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Welcome to our exciting programme of entertainment for the first half of 2020!

As promised, we will continue to present some experimental entertainment alongside our usual offering of Folk-based music and modern theatre. Indeed, we were privileged to be entertained by the sounds of the Blackheart Orchestra whose incredible electronically-based music, led by the amazing voice of Chrissy Mostyn, was very different but beautifully performed and I became an instant fan. I hope Pete gets them back again and hopefully, this time, with a bigger audience. Just think about a mixture of MOOG with the linnets-like voice not dissimilar to Kate Bush.

Looking forward, we start the year with the Blues and the evergreen Paul Jones & Dave Kelly. We get the trotters shaking with Mad Dog Mcrea, followed by the lovely Saskia Griffiths-Moore; and in May, the famous Oysterband will certainly raise the rafters.

Theatre and spoken word will abound so come on in, and join the fun; it's live, it's good - and you won't find better entertainment this side of Bristol.

Mike

Mike Penn

Chairman, Petherton Arts Trust

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REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Last Wednesday in the month 10am – 12 noon.

Pop in for a cup of real coffee and a chat. Look around the book and bric-a-brac stalls and more often than not, listen to some live music.

Wednesday 29 January, Wednesday 26 February, Wednesday 25 March, Wednesday 29 April, Wednesday 27 May, Wednesday 24 June

Acoustic Night

7.30pm – 11.00pm (10.30pm on Sundays)

On our Acoustic Night, The David Hall hands over its professional stage and outstanding acoustics to budding artists of all genres.

Sunday 26 January, Saturday 22 February, Sunday 29 March, Saturday 25 April, Saturday 23 May, Sunday 21 June

Petherton Picture Show

Petherton Picture Show (PPS) presents a varied programme of films at The David Hall at **8pm on Friday evenings**. Tickets for all films are £5. PPS is a film club but membership is free.

More information can be found at www.pethertonpictureshow.com or www.thedavidhall.org.uk

Petherton Picture Show Films:

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

Friday 8 November: Fisherman's Friends (12A)

Friday 22 November: Vita Virginia (12A)

Friday 13 December: Yesterday (12A)

PETHERTON PICTURE SHOW FILM DATES 2020

Friday 10 January

Friday 31 January

Friday 28 February

Friday 27 March

Friday 17 April

Friday 15 May

Friday 12 June

Friday 24 January

Friday 14 February

Friday 13 March

Friday 3 April

Friday 1 May

Friday 29 May

Friday 26 June

DECEMBER highlights



Friday 6 & Saturday 7 December:
St Agnes Fountain 8pm



Saturday 14 December:
'What a Superhero Wants for Christmas' 1pm & 3pm



Friday 20 December:
Belshazzar's Feast 8pm



Tuesday 31 December:
New Year's Eve Celebration Ceilidh 8.15pm

The Times, They Are A Changing



The support we get from the public, and the work done by our volunteer band of brothers and sisters, provides a unique 'entertainments palace' that is second to none.

However, we cannot survive on ticket sales alone. Keeping the building safe and functional costs a lot of money. Over the next couple of years we aim to extend and upgrade the building, allowing us to provide your entertainment in more comfortable surroundings and with a greater customer offering.

You can help us first by attending the gigs and theatre but also by donating funds to the Petherton Arts Trust. Please think about us when writing your Wills, or help us with funding ideas. When it comes to building and maintenance, if this is your area of expertise, please share your knowledge with us.

Without you we cannot exist, so please help in any way you can.

Mike

Mike Penn
Chairman, Petherton Arts Trust



THURSDAY 9 JANUARY AT 8PM

Paul Jones & Dave Kelly



Pete Says: Fantastic to get this amazing duo back with us. Without doubt, two of the biggest names in British Blues music for more years than they would wish to mention. You are advised to book early as this will, once again, sell out very quickly.

Two seasoned, erudite entertainers. A guitar, harmonica, two authentic, thrilling Blues voices and an envious repertoire of songs and reminiscences most musicians can only dream of. As the current parlance goes: what's not to like?

Looking at our popular culture, dynamic duos loom large. Sam and Dave, Wallace and Gromit, Batman and Robin, Chas and Dave, Lennon and McCartney, the Hairy Bikers ... the list is long and impressive; but when it comes to the Blues, heading this panoply of partnerships, Paul Jones and Dave Kelly reign supreme.

www.thebluesband.net

**Tickets: £24
No concessions**



FRIDAY 17 JANUARY, 5.30PM – 9PM

Richard Huish College



Richard Huish College students will provide an evening of quality, upbeat entertainment from a range of student performers going solo or teaming up as a band. Tickets include a snack, and more will be available to buy. Refreshments and tuck shop are available all evening.

Upcoming performers with well-known songs under genres ranging from Pop to Funk and Folk will be playing, beginning at 5.30pm and ending at 9pm. Make sure to come along for food and live music to support the future artists!

www.huish.ac.uk

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SUNDAY 19 JANUARY AT 2PM

Rock The Tots - Gigs for little people... and their grown-ups!



Rock The Tots will be presenting a fun and fabulous music event for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, and their adults. Well-known Pop and Rock covers, performed by a live guitarist with puppets, percussion and stories included. Sit, stand, dance or head-bang... just have fun! You and your little one will have a blast.



www.rockthetots.co.uk

Sarah Says: Can't wait to let my hair down at this afternoon's gig for all the family. We are so pleased to invite Stephanie and Craig with their unique show to 'the small Hall'. This gig is not just for the 'little people', so why not bring the whole family?

Tickets: £6 per person.

SATURDAY 25 JANUARY AT 8PM

Steve Knightley: Pass Notes - The stories behind the songs



Following the success of last year's intimate one-man show, Steve's latest outing is intended for anyone fascinated by the art and craft of song writing.

Exploring his extensive back catalogue, and introducing unheard new material, he explores the themes and stories that inspire him and shows how music and words can become lyrics, and chords and notes can meld to create songs that acquire a life of their own.



www.steveknightley.co.uk

Pete Says: Steve needs no introduction to us, having performed here many, many times - the last being in January 2019. He is without doubt one of the most talented and prolific singer/songwriters in the country. A wonderful live performer whose shows are always top quality and full of surprises!

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No concessions

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SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

Mad Dog Mcrea - A 'Chance to Dance' Event



Pete Says: This band's first visit to us, in May 2018, was truly memorable. An absolutely packed Hall enjoyed every moment of what was a fantastic performance. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Mad Dog Mcrea blend a unique mixture of Folk/Rock, Pop, Gypsy Jazz, Bluegrass and 'shake your ass' music. From self-penned songs of adventure, drinking, love and life, to Traditional songs of gypsies, fairies, legless pirates and black flies – Mad Dog never fail to capture their audience with their infectious songs. In constant demand and having played just about every festival and two-bit, jibe-arsed dive in Christendom, Mad Dog Mcrea are, in every sense of the word, a live band.

www.maddogmcrea.co.uk

www.independentvenueweek.com



Tickets: £17 Full. £16 Concessions.



FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

Megson



Pete Says: They have performed at The David Hall many times since their first visit in 2008. Over a decade on, Debbie and Stu are now one of the most sought-after acts on the circuit. A truly special night is guaranteed.

Four times nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and double winners of the Spiral Earth Awards, Megson - aka Stu and Debbie Hanna - draw heavily on their Teesside heritage to create a truly unique brand of Folk music.

The husband and wife duo bring an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars. Performing as Megson, Debs Hanna (vocals, whistle, piano accordion) and Stu Hanna (guitar, mandola, banjo) have gained fame on the British Folk scene, not only for their arresting and intelligent song writing but also for their exquisite musicianship and northern humour.

www.megsonmusic.co.uk

Tickets: £16 Full. £15 Concessions.



SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM

Pip Utton Presents: At Home with Will Shakespeare



In *At Home with Will Shakespeare*, Pip Utton gives us all the chance to spend time with the great man; a man who loves, laughs, drinks, sings, dances and cries, and in between is forced to write some plays and poetry to make a living. Will is leading a double life, as a family man and landowner in Stratford-upon-Avon and as the great playwright in London.



Sarah Says: We're really looking forward to welcoming acclaimed actor Pip Utton to The David Hall. He is a favourite at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival, so it's wonderful to have him visiting us with his fantastic show.

www.takeart.org
www.pip-utton.co.uk

Tickets: £10 Full. £9 Concessions.

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY AT 8PM
Saskia Griffiths-Moore



Recording her latest album at Abbey Road Studios, Saskia Griffiths-Moore is bringing her new music, and Baez & Dylan 'throwback Folk', to The David Hall.

This young rising star is increasingly known for her crystal-clear vocals and melody-led Acoustic song-writing. She has been featured on Sky TV six times, awarded three major grants from Arts Council England and receives regular national radio play, holding 4- and 5-star reviews for all her releases. As an independent artist she has proven herself on Kickstarter, and currently flaunts two guitar endorsements. Expect a night of laughs, sincere music and original material.

www.saskiagm.com



Pete Says: Saskia appeared at Petherton Folk Fest in both 2018 and 2019. She is a fabulous singer and performer who will hopefully be joined by Jack Cookson (guitar) and Lukas Drinkwater (bass), which will ensure that this is a performance of the highest quality. Highly recommended!

Tickets: £14 Full. £13 Concessions.

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WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 11AM

The MakeShift Ensemble presents: The Curious Garden



Sarah Says: Great that we have managed to rebook this superb Ensemble after they performed in January 2019 with *The Children in the Moon*. If you know the book, then you will love this adaptation. Theatre for all the family, so come along.

Tickets: £10 Full. £9 Under 12s.

Join The MakeShift Ensemble as they bring to life New York Times' award-winning children's book, *The Curious Garden*, which is all about one boy's quest for a greener world... one garden at a time.

While out exploring one day, Liam discovers a struggling garden and decides to take care of it. As time passes, the garden spreads throughout the dark, grey city, transforming it into a lush, green world. An enchanting tale with environmental themes, teaching us that our own care and determination can help change the world.

Plus, at 2pm, a one-hour Drama Workshop with the company's performers, based on the themes in the show. Tickets: £5

www.themakeshiftensemble.com



FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

Blue Rose Code + support from Steve Dagleish



Pete Says: Ross is fantastic live and has been on my 'most wanted' list for some time. Amazing material brilliantly played is guaranteed. Ross will be accompanied by two musicians, as is usual with Blue Rose Code gigs. Also, great to have Steve Dagleish for his second visit. A really special night is guaranteed.

A nomad both geographically and musically, Ross Wilson of Blue Rose Code writes from the heart, eschewing any specific genre; and the 12 new songs on *The Water Of Leith* - addressing themes of love, loss, travel, home, accepting the past and embracing the future - are painted with colours of Soul, Jazz, Folk and Pop, an eclecticism that has become a hallmark of Blue Rose Code and seen him compared to John Martyn, Van Morrison and Tom Waits.

www.blurosecode.com

www.stevedagleish.com

Tickets: £18 Full. £17 Concessions.

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM

Tangle Theatre presents: Volpone



The classic satire of cunning and greed from the African-Caribbean theatre company, Tangle.

Volpone is rich – filthy rich. For him, the glory of accumulating wealth is more thrilling than its simple possession.

In lust for more, he and his assistant, the rascal Mosca, swindle three of the wealthiest men in the city, each believing they are his sole heir. Daring trickery and avarice ensue in this biting fresh version of Ben Johnson’s comedy.

Inspired by Southern African Township Theatre, a multi-skilled ensemble of three actors perform to an enticing backdrop of new and vintage Jazz, delivered with Tangle’s trademark dynamism.

www.tangleinternational.com



Sarah Says: We are pleased to be continuing our relationship with South West-based, Tangle Theatre. Enjoy Tangle’s unique style and adaptation of Ben Johnson’s comedy. I, for one, will be in the front row...

Tickets: £15 Full. £14 Concessions.

SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

Christian Garrick & The Budapest Café Orchestra – 10th Birthday Tour 2009-2019



The BCO were established by British composer and violinist Christian Garrick in 2009. Led by Christian, they play a blistering barrage of traditional Folk and Gypsy-flavoured music from across the Balkans and Russia, Klezmer laments, Romanian Doinas, Hungarian Czardas and their own unique re-imaginings of some of the biggest pieces ever written by the greats.

A show by the BCO is good enough to make you want to book that holiday down the Danube!

www.budapestcafeorchestra.co.uk



Pete Says: This fabulous band performed for us for the first time in April 2018 when, as expected, they entertained and amazed in equal measure. We are really chuffed to be able to get this totally fascinating group of musicians to perform for us again.

Tickets: £18 Full. £17 Concessions.

SUNDAY 1 MARCH AT 7.30PM



The Phil Beer Band At the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

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Charming, disarming and exceptionally talented, multi-instrumentalist Phil Beer is something of a national treasure on the Folk, Roots and Acoustic scene. One half of award-winning powerhouse Show of Hands, Beer is equally in demand for his solo shows.

Supported by The David Hall. For more information visit
www.octagon-theatre.co.uk or call 01935 422884



FRIDAY 6 MARCH AT 8PM

John Osborne presents: John Peel's Shed



Pete Says: John Peel was a legend admired by music lovers everywhere. This performance by John Osborne will pay respect to the music of a very special and much-missed man.

Writer and theatre-maker John Osborne returns to the stage, this time with his Edinburgh sell-out production, John Peel's Shed - a storytelling show about radio, music and a whole heap of records.

Featuring a selection of the records previously owned by the late and infamous John Peel, many of which are very rare recordings by obscure and now defunct bands, this is a unique opportunity for any Peel fans.

www.takeart.org
www.johnosbournewriter.com

Tickets: £10 Full. £9 Concessions.

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If you need this information in large print, please contact 01460 240340

In person:

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Postal Bookings:

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By telephone:

01460 240340 and pay with your debit/credit card.

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All events start at 8pm unless stated.

All information correct at time of print – subject to change

JANUARY

	Thursday 9 January	Paul Jones & Dave Kelly
	Friday 10 January	PPS Film
	Friday 17 January	Richard Huish College 5.30pm
	Sunday 19 January	Rock The Tots Family Gig 2pm
	Friday 24 January	PPS Film
	Saturday 25 January	Steve Knightley
	Sunday 26 January	Acoustic Night 7.30pm
	Wednesday 29 January	Coffee Morning 10am
	Friday 31 January	PPS Film

FEBRUARY

	Saturday 1 February	Mad Dog Mcrea - A 'Chance to Dance' Event
	Friday 7 February	Megson
	Saturday 8 February	'At Home with Will Shakespeare' 7.30pm
	Friday 14 February	PPS Film
	Saturday 15 February	Saskia Griffiths-Moore
	Wednesday 19 February	'The Curious Garden' 11am & Workshop 2pm
	Friday 21 February	Blue Rose Code
	Saturday 24 February	Acoustic Night 7.30pm
	Wednesday 26 February	Coffee Morning 10am
	Thursday 27 February	'Volpone' 7.30pm
	Friday 28 February	PPS Film
	Saturday 29 February	Christian Garrick & The Budapest Café Orchestra

MARCH

	Sunday 1 March	Phil Beer Band at The Octagon Theatre 7.30pm
	Friday 6 March	'John Peel's Shed'
	Saturday 7 March	Luke Daniels and Nancy Kerr
	Sunday 8 March	Crystal & Tibetan Sound Bath 2pm
	Friday 13 March	PPS Film
	Saturday 14 March	Ben Poole Band
	Saturday 21 March	Cara Dillon
	Wednesday 25 March	Coffee Morning 10am
	Friday 27 March	PPS Film
	Saturday 28 March	Rachael McShane & The Cartographers
	Sunday 29 March	Acoustic Night 7.30pm

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APRIL

	Friday 3 April	PPS Film
	Saturday 4 April	The Churchfitters
	Sunday 12 April	Tams Coope 2D 7.30pm
	Friday 17 April	PPS Film
	Saturday 18 April	Gigspanner Big Band
	Thursday 23 April	Arcade featuring Heidi Talbot & Adam Holmes
	Friday 24 April	Prints, Posters and Painting Sale 7.30pm
	Saturday 25 April	Acoustic Night 7.30pm
	Wednesday 29 April	Coffee Morning 10am

MAY

	Friday 1 May	PPS Film
	Saturday 2 May	'Jack and the Beanstalk' 2pm
	Friday 15 May	PPS Film
	Saturday 16 May	Oysterband 'Chance to Dance'
	Sunday 17 May	Oysterband 'Seated Concert' 7.30pm
	Friday 22 May	Daphne's Flight
	Saturday 23 May	Acoustic Night 7.30pm
	Wednesday 27 May	Coffee Morning 10am
	Thursday 28 May	'Adventures of Mme Sell & Mr Popsy' 2pm
	Friday 29 May	PPS Film
	Saturday 30 May	The Demon Barbers XL

JUNE

	Tuesday 2 June	BOVTS – Play to be announced 7.30pm
	Friday 5 June	Seckou Keita
	Sunday 7 June	Open Gardens – Over Stratton 2pm
	Friday 12 June	PPS Film
	Saturday 13 June	Petherton Folk Fest 2020 10am
	Saturday 20 June	Nick Cope Family Gig 2pm
	Sunday 21 June	Acoustic Night 7.30pm
	Wednesday 24 June	Coffee Morning 10am
	Friday 26 June	PPS Film

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- A Friend of Petherton Arts Trust (PAT)
- In receipt of a State Pension
- Young person under 18 (NB: some events are not suitable for under-18s)

PAT reserves the right to see proof of eligibility.

Mailing Lists: In order to save costs, we will only be mailing programmes to those people on our mailing list who have purchased tickets within the last year. If you wish to remain on the list but, for various reasons, have not purchased tickets within this period, please let us know. The full programme can also be viewed online at www.thedavidhall.org.uk or we can email a PDF version of the programme. If you wish to view the programme only in this way, and are happy not to receive the printed version, please advise us.

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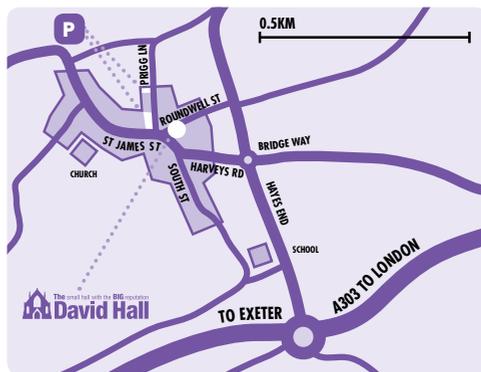
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Who Is...

PETE WHEELER author of the 'Pete Says' segments throughout the programme - joined Petherton Arts Trust (PAT) 21 years ago. Without Pete's connections in the world of Folk, Blues and Acoustic music, The David Hall would not be able to offer the calibre of artists who bring Patrons back to The Hall time and time again and help maintain our reputation for outstanding music gigs.

SARAH SETTER has a specialisation in theatre and dance. Sarah has worked for a range of companies including BalletBoyz, The Cholmondeleys and Theatre Centre.

SATURDAY 7 MARCH AT 8PM

Luke Daniels and Nancy Kerr



Since Daniels' landmark solo statement, What's Here What's Gone, in 2014, he's put down several more markers on the musical map. Revolve and Rotate had him transporting the 19th century's closest thing to hi-fi, the giant steel discs of the polyphon, to modern transcription.

Nancy Kerr is one of the most celebrated Folk musicians of her generation and to date has won six Folk Awards from BBC Radio 2, including Best Duo 2003 and again in 2011, with James Fagan.

This new duo show promises to be a stunning mix of contemporary Folk music and inspired instrumental virtuosity.

www.lukedanielsmusic.co.uk

www.nancykerr.co.uk



Pete Says: What a fantastic collaboration by two great performers. Luke performed for us in September 2017 with the The Polyhon Chronicles and Nancy, was last at The David Hall in October 2017. A night of outstanding music is guaranteed.

Tickets: £15 Full. £14 Concessions.

SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2PM – 3.30PM

Crystal & Tibetan Singing Bowl Sound Bath



Experience the therapeutic Pure Sound effect with musician and sound healing facilitator Dean Carter (MA Oxon) using singing bowls with vocal overtone applied using the yin/yang principles of harmony, which promote a deeply relaxing and healing state to rebalance and re-energise your body, mind and spirit. Your 'participation' involves simply lying down to allow the etheric sounds to wash over and through you.

Bring comfy bedding and a blanket to wrap around you.

To reserve a place email Dean Carter on ahiahel@live.com, telephone **01935 389655** or visit www.centreforpuresound.org.

Payment required on the day.



Tickets: £15 Full. £13 Concessions.



SATURDAY 14 MARCH AT 8PM

Ben Poole Band



Pete Says: This is another massive coup for us to get this brilliant guitarist and his band to perform at The David Hall. Without doubt one of the finest Blues guitarists to grace our very special space, so do not miss out on this unique opportunity.

Nominated by the USA's Guitar World Magazine as one of the best Blues guitarists on the planet - alongside names such as Eric Clapton, John Mayer, Buddy Guy, Robert Cray, Joe Bonamassa and many more - Ben Poole is very much at the forefront of the talent-rich Blues/Rock scene.

Now an internationally-recognised touring and recording artist since beginning his career playing on the local UK Blues circuit at aged 16, Ben Poole has also received critical acclaim from some of the most renowned Blues and Rock musicians in the world - such as Jeff Beck, Gary Moore, John Mayall, Beth Hart, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Walter Trout, Richie Kotzen and many more.

www.benpooleband.com

**Tickets: £19 Full.
£18 Concessions.**



SATURDAY 21 MARCH AT 8PM

Cara Dillon

This extraordinary Irish singer has been captivating audiences and achieving exceptional acclaim for over 20 years. She has (according to Mojo magazine) "Quite possibly the world's most beautiful female voice".

Alongside a selection of favourites from her previous releases, Cara will be performing material from her new album, Wanderer, which is a collection of beautiful and moving songs recorded in an intimate setting with her husband and musical partner, Sam Lakeman. Legions of fans will attest to their impassioned performances, with Cara's warm and natural stage presence something to savour.

www.caradillon.co.uk

Tickets: £22. No concessions.



Pete Says: Absolutely delighted to welcome Cara and Sam back with us following their last remarkable sell-out performance in October 2018. Cara has become a household name, having performed worldwide.

SATURDAY 28 MARCH AT 8PM

Rachael McShane and The Cartographers



Rachael McShane is a singer, cellist, fiddle and viola player, based in the North East of England.

An original member of Folk 'big band' Bellowhead, Rachael toured internationally with them, as well as making several TV appearances. Bellowhead recorded five studio albums and won a total of eight BBC Folk Awards in their 12 years together.

Rachael is now working on a new solo project – a reworking of Traditional songs - and is playing with a brand-new band, featuring guitarist Matthew Ord (Assembly Lane) and melodeon player, Julian Sutton (Kathryn Tickell, Sting).

www.rachaelmcshane.co.uk

Pete Says: Really pleased to have this band with us for their first visit. One thing not mentioned is that Rachel is not only a fantastic musician but she also possesses a fabulous voice. This will be a night that will feature three musicians at the very top of their game.

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SATURDAY 4 APRIL AT 8PM

The Churchfitters



Pete Says: We all love this band. The Churchfitters have been with us many times, the last being in September 2018 when they once again charmed and impressed everyone in equal measure. These three musicians are truly a band like no other.

The name's origin is lost in the mists of time but there is one aspect that suits them perfectly - its quirkiness. When your array of instruments includes a motorcycle petrol tank, a musical saw and a Mercedes Benzouki made from hubcaps, there's little point worrying if the name makes sense! Saucepan dulcimer, glass harp, Bing-Bong machine and magic boots all join more conventional fiddle, banjo, sax and whistle, to name a few - to back Rosie Short's sublime voice.

**Tickets: £15.
No concessions.**

www.churchfitters.com



SUNDAY 12 APRIL AT 7.30PM

Tams Coope 2D



Pete Says: Great news that this brilliant duo are back with us again. They have performed for us a number of times, the last one being in June 2013. Since that visit John has continued to be busy with the wonderful War Horse as well as performing again with the legendary band The Home Service. John being joined by the excellent Barry Coope on keyboards means our audience will without doubt be blessed with a mix of both well-established and new material, brilliantly played and sung. This will be a truly special night. A big 'thank you' to John, Barry (and Sally) for their continued support

**Tickets: £16 Full.
£15 concessions.**

www.johntams.co.uk



SATURDAY 18 APRIL AT 8PM

Peter Knight's Gigspanner Big Band



Pete Says: Gigspanner and Phillip and Hannah have performed for us many times, but never together. Then it got even better when we were informed that John 'Squeezey' Spiers had joined the band. To say this will be a special, highly sought-after event, is a massive understatement.

BBC Folk winners Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin, and Bellowhead co-founder John Spiers, join forces with legendary fiddle player Peter Knight's highly acclaimed trio Gigspanner to form the Gigspanner Big Band. Taking self-penned material along with music rooted in the British Isles and beyond, with the flick of a bow, a finely chosen chord or the slip of a beat, they produce richly atmospheric arrangements "with notes seemingly plucked from the stars and rhythms from the equator".

**Tickets: £21.
No concessions.**

www.peterknight.net

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THURSDAY 23 APRIL AT 8PM

Arcade feat. Heidi Talbot & Adam Holmes



For the first time, Ireland's Heidi Talbot and Scotland's Adam Holmes are joining forces to tour, write and record an album of original material, together. Between them they have been nominated for multiple BBC Folk Awards, SAY awards, Irish music awards - and played for First Ministers and US Presidents.

This new collaboration will see the pair work under the name "Arcade", with plans for their new album of songs to be produced by Louis Abbott (Admiral Fallow).

www.heiditalbot.com

www.adamholmesandthemembers.com



Pete Says: This will without doubt be a very special night of music. I am really excited that these two wonderful musicians have collaborated and formed "Arcade". Two fantastic musicians at the top of their game.

Tickets: £22. No concessions.

FRIDAY 24 APRIL AT 7.30PM

Prints, Posters and Painting Sale. A 'Support the Hall' Event



Come along and grab a bargain for your wall. All sorts of artwork will be available at knock-down prices - something for every taste. This is a fundraising event to support The David Hall.

Tickets: Free Entry

SATURDAY 2 MAY AT 2PM

Lyngo Theatre presents: Jack and the Beanstalk



Fee Fi Fo Fum! It's a giant of a show, we'd love you to come!

This classic fairytale now gets the Lyngo treatment, so expect lots of surprises, a gripping story and beautiful images as Jack sells his cow for five magic beans and finds himself in the land above the clouds.

It's a show for the over 3's (and their giants), with something for everyone - enormous shoes, tiny houses, showers of silver and gold and a big, leafy explosion!

www.lyngo.co.uk

Tickets: £10 Full. £9 Under 12s.



Sarah Says: Again, we had such a positive response to Lyngo Theatre's Tom Thumb in March 2018 that we had to get this company back to 'the small Hall'. Great visual impact helps to tell this classic story, so it's a unique experience for all ages.



SATURDAY 16 MAY AT 8PM

Oysterband 'Chance to Dance'



Pete Says: Following the amazing two nights we had with Oysterband in November 2018 it is brilliant news that the band has made this work for us again. For a venue of our size to get the full Oysterband is truly amazing. Please book very early as both nights will sell out quickly.

SUNDAY 17 MAY 7.30PM

Oysterband 'Seated Concert'

Classic songs from every era of a long and mighty career.

Oysterband, the five-times BBC Radio 2 Folk Award-winning outfit that brought passion, power and not a little poetry to Folk and Roots music, enter their fifth decade as vital and creative as ever, with some of the finest songs in the modern Folk canon to their name: Put Out The Lights; When I'm Up (I Can't Get Down); Blood Wedding; Everywhere I Go; The Oxford Girl; Granite Years; Native Son; A River Runs.....these and many others from their vast back catalogue will feature as they embark on another year of international touring and festivals.

www.oysterband.co.uk

Tickets: £24. No concessions.



FRIDAY 22 MAY AT 8PM

Daphne's Flight

In 1995, Christine Collister, Melanie Harrold, Julie Matthews, Helen Watson and Chris White - acclaimed and appreciated for their individual talents as Folk, Blues, Rock and Soul singers - found themselves at the Cambridge Festival. They decided to sing some songs together..... Magic happened and Daphne's Flight took off. A widely-acclaimed eponymous studio album and UK tour followed, with a prestigious date at London's Union Chapel - all of which marked a turning point in the role of women within the English Folk movement.

www.daphnesflight.com

Tickets: £19 Full. £18 Concessions.



Pete Says: Another massive coup to get this fabulous 'supergroup' to perform in our 'special space'. Really great material performed by five of the finest voices on the planet is a recipe for another truly memorable night. Not to be missed!

THURSDAY 28 MAY AT 2PM

Tall Tails Theatre Present: The Adventures of Madame Carol Sell and Mr Popsy.



When Madame Carol Sell first encounters Mr Popsy she wonders if anything will ever be the same again. The adventures begin when Mr Popsy, a hot air balloon, becomes the newest attraction in the Georgian gardens where the Carousel resides. Driven by competition, the two spiral out of control with acts of sabotage, revenge and the occasional dance-off, only to find themselves no better off than they were at the start. Will the pair of attractions ever find a common ground? This is a humorous pantomime exploring how respect, friendship and co-operation can overcome rivalry and jealousy.



**Tickets: £10 Full.
£9 Under 12s.**

Sarah Says: We are very excited to be supporting Somerset-based Tall Tails Theatre. Great showmanship and imagination will impress not only the young audience but hopefully, the adults, too!

SATURDAY 30 MAY AT 8PM

The Demon Barbers XL



As previous winners of Best Live Act at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, there's no denying The Demon Barbers' ability to put on a first-class performance. Over the years they've thrilled countless audiences with their live music and dance shows, be it stirring up a frenzy at Glastonbury Festival and Edinburgh Fringe or selling out theatres around the UK!

www.thedemonbarbers.co.uk



Pete Says: This is a night not for the faint-hearted - but should not be missed! Last with us in March 2009, this will be a night of powerful music and totally awe-inspiring dance. Due to the unique set-up required for this event, numbers will be reduced. This also means that a quick sell-out is an absolute certainty.

Tickets: £19 Full. £18 Concessions.



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TUESDAY 2 JUNE AT 7.30PM

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

We are pleased to announce the annual visit of Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, which follows the success of previous tours, including The Canterbury Tales, The Mill on the Floss and Under Milk Wood. Details of the production will be posted on our website, and there will be posters and information at The David Hall.

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Tickets: £15 Full. £14 Concessions.

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School

Sarah Says: I am so pleased that we continue to support the next generation of actors and production professionals who train with Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. I look forward to watching the potential stars of our future in their up-and-coming production.



FRIDAY 5 JUNE AT 8PM

Seckou Keita

Seckou Keita has arguably become the most influential and inspiring kora player of his generation, an exceptional and charismatic musician and a modern global citizen, living with seven centuries of tradition and heritage expressed through his music. In his solo album, 22 Strings (released May 2015), Seckou gives us the kora in its purest guise, a wondrous instrument that can soothe the bloodlust of warriors and take the human spirit to a place of deep meditation, stillness and beauty.

www.seckoukeita.com

Tickets: £18 Full. £17 Concessions.



Pete Says: Without doubt, Seckou's last performance with us, in April 2017, was one of the most talked-about gigs of that year. I have no doubt that this is another night that will be remembered for a very long time.



SUNDAY 7 JUNE AT 2PM

Open Gardens – Over Stratton

Stroll around some interesting and varied gardens in Over Stratton on a summer's afternoon. Enjoy afternoon tea with homemade cakes plus, Traditional music and plant sales.

More information will be available closer to the time.

Tickets: £5. Free for children accompanied by an adult and wheelchair users.

SATURDAY 13 JUNE – ALL DAY
Petherton Folk Fest 2020



Saturday 13th June 2020 will be the 9th Petherton Folk Fest since the revival in 2012.

We are continuing to plan a day which celebrates music and dance from the Folk tradition. We will also build on the success of last year by improving the stalls area in the churchyard and creating a day of free entertainment. There will be a full programme of music in Market Square and The David Hall as well as sessions in the Brewer's Arms and singing in the church.

Children's activities and workshops are being organised as this programme goes to press. Put the date on your calendar and bring your friends and families!

www.pethertonfolkfest.co.uk



SATURDAY 20 JUNE AT 2PM
Nick Cope - A Family Afternoon Gig



Nick Cope is a professional singer and songwriter and has over 20 years of experience in music, including international success as lead singer and songwriter with The Candyskins in the 1990s.

For close to 10 years Nick has been writing, recording and performing music for families and has established a fanatical army of 'little people' and their parents from all over the world. His six albums of original songs have become a 'must have' for thousands and thousands of young families. www.nickcope.co.uk



Sarah Says: We started the year with Rock The Tots – a gig for all the family, and end the season with the fantastic Nick Cope, who is a unique singer and storyteller. Why not join his army of fans for this early summer afternoon gig?

Tickets: £8 Full, £7 Under 12s.

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