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## Welcome to our programme for January – June 2022.

What a strange period we have been through, and here we are, launching the first of our full programmes since March 2020 and ready to welcome you back with a wide range of performances, designed to provide the highest quality Music, Theatre, Dance, Spoken Word and Film, right here in South Somerset.

Starting with our traditional Ceilidh bringing in the New Year we continue at a pace with Cara Dillon, Wille and the Bandits - a hard to define Blues-based four-piece, touring their new sound and album, and rounding off the month with the quirky Churchfitters.

To highlight a few more events in this programme, we welcome first-timers for two 'Chance to Dance' events - The Leylines and Cut Capers.

Also, we are delighted to be part of Take Art's Rural Touring, featuring the performance poet/comedian John Hegley, Multi Story Theatre Company and Elvis McGonagall, broadcaster, armchair revolutionary and walking shortbread tin.

Writing this makes me realise just how far we have come to relaunch such a varied and creative programme, and along with the volunteers who continue their support and the staff who constantly work professionally under pressure and deadlines, I look forward to welcoming you to this beautiful venue.

Thank you for your support.

*Chris*

Chris Latham  
**Chair of 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 26 January, Wednesday 23 February, Wednesday 30 March, Wednesday 27 April, Wednesday 25 May, Wednesday 29 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 30 January, Sunday 20 February, Sunday 27 March, Sunday 24 April, Friday 20 May, Saturday 25 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](http://www.pethertonpictureshow.com) or**  
**[www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk)**

### Petherton Picture Show Films:

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**NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021**

**Friday 26 November: The Father (12A)**  
**Friday 17 December: Love, Sarah (12A)**

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**PETHERTON PICTURE SHOW FILM DATES 2022**

<b>Friday 14 January</b>	<b>Friday 28 January</b>
<b>Friday 11 February</b>	<b>Friday 25 February</b>
<b>Friday 11 March</b>	<b>Friday 25 March</b>
<b>Friday 1 April</b>	<b>Friday 29 April</b>
<b>Friday 13 May</b>	<b>Friday 27 May</b>
<b>Friday 10 June</b>	<b>Friday 24 June</b>

## DECEMBER highlights



**Friday 3 December:**  
**Richard Digance 8pm**



**Sunday 5 December:**  
**Tor Theatre 'Cinderella 2'**  
**2pm and 4pm**



**NEW Monday 6 December:**  
**Stanchester Quire**  
**Christmas Concert 7.30pm**



**Friday 10 & Saturday 11**  
**December:**  
**St Agnes Fountain 8pm**



**Saturday 18 December:**  
**Tankus the Henge**  
**'Chance to Dance'**



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

## Support Your Small-scale Arts Centre



The challenges of the last 18 months have been huge, with many dark periods; but with the dedication of staff / board and volunteers, and financial support through South Somerset District Council and Arts Council England Cultural Recovery Fund, we have survived.

During the lockdown we capitalised on specific grants, to finally tackle some repair issues. Thanks to Garfield Weston Foundation, Bradford's Building Supplies, South Petherton Parish Council and The Company of Ironmongers, we completed a significant amount; but, as with most old buildings, the work is 'to be continued'.....

Internally we tackled some repainting work, created a lively wall mural, re-fitted stage lighting and fixed a few kitchen leaks; and more will be done throughout this year.

For more information about how you can help to support the activities of Petherton Arts Trust, visit [www.thedavidhall.org](http://www.thedavidhall.org). uk, call 01460 240340 or email [info@thedavidhall.org](mailto:info@thedavidhall.org)



SATURDAY 15 JANUARY AT 8PM

## Cara Dillon



**Pete Says:** Absolutely delighted to welcome Cara back with us following her last remarkable sell-out performance in October 2018. Book very early to avoid disappointment!

Cara Dillon occupies an enviable position at the very top of her genre. 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".

[www.caradillon.co.uk](http://www.caradillon.co.uk)

**Tickets: £22. No concessions**

SATURDAY 22 JANUARY AT 8PM

## Wille and the Bandits



**Pete Says:** This band has been on my radar for a very long while and I'm so pleased they are able to come at this time. Totally unique, this is a 'not to be missed' event!!

Essentially, Wille and the Bandits is a classic Blues Rock three-piece, much in the vein of Cream or The Jimi Hendrix experience. But in a similar way to how these bands pushed the genre in their time, Wille and the Bandits try to take their sound beyond what is expected of such a traditional line up.

[www.willeandthebandits.com](http://www.willeandthebandits.com)

**Tickets: £17 Full. £16 Concessions**

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SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 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.

Why "Churchfitters"? Nobody knows! They're not fitters and have absolutely nothing to do with churches. The name's origin is lost in the mists of time but there is one aspect that suits them perfectly – its quirkiness.

The Churchfitters present their uplifting and entertaining show with a unique dynamism and describe their music as 'Folk Unlimited'.

[www.churchfitters.com](http://www.churchfitters.com)

**Tickets: £15. No concessions**

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SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

## The Leylines – A ‘Chance to Dance’ Event



**Pete Says:** It is great to welcome The Leylines, who are long overdue for a visit to us. Fantastic live, they will ensure that everyone will have a fabulous night.

Established in 2013, The Leylines are a West Country collective with a genre-defying, eclectic sound that ranges from Traditional Folk to full blown festival Rock.

The band was founded by a group of musicians in Weston-super-Mare (via Bristol), wishing to combine their individual musical styles into something that isn't quite Folk, sort of Punk, 100% heart-pounding revelry.

[www.theleylinesmusic.co.uk](http://www.theleylinesmusic.co.uk)

**Tickets: £17 Full. £16 Concessions.**



SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2PM – 4PM

## Tim Edey Guitar Workshop

Tim Edey is a completely self-taught guitarist and has shared stages holding his own with people like Ry Cooder and Martin Simpson.

Learn how 1 dropped d tuning will open up your Folk/Celtic playing and also some tricks and basic chords and tunes.

**Workshop Fee: £15 per person**



**Pete Says:** Tim is rated by many as one of the world's finest guitarists and melodeon players. Long overdue for a return performance, he will entertain and impress in equal measure.



SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

## Tim Edey

Tim Edey (BBC Radio Two's Musician Of The Year 2012 – Radio 2 Folk Awards), multi-instrumentalist and singer, has toured the world and recorded with most of the major names in Celtic/Contemporary Roots music, including: The Chieftains, Christy Moore, Sharon Shannon, Natalie MacMaster, Altan, Capercaillie, Brendan Power to name but a few...



[www.timedey.com](http://www.timedey.com)

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

SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 9.30AM – 12.30PM

## Table Top Sale - A ‘Support The Hall’ Event



Hire a table to sell your wares or come and sniff out a bargain. Free entry on the day.

**Refreshments available.**

To book a table visit [www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk) or call the Box Office on 01460 240340.

**£15 per table.  
Set up time for traders: 8.45am.**

SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

## A ‘Chance to Dance’ Event Mr Tea and The Minions -



**Pete Says:** Really excited to get this wonderful band with us for their first visit. Absolutely brilliant live, Mr Tea et al will create a true party atmosphere.

United by a love of tea, energetic dancing, cheeky riffs, silly hats, and cake, Mr Tea and The Minions have been unleashing their colourful explosion of musical mayhem on unsuspecting audiences since 2013.

Their raucous Ska Folk blended with full-fat Balkan beats and a squeeze of tangy Dub has made them party-starting festival favourites – and has inspired frenzied dancing all over the UK.

[www.mrteaandtheminions.com](http://www.mrteaandtheminions.com)

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



SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY AT 8PM

## John Hegley: Peace Love Potatoes



**Emma Says:** It's wonderful to have John Hegley visiting the 'small Hall' as part of our theatre/spoken word programme. Many thanks to Take Art Rural Touring for making this happen.

John Hegley is an English performance poet, comedian, musician and songwriter who we have long wanted to bring to Somerset. This show is about his family, friends, working life and everyday goings-on, which resonates with audiences who (when it is safe to do so) are invited join in with the singing.

[www.johnhegley.co.uk](http://www.johnhegley.co.uk)

**Tickets: £12 Full. £11 Concessions  
Suitable for over 12s only.**





SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM

## Peter Knight & Jon Spiers

On a summer's day in 2016, the organisers of FolkEast Festival masterminded one of the most intriguing and exciting collaborations on today's Folk scene.

Legendary fiddle player Peter Knight, part of Steeleye Span's classic 1970s line-up, was paired with leading melodeon player and Bellowhead co-founder, John Spiers, for a special one-off performance which left audiences in awe.

[www.peterknight.net](http://www.peterknight.net) [www.jonspiers.co.uk](http://www.jonspiers.co.uk)



**Pete Says:** Both Peter and John have been to The David Hall before but this is their first time as a duo. A night of fantastic musicianship is guaranteed. Book early!!

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



SATURDAY 5 MARCH AT 8PM

## Cut Capers - A 'Chance to Dance' Event



**Pete Says:** Great to get this totally unique band to the Hall for their first visit. They will appeal to all age groups and are true 'entertainers'. The only problem we'll have is getting all nine of them on our stage!

Cut Capers are a sensational nine-piece band whose energetic live performance and infectious sound has won them a cult following on the British festival scene.

Mixing a swinging vintage-style brass section with Funk, Soul and Hip-Hop, they have, over the years, established themselves as a formidable live outfit, playing regular headline shows at venues throughout the country, and main stage performances at many of the UK's biggest festivals – including Glastonbury and Boomtown Fair.

[www.cutcapers.com](http://www.cutcapers.com)

**Tickets: £18 Full. £17 Concessions**



FRIDAY 18 MARCH AT 7.30PM

## Multi Story Theatre Company: Hefted

Hefted is a play told through nine stories embedded in the landscape, history and psyche of rural life, presented by four actors who conjure a score of characters between them, interspersed with song and a spectacular soundscape. All nine stories explore the notion of being 'hefted' – deeply connected to the land. The stories of those who live in the countryside are rarely heard or heeded; this play opens the door for those stories to be shared.

[www.multistorytheatre.co.uk](http://www.multistorytheatre.co.uk)



**Emma Says:** What a wonderful opportunity to invite Multi Story Theatre back to The David Hall! Enjoy the nine stories that may echo with the rural lifestyle of Somerset. Thank you, Take Art, for finding this show!

**Tickets: £12 Full. £11 Concessions Suitable for over 14s only.**

**SATURDAY 19 MARCH 11.30AM - 1PM**  
**Celtic & Blues Guitar Workshop with Clive Carroll**

Two of the most popular Acoustic guitar styles! Come along and learn how to play a classic Celtic piece in drop-D tuning as well as some Blues improvisation ideas that allow you to play lead lines over a pulsating bass rhythm. Please bring your guitar. All TAB/sheet music will be provided on the day. This workshop will take on a relaxed, no pressure format, with the players trying out new ideas as a group.

**Workshop Fee: £15 per person.**

**SATURDAY 19 MARCH AT 8PM**  
**Clive Carroll**



**Pete Says:** It is great that Clive is once more providing a guitar workshop and evening performance that will again prove to be very popular with all lovers of the instrument. Really pleased to have Clive back with us!!

Acclaimed guitarist and composer, Clive Carroll has created a sound world all his own, with a signature blend of warmth and humour that belies his dazzling technical skill. Clive's masterful compositions feature influences mined from the delicate cadences of Elizabethan lute classics, the imaginative eccentricity of Frank Zappa, visionary classical composers such as Bartok and Ligeti, and hints of Jazz and Delta Blues!

[www.clivecarroll.co.uk](http://www.clivecarroll.co.uk)

**Tickets: £15 Full. £14 Concessions**

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1. If you are online, check out our website  
[www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk)

2. Wherever possible we put video clips on the website, so you can try before you buy.

3. As well as our own website, we have included a website address for each artist next to their info in this programme.

4. 'Like' us on Facebook – TheDavidHallSP or 'Follow' us on Twitter – @thedavidhallsp.

5. Share your event photos on Instagram and link in The David Hall.

6. Don't worry if you don't have access to the web; you can phone our box office volunteers who will give you some additional information on 01460 240340.

**How to Book**

**Online:**

Visit [www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk) where you can book and pay for your tickets with a debit/credit card. Your confirmation e-mail will serve as your entrance ticket to the event. Just print or save the e-mail to your phone and present it to the volunteer at the inner doors.

**In person:**

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**Postal Bookings:**

You can send a letter requesting tickets with your name, address, phone number and email, together with a cheque (payable to Petherton Arts Trust). Please add a stamped addressed envelope to your order if you wish your tickets to be sent to you; otherwise, they will remain at

The David Hall for collection on the night.  
Please send to:

**The David Hall Box Office**  
**Roundwell Street**  
**South Petherton**  
**Somerset**  
**TA13 5AA**

**By telephone:**

**01460 240340** and pay with your debit/credit card.

**South Petherton Ticket Agent:**

N & D News in St James Street, South Petherton, also kindly sells tickets for us. Please pop in for more information.

**Reserved Tickets:**

We are no longer able to book tickets without payment but for some events, tickets may still be available on the door.








**NB. Prices include a £1.00 Ticket Handling Fee**

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



All events start at 8pm unless stated.

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## JANUARY

	Friday 14 January	PPS Film
	Saturday 15 January	Cara Dillon
	Saturday 22 January	Wille and The Bandits
	Wednesday 26 January	Coffee Morning, 10am
	Friday 28 January	PPS Film
	Saturday 29 January	The Churchfitters
	Sunday 30 January	Acoustic Night, 7.30pm











## FEBRUARY

	Saturday 5 February	The Leylines 'Chance to Dance'
	Friday 11 February	PPS Film
	Saturday 12 February	Tim Edey Workshop 2pm – 4pm
	Saturday 12 February	Tim Edey
	Saturday 19 February	Table Top Sale 9.30am
	Saturday 19 February	Mr Tea & The Minions 'Chance to Dance'
	Sunday 20 February	Acoustic Night, 7.30pm
	Wednesday 23 February	Coffee Morning, 10am
	Friday 25 February	PPS Film
	Saturday 26 February	John Hegley – Peace Love & Potatoes
	Sunday 27 February	Peter Knight and Jon Spiers, 7.30pm













## MARCH

	Saturday 5 March	Cut Capers 'Chance to Dance'
	Friday 11 March	PPS Film
	Saturday 12 March	Steve Knightley
	Friday 18 March	Multi Story Theatre – Hefted, 7.30pm
	Saturday 19 March	Celtic & Blues Guitar Workshop 11.30am – 1pm
	Saturday 19 March	Clive Carroll
	Sunday 20 March	Crystal & Tibetan Sound Bath 2pm
	Friday 25 March	PPS Film
	Saturday 26 March	Edwina Hayes
	Sunday 27 March	Acoustic Night 7.30pm
	Wednesday 30 March	Coffee Morning, 10am
	Friday 29 March	PPS Film

## APRIL

	Friday 1 April	PPS Film
	Saturday 2 April	Heidi Talbot
	Friday 8 April	Rachael McShane & The Cartographers
	Saturday 9 April	Elvis McGonagall: Full Tartan Jacket
	Friday 22 April	Gigspanner Big Band
	Saturday 23 April	Choice Grenfell 7.30pm
	Sunday 24 April	Acoustic Night 7.30pm
	Wednesday 27 April	Coffee Morning 10am
	Friday 29 April	PPS Film
	Saturday 30 April	India Electric Co.

## MAY

	Thursday 5 May	Green Matthews - WInd in the Wilows, 7pm
	Friday 6 May	Music Quiz Fundraiser
	Saturday 7 May	Ben Poole Band
	Friday 13 May	PPS Film
	Saturday 14 May	Flook
	Thursday 19 May	Louise Jordan – Florence
	Friday 20 May	Acoustic Night 7.30pm
	Saturday 21 May	Daphne's Flight
	Wednesday 25 May	Coffee Morning 10am
	Friday 27 May	PPS Film
	Saturday 28 May	Oysterband 'Chance to Dance'
	Sunday 29 May	Oysterband 'Seated Concert' 7.30pm

## JUNE

	Wednesday 1 June	Wassail Theatre 'Whispering Willows' 2pm
	Saturday 4 June	WÖR
	Friday 10 June	PPS Film
	Saturday 11 June	Reg Meuross
	Saturday 18 June	Petherton Folk Fest
	Sunday 19 June	Crystal & Tibetan Sound Bath 2pm
	Friday 24 June	PPS Film
	Saturday 25 June	Acoustic Night , 7.30pm
	Wednesday 29 June	Coffee Morning, 10am

### Key:



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**Concessions:** To be eligible for a concession, you must fall into one of these categories:

- 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](http://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 [annie@thedavidhall.org.uk](mailto:annie@thedavidhall.org.uk)

**Legacy:** Have you thought of remembering The David Hall in your Will? For more information, please contact The David Hall.

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If you have limited time, another way to support the Hall would be to become a Friend of Petherton Arts Trust. For more information pick up a leaflet from our box office or visit [www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk)

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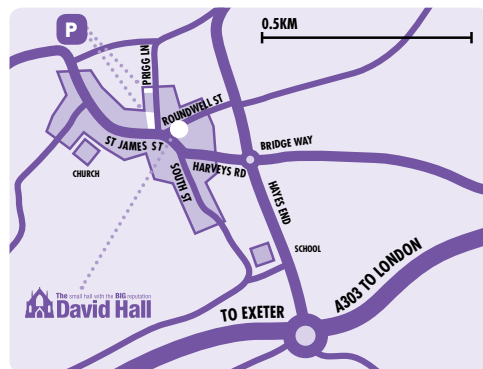
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### Who Is...

**PETE WHEELER** author of the 'Pete Says' segments throughout the programme - joined Petherton Arts Trust (PAT) 23 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.

## MARCH/APRIL

SUNDAY 20 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.

Email: [ahiahel@live.com](mailto:ahiahel@live.com), telephone **01935 389655** or visit [www.centreforpuresound.org](http://www.centreforpuresound.org).

Payment required on the day. If you cannot attend this event, there is another opportunity on Sunday 19 June.

**Tickets: £15 Full. £13 Concessions.**

SATURDAY 26 MARCH AT 8PM

### Edwina Hayes - 'The Sweetest Voice in England'

Edwina's beautifully written songs, charming stage presence and voice of an angel, have won her a reputation as a true natural talent of gentle Folk-Americana. She has opened numerous shows for Jools Holland and Van Morrison as well as her own gigs, playing stages everywhere from Glastonbury Festival to The Royal Albert Hall.

[www.edwinahayes.com](http://www.edwinahayes.com)

**Tickets: £15 Full. £14 Concessions**



**Pete Says:** Edwina has been on my 'must get' list for some time and it is great to have her with us for her first visit. With her material and stage presence, this will be another memorable event.

SATURDAY 2 APRIL AT 8PM

### Heidi Talbot



**Pete Says:** Heidi first came to us as part of Cherish the Ladies and then performed a sell-out gig with her trio in April of 2014. Clearly long overdue for a return visit, this will definitely be a really special gig. I, for one, cannot wait!!

Heidi Talbot was born in a small village in Co. Kildare, Ireland, became a Folk star in the USA as a member of the Irish-American band Cherish the Ladies.

Heidi is a warm and engaging entertainer and in the past 20 years has performed all over North and South America, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, in the finest concert halls and international festivals.

[www.heiditalbot.com](http://www.heiditalbot.com)

**Tickets: £18 Full. £17 Concessions**



FRIDAY 8 APRIL AT 8PM

## Rachael McShane and The Cartographers



**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.

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.

[www.rachaelmcshane.co.uk](http://www.rachaelmcshane.co.uk)

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

SATURDAY 9 APRIL AT 8PM

## Elvis McGonagall: Full Tartan Jacket



Stand-up poet, comedian and broadcaster, armchair revolutionary and walking shortbread tin, Elvis McGonagall resides at the Graceland Caravan Park somewhere in the back of beyond, where he scribbles poetry while drinking malt whisky and listening to Johnny Cash.

His live shows feature biting and savagely funny satire in a blend of provocative verse and politically-savvy stand-up comedy, all imbued with searing wit, wordplay and anarchic invective.

[www.elvismcgonagall.co.uk](http://www.elvismcgonagall.co.uk)

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Main course & pudding £9.00 OAP £8.00  
This is for a two-course special meal 12.00-1.30pm



**Emma Says:** We look forward to hosting this World Poetry Slam Champion and Radio 4 regular bellowing loudly into The David Hall. Your ticket purchases will support Petherton Arts Trust and Take Art Rural Touring Scheme, so grab them quick!

FRIDAY 22 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 John 'Squeezey' Spiers joined the band. This will be a highly sought-after event.

BBC Folk Award 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".

[www.peterknight.net](http://www.peterknight.net)

**Tickets: £21. No concessions.**

SATURDAY 23 APRIL AT 7.30PM

## Choice Grenfell – A Tribute to Joyce Grenfell Directed by Simon Downing

In these somewhat uncertain times comes a wonderful evening of warmth, wit and gentle humour. Choice Grenfell features some of the best of Joyce's delightful songs and monologues from Stately as a Galleon and School Nativity Play to A Terrible Worrier and First Flight.

As Joyce would have said: 'We request the pleasure of your company' in the presence of one of Britain's best-loved comedienne.

[www.kickinthehead.co.uk](http://www.kickinthehead.co.uk)

**Tickets £15 Full. £14 Concessions**

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**Emma Says:** We greet another show from Kick in the Head Productions, who visited for the first time in July 2021 with Old Herbaceous. This time, we welcome Joyce Grenfell to the 'small Hall' for an evening of fun entertainment.



**SATURDAY 30 APRIL AT 8PM**  
**India Electric Co.**

India Electric Company are perhaps best described as "a veritable musical magpie's nest" - BBC Radio 3. Blending traditional instruments, Folk melodies and subtle electronic influences, they've toured extensively throughout Europe, Australia and New Zealand, including UK shows at The London Palladium and Hammersmith Apollo.

[www.indiaelectricco.com](http://www.indiaelectricco.com)

**Tickets £17.50 Full.  
£16.50 Concessions**



**Pete Says:** Really excited to welcome this amazing duo for this, their first visit. From The London Palladium to The David Hall - shows what a great coup it is to get them to play for us.... Book early!!

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**THURSDAY 5 MAY 7:00 PM**  
**GreenMatthews – Wind in the Willows**

A brand-new musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's well-loved classic by Chris Green. GreenMatthews use music, song, light and sound to bring this timeless tale to sparkling life.

Join Ratty, Mole, Badger and of course the irrepressible Mr Toad as they embark on various adventures – on the river, on the road and in the dark and dangerous Wild Wood. Using traditional English Folk melodies set to lyrics, the show paints a vivid picture of Grahame's world – from the humble comfort of Mole End to the grandeur of Toad Hall.

Suitable for children over 8 years.



**Emma Says:** "The Mole had been working very hard all the morning, spring-cleaning his little home". I adore the story of this much-loved children's classic. This will be a mesmerizing show.

**Tickets: £13 Adults / £9 Children  
/ £36 Family 2 2**

**FRIDAY 6 MAY AT 7.30PM**  
**Music Quiz Fundraiser – A 'Support the Hall' Event**

**Tickets £7. No  
concessions.**

In teams of up to four people, test your musical knowledge with this fun and entertaining evening in aid of The David Hall. **Light supper included.**

Please inform us of any dietary requirements on booking.

**SATURDAY 7 MAY AT 8PM**  
**Ben Poole**

Ben Poole is an internationally-applauded, award-winning Blues, Rock & Soul guitarist, singer and songwriter. Nominated in 2019 as "one of the best Blues guitarists in the world" alongside names such as Eric Clapton, John Mayer, Buddy Guy, Robert Cray, Joe Bonamassa, and others, by the USA's Guitar World Magazine, Ben Poole is very much at the forefront of the talent-rich Blues/Rock scene on a worldwide scale.

[www.benpooleband.com](http://www.benpooleband.com)

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



**Pete Says:** Ben's last performance with us in March 2020 was just days before lockdown, when he wowed a large audience not only with his stunning playing but also the quality of both the material presented and his band.





SATURDAY 14 MAY AT 8PM

## Flook

Brian Finnegan - whistles and flutes, Sarah Allen - flutes and accordion, Ed Boyd - guitar, John Joe Kelly - bodhrán.

Taking inspiration from their roots in the Irish and English traditions, Flook have an enviable trademark sound, weaving and spinning traditionally-rooted tunes over precise Acoustic grooves, with a rare blend of fiery technical brilliance, delicate ensemble interaction and a bold, adventurous, musical imagination.



**Pete Says:** Flook performed for us a number of times before they took a break. They returned in April 2019 and entertained and impressed, in equal measure.

**Tickets: £18 Full. £17 Concessions.**



THURSDAY 19 MAY AT 8PM

## Florence: the lesser-known life and legacy of Florence Nightingale

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[www.louisejordan.co.uk](http://www.louisejordan.co.uk)



**Emma Says:** To celebrate International Nursing Day, we hope you show your support for this poignant and thoughtful show.

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

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SATURDAY 21 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.

[www.daphnesflight.com](http://www.daphnesflight.com)



**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!

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

SATURDAY 28 MAY AT 8PM

## Oysterband 'Chance to Dance'



**Pete Says:** Fourth Time Lucky. Following the amazing two nights we had with Oysterband, it is brilliant news that the band has made this work for us again. Fingers crossed that all goes to plan!

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..... 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](http://www.oysterband.co.uk)

**Tickets: £24. No concessions.**

SUNDAY 29 MAY AT 8PM

## Oysterband 'Seated Concert'







WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE AT 2PM

## Wassail Theatre presents: Whispering Willows

Wassail is Somerset's theatre company. Founded in 2015, they have been touring to communities across Somerset with all sorts of stories.

Whispering Willows is a highly accessible show for families: it is non-verbal and features beautiful puppets made from withies.

It's 1929. Morris has been planting, harvesting, basket making and drinking tea on his Somerset willow farm since before he can remember. Every year the same pattern repeats itself. Plant, harvest, weave. Plant, harvest, weave.

[www.wassailtheatre.co.uk](http://www.wassailtheatre.co.uk)



Emma Says: All the family can enjoy this Half Term show from local theatre company, Wassail.

**Tickets: £8 Adults. £5 Under 12s.**



SATURDAY 4 JUNE AT 8PM

## WÖR

Back to the 1780's! If it sounded good then, why not today?

WÖR (pronounced 'were') is a band of five musicians whose curiosity, passion and talent has led to a niche goldmine of melodies in stunning contemporary arrangements. With their finely textured arrangements, WÖR inject new energy into 18th-century melodies from the Flanders region of Belgium. Their music shines an inventive spotlight, with a modern twist, on the melodies in these manuscripts.

[www.wearewor.com](http://www.wearewor.com)



Pete Says: A really warm welcome to this amazing band, visiting us for the first time. The quality of musicianship is outstanding and I know from their 2019 visit to the UK that they have established a really large following. Very different, but I am sure they will impress. Not to be missed!!

**Tickets: £18 Full. £17 Concessions**



Pete Says: Reg has been a regular performer at The David Hall for nearly two decades. Without doubt one of the finest and most prolific songwriters in the UK.

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

SATURDAY 11 JUNE AT 8PM

## Reg Meuross



Reg is touring with songs of history, protest, love, loss, and legend from 14 releases as well as some brand-new songs from three forthcoming projects.

The breadth and depth of Reg Meuross's material is unparalleled in contemporary Folk: songs about forgotten heroes, famous names, folk legends, the climate emergency, tales from the kitchen sink and news from the world stage; if something needs to be sung about then Reg Meuross has a song for it.

[www.regmeuross.com](http://www.regmeuross.com)



SATURDAY 18 JUNE - ALL DAY

## Petherton Folk Fest 2022



Having lost two events due to the pandemic, the organising committee is determined to make sure the 2022 Folk Fest is the best ever.

Entertainment will take place throughout the day in Market Square, The Brewer's Arms, St Peter and St Paul's Church, The David Hall and The Blake Hall. Planning is at an advanced stage and full programme details will be released early in 2022.

As in previous years, the day will start at 10am with a procession into Market Square, where proceedings will open with the Ceremony of the Glove. This is, as always, a day of free entertainment for all ages and will include children's activities and workshops.

[www.pethertonfolkfest.co.uk](http://www.pethertonfolkfest.co.uk)



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