Village Ventures
Rural and Community Touring in Nottinghamshire
Live performances in your area

Diary of Events Autumn 2012 - Spring 2013

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a great night out on your doorstep!

www.villageventures.org.uk
Welcome to the new Village Ventures 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 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 website at

www.villageventures.org.uk

Or contact us on 01159 774589 or email: artsadmin@nottscc.gov.uk

The programme is supported by Nottinghamshire’s County and District Councils, Arts Council England and local volunteer promoters.

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

All brochure details are correct at the time of going to press but please check our website for any changes.

A warm welcome awaits you

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The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists
Townsend Productions

This new adaptation of Robert Tressell’s famous novel is an hilarious fast-paced show that follows a year in the life of a group of painters and decorators, as they renovate a three storey town house for Mayor Sweater.

Tracing their struggle for survival in a complacent and stagnating Edwardian England, these workers are the “philanthropists” who throw themselves into back-breaking work for poor wages, in order to generate profit for their masters. This classic story is brought vibrantly to life by two highly talented performers with heaps of comedy, live music and song.

www.townsendproductions.org.uk

Fri 7 September, 7.30pm
Gringley Village Hall
01777 817492
Sun 9 September, 7.30pm
Flintham Village Hall
01636 526168
Wed 19 September, 7.30pm
Lowdham Village Hall
01159 663596
Thurs 11 October, 8.00pm
Grange Hall Radcliffe on Trent
01159 118625

Age: 12+

Not The Love Story I Was Expecting
Helen Chadwick Group

Not the Love Story I Was Expecting is a joyous concert of love songs threaded with unexpected, hilarious and sometimes disastrous love stories. Performed by three women, the show includes body percussion, stepping patterns and witty choreography. Words to the stunning harmony songs include the love poetry of Persia, Russia and Chile.

Helen Chadwick is a highly regarded composer and the group has performed song theatre for international festivals in Europe and Latin America, London’s Royal Opera House and in village halls throughout the UK.

www.helenchadwick.com

Fri 14 September, 7.30pm
Chilwell Road Methodist Church
01159 431164

Age: 13+
Ancient Strings & Fabulous Things
Doudou Cissoko

Acclaimed Senegalese Kora maestro Doudou Cissoko presents a sparkling fusion of ancestral instruments from diverse cultures, blended to create sounds that are both hypnotic and irresistibly danceable.

Doudou's distinctive music – accompanied by dynamic international musical troubadours – weaves a magical spell to captivate audiences of any age. This is world class, world music on your doorstep!

www.reverbnation.com/doudoucissokosancientstringsandfabulousthings

Sat 22 September, 7.30pm
South Clifton Coronation Hall
01522 778587

Age: All ages

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Water Tower (Bucket Boys) In Concert

Following their recent acclaimed performances in the region as Water Tower Bucket Boys, the band returns, this time as a 3 piece – Water Tower - to play lightening fast tunes on fiddle, mandolin, guitar and double bass.

Based in Portland, Oregon, Water Tower perform a mixture of energetic instrumentals and tight harmony singing, showcasing their diversity and talent as one of the Americana/Bluegrass sensations currently touring Europe.

With a warm stage rapport and terrific range of ripping up tempo, foot stomping tunes, the show is guaranteed to provide an evening of high energy, hugely enjoyable music.

www.watertowerbucketboys.com

Sat 15 September, 7.30pm
North & South Wheatley Village Hall
01427 880758

Age: All ages
Buffalo Gals
In Concert

Champion Maryland fiddler Kate Lissauer leads this six piece old-time string band, performing music derived from traditional roots music of the southern United States, including wonderful and wacky repertoire of early string band recordings as well as the band’s own compositions.

The ensemble of fiddle, banjo, guitar, ukulele, bass and ‘stepatune’ bring you lively and soulful tunes, delicious harmonies and flamboyant percussive step-dance, delivered with heaps of warm and engaging humour, to make a fabulous evening of music and fun.

www.buffalogals.co.uk

Fri 21 September, 7.30pm
Caunton Dean Hole Community Centre
01636 636523

Sun 21 October, 7.30pm
Harworth & Bircotes Town Hall
01302 759037

Fri 9 November, 7.30pm
Chilwell Road Methodist Church
01159 431164

Sat 10 November, 7.30pm
Everton Village Hall
01777 817275

Sat 26 January, 7.30pm
Gunthorpe Village Hall
07966 910201

Bowjangles
In Concert

Bowjangles are four classically trained musicians and highly skilled performers, who combine virtuosic string quartet performance with classy vocals, hilarious comedy and energetic dance moves, and whose multidimensional talents hark back to the good old days of Music Hall Variety.

The show includes the group's take on this year's sporting excitement, as 'The Bowlympic Games' sees Bowjangles attempt fencing, rowing, gymnastics, boxing and more – yes, all whilst playing, singing and dancing, ladies and gentlemen – in an action packed performance to both delight and exhaust you in your seat!

www.bowjangles.org

Sat 22 September, 7.30pm
Rampton Village Hall
01777 248578 / 248396

Thurs 11 October, 7.30pm
Rolleston Village Hall
01636 816370

Fri 12 October, 7.30pm
Gringley Village Hall
01777 817492

Thurs 1 November, 8.00pm
Thrumpton Village Hall
01159 830373

Age: All ages

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www.villageventures.org.uk
Jamie Smith's Mabon
In Concert

Performed by five highly accomplished musicians and composed by accordionist Jamie Smith, Mabon’s music draws inspiration directly from the traditional folk music of the Celtic countries.

Featuring jigs and reels and dance related tunes such as French mazurka and Breton an dro, Mabon forge a range of forms and styles of Celtic music into something bold and new.

Fresh from festivals at home and abroad, the band performs tunes and songs from their award winning album, ‘Live at the Grand Pavilion’, and their new album. Stand by for an evening of infectious, irresistible and life-affirming music!

www.jamiesmithsmabon.com

Thurs 27 September, 7.30pm
St. Helen’s Parish Church Stapleford
01159 391818
Fri 28 September, 7.30pm
Norwell Village Hall
01636 636691 / 636515
Sat 29 September, 7.30pm
United Reformed Church Burton Joyce
07788 435857

Age: All ages

The Frog Who Wouldn’t Hop
Moby Duck

Do you know why every naughty child in Korea is called Green Frog?

Chun Kayguri is the stubborn, pig-headed bane of his poor froggy mother's life. Whatever she asks him to do, he does exactly the opposite. He goes to bed when he’s supposed to get up - goes to school at home time - when told to stand up, he does - but always on his head. His mother’s at her wit's end - her head’s spinning - what has she done to deserve this?

Korea's best-loved folk tale is told with exuberant storytelling and high energy theatre, live music and puppetry, in this unique collaboration between Moby Duck and Korea’s Sadari Theatre - a production sure to delight children and families.

www.moby-duck.org

Fri 28 September, 7.00pm
Gunthorpe Village Hall
07966 910201

Age: 4+
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Northumberland Theatre Company

An original and imaginative take on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* from one of the UK's most popular rural touring companies, this production of one of The Bard's most famous plays is a delightful, funny and highly accessible introduction to Shakespeare for children and adults alike.

This dreamlike tale brings aristocrats, workers and fairies together under the moonlight in woodland outside of Athens, from where the enchantment begins in a potent mix of love, tension and magic.

"Brilliant! First Shakespeare we've ever seen and hopefully not the last. You make Shakespeare funny, a joy to watch and listen to. Wonderful ensemble playing!" Audience member NTC's 'Comedy of Errors'

www.northumberlandtheatre.co.uk

Wed 26 September, 7.30pm
Eastwood Theatre, Eastwood School
01773 786212 ext 123

Thurs 27 September, 7.30pm
Thoresby Riding Hall Theatre
01623 822009

Fri 28 September, 7.30pm
Harworth & Bircotes Town Hall
01302 759037

Age: 10+

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The Virginia Monologues –
Why Growing Old Is Great
Virginia Ironside

When an agony aunt reaches sixty, she can lie like a trooper, jump off a bridge – or take to the stage.

Author and agony aunt, Virginia Ironside, explains that unlimited free drugs, fun funerals, grandchildren and sex – or, even better, no sex – make the sixties the best – and funniest – time of your life …

Written and performed by Virginia (who has regular columns in both The Independent and The Oldie) and directed by Nigel Planer (of TV’s ‘The Young Ones’), the show is delivered with wonderful precision, style and wit. Very funny and an absolute delight.

Bane – Someone's Gonna Pay
Whitebone Productions

Hired hand Bruce Bane works the mean streets of pulp fiction. A tough talking wise cracker, he goes about his shadowy business amongst the back alleys and eerie sidewalks of a fictional American city.

Inspired by hard-boiled detective stories, classic film noir and mainstream cinema, Joe Bone brings his comic anti-hero and tale of bloody revenge to life, playing all 79 characters with just his body and voice, in this hilarious award-winning show, accompanied by a stunning live guitar soundtrack.

www.brucebane.com

Fri 5 October, 7.30pm
Caunton Dean Hole Community Centre
01636 636523
Sat 6 October, 7.30pm
Ordsall Parish Hall
01777 706433

Age: 14+

Age: 12+
Kakatsitsi, Master Drummers From Ghana
In Concert

Kakatsitsi are a group of traditional drummers, dancers and singers who perform the music of the Ga people of Southern Ghana, along with traditional music from the wider West African region.

With infectious rhythms played on a variety of drums, accompanied by bamboo flutes, xylophone and traditional chant in six-part harmony, Kakatsi’s wonderfully heady and exuberant mix of music is sure to have you on your feet!

A joyous and exhilarating performance for all ages.

www.myspace.com/kakatsitsi

Sat 6 October, 7.30pm
All Hallows Halls West Bridgford
01159 821710

Age: All ages

Celebrating the Divas of Jazz
Juliet Kelly

Having taken the jazz scene by storm with her distinctive velvety voice, mesmerizing songs and glamorous jazz style, Juliet Kelly presents her tribute to the jazz divas that have inspired and influenced her.

With songs from some of the most loved singers including Nina Simone, Sarah Vaughan and Billie Holliday, the performance showcases popular favourites, along with lesser known jazz gems.

Juliet has worked with high profile jazz performers such as Courtney Pine, produced three critically acclaimed albums and performed a series of sell out concerts across the UK.

www.julietkelly.com

Fri 12 October, 7.30pm
North Muskham Rural Community Centre
07587 146925

Sat 13 October, 7.30pm
East Markham Village Hall
01777 871593 / 07816 351505

Fri 15 March, 7.30pm
Upper Broughton Village Hall
01664 823107 / 07939 043633

Fri 22 March, 8.00pm
Grange Hall Radcliffe on Trent
01159 118625

Age: All ages

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www.villageventures.org.uk
The Secret Garden
Proteus Theatre

What would you do if you found a key? What would you do if you found the door that belonged to the key? And what would you do inside the Secret Garden?

Mary Lennox is lost and lonely, sent away from her home in India she finds herself in the wilds of Yorkshire in a vast mansion owned by a distant uncle. Soon the house begins to give up its mysterious stories, but can she find the key to the secret garden and discover what's inside?

This well loved children’s classic by Frances Hodgson Burnett is brought to life with a fusion of circus, puppetry, film and music in a magical journey beyond the door, into the garden of the imagination.

www.proteustheatre.com

Wed 17 October, 12.45pm
Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School
01159 252698 / 07584 263893

Age: 5+

The Joint Is Jumpin'
52 Skidoo

52 Skidoo are a three piece Harlem swing band bringing back to life the forgotten era of prohibition, the speakeasy, Vaudeville, Tin Pan Alley, rent parties, stride piano and hot jazz.

The Joint is Jumpin’ is a fabulous music show with comedy, theatre and more, in which the band turn back the clock to play a dazzling set of vintage American music. Classic favourites like 'Ain't Misbehavin' and 'The Joint is Jumpin', combine with hits such as 'Jeepers Creepers' and 'Darktown Strutters' Ball' to create an authentic 1920/30's party atmosphere.

www.52-skidoo.com

Fri 2 November, 7.30pm
Upper Broughton Village Hall
01664 823107 / 07939 043633

Sat 3 November, 7.30pm
Treswell Village Hall
01777 248719 / 248879

Thurs 17 January, 8.00pm
Thrumpton Village Hall
01159 830373 / 830551

Fri 18 January, 7.30pm
Lound Village Hall
01777 818013

Age: 14+
The Number 26 Bus To Paraguay
Richard Durrant

The inspiring tale of how a young boy on the number 26 bus to his first guitar lesson, ended up in Paraguay as an honoured guest.

Maverick concert guitarist Richard Durrant returns to the region with a show celebrating the life and music of Augustin Barrios, including, along the way, music by Django Reinhardt, Claude Debussy and Los Paraguayos.

Richard shares tales and music from his own musical journey and the inspiration he found in Paraguayan composer Barrios, in a show featuring film and animation, which demonstrates just how far one man can expand the expressive range of the guitar – light years from what you might expect a classical guitar recital to be!

Sat 13 October, 7.30pm
South Clifton Coronation Hall
01522 778587

Sun 14 October, 7.30pm
Thomas Cranmer Centre Aslockton
01949 850600

Sun 11 November, 7.00pm
Hickling Village Hall
01664 823418 / 822834

Wed 17 April, 7.30pm
All Hallows Halls West Bridgford
01159 821710

Sun 21 April, 7.30pm
Gringley Village Hall
01777 817492

www.richard-durrant.com

Age: 7+
What The Dickens? The Misadventures Of Charles Dickens
Gonzo Moose

It's 1835 and the 23 year old Charles Dickens is an aspiring journalist working for the Morning Chronicle.

Whilst reporting on the slums of old London town he accidentally stumbles onto a story that will take him on the greatest adventure of his life and make his reputation.

Expect a world of street urchins, escaped convicts, mad old widows, penny pinching money lenders and chain rattling ghosts.

Following the tour of their last riotously funny show in the region, Gonzo Moose return with an hilarious and haunting tale of thwarted love, bitter revenge and all singing all dancing cockneys.

www.gonzomoose.co.uk

Fri 9 November, 7.30pm
Acorn Theatre Worksop
01909 501817
Sat 10 November, 7.00pm
Bramley Centre Southwell
01636 812148

Age: 10+

Russian Songs, Gypsy Fiddle, Tango & Beyond
Mazaika

A show guaranteed to transport you from the Russian Steppes to the Gypsy campfire, the Opera House to the Parisian café. Full of Russian soul, Tango passion and operatic melodrama plus some Hotclub and Hillbilly mayhem thrown in – prepare for a magical and exhilarating experience!

Mazaika have performed in concert halls and at music festivals throughout Britain, Europe and the USA, and worked with the likes of Fascinating Aida, Django Bates and the Loyko Russian Gypsy Band. Igor Outkine of Mazaika has also sung duets with Soft Cell singer Marc Almond and performed in the David Cronenberg film Eastern Promises.

www.mazaika-music.com

Fri 16 November, 7.30pm
Coddington Village Hall
01636 674574
Sat 17 November, 7.30pm
All Hallows Halls West Bridgford
01159 821710
Sun 18 November, 7.30pm
Ordsall Parish Hall
01777 706433

Age: All ages
The Fitzrovia Radio Hour
Fitzrovia Radio

Recreating the unique spirit of 1940’s radio plays and brilliantly evoking a dinner-jacketed age of casual imperialism and stiff upper lips, *The Fitzrovia Radio Hour’s* brand new show tours fresh from three critically acclaimed London residencies, and two sell-out years at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Performed with cut-glass theatricality blending homage and satire, Fitzrovia mixes the chauvinist attitudes of 1940’s Britain with sharp contemporary humour to produce a heady comic cocktail. Throughout the show, sound effects are created live: a Bakelite hairdryer imitates a heating torch, a desk fan becomes an aeroplane and multiple types of cabbage help to stage a fight scene. Rippingly good fun!

www.fitzroviaradio.co.uk

*Sat 17 November, 7.30pm*
South Leverton Memorial Institute
01427 880306 / 880980

*Sun 18 November, 8.00pm*
Thurgarton Village Hall
01636 831051 / 831141

Age: 12+

Oh Whistle ... Two Ghost Stories By M R James
Nunkie Theatre Company

M R James is acknowledged as the master of the English Ghost Story. He first performed his supernatural tales to friends at Christmas in King’s College, Cambridge. Now Robert Lloyd Parry of touring company Nunkie Theatre, brings two of these unforgettable spine-chillers back to life.

*Oh, Whistle, And I’ll Come to You, My Lad* – a tale of nocturnal horror on the Suffolk coast – is considered by many to be James’ masterpiece. The tale is beautifully complemented by *The Ash Tree*, a story of witchcraft and vengeance down the generations. Two chilling tales, expertly told.

Warning: Contains moments of pleasing terror!

www.nunkie.co.uk

*Thurs 22 November, 7.30pm*
Maplebeck Village Hall
01636 636421 / 636533

Age: 13+
A Brassy Christmas!
Orichalcum – World of Brass

A show for all the family, featuring two highly talented musicians, James Stretton, (a former member of the Grimethorpe Colliery and Black Dyke Bands) and ‘Professor of the Keys’ Iain Jackson.

Guaranteed to bring a little cheer to your Christmas stocking, the duo performs seasonal favourites on a dazzling menagerie of brass instruments, from tiny piccolo trumpet to huge brass tuba.

Their diverse repertoire includes a variety of styles, from jazz to classical and even gospel. From serious to silly, from Handel’s Messiah to All I Want for Christmas is a Brass Trombone, Orichalcum provide an evening of quality music to delight, entertain and enthral.

www.orichalcum-worldofbrass.com

Fri 23 November, 7.30pm
Gringley Village Hall
01777 817492

Sun 25 November, 7.30pm
Caunton Dean Hole Community Centre
01636 636523

Age: All ages

Grimm Tales
Northumberland Theatre Company

Carol Ann Duffy’s acclaimed adaptation of Grimm Tales by the Brothers Grimm is a series of dark and spooky stories with lots of music, scary moments and plenty of fun!

This magical production is imaginative storytelling at its very best, from one of the UK’s leading small-scale theatre companies. Featuring classic children’s favourites such as The Golden Goose and Ashputtel, this superb adaptation is ideal seasonal entertainment for children and family audiences.

www.northumberlandtheatre.co.uk

Wed 5 December, 6.30pm
Pierrepont Gamston Primary School
01159 819292

Thurs 6 December, 12.45pm
Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School
01159 252698 / 07584 263893

Sun 9 December, 2.30pm
North Muskham Rural Community Centre
07587 146925

Wed 12 December, 7.30pm
Eastwood Theatre, Eastwood School
01773 786212 ext 123

Age: All ages
The Three Musketeers
Barbershopera

Barbershopera are back. And this time they have swords...

Reinventing Alexandre Dumas’ classic story with some fresh four-part harmonies, Barbershopera’s three guys and a girl sing you through the epic adventure of D’Artagnan and The Three Musketeers.

With her village under threat of destruction at the hands of the villainous Cardinal Rich Tea, young Nicole D’Artagnan must dress up as a man and head to Paris in hope of joining the famous King’s Musketeers. But murky happenings plague the progress of our heroine and her new-found trio of friends as they battle corruption, femme fatales and the cultural confusions brought on by a quest to England.

Blackadder meets Gilbert & Sullivan in a joyous evening of musical comedy. The 17th century just got cool again. All for fun and fun for all!

www.barbershopera.com

Thurs 29 November, 7.30pm
Rolleston Village Hall
01636 816370

Fri 30 November, 7.30pm
Orston Village Hall
01949 851772

Sat 1 December, 7.00pm
Walkeringham Village Hall
01427 890357 / 890848

Sun 2 December, 7.30pm
East Markham Village Hall
01777 871593 / 07816 351505

Age: 15+
To Drive The Cold Winter Away
Coope, Simpson & Fraser, Freya

Featuring festive, seasonal, warming songs in fantastic four-part harmony with the addition of a dazzling array of instruments, this show brings the nationally renowned carolers Barry Coope, Lester Simpson, Fi Fraser and Jo Freya to your door.

These hugely talented multi-instrumentalists bring an added dimension to the singing of fabulous timeless polyphonic carols and songs old and new, all seasoned with anecdotes to inform and amuse.

The joyousness of their harmony vocals will definitely ‘Drive the Cold Winter Away’...

www.freyamusic.com

A Christmas Carol
New Perspectives

In 1853, Charles Dickens took to the stage for the first time to read from A Christmas Carol, in a series of readings that would include extracts from many of his most famous works.

Never before had a single actor brought such a rich tapestry of humanity to life in a single evening. To mark the bicentenary of Dickens' birth, New Perspectives recreates that first reading – the perfect way to experience his original heart-warming, spine-tingling Christmas story.

Thurs 6 December, 7.30pm
Sutton Village Hall
01777 707562

Fri 7 December, 7.30pm
Create Theatre Mansfield
01623 627191 ext 8301

Sat 8 December, 7.30pm
Flintham Village Hall
01636 526168

Sun 9 December, 7.30pm
Thomas Cranmer Centre Aslockton
01949 850600

Sun 16 December, 7.30pm
North & South Wheatley Village Hall
01427 880758

Age: All ages

Age: 9+
**Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol**  
*Badapple Theatre Company*

Enjoy a pre-Christmas family treat and join the much lauded Badapple Theatre for their latest production, full of festive cheer.

Badapple put their classic village-comedy slant on Charles Dickens' famous story, as the blustering, skin-flint Farmer Ebeneezer Scrooge gets his comeuppance and is forced to see the error of his penny pinching ways.

Set against the backdrop of 1950's austerity Britain with comic tales and carols, puppets and mayhem, original songs, plus a whacking great dose of seasonal bonhomie, this is a winter warmer to put a smile on everyone's face this Christmas.

[www.badappletheatre.com](http://www.badappletheatre.com)  
*Sun 16 December, 7.00pm*  
Lambley Village Hall  
07914 942019

**Age: All ages**

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**Oscar Wilde's ‘Lord Arthur Savile's Crime’**  
*Rocket Theatre*

Murder is always a mistake: One should never do anything one cannot talk about after dinner...

A gripping tale of love, honour, duty, fortune-telling and murder!

Rocket Theatre's hilarious retelling of this classic story, revels in the wit of Wilde, whilst borrowing (rather cheekily) from Wodehouse, to create a wicked black comedy that positively fizzes with fun.

Join Lord Arthur and his valet for an evening of ludicrous indulgence.

[www.rockettheatre.co.uk](http://www.rockettheatre.co.uk)  
*Sat 2 February, 7.30pm*  
Colston Bassett Village Hall  
01949 832830  
*Sun 3 February, 7.30pm*  
Ordsall Parish Hall  
01777 706433

**Age: 14+**
The Amazing Adventures Of Pinocchio
Strangeface

Award-winning Strangeface bring an extraordinary mix of masks, puppets, live music and song to this tale of wild mischief and temptation.

The show takes the audience on a fantastical journey from Pinocchio’s first moments as a talking log through a madcap series of scrapes and escapades with the nefarious rascals Fox and Cat, a sinister puppet master, fairies, and a terrible dogfish, along with a trip to the Land of Toys.

In a show that is thrilling and heart-warming, moving and comical, Strangeface bring an inimitable magic to a masterpiece of pure fantasy and delight.

Sat 8 December, 3.00pm
Rampton Village Hall
01777 248578 / 248396

Sun 9 December, 2.30pm
Lowdham Village Hall
01159 663596

Wed 12 December, 6.30pm
Sutton Centre Community College
01623 441310

Thurs 13 December, 7.00pm
Bramley Centre Southwell
01636 812148

www.strangeface.co.uk

Age: 5+
Eduardo Niebla
In Concert

Hailed as one of the world’s greatest guitarists, Eduardo Niebla performs with his internationally acclaimed guitar duo, to present an amazing repertoire of stunning flamenco jazz from his latest albums.

Continually seeking out new musical terrain, Eduardo has traversed the worlds of pop, jazz and world music, collaborating with such diverse partners as sitar maestro Nishat Khan, George Michael, Lol Coxhill and Craig David.

A spellbinding evening of passion, verve and fleet fingered virtuosity from one of the most potent forces in flamenco jazz fusion.

www.eduardoniebla.com

Thurs 7 February, 7.30pm
St. Helen’s Parish Church Stapleford
01159 391818
Fri 8 February, 7.30pm
South Clifton Coronation Hall
01522 778587

Age: All ages

The Tannahill Weavers
In Concert

As one of Scotland’s premier traditional bands, The Tannahill Weavers’ diverse repertoire spans the centuries, with fiery instrumentals, topical songs, foot-stomping reels and original ballads and lullabies, demonstrating the rich musical heritage of the Celtic people.

The ‘Tannies’ are international trailblazers for Scottish music, receiving worldwide acclaim for their exuberant performances, combining traditional melodies, driving rhythms and rich vocals which make for an electrifying and unforgettable show.

www.tannahillweavers.com

Fri 8 February, 7.30pm
Chilwell Road Methodist Church
01159 431164

Age: All ages
Fascinating Rhythm
In Concert

_Fascinating Rhythm_ are four accomplished Midlands based musicians who perform the Great American Songbook, as well as jazz in its most accessible form on saxophone, clarinet, piano and double bass.

With the fabulous voice of Sara Colman, the band’s repertoire features carefully-crafted arrangements of classics by Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Dave Brubeck and many others, as well as a few striking originals.

Having performed to much acclaim in village halls across the region, the band returns to give audiences another scintillating musical treat.

Sun 3 February, 7.30pm
Caunton Dean Hole Community Centre
01636 636523

Thurs 14 February, 7.30pm
Keyworth Village Hall
01159 372796

Fri 15 February, 7.30pm
South Leverton Memorial Institute
01427 880306 / 880980

Sat 16 February, 7.30pm
Thomas Cranmer Centre Aslockton
01949 850600

Sun 17 February, 7.30pm
East Markham Village Hall
01777 871593 / 07816 351505

www.fascinatingrhythm.co.uk

Age: All ages
Gypsy Fiddle Feast & Dance
Tatcho Drom

Inspired by the ancient magic of Romany music, violin virtuoso, Gundula Gruen performs an exuberant show in which the fire of Eastern European Gypsy music is brought to life.

Brimming with colour, excitement and charisma, the performance features exhilarating dances from Hungary, Russia, Turkey and Macedonia, ranging from tap and slap dance influences, exuberant skirt whirling to sensual moves from the East.

Performed by Gundula’s ensemble Tatcho Drom (True Journey) the show is the celebration of a new generation of Balkan Gypsy collaborations, bringing a taste of this fabulous feast to local venues.

www.tatchodrom.com

Thurs 21 February, 7.30pm
Thoresby Riding Hall Theatre
01623 822009

Fri 22 February, 8.00pm
St. Mary’s Hall Radcliffe on Trent
01159 118625

Sat 23 February, 7.30pm
Gringley Village Hall
01777 817492

Sat 9 March, 7.30pm
All Hallows Halls West Bridgford
01159 821710

Age: All ages

Café Chaos
The Kosh

The multi-talented cast of Café Chaos conjure a night of physical and verbal extravagance.

Comic confusion spills from the kitchen, waiters and diners collide, lovers meet, identities are traded, secrets uncovered, denial and betrayal tear friendships apart; dangerous comedy and a tragic night out are just some of the specials on the menu at Café Chaos.

The Kosh are an established international award winning physical theatre company with a reputation for superbly skilful and gloriously theatrical productions, combining dance, drama acrobatics and original music.

www.thekosh.com

Wed 27 February, 7.30pm
Eastwood Theatre, Eastwood School
01773 786212 ext 123

Sat 23 March, 7.30pm
Harworth & Bircotes Town Hall
01302 759037

Sun 24 March, 7.30pm
Lowdham Village Hall
01159 663596

Age: 9+
The Hut People
In Concert

The Hut People are quickly gaining a reputation as one of the hottest acts to appear on the folk scene in a long while.

With their hugely engaging and often hilarious performing style, the show is a truly unique high-octane blend of folk music from around the world – perfectly formed and embellished with a foot stomping accordion and a mind-boggling array of exotic percussion - with some Quebecois foot percussion and dancing thrown in for good measure!

www.thehutpeople.co.uk

Thurs 31 January, 7.30pm
Treswell Village Hall
01777 248719 / 248879

Fri 1 February, 7.30pm
Coddington Village Hall
01636 674574

Sat 2 February, 7.30pm
Wysall & Thorpe Village Hall
01509 881068

Sun 3 February, 7.00pm
Norwell Village Hall
01636 636691 / 636515

Age: All ages
**Anything To Declare?**
The Gramophones Theatre Company

Foolish flight attendants explore the trials and tribulations of going on holiday in this quirky treat for the eyes. They unravel everything from the horrors of the airport check-in to the dizziness of the holiday romance.

*Anything to Declare?* is made up of fantastical vignettes reflecting on the ritual of the holiday experience. A brand new production from this regionally based company, the show explores the reasons for our travels, in comical, playful performances to leave you feeling like you’ve been on holiday and ready for your next adventure.

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

- **Fri 1 March, 7.30pm**
  - Lound Village Hall
  - 01777 818013
- **Wed 13 March, 7.30pm**
  - Thrumpton Village Hall
  - 01159 830373
- **Sun 17 March, 7.30pm**
  - North Muskham Rural Community Centre
  - 07587 146925

**Age: 14+**

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**Oh La La!**
In Concert

*Oh La La!* Jazz and Pop with a French twist!

A charming and sophisticated acoustic quartet performing music and songs perfect for listening or dancing to.

Featuring Fifi la Mer on vocals and accordion, Will de Biste on double bass, Xavier la Roche on guitar and Charles Louis d’Ince on violin, the band have performed at music venues across the UK and abroad.

Performing from a huge repertoire including classic jazz, ‘Musette’ (Parisian folk), ‘Chansons Realistes’ (made famous by Edith Piaf), and a selection of French favourites and pop tunes, *Oh La La!* bring you an evening of superb entertainment.

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

- **Thurs 7 March, 7.30pm**
  - Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School
  - 01159 252698 / 07584 263893
- **Fri 8 March, 7.30pm**
  - Orston Village Hall
  - 01949 851772
- **Sat 9 March, 7.30pm**
  - Everton Village Hall
  - 01777 817275

**Age: All ages**
Kings Of The Cloth Of Gold
Angus & Ross Theatre Company

The year is 1520. Henry VIII of England meets Francis I of France in a French field and the rival kings proceed to display their fabulous power and wealth. For days they attempt to outdo one another in displays of wealth, feasting and battlefield prowess. Both proud and highly intelligent, both bellicose and both the epitome of 16th Century princely chivalry.

What makes a man? Why does he do what he does? How absurd and terrifying battle is ...

These profound issues are the basis for this absorbing, witty new comedy in which the company’s energetic and versatile performers take on a number of diverse and hilarious characters...

www.angusandrosstheatre.com

**Thurs 7 March, 7.30pm**
Rolleston Village Hall
01636 816370

**Fri 8 March, 7.30pm**
Caunton Dean Hole Community Centre
01636 636523

**Sat 9 March, 7.30pm**
Sutton Village Hall
01777 707562

Age: 12+

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Can You Dig It?
Xylophone Productions

Comedy songs about growing your own vegetables, starring musical comedians (and real-life allotment holders) Jo Stephenson and Dan Woods, in a show that includes a powerful love song to Alan Titchmarsh, the world’s first rap battle between a gardener and a slug, and a virtuoso performance on a cucumber trumpet.

*Can You Dig It?* will appeal to gardeners and non-gardeners alike, as Jo and Dan delve into the mysterious and competitive arena of vegetable shows, tell the story of an evil pigeon called Derrick who takes over the world, and ask: John Innes – who is he?

There’s even a song for people who don’t like vegetables, poor things...

www.can-you-dig-it.co.uk

**Fri 8 March, 7.30pm**
Upton Village Hall
01636 812416 / 814208

**Sat 9 March, 7.00pm**
Lambley Village Hall
07914 942019

**Sun 10 March, 3.00pm**
Rampton Village Hall
01777 248578 / 248396

Age: All ages
A Taste Of Latin

Lament

Sample a menu of well known Latin musical styles from around the world. For starters, a tantalizing Tango from Argentina followed by sizzling Samba and blissful Bossa Nova from Brazil, then on to seductive Son from Cuba and for dessert, rhythmical Rumba from Spain.

With a fusion of original and traditional songs played by five energetically talented musicians, Lament perform a vibrant, exhilarating show, to give a fabulous flavour of Latin music and dance, with the added twist of the group’s own unique musical style. A true Latin fiesta!

www.lament.info

Fri 8 March, 7.30pm
Chilwell Road Methodist Church
01159 431164

Sat 9 March, 7.30pm
East Markham Village Hall
01777 871593 / 07816 351505

Age: All ages

Finding Joy

Vamos Theatre

Finding Joy is the story of a teenage lad, Rowan, his grandmother, Joy, and their unique, quirky, and inspiring relationship. Joy is creative, funny, loves to dance, and has dementia: Rowan is rebellious, fearless, bright, and always getting into trouble. When, out of the blue, Rowan decides to become his grandmother’s carer, they develop a bond that is unexpected, light hearted, and ultimately life-changing.

Through skilful use of masks and mime, Vamos’ production of this funny, moving and heroic tale of one family's experiences of dementia, reminds us how human beings can find wondrous ways to overcome difficulties. Engaging, playful and fearless theatre from one of the UK’s foremost masked theatre companies.

www.vamostheatre.co.uk

Sat 9 March, 7.30pm
Create Theatre Mansfield
01623 627191 ext 8301

Sun 10 March, 7.00pm
Bramley Centre Southwell
01636 812148

Age: 11+
Hullaba Lulu
Thingumajig Theatre

An eccentric couple travel through their strange monochrome world in a quirky boat, until their lives are turned upside down by a new arrival ... the adorable and colourful Lulu.

As Lulu makes her presence felt in a variety of ways, this magical show explores love, play, adventure and learning how to say goodbye, through exquisite puppetry, live music and song.

_Hullaba Lulu_ is a beautifully staged production for children and families and is both hilarious and poignant ... and utterly enchanting.

[www.thingumajig.info](http://www.thingumajig.info)

**Sun 17 March, 7.00pm**
Thomas Cranmer Centre Aslockton
01949 850600

**Age:** 5+

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The Churchfitters
In Concert

This Brittany based group of musicians from England, Ireland and France have taken UK audiences by storm with their unique and energetic performances, as four dynamic personalities present a fast-paced infectious show uniting rhythms of rock, pop and jazz with the universal appeal of traditional music.

Fresh, original songs as well as standards and a few traditional tunes, featuring outstanding vocals, are played on an astonishing array of instruments including fiddle, double bass, bouzouki, flute, saxophone, guitar, banjo, dulcimer, whistle and mandolin.

A large dose of humour, a measure of eccentricity and an abiding sense of fun, complete the band’s recipe for truly entertaining performances.

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

**Sat 20 April, 7.30pm**
Coddington Village Hall
01636 674574

**Sun 21 April, 7.30pm**
Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School
01159 252698 / 07584 263893

**Age:** All ages
Lights Out Land Girls
Badapple Theatre Company

A brand new comedy from Badapple Theatre, this production is the long awaited comic sequel to Badapple’s hit show 'Back to the Land Girls', which enjoyed sold-out success on four national tours.

Featuring music and songs, this new play sees our cheerful land army lasses return to work in the long last wartime summer between VE and VJ days, where everything and nothing has changed for our farming heroines.

Join the Land Army girls for another set of comic tales from the Home Front.

www.badappletheatre.com

Sun 21 April, 7.30pm
Sutton Village Hall
01777 707562

Age: 10+

Baltic Crossing
In Concert

Join Baltic Crossing on an exhilarating journey through the Scandinavian and Celtic countries and their musical traditions, where high energy performance combines with fabulous technical and musical virtuosity.

These award-winning musicians play fiery contemporary folk from around the world on Northumbrian pipes, fiddle, guitar and double bass – all delivered with infectious humour and energy in an acoustic setting.

Rousing stuff with plenty to get your feet tapping!

www.balticcrossing.sailsofsilver.com

Fri 26 April, 7.30pm
Harworth & Bircotes Town Hall
01302 759037

Age: All ages
Entertaining Angels
New Perspectives

With so many rural communities up-in-arms about the potential closure of their local church, and yet so few people actually attending church services, this new production looks at what people mean when they say that the church is at the heart of village life.

*Entertaining Angels* tells the compelling story of a rural parish in decline, a parish priest facing both a crisis of faith and the collapse of his marriage and the strange figure who arrives in the village one day with an answer to everyone's prayers.

A powerful evening of theatre for believers and non-believers alike from this highly acclaimed East Midlands based company.

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**Wed 15 May, 7.30pm**
Flintham Village Hall
01636 526168

**Thurs 16 May, 7.30pm**
St. Helen's Parish Church Stapleford
01159 391818

**Fri 17 May, 7.30pm**
Thrumpton Village Hall
01159 830373

**Sat 18 May, 7.30pm**
North & South Wheatley Village Hall
01427 880758

**Sun 19 May, 7.30pm**
Lowdham Village Hall
01159 663596

www.newperspectives.co.uk

**Age: 12+**
Boxed In
Shifting Sands Theatre

Hilarious and moving – *Boxed In* – a comic package of warehouse life – is clown theatre for almost all ages (except the very young!).

In a world of mounting economic catastrophes with job security a thing of the past *Boxed In* tells the story of a warehouse, two workers and their obsessions.

When their jobs are threatened, their warehouse world totters and they are taken on a roller coaster ride through a nightmarish wasteland where the absurdity of life is explored with comic precision.

Imagine Buster Keaton directing Laurel & Hardy with a dash of absurd existentialism, a twist of Greek tragedy, surfing ... and flying saucers! And boxes. Lots and lots of boxes!

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

**Thurs 16 May, 7.30pm**
Keyworth Village Hall
01159 372796

Age: 9+

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Village Ventures has a new website!
For up to date information on shows across Nottinghamshire visit:

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

- Find a venue near you
- Access up-to-date show details
- Sign up for email updates
**Access information key**

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8. Alternative wheelchair entrance
9. Ramp up on internal route
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12. Total number of steps on internal route
13. Internal lift
14. Standard WC facility only
15. Wheelchair accessible toilet
16. Wheelchair accessible toilet with transfer space limited
17. Induction loop
18. Infrared system
19. Assistance dogs welcome

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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.