeds go towards the 'Raise the Roof' campaign to replace the Victorian roof. **Free.**



**23rd-28th June & 30th
June-5th July**

A3: CHICHESTER ART SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBITION, Oxmarket Contemporary, St. Andrew's Court, off East Street, Chichester, PO19 1YH

The Society's annual exhibition of original and contemporary art offers a wonderful opportunity to acquire unique artwork at an affordable price. There will be a wide range of works including paintings, prints, sculpture and ceramics. **Free**



**7th July-2nd Aug; 10:00-
16:30 Tue-Sat, noon-16:00
Sun**

A5: OXMARKET at 50: A RETROSPECTIVE, Oxmarket Contemporary, St. Andrew's Court, Chichester, PO19 1YH

The 50th Retrospective exhibition celebrates fifty years of the gallery's history, creativity, and community. This event will honour the artists who have helped shape Oxmarket Contemporary over the decades, highlighting the outstanding work that has defined the gallery since its founding. **Free**

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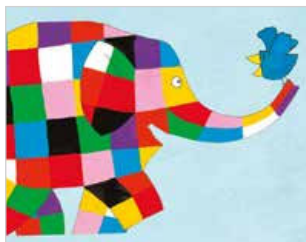
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Saturday, 18th July, 18:45

A6: SEASCAPE PAINTING GUIDED BOAT TRIP, depart from Itchenor Harbour Harbour Office, PO207AW

Capture the beauty of Chichester Harbour from the water with guidance from local artist, Nic Cowper. Join fellow art enthusiasts at sunset for two hours aboard our solar-powered boat, Solar Heritage, to enhance your techniques and express your love for the sea. 🌂🚗 **Tickets £40 via boattripschichesterharbour.co.uk**



Sunday, 14th June – Sunday 19th July: Mondays-Fridays 10:00-16:30, Sat 10:00-17:00, Sun 10:00-16:00

C1: ELMER AND FRIENDS: THE COLOURFUL WORLD OF DAVID MCKEE, Novium Museum, Tower St, Chichester, PO19 1QH

Step into the vibrant world of David McKee's much-loved picture books at 'Elmer and Friends: The Colourful World of David McKee', at The Novium Museum. **Child/Adult/Family £5.50/3.30/16.50, cheaper if booked online in advance.**



Sunday, 14th June, all day

C3: SUSSEXFEST, Chichester Cathedral, PO19 1PX

Join Chichester Cathedral for SussexFest, a free community celebration marking Sussex Day and showcasing Chichester's heritage, culture and identity. SussexFest will feature live music throughout the day, family friendly activities and food stalls offering something for all tastes. 🌂 **Free**

COMMUNITY



Monday 8th to Sunday 14th June, 11:00-16:00

C2: PRIORY PARK SOCIETY MINI FESTIVAL, Guildhall, Priory Park, Chichester, PO19 1NS

For the first time, the Festival of Chichester will be preceded by a mini-festival week of events in Priory Park, celebrating the history and the importance of Chichester's 'Village Green' today. Organised by the Priory Park Society, the mini festival runs from Monday 8th until Sunday 14th June. **Tickets £5 per event. Mini Festival Pass £20**



Tuesday, 16th June, 18:00

C4: FUTURE CHICHESTER, Old Court Room, beneath Assembly Room, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

Do you have ideas for the future of Chichester? Do you have a vision for how we can move forward as a community? Come and contribute your ideas to the discussion and learn about plans for the regeneration of Chichester that other people and organisations are proposing. **Free**

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Monday, 22nd June, 19:30

C5: ROMANS AND NORMANS PLAYING IN THE PARK, Assembly Room, The Council House, North St Chichester, PO19 1LQ

For several years, archaeologist James Kenny has organised digs in Priory Park, unearthing Chichester history including evidence of Mediaeval, Roman and Norman occupation. James will explain what he's discovered and how it has added to our knowledge. Followed by refreshments. Representing Chichester's four twin cities. 🌿

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Saturday, 27th June, all day from 11:00

C6: CHICHESTER GALA, Priory Park, Chichester, PO19 1NS

Come and enjoy a great day out of music, dance, food, games, animal petting and funfair. Whether you're a resident or visitor, we're sure you will find something to enjoy. See advert on p19 🌂 **Free**



Monday, 29th June, 18:00

C7: THE CHICHESTER SOCIETY: REGENERATION IN THE CITY, Assembly Room, The Council House, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

Our annual summer forum is an information sharing event about significant local issues. Our topic this year is regeneration. Speakers from the District Council will explain Chichester's ongoing regeneration strategy. Do attend this free event and contribute to our usual lively discussion. **Free but please reserve your seat via chichestersociety.org.uk/event-booking**



Wednesday, 1st July, 12:00

C8: GOODWOOD ART FOUNDATION AND SAGE HOUSE LUNCH, Goodwood Art Foundation, New Barn Hill, Chichester, PO18 0QP

The stunning Goodwood Art Foundation is hosting a unique lunch to celebrate the arts in Chichester and to raise money for Sage House. Featuring a 'secrets of the stars' talk from Sussex Newspapers arts editor Phil Hewitt, tickets (£60) include glass of fizz and small plates menu inspired by the surrounding landscape. **Book at dementiasupport/event-details-registration/goodwood-art-foundation-lunch**



Thursday, 16th July, 18:00

C9: CREATIVE CHICHESTER, Old Court Room, beneath Assembly Room, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

A series of community-owned ventures is proposed by the Chichester Creative Partnership to support the creative industries in the area. The Partnership is a not-for-profit organisation formed of, and advocates for, the creative industries in the area. Come along to find out how you can be involved in their projects. **Free**



Sunday, 19th July, 13:00

C10: A CELEBRATION OF CHICHESTER'S AMPHITHEATRE, Amphitheatre Park, Whyke Lane, Chichester, PO19 7UR

The Whyke Residents Association presents a celebration of Chichester's amphitheatre through time. Only discovered in 1935, a 1st century Roman amphitheatre on this site would have hosted gladiators and plays. Come and join us for an afternoon of music, crafts, food and entertainment, to celebrate the history of the amphitheatre. 🌂 **Free**

MUSIC



Saturday, 13th June, 19:00

M1: TESORO DUO - 100 YEARS OF THE MUSICALS, Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane, Chichester, PO19 3DQ

Festival regulars Tesoro Duo return in 2026 accompanied by the Fine Voice Choir for an enchanting performance of songs from 100 years of the Musicals.. Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia, Oklahoma, Evita, Cabaret, The Sound of Music and many more. **Adults/seniors/ students £10/8/8**



Saturday, 13th June, 19:30

M2: AN EVENING OF SONG, Regis School of Music, 46 Sudley Rd, Bognor Regis, PO21 1ER

Featuring the vocal talents of Stephanie Peat (mezzo-soprano), Rebecca Grove (soprano) and Charlie Wood (tenor), accompanied by Peter Allwood. The trio has sung together for many years and presents a wonderful mix of classical and contemporary music. 🚗 **Members/visitors £10/12**

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Saturday, 13th June, 19:30

M3: WEMSFEST: TARRAN, The Old Malthouse (Chidham Village Hall), Main Road, Chidham, PO18 8TP

Exhilarating contemporary Glasgow-based folk quartet Tarran uses fiddle, bodhran, whistles, harp, and keyboards to combine elements of funk, blues, and contemporary rhythm and give a lively and innovative twist on traditional music. 'A thumping show, such talented young artists' - Celtic Music Radio. Suitable for all ages. 🚗 **Tickets £20**



Sunday, 14th June, 14:00

M4: SINGING IN THE BISHOP'S GARDEN, Bishop's Palace Gardens, Chichester PO19 1PX

An annual celebration of community singing featuring several choirs based in the Chichester area. Set in the beautiful surroundings of the Bishops Palace Garden this is a wonderfully informal way to enjoy our local choirs. Bring your fold up chair, come and listen - and be prepared to sing! ☔ **Free**



Sunday, 14th June, 14:00, Saturday 27th June 19:00 & Thursday 9th July, 18:30

M5: THE SOUND OF KATIE BROWN, Fernleigh, 40 North Street, Chichester, PO19 1LX

A trio of events featuring live music from soprano, Katie Brown. Her performances will include multiple genres, powerful vocals, and crowd favourites. She invites you to join her uplifting showcase where there will be something for everyone; whether it be her music, great food, or even just the bar. **Booking Advised**



Sunday, 14th June, 18:00

M6: INSPIRED BY MUSIC - STRADIVARIUS PIANO TRIO, Great Ballard School, Eartham, PO18 0LR

Stradivarius Piano Trio perform Ravel's Piano Trio and Robert Schuman's Piano Trio in D minor Op63 no.1 together with popular tunes from our international repertoire. They're joined by artist Michael Joseph who will present a painting inspired by this evening's music. 🚗 **Tickets £35 via www.bmglive.com including a glass of Nyetimber, 'the world's finest sparkling wine'**



Wednesday, 17th June, 19:00

M7: ECCO COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, University Chapel, College Lane Chichester, PO19 6PE

The ECCO Encore Chichester Community Orchestra presents musical favourites, including the first movement of Beethoven's 5th, the Allegretto from Beethoven's 7th, themes from James Bond and more. The orchestra directed by Laura Ritchie comprises dozens of community members who come together to enjoy music. **Tickets £5 available in advance and on the door**



Thursday, 18th June, 19:00

M8: YOUNG-CHOON PARK, CLASSICAL PIANIST, University Chapel, College Lane, Chichester, PO19 6PE

World-renowned pianist Young-Choon Park returns to Chichester for an evening of music including Mozart's Sonata No.8 in A minor and Beethoven's "Pathétique". Young-Choon has played in the Birmingham Symphony Hall, New York's Lincoln Center and the Musikverein in Vienna. The event is kindly supported by the University of Chichester. **Tickets £15**



Friday, 19th June, 19:00

M9: DEBUSSY, CHOPIN, SHOSTAKOVITCH. SONATAS FOR CELLO AND PIANO, St Paul's Church, Chichester, PO19 6FT

Pavlos Carvalho (cello) and Andrew Quartermain (piano) explore ground-breaking masterpieces all now admired for the elegance and romanticism of their lyrical melodies. However, when first performed, each was misunderstood, often being dismissed as the writings of composers not sound of mind or body. **Pre-booked adult/student £15/8, on-the-door £20/12**



Friday, 19th June, 20:00

M10: THE JAZZ CLUB WITH THE UK'S NO.1 GUITARIST NIGEL PRICE, Chichester Inn, 38 West St, Chichester, PO19 1RP

Enjoy a quintessential jazz club experience as Legendary jazz guitarist Nigel Price brings his signature swing and exciting style to the festival, joined by the exhilarating RhythmEarth Trio. Expect virtuosic grooves, lyrical improvisation and irresistible energy as Britain's finest guitarist delivers an unforgettable evening of jazz live at the Inn. **Tickets from £22; Seating unreserved so early arrival advised**



Saturday, 20th June, 19:00

M11: SOGDIAN ENSEMBLE: TALES OF THE SILK ROAD, Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane, Chichester, PO19 3DQ

This performance is a co-creation between Persian traditional music and jazz, exploring rich cross-cultural dialogues between the electric bass guitar and the kamancheh, an ancient Persian spike fiddle. The ensemble brings together Saba Safa, a virtuoso Persian musician, and Dr Nick Reynolds, Head of Jazz at Chichester University. **Tickets £16, free for students**

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Saturday, 20th June, 19:30

M12: MY SPIRIT SANG ALL DAY: CHICHESTER SINGERS' SUMMER CONCERT, Chichester Cathedral, PO21 1PX

Howard Goodall's – *Unconditional Love, Sacred & Secular part songs*. Composer Howard Goodall became a household name through his TV scores for *The Vicar of Dibley*, *Blackadder* and *Mr Bean*, but at heart he's a choral composer. *Unconditional Love* was written during the Covid pandemic and is a work of gratitude, remembrance and of hope for a world rebuilt. **Tickets £10-30, students from £5**



Saturday, 20th June, 19:30

M13: OPERA NIGHT 2026, Jeneses Community Centre, 45 Linden Rd, Bognor Regis, PO21 2AP

Glyndebourne's soprano Jennifer Witton, coloratura soprano Stefanie Kemball-Read, mezzo soprano Lisa Byrnes, swiss tenor Julien L'Hermitte, tenor Phillip O'Brien, bass baritone Aidan Smith, an Associate Artist of the Welsh National Opera, and the 60 Minute String Orchestra come together for two hours of operatic arias and overtures. Tickets include a free glass of wine. **Adult/under-25s £18/9**



Sunday, 21st June, 20:00, doors 19:30

M14: WEMSFEET: GNOSS, The Old Orchard (Southbourne Village Hall), First Avenue, Southbourne, PO10 8HN

Gnoss's signature sound is a rich tapestry of acoustic layers, outstanding musicianship, deep traditional roots and contemporary compositional flair combining to create songs and tunes brimming with character. Triple Scots Trad Music nominees 🍷 **Tickets £22.50 Unreserved**



Monday, 22nd June, 19:30

M15: SASHA'S GUITAR LEGACY, St John's Chapel, 5 St John's St, Chichester, PO19 1UR

The West Sussex Guitar Orchestra, directed by Linda Kelsall-Barnett, is joined by special guest soloists including Amanda Cook and Sam Brown to dedicate an evening of classical guitar to Sasha Levto, founder of the West Sussex Guitar Club, in the wonderful acoustic of St John's Chapel. **Tickets £15.00. Under-18s free with accompanying adult**



Tuesday, 23rd June, 19:00

M16: CLASSICAL THREADS, PERSIAN COLOURS, University Chapel, College Lane, Chichester, PO19 6PE

The concert bridges two worlds; the intricate elegance of Western classical music meets the unique textures of contemporary Iranian compositions. Iranian musicians will present an evocative program that highlights the dialogue between tradition and innovation, East and West, in a captivating concert experience. **Adults £17, under-18s £15, Free for University of Chichester students**



Wednesday, 24th June, 18:30

M17: AN EVENING OF MUSIC INSPIRED BY THE EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST, Pallant House Gallery, 9 North Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1TJ

Bogdan Vacarescu, a Romanian concert violinist, and Julian Jacobson, one of Britain's most creative pianists, will perform music by composers such as Mendelssohn and Chopin and themes from movies such as *Schindler's List*. Bogdan has toured internationally to venues such as the Athenaeum. **Tickets £25**



Thursday, 25th June, 19:30

Multi-themed event SW13: POETRY & JAZZ CAFE, Assembly Room, The Council House, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

Acclaimed poets Kate Noakes and Martyn Crucefix link with Mike Carey's Big House Jazz ensemble to entertain and inspire. Plus Poetry & All That Jazz magazine with South Downs poets will be launched. Enjoy a delightful mix of words and music with complimentary homemade cake. **Tickets £15 at ticketsource.com/southdownspoetryfestival**



Friday, 26th June, 16:30

M18: THE MARTIANS, LIVE at The Chichester Canal Society Café Balcony, Canal Wharf, Chichester, PO19 8WZ

West Sussex-based Space Rock band THE MARTIANS will be performing a show of songs, guitars and sax for the Chichester Canal Society. Suitable for all ages. **Free admission and viewing - donations are encouraged to support the society and the band.**



Friday, 26th June, 19:00

M19: THE PEARL TRIO, Christ Church, Old Market Ave, Chichester, PO19 1SW

Made up of Tim Rumsey (piano), Leo Kerr (clarinet), and Briona Mannion (violin), this concert promises to be an hour long treat of music featuring favourite classical works for this seldom seen trio combination, along with new jazz arrangements by pianist Tim Rumsey. **Adult £8, children free**

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Friday, 26th June, 19:30

M20: A EUROPEAN ODYSSEY, St George's Church Whyke, Cleveland Road, Chichester, PO19 7AD

Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia's stunning musical performances under the direction of Helen Hooker have undoubtedly reversed the public's perception of the recorder's extraordinary sound and capability. All 7 sizes of instrument from the tiny soprano to the growling subcontrabass will feature in this evening's characterful musical journey across Europe. **Pre-book: £12 from 07837 362870 On the door: £15; Under 18 free**



Friday, 26th June, 19:30, doors 19:00

M21: MAGNIFICENT MOZART, Boxgrove Priory Church, Church Lane, Boxgrove, PO18 0EE

Join Chichester Chorale and soprano Catherine Hamilton for an evening of Mozart. Programme to include Exsultate, Jubilate (K165), Laudate Dominum (from K339), Missa Brevis in C Major (Spatzenmesse K220) and Litaniae Lauretanae (K109). Accompanied by The Chichester Chamber Ensemble and conducted by Tom Robson. **Tickets £18 from www.chichesterchorale.com**



Friday, 26th June, 19:45

M22: 2026 CHICHESTER JAZZ CLUB ALL-STARS, Pallant Suite, 7 South Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1SY

A wonderful sextet of high-quality musicians brought together by Chichester Jazz Club for the Festival of Chichester. Hannah Horton – Saxophones, Roger Beaujolais – Vibraphone, Rosie Frater-Taylor – Guitar, David Newton – Piano, Andrew Cleynert – Double Bass, Alex Goodyear – Drums. **Members/non-members £10/20. £2 discount per ticket when booked online**



Saturday, 27th June, 16:30-17.40 and 19:30-20:40

M23/24: STRINGS OF LIGHT (SECRETS OF THE HARP-GUITAR), Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane, Chichester, PO19 3DQ

International award-winning guitarist and composer Jon Pickard presents a rare and spellbinding performance on 23 string 'Harp-Guitars'. Classical, folk and original compositions. A truly immersive musical journey. Bar refreshments available. **Adult/concs £15.75/12.60**



Saturday, 27th June, 19:00

M25: NASHVILLE NIGHTS, Boxgrove Village Hall, The Street, Boxgrove, PO18 0EE

'Y'all ready for a boot-stompin' good time? Nashville Nights brings live country music, classics from Shania, Dolly, Lee Ann Womack, and a touch of Elvis! Beginner-friendly line dances, hand-jive and seated versions let everyone join in. Boots and hats welcome but not required. Yeehaw! **Tickets £12.50 in advance, £15 on the door**



Saturday, 27th June, 19:30

M26: THERE IS SWEET MUSIC, Boxgrove Priory Church, Church Lane, Boxgrove, PO18 0EE

South Downs Soloists return to beautiful Boxgrove Priory for their annual professional choral concert in aid of Stonepillow. Expect settings of famous poetry and poets associated with West Sussex (Shelley and Tennyson), with music as wide ranging as Elgar, Walton and Lukaszewski, plus exciting new music for the occasion. **Adult/student £25/10**

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Saturday, 27th June, 19:30

M27: AN EVENING WITH THE SOUTHDOWNS CONCERT BAND, St Paul's Church, Churchside, Chichester, PO19 6FT

The Southdowns Concert Band are delighted to return to the Festival again this year. The programme will include music from films and shows as well as the very best from the Concert Band repertoire. **Adult £12.50, children under 12 free**



Wednesday, 1st July, 14:30

M28: BY THE SLEEPY LAGOON - SELSEY GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY, Selsey Town Hall, 55 High Street, Selsey, PO20 0RB

Embark on a metaphorical musical meander to the shores of the *Sleepy Lagoon*. Inspired by the natural beauty that moved composer Eric Coates, presenter Martin Elliott weaves together a rich tapestry of audio recordings relating to the history, sociology, and hidden landmarks of the Manhood area. **Free, refreshments by donation**



Wednesday, 1st July, 16:30 and 19:30pm

M29: 60 MINUTES OF CLASSICAL MUSIC, Bognor Club, 2 Sudley Rd, Bognor Regis PO21 1EU

Roger Clayden (Cello and Bass Trombone) with Christopher Taylor (Piano) perform sixty minute concerts. The first half of each will be famous Edward Elgar works with Roger playing cello. The second half will be a selection of famous classical works on the bass trombone. All works will be accompanied by Christopher Taylor playing piano. **Adult £8, under-25's £4**



Friday, 3rd July, 19:00

M30: THE MARTIANS LIVE, The Jam Café with Creative Beatz, 33 Southgate, Chichester, PO19 1DP

West Sussex-based Space Rock band THE MARTIANS will be performing a show of songs with guitars and sax for Jam Café (@creativebeatzjam). Suitable for all ages. **Free admission and viewing - donations are encouraged to support the society and the band**



Friday, 3rd July, 19:30

M31: MUSIC FOR A SUMMER NIGHT, St John's Chapel, 5 St John's St, Chichester, PO19 1UR

Zoe Barnett, rising star of the classical guitar, presents a solo recital for a midsummer evening, including works by English composers Dowland and Walton plus folk-inspired repertoire from around the world, highlighting the expressive range of the guitar in the intimate setting of St John's Chapel. **Tickets £17. Under 18s free with accompanying adult**



Friday, 3rd July, 20:00

M32: THE JAZZ CLUB PRESENTS VIRTUOSO HARMONICA ARTIST ROB MCCANN, Chichester Inn, 38 West St, Chichester, PO19 1RP

Get ready for an electrifying evening of world-class musicianship as Rob McCann & The RhythmEarth Trio bring their unique, genre-blending sound to the Festival of Chichester. Known for his work with Johnny Mars and Men They Couldn't Hang, here's a fabulous evening of Jazz, Blues and much more. **Tickets from £22; Seating unreserved so early arrival advised**



Saturday, 4th July, 19:00

M33: CELLO & PIANO WITH PROF LAURA RITCHIE & DR CHRISTINE TOKATLIAN, University Chapel, College Lane, Chichester, PO19 6PE

An evening recital in the University Chapel, with music by Shostakovich, Debussy, Brahms, Jarman and Schnittke plus the UK premiere of Spiros Mazis' Adagio. **Adult/concs £10/5, tickets available in advance or on the door.**



Saturday, 4th July, 19:00

M34: ENSEMBLE REZA: MUSIC FROM THE NEW WORLD - FIDDLES, FOLK AND FREEDOM, St Paul's Church, Churchside, Chichester, PO19 6FT

Join us for a musical journey across North America, blending classical masterpieces, including Dvořák's American Quartet, with toe-tapping tunes of jazz, blues, country and bluegrass. With arrangements for strings, accordion, banjo, plus some unexpected surprises, this promises to be an evening of sumptuous music that will bring generations together. **Adults £20, students £5**



Saturday, 4th July, 19:30

M35: AMERICAN CHORAL MUSIC ON THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, St George's Church Whyke, Cleveland Road, Chichester, PO19 7AD

Portsmouth Baroque Choir presents choral music from William Billings to Eric Whitacre. In between there is music from Amy Beach, Aaron Copland, Charles Ives, Randall Thompson and Samuel Barber. Instrumental interludes come from Edward MacDowell and George Gershwin. The main work is Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna. **Adult/conc/student £15/13/3**

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Saturday, 4th July, 19:30

M36: EUROPEAN POLYPHONY AND MODERN ECHOES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, Boxgrove Priory Church, Church Lane, Boxgrove, PO18 0EE

Reading Phoenix Choir presents unaccompanied choral music from the UK, continental Europe and North America. Spanning centuries of reflective repertoire, and exploring a shared heritage, from European polyphony to modern repertoire from both sides of the Atlantic. Including music by Arvo Pärt, Bob Chilcott and Eric Whitacre. 🚗 **Adult/student £17.50/10, u18s free**



Sunday, 5th July, starts 10:00

M37: CELLO DAY, University Chapel, College Lane, Chichester, PO19 6PE

Join us for a day of music making and learning for intermediate-advanced cellists. Prof Laura Ritchie leads the Cello Ensemble; Dr Christine Tokatlian workshops working with an accompanist; and Ray Box provides strategies to keep us mentally and physically ready to play. Music is provided. Participants should bring their own lunch. **Tickets £40**



Sunday, 5th July, 17:00

M38: PIANO MASTERCLASS WITH DR CHRISTINE TOKATLIAN, University Chapel, College Lane, Chichester, PO19 6PE

Dr Christine Tokatlian comes to us from Athens, Greece, to present this masterclass featuring students and alumni from the University of Chichester Conservatoire. **Tickets £5 (audience members) / £3 concessions. Tickets available online and at the door**



Sunday, 5th July, 18:30

M39: HANDEL'S SAMSON, St Paul's Church, Churchside, Chichester, PO19 6FT

Portsmouth Choral Union with The Consort of Twelve presents Handel's Samson, first performed in Covent Garden, London in 1743. It's renowned for its dramatic power, magnificent choruses, expressive solos and intricate orchestration. Come and enjoy this compelling oratorio. Conductor David Gostick. **Tickets: £20 & £5**



Thursday, 9th July, 19:00

Multi-themed event M40: FULL CIRCLE - BLAKE, THE BEATS AND THE DOWNS, Novium Museum, Tower St, Chichester, PO19 1QH

Enjoy visionary poetry and jazzy music celebrating William Blake, the American Beats and the unique South Downs landscapes. Performed by the Full Circle Quartet with poet Mandy Pannett plus jazz/roots ensemble Poetry in Motion, with brilliant saxophonists Josephine Davies and Charlotte Glasson and top class jazz musicians. 🍃 **Tickets £15 at ticketsource.com/southdownspoetryfestival**



Thursday, 9th July, 20:00

M41: ABSUMA + SUPPORT, Havana Bar and Venue, 3 Little London, Chichester, PO19 1PH

Blistering six piece folk pop outfit from Littlehampton, with support from the inimitable 'songbird by the sea' Olivia Stevens. ABSUMA delight with their heady brew managing to fuse together their love for early folk music and '60s folk rock and psych music. ABSUMA tread a tightrope of exciting musical possibilities. **Tickets £8 via thehavana.co.uk, £10 on-the-door**



Friday, 10th July, 13:00

**M42: BACH SOLO CELLO SUITES
1 AND 5, St Paul's Church,
Churchside, Chichester, PO19 6FT**

Pavlos Carvalho performs and shares thoughts on two of Bach's remarkable, experimental and adventurous suites for solo cello. The youthful purity of the 1st suite in G major, paired with his profound, pensive and meditative 5th suite in C minor. **Adult/student £15/8 if pre-booked, £20/12 on-the-door**



**Saturday, 11th July, 19:00 &
Sunday 12th July, 13:45**

**M43: THE LAUREL CANYON
EXPERIENCE, New Park Centre,
New Park Rd, Chichester, PO19 7XY**

Back by popular demand, following sold out shows, The Laurel Canyon Experience brings the golden harmonies of '60s and '70s California to life. Featuring award-winning performers Di'Elle, John Gleaddall and Chris Wood, this enchanting show celebrates songs from Carole King, James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Crosby, Stills & Nash and more. **Tickets £12.50/15 advance/on-the-door**



Saturday, 11th July, 19:30

**M44: ALISON PEARCE -
INTERNATIONAL SOPRANO,
Christ Church, Old Market Ave,
Chichester, PO19 1SW**

International soprano, Alison Pearce presents a programme that includes something for everyone, from songs introducing gods, goddesses and mortals in love, through the beauty of nature and wedded bliss to enchanted islands and finishing with fun and frolics! **Tickets £15**



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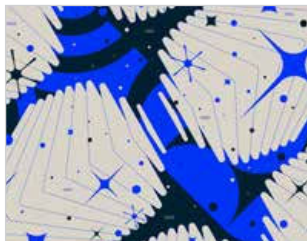
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Saturday, 11th July, 19:30

M45: CHICHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT, St Paul's Church, Churchside, Chichester, PO19 6FT

Join us on a musical journey from the very tip of South America to Leipzig in Germany where Schumann's Symphony No 1 was first performed in March 1841. We break our journey in London where Elgar's Cello Concerto was premiered in 1919. Our soloist will be the acclaimed Aglaia Carvalho-Dubost. **Adult/student £17/5, under-5s free**



Saturday, 11th July, 20:00

M46: EXPERIMENT, Old Court Room, beneath Assembly Room, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

An evening of contemporary electronic and live music accompanied by immersive art installations. The event is hosted by the Chichester Creative Partnership as part of the Metanoia Series to provide a platform for established and emerging local performers and artists. **Free**



Sunday, 12th July, 15:00

M47: OLAYÁ : BRAZILIAN MUSIC AT LORDINGTON, Lordington House, PO18 9DX

At the forefront of UK's world music scene, Olayá is a female-led flute & percussion band inspired by Northeastern Brazilian bandas de pifanos (bamboo flutes), forró tunes and vocal harmonies blending jazz, soul, rock, and diverse Brazilian genres for a quirky take on a traditional sound.   **Tickets £22 in advance, £25 CASH on the day, £10 for Students and under 25yrs, free for children**



Monday, 13th July, 20:00

M48: THE JAZZ CLUB PRESENTS, UNITED STATES LEGENDARY SAXOPHONIST GREG ABATE QUARTET PLUS SUPPORT, Havana Bar and Venue, 3 Little London, Chichester, PO19 1PH

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Thursday, 16th July, 20:00

M49: SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL ORGAN RECITAL: MARKUS EICHENLAUB, Chichester Cathedral, PO19 1PX

Celebrated German organist Markus Eichenlaub (Organist, Heidelberg Jesuit Church) performs in Chichester Cathedral, playing music by Bach, Heredia, Mützel, Karg-Elert, Cochereau, Bossi and Whitlock. Featuring as part of the 2026 Southern Cathedrals Festival. **Adult/under-25s £25/15**



Friday, 17th July, 14:00

M50: SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL SONG RECITAL: "A WOMAN'S LIFE" - NATASHA PAGE AND ELLA O'NEILL, Pallant House Gallery, 9 North Pallant, Chichester, PO19 1TJ

Soprano Natasha Page performs Schumann's song cycle 'Frauenliebe und -leben' together with other complementary works in the stunning surroundings of Pallant House Gallery, with pianist Ella O'Neill. **Tickets £25 recital only, £37 to include admission to Pallant House Gallery**



Friday, 17th July, 15:00

Multi-themed event SW23: THE SKYLARK AND THE CITY, St John's Chapel, 5 St John's St, Chichester, PO19 1UR

Enjoy an inspirational mix of words and music on pastoral and urban themes by classical guitarist Linda Kelsall-Barnett and poet Barry Smith. Linda is the director of the West Sussex Guitar Orchestra and Barry is the director of the South Downs Poetry Festival, with two acclaimed poetry collections. **Tickets £10 at ticketsource.com/southdownspoetryfestival**



Friday, 17th July, 18:30

M51: SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL CONCERT: WESLEY, PARRY & BRAHMS, Chichester Cathedral, PO19 1PX

The combined choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester Cathedrals perform a concert of choral music commemorating the 150th anniversary of the death of composer Samuel Sebastian Wesley. Also features music by Brahms and movements from Parry's 'Songs of Farewell'. Part of the 2026 Southern Cathedrals Festival. **Tickets £17.50-35, under-25s £15**



Friday, 17th July, 19:00

M52: ECHOES AND DREAMS. AN EVENING OF NOSTALGIC GREEK MUSIC, St Paul's Church, Churchside, Chichester, PO19 6FT

Pavlos Carvalho (bouzouki), Sarah Carvalho-Dubost (cello) and George Tsolakis (vocals/guitar) take you on a journey through all of Greece with classic songs by Loizos, Theodorakis, Zabetas, Xarhakos, Hadjidakis and more. **Pre-booked adult/student £15/£8, on the door £20/£12**

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Friday, 17th July, 21:00

M53: SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL LATE NIGHT PIANO RECITAL: TIM RUMSEY, Chichester Cathedral, PO19 1PX

Pianist Tim Rumsey gives a late night piano recital in the intimate space of Chichester Cathedral's south transept, performing music by American composers Charles Griffes and Earl Wild. Part of the 2026 Southern Cathedrals Festival. **Tickets £25, or £15 for under-25s**



Saturday, 18th July, 15:00 & 17:00

M54: SERENE SOUNDS: CLASSICAL MUSIC SOUND BATH, Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane, Chichester, PO19 3DQ

Serene Sounds blends soothing sound bath vibrations with classical voice and piano, featuring music by Debussy, Ravel, and Strauss. Award-winning duo Eleanor Penfold (Soprano) and Elena Toponogova (piano) lead this enchanting, meditative experience. Lie back and immerse yourself. **Tickets £12.50/15 in advance/on door**



Saturday, 18th July, 15:00

M55: SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL CHAMBER RECITAL: DUO DORADO (VIOLIN AND HARPSICORD), St John's Chapel, 5 St John's St, Chichester, PO19 1UR

Violin and harpsichord ensemble, Duo Dorado, perform music by baroque masters including Bach and Vivaldi in St John's Chapel, Chichester. Part of the 2026 Southern Cathedrals Festival. **Tickets £25 / £15 under-25s**



Saturday, 18th July, 18:30

M56: SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL CONCERT: VIVALDI, COPLAND & HUSSEY, Chichester Cathedral, PO19 1PX

The combined choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester Cathedrals perform a concert of choral music, featuring Vivaldi's 'Gloria', Aaron Copland's 'In the beginning', and 'Songs from the Temple' - a new commission by Christopher Hussey with text by Rowan Williams. Part of the 2026 Southern Cathedrals Festival. **Tickets £20-£42, under-25s £15**



Saturday, 18th July, 19:30

M57: SONGS OF HOPE: THE RENAISSANCE CHOIR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, Boxgrove Priory Church, Church Lane, Boxgrove, PO18 0EE

The Renaissance Choir is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2026. Includes Poulenc's *Gloria* and music by Bach, Byrd and MacMillan. With Karen Kingsley. 🚗 **Tickets £18 until and including Saturday 11 July, then £20. Children/students £2**



Saturday, 18th July, 19:30

M58: SUMMER SOUL, Fishbourne Centre, 46 Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, PO18 8BE

Somerstown Soul play the music of artists including James Brown, The Temptations, Martha and the Vandellas, Wilson Pickett, The Supremes, Sam and Dave and many others from the classic Stax and Motown labels. We'll have you out of your seat moving to the rhythm of your favourite soul numbers. 🚗 **Tickets £10 via somerstownsoul.co.uk or £12 on the door if space remains**



Sunday 19th July, 15:00

M59: PIANO AND ORGAN DUETS FOR A SUMMER'S AFTERNOON, St Paul's, Churchside, Chichester, PO19 6FT

Brothers Matthew and Edward Cooke perform a programme of duets to include works by Rossini, Bach, Johann Strauss II, Debussy, Dvorak and Mozart. Tea and cake served afterwards. No tickets required. **Free with retiring collection for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice**

SPOKEN WORD



Saturday, 13th June, 10:30

Multi-themed event SW1: TRANSFORMATIONS: IAN MCEWAN AT THE MOVIES, Chichester Cinema, New Park Road, Chichester, PO19 7XY

This talk by Nick Johnston-Jones reviews Ian McEwan's film and literary output including his reputation for darkness and his ability to dramatise and explore some of the scientific, political and moral complexities of life. Accompanying screenings include 'Atonement', 'Enduring Love' and 'On Chesil Beach'. **Talk £8.00, Screening £11.00, both £16.00**

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**Wednesday, 17th June,
18:00**

Multi-themed event SW2: SPOKEN WORD AND JAZZ – MA SHOWCASE EVENT, University of Chichester Cloisters, College Lane, Chichester PO19 6PE

The University of Chichester is a hive of creativity. The University's prestigious MA in Creative Writing is in its 30th year. To celebrate this, we have come together with jazz musicians from the University's Conservatoire to put on an evening of words and jazz at the University Cloisters. **Free and open to all**



**Wednesday, 17th June,
18:00**

SW3: SCANDINAVIAN MODERN - BEHIND THE SCENES, Assembly Room, The Council House, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

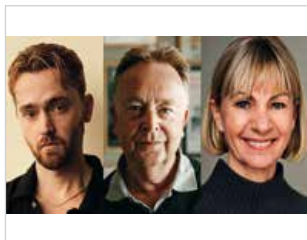
Popular lecturer James Vaux returns to Chichester, together with IKEA catalogues. Why did 1950's Scandinavian modern design become so popular, and how did it turn from a revolutionary movement into just another style? And was there a dark side to it? **Tickets £10 / £8 concessions at www.ticketsource.co.uk/ascgeorguk**



**Wednesday, 17th June,
19:30**

SW4: PREHISTORIC SITES IN SUSSEX: MYSTERY AND LEGEND, Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane, PO19 3DQ

Before archaeology unlocked the secrets of so many prehistoric sites in Sussex, landmarks, such as the Trundle, Kingley Vale, Chanctonbury Ring and the Long Man of Wilmington were explained through local folklore. This talk by Chris Hare delves into the legends and superstitions of Prehistoric Sussex. **Tickets £9 at historypeople.co.uk**



Thursday, 18th June, 19:00

SW5: AN EVENING WITH FELIX, GREG AND KATE MOSSE, Edes House, 27 West St, Chichester, PO19 1RN

Kate Mosse is the author of *Labyrinth* and many other best-sellers. Her husband Greg is a 'writer and encourager of writers', a prolific author of thrillers and crime novels. Their son, Felix, will publish his first epic-fantasy novel *The Mistral* in May. Together, they will tell you how they do it. **Tickets £5 available from Chichester Library, 01243 777351, chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk**



Friday, 19th June, 19:30

SW6: YOGA TALK WITH FLEUR, Lano Yoga, 2nd Floor, 1 Old Market Avenue, Chichester, PO19 1SP

Fleur's talk offers an introduction to the philosophical foundations of yoga, as articulated in the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali. She will explore yoga beyond the Asana (postures) as a systematic path toward self-realisation, examining the eight limbs as a framework for ethical living, expanded awareness and inner liberation. **Tickets £5**



Saturday, 20th June, 09:30

SW7: CELEBRATE WOMEN WRITERS, Assembly Room, The Council House, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

A Celebration of brilliant women writers from Sussex and beyond. An all day event with a chance to meet the authors for book signing. Jess Brown-Fuller MP starts the day, followed by Kate Mosse, Tessa Boase, crime writers Elly Griffiths & Lesley Thomas then Daisy Dunn in conversation with Kate Mosse. **All Day Ticket including refreshments £35**

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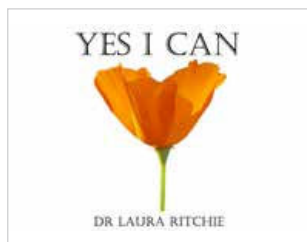
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Monday, 22nd June, 19:00

SW8: SOLO 2 DARWIN – IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF AMY JOHNSON, Boxgrove Village Hall, The Street, Boxgrove, PO18 0EE

Arun & Chichester Air Enthusiasts Society presents a talk by Amanda Harrison, 'Solo 2 Darwin': the story of how in 2019 she took off in her 1942 Tiger Moth biplane, to honour Amy Johnson, who, in 1930, was the first woman to fly solo from the UK to Darwin, Australia. 🚗 **Guests/ members £10/5, under 16s free**



Wednesday, 24th June, talk 14:00, signing 15:00-16:00

SW9: YES I CAN: TALK & MEET THE AUTHOR/BOOK SIGNING, St John's Chapel, 5 St John's St, Chichester, PO19 1UR

This talk will transform your perception of 'yes' to become more than a mindset, a fundamental part of life. Professor Laura Ritchie bridges research and everyday experience to explain and demonstrate self-belief, thinking, and achievement. **Talk £5, but the post-talk meet the author & book signing is free. Donations to Friends of St John's Chapel.**



Wednesday, 24th June, 19:30

SW10: SUSSEX CASTLES: HISTORY AND FOLKLORE, Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane, Chichester, PO19 3DQ

Sussex has so many castles - some are still lived in, others are today only ruins, while still more have disappeared completely. This talk will look at this fascinating history, combining fact with folklore and the legends and superstitions that are linked to castles, including Arundel, Chichester, and Pulborough Castles. **Tickets £9 at historypeople.co.uk**



Thursday, 25th June, 15:30 & Friday, 3rd July, 13:00

SW11: SMALL SHIP OCEAN, RIVERS, EXPEDITION CRUISING AND TOURS, New Park Centre, Chichester, PO19 7XY

Roger Mallock, store Manager of Fred Olsen Travel Chichester and his team Katy and Gary, are hosting two enticing cruise talks as part of the Festival which will give guests the opportunity to learn all they wish to know about small ship, river, and expedition cruises and tours. **No charge for entry but booking essential**



Thursday, 25th June, 18:00

SW12: TALKS AT SIX: GLOBAL SECURITY CHALLENGES, Bassill Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, Chichester, PO19 7LG

Con Coughlin, foreign correspondent for the Telegraph, returns to Talks At Six to give us an update on the Middle East Global security situation including insights on rapidly evolving hot spots Syria, Iran, Palestine and Lebanon. **Free, however, we encourage a suggested donation of £5 or more, payable by cash or card at the venue, to support the speaker's chosen charity**



Thursday, 25th June, 19:30

Multi-themed event SW13: POETRY & JAZZ CAFE, Assembly Room, The Council House, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

Acclaimed poets Kate Noakes and Martyn Crucefix link with Mike Carey's Big House Jazz ensemble to entertain and inspire. Plus the launch of Poetry & All That Jazz magazine with South Downs poets. Enjoy a delightful mix of words and music with complimentary homemade cake. **Tickets £15 at ticketsource.com/southdownspoetryfestival**



Saturday, 27th June, 14:00

SW14: HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION FOR THE GIRLS OF AFGHANISTAN, Friends Meeting House, Priory Rd, Chichester, PO19 1NX

Fearless campaigner Angela Ghayour, an Afghan herself, set up her charity to bring learning mainly to girls and women of the country despite the Taliban's restrictions. CEO & Founder of Afghanistan Education Action, Angela will talk about the work and the hope it gives to excluded people of the country. **Free with a donation to the charity**



Wednesday, 1st July, 18:00

SW15: JENNY ANDERSSON – CENTRES FOR LIFE, Old Court Room, beneath the Assembly Room, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

Jenny Andersson returns to talk about her study for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, how 'Centres For Life' can help revitalise and regenerate places, followed by a collective exploration of the regenerative horizon for Chichester. Questions such as what are Centres For Life and why are they important will be explored. **Tickets £5**



Wednesday, 1st July, 19:30

SW16: SUSSEX FOLK SONG AND FOLK SONG COLLECTORS, Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane, PO19 3DQ

Historian and folk singer, Chris Hare will introduce the old folk songs of Sussex, explaining their origin and meaning. He will also consider the Victorian and Edwardian folk songs collectors who saved so many old songs from oblivion. Chris will also be singing some of these ancient ballads. **Tickets £9 at historypeople.co.uk**

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Wednesday, 8th July, 19:30

SW17: SUSSEX RURAL WRITERS, Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount Lane, Chichester, PO19 3DQ

Between 1880 and 1914 there was a remarkable outpouring of prose and poetry that took Sussex, and especially the South Downs, as a point of inspiration. This talk by Chris Hare will look at the work of Richard Jefferies, W.H. Hudson, Rudyard Kipling, Sheila Kaye-Smith, and many other writers who lived in or visited the county. **Tickets £9 at historypeople.co.uk**



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Saturday, 11th July, 10:30

Multi-themed event SW18: SENTIMENTALITY, SCEPTICISM AND STRUGGLE: BRITISH STRIKES AND POLITICAL PROTEST ON FILM, Chichester Cinema at New Park, New Park Road, Chichester, PO19 7XY

Marking the centenary of the General Strike, Emeritus Professor Maggie Andrews, looks back at strikes and protest in British film. **Talk £8.00, screening of 'Pride' £11.00 Both together £16.00**

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Saturday, 11th July, 14:00

SW19: WE ARE STILL HERE: A PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY HOLDS ONTO ITS LAND, Friends Meeting House, Chichester Priory Rd, Chichester, PO19 1NX

Paula Orr of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) will give a talk about her work. Paula spent three months in Palestine and was involved in monitoring and reporting human rights abuses. Paula will focus on one community's life under Israeli occupation. **Tickets Free with donation to the charity**



Tuesday, 14th July, 10:45

SW20: INFLUENTIAL QUEENS OF EGYPT - A PERSPECTIVE BY EILEEN GOULDING, Assembly Room, North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

This lecture identifies the women who were a real influence on society, the real powers behind the throne, the queen who was portrayed as a man, and the most beautiful and best loved of all the queens. It also examines the turbulent life and loves of Cleopatra, the last Queen. **Tickets £8 per person: Art Society members free**



Tuesday, 14th July, 19:30

SW21: A TREE ODYSSEY WITH JON STOKES, The Newell Centre, Tozer Way, Chichester, PO19 7LG

Jon set out to describe and celebrate all of Britain & Ireland's native trees and shrubs, but first he had to find them! The Tree Council's Director of Trees, Science and Research takes us on his journey with this illustrated talk. Hosted by Chichester Tree Wardens. **Tickets £8.50, under-25s £5**

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**Wednesday, 15th July,
19:30**

**SW22: ALL CHANGE! HOW THE
COMING OF THE RAILWAY
CHANGED SUSSEX FOREVER,
Chichester City Arts Centre, Mount
Lane, Chichester, PO19 3DQ**

Before the railway came to Sussex in the 1840s, the county was poor and underpopulated: after its arrival, both prosperity and population increased. This talk by Chris Hare will look at the new industries that sprung up and thrived and old ones that were revived. **Tickets £9 at historypeople.co.uk**



Friday, 17th July, 15:00

**Multi-themed event SW23: THE
SKYLARK AND THE CITY, St John's
Chapel, 5 St John's St, Chichester,
PO19 1UR**

Enjoy an inspirational mix of words and music on pastoral and urban themes by classical guitarist Linda Kelsall-Barnett and poet Barry Smith. Linda is the director of the West Sussex Guitar Orchestra and Barry is the director of the South Downs Poetry Festival, with two acclaimed poetry collections. **Tickets £10 at ticketsource.com/southdownspoetryfestival**

THEATRE & CINEMA



Sunday, 14th June, 19:00

**T1: OUTDOOR THEATRE: OTHELLO,
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Saturday, 13th June, 10:30

**Multi-themed event SW1:
TRANSFORMATIONS: IAN
MCEWAN AT THE MOVIES,
Chichester Cinema, New Park Road,
Chichester, PO19 7XY**

This talk by Nick Johnston-Jones reviews Ian McEwan's film and literary output including his reputation for darkness and his ability to dramatise and explore some of the scientific, political and moral complexities of life. Accompanying screenings include 'Atonement', 'Enduring Love' and 'On Chesil Beach'. **Talk £8.00, Screening £11.00, both £16.00**

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**T2: PERGOLA OPEN AIR THEATRE,
West Dean Gardens, West Dean,
Chichester, PO18 0RX**

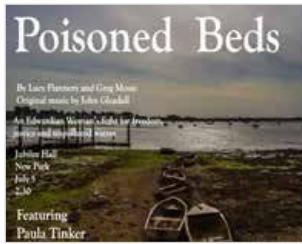
Enjoy an enchanting summer evening's theatre with six performances of Shakespeare's everlasting popular masterpiece alternating with Ayckbourn's classic comedy. You are welcome to bring your own picnics and enjoy the gardens from 5:30pm. Plays start 7.30pm. **Tickets £10 available on the night at the Pergola Theatre entrance or in advance from nptickets@gmail.com. Further information via West Dean website**



3rd & 4th July 19:30, 5th July 14:30 & 19:30

T3: ARTS DREAMSELSEY: LETTERS LIVE - A PERFORMANCE, Westberry House, 51 West St, Selsey, PO10 9AE

A wonderful celebration of the human experience, captured through the real words of real people where remarkable letters are read by a group of outstanding performers. Join us for an intimate night exploring love, joy, and crankiness and the enduring power of the letter. 🚗 **Tickets £15 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/artsdreamselsey**



Sunday, 5th July, 14:30

T4: POISONED BEDS, New Park Centre, Chichester, PO19 7XY

Who would have believed that 120 years ago local water companies would pump untreated sewage into Chichester Harbour, famous home of the finest oyster beds in Europe? This is an Edwardian woman's personal liberation set against the fight for suffrage and the death of the Oyster Industry in Emsworth. 🍀 **Tickets Adult/concession £12.50/10**



Saturday, 11th July, 10:30

Multi-themed event SW18: SENTIMENTALITY, SCEPTICISM AND STRUGGLE: BRITISH STRIKES AND POLITICAL PROTEST ON FILM, Chichester Cinema at New Park New Park Road, Chichester, PO19 7XY

Marking the centenary of the General Strike, Emeritus Professor Maggie Andrews, looks back at strikes and protest in British film. **Talk £8.00, screening of 'Pride' £11.00 Both together £16.00**

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Saturday, 11th July, 18:30

T5: OUTDOOR THEATRE:
PINOCCHIO, Chichester Cathedral, PO19 1PX

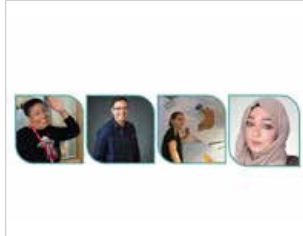
A wooden puppet runs away yearning for adventure, but instead finds cruel bosses, con-artists and exciting attractions which always contain hidden dangers. Ilyria celebrates this magical coming-of-age tale in a thrilling musical outdoor show. 🌂
Adult £21.68, Student £19.51, Child (3-12) £13.01, Under 3s free. Free carer tickets available



Saturday, 13th June, 10:00-13:00

W1: PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH SIMON KING, Meet at the foyer of the Council House, North Street, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

Join professional photographer, Simon King, for a location-based photography workshop. During a walking trip around Chichester you will learn about framing, exposure and other photography skills, from photographing architecture to street photography. Bring your own camera or smartphone. Suitable for all levels of experience. 🌂 **Tickets £15**



Sunday, 14th June, 11:00-14:00

W2: BOOKFEST YA, WRITING MASTERCLASS, Chichester Free School, Hunston Road, Chichester, PO20 1NP

Part of June's multi-event BookFest Ya series for 11-17 year olds. Sign up for a Sunday Creative Writing Masterclass and/or enter a First Chapter writing competition. **Free entry, great prizes. For information, rules and entry deadlines check childrensbookfest.com**



Tuesday, 16th June, 10:00

W3: TALES FROM THE CATHEDRAL LIBRARY, Dresden Room, George Bell House, 4 Canon Lane, Chichester, PO19 1PX

Discover the stories hidden within Chichester Cathedral's historic library through our Tuesday morning workshop series, Tales from the Cathedral Library. **Tickets £5**



Wednesday, 17th June, 18:00 & Friday 19th June noon-13:00

W4: IMPROV WORKSHOP WITH CHICHESTER IMPROV AND DRAMA, Roussillon Park Community Hall, Donegall Avenue, Roussillon Park, Chichester, PO19 6DF

If you loved drama at school, or you are still practising or even just curious, these one hour taster workshops are for you. Designed to give your imagination a gentle workout and remind you what it is to be playful. **Tickets £10 per session**



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Saturday, 20th June, 14:00

W5: THE PLACE THAT MADE YOU: PROSE AND POETRY CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP, New Park Centre, Chichester, PO19 7XY

Local authors and experienced creative writing tutors Stephanie Norgate and Karen Stevens will discuss how their imaginations have been shaped by rural or urban landscapes. They will then guide you through a series of connected writing exercises inviting you to explore your emotional landscapes, cityscapes or seascapes. **Adult £12, students or disabled £10**



Saturday, 20th June, 15:00

W6: LANO SOUND BATH WITH AYUMI, Lano Yoga, 2nd Floor, 1 Old Market Avenue, Chichester, PO19 1SP

Beginning with simple guided breathwork and intention setting accompanied by Tibetan bowls and soothing instruments to settle deeply into the present moment, then entering deep relaxation with gongs, crystal bowls, drums and chimes, the vibrations create an immersive soundscape to quiet the mind, calm the nervous system and encourage restoration. **Tickets £35**



Sunday, 28th June, 13:30

W7: INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN BLOCKPRINTING, Jam Café/ Creative Beatz, 33 Southgate, Chichester, PO19 1DP

Join Sussex printmaker Sarita for a hands-on Indian woodblock printing workshop. Practice using carved wooden blocks to print cards and notelets before creating a cushion cover, tea towel, or tote bag to take home. Perfect for beginners, this relaxed session builds confidence while exploring colour, pattern, and traditional printing. **Per person £38, family ticket available**



Saturday, 11th July, 12:30

W8: CHARLOTTE HASTINGS – KITCHEN THERAPY, Old Court Room, beneath Assembly Hall North St, Chichester, PO19 1LQ

Join Charlotte Hastings, educator, psychotherapist and author of "Kitchen Therapy – How To Become A Conscious Cook", which explores the psycho-spiritual, communal nature of food, cooking and eating. In this session a whole simple meal will be cooked together, with an invitation to share stories, memories, ideas and dreams. **Tickets £10**



Sunday, 12th July, 14:30

W9: THE JOY FREQUENCY EXPERIENCE! RAISE YOUR VIBRATION WORKSHOP, Green Door Centre, Main Rd, Bosham, PO18 8PJ

Sound Alchemist Amanda Waring and invited guests from the United States, including Connie Baxter Marlow and Andrew Cameron, will raise your frequency by sharing sound healing, movement, and empowering dialogue. **Tickets £30, concessions £25**



Saturday, 18th July, from 10:30

W10: CHICHESTER COLLAGE WORKSHOP, Novium Museum, Tower St Chichester, PO19 1QH

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Sundays at 11:30

WT2: HIGHLIGHTS OF CHICHESTER WALK, starts from Chichester Cathedral Bell Tower, West Street, Chichester, PO19 1PX

Join us for a 90-minute stroll through the charming, narrow streets of Chichester, taking in the history from the Romans to the present day. Runs every Sunday of the festival, or to choose a different date, contact us via info@chtg.co.uk. ☂ **Tickets £10 available direct or via The Novium. Child under 12 free**



Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th June, 10:30-noon

WT3: GUIDED TREE WALK THROUGH THE GARDEN, Bishop's Palace Gardens, Chichester, PO19 1PX

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Wednesday, 17th June, 10:30

WT4: ART TOUR, CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL, PO19 1PX

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Wednesdays 11:00, Thursdays 11:00 & Saturdays 14:00

WT5: HISTORIC WALKS THROUGH CHICHESTER, starts from Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester, PO19 1QH

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Tuesday, 23rd June-6th July, 10:15 & 14:15

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Thursday, 25th June, 18:15

WT7 : EXPLORE TREES IN LITTEN GARDENS, starts at the Friends Meeting House, Priory Rd, Chichester, PO19 1NX

Accompany Chichester Tree Wardens on a walk through Litten Gardens to enjoy and learn about its trees. Meet at Friends Meeting House, Priory Road and return there afterwards for refreshments and conversation. Approx. 1 hour walk, plus social. Sponsored by Chichester Quakers. 🌳 🍵 **Tickets £5**



Saturday, 27th June, 11:00

WT8 : TEXTILE TOUR, Chichester Cathedral PO19 1PX

Explore the Cathedral's rich textile heritage, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Piper Tapestry. Beyond this landmark work, fibre art is everywhere throughout the building, from Victorian embroideries to contemporary fibre art. **Tickets £10**



Saturday, 4th July, 14:30

WT9 : ROMAN HISTORY BOAT TRIP, starts form Itchenor, PO207AW


Learn about the Roman history of Chichester Harbour on a guided trip aboard our solar-powered boat, Solar Heritage. This special trip will take you up Fishbourne creek, via which Romans accessed the Roman palace, to Dell Quay, once one of the most important ports in England. 🚢 🚗 **Adult/child from £18/8 via boattripschichesterharbour.co.uk**



Sunday, 5th July, 19:00

WT10 : HISTORIC AND LITERARY SLINDON: A GUIDED WALK, The Forge, Reynolds Lane, Slindon, BN18 0QT

Former Slindon resident, Chris Hare, leads a walk around one of the South Down's most historic villages. As well as the long associations with the Archbishops of Canterbury, Slindon has a rich social history, and several literary connections, most notably with the writer and poet, Hilaire Belloc. 🚗 🚗 **Tickets £9 at histotypepeople.co.uk**



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May 22nd-31st Steyning Festival
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cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk

June 19th-21st Worthing Festival
worthingfestival.org.uk

June 27th & 28th Stansted Summer Festival
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July 9th-12th Goodwood Festival of Speed
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