

Artsreach

PERFORMANCES
across Dorset
JAN - MAR 2026



Wootton Fitzpaine 8 January
Lytchett Matravers 9 January
Blandford 10 January
GRAFFITI CLASSICS



16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices! Graffiti Classics are a comedy string quartet who burst the perceived elitist boundaries of traditional classical music with their hilarious all-singing, all-dancing comedy show. Wickedly funny, the group energetically leap and clown their way through an eclectic musical landscape, from Beethoven to Elvis! Expect a virtuosic mix of gypsy folk, opera, bluegrass, stand-up comedy and dance, with lots of laughs, dancing and singing, all tied together with cheeky audience interaction.
"A cabaret that will leave you wanting more" DAILY MAIL
[www.graffiticlassics.com](#)

Shipton Gorge 22 January
Studland 24 January
Milborne St Andrew 25 January
SARAH MCQUAID



Sarah McQuaid's stunning, distinctive vocals combine with her engaging personality and "brilliant musicianship" (iRoots) on acoustic and electric guitars, piano and floor tom drum to create a truly immersive experience. Born in Spain, raised in Chicago, and now settled in rural Cornwall, Sarah brings warmth, wit, and intimacy to every show, earning devoted fans across the Atlantic. Bringing the eclecticism of her multi-national background to her songwriting, Sarah's work spans genres and defies categorisation. From contemplative ballads to playful blues and atmospheric instrumentals, expect a varied programme of original and folk songs, plus a few familiar covers, all performed on a range of instruments.
"Stunning vocals... engaging narrative... an all-round musical treat." BEAUFORD ARTS RURAL TOURING
[www.sarahmcquaid.com](#)

Piddletrenthide 23 January
West Stafford 24 January
DANNY MELLOR

"Undermined"
Inspired by the accounts of miners who lived through the 1984 Miners' strike, *Undermined* takes you on a rollercoaster of emotions in a year-long period of political turmoil. Meet Dale, his best mate Billy, and a whole cast of characters as we follow this famous dispute in a play that is relevant for those who know nothing about the strike, and those who remember it all too well. With one pint, one chair, and a classic soundtrack, experience pints in the pub and punches on the picket line. Touring for over 10 years to pubs, theatres and even the Scottish Parliament, this fast-paced, gritty, witty and powerful show will have you laughing, crying and shaking with anger. Suitable 14+
[www.dannymellor.co.uk](#)



Sturminster Newton 29 January
CHARLIE BICKNELL & LOUISE INNES
'Cabaret with Balls'



Charlie Bicknell and Louise Innes invite you to join them for an evening which showcases their own inimitable mash of the irreverent and surreal. From *Flashdance* to Simon and Garfunkel interspersed with stimulating radio broadcasts from BBC's 'Back Row', expect AC/DC and even a throw-back to *Not the Nine O'Clock News*. Cabaret and circus performer Charlie Bicknell became a household name playing Delilah in BBC2's *This Life* and starred as Scout in Ben Elton's West End hit *Popcorn*. Louise Innes is a versatile mezzo soprano who made her Royal Opera debut in 2010 and has performed at venues including Covent Garden Opera House, Scottish Opera and Festival Hall. Their latest show, *Cabaret with Balls*, is a brilliantly irreverent escape from reality, full of surprises, humour, and outrageous fun. Suitable 16+
"shamelessly sexy, and murderously funny. You have been warned!" THE OBSERVER
[www.charliebicknell.com](#)

Drimpton 30 January
Cerne Abbas 31 January
Moscow Drug Club



Transcendent troubadours of world jazz and folk, Moscow Drug Club present a heady and waggish mix of Jazz, French Musette, Latin Grooves and New Orleans Swing. Imagine having a few to drink, staggering arm in arm into the darkness of a cobbled Eastern European street and stumbling into a bar where Django Reinhardt and Tom Waits are jamming with the local Tziganes. Combining original material with songs by the likes of Jacques Brel, Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen and Eartha Kitt, expect an intoxicating and intimate musical experience featuring guitar, accordion, double bass, trumpet and vocals. Early booking is strongly advised for this hugely popular group.
[www.moscowdrugclub.com](#)

Langton Matravers 6 February
Sturminster Marshall 7 February
Burton Bradstock 8 February (matinee)
BURTON



Two-time winners of Best Album at the Welsh Folk Awards, VRI are Jordan Price Williams (cello, voice), Aneurin Jones (violin, voice) and Patrick Rimes (viola, violin, voice). Inspired by the incredible story of a time when Wales' traditional music and dance were suppressed by Methodist chapels and, earlier, its language by the Act of Union, VRI shed new light on a vibrant folk tradition. Their music harnesses the raw energy of the fiddle with the finesse of the violin, and the beauty of chamber music with the joy and hedonism of a pub session, all underpinned by powerful vocal harmonies. Expect foot-stomping dance tunes delivered with the poise and elegance of a string ensemble.
"VRI is where Welsh craft and heart meet." MICHAEL SHEEN
[www.vri.cymru](#)

Child Okeford 11 February
Wareham 20 February
Milborne St Andrew 25 February
Swanage 5 March
Sturminster Newton 11 March
Woodlands 18 March
BSO TEA TIME TRIO
'Cake Concerts'



Performing on flute, harp and cello, the BSO's Teatime Trio share a selection of works including popular classical hits and light film music, while audience members enjoy a warm drink, a slice of cake and good company. Cake Concerts are relaxed chamber performances specifically developed for people living with dementia, but all are welcome, whether living in the community or in care and residential homes. *MATINEE CONCERTS
[www.bsolive.com](#)

Wootton Fitzpaine 12 February
Marnhull 13 February
Briantspuddle 14 February
SPITZ & CO
'The Spy Who Loved me Tender'



The inimitable Spitz & Co (creators of *Glorilla*, *Gloriator* and *Les Gloriables*) are back with a brand-new, action-packed comedy filled with songs, sequins and drama galore! Fresh from winning 'Best Elvis Tribute Act' (aged 55+) Southwest Region 2025, Elvis impersonator Ian Pollock is dreaming bigger and bolder than ever. His new mission? To write and star in a genre-busting, hip-shaking, action-packed blockbuster James Bond musical... with James Bond played by Elvis! Aided by his ever-loyal tour manager Josephine, and with a little audience back-up, expect a globe-trotting escapade full of diabolical villains, Bond girls, car chases, iconic songs, and plenty of bling! Are you ready to be shaken, stirred, and left in stitches? Because nobody does it better... Suitable 14+
"An hour of non-stop hilarity" EXEUNT MAGAZINE
[www.spitzandco.com](#)

Chetnole 13 February
Swanage 14 February
Ibberton 15 February
LUKE WRIGHT
'Later Life Letter'



Acclaimed poet Luke Wright shares his adoption story - of the life he leads, and the one he might have done. What's it like to stumble across your birth mother on Facebook? How do you honour the parents who have raised you while satisfying a curiosity about where you came from? Is it telling that you married a social worker? Wright guides the audience through a warm and honest evening of poetry and stand-up, delivered with the wit, pathos, and silliness that has made him one of England's most popular live poets. Expect raucous laughter, tear-stained cheeks, and a smattering of drum 'n' bass. A regular support act for John Cooper Clarke, Luke Wright often appears on Radio 4, and has won a Fringe First for writing, and a Stage Award for performance. Suitable 14+
"Witty observation & rollicking acuity" THE GUARDIAN
[www.lukewright.co.uk](#)

East Stour 15 February
Hinton Martell 17 February
Cerne Abbas 18 February
FRONT ROOM WSM
'Yara in the Wild Wood'



Yara lives wild and free in the woods, but there's more to these woods than the trees... Yara doesn't need anyone else. But there's something out there, prowling in the shadows and howling at the moon. And if that wasn't enough, finding food and keeping warm is getting harder every day. Yara must face up to new challenges, and maybe even the prospect of looking after more than just herself... Front Room WsM offers an endearing tale of growing up, getting wiser and making unexpected friends in a heartwarming adventure featuring captivating puppetry, exquisite non-verbal storytelling, and spellbinding original folk music. Come into the woods and explore your wild side with Yara! Recommended 3+
[www.frontroomwsm.com](#)

Child Okeford 18 February
Litton Cheney 19 February
COPPIC THEATRE
'How to Catch a Book Witch'



Kira loves reading and visiting the library to find a new book is her favourite thing, until one day the words in the books start disappearing and the adults start to get grumpy. Graham Grey says the library will be knocked down to make way for a car park! With her new friend, the book worm, Kira has to uncover why words are vanishing, and where these book monsters have come from! Could there be a Book Witch in the library? This enchanting new show celebrates libraries, storytelling, and imagination, featuring live music and captivating puppetry. Created with accessibility in mind, it also includes key word signing and integrated captions. Recommended 4+
*PLUS! BOOK MONSTER PUPPET-MAKING WORKSHOPS!
[www.coppictheatre.co.uk](#)

Sturminster Newton 19 February
Broadwindsor 20 February
Sixpenny Handley 21 February
ANGEL HEART & RATTLEBOX
'The Misadventures of Thor'



Meet THOR! Tall, brave, strong, but not too bright! His days are not always full of heroic thunder, but instead are filled with hapless blunder! Like the day he was almost married to an oafish giant. Or when he thought he was shortchanged as the golden presents were handed out. And then there was the time he had to be rescued by his own son, Magni, who was only three days old! Join Ulf and Odd, two skilled skalds (or storytellers), as they bring these ancient Nordic tales to life in a comedic romp through the world of Viking gods. Rattlebox and Angel Heart Theatre present a brand-new family show, with their usual flair for skilfully blending puppetry, storytelling and larger-than-life characters into a performance full of wonder and delight! SKOL! Recommended 5+
[www.angelhearttheatre.com](#)

Sturminster Newton 22 February (matinee)
THE RIDGEWAY SINGERS & BAND
'Tea with William Barnes'



Join us for our annual celebration of poet William Barnes, who was born near Sturminster Newton on 22 February 1801. Alongside a delicious cream tea, The Ridgeway Singers and Band, led by Phil Humphries and Tim Laycock, will perform folksongs and dance tunes from across the county including *One Night as I Lay on my Bed* collected in 1906 in Beaminster by the Hammond brothers, *Away Dark Thoughts* from Winterborne Monkton, and *The New Rigged Ship* and *The Young May Moon* from the Hardy family manuscripts. Recitals of some of William Barnes' poems will keep alive the rich dialect of Dorset in this wonderful celebration.
[www.ridgewaysingersandband.org](#)

Stalbridge 28 February
Sixpenny Handley 1 March
JUST SOME THEATRE
'Eyes Down'



It's Bingo Night at The Stairway To Heaven Social Club and that can only mean one thing: 'Mr Razzle Dazzle' himself, Bertie Bingo is ready to host an evening of dabbers, Droopy Drawers... and death! As games are played, houses are called, tension mounts, and before long a body is discovered... but whose number is up? How culpable are the audience? What really happened to the previous caller? And more importantly... who will win the novelty Tablerone? *Eyes Down* is a truly immersive comedy thriller where you play bingo for real prizes, and anything can happen! Who will emerge as Top Of The Shop and who will end up the victim of The Unlucky For Some Killer? Think *Phoenix Nights* meets *Inside No 9*... Recommended 14+
[www.justsometheatre.co.uk](#)

Buckland Newton 1 March (matinee)
CEYDA TANC DANCE
'Kizlar'



"Who runs the world? Girls." Meaning girls in Turkish, KIZLAR is a celebration of what it means to be female. Combining Turkish folk dance with stunning athletic movement, this captivating show presents different images of femininity, from the tender to the powerful. With an all-female company, KIZLAR transforms traditional male Turkish folk dances into a powerful, sensual, and visually stunning performance, accompanied by a rhythmic soundtrack which blends Eastern sounds with modern beats. Community dance groups Movers & Shakers and Dorset Youth Dance will perform a short curtain-raiser ahead of the show, and there will be the chance to dance socially after: "A demonstration of sass, power and self-possession... the company present a united energy, a solid sisterhood." THE GUARDIAN
[www.ceydatancdance.com](#)

Halstock 4 March
Sydling St Nicholas 5 March
Winterborne Stickland 6 March
GAVIN ROBERTSON & DYAD PROD.
'General Medical Emergency Ward 10'



It's Dr Ann Fleming's first day at St David's, where her unfortunately-named mentor Dr Death, is determined to show her who's boss. As medical emergencies overload the hapless staff, Dr Fleming has to juggle a complicated budding love affair, with a kidney, and a nosy Hospital boss. Not literally. Expect every hospital, medical-based, Doctors-and-Nurses soap opera, onstage! Yes, *Holby City*, *Casualty*, *E.R.* *Grey's Anatomy*, *Doctors* and more are re-imagined and invigorated in this pacy, cliché-ridden comic homage to the intrigues and drama of every medical episode on the small screen, all delivered with surgical precision! Suitable 10+
[www.gavinrobertson.com](#)

Broadmayne 6 March
Shillingstone 7 March
Corfe Castle 8 March
THE MARK HARRISON BAND



Step into a world where blues, roots and folk collide. Mark Harrison is a virtuoso guitarist whose fingerpicking and slide style are nothing short of extraordinary, joined by Charles Benfield on double bass and Ben Welburn on drums and percussion, the trio creates a rhythm section that defies convention and captivates audiences wherever they go. Their eight critically acclaimed albums have received airplay and rave reviews from music aficionados worldwide. But it's not just about the music, it's about the stories woven into each song. From the origins of melodies to the soulful depths of the blues, Mark's introductions add a layer of humour and thought-provoking insight that enriches every gig. With infectious melodies and lyrics that resonate across generations, expect a night of toe-tapping rhythms and soulful melodies that will leave you uplifted and inspired.
"A bit different and kinda groovy too" CERY'S MATTHEWS
[www.markharrisonrootsmusic.com](#)

Chetnole 6 March
Litton Cheney 7 March
Winfrith 8 March (matinee)
SARAH HAGEN
'Wonder Women!'



Canadian pianist Sarah Hagen brings her unique blend of humour and musical excellence to the stage in an intimate recital which celebrates the lives and music of forgotten female composers of the 18th and 19th centuries, including Clara Schumann, Cécile Chaminade, and Agathe Backer Grøndahl, amongst others. A performer who breathes life into every note she plays, Sarah's concerts are known not just for their musical brilliance, but for creating meaningful moments, often blending exquisite music and wry humour. With her engaging personality and infectious humour, Hagen warmly invites audiences into the incredible and distinct world of classical music.
"Her comic timing is as solid as her musical meter." THE EDMONTON JOURNAL
[www.sarahhagen.com](#)

Ibberton 12 March
Powerstock 13 March
Woodlands 14 March
THREE CANE WHALE



Based in Bristol, this multi-instrumental acoustic chamber-folk trio features members of Spiro, Get The Blessing and Scottish Dance Theatre. Rooted in landscape, with many pieces inspired by places in Dorset and Somerset, Three Cane Whale weave intricate, uplifting, and elegiac music that blends cinematic sweep with intimate delicacy. Expect a stage strewn with instruments, from the familiar mandolin, harmonium, and acoustic guitar, to the beguilingly unusual, including the eerie bowed psaltery, the baroque-esque Eb trumpet, and the delicate Finnish kantele. Their eponymous debut album was chosen by Cerys Matthews as one of her 'top five modern folk albums'. For this tour, the trio will be performing their album, *Hibernacula*, plus other work from their back catalogue.
"a fantastic release. Spellbinding" BBC RADIO 3
[www.threecanewhale.com](#)

Portland 12 March
West Stafford 13 March
Burton Bradstock 14 March
SHON DALE-JONES
'The Duke'



Funny, poignant and inventive, *The Duke* weaves together the tragi-comic fate of a family heirloom, (a porcelain figure of The Duke of Wellington) the quandary of a scriptwriter stretching his integrity and an unfolding refugee disaster as thousands of children flee their homes. *The Duke* received The Scotsman's Fringe First Award when it premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2016 and was made into a radio play for BBC Radio 4 in 2018, achieving 'Pick of the Week'. Combining original storytelling with an inventive spirit this playful and thought-provoking show gently explores what truly matters in a world of crisis. Recommended 12+
"A genuinely heart-warming and amusing story" WHAT'S ON STAGE
[www.sdjproductions.co.uk](#)

Portsmouth 19 March
Cranborne 20 March
East Stour 22 March
SWING FROM PARIS



Swing from Paris are an all-string jazz quartet that take inspiration from the music of the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Their Parisian-flavoured jazz and gypsy swing has been delighting audiences for over 15 years, from major jazz festivals including the Django Reinhardt Festival, to the BBC's *Hairy Bikers* and even the opening of the award-winning Gloucester Services! Performing on violin, guitars and double bass, the quartet play a range of popular swing classics inspired by Gershwin, Edith Piaf, Django Reinhardt, Stéphane Grappelli and the master of tango, Astor Piazzolla, amongst others. Expect a variety of repertoire, interspersed with humour, storytelling and historical context that really brings the music to life.
"Intelligent, interesting and inventive" THE JAZZ MANN
[www.swingfromparis.co.uk](#)

Child Okeford 20 March
Sturminster Marshall 21 March
Yetminster 22 March
FARNHAM MALTINGS
'All For Your Delight'



Danny, Jojo, and Yaz are on tour, bringing their marvellous variety show to audiences across the country. In between gigs at the nation's best holiday resorts, they're donning their famous Brightcoats and welcoming audiences into village halls and theatres up and down the country. But behind the sequins and spotlights, something deeper is unfolding. When an unexpected character emerges, the Brightcoats must battle to keep their show on the road as hidden secrets start rising to the surface. With the Brightcoats forced to confront what it means to live a life dedicated to performance; will our talented company have what it takes to ensure the show goes on... From the award-winning Farnham Maltings, *All For Your Delight* is a sparkling production brimming with heart and humanity, that explores what it really takes to put on a proper good night out. Expect a celebration of variety shows and the world of live entertainers, with a dazzling mix of comedy acts, songs and games, plus some spectacular roller-skating! Recommended 7+
[www.farnhammaltings.com](#)

Sandford Orcas 26 March
Swanage 27 March
Drimpton 28 March
KLEZMER FOYGL



Based in London, Klezmer Foygl is an exciting new ensemble playing both traditional and original Klezmer repertoire. Meaning 'Klezmer Songbird' in Yiddish, the quartet is led by clarinettist John Macnaughton, and features some of the UK's leading Klezmer musicians; Josh Middleton (Don Kipper, Raka Balkan Band) on accordion, Theo Malka-Wishart (Oysland) on double bass, and Christina Borgenstierna (She'Koyokh) on percussion. Individually, members of Klezmer Foygl have toured internationally, performed for both television and theatre, and played at some of the UK's leading venues, including BBC Maida Vale Studios, The Southbank Centre, Wigmore Hall, and The Barbican. Grounded in traditional music, Klezmer Foygl brings a contemporary London twist and innovative flair to every performance. Woven with stories along the way, audiences can expect a diverse repertoire of dance tunes, ritual melodies, and virtuosic improvisations.
[johnmacnaughtonmusic.com/klezmer-foygl](#)

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Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's *Cake Concerts* are relaxed chamber performances which take place in informal, social environments, combining easy-listening repertoire with refreshments, cake and good company.

BSO *Cake Concerts* demonstrate the power of music to connect people, rekindle relationships with loved ones, and even recall past experiences.

Specifically developed for people living with dementia, *Cake Concerts* are open to everyone, whether living in the community or in care and residential homes. These accessible events ensure everyone can experience the joy of live music.

Performing on flute, harp and cello, the **Teatime Trio** share a selection of works including popular classical hits and light film music, while audience members enjoy refreshments and a slice of cake.

"I cried all through the second half. My parents had an amazing morning." AUDIENCE COMMENT 2025

"Relaxed and friendly - and good to know someone is thinking of us." CARER'S COMMENT 2025

Cake Concerts run from 11am-12:30pm

11 February: Child Okeford. 01258 861621

20 February: Wareham. 07879 473693

25 February: Milborne St Andrew. 07983 231956

05 March: Swanage. 01929 422239

11 March: Sturminster Newton. 01258 475137

18 March: Woodlands. 07462 570117

Tickets £6 including refreshments. Free carers tickets available

Artsreach is proud to be partnering with the BSO, with thanks to the support of:



THE CRAFT LAB

Launching this spring at The Exchange in Sturminster Newton, come along to The Craft Lab and try your hand at some exciting craft workshops:

Dorset Buttons with **Anna McDowell** 9 February, 10am-1pm. £10

Make with Clay with **Deborah Clarke** 23 February, 11am-1pm. £10

Lino Printing with **Caroline Buckman** 9 March, 10am-2:30pm. £20

Indian Block Printing with **Rachel Wilkinson** 23 March, 10am-1pm. £15

Places will be limited so advanced booking is essential.

For further information and to book, contact The Exchange: 01258 475137



DANCE!

Because you Can

NEW 12 WEEK GROUPS FOR THE OVER 60'S

Thursdays from 8 January - 26 March 2026

Specifically designed to suit older people who would benefit from low level fitness, socialising and having fun. These new classes are suitable for all.*

Dance is great for lifting your mood, and is also great for your health. Come and join this gentle dance class, led by Sammy Gillingham from Pavilion Dance South West. Post-class refreshments and social time is also included.

The Mowlem Swanage: 10:30am - 12pm. 01929 422239

The Exchange Sturminster Newton: 2pm - 3:30pm. 01258 475137



*participants must be mobile enough to attend on their own, or with a carer if more support is required.



THE BRITFORD
BRIDGE TRUST

The Craft Lab & Dance workshops are supported by:



PERFORMANCES January - March 2026

Venues are village halls unless otherwise stated. Please telephone the numbers below for information about accessibility and parking, or visit the FAQ's page on our website. Visit the Artsreach website for more venue details, postcodes and brief directions.
* food available at event - contact the venue ** pre-show meals available at the local pub. See website for details

DATE	TIME	SHOW	COMPANY	VENUE	CONTACT	TICKETS			
						Adult	U18s		
Thur 08 Jan	7:30pm	Graffiti Classics	Graffiti Classics	Wootton Fitzpaine	01297 560948	£14	£6	✓	✓
Fri 09 Jan	7:30pm	Graffiti Classics	Graffiti Classics	Lytchett Matravers	07795 467666	£14	£6	✓	✓
Sat 10 Jan	7:30pm	Graffiti Classics	Graffiti Classics	Blandford Corn Exchange	07729 786600	£14	£6	✓	✓
Thur 22 Jan	7:30pm	Sarah Mcquaid	Sarah Mcquaid	Shipton Gorge **	01308 897649	£13	£7.50	✓	✓
Fri 23 Jan	7:30pm	Undermined	Danny Mellor	Piddletrenthide **	07786 880676	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sat 24 Jan	7:30pm	Sarah Mcquaid	Sarah Mcquaid	Studland *	01929 450587	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sat 24 Jan	7:30pm	Undermined	Danny Mellor	West Stafford *	07968 633834	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sun 25 Jan	7:30pm	Sarah Mcquaid	Sarah Mcquaid	Milborne St Andrew	01258 839255	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Thur 29 Jan	7:30pm	Cabaret with Balls	Charlie Bicknell & Louise Innes	Sturminster Newton Exchange	01258 475137	£16	£8	✓	✓
Fri 30 Jan	7:30pm	Moscow Drug Club	Moscow Drug Club	Drimpton **	07771 554601	£15	£6	✓	✓
Sat 31 Jan	7:30pm	Moscow Drug Club	Moscow Drug Club	Cerne Abbas	07823 778758	£15	£6	✓	✓
Fri 06 Feb	7:30pm	VRi	VRi	Langton Matravers	01929 423834	£14	£6	✓	✓
Sat 07 Feb	7:30pm	VRi	VRi	Sturminster Marshall	07903 057427	£14	£6	✓	✓
Sun 08 Feb	3:00pm	VRi	VRi	Burton Bradstock	01308 897403	£14	£7	✓	✓
Wed 11 Feb	11:00am	Cake Concert	BSO Tea Time Trio	Child Okeford	01258 861621	£6	£6	✓	✓
Thur 12 Feb	7:30pm	The SpyWho Loved me Tender	Spitz & Co	Wootton Fitzpaine	01297 560948	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Fri 13 Feb	7:30pm	Later Life Letter	Luke Wright	Chetnole **	07979 010332	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Fri 13 Feb	7:30pm	The SpyWho Loved me Tender	Spitz & Co	Marnhull	01258 820458	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sat 14 Feb	7:30pm	Later Life Letter	Luke Wright	The Mowlem Studio Swanage	03336 663366	£13	£6	✓	✓
Sat 14 Feb	7:30pm	The SpyWho Loved me Tender	Spitz & Co	Briantspuddle	07788 100273	£13	£6	✓	✓
Sun 15 Feb	2:00pm	Yara in the Wild Wood	Front Room WSM	East Stour	07534 006951	£8	£6	✓	✓
Sun 15 Feb	7:30pm	Later Life Letter	Luke Wright	Ibberton **	07771 561099	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Tues 17 Feb	11:00am	Yara in the Wild Wood	Front Room WSM	Hinton Martell	01258 840066	£8	£6	✓	✓
Wed 18 Feb	11:00am	How to Catch a Book Witch	Coppice Theatre	Child Okeford	01258 861621	£8	£6	✓	✓
Wed 18 Feb	12:00pm	Book Witch Puppets Workshop	Coppice Theatre	Child Okeford	01258 861621	--	£4	✓	✓
Wed 18 Feb	2:00pm	Yara in the Wild Wood	Front Room WSM	St Mary's Church Cerne Abbas	07823 778758	£8	£6	✓	✓
Thur 19 Feb	10:30am	How to Catch a Book Witch	Coppice Theatre	Litton Cheney	01308 482514	£8	£6	✓	✓
Thur 19 Feb	11:30am	Book Witch Puppets Workshop	Coppice Theatre	Litton Cheney	01308 482514	--	£4	✓	✓
Thur 19 Feb	10:30am	The Misadventures of Thor	Angel Heart & Rattlebox	Sturminster Newton Exchange	01258 475137	£8	£6	✓	✓
Fri 20 Feb	11:00am	Cake Concert	BSO Tea Time Trio	Pine Martin Grange Wareham	07879 473693	£6	£6	✓	✓
Fri 20 Feb	2:00pm	The Misadventures of Thor	Angel Heart & Rattlebox	Broadwindsor	07740 949904	£8	£6	✓	✓
Sat 21 Feb	11:00am	The Misadventures of Thor	Angel Heart & Rattlebox	Sixpenny Handley	07703 874659	£8	£6	✓	✓
Sun 22 Feb	3:00pm	Tea with William Barnes	Ridgeway Singers & Band	Sturminster Newton Exchange	01258 475137	£16	£16	✓	✓
Wed 25 Feb	11:0am	Cake Concert	BSO Tea Time Trio	Milborne St Andrew	07983 231956	£6	£6	✓	✓
Sat 28 Feb	7:30pm	Eyes Down	Just Some Theatre	Stalbridge	01963 362355	£13	£6	✓	✓
Sun 01 Mar	3:30pm	Kizlar	Ceyda Tanc Dance	Buckland Newton	01300 345455	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sun 01 Mar	7:30pm	Eyes Down	Just Some Theatre	Sixpenny Handley *	07703 874659	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Wed 04 Mar	7:30pm	General Medical Emergency	Gav Robertson & Dyad Prod.	Halstock	01935 891744	£14	£6	✓	✓
Thur 05 Mar	11:00am	Cake Concert	BSO Tea Time Trio	The Mowlem Bar Swanage	01929 422239	£6	£6	✓	✓
Thur 05 Mar	7:30pm	General Medical Emergency	Gav Robertson & Dyad Prod.	Sydling St Nicholas	01300 341777	£14	£6	✓	✓
Fri 06 Mar	7:30pm	The Mark Harrison Band	The Mark Harrison Band	Broadmayne	07443 659912	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Fri 06 Mar	7:30pm	General Medical Emergency	Gav Robertson & Dyad Prod.	Winterborne Stickland	01258 881329	£14	£6	✓	✓
Fri 06 Mar	7:30pm	Wonder Women!	Sarah Hagen	Chetnole **	07979 010332	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sat 07 Mar	7:30pm	The Mark Harrison Band	The Mark Harrison Band	Shillingstone	01258 860319	£13	£6	✓	✓
Sat 07 Mar	7:30pm	Wonder Women!	Sarah Hagen	Litton Cheney **	01308 482514	£14	£6	✓	✓
Sun 08 Mar	3:00pm	Wonder Women!	Sarah Hagen	Winfrith Church	01305 853783	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sun 08 Mar	7:30pm	The Mark Harrison Band	The Mark Harrison Band	Corfe Castle	07590 352219	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Wed 11 Mar	11:00am	Cake Concert	BSO Tea Time Trio	Sturminster Newton Exchange	01258 475137	£6	£6	✓	✓
Thur 12 Mar	7:30pm	Hibernacula	Three Cane Whale	Ibberton **	07771 561099	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Thur 12 Mar	8:00pm	The Duke	Shôn Dale-Jones	Portland Royal Manor Theatre	03336 663366	£12.50	£6	--	--
Fri 13 Mar	7:30pm	Hibernacula	Three Cane Whale	Powerstock	07775 590579	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Fri 13 Mar	7:30pm	The Duke	Shôn Dale-Jones	West Stafford *	07968 633834	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sat 14 Mar	7:30pm	Hibernacula	Three Cane Whale	Woodlands	07462 570117	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sat 14 Mar	7:30pm	The Duke	Shôn Dale-Jones	Burton Bradstock	01308 897403	£14	£7	✓	✓
Wed 18 Mar	11:00am	Cake Concert	BSO Tea Time Trio	Woodlands	07462 570117	£6	£6	✓	✓
Thur 19 Mar	7:30pm	Swing from Paris	Swing from Paris	Portesham	01305 871117	£13	£6	✓	✓
Fri 20 Mar	7:30pm	Swing from Paris	Swing from Paris	Cranborne *	01725 517028	£13	£6	✓	✓
Fri 20 Mar	7:30pm	All For Your Delight	Farnham Maltings	Child Okeford	01258 861621	£14	£6	✓	✓
Sat 21 Mar	7:30pm	All For Your Delight	Farnham Maltings	Sturminster Marshall	07903 057427	£14	£6	✓	✓
Sun 22 Mar	7:30pm	Swing from Paris	Swing from Paris	East Stour	07534 006951	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Sun 22 Mar	7:30pm	All For Your Delight	Farnham Maltings	Yetminster	01935 873546	£14	£6	✓	✓
Thur 26 Mar	7:30pm	Klezmer Foygl	Klezmer Foygl	Sandford Orcas **	07734 088958	£12.50	£6	✓	✓
Fri 27 Mar	7:30pm	Klezmer Foygl	Klezmer Foygl	The Mowlem Swanage	03336 663366	£15	£6	✓	✓
Sat 28 Mar	7:30pm	Klezmer Foygl	Klezmer Foygl	Drimpton	07771 554601	£12.50	£6	✓	✓

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Tea with William Barnes

in the company of The Ridgeway Singers & Band



William Barnes was born in Bagber near Sturminster Newton on 22 February, 1801. A scholar, linguist, artist, priest and inventor, Barnes wrote over 800 poems in the Dorset dialect. Barnes also relished the country dances, folksongs and carols of Dorset, and often wrote about community celebrations, where music was a key part of the proceedings.

Alongside a delicious cream tea, The Ridgeway Singers and Band, led by Phil Humphries along with vice president of The William Barnes Society and folk musician Tim Laycock, will perform folksongs and dance tunes from across the county including *One Night as I Lay on my Bed* collected in 1906 by the Hammond brothers from Beaminster, *Away Dark Thoughts* from Winterborne Monkton, and *The New Rigged Ship* and *The Young May Moon* from the Hardy family manuscripts. This year's programme also includes a musical setting of William Barnes' poem *Rustic Childhood*. Recitals of some of Barnes' much-loved poems will keep alive the rich dialect of Dorset in this wonderful celebration.



Sunday 22 February, 3pm. The Exchange, Sturminster Newton
Tickets £16 to include a delicious Dorset cream tea!

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Pop-Up Makers Market!

The Exchange is also delighted to host a pop-up producers and makers market. With stalls selling delicious food and drink, locally made products and crafts, there will be something for everyone to enjoy! Come along and try some famous local produce - perhaps you'll discover something brand new made in Dorset!

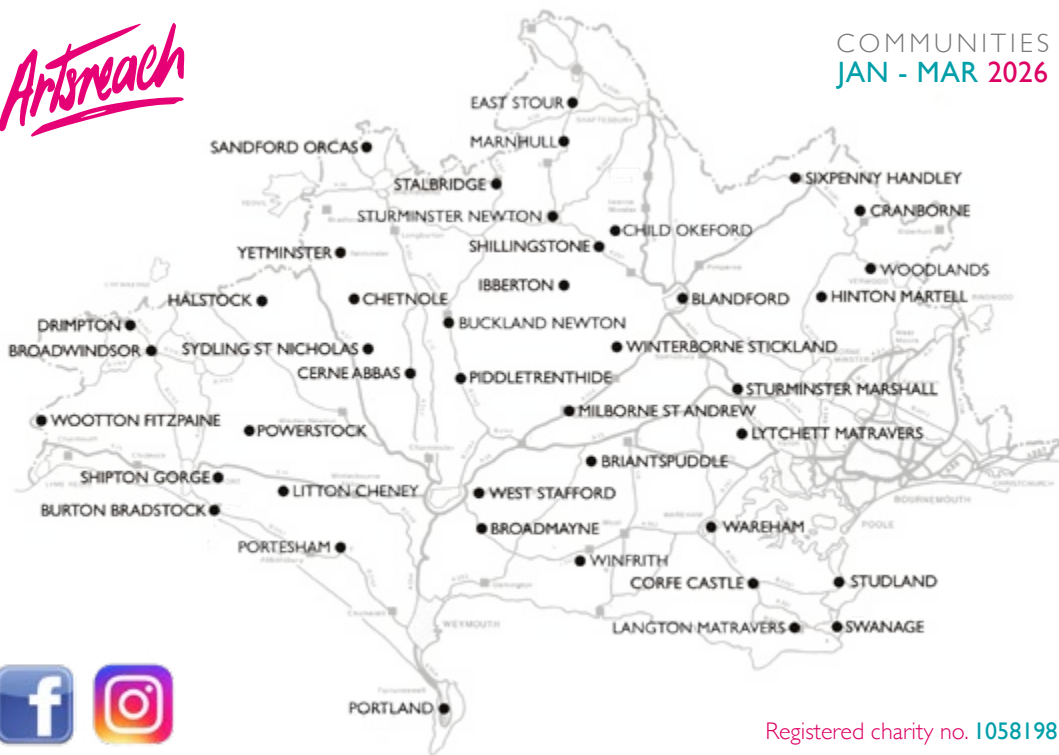
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