



Cheshire Rural
Touring Arts

Autumn 2024



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

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Welcome to Cheshire Rural Touring Arts'
Autumn 2024 Brochure!

The highest quality professional theatre, music, literature and dance; live performances brought to rural venues in Cheshire for you to enjoy.

How to buy tickets: Tickets for shows are available direct from the venue via phone or email. Please note these venues are run by volunteer promoters and are not box offices open at all times.

Most venues also offer online ticket booking.

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

Online tickets can be booked via our website:

cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk

or for some via Ticketsource:

ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts

Ticket booking contact numbers, are listed next to each show. Promoter emails and disabled access information for all venues can be found at the back of the brochure.

Ticket prices: Ticket prices vary for each venue and show, but all range within **£9 - £14** (however, tickets for children's shows may be cheaper).

Please check with the venue directly for the ticket prices.

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cрта@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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Front Cover:
TASHI LHUNPO Monks
From the Roof of the World

Black Liver *Devilled Eggs*



B&B owners Roman and Prudence (AKA Keith & Ruth) offer you 'Devilled Eggs'; tales gathered from their world of small-town hospitality and the souls who passed over their threshold. This evening of entertainment will include songs, stories, poetry, audience participation - and a competition in the interval for good measure! Come try their 'Devilled Eggs' and soon you'll feel like one of the family.

Ruth is from Blackpool. Keith is from Liverpool. And thus, they became Black Liver. Formed in 2019 Black Liver are a lively touring theatre company with two shows under their belt, numerous tours all over the country and a dedicated live following.

"Saw this in Blackpool last month and it's one of the best things I've ever seen. Laughed out loud from start to finish." Audience member

Saturday 21st September - 7.30pm
Upton Village Hall, CH2 1HX 07712 611616



Sunday 22nd September - 7pm
1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall, CW8 3NJ 07941 166632



Saturday 28th September - 8pm (doors open at 7pm)
Great Budworth Parish Hall, CW9 6HL 07886 878047

Friday 29th November - 7.30pm
Farndon Community Club, CH3 6NX 01829 270151

Saturday 30th November - 7.30pm
Hoole Community Centre, CH2 3AP 01244 342741

Sunday 1st December - 7.30pm
Gawsworth Village Hall, SK11 9QYL 07870 822837



blackliver.co.uk | suitable for 12+

Lara Deutsch & Adam Cicchillitti

Wanderlust



Lara Deutsch collaborates with the guitarist Adam Cicchillitti on *Wanderlust*, a programme evoking musical portraits of 20th-century life around the world. This programme conjures images of natural landscapes, historical events, and folklore across the continents.

Through the evocative sounds of the flute and guitar, this performance immerses you in a rich tapestry of folkloric music. The voyage encompasses compositions by Canadian artists Jason Noble and John Armstrong, as well as renowned names like Bartok, Chopin, Piazzolla, Toru Takemitsu, and Gabriela Ortiz. The duo resonates with the diverse flavours of these musical traditions, creating a unique and captivating experience.

“Wanderlust was born during the pandemic, a time when we were unable to travel very far from our front doors, let alone explore new places. Given the magical capacity of music to transport us elsewhere—if even briefly—we wanted to take our listeners on a musical voyage instead.”

Thursday 3rd October - 7.30pm
Ellesmere Port Library, CH65 0BG 0151 337 4684

Friday 4th October - 7.30pm
Tarvin Community Centre, CH3 8LY 01829 741468

latitude45arts.com | Suitable for all

Solène Weinachter

After All

AFTER ALL is a celebration of our vulnerable and courageous existence.

Solène melds dance, comedy, storytelling, and theatre to ask - what happens in the end? Through a series of comedic re-enactments of the funerals of those she's loved - as well as imagining her own - Solène attempts to conjure a better space, to be with death, dying and loss. AFTER ALL is a heartfelt exploration of the death rituals we have; the ones lost and those that need to be invented. Solène joyously brings us together to explore the role that dancing might play in healing.

AFTER ALL is a Dance-Theatre solo. The show contains a strong narrative told through speech, movement, and comedy.

Friday 4th October - 7pm
Theatre Porto, CH65 6QY 0151 357 2120

Saturday 5th October - 7.30pm
Hoole Community Centre, CH2 3AP
01244 342741

soleneweinachter.com
Suitable for adults and 12+





Solène will be hosting **Death Café workshops** at Storyhouse in Chester on **Wednesday 2nd October 6–7.30pm** and **Thursday 3rd October 2.30–4pm**. Please see Storyhouse's website for more details: storyhouse.com or call 01244 409113.

Lucy Stevens *Kathleen Ferrier Whattalife!*



Kathleen Ferrier Whattalife! evokes the spirit of the war and post war years. It follows Kathleen from her debut as a singer in 1940, through her meteoric rise, to her tragic death in 1953. Kathleen was a Lancastrian who became a household name and her death, from cancer, came as a huge shock to the nation. A play with music performed by Lucy Stevens with pianist Elizabeth Marcus on piano/keyboard. The show runs at 80 minutes. We recommend an interval but can discuss running through without.

Lucy Stevens studied voice at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama after completing a degree in acting at Rose Bruford College of Speech & Drama. Lucy is experienced in developing and performing new work, both touring and at the Lilian Baylis Studio, Sadler's Wells, The Linbury Studio, Royal Opera House, Turbine Hall in Tate Modern, Milton Court Concert Hall, Barbican and Arts Theatre Leicester Square.

Friday 11th October - 7pm Macclesfield Library, SK10 1EE 01625 374000

Saturday 12th October - 7.30pm Goostrey Village Hall, CW4 8PE 01477 544467 / 01477 765016
Part of 'Goosfest' please book via www.goosfest.com

Sunday 13th October - 3pm Neston Town Hall, CH64 9TR 07740 463203 / 0151 336 7729

kathleenferrierwhattalife.com | Suitable for adults and 11+



Blah Theatre

The Hidden Garden



"I want to try harder to plant new things."

"It makes me want to help my neighbours out."

Saturday 26th October - 12pm & 2pm
Theatre Porto, CH65 6QY 0151 357 2120



Sunday 27th October - 12pm & 3pm
Hoole Community Centre, CH2 3AP 01244 342741

blahs.co.uk | Suitable for 5+



A Hidden Garden explores food poverty, community, migration and growing as activism.

In a city full of concrete, there is a garden hidden away behind the rows of terraced housing, surrounded by a high fence. It is bursting with flowers, fruit, and vegetables. The man who lives here grows them to brighten up the grey, and to feed himself. One day, a child accidentally discovers the garden; at first, he is not welcome, but as the seasons change, a friendship blooms. As the man's trust in people grows through his friendship with the child, the walls of the garden come down and the man is encouraged to take his first steps out into his local community.

The show was developed in partnership with Trees for Cities, a national charity dedicated to planting trees in urban areas and uniting communities through the creation of shared green spaces. They also run the Edible Playgrounds initiative – creating food growing areas in school playgrounds, educating teachers and pupils on growing foodstuffs and supporting healthy and fresh school meals. The show comes with a post-show activity for children and grown-ups. They will have the chance to learn about growing and planting and will take home seeds that will grow indoors at home.

Just Some Theatre

The Plot Thickens

'Madeleine has never been the main character in her own story – until the final chapter...'

It's inexperienced Alex's first day on the job. But before he can even get to grips with the tea urn and stationary cupboard, he is given his first task – which proves to be absolute murder... Meanwhile haughty senior manager Julian is determined to execute the perfect festive killing and bag the MUD (Most Unique Death award) at the office Christmas party – but it seems that a combination of fate, Whitstable, Nigel Havers, and a bag of cashews may disrupt his sinister plan... As secrets are revealed, alliances are tested and backs are stabbed, will Madeleine succeed in changing the narrative and escaping with her life? Or will Julian and Alex fulfil their deadly brief...?

Expect a bit of darkness, great storytelling, and lots of laughs!

Thursday 31st October - 7.30pm
Vicars Cross Community Centre, CH3 5LP
07593 425399



Friday 1st November - 7.30pm
Plumley Village Hall, WA16 0TR 01565 722259



Saturday 2nd November - 7.30pm
Kettlethulme Village Hall, SK23 7QU
07775 330805 / 07909 513251

Sunday 3rd November - 7.30pm
Kelsall Community Centre, CW6 0SB
07951 794442

JustSomeTheatre.co.uk | Suitable for 10+



TASHI LHUNPO Monks

From the Roof of the World

In 1924, an extraordinary silent film was made by Captain John Noel documenting the ill-fated attempt at the summit of Mount Everest by climbers George Mallory and Sandy Irvine. To promote 'The Epic of Everest', the film makers invited Buddhist monks from Tibet to travel to the west for the very first time to perform their magical masked dance and sacred music at screenings of the film. Unfortunately, the depiction of some of the Tibetan people in Captain Noel's film, a protest by the Great 13th Dalai Lama and concern about the monks' performances of ritual dances caused a wave of public outrage, leading to what became known as 'The Affair of the Dancing Lamas'. Further attempts at an ascent of Everest were banned by the Tibetan Government, and as a result of the Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1949 and the later Cultural Revolution, authentic Tibetan Buddhist culture was not seen in the west again for many decades.

Now, a hundred years later, the monks of Tashi Lhunpo present 'From the Roof of the World' featuring the same traditional Cham Dance and monastic music which captivated the pioneering mountaineers a century ago.



A group of Tibetan monks from their exiled monastery in India are now able to share their unique culture with the outside world and present a majestic programme of masked dances and sacred chant with accompanying exhibitions of Tibetan Tantric sand mandalas and interactive workshops.

"A rich tradition of sacred dance music and song. The physical and the spiritual in equal balance."
The Guardian

Friday 8th November - 7.30pm Five Villages Hall, CH1 6NT 07743 490726

Saturday 9th November - 7.30pm Neston Town Hall, CH64 9TR 07740 463203 / 0151 336 7729

tashi-lhunpo.org.uk | Suitable for 10+



Christine Tassan at les Imposteures

It's been 20 years now that Christine Tassan and the Imposteures have been making their mark around the world!

Twenty years of spreading Gypsy jazz and swing songs, both on prestigious stages and in small villages far from major urban centres, in Labrador, Newfoundland, on Vancouver Island, and in France. It's by reminiscing about this incredibly rich and adventure-filled journey that the musicians came up with the idea of creating "On the Road."

This concept show will take the audience with them, on the road during their tours, through magnificent landscapes and delightful anecdotes. Get ready for the ascent of the Great Wall of China, a bike ride in Stanley Park in Vancouver, crossing the Rockies in a snowstorm, or visiting Samois-sur-Seine, Django Reinhardt's village.



Wednesday 13th November - 7.30pm

Little Sutton Library, CH66 1QQ 0151 337 6800

Thursday 14th November - 7.30pm

Bosley St Mary the Virgin Church, SK11 ONX 07927 024328

christinetassan.com | Suitable for adults

Silk Street New Orleans Band

Make Some Noise



Saturday 7th December - 7.30pm

Little Budworth Jubilee Hall, CW6 9BU

01829 760422 / 07963 073998

silkstreetjazz.co.uk | Suitable for all





Silk Street Jazz formed back in 2003 as a new generation of early jazz band.

The band offer a fresh alternative to other forms of jazz entertainment. All band members are full-time professionals and some of the leading musicians in their field. The musicians have recorded extensively for TV and Film, including programmes and commercials for the BBC and Channel 4, recording at both Abbey Road & Pinewood Studios. Appearances on 'The F Word', CBeebies 'Zingzillas' 'Big Brother TV advert' and the recent 'More Th>n Feel the Love' commercial has helped to raise the profile of the group.

The band performs at hundreds of events each and every year, including weddings, private parties, funerals charity and corporate events. Building on a fast-growing, prestigious reputation for being one of the most reliable, friendly jazz bands in the country.

Gav Cross

After Supper Ghost Stories

Expect a bit of darkness, great storytelling and lots of laughs.

"It always is Christmas Eve, in a Ghost Story..."

The tradition of gathering together to tell ghost stories in the cold and dark of winter surely stretches back far further to when we first imagined what lurks in the dark corners of the firelight? The Victorians, however, turned this parlour and party entertainment into an institution and expectation.

First published in 1891, Jerome K. Jerome, famed author of *Three Men in a Boat*, perfectly parodies this spooky and popular amusement with these comic horror stories. A portmanteau of ghostly tales, told by an unreliable narrator and tied together with nonsense, noise and whiskey-punch...

A Frosty Chiller or a Winter Warmer?

Storyteller Gav Cross brings this robust reading of a Victorian gem to life in his typically bombastic way.

"Excellent story told in a spellbinding way."

"Very charming and genuinely fun!"



"Gav's *After Supper Ghost Stories* was a masterclass in storytelling and audience control cleverly masquerading as total drunken nonsense. By the end of the night, even the most restless meme-spewing teen in attendance sat totally captivated by his raucous and suspenseful retelling of these classic tales." Pound Arts

Friday 20th December - 7.30pm Audlern Scout and Guide Hall, CW3 0AL 07985 982786

gavcross.co.uk | Suitable for 12+



ACCESS INFORMATION

1ST WEAVERHAM
SEA SCOUT HALL



AUDLEM SCOUT
AND GUIDE HALL



BOSLEY ST MARY THE
VIRGIN CHURCH



ELLESMERE PORT
LIBRARY



FARNDON COMMUNITY
CLUB



GAWSWORTH
VILLAGE HALL



GOOSTREY
VILLAGE HALL



GREAT BUDWORTH
PARISH HALL



HOOLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE



KELSALL COMMUNITY
CENTRE



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VILLAGE HALL



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CENTRE



THEATRE PORTO



THE FIVE VILLAGES HALL,
BACKFORD














UPTON VILLAGE HALL



VICARS CROSS
COMMUNITY CENTRE



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-  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
-  Access for wheelchair users at side / rear
-  Lift / Platform Lift
- WC** Standard WC facility only
-  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 Scout and Guide Hall	CW3 0AL	Catherine Gresty / Claire Scott and Kate Goodwin	07985 982786	cathgresty@gmail.com	
Bosley St Mary the Virgin Church	SK11 0NX	Jenny Ratcliffe	07927 024328	jenny.ratcliffe.physio@gmail.com	
Ellesmere Port Library	CH65 0BG	Paulette Peake	0151 3374684	paulette.peake@cheshirewest.gov.uk	
Farnon Community Club	CH3 6NX	Hilary Williams	07393 601292	hilarywilliams147@btinternet.com	
Gawsworth Village Hall	SK11 9QY	Emma Birch	07870 822837	emmabirch@icloud.com	
Goostrey Village Hall	CW4 8PE	Janet Ollier	01477 765016 / 07940 579723	boxoffice@gooSFest.com	
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	Katy Hopkinson	07886 878047	katyhopkinson23@gmail.com	
Hoole Community Centre	CH2 3AP	Sophie Abbott	01244 342741	volunteer@hoolecommunitycentre.org.uk	
Kelsall Community Centre	CW6 0SB	Jim Struthers	07951 794442	jim.struthers2@gmail.com	
Kettleshulme Village Hall	SK23 7QU	Victoria Coward & Rachel Blood	07775 330805 / 07909 513251	bookings@kettleshulme.org	
Little Budworth Jubilee Hall	CW6 9BU	Joan Johnson	01829 760422	joan@johnsonlb.plus.com	
Little Sutton Library	CH66 1QQ	Gill Caslin	0151 337 6800	gillian.caslin@cheshirewest.gov.uk	
Macclesfield Library	SK10 1EE	Vicki Bailey	01625 374000	vicki.bailey@cheshireeast.gov.uk	
Neston Town Hall	CH64 9TR	Pat Kynaston	07740 463203 / 0151 336 7729	pat.kynaston@btinternet.com	
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	Penny Allen	01565 722259	tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk	
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	Ted & Jane	01829 741468	bookings@tarvincommunitycentre.org	
Theatre Porto	CH65 6QY	Jess Egan-Simon	0151 357 2120	info@theatreporto.org	
The Five Villages Hall, Backford	CH1 6NT	Rosie Sedgwick	07743 490726	rgsedgwick59@aol.com	
Upton Village Hall by Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	Jill Smith	07712 611616	jillsmith837@gmail.com	
Vicars Cross Community Centre	CH3 5LP	Claire Smith	07861 041795	vxcc@greatboughtonparishcouncil.org.uk	
1st Weaverham Sea Scout Hall	CW8 3NJ	Brian Williams	07941 166632	briancwilliams@aol.com	

AUTUMN DIARY

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