Disability Access and Venues
All venues have a commitment to access for disabled people; many have full access and a range of facilities and others are working towards this goal.

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www.villageventures.org.uk

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DIARY OF EVENTS SPRING 2010

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Welcome to the Village Ventures Spring 2010 brochure – your guide to what’s on at a venue near you!

Village Ventures is the rural and community touring scheme for Nottinghamshire, featuring high quality professional dance, drama and music from the best in national and international touring companies and performers.

Shows are promoted in a wide range of community venues - all providing a very warm welcome.

** TICKET INFORMATION **
Tickets are sold locally. For prices and to book, please call the contact numbers given on the specific event pages.

Village Ventures is co-ordinated by Nottinghamshire County Council Cultural Services (Arts).

To find out more about any aspect of the scheme visit our new website at www.villageventures.org.uk

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The programme is subsidised by Nottinghamshire’s County and District Councils, and Arts Council England.

Many of the shows featured are suitable for family audiences and age recommendations are provided for guidance.

** Phileas P Souper **
Loon & Theatre Mimi

Inspired by the silent movie era, *Phileas P Souper* is a magical and hysterical trip around the world in 80 minutes.

From a tandem bike ride through Paris to a late train in Siberia, the Loon musicians and hilarious characters from Theatre Mimi circumnavigate the globe with genius and superb comic timing.

See them battle the elements, the animals, and bicycle pumps, in a hugely entertaining, madcap and quirky evening of highly physical theatrical fun, singing, percussion, and not forgetting the musical saw and washboard!

www.loonmusic.co.uk

Weds 3 March, 7.30pm
Upton Village Hall – T: 01636 812416/813812
Fri 5 March, 7.30pm
The Parish Hall, St Andrew’s Church, Skegby – T: 01623 623348
Sat 6 March, 7.30pm
Orston Village Hall – T: 01949 851167/851602

** Age: 6+ **

** When The Shops Shut **
Cscape Dance Company

Cscape’s latest production is a triple bill of superb physical performance, telling the tales of small communities and the people who live in them.

*When the Shops Shut* takes an entertaining and poignant look at the lives of three characters who meet at their local salsa class. *Last Post* deals with the closure of the local post office, and *Enjoy Your Stay* explores issues facing villages today. Evocative, charming and funny, the production brings a range of characters to life in a vivid blend of dance, theatre, film, poetry and music.

www.cscape.org.uk

Thurs 4 March, 7.30pm
Sutton Village Hall – T: 01777 707562
Sat 6 March, 7.00pm
The Core, Southwell Library – T: 01636 812148

** Age: 8+ **
Who's Been Sitting In My Chair?
Freehand Theatre

A delightful interpretation of the classic fairytale, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

With porridge, bears and three chairs, this is a tale that’s not too big and not too small, but just right. And when a bear gets lost, we all have to go on a bear hunt!

Who’s Been Sitting In My Chair? is a heady mix of original puppetry, beautiful music and gentle humour.

A wonderful treat for children and families.

www.freehandtheatre.co.uk

Thurs 4 March, 6.30pm
Pierrepont Gamston Primary School – T: 01159 819292
Fri 5 March, 4.00pm
Acacia Centre Annesley Woodhouse – T: 01623 721054

Age: 3+

A Village Life
NTC

Toby and Jessica want a different life for their children, away from the city. They dream of moving to the idyllic village Toby remembers from childhood holidays with his Grandma, but when Toby meets a girl with a gun in his new front garden, he realises there’s more to village life than he’d imagined.

Following their recent acclaimed production of Whisky Galore, NTC return to local venues with this sharp and poignant look at rural life.

www.northumberlandtheatre.co.uk

Tues 23 March, 7.30pm
Sutton Village Hall – T: 01777 707562
Wed 24 March, 7.30pm
Thrumpton Village Hall – T: 01159 830533

Age: 13+

Cling To Me Like Ivy
The Birmingham Repertory Theatre

Jewish bride to be Rivka wants the perfect wedding. She has the man, the dress, the wig and two weeks to go. But when a chance remark by Victoria Beckham casts doubt on her wig, everything starts to unravel in this humorous and poignant production. She finds herself far from home, up a tree and caught up in the eviction of an anti road protest, not knowing whether she can go back to where she came from, or whether she wants to! Has the power of celebrity gone too far?

www.birmingham-rep.co.uk

Weds 10 March, 7.30pm
Styrup Village Hall – T: 01302 752515
Thurs 11 March, 7.00pm
Ashfield School – T: 01623 455000

Age: 12+

Lorraine Ayensu In Concert

Drawing on her English and Ghanaian roots, Lorraine Ayensu masterfully performs a range of music from mellow ballads to upbeat world rhythms taken from her new and previous recorded work.

Accompanied by Norma Daykin on alto sax, and Nii Tagoe on West African percussion, (born into a royal family of master drummers and dancers, where he inherited his talent for drumming, dancing and singing!), Lorraine’s performances showcase her unique and distinctive writing and performing talent.

www.lorraineayensu.com

Fri 19 March, 7.30pm
Caunton Dean Hole Community Centre – T: 01636 636523
Sat 20 March, 7.30pm
Flintham Village Hall – T: 01636 525641

Suitable for all ages

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**Holmes & Watson: The Farewell Tour**
*Angus & Ross Theatre Company*

Before slipping into well-earned retirement, Sherlock Holmes has prevailed upon his long-time companion Dr Watson, his landlady Mrs Hudson and Inspector Lestrade of Scotland Yard to join him in a farewell tour of the British Isles.

Re-enacting one of the detective’s most baffling unrecorded cases - *The Case of the Prime Minister, the Floozie and the Lummock Rock Lighthouse* - rural touring favourites Angus & Ross return with another riotous evening of entertainment!

Fri 19 March, 7.30pm
Coddington Village Hall – T: 01636 674574
Sat 20 March, 7.30pm
Ordsall Parish Hall – T: 01777 706433

**Age: 10+**

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**Parallels**
*Sonia Sabri Company*

In this sumptuous two-part performance, internationally renowned and award winning dancer choreographer Sonia Sabri takes a fresh and individual approach to the Indian classical dance form of Kathak, spanning classical to contemporary and East to West.

Accompanied by a virtuoso live musical line-up of sitar, vocals and tabla, Sonia applies rhythmic footwork, rapid spins and beautifully intricate gestures, as well as playfully improvising complex rhythms, to build up to a heart pounding and uplifting crescendo.

[www.sSCO.org.uk](http://www.sSCO.org.uk)

Wed 17 March, 8.00pm
Thurgarton Village Hall – T: 01636 831051/831141
Fri 19 March, 7.30pm
Chilwell Arts Theatre – T: 01159 252698/07827 996223

**Suitable for all ages**

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**How To Build A Rocket**
*Farnham Maltings*

From the company that brought the acclaimed *The Polish Play* to village halls, comes another piece of rough edged, magical theatre examining why things happen and the fundamental rules of rocket science ... which are actually rather simple.

Part conversation, part slide show, part tea party, this is a funny, affectionate and touching story of one man’s obsession with understanding how things go up in the air and the events that have shaped his life.

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

Fri 26 March, 7.30pm
Aslockton Thomas Cranmer Centre – T: 01949 850600
Sat 27 March, 7.00pm
Southwell Library – T: 01636 812148

**Age: 7+**

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**Kosmos In Concert**

Kosmos is an innovative string trio fusing western classical and contemporary music traditions with the soul, rhythm and passion of jazz, Gypsy, Arabic, Balkan and tango. Their performances are a unique and intoxicating mix of their own compositions and new arrangements of contemporary and classic pieces, delivered with panache and virtuosity.

Classically trained, the ensemble is gaining a national and international profile following performances on BBC Radio 3 and at music festivals across Europe.

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

Weds 24 March, 7.30pm
Chilwell Road Methodist Church – T: 01159 850600
Thurs 25 March, 8.00pm
Wysall & Thorpe Village Hall – T: 01509 881068

**Suitable for all ages**

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[www.villageventures.org.uk](http://www.villageventures.org.uk)
New Music From The Old North
Fribo

Fribo, meaning ‘Open House’ is a unique collaboration between Norwegian singer Anne Sofie Linge Valdal, Scottish fiddler Sarah-Jane Summers and English born Ewan MacPherson on guitar.

Exploring old Celtic/Anglo and Nordic music traditions, gracefully blending Valdal’s pure, beautiful voice, Summers rich Highland fiddle, and MacPherson’s rhythmic guitar, Fribo perform a range of jigs, psalms and folk songs which are fun, adventurous, moving and hypnotic.

A superb musical treat!

www.fribo.co.uk

ZubopGambia In Concert

ZubopGambia fuse traditional African music with jazz, salsa, samba, funk, reggae, ska and blues in a set of their own compositions, guaranteed to have you dancing in the aisles.

The members of the band are composers in their own right and have worked collaboratively or individually with musicians from all over the world, drawing on their experiences to create the unique ZubopGambian sound.

Expect an exuberant and exciting evening of fabulous high quality music.

www.zubop.com

Thurs 15 April, 8.00pm
Grange Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent – T: 01159 118625
Sat 17 April, 7.00pm
Southwell Library – T: 01636 812148
Sat 22 May, 7.30pm
East Markham Village Hall – T: 01777 871593

Suitable for all ages

The Family Rogue Theatre

Rogue Theatre invites you to an evening of stories, dark secrets, music and intrigue.

An eccentric family live in an isolated mansion deep in the forest. As the evening erupts into a revelation of astonishing stories and secrets, the party atmosphere is disturbed by a haunting and a figure in the shadows. Has truth finally come to dinner?

Tales of piracy, voodoo and lost fame are woven together with poetry, powerful narrative, live music, and intense physicality in a stunning and explosive production featuring cabaret style performance and circus spectacle.

www.rogueplay.co.uk

Weds 14 April, 7.30pm
Lowdham Village Hall – T: 01159 663596
Thurs 15 April, 7.00pm
Eastwood Theatre – T: 01773 786212 ext 123
Fri 16 April, 7.30pm
South Leverton Memorial Institute – T: 01427 880306/880598

Age: 13+

Hoagy, Hornpipes, Handel & Hoedown
Hilary James & Simon Mayor

A witty and captivating mix of folk, swing, blues and classical showstoppers spiced with Simon Mayor’s unique brand of off-beat humour and Hilary James’ honey-dripping voice. If you’ve heard them on Radios 2, 3 and Classic FM, you’ll know just what a treat is in store. Everything from beautiful folk ballads to lively mandolin tunes, as well as some of their hilarious children’s songs. Oh! And a step dance (if Hilary has any breath left!).

www.mandolin.co.uk

Fri 23 April, 8.00pm
Lound Village Hall – T: 01777 818013

Age: 8+
**Once Upon A Tiger**

**Moby Duck**

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In *Once Upon a Tiger*, Korean and UK performers combine storytelling, physical theatre, live music, puppetry and exuberant humour in a captivating mixture reflecting both cultures, creating a magical tale for children and families.

www.moby-duck.org

**Handful Of Henna**

**Rasa**

On a trip to India with her mother, Nasreen little expects what will be uncovered on her first visit. But with the mystical power of henna, and a secret garden of buried dreams, she is about to discover some surprising home truths.

Rasa’s joyous and moving show creates the bustling, colourful world of an Indian village, bursting into dance and celebration. From Auntie Munah’s ramshackle car to an oversized puppet of Saheeda’s selfish stepmother, theatrical invention, colour and life are at the heart and soul of this exhilarating production.

www.rasatheatre.co.uk

**On The Edge**

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www.kevintomlinson.co.uk

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www.markevans.uk.com

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T G Collective
In Concert

Moving through flamenco, jazz and gypsy, the TG Collective centres its scintillating sound around two acoustic guitars, with double bass, cajon, trumpet, flute, violin and percussion adding dimension, colour and lots of salsa flavours.

Featuring fabulous flamenco dancing from eminent performer and choreographer Ana Garcia, an evening with the TG Collective is an energetic, flamboyant and exhilarating experience.

www.tgcollective.com
Fri 14 May, 8.00pm
St Mary’s Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent – T: 01159 118625
Suitable for all ages

Poetry & Music
Louis de Bernieres & Ilone Antonius-Jones

In a superb blend of music, poetry and gentle banter, Louis de Bernieres, author of the famous Captain Corelli’s Mandolin and Birds without Wings, reads from his own work and a range of poems. He also plays mandolin, guitar and woodwind, together with flautist and keyboard player, Ilone Antonius-Jones.

The show focuses on readings from de Bernieres most recent novel A Partisan’s Daughter, with complementary music originating from Serbia, Eastern Europe, along with classical, and even some Bob Dylan!

www.antoniusplayers.com
Fri 30 April, 7.30pm
Chilwell Arts Theatre – T: 01159 252698/07827 996223
Sat 1 May, 7.30pm
All Hallows Halls, West Bridgford – T: 01159 821710
Thurs 13 May, 8.00pm
South Clifton Memorial Hall – T: 01522 778889

Age: 15+

Wind In The Willows
Ratatat Theatre Company

Ratatat Theatre Company present this classic tale of pastoral England.

Written in 1908 by Kenneth Grahame, Wind in the Willows is a delightful children’s tale full of fast paced, fun, pathos and gentle humour, focusing on four animal characters: the irrepressible Toad, unassuming Ratty, gentle Mole and all-knowing, all-seeing Badger.

With live music and captivating performances, this is a wonderfully entertaining show for all the family.

www.ratatattheatre.co.uk
Fri 21 May, 7.30pm
Upton Village Hall – T: 01636 812416/813812
Sat 22 May, 7.30pm
Aslockton Thomas Cranmer Centre – T: 01949 850600
Sun 23 May, 3.00pm
Lowdham Village Hall – T: 01159 663596

Age: 7+

Nancy Kerr & James Fagan
In Concert

Nancy and James are internationally renowned folk musicians, combining skilful and innovative performance with accessibility, warmth and wonderful stage presence.

Nancy’s earthy and exquisite fiddle and viola playing dances with the striking, rhythmic texture of James’s guitar-bouzouki, and their rich singing evokes the stories of the songs they perform. The duo have toured and recorded with a range of artists including Martin Simpson, John Kirkpatrick and Eliza Carthy, and their musical interplay and warm rapport with audiences make for a hugely enjoyable show.

www.kerrfagan.com
Weds 26 May, 7.30pm
St. Helen’s Parish Church, Stapleford – T: 01159 391818
Thurs 27 May, 7.30pm
Thrumpton Village Hall – T: 01159 830533

Suitable for all ages
Access Information Key

Reservable/general parking on site

On street parking

Designated parking OR booked prior arrangement

Level entrance

Ramp approached up

Ramp approached down

Total number of steps at entrance

Alternative wheelchair entrance

Ramp up on internal route

Ramp down on internal route

Internal width restricted

Total number of steps on internal route

Internal lift

Standard WC facility only

Wheelchair accessible toilet

Wheelchair accessible toilet with transfer space limited

Induction loop

Infrared System

Assistance dogs welcome

Interplay
In Concert

Interplay perform jazz favourites, original compositions and Latin and African grooves in a lively and entertaining way, (often involving the audience joining in on hand percussion instruments) and dancing is always encouraged!

Comprising five highly accomplished performers on sax and flute, trombone, keyboard, double bass and drums, Interplay groove with faultless musicianship and delight audiences with a mix of gentle harmonies and scintillating solos.

Sat 22 May, 7.30pm
Oldcotes Village Hall – T: 01302 752515

Fri 11 June, 7.30pm
Headon Village Hall – T: 01777 871593

Age: 10+

www.interplayjazz.co.uk

www.villageventures.org.uk

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Venue & Access Information

Acacia Centre, Acacia Avenue, Annesley Woodhouse, Notts, NG17 9BH

All Hallows Halls, Pierrpont Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, Notts, NG2 5BP

Ashfield School, Sutton Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, NG17 8BY

Askoldton Thomas Cranmer Centre, Main Street, Askoldton, Notts, NG13 9AL

Cauntown Dean Hole Community Centre, Manor Road, Cauntown, Notts, NG23 6AD

Chilwell Arts Theatre - Chilwell School, Queens Road West, Chilwell, Nottingham, Notts, NG9 5AL

Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Chilwell Road, Beeston, Nottingham, Notts, NG9 1EH

Coddington Village Hall, Main Street, Coddington, Notts, NG24 2PN

Colston Bassett Village Hall, School Lane, Colston Bassett, Notts, NG12 3FD

Crescent Centre, Peel Crescent, Mansfield, Notts, NG19 7LW

East Markham Village Hall, High Street, East Markham, Notts, NG22 0QJ

Eastwood Theatre, Eastwood Comprehensive School,

Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts, NG16 3EA

Flintham Village Hall, Inholms Road, Flintham, Notts, NG23 5LF

Grange Hall, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, NG12 2FB

Headon Village Hall, Church Street, Headon, Notts, DN22 0RD

Lound Village Hall, Town Street, Lound, Retford, Notts, DN22 8RT

Lowdhall Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdhall, Notts, NG14 7BD

Norwell Village Hall, Carlton Road, Norwell, Notts, NG23 6JN

Oldcotes Village Hall, Maltby Road, Oldcotes, Worksop, Notts, S81 8JN

Ordsall Parish Hall, Church Lane, Ordsall, Retford, Notts, DN22 7TU

Orston Village Hall, Lombard Street, Orston, Notts, NG13 9NG

Pierrpont Gamston School, Coledale, Gamston, Notts, NG2 6TH

South Clifton Memorial Hall, Mill Road, South Clifton, Notts, NG23 7AP

South Leverton Memorial Institute, Town Street,

South Leverton, Notts, DN22 OBT

Southwell Library, King Street, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0EH

The Parish Hall St. Andrew’s Church, Mansfield Road, Skegby, Notts, NG17 3ED

St. Helen’s Parish Church, Stapleford, NG9 8GB

St Mary’s Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Main Road, Notts, NG12 2FD

Styrmup Village Hall, Serby Road Styrmup, Notts, DN11 8LT

Sutton Village Hall, Town Street, Sutton cum Lound, Notts, DN22 8PT

Thrumpton Village Hall, Church Lane, Thrumpton, Notts, NG11 0AX

Thurgarton Village Hall, Beasley Road, Thurgarton, Notts, NG14 7GP

Upton Village Hall, Church Lane, Upton, Notts, NG23 5SR

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