



Cheshire Rural
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Autumn 2022



Live theatre, literature, music & dance
in Cheshire's rural venues & libraries

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Welcome to Cheshire Rural Touring Arts' Autumn 2022 Brochure!

Welcome to the new Autumn 2022 season brochure

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts are delighted to be able to present you with a new programme of live events for Autumn, taking place at venues across Cheshire.

We are again able to welcome a variety of high-quality theatre, music, family and dance performances for our Cheshire audiences to enjoy, celebrating our return to live programming and offering amazing affordable and accessible local nights out.

You can be assured of a warm welcome at CRTA venues, which are run by our expert volunteer promoters and supported by an army of volunteers to make every performance comfortable and enjoyable for audiences.

This season we are delighted to support a range of interesting artists for you to enjoy, a mix of young and new companies, to well known and loved performers. We welcome **Just Some Theatre** with **The Killer Question** and **Badapples Theatre's The Frozen Roman**, comedy theatre performances

with a twist. Well known actor **Jeffrey Holland** pays tribute to his hero Stan Laurel in **This is My Friend Mr Laurel** and acclaimed stand-up poet and broadcaster **Kate Fox** brings a funny and smart show **Bigger on The Inside**.

For children and families we have a brand new stage show, **The Chronicles of Atom and Luna** created by BBC 6 Music's poet in residence and children's author **Murray Lachlan Young**.

We also have two family dance performances by young companies, **Coalesce Dance Theatres The Old Green Time Machine** which includes a stay and play activity and **Hawk Dance & the Knotted Company** and their interactive family performance **Inside the Igloo** - a combination of dance, projection and storytelling.

Our music performances promise a lively night out, choose from **Fifi La Mer**'s journey through 100 years of French music or take a trip back to Prohibition-era America with **Ma Bessie & her Pig Foot Band**.

Enjoy browsing through the brochure at your leisure to find a brilliant night out or two. We hope to see you at a CRTA show very soon.



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Shows which have the online booking facility have this symbol in the brochure listing.

Online tickets can be booked via our website

www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk

or via Ticketsource: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts

Ticket booking contact numbers, emails and disabled access information for all venues can be found in the middle of the brochure.

Ticket prices: Ticket prices vary for each venue and show, but all range within **£8 - £13** (however, tickets for children's shows may be cheaper).

Please check with the venue directly for the ticket prices

To contact CRTA for any queries about the work we do or any ticket booking problems please email:

cрта@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Please don't forget to comment on what you see or what you would like to see more of via our website or social media.

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Twitter: [@cheshiretouring](https://twitter.com/cheshiretouring)

Front Cover: The Frozen Roman,
Badapple Theatre

Just Some Theatre *The Killer Question*

The Silence Of The Lambs meets Last Of The Summer Wine in dark comedy thriller *The Killer Question*.

Former game show champion Walter Crump lives for murder (his specialist subject on quiz show *The Chair*). But did his obsession with death ultimately lead to his own? That's what Inspector Black believes, and now Crump's dopey widow Margaret finds herself in the chair – accused of Walter's murder.

Will Inspector Black solve the mystery? Will Margaret be home in time for Country File? Who'll prove to be the ultimate victim of *The Chair*? And which actor will play which character... YOU DECIDE!

"With a fantastic cast, an engaging script, a unique concept and a brilliant plot twist, the real killer question is how quickly can you book your tickets to watch this masterpiece in action?!"
The Reviews Hub

Friday 30th September - 7.30pm – Tarvin Community Centre

01829 749 049



Saturday 1st October - 7.30pm – Neston Town Hall

07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729



Sunday 2nd October - 7.30pm – St Mary's Creative Space, Chester

07736 839 320



www.justsometheatre.co.uk | Suitable for adults



Fifi La Mer

A Journey into French Music from Offenbach to Gainsbourg

Fifi La Mer and Oliver Wilby present a unique, brand-new show that will take you on a journey through 100 years of French music, from Offenbach to Gainsbourg.

The show features the dulcet tones of Fifi on accordion and voice, and the talents of Oliver on clarinet, members of the saxophone family, and accordion.

Together they will transport you to 'the city of lights' with their repertoire of musical gems, and along the way you will get to enjoy tales of mystery, romance and heartache that we so often associate with Paris.

'Really loved it - very well performed. Also very interesting in the way it illuminated the historical background to the songs'

'A thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment by a very engaging and talented duo.'



Friday 7th October - 7.30pm - Ellesmere Port Library 0151 337 4684

Saturday 8th October - 7.30pm - Plumley Village Hall 01565 722 259

Sunday 9th October - 7.00pm - 1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall 07710 777 284

ohlalamusic.co.uk | suitable for all ages



Coalesce Dance Theatre *The Old Green Time Machine*



The Old Green Time Machine follows the journey of two intrepid and quirky time travellers who are in a race to save the world. In a future where all living things have been destroyed and all that is left is plastic, our two adventurers find themselves on an urgent mission.

It's a shame their carbon friendly time machine bicycle has seen better days!

This family friendly show is a whirlwind of contemporary dance, music, poetry and fun. Performances include an interactive 'Stay, Play and Learn' session after the show!

"It was brilliant, my toddler was copying all the wiggles and shakes!"
Audience comment

Saturday 8th October - 11.30am and 1.30pm - Bidlea Ice Cream and Dairy at The Orchards Farm, Twemlow Ln, Holmes Chapel

01477 765 016 / email boxoffice@goosfest.com / online at goosfest.com

coalescedancetheatre.com | Suitable for ages 4+ and families



Jeffrey Holland

...And This Is My Friend Mr Laurel

Jeffrey Holland (Hi-de-Hi, You Rang M'Lord) stars in this one-man show about friendship, memories and a couple of remarkable lives.

Set in Oliver Hardy's bedroom, the action takes place as Laurel pays a visit to his sick friend, recounting their past success as one of the greatest cinematic partnerships of the century and providing an in depth, humorous and touching account of the comedian's life.

Fulfilling a long-held desire to pay tribute to his hero Stan Laurel, Jeffrey Holland tells this intriguing, funny and often poignant tale of friendship, love and dedication about one of Hollywood's great film comedians.

A short Laurel and Hardy Film, *The Music Box* (the famous film about moving a piano) will be shown as part of the evening at some venues.

★★★★

'spellbinding and magically, timelessly funny.'

The Stage

Friday 7th October - 7.30pm - Little Budworth Jubilee Hall 01829 760 422



Saturday 8th October - 7.30pm - Macclesfield Library 01625 374 000



Whalley Hayes pay and display car park (24hrs, long stay) is a 5 minute walk away

Sunday 9th October - 7.30pm - Goostrey Village Hall



01477 765 016 / email boxoffice@goosfest.com / online at goosfest.com

myfriendmrlaurel.co.uk | suitable for age 8+



AUTUMN DIARY





















































DATE	TIME	WHO	WHAT
Friday 30th September	7.30pm	Just Some Theatre	The Killer Question
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Saturday 8th October	11.30am & 1.30pm	Coalesce Dance Theatre	The Old Green Time Machine
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Saturday 8th October	7.30pm	Jeffrey Holland	This is My Friend Mr Laurel
Sunday 9th October	7.30pm	Jeffrey Holland	This is My Friend Mr Laurel
Friday 14th October	7.30pm	Kate Fox	Bigger On the Inside
Saturday 15th October	7.30pm	Kate Fox	Bigger On the Inside
Saturday 15th October	7.30pm	Ma Bessie and her Pigfoot Band	Ma Bessie's Prohibition Party
Sunday 16th October	7.30pm	Ma Bessie and her Pigfoot Band	Ma Bessie's Prohibition Party
Thursday 3rd November	6.30pm	Funnelwick Limb	The Chronicles of Atom and Luna
Friday 4th November	7.00pm	Funnelwick Limb	The Chronicles of Atom and Luna
Friday 11th November	7.30pm	Badapple Theatre	The Frozen Roman
Saturday 12th November	7.30pm	Badapple Theatre	The Frozen Roman
Sunday 13th November	7.30pm	Badapple Theatre	The Frozen Roman
Saturday 26th November	2.00pm	Hawk Dance Theatre & the Knotted Company	Inside the Igloo

WHERE	POSTCODE	TELEPHONE	ARTFORM
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	01829 749049	Theatre
Neston Town Hall	CH64 9TR	07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729	Theatre
St Marys Creative Space, Chester	CH1 2DW	07736 839 320	Theatre
Ellesmere Port Library	CH65 0BE	0151 337 4684	Music
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	01565 722 259	Music
1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall	CW8 3NJ	07710 777 284	Music
Bidlea Ice Cream Dairy, Orchards Farm	CW4 8DS	01477 765 016	Dance / Family
Little Budworth Jubilee Hall	CW6 9BU	01829 760 422	Theatre
Macclesfield Library	SK10 1EE	01625 374 000	Theatre
Goostrey Village Hall	CW4 8EP	01477 765 016	Theatre
Neston Town Hall	CH64 9TR	07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729	Theatre
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472	Theatre
Kingsley Community Centre	WA6 8ED	07935 331 982	Music
Upton-by-Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	07712 611 616	Music
St Marys Creative Space, Chester	CH1 2DW	07736 839 320	Theatre / Family
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	01829 749049	Theatre / Family
5 Villages Hall, Backford	CH1 6NT	07743 490726	Theatre
Farndon Community Club	CH3 6NX	01829 270 821 / 07966 428 673	Theatre
Gawsworth Village Hall	SK11 9QY	01625 619 449	Theatre
Audlem St James School	CW3 0HH	01270 811 250	Dance / Family












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More information can be found at www.cheshireforallourarts.co.uk

ACCESS INFORMATION

AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL	P osp    	MACCLESFIELD LIBRARY	P osp     
ELLESMERE PORT LIBRARY	   	*5 VILLAGES HALL, MOLLINGTON	  
FARNDON COMMUNITY CLUB	P  	**NESTON TOWN HALL	P  
GAWSWORTH	P   	PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL	P   
GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH HALL	P 	ST MARYS CREATIVE SPACE, CHESTER	P osp   
BIDLEA ICE CREAM & DAIRY, ORCHARDS FARM	Please contact the venue for access info	TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	   
GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL	P   	UPTON BY CHESTER VILLAGE HALL	    
KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE	   	1ST WEAVERHAM SEA SCOUT HALL	    osp
LITTLE BUDWORTH JUBILEE HALL	P  		

Key

- P** Main car park / reservable parking upon request
-  Designated parking within car park and / or close to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach down to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach up to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach down from entrance
-  Level entrance
-  Total number of steps to entrance
-  Wheelchair access at side / rear
-  Lift / Platform Lift
- WC** Standard WC facility only
-  Wheelchair accessible toilet
-  Induction loop
-  Infra red system
- osp On street parking
- tsr Transfer space restricted

* We have designated parking places adjacent to the entrance

** Additional on-street parking is available on drive closer to main entrance.

For all other venues not listed here, please contact the venues directly for access information.

VENUES

VENUE	POSTCODE	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	EMAIL	
Audlem Public Hall	CW3 0AH		01270 811 250	tava325@gmail.com	
Bidlea Ice Cream & Dairy, Orchards Farm, for Goosfest	CW4 8DS		01477 765 016	boxoffice@goosfest.com	
Ellesmere Port Library	CH65 0BG		0151 337 4684	eport.library@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk	
Farnold Community Club	CH3 6NX	Hilary Williams	01829 270 151	hilarywilliams147@btinternet.com	
Gawsworth Village Hall	SK11 9QY	Andrew Bennett	01625 619 449	andrew-bennett@sky.com	
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	Janet / Katy	01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472	jan@hiett.co.uk / kathyhopkinson23@gmail.com	
Goostrey Village Hall	CW4 8EP	Janet Ollier	01477 765 016	boxoffice@goosfest.com	
Kingsley Community Centre	WA6 8ED	Anne Kavanagh	07935 331 982	anne.kavanagh1234@gmail.com	
Little Budworth Jubilee Hall	CW6 9BU	Joan Johnson	01829 760 422	joan@johnsonlb.plus.com	
Macclesfield Library	SK10 1EE		01625 374 000	macclesfield.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk	
5 Villages Hall, Backford	CH1 6NT	Rosie Sedgwick	07743 490726	rgsedgwick59@aol.com	
Neston Town Hall	CH64 9TR	Pat Kynaston	07740 463 203 / 0151 336 7729	pat.kynaston@btinternet.com	
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	Harry Allen	01565 722 259	tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk	
St Marys Creative Space, Chester	CH1 2DW	Tom and Sara Frith	07736 839 320	stmaryscreativespace@gmail.com	
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	Edward Lush	01829 741 468	bookings@tarvincommunitycentre.org	
Upton By Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	Jill Smith	07712 611 616	jillsmith837@gmail.com	
1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall	CW8 3NJ	Ken Baird	07710 777 284	ken.baird@cutis.biz	



Kate Fox

Bigger on the Inside

Poet and comedian Kate Fox once thought receiving a positive diagnosis for autism had as much a chance of happening as a female Doctor Who. As such, since the Doctor's 13th incarnation (played by Jodie Whittaker) in 2018, Fox's life has changed quite a bit.

This funny and smart work-in-progress show looks at autism and neurodiversity through the theme of Doctor Who, as Fox takes us through the ways the iconic sci-fi show has shaped her view of the world. Blending stand up, spoken word, personal memoir, her warm performance style and thought-provoking facts sheds a light on how our ideas of normality need an update- and how we are all Bigger on the Inside.

Fox is a stand-up poet and broadcaster, a regular voice on Radio 4 and a "gentle activist" and campaigner for the voices of Northerners, the working class, women and the neurodiverse.

'Funny and endearing with a cynicism
that cuts through the whimsy'
Sunday Telegraph

Friday 14th October - 7.30pm - Neston Town Hall

07740 463 203 OR 0151 336 7729

Saturday 15th October - 7.30pm - Great Budworth Parish Hall

01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472

katefoxwriter.wordpress.com | Suitable for age 10+



Ma Bessie and her Pig Foot Band

Ma Bessie's Prohibition Party



Take a trip back to Prohibition-era America with Ma Bessie & her Pig Foot Band. This show is an incredible time capsule and brings the very best of 1920s/1930s blues and jazz to the present day, focusing on the life and musical canon of the late, great Empress of Blues herself, Bessie Smith.

All bootleggers, gangsters and molls are most welcome.

"As Ma Bessie, Julia transported us back to the golden days of the twenties and thirties. Not only were we treated to so many fabulous blues standards, but also a hatful of Julia's own compositions, all perfectly flowing into each other as we were expertly guided by Julia on a magical, musical journey"

The Tuesday Night Music Club

Saturday 15th October - 7.30pm - Kingsley Community Centre 07564 331 982



Sunday 16th October - 7.30pm - Upton by Chester Village Hall 07712 611 616



mabessieproductions.co.uk | Suitable for older children and adults

Funnelwick Limb in association with Theatre Porto and Eastern Angles presents

The Chronicles of Atom and Luna



Murray Lachlan Young's epic tale for families.

Our heroes Atom and Luna (left home alone by their mother) are saved from starvation by the arrival of their magical child minder, Iffy Sney

But Iffy falls terribly ill and only the twins can save him. They must harness the power of the moon and the forest to seek out the mysterious Old Mother Redbeard deep in the forest!

This brand new stage show, created by BBC 6 Music's poet in residence and children's author Murray Lachlan Young, is a beautiful blend of nature and fairytale!

Packed full of puppetry, music and Murray Lachlan Young's lyrical text, *The Chronicles of Atom & Luna* is brought thrillingly to life by director Nina Hagiyyanni

'Having just come out of the research and development for Atom and Luna I can't tell you how excited I am about this show. All the elements are coming together so brilliantly - Murray's words, the music, the puppets, the performances. We can't wait to bring the show to Tarvin and Chester!'
Matt Linley Funnelwick Limb Producer

Thursday 3rd November - 6.30pm - St Marys Creative Space, Chester 07736 839 320

Friday 4th November - 7.00pm - Tarvin Community Centre 01829 749 049 - BSL signed performance

funnelwicklimb.com | for ages 7 - 107



Badapple Theatre *The Frozen Roman*

A comedy theatre show with three performers. The story details village life where the historic pub is being closed down for housing development. A highly comic yet topical show for village communities with a theme about immigration and refugees.

Expect a double dose of comedy as the situation goes "ballisticus maximus" in this original comedy from Kate Bramley and Badapple Theatre, based on an original song idea by Jez Lowe.

Music by SONY Radio Award winner Jez Lowe and written by Kate Bramley (ex-Hull Truck Theatre).

"Bramley's dialogue fizzes with life, energy and humour and her storytelling and direction are constantly inventive."
York Press



Friday 11th November - 7.30pm - 5 Villages Hall, Backford 07743 490726
Saturday 12th November - 7.30pm - Farndon Community Club 01829 270 151
Sunday 13th November - 7.00pm - Gawsorth Village Hall 01625 619 449

badappletheatre.co.uk | suitable for ages 10+



Hawk Dance Theatre & The Knotted Project *Inside the Igloo Live*

Using projection, dance and storytelling, join us on our exciting, interactive family performance for children 3+ and their grownups.

Three little penguins, Pixel, Crash and Click are stuck inside their igloo. As the storm rages outside, they splash, skid and dance their way through the day, discovering fun and adventure hiding around every corner!

“The performance was outstanding and the accompanying workshop captures everything the library aspires to offer it’s junior community. A beautifully fun piece of audio-visual magic that encompasses music, movement and storytelling and inspires imagination, creativity and self-confidence. It was amazing to watch the children listening so intently and responding right on cue. Josh and Natalie have created something very special”. Joanne Ball – Trafford Libraries

Saturday 26th November - 2.00pm – Audlem St James School

01270 811 250

hawkdancetheatre.com | for families with children aged 3+



To Book

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Book online:

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**Ticket prices range from £8 – £13
(lower prices for Children's shows)**

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