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I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Chief Exec at The Corn Hall. It's obvious to me that the Corn Hall has become a focal point of cultural activity in the town and is already very well supported by the public and I hope I can help it survive and thrive into the future. This past 18 months of pandemic disruption has been very difficult for arts venues. I want to start by saying a big well done to the core team here who have had to deal with the on/off nature of public events under Covid. Angela Sykes will still be overseeing the events programme and she deserves a particular thank you for the tortuous dealings of shows coming and going over that last year. But all the staff, trustees, volunteers and regular customers deserve a big thanks for showing patience and fortitude. I'm firmly crossing my fingers that we are over the worst of the Covid era and will gradually be returning to normal in 2022.

We should also offer particular thanks to Arts Council England for providing the Corn Hall with significant grant funds that have helped cover the staff and building overheads through the Lockdown periods thereby providing a basis for us to rebuild audiences going forward.

And going forward we are, with a stimulating and varied programme of events and art exhibitions as you will see. Please have a good read because there really is something for everyone. Great comedy with the likes of Gary Delaney and Mark Watson in February, our regular live poetry club continues with Elvis Mcgonagall in November, music-wise there are plenty of good gigs with blues legends Dave Kelly and Paul Jones in January and Scottish Folk stalwarts, the Peatbog Fairies with us in March. There's also plenty of films and theatre and none of this happens if you don't come along, so treat yourself to an evening out!

I've also been incredibly impressed with the community work that The Corn Hall does in hosting all sorts of groups and meetings backed up by our daytime gallery and cafe. The Diss Arts Society have stimulating art talks once a month and are looking for new members, we host two daytime groups for older people who might be isolated and need support, and there are several opportunities for young people to take part in arts activities. We can help young people work towards an official Arts Award. Please get in touch if any of this is relevant for you and look out for our fundraising BIG GIVE in December which will be aimed at supporting this community activity.

Hope to see you at The Corn Hall soon!

Stuart Hobday

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OCTOBER

'warm, deliberate
and confident'



Art

16 October-27 November
Box office hours Free
An exhibition in the Lower Gallery

James Dodds - Shaped by the Sea

Described as 'boatbuilding's artist laureate', James Dodds was apprenticed as a shipwright in Maldon for four years. "With the first boat I worked on, it felt I was building it on the canvas. The two sides of me, the builder and the artist; one focused on art and colour, the other on practicalities." The desire to become an artist won and took him to Colchester School of Art and then to London to Chelsea School of Art and the Royal College.

James' studio in Wivenhoe is sited on the spot where great ships were once built and our exhibition will have a special emphasis on East Coast boats including a mammoth 12ft triptych of a Yarmouth Lugger and a selection of his distinctive linocuts. These will contain 'panoramas' of coastal towns such as Southwold and Aldeburgh and historic working boats such as the 1864 oyster dredger 'Pioneer', rescued from the mud where she had lain for 50 years.

Exhibition viewing Saturday 23 Oct 11.30am

James will join us in the gallery to talk informally about the exhibition and his career.



4 December-9 January
Box office hours Free
An exhibition in the Lower Gallery

Mike Webb - Mere Quacks and Other Animals

We round off the year with another eagerly anticipated exhibition of new work by Mike Webb. His philosophy is simple. "I enjoy putting my work out there; it is what pictures are made for - so people can see and enjoy them." And people certainly do!

Exhibition viewing Saturday 4 December
11.30am-1pm

Mike Webb will be in the gallery to meet friends and fans.



Art Class

Third Monday of each month
10.30am-1.30pm £15 per session

Life Drawing

Join experienced life drawing tutor Neil Cuthbert to explore anatomical terms and muscular and skeletal features as well as the creative process of drawing a life model.



Music

Thursday 21 Oct 7.30pm
£13

Diss Jazz Club presents

Harry Greene 4

Freshly graduated, ever masterful and in huge demand (with Tom Seals, Mica Paris, Ashton Jones Project, among others), the exciting, inventive tenor saxophonist/guitarist Harry Greene fronts a superb quartet featuring Chris Ingham (piano), Geoff Gascoyne (bass) and Marc Cecil (drums).

Expect irresistible groovers, out-and-out swingers and some Blue Note classics.

“Greene’s tenor framed the song; warm, deliberate and confident” *London Jazz News*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Theatre

Friday 22 Oct 7.30pm £13.50 / Under 18 £9.50 (Age 12+)

The Pantaloons present

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

The Pantaloons’ horrifically innovative take on Robert Louis Stevenson’s murky tale of murder, mystery and transmutation!

When lawyer John Utterson fears that his friend Dr Jekyll is being blackmailed by the shadowy and violent Mr Hyde he begins an investigation that will inexorably lead him to the shocking truth of this strange case – but will it be too late...?

Approx 1hrs 50mins incl interval.



Music

Saturday 23 October 7.30pm £24

Johnny Cash Roadshow – From the Ashes

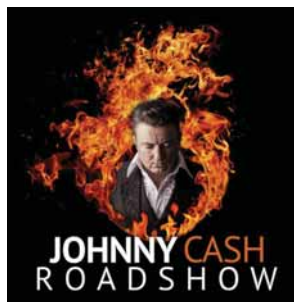
Only show to be endorsed by the Cash Family! Back and better than ever, this year, award-winning Clive John pays homage to the Man in Black, with an updated show featuring the legendary ‘June Carter’ (Meghan Thomas) and the Roadshow Horns.

Along with favourites such as *Walk the Line*, *Ring of Fire*, *Get Rhythm*, *Orange Blossom Special* and *A Boy Named Sue*, the show digs deeper into the catalogue to bring you songs from his acclaimed ‘American Recordings’ and other rarities and surprises.

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

‘His Resemblance is uncanny’
Rosanne Cash

‘Extraordinary concert’
Daily Record and Sunday Mail



OCT-NOV

'creepy
family fun!'



Family

Monday 25 October
10am, 11.30am & 1.30pm
Child £6.50 Ages 1-11yrs

Start with Art! James Dodds - Shaped by the Sea

It's time to set sail on another wonderful SWA! adventure, starting from the beautiful wooden boats in James Dodds' paintings. We'll be using clay to explore lots of wooden textures, trying out oil painting, using fabric to paint on, testing our mini boat building skills, creating an arty plank and developing some woodwork skills!

Nautical little play spot for under 1s (free when attending with older sibling).

Open-ended and child-led art experiences supported by our skilled volunteers. Dress for mess!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Family

Tuesday 26-Thur 28 Oct 9am-3.30pm £80 Ages 6-15yrs

October Half Term Stage School - Shrek!

"What are you doing in my swamp?" Come join Shrek and his friends for a party in a land far far away, with singing, dancing, performing and characters you are sure to recognise. That'll do Donkey, that'll do!

Your child will enjoy being part of a team for three fun-filled days of acting, singing and dancing. Through themed drama games, improvisation and rehearsal, the children will be guided towards a mini showcase for friends and family at the end of the last day when all those taking part will receive a certificate of participation.



Family

Friday 29 October 5.30pm
Adults £12 / Under 16 £8 / Family £36

Kick In the Head presents

The Haunted House - Family Halloween Show

A fun filled spooky tale all about ghosts, ghouls and strange things that go bump in the night!

Mr Giles, the old coach driver, will keep you safe, guide you through the old tales and help you learn all about the secrets of the old house.

Interactive creepy fun for all the family with plenty silliness and spookiness for all ages thrown in.

Be afraid... well...
just a little bit!



WEDNESDAY FILMS

£5 / Under 18 £2.50



Weds 27 Oct 7.30pm

First Cow (12A)

Director Kelly Reichardt, USA, 2019, 2hrs 2mins
With Alia Shawkat, John Magaro, Toby Jones

A skilled cook has travelled west and joined a group of fur trappers in Oregon, though he only finds true connection with a Chinese immigrant also seeking his fortune. Soon the two collaborate on a successful business.



Photo: Courtesy of Studio Canal

Weds 10 Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm

Supernova (15)

Director Harry Macqueen, UK, 2020, 1hr 35mins
Colin Firth, Stanley Tucci

Sam and Tusker, partners of 20 years, are travelling across England in their old camper van visiting friends, family and places from their past. Since Tusker was diagnosed with early-onset dementia two years ago, their time together is the most important thing they have.



Weds 24 Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm

Forever Young – Youth Cultures on Film

Celebrating the diversity of British youth cultures from the early 1970s through to the 1990s, these rarely screened films from our region are drawn from the collections of the East Anglian Film Archive.

Featuring an extraordinary range of local news and documentaries, the film clips range from alternative lifestyles and communes in rural Suffolk, student sit-ins in Norwich, the new trend of 'hot pants' for ladies in 1971, to a 1985 documentary that gives voice to the young black community in Luton who gathered at weekends for house parties celebrating their West Indian heritage.

Supported by the BFI Film Audience Network with National Lottery funding as part of New Directions.

We're looking for photos and stories of yourself and your friends from the period 1971-1996 to be considered for exhibition on the big screen before the film screenings. For more information email [Reel Connections at info@reelconnections.co.uk](mailto:info@reelconnections.co.uk)



Weds 3 Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm

Promising Young Woman (15)

Director Emerald Fennell, UK/USA, 2020, 1hr 53mins
With Carey Mulligan, Bo Burnham, Alison Brie

A young woman, traumatized by a tragic event in her past, seeks out vengeance against those who crossed her path.

'Carey Mulligan is at her ice-cold best' ★★★★★ *The Guardian*



Weds 17 Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm

The Courier (12A)

Director Dominic Cooke, UK/USA, 2020, 1hr 52mins
With Benedict Cumberbatch, Rachel Brosnahan, Anton Lesser

Cold War spy Greville Wynne and his Russian source try to put an end to the Cuban Missile Crisis. A rousing effective old-school spy adventure elevated by a thrilling fact-based story and Benedict Cumberbatch's nifty central performance.

More information and trailers for these and future films may be found on our website www.thecornhall.co.uk

OCT-NOV

'...Poignant, funny
and cathartic'



Word

Sat 30 Oct 7.30pm £18

Michael Portillo – Life: A game of Two Halves

Michael Portillo makes a welcome return to talk about his remarkable career. As a Conservative politician, he took just over a decade to go from a seat in the Commons to being seen as possible future Prime Minister but his political career came to an end when he lost his seat in 1997.

Since then, he has reinvented himself as a hugely popular broadcaster, travelling the railways of the world for television, and investigating the history of numerous countries, and the daily lives of their people.

A lively, humorous and fascinating evening not to be missed!

Michael will be available to meet the audience and sign books.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Theatre

Thursday 4 November 8pm £12 / Under 21 £8

Common Ground Theatre Company presents

The Dream of a Ridiculous Man

by Fyodor Dostoevsky, adapted by Pat Whymark

A fantastical tale of new beginnings, featuring Julian Harries as the Ridiculous Man, with live musical accompaniment by Pat Whymark and Emily Bennett.

Poignant, funny and cathartic, and particularly appropriate right now, the piece tells the story of a man who – much like Scrooge in Dickens' A Christmas Carol – has a dream which saves his life, brings him back from the edge of despair, reconnects him to society and restores his faith in humanity.

Approx 50mins no interval.



Music Workshops

Tuesday 9 November & Tuesday 25 January 7.30pm FREE

Norfolk & Norwich Festival presents

The People's Cabaret - Workshops

Artists Luke Styles and Jessica Walker, who appeared at the Corn Hall in May, return to work closely with participants on the idea of the protest song in a series of three workshops. What is it? Where did it come from? What could it be today?

A fascinating, collaborative creative process where participants will have the chance to develop their own song lyrics and be involved in contributing to the thematic content of a new set of protest songs to be written by Luke and Jess.

Approx 2hrs each.





Theatre

Thursday 11 Nov 7.30pm
£12 / Concessions £9.50

Open Space Theatre
Company presents

A View From the Bridge

By Arthur Miller

Eddie Carbone struggles to allow Catherine, the orphaned niece he has nurtured and who is now on the cusp of womanhood, to go out into the wider world. His inner turmoil increases as she falls in love with one of the two illegal immigrants he and his wife are sheltering. Can Eddie accept the inevitable or will his stubborn obsession turn to tragedy? Set in the 1950s in the shadow of one of New York's landmark buildings, the Brooklyn Bridge, this is one of Arthur Miller's greatest plays.

Approx 2hrs 15mins incl interval.



Word

Friday 12 November 8pm £10

Elvis Mcgonagall - with Luke Wright

We're back, with everything sanitised except the language. Two of the country's finest performing poets take to the Diss stage.

Elvis Mcgonagall is a regular on BBC Radio 4, a former *Saturday Live* poet-in-residence, he was also the star of his own series *Elvis Mcgonagall Takes a Look on The Bright Side*. His new book *Complete & Utter Cult* came out last November.



Alongside Elvis is our very own Luke Wright, dubbed "the bard of lockdown" by *The Telegraph* after his 100 straight online gigs. Luke has a stack of new poems and a spring in his Doc Martened step.

This promises to be a special one. Roll up!

Approx 1hr 30mins incl interval.

Music

Saturday 13 November 7.30pm £18

Dire Streets - Brothers in Arms show

In May 1985 Dire Straits released *Brothers In Arms*. It became one of the best-selling albums of all time, delivering a stream of classic songs and propelling the band into global superstar status.

To celebrate the release, *Dire Streets* – Europe's most critically acclaimed Dire Straits tribute act – will be playing the album live in its entirety recreating the distinctive style of Mark Knopfler and Dire Straits with an attention to detail no other tribute can match. The show will also include all the classic hits from the band's other studio albums and legendary live performances.

Join *Dire Streets* as they celebrate one of the greatest British rock albums of all time.

Approx 2hrs 20mins incl interval.



NOVEMBER

'Absolutely hilarious'



Music

Friday 19 November 7.30pm £15

The Searchers & Hollies Experience

The magical hits of two of the biggest bands of the 60s and 70s era and an incredible back catalogue of over 30 hit songs, this show is performed by the amazing FOD band. The FOD Band was recognised by Tony Jackson, of The Searchers. He picked them to play on his Tony Jackson sings The Searchers shows.

Packed with hits like *Sweets for My Sweet*, *Needles & Pins*, *He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother*, *Air That I Breathe* and many more, you will be transported to that exciting era in pop music history.



'What a great night ... sold out!' *The Pavilion Theatre, Gorleston*

Approx 2hrs 30mins incl interval.

Workshop

Saturday 20 November 10.15am - 4.15pm
£65 incl tea or coffee & cake

Stained Glass Lantern Workshop

Stained glass is a magical medium: it is colour transformed by light! Join local stained glass artist Teri Lockton to create a stained glass lantern, suitable for indoor and outdoor use.



You will use the mosaic technique, so no glass cutting is involved. Choose pieces of coloured glass from a vast selection of shapes and textures, and glue them to the clear glass of a table lantern, grout the spaces in between and add fairy lights to produce a beautiful, colourful glowing lantern. No prior experience needed, and all materials supplied.

Family

Saturday 20 Nov 2pm
£6.50 Ages 3-8yrs

Garlic Theatre presents

The Bag that went BOO!

The delightfully comic story of a little red bag that jumps out of a brown paper bag – what in the world is it? and where is it going? Join us for a fantastical journey of paper bag proportions, dive into the sea and travel to the land of snow.

Garlic Theatre bring a sprinkle of pure magic with mime, clowning and puppetry.

"Absolutely captivating – beautiful, simple, spellbinding. This is children's theatre at its best." *Courtyard Theatre Hereford on 3 Little Pig Tails.*

Approx 60mins.





Comedy

Friday 26 Nov 8pm £11 advance / £13 on the door

Corn Hall Comedy Club

Party season is here, and it's the final Comedy Club for 2021 so grab your mates and have a great night out.

Paul Revill (MC): a warm funny and friendly comedian Paul makes the perfect MC to get a night of comedy off to a great start. Personal stories intertwined with observations and punch lines, ensure that the laughs just keep coming.

'Steals the show'
★★★★ *ThreeWeeks*



Paul Revill

Glenn Wool (headliner): originally from Canada, he moved to London in 1998 and quickly became a star of the comedy circuit before becoming a globally recognised name. TV credits include John Oliver's 'New York Stand-Up Show' as well as appearances on *8 Out of 10 Cats*, *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, and *Russell Howard's Good News*.

'Effortlessly funny' *The Guardian*
'Absolutely hilarious' *The Independent*



Glenn Wool

Also on the bill are:

Andy White 'Oozes talent' *What's On Magazine*

Michael May

Pauline Eyre

Approx 2hrs incl intervals. Food & bar from 6pm.



Music

Saturday 27 November 7.30pm
£16 / Under 18s £8

Belshazzar's Feast

On tour with their celebrated Christmas show that mixes traditional folk music, seasonal material, stirring in classical, pop and music hall, all topped off with audience participation and lashings of wry humour, Paul Sartin (Bellowhead/ Faustus) and Paul Hutchinson (Hoover The Dog) together have wowed audiences across the world with their eclectic and eccentric mix of tunes and between songs chat, that always sends audiences home with smiles on their faces.

'Their music is breathtaking and wickedly inventive and the between-tunes interchange as intelligent and hilarious as the music.' *Mike Harding*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



NOV-DEC

'A festive treat
for the whole
family'

Musical Theatre

Sunday 28 November 2pm & 4.15pm
£10 / Under 16 £7

Greasepaint Academy presents

Disney's The Little Mermaid Junior

Adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture, Disney's The Little Mermaid Junior. is an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance.

In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home and her fins behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, make a deal with the evil sea witch Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking.

Performed by the children from Greasepaint!
1hr no interval.



Music

Thursday 2 December 7.30pm £15

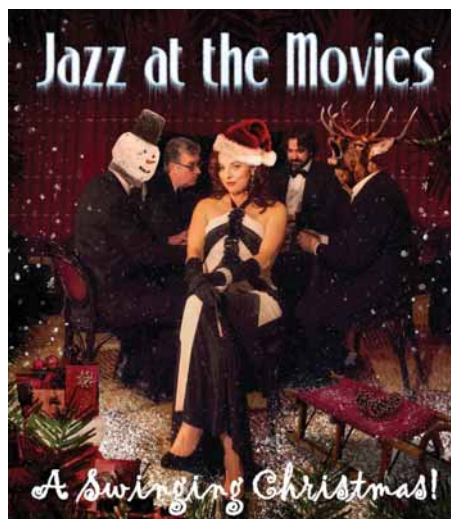
A Swinging Christmas - with Jazz at the Movies

An annual sell-out at Ronnie Scott's and festive concerts all over the UK, the show's ever-evolving song selection delivers a delightful, stocking-full of 20th century holiday classics and curiosities, a unique blend of irreverence, poignancy and joy.

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 fantastic Chris Ingham Trio.

"One of the finest combos in the country and a seriously talented vocalist" *Jazz Journal*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





Theatre

Thursday 3 Dec 7.30pm
£13.50 / Under 18 £9.50
(All ages)

The Pantaloons present

Humbugged – A Christmas Carol 2

Ebenezer Scrooge is a changed man... Having given away too much to charity he is now caught between the dangerous loan shark Mr Hardplace and the evil orphanage mistress Mrs Rock who plans to force children to work on Christmas day.

Scrooge's only hope is to recruit his old friends – the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future – to bring down Hardplace's criminal organisation and to liberate the orphans before it's too late.

The Pantaloons' new adventure. Part supernatural time-travel heist, part seasonal sequel – and definitely not a shameless cash-in.

Approx 1hrs 50mins incl interval.



Music

Saturday 4 December 7.30pm £15

ELO Encounter

Roll over Beethoven, the greatest tribute to Jeff Lynne's Electric Light Orchestra is back by popular demand!

Flawlessly recreating the wonderful music of ELO, this spectacular all live show features soaring strings, striking vocal harmonies, stunning lights and all the classic ELO hits from *Evil Woman* and *Telephone Line* to *Don't Bring Me Down* and *Mr Blue Sky*.

'Fantastic performance, I've never seen such a standing ovation here!'
Braintree Arts Theatre Manager

'Amazing, a fantastic band' *BBC Radio Essex*

Approx 2hrs 30mins incl interval.



Screen Arts

Thursday 9 December 7.15pm £13.50 / Under 18 £10



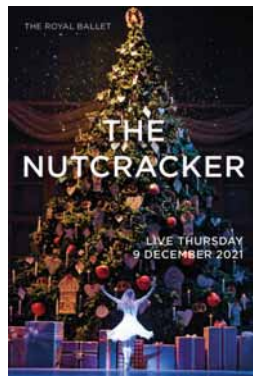
Live

The Nutcracker

A festive treat for the whole family and one of the most delightful ways to discover the enchantment of ballet.

The story of Clara, a girl on a magical Christmas Eve adventure, is accompanied by sparkling music and even dancing sweets! Watch the full company of The Royal Ballet in this much-loved ballet classic.

2hrs 40mins incl interval.



DEC-JAN

'everything you
need is here!'

DRACULA

Pantomime

18-28 December 10.30am, 2pm & 5.30pm
£14.50 / Child £13.50 / Family £54 (2 adults, 2 child)

LP Creatives and the Corn Hall present

Snow White

Magic mirrors, seven little men, poisoned apples and an enchanted Princess all tell the classic story of Snow White. An evil stepmother, no longer the fairest in the land, threatens to put an end to her beautiful stepdaughter but can true love find a way and save her?

All this and the usual mayhem and twists you expect from a Diss panto too... but be sure to book early for the best seats!

LP Creatives return for a fourth year this December with the magical tale of Snow White. This firm family favourite promises to be an amazing show continuing our reputation for high-quality Christmas fun that's right on your doorstep.

Snow doubt about it, we're the best panto for miles around! Follow us on [f/disspanto](https://www.facebook.com/disspanto)

Approximately 2 hours incl interval.



Theatre

Saturday 1 January 4pm & 7.30pm
£14 / Under 21 & unwaged £10

Common Ground Theatre Company
presents

Sherlock Holmes Meets Count Dracula

Lady Emilia Adwater engages Sherlock Holmes to investigate the disappearance of her head butler and others in her neighbourhood. The disappearances coincide with the arrival of the mysterious Count Dracula.

Will Holmes get to the bottom of the mystery, before the Count can carry out his dastardly plan to infiltrate British high society? Can he save the London season from becoming a ravening gorefest?

Common Ground are known for their hugely successful classic comedy mysteries peppered with sparkling wit, ingenious staging and hilarious songs.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





Music

Saturday 15 January 8pm
£24

Paul Jones & Dave Kelly – Acoustic

A live acoustic set by these spellbinding performers is an occasion you'll remember. Founder members of *The Blues Band*, Paul Jones and Dave Kelly will perform their own material as well as that of the greats – from Howling' Wolf and John Lee Hooker through to Sonny Boy Williamson. Not only have they played alongside these legends, they also enjoyed their friendship.

Two authentic, thrilling blues voices, a guitar, a harmonica and an enviable repertoire of songs and reminiscences most musicians can only dream of. If you're a true Blues fan, everything you need is here.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Screen Arts

Wednesday 19 January 7.15pm £13



Encore **Tosca**

Sung in Italian with English subtitles

A romance, a tragedy and a thriller – travel to 19th century Rome with Puccini's passionate, political opera.

Into the romantic world of an idealistic painter Cavaradossi and his sensuous lover Tosca comes the malevolence of Baron Scarpia, Chief of Police, with fatal results. Elena Stikina, Bryan Hymel and Alexey Markov bring to life one of the best loved operas in The Royal Opera's repertory.

From the first demonic chords to the violent twist of the opera's shock ending, the tension never lets up. Love and evil come face to face in Jonathan Kent's intense production.

3hrs 25mins incl two intervals.

Royal Opera House and Royal Ballet screening dates for your diary

Monday 14 February, 7.15pm, (Special Screening) *The Royal Ballet*
Romeo & Juliet

Thursday 10 March, 7.15pm, (Anniversary Screening) *The Royal Opera*
Rigoletto

Wednesday 13 April, 6.45pm, (Live broadcast) *The Royal Opera*
La Traviata

Tuesday 24 May, 7.15pm, *The Royal Ballet*
Swan Lake



JANUARY

'world-class
shining star'

Music

Friday 21 January 7.30pm £18.50

We Three Kings – of Rock 'n Roll

An uplifting show performed by three West End artists celebrating the music of Rock 'n Roll icons Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley.

With Darren Page is Roy Orbison – close your eyes and you will believe Roy is back in the room!

Marc Robinson, (*Stars in their Eyes* and *Buddy: The Musical*), pays tribute to Buddy Holly along with his four-piece band, The Counterfeit Crickets.

ELVIS, the King of Rock 'n Roll himself is performed by Steve Halliday (*BBC1 World's Greatest Elvis* show). Featuring authentic costume changes and hits like *That's All Right Mama*, *G I Blues*, and *Jailhouse Rock*, you will be transported back to the days when Rock 'n Roll was King.

Will Rock 'n Roll in Diss ever Die? That'll be the Day!

Approx 2hrs 20mins. Suits all ages.



Theatre

Saturday 22 January 7.30pm £17.50

Phoney Fools and Horses – the stage show

Starring the award-winning comedy impressionist and Britain's Got Talent star, Drew Cameron.

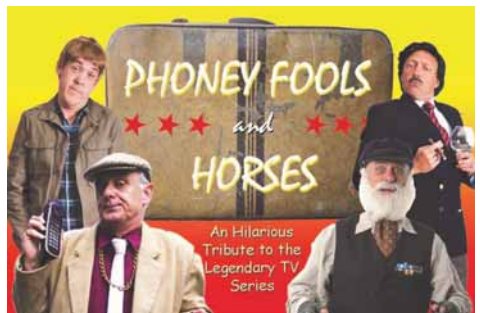
Meet Del Boy, Uncle Albert, Rodney, Boycie and Trigger in this brilliant homage to one of the nation's best-loved TV shows which features a hilarious, specially scripted storyline delivered by a talented cast of three who superbly embody all the laughter-moments we remember so well.

With hilarious timing, uncanny resemblance and fun audience interaction, the show is guaranteed to captivate and delight audiences young and old.

'It's bonnet de douche!' Book your tickets now. You know it makes sense!

Inspired by the classic BBC comedy Only Fools and Horses. The content of the show is entirely original, and no use is made of the original scripts or other materials from the TV programmes. We are not linked to or authorised in any way by the BBC, Shazam or others involved in the TV programmes".

Approx 2hrs incl interval. Suitable for 12yrs +.





Music

Thursday 27 January 7.30pm £13

Diss Jazz Club presents

The Nigel Price Trio

Nigel Price (guitar), Simon Thorpe (bass) & Chris Ingham (piano)

Nigel Price is the world-class shining star of British groove guitar, recalling the masters Wes Montgomery, Grant Green, Pat Martino and early George Benson with an expertly blended, hugely exciting brand of hard-bop and soul-jazz.

“A real killer... Mr Price is full of surprises”
Evening Standard

“Old school honesty... gloriously inventive” *Mojo*

Jazz Club 2022 dates for your diary

- Thursday 3 March
- Thursday 28 April
- Thursday 23 June
- Thursday 4 August
- Thursday 15 September
- Thursday 20 October
- Friday 2 December



Comedy

Friday 28 January 8pm
Advance £11 / On the day £13

Corn Hall Comedy Club

Always a great night out, our headline act says it's going to be another cracking line-up to start the new year!

Ian Stone (Headline) – ranked amongst the top ten stand-ups in Britain by *The Independent*, Ian Stone is one of the most talented topical acts in the country and has performed all over the world. Edgy and provocative, with an easy-going manner and self-deprecating style, he is a member of the Comedy Store's critically acclaimed 'Cutting Edge' team.

“Seriously funny” *The Guardian*

Grab a bunch of your mates, book 6 tickets or more, and we'll reserve you a table.

Comedy Club 2022 dates for your diary

- Friday 25 March
- Friday 27 May
- Friday 29 July
- Friday 30 September
- Friday 25 November

Approx 2hrs incl intervals. Food & bar from 6pm.



JAN-MAR

'hits you like
a massive
heart beat'



Music

Saturday 29 Jan 7.30pm
£16

The Sounds of Simon – Old Friends

A flawless tribute to the wonderful music of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, through the years as Simon and Garfunkel, to the successes of both their solo careers.

Explore the friendship that led to songs such as *Mrs Robinson*, *The Sounds of Silence* and *Bridge Over Troubled Water*. The full band will also take you through the pair's solo careers, with songs such as *You Can Call Me Al*, *Graceland*, and Art's smash hit, *Bright Eyes*.

Bringing in elements of their famously fractious relationship, as well as replicating the beautiful harmonies and with video clips and stories.

Approx 2hrs 20mins incl interval.



Comedy

Friday 4 February 8pm – EXTRA DATE!
Saturday 5 February SOLD OUT £18

Gary Delaney – Gary in Punderland

Dive into a rabbit hole of the best jokes in the world – star of *Live at the Apollo* and sell-out sensation Gary Delaney is back!

One of the most sought-after joke writers in the country and longstanding *Mock the Week* special guest, Gary has been through the laughing glass and he's ready to bring you a brand-new show with hit after hit of the kind of one-liners only a master could craft.

★★★★ 'A cavalcade of brilliantly inventive puns' *The Guardian*

★★★★ 'A master craftsman' *The Times*
Approx 1hr 50mins incl interval.



Music

Saturday 12 February 8pm £23 / Concessions £22

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 10mins incl interval.





Comedy

Saturday 26 February 8pm
£20

Mark Watson – This Can't Be It

We've all pondered about the fragility of life recently but don't worry, Mark Watson has it covered. He's halfway through his days on earth, according to the life expectancy calculator app he paid £1.49 for. That life is in great shape... but one problem remains, and it really is a huge one.

The *Taskmaster* survivor and *No More Jockeys* cult leader crams a couple of years of overthinking into an evening of stand-up. Maybe we'll solve the huge problem. Doubt it, though.

★★★★ *Times* | *Independent* | *Metro* | *Time Out* | *Chortle*

Approx 1hr 40mins incl interval.



Music

Saturday 5 March 8pm Advance £10 / On the day £12

Catfish

International touring blues rock powerhouse Catfish have been making waves on the music scene in the UK and Europe, winning the 2018 UK Blues Act of the Year (England) to add to their 2016 British Blues Award.



'Catfish are one of the finest live bands in Britain today.

The quality of musicianship is outstanding and in Matt Long, they have one of the greatest young guitarists on the scene today...'

Blues Matters Magazine

Approx 2hrs 10mins incl interval.

Music

Saturday 12 March 8pm £17 Standing

Peatbog Faeries

Hailing from the Isle of Skye, the legendary Scottish trailblazers have created a glorious mixture of traditional sounds and dance-floor grooves that have been embraced worldwide.

Firm favourites at festivals, their inventive and unique brand of music never fails to fill the floor and delight crowds.

'Nothing prepares you for the high octane music of the Peatbog Faeries. Powerful

melodies are dextrously pumped out with a smart degree of techno attitude, while cross-rhythms ricochet over a heavy bass that hits you forcefully like a massive heart beat.'

The Scotsman

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



MARCH

'Fierce, wistful,
romantic and
witty'



Word

Friday 18 March 8pm £15

Luke Wright

John Cooper Clarke's regular warm-up guy writes poems that are tender, riotous, caustic and romantic then delivers them with the ferocity and panache of a raconteur at the top of his game.

This is an ALL-NEW show with deliciously funny poems set against a backdrop of pandemic politics, ageing parents, and an endless, droning culture war.

WINNER Saboteur Award for Best Spoken Word Performer

WINNER Fringe First

WINNER Stage Award

Presenter of *Contains Strong Language Live* (BBC Radio 4)

'His performances rumble with rage, passion and humour.' *The Guardian*

'Fierce, wistful, romantic and witty. A sensational hour of poetry.'

★★★★★ *The Stage*

1hr 50mins incl interval.



Music

Saturday 19 March 8pm Seated £20 / Standing £17

Fleetwood Bac 2022

Endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself, Fleetwood Bac are the world's first and best Fleetwood Mac tribute band authentically replicating the classic 'Rumours' line-up.

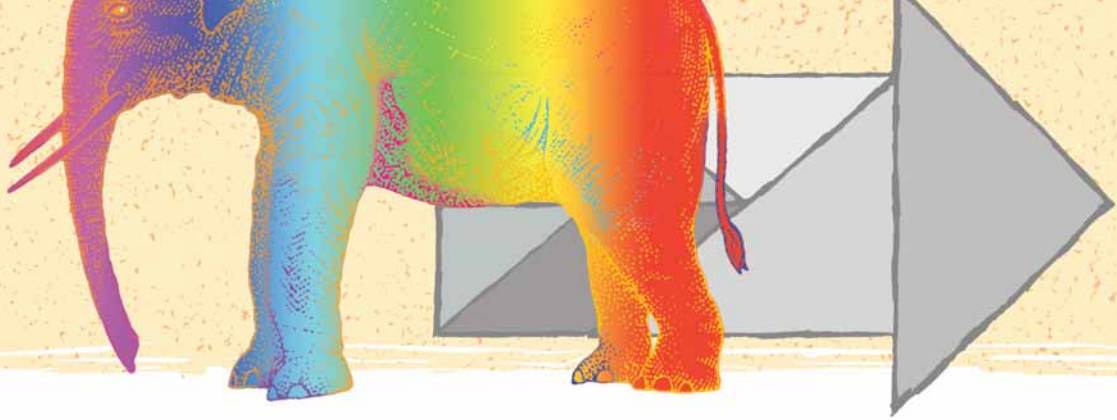
They have received rave reviews from the leading Fleetwood Mac fansites, the official Stevie Nicks website and from ecstatic audiences wherever they play.

Full of passion and energy, the theatrical 2-hour show focuses on the '*Rumours*' era, but includes several songs from the Peter Green days, as well as some of Stevie's biggest solo hits.

'Spot on. Fans of the real thing will certainly not be disappointed.' *The Stage*

Approx 2hrs plus interval.





Diss Elephants 2022

Are there really two elephants buried under Fair Green?

The Corn Hall, in partnership with Eastern Region Media, has been granted National Lottery Heritage Funding to explore the legend of Madame Abdella, a 20 year old Burmese elephant who died while travelling with a menagerie in 1867 and is believed to be buried on Fair Green. A second elephant travelling with a circus in the 1940s is also rumoured to be buried on Fair Green.

Look out for a series of fascinating workshops, talks and events which will bring these stories to life and explore the changing attitudes to keeping wild animals in captivity. The project will end in June with a town-wide celebration event and free exhibition.



SAVE THESE DATES

Friday 25 February daytime & evening
Britten Sinfonia Soloists

Britten Sinfonia bring their artistry and talent to the Corn Hall for the first time, in a chamber-sized package. Workshops, activities, and an evening concert – something for everyone, and accessible to all.

Friday 4 March
Black is the Colour of My Voice - Nina Simone

Apphia Campbell is stunning in her acclaimed play, inspired by the life of Nina Simone.

Wednesday 9 March
Pokey LaFarge



Singer, songwriter, poet and actor, Pokey LaFarge was raised on a diet of blues, bluegrass, ragtime, Western swing and old-time country. His timeless songs reflect the variety of influences he's absorbed over 10 years travelling and performing around the globe.



CORN THE HALL *Cafe*

Monday to Saturday, 10am - 4pm

Hot food until 3pm



Delicious cakes, hot food, savoury platters, paninis, and light snacks. Simple dishes using fresh ingredients from local suppliers.



**Open 6pm before evening shows for dining and drinks.
Afternoon teas available for pre-booking, visit our
website for more information.**

cafe@thecornhall.co.uk



Design: Gary Hincks

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 website 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.


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.

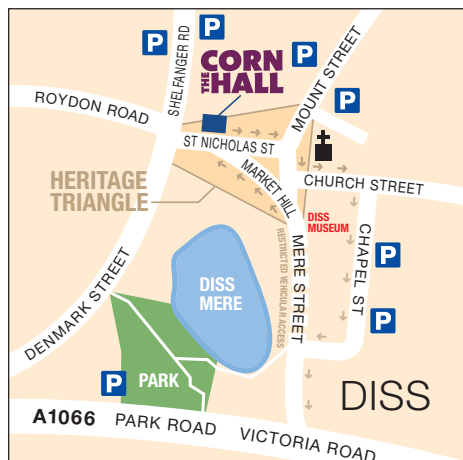
CAFE and BAR

Open 10am-4pm on Monday to Saturday, from 6pm before evening events and an hour before events on Sunday. To book for pre-event dining email cafe@thecornhall.co.uk.

THANKS

Special thanks to our Good Friends

Keith & Sue Best, Mr Terence Blacker, Eve Boyd, Ray Bryant, Anita Burnard, David Case, Jenny Chamberlin, Jenny Chaplin, Lynn Clark, Patricia Cowley, Paul Curson, John Dixon, Peter Dudley, Alison Dumbell, Margaret Evans, Brian & Gunilla Falk, Alan & Stephanie Franks, Angela & Rob Fuller, David Gillett, Anita & Nicholas Hales, Charles Handy, Jo & Gary Hincks, the Howling family, Maz Jackson, Rosemary Jones, Martha Kearney, Kate Lloyd, Glynne Lloyd-Davis, Richard Mabey & Polly Lavender, Shirley Meadows, Dr Linda Merricks, Ruth and Patrick Murray, Lister Noble, Jean Page & Chris Grocott, Jeffrey Parker, Pru Parker, Glyn Pugh, Jill Robinson, Chris Shaw, Linda & Andy Simpson, Sue Smith, Terry & Katherine Smith, Ann & David Steele, John Taylor, Linda Whyte and Corporate Friends: Dayburst Couriers and Grain Brewery.





LP Creatives and The Corn Hall, Diss proudly present professional Pantomime on your doorstep!



SNOW WHITE

and the
7 dwarfs

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18th-28th Dec 2021