

# **CORN THE HALL**

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# OCTOBER

'...a vibrant experience'

**DON'T MISS THESE!**

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## Theatre & Dance

**Tuesday 1 October 7.30pm £15 Age 11+**

## Come Dance With Me

Choreographed by Richard Marcel – the man who puts the Strictly couples through their steps – this show takes a warm-hearted, poignant family saga and adds the glory of ballroom dance styles. This true story of two young girls and their survival through extraordinary circumstances and challenges spans the tumultuous years of the Second World War. The girls aspire to a better life – but will they get what they want?

'This story could have been my story.'

*Len Goodman*

Approx 2hrs 15mins inc interval.

**Free workshop about the show 4.30-5.30pm**



## Art

**First Thursday of each month 10.30am-1.30pm  
£15 per session**

## Life Drawing

Tutor Neil Cuthbert will introduce you to muscular and skeletal features as well as the creative process of drawing from a life model.

**Second Thursday of the month 10.30am-12.30pm  
£5 per session**

## Art Appreciation

Find out about artists, their lives and work including exclusive introductions to Corn Hall exhibitions in this relaxed and informal group.

## Word

**Thursday 3 October 7.30pm £8**

## Richard Mabey – a life writing about nature

To celebrate the publication of his new book, *Turning the Boat for Home: A Life Writing About Nature*, Richard Mabey – the father of modern nature writing in the UK – will look back over his lifetime writing about the natural world with writer and friend, Terence Blacker.

Richard Mabey has written some 40 influential books, including the prize-winning *Nature Cure*.

*Copies of the books will be available for purchase and signing by the author after the talk.*

Approx 60mins.







## Theatre

Friday 4 October 7.30pm  
£10 / Under 18 £9 (age 7+)

The Seagull Rep presents

# Hound of the Baskervilles

By Arthur Conan Doyle.  
Adapted & directed by  
Mark Finbow

When Sir Charles Baskerville is killed under mysterious circumstances Holmes sends Watson to Devon to protect the new heir of Baskerville Hall from the mythical black dog that stalks their family line. The good doctor shifts from suspecting the supernatural to negotiating the wilds of nature before ultimately uncovering the reality of betrayal and devilish murder.

A mixed media, multi-rolling all female cast of three re-imagine this classic tale to create a vibrant experience.

Approx 1hr 50mins.



## Music

Saturday 5 October 8pm £15 (Standing)

# Special Kinda Madness

Matching the incredible energy of The Specials with the unforgettable iconic songs of Madness, Special Kinda Madness play a truly authentic set from each band. The result is a show that has audiences up and dancing from the start and everyone hankering after those exciting days of 2-Tone and Ska.

In 1979, the Specials played a gig with Madness, Dexy's Midnight Runners and The Selecter. It was a gig that all 2-Tone rude boys and rude girls wanted to see. You can get the next best thing with Special Kinda Madness!

Approx 2hrs 20mins incl interval.



## Screen Arts

Tuesday 8 October 6.45pm £13.50 / Under 18 £10



Live

# Don Giovanni

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sexual intrigue, jealousy, wit, anger... and retribution! The new Royal Opera Season begins with Mozart's engaging masterpiece, which follows Don Giovanni, the woman he serially seduces, and the vengeance that finally catches up with him.

A cast of international singers perform the glorious arias and ensembles of this opera favourite which is renowned for its ever-shifting portrayals of complex characters, fast-moving action and mix of the comic and the heartfelt. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

Approx 3hrs 30mins.



# OCTOBER

'Run fast to see her in concert'



## Music

Thursday 10 October 7.30pm  
£15 / Under 25s £5

### Anne Niepold & Riccardo Tesi – melodian concert

Solo performances from two of the most extraordinarily gifted and influential European musicians in one concert, this is their only performance in East Anglia.

#### Anne Niepold (Belgium)

– A true force of nature as a performer – brash, adventurous and phenomenally skilled – she takes the humble accordion in startling directions.

'Run fast to listen to her and see her in concert!' *Richard Galliano*

#### Riccardo Tesi (Italy)

– Internationally acclaimed as an accordion player and composer, Riccardo is one of the most daring and authoritative musicians on the world music scene.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



## Festival

Fri 11 October 5pm-11pm &  
Sat 12 October noon-11pm

### Corn Hall Beer & Gin Festival

The 'Big Grain Bar' will be back in the main hall, serving cask beers on gravity, with a wide range of beer styles and breweries to choose from. As well as plenty of easy-drinking pale ales and bitters, there'll be some carefully selected 'beers of interest' to try. Meanwhile at the 'foyer' bar, we'll have a range of gins with mixers and garnishes to match, plus the usual full bar options.

With live music already confirmed from: Dave Thomas, The Stereotypes and The Butchers Dog, plus delicious food, games, quizzes and a brilliant atmosphere, this is always a highlight in the calendar.

**No Entry Fee. Beer tokens used – available to purchase on the door – to avoid queues.**



## Theatre

Thursday 17 October 7.30pm £12 / Concessions £10

Kick In the Head presents

### Fagin?

Join Fagin as he reviews his situation during his final night in prison before being hanged. As madness envelops him he is 'visited' by some old acquaintances.

This powerful new play gives a fresh twist on Dicken's criminal Fagin. Find out who he really was and how he ended up as one of the best known, yet unknown, of Dickens' characters.

'All three actors – Fagin (Keith Hill), Bill (Giles Shenton) and Nancy (Georgia Butt) – deliver impeccable performances.'

*The Reviews Hub*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





## Music

Friday 18 October 7.30pm £18 / Door £20

### The Dave Thomas Big Blues Band

Dave Thomas and his big blues band kick off the Fine City Blues Festival – now in its sixth year!

Tonight will feature his 'A Team' lineup of crack blues musicians who'll deliver an energy packed night of foot stomping blues bringing back memories of the Great British Blues boom of the 60s.



Photo: Laurence Harvey

Dave's international reputation as a bluesman is growing stronger. He has made many appearances at the Chicago Blues Festival and this year he headlined UK and European festivals.

'a fine guitarist.'  
*Paul Jones, The Blues Band*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.

## Saturday Club

Saturday 19 October 2pm £6 / Children £4 (Age 4+ yrs)

### Magic & Comedy with JezzO

'Magic, laughter, excitement and comedy makes JezzO's magic show fabulous family entertainment. The energetic talents and unique style of JezzO creates a show packed with enthralling and original entertainment centred around the much-loved classic magic – with a few updated twists!



Expect illusion, expect laughter, expect breath taking magic. With plenty of audience participation, JezzO's interactive show is set to have the audience, young and old alike laughing for days.'

Approx 60mins.

## Comedy

Friday 19 October 8pm £16

### Gary Delaney: Gagster's Paradise

Following numerous sold out dates all over the UK, Britain's leading one-liner comic is taking to the road with another onslaught of lean, expertly crafted gaggery. A *Mock The Week* regular and recent star of the new *Live At The Apollo* series, Gary's shows are for a near unrivalled volume of high-class gags. You should expect no different from this highly acclaimed show. Please note Coolio will not be appearing.

★★★★ 'More quality jokes in one hour than most comics have in their entire careers... Quite brilliant' *Scotsman*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Photo: Andy Hollingworth



# OCT-NOV

‘Absolutely authentic...’



## Workshop

Tuesday 22 October 1hr sessions 9.30am, 10.45am & 12.45pm  
Child £5 / Accompanying adult & babe in arms free Ages 1+ yrs

## Start with Art! – with IMPS



Discover the work of artist Norman Ackroyd through hands-on, interactive arts activity stations. Led by Rachel Baker from IMPS, Start with Art encourages early learners to investigate art in a playful, friendly and relaxed setting.

Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

## Music

Thursday 24 October 7.30pm £12

Diss Jazz Club presents

## Vasilis Xenopoulos – with the Chris Ingham Trio

Another phenomenal musician for you. This time, we bring the young sax hero taking the London scene by storm with his exciting styling of stirring jazz classics and striking originals.



Vasilis Xenopoulos (tenor sax), Chris Ingham (piano), Owen Morgan (bass) and George Double (drums).

‘Old-school warmth and modern day dynamism’  
*Jazzwise*

‘Dashing Greek tenorist... real passion... full-blooded, hard-swinging solos’  
*Evening Standard*

Approx 2hrs 20mins incl interval.

## Music

Saturday 26 October 7.30pm  
£23

## Johnny Cash Roadshow – San Quentin Anniversary Show

Endorsed by the Cash family!  
This one off 50th anniversary performance of the legendary San Quentin show in 1969 by the award-winning Clive John includes songs from the album alongside all the hits and favourite songs we know and love. Alongside Clive is his iconic wife June Carter played by Emily Highway and a world class band (Spirit band).

Simply the biggest and best celebration of Johnny Cash in the world today.

‘Absolutely authentic to the point where it felt as if it wasn’t a tribute’ *Caitlin Crowell*,  
*Granddaughter of Johnny Cash*  
Approx 2hrs 25mins incl interval.





# THE BEATLES

## Variety

Friday 1 November, 8pm  
£12 (Age 16+yrs)

### A Slightly Naughty Night Out! – With BGT legend Steve Hewlett & Thursford favourite Paul Eastwood. Plus special guest star Ben Langley

Comedy ventriloquist Steve Hewlett – wildcard and finalist from *Britain's Got Talent* – will bring Arthur Lager and more to this slightly more naughty show for one night only!

Steve is excited to share this night with two of his hilarious and talented mates! Paul Eastwood, one of the brightest comics around and Thursford favourite, will host this very special evening which will also feature special guest star Ben Langley.

Approx 2hrs 25mins incl interval.



## Music

Saturday 2 November 7.30pm £20 / Concessions £18

Wymondham Helicopter Group presents

### The Beatles Revolution – plus Sarah Mai support

Just back from a hugely successful performance in the Ukraine where they played for a crowd of 30,000, The Beatles Revolution is made up of five very talented musicians and singers, all of them great fans of The Beatles (undoubtedly the greatest band the UK has ever produced).

Using original 60s VOX amplifiers, original guitars and drums, and costumes, a Beatles Revolution concert is as near as it's possible to get to an actual sixties Beatles gig.

Approx 3hrs incl interval.

*Proceeds from the night will go to East Anglian Air Ambulance.*



## Screen Arts

5 November 7.15pm £13.50 / Under 18 £10



Live

### Concerto / Enigma Variations / Raymonda Act III

This mixed programme highlights The Royal Ballet's wonderful versatility. Marius Petipa's *Raymonda Act III* – full of sparkle and precise technique – is Russian classical ballet summarised in one act, while Frederick Ashton's *Enigma Variations* with its score by Elgar is quintessentially British in every way. *Concerto*, exemplifies Kenneth MacMillan's fusion of classical technique with a contemporary mind, completing a programme that showcases the breadth of The Royal Ballet's heritage.

Approx 3hrs inc interval.



# ART EXHIBITIONS

‘...visually  
hypnotic...’

# GREAT WAR ARMISTICE IS

## Art

Continues to Sat 16 November  
Box Office hours Free  
An exhibition in the Main Gallery

### Norman Ackroyd – Fragments of landscape, music and poetry

Widely regarded as one of Britain’s foremost landscape artists, Norman Ackroyd CBE RA, was elected as a Royal Academician in 1991. Ackroyd’s skill is to evoke the atmosphere of place, the water and the weather through his chosen medium – aquatint.

Our exhibition comprises Ackroyd’s most recent etching portfolio, *Fragments* and favourite etchings from the North Norfolk coast.



## Heritage

18 October-25 November Box Office hours Free  
An exhibition in the Waveney Room

### Legacies of the Armistice – Finding the Fallen

Exploring the Norfolk story, this pop-up exhibition on loan from The Forum, Norwich contributes to our understanding of the legacy of World War One in East Anglia. Get hands on with history and handle real and replica artefacts to bring the past to life.

Visit during Half Term for more related activities.



## Art

2 November-11 January Box Office hours Free  
Art exhibition in the Upper Gallery

### The Great Corn Hall Art Sale

This exhibition will showcase an eclectic range of prints from a number of established and prestigious artists at affordable prices, ensuring that there is something for everyone. Featuring revolving stock at great prices – perfect in time for Christmas!





## Art

18 November - 29 November  
Box Office hours Free  
Art exhibition in the Main Gallery

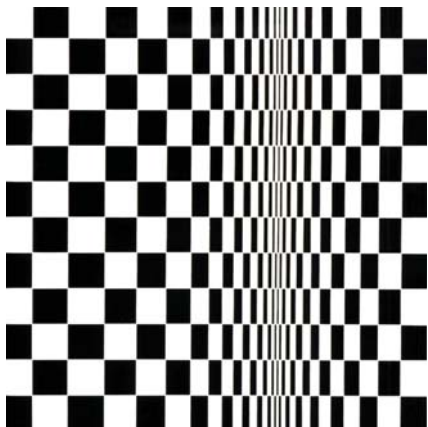
### Masters at the Corn Hall - Bridget Riley

Renowned for her Op-Art paintings, Bridget Riley uses colour, line and shape, as well as remarkable precision to produce visually hypnotic effects that capture a sense of movement and dimension. Our exhibition will feature the black and white screenprints from the early '60s that helped make Riley's international reputation, as well as later coloured pieces.

Bridget Riley's work is in museums worldwide and the National Gallery is currently showing her monumental wall painting 'Messengers'.

Exhibition viewing  
Saturday 23 November 12-1pm

David Case will discuss Riley's career, focussing on her early monochrome work.



## Art

7 December - 21 January  
Box Office hours Free  
Art exhibition in the Main Gallery

### Mike Webb - Watercolours and other Whimsies

Beloved creator of *Mere Quacks* and a regular contributor to the *Diss Express*, this exhibition features a new and exciting collection of tongue-in-cheek paintings and originals by Mike Webb.

Putting an amusing twist on rural everyday life within his cartoons, and with references to *Diss*, his art is memorable and relatable.

This exhibition promises to be light-hearted, fun and an opportunity to be the owner of an original Mike Webb! All work is for sale.

Exhibition opening with the artist  
Saturday 7 December 5-7pm





# WEDNESDAY FILMS

£5 / Under 18 £2.50

Our morning screenings are Dementia friendly and kindly funded by Diss Cyclathon.



Weds 2 Oct 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Red Joan (12A)

Director Trevor Nunn, UK, 2019, 1hr 41mins  
Judi Dench, Sophie Cookson, Tom Hughes

Joan Stanley is living in quiet retirement when, shockingly, the British Secret Service arrests her. The charge: providing classified scientific information to the Soviet government for decades. As the interrogation gets underway, Joan relives the dramatic events that shaped her life and her beliefs.

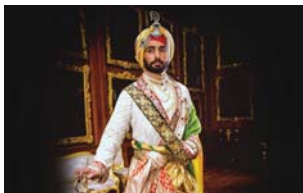


Weds 9 Oct 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Rocketman (15)

Director Dexter Fletcher, UK/USA, 2019, 2hrs  
Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell, Gemma Jones

With the combined talents of the director of *Bohemian Rhapsody*, the scriptwriter of *Billy Elliot* and the extraordinary back catalogue of Elton John, this epic musical fantasy about the uncensored human story of Elton John's early life and his breakthrough years is already a classic.



Weds 16 Oct 10.30am & 7.30pm

## The Black Prince (12A)

Director Kavi Raz, India/UK, 2017, 1hr 58mins  
Satinder Sartaj, Amanda Root

Duleep Singh, the last Maharajah of the Sikh Empire and the Punjab was placed on the throne at the age of five but when India was annexed to Britain, he was sent to England and never allowed to return. In England he was befriended by Queen Victoria but ultimately the young prince struggled to reconcile himself with the two cultures of his Indian birth and British education and attempted to regain his throne.

The story of Duleep Singh is of particular local interest however, he lived with his family at Elveden Hall, near Thetford and his second son, Prince Frederick was the founder of the Ancient House Museum and lived at Blo Norton Hall taking a keen interest in local history.



Weds 23 Oct 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Eighth Grade (15)

Director Bo Burnham, USA, 2018, 1hr 33mins  
Elsie Fisher, Josh Hamilton, Emily Robinson

A poignant, sensitive exploration of the challenges of early adolescence in the age of social media, *Eighth Grade* follows introverted, 13 year old Kayla (an astonishingly nuanced performance by newcomer Elsie Fisher) as she navigates the tumultuous last week of middle school before she begins high school.

Possibly because it manages to break down every delusion we have about ourselves and to burrow deep into those parts we've made such an effort to lock away, the film has collected many admirers since its release including Barack Obama who listed it as one of his favourite films of 2018.

'Eighth Grade is a masterpiece'  
*London Evening Standard*

'My favourite film in years...' *India Knight, Sunday Times*





More information and trailers about these films may be found on our website [www.thecornhall.co.uk](http://www.thecornhall.co.uk)



Weds 30 Oct 7.30pm

## Marianne & Leonard – Words of Love (12A)

Director Nick Broomfield, USA, 2019, 1hr 42mins  
Leonard Cohen, Judy Collins, Marianne Ihlen

An in-depth look at the beautiful love story of the late musician Leonard Cohen and his Norwegian muse Marianne Ihlen. Starting with their early days on the idyllic island of Hydra in 1960 as part of a bohemian community and chronicling how their love evolved when Leonard became a successful musician.



Weds 6 Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Vita & Virginia (12A)

Director Chanya Button, Ireland/UK, 2018, 1hr 50mins  
Gemma Arterton, Elizabeth Debicki, Isabella Rossellini

Set in 1920s London, the film explores the fascinating true story of the love affair between socialite and popular author Vita Sackville-West and literary icon Virginia Woolf. Teetering between convention and bohemianism, their open but still scandalous affair – which inspired Woolf's novel Orlando – is recounted with physicality and atmosphere.



Weds 13 Nov 7.30pm

## Late Night (15)

Director Nisha Ganatra, USA/UK, 2019, 1hr 42mins  
Emma Thompson, Mindy Kaling, John Lithgow

Queen of the late-night talk show, Katherine Newbury (Emma Thompson), is worried about being deposed. Amid dropping ratings and accusations of being a “woman who hates women”, she hires Molly, her one and only female writer, with unexpected and hilarious consequences.



Weds 20 Nov 7.30pm

## Diego Maradona (12A)

Director Asif Kapadia, UK, 2019, 2hrs 10mins  
Diego Maradona, Diego Maradona Jnr, Claudia Villafañe

With characteristic passion and energy for his subjects and using previously unseen footage, Asif Kapadia (multi-award-winning director of *Amy* and *Senna*) charts the dramatic career highs and lows of Diego Maradona, widely regarded as one of the best footballers of all time.



Weds 27 Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Yesterday (12A)

Director Danny Boyle, UK, 2019, 1hr 56mins  
Himesh Patel, Lily James, Meera Syal

A struggling musician realises he's the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed. Realising this improbable opportunity, Jack begins playing the music of the greatest of the rock bands, claiming it as his own. It pays off quickly and Jack becomes a worldwide musical sensation.

With the dream team of Danny Boyle, Richard Curtis, the music of The Beatles and a cameo appearance by Ed Sheeran, it was impossible to imagine that this could be anything other than a solid gold hit which will feature on Christmas romcom lists for years to come.

‘Lots of laughs and goosebump moments’ *The Guardian*

‘A sunny, singalong smash’ *Digital Spy*



# NOVEMBER

'...bringing the entire audience to its feet'

## Screen Arts

Thursday 7 November 7pm £12 / Under 18 £10

National Theatre Live

### Hansard

By Simon Wood

Don't miss this witty and devastating portrait of the governing class starring two-time Olivier Award winners, Lindsay Duncan and Alex Jennings, broadcast live from the National Theatre.

It's a summer's morning in 1988 and Tory politician Robin Hesketh has returned home to the idyllic Cotswold house he shares with Diana, his wife of 30 years. But all is not as blissful as it seems. As the day draws on, what starts as gentle ribbing and the familiar rhythms of marital scrapping quickly turns to blood-sport.

Approx 3hrs incl interval.



## Saturday Club

Saturday 9 November 2pm  
Adults £7 / Child £5 / Family £22 (2 Adults, 2 Children)  
Age 3-8yrs

Garlic Theatre presents

### Eggs on Legs

Meet a family of zany Eggs on Legs, living in a lost pocket of the globe. One day the wind blows a huge egg into their tree and they are excited to play with it. But what happens if it hatches and can they protect it from the slithering snake?



A poetic, Dr Seuss world full of eggcentric puppets and music to make you roll around with laughter. A cracking family show bursting with wonder and surprise.

Approx 60mins.

## Music

Saturday 9 November 8pm £20

### Hazel O'Connor - Hallelujah Moments

'They were absolutely fantastic, bringing the entire audience roaring to its feet.' *Telegraph*

The first major female star of the 80s, award winning singer-songwriter Hazel O'Connor rose to fame in 1980 starring in the film *Breaking Glass*. Accompanied here by virtuoso saxophonist Clare Hirst (*The Belle Stars*, *Communards*, *David Bowie*) on sax & vocals and Sarah Fisher (*Eurythmics*) on keyboards and vocals, Hazel's ageless songs – including *Eighth Day*, *Will You* and *Give Me An Inch* – all seem even more relevant in our present times. Unmissable.

'It's all there, that voice, soaring sax... timeless.' *Glastonbury Festival*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





## Toddler Screening

Wednesday 13 November 10.30-11am £2.50

## Peppa Pig Festival of Fun (U)

Join the party with Peppa and George in their brand new adventures as they dance in the mud at a children's festival, celebrate Grandpa Pig's birthday at a restaurant for the first time, and take a trip to the cinema to see Super Potato's big movie feature.



*Our toddler screenings are designed for pre-schoolers to give them their first experiences of the cinema. They are kindly supported by Diss Cyclathon.*

## Theatre

Thursday 14 November 7.30pm  
£13.50 / Concessions £9.50 (12+ yrs)

The Pantaloons present

## Othello

*"What did thy song bode, lady?  
Hark, canst thou hear me? I will play the swan,  
And die in music..."*

It's stormy outside. In here, tensions are simmering. As a touring swing band gather for their next performance, malevolent trickster Iago begins to sow the seeds of mistrust.

The critically-acclaimed Pantaloons relocate Shakespeare's classic tragedy of jealousy and deception to a jazz-age setting, with live music, intense drama, and more than a hint of their own inimitable brand of theatrical mischief.

Approx 2hrs 10mins incl interval.



## Comedy

Friday 15 November 8pm  
£15 (Age 18+ yrs)

## Paul Sinha - Hazy Little Thing Called Love + Support

The comedian and star of ITV's *The Chase*, Paul (The Sinnerman) Sinha has thus far lived his life content in the understanding that stability and emotional happiness were lovely ideas but not really for him. Nonetheless, several decades of cheerfully bearing boozy witness to the narratives of others can slowly change a man. And so can a prosecco-fuelled Christmas.

As well as winning numerous comedy awards, Paul is a familiar presence on tv and radio appearing on *QI*, *Would I Lie to You?*, *Taskmaster*, *Just A Minute* and *The News Quiz*.

'One of our most thoughtful and enjoyable comedians' *Times*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





# NOVEMBER

‘Effortless,  
instinctive,  
natural...’



## Music

**Saturday 16 November 7.30pm**  
Advance £13 / On the day £15

### Daoiri Farrell

Two times winner of the BBC Folk Awards, Dublin-born traditional singer and bouzouki player Daoiri (pronounced ‘Derry’) Farrell has been described by some of the biggest names in folk music as one of the most important singers to come out of Ireland in recent years.

While his rise to fame has been largely through word-of-mouth excitement and following a live session on the *BBC Radio 2 Folk Show*, he has played with a list of musicians which reads like a Who’s Who of international folk music including: Christy Moore, Gerry O’Connor, Dónal Lunny, Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill.

‘Effortless, instinctive, natural... the real deal.’ *Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2 Folk Show*

Approx 1hr 50mins incl interval.



Photo: Dessie Farrell

## Theatre

**Thursday 21 November 7pm**  
£12 / Concessions £10 (Age 11+ yrs)

### Anna Mudeka – Kure Kure/Faraway

This exhilarating show from the multi-talented Anna Mudeka – including traditional and contemporary music, projected visuals, song, energetic dance and spoken word – will take audiences on an inspiring and thought provoking journey to ancient and modern-day Zimbabwe.

An epic presentation of migration, DNA and origins.

‘Beautiful theatre relevant to today’s lives’

*Audience comment*

Approx 1hr 40mins incl interval.

**Workshop 2-3pm £9 / Children £5**



### Zimbabwean Song & Dance Workshop

Anna Mudeka will lead a vibrant workshop of Zimbabwean mbira music where you’ll learn clapping mbira rhythms, songs, ululating and dance: all the things that bring the Bira Shona celebrations to life!

An uplifting, re-energising experience for all ages.





## Disco

Friday 22 November 7.30pm - 1am  
Early Bird £8 / 1st release £10 / 2nd release £12 / Door £15

## Never Forget the 90s & 00s!

Don't miss this night filled with classic party anthems you know and love from the 90s & 00s!

We will be taking you on a journey back to the good old days of the 90s and 00s where our DJs will be playing everything from the biggest Pop Hits, R&B Grooves and TV/Movie Soundtracks to the greatest Indie Anthems and Classic Rock singalongs. There really will be something for everyone as we celebrate two decades of non-stop, wall to wall, classic party bangers!



Move fast, these events sell out quickly.

*Strictly 18+ yrs*

## Music

Saturday 23 November 8pm £27

## The Blues Band

Paul Jones, Dave Kelly, Tom McGuinness, Rob Townsend and Gary Fletcher celebrate 40 fabulous years together. When these five established virtuosos decided to form a band 'just to play the blues' no one could have predicted that four decades on, they'd still be dazzling audiences with their showmanship and virtuosity.



Quite simply, The Blues Band are Britain's finest, most skilled practitioners in the art of the blues and every performance is one to remember.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.

## Screen Arts

Thursday 28 November 7pm  
£12 / Under 18 £10

National Theatre Live **Encore**

## Present Laughter

by Noël Coward

Captured live from The Old Vic, Andrew Scott (*Sherlock*, *Fleabag*) 'dazzles in Coward's enduring classic comedy' *Guardian*

As he prepares to embark on an overseas tour, star actor Garry Essendine's colourful life is in danger of spiralling out of control. Engulfed by an escalating identity crisis as his many and various relationships compete for his attention, Garry's few remaining days at home are a chaotic whirlwind of love, sex, panic and soul-searching.

★★★★★ 'illuminating and luminously funny' *WhatsOnStage*

Approx 3hrs incl interval.



Photo: Manuel Harlan

# NOV-DEC

'...had me in tears of laughter'



## Comedy

Friday 29 November 8pm  
Advance £11 / Door £13 (Min age 18yrs)

### Corn Hall Comedy Club

**Mark Dolan (MC)** – You'll know Mark from his many tv appearances, *The Jump* and *Ball's of Steel* for starters. He also won *Celebrity Come Dine With Me* and co-hosted the comedy panel show *If Katie Hopkins Ruled The World*. He's also a brilliant stand-up!

**Duncan Oakley** – Tonight's headliner was voted English Comedian of the Year in 2015 and has musical skills that would easily fit into many rock bands. Performing an infectious mix of musical comedy and stand up he never fails to put on a show with laughs you'll remember for years to come.

'... the encore had me in tears of laughter' *BBC*

**Dimitri Bakanov** – fast proving an audience favourite with his honest, sharp and sometimes dark humour.

**Jinx Yeo** – 'Absolutely killed it' ★★★★★ *The Funny Tonne*  
Food and bar from 6.30pm.

*Chill in our Vinyl Bar afterwards where an eclectic selection of discs will be curated by our resident DJ Sgt Sid. Free entry when you buy your comedy ticket.*

*Vinyl Bar only (9.30pm-11pm) pay what you like. Bring a vinyl 45 and add to Sid's playlist!*



## Music

Saturday 30 November 8pm  
£20 / Concessions £19

Terry Dash Music presents

### Twistin' the Night Away – The Retro Rockin Soul Extravaganza

An authentic modern day celebration featuring the powerhouse vocals of retro King, Si Cranstoun and his band's blend of Doo Wop, Rock n' Roll and Rocking Rhythm & Blues.

Known as King of the Vintage Scene, Si's energetic performances and his ability to turn every show into a party have made him a regular at all the major Swing and Blues Festivals in the UK and Europe.

"Wow, how good is Si Cranstoun"  
*Chris Evans, BBC Radio*

Approx 2hrs 15mins incl interval.





## Workshop

Friday 6 December  
10.15am - 1.15pm  
£45 including tea or coffee & cake

### Make a Wreath for Christmas

Gabi from Gabriel's Garden has a renowned and unique floristry style. Enjoy a relaxing morning making a stunning natural moss based wreath full of festive berries, dried flowers, seasonal foliage, and seed heads. By the end of the session you'll have created the perfect adornment for your door to welcome friends and family this Christmas, or to use as a beautiful table centre.

All materials will be provided but feel free to bring bits from your garden to add that personal touch. Please bring secateurs or scissors and an apron.



## Music

Friday 6 December 7.30pm £15

### The Searchers' Spencer James - Solo Show

Following The Searchers decision to retire in March this year – their lead singer and guitarist for over 33 years – Spencer James will be carrying on the band's legacy and keeping Searchers fans delighted with his new solo show.

Spencer James was also a member of the band 'First Class' which gave him his first big hit with *Beach Baby* in 1974. Singing many classic hits like *Sweets For My Sweet* and *Needles and Pins*, from his life with The Searchers, plus many others from his life over the years.



Approx 2hrs 20mins incl interval.

## Music

Saturday 7 December 7.30pm £12 / Concessions £10

### The Churchfitters

A double bass made out of a saucepan. Heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw. Foot-stompingly fast fiddle mixed with infectious funk-rock rhythms, all delivered as part of a high energy show that always leaves audiences cheering. The Churchfitters is a folk band like no other.

Their "Christmas Cracker" show is a mouthwatering selection of traditional and original festive season songs which will see Christmas in with a bang, a paper hat-full of surprises, novelties – and some terrible jokes too!

'totally brilliant and beautiful'. *Mike Harding*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





# DECEMBER

‘a delicious  
seasonal treat’



## Music

Thursday 12 December  
7.30pm £15

Diss Jazz Club presents

## Jazz at the Movies – A Swinging Christmas 2019!

A regular seasonal sell-out at Ronnie Scott's, the Royal Albert Hall's Elgar Room and many other venues, acclaimed repertory quintet Jazz at the Movies present a stocking-full of holiday classics and curiosities in a delightfully jazzy blend of the sublime, swinging, sentimental and plain silly – the perfect way to begin the festivities.

Featuring Joanna Eden (acclaimed vocalist, star judge of BBC TV's *All Together Now* and longtime teacher/mentor to pop superstar Sam Smith), Mark Crooks (woodwind star of the world-renowned John Wilson Orchestra) and the Chris Ingham Trio.

Approx 2hrs 20mins incl interval.



## Workshop

Friday 13 December 10.15am -1.45pm  
£40 incl tea or coffee & cake

## Make a Vintage Christmas Robin



Just in time for Christmas! Local craftswoman and Fluffology founder, Tracey Baldwin will guide you through the process of creating a needle felt robin. Price includes the full starter kit with additional materials to take away and make another at home. Christmas themed bags of wool will be available on the day to make more animals – ideal for gifts with a personal touch.

Age 14+ yrs

## Christmas Fair

Sunday 15 December 11am-4pm Diss Heritage Triangle

## St Nicholas Winter Fayre

Do your Christmas shopping and enjoy the festive atmosphere!

Throughout the day the Heritage Triangle will be thronging with stalls, entertainment and seasonal activities. Cobbs Yard, Norfolk House Yard and DesignerMakers will host a wide variety of stalls and the Corn Hall and all of the enticing independent shops in the Heritage Triangle will be open.

There'll also be a range of delicious food, live music, hot roasted chestnuts and carol singing with The Salvation Army Band to really get you into the Christmas spirit!







## Pantomime

20-30 December various times  
£13.50 / Child £12.50 /  
Family £50 (4 tickets)

LP Creatives & the Corn Hall present

## Robin Hood

The nefarious Sheriff of Nottingham is fed up with his riches being robbed and will stop at nothing to rule supreme in Sherwood Forest – and there is one man with his Merry Men standing firmly in his way! The Sheriff has a dastardly plan to capture not only the finest archer in the land, but also the heart of Maid Marion – and maybe bag himself a much revered ‘Silver Turnip’ along the way!

Will good win out? Will love triumph?  
Will somebody please tell me what’s so good about a silver turnip?

This will be the Corn Hall’s funniest, biggest and boldest pantomime yet, so make your festive season a special one and join us for a feast of fun, fair maidens and fabulous panto magic for all the family!

[www.facebook.com/DissPanto](http://www.facebook.com/DissPanto)

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



## Screen Arts

Friday 3 January 7.15pm £13.50 / Under 18 £10



## Live **The Nutcracker**

*Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky*

One of the most delightful ways to discover the enchantment of ballet – and a delicious seasonal treat for all the family, Tchaikovsky’s music is matched to a magical adventure on Christmas Eve for Clara and her Nutcracker doll. Their journey to the Land of Sweets brings with it much-loved ballet moments, such as the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Waltz of the Flowers.

Approx 2hrs 30mins incl interval.



## Theatre

Sat 4 January 4pm & 7.30pm £13 / UC: £7 Age 8+ yrs

Common Ground Theatre Company presents

## Sherlock Holmes & The Warlock of Whitechapel

Ancient artefacts are disappearing from museums and private collections all over Europe. Either someone’s on their own personal antiques road trip, or they’re trying to summon dark forces and gain mystical powers. But to what end... and why?

Julian Harries and Dick Mainwaring once again don the deerstalker, plus fours and travelling capes of Holmes and Watson to bring you another classic Christmas comedy thriller.

‘A glorious piece of Christmas fun’  
*Andrew Clark, EADT on Justin & The Argonauts*

Approx 2hrs incl. interval.



# JOIN US FOR A DRINK at the GRAIN BAR...



Showcasing an ever-changing range of award-winning Grain beers, alongside a hand-picked selection of the best drinks around.

The new Corn Hall bar will be operated by Grain Brewery who are based just down the road in Alburgh. They bring their range of traditional cask beers, alongside cask and keg beers inspired from across the world. The same quality is applied to their selection of wine, spirits, mixed and soft drinks, drawn from their experience from their three owned pubs. Their claim to serve up 'The best G&T in Diss' is not an exaggeration!

**The Grain Bar at the Corn Hall is open from 6.15pm before events.**

Pre-order your interval drinks to avoid the queue.

## **CORN THE HALL**

*Café*

**For coffee, brunch, lunch or  
dinner in a friendly, welcoming  
and relaxed atmosphere**

Now open **Monday to Saturday** 10am-4pm  
and before events for evening dining



Booking recommended for pre-event dining  
Email: [cafe@thecornhall.co.uk](mailto:cafe@thecornhall.co.uk) or call 07963 355588



## HOW TO BOOK

**In person:** during Box Office opening hours.

**Telephone: 01379 652241** – if you reach our answering machine please leave your details and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

**Online:** register on our new website [www.thecornhall.co.uk](http://www.thecornhall.co.uk) to book for any event.

**By Post:** Please include your name, address, contact number, email address and full details of your booking along with your cheque made payable to 'Diss Corn Hall Trust'. Add £1 to your booking total if you wish your tickets to be posted. You can also email the Box Office using [boxoffice@thecornhall.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@thecornhall.co.uk).

**Charges:** A booking fee of £1.50 applies per transaction for online and telephone bookings. The booking fee will not be added to bookings made in person.

A £1 fee will be added should you wish your tickets to be posted.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The Corn Hall Trust is committed to making the venue as accessible as possible. The Box Office, Hall, Waveney Room, gallery, bar and café are all on the ground floor and we have lift access to the first floor studio, exhibition and heritage research space. Both floors have fully accessible toilets.



We can only accommodate a limited number of wheelchairs at events. Please inform the Box Office when you book so we can reserve your space. If your mobility requirements require someone to assist you with your visit we can arrange a complimentary ticket for your companion. Please enquire at the Box Office.



The Hall and the Waveney Room are both equipped with induction loops. These work for amplified events.

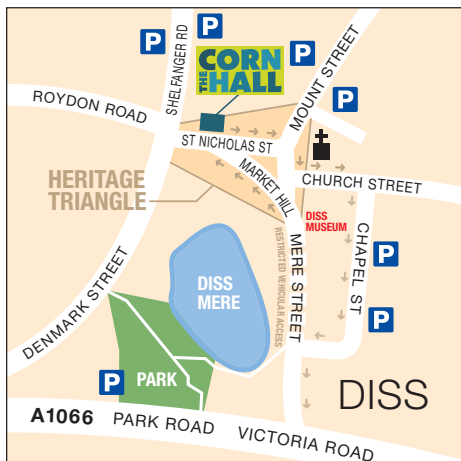
## CAFE and BAR

The cafe will open between 10am-4pm Monday to Saturday, from 6.30pm before evening events, and an hour before Sunday daytime events. The Bar opens from 6.30pm before events.

## THANKS

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A family panto bound to hit the bullseye this DISSember...!

Sophie Baxter  
as  
Maid Marion

Jordan Brett  
as  
The Sheriff of Nottingham

Joshua Hughes  
as  
Robin Hood

Jaryn Taylor  
as  
Deadly Nightshade

Colin Savage  
as  
Nanny  
Mara-Bone



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Family Ticket  
£50!

# ROBIN HOOD

...and his Merry Men!



20th-30th Dec 2019

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