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theatre

Help! I Think I'm a Nationalist

Who am I? Where do I belong?
And who should I vote for?
Cornwall is at a tipping point.

House prices soar, the population shifts, tensions rise. Can nationalism be the answer? Where's the line between pride and power? What happens when it all goes too far? A controversial, sell-out comedy show by **Seamas Carey** about identity, second homes, xenophobia and bagpipes.

Kirkby Stephen Sports & Social Club

CA17 4QN

Thu 07 Mar 7:30pm - 07770 533107

Amble Parish Hall

NE65 0DX

Fri 08 Mar 7:30pm - 07724 687107

Arnside Educational Institute

LA5 0DF

Sat 09 Mar 7:30pm - 07980 077084

Alston Town Hall

CA9 3RF

Sun 10 Mar 7:30pm - 01434 382244

Behold Ye Ramblers

From the voices of ramblers and campaigners, to the songs and poetry inspired by past and current struggles, this new play by **Neil Gore** (*The Ragged*

Trousered Philanthropist) is about The Clarion newspaper and the organisations formed by its readership, including The Sheffield Clarion Ramblers Club.



Dufton Village Hall

CA16 6DB

Thu 14 Mar 7:30pm - 017683 52902

Felton Village Hall

NE65 9NH

Fri 15 Mar 7:30pm - 07710 497088

Wark Town Hall & Mechanics Institute

NE48 3LG

Sat 16 Mar 7:30pm - 01434 230180

Barningham Village Hall

DL11 7DW

Sun 17 Mar 7:30pm - 01833 621203



Idlib

When the dough is ready, the room fills with the smell of freshly-baked bread. We share it with our friends and neighbours – and enjoy it with Syrian Meze. When he was in Turkey, writer **Kevin Dyer** was

told by a Syrian refugee, 'Do not forget Syria'. This is his attempt, with baking and a thrilling piece of drama, to keep the proud people of that country in our minds – with food and a story of hope.

Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall **NE47 7DX**

Thu 04 Apr 7:30pm - 01434 344424

Allendale Church Hall **NE47 9BD**

Fri 05 Apr 7:30pm - 07854 982721

St Thomas Church Hall, Stanhope **DL13 2UE**

Sat 06 Apr 7:00pm - 01388 528673

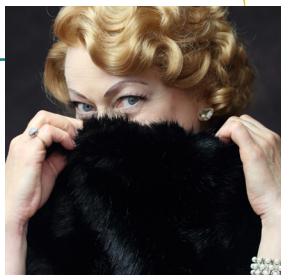
Amble Parish Hall **NE65 0DX**

Sun 07 Apr 7:30pm - 07724 687107

Gertrude Lawrence

What a Lovely Way to Spend an Evening

The 1930's star of musical comedy Gertrude Lawrence tells her own story, for the first time, in her own words. A feisty, strong woman, Gertie leads the audience from her childhood in Clapham to London's swanky night clubs and the bright lights of Broadway. A theatrical cabaret performed by actor and singer **Lucy Stevens**, with pianist **Elizabeth Marcus**.



Casterton Village Hall **LA6 2RX**

Wed 10 Apr 7:30pm - 07531 143762

Lazonby Village Hall **CA10 1AQ**

Thu 11 Apr 7:30pm - 01768 870824

Shilbottle Community Hall **NE66 2XH**

Fri 12 Apr 7:30pm - 07946 537703

St Cuthbert's Church, Norham **TD15 2LF**

Sat 13 Apr 7:00pm - 01289 382754

Limelight

Julia St George was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and became a household name in the mid-19th Century. In 1854, at the height of her fame, Julia St George returns to make a guest star appearance at the Theatre Royal on Grey Street.



How will the local actresses respond to her? And what calamitous event changes everything? Capturing life through the eyes of three actresses, **Limelight** is a comic play based on a true story.

Middleton & Todridge Village Hall

NE61 4RA

Thu 18 Apr 7:30pm - 07855 444719

Newton & Bywell Community Hall

NE43 7UL

Fri 19 Apr 7:30pm - 07903 867924

Arnside Educational Institute

LA5 0DF

Sat 20 Apr 7:30pm - 07980 077084

Helsington & Brigsteer Village Hall

LA8 8AL

Sun 21 Apr 7:30pm - 07771 737629



The Regalettes

It's the 1930s and two sisters in Bottledale are about to have their quiet world turned upside down when a new Hollywood premieres at their tiny Regal cinema. Celebrity and rural

life clash head on in this brand new comedy from **Badapple Theatre's** Kate Bramley, with a fusion of film, music and clowning to make certain you enjoy a right Regal night out!

Armathwaite Old School Hall

CA4 9PB

Thu 09 May 7:30pm - 07876 485011

Kentmere Institute

LA8 9JL

Fri 10 May 7:30pm - 01539 821985

Hamsterley Village Hall

DL13 3QF

Sat 11 May 7:30pm - 07821 517991

Edmundbyers Village Hall

DH8 9NL

Sun 12 May 7:15pm - 01207 255608



Frognal & Fox

Glitz, glamour and showbiz!
Featuring songs from stage and screen songwriters such as Cole Porter, the Gershwins, Stephen Sondheim and Noel Coward,
Frognal and Fox - A Life in Song explores the friendships and

rivalries behind the curtain, the sunny optimism of youth and the weary acceptance of another part in the chorus.

Amble Parish Hall

Sat 01 Jun 7:30pm - 07724 687107

Edmundbyers Village Hall

Fri 07 Jun 7:15pm - 01207 255608

Great Whittington Village Hall

Sat 08 Jun 7:30pm - 07814 677554

Allendale Village Hall

Sun 09 Jun 7:30pm - 07854 982721

Grasmere Village Hall

Thu 20 Jun 7:30pm - 015394 35628

NE65 0DX

DH8 9NL

NE19 2HA

NE47 9PR

LA22 9TA

dance

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AND

A dance poem about wonder, worries and being alive.

A homage to the mothers and grandmothers who have danced before us and the children we are yet to meet, **Charlotte Mclean's AND** invites us to consider our view of the world, to relate, debate and dance.

Age recommendation: 14+ (references to baby loss and some strong language)

The Witham, Barnard Castle

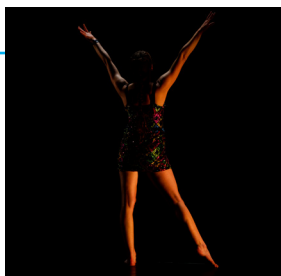
Thu 07 Mar 7:30pm - 01833 631107

Gilsland Village Hall

Fri 08 Mar 7:30pm - 07944 994405

DL12 8LY

CA8 7BE





comedy

Patrick Monahan's Exclusively

Performing in over 1,000 cities and towns, and dozens of countries around the world,

travelling more miles than the whole of NASA's space flights, **Patrick Monahan** blends a high energy comedy style with hilarious and engaging topical and observational material!

Kirkby Stephen Sports & Social Club

CA17 4QN

Thu 25 Apr 7:30pm - 07770 533107

Alston Town Hall

CA9 3RF

Fri 26 Apr 7:30pm - 01434 382244

Grasmere Village Hall

LA22 9TA

Thu 9 May 7:30pm - 015394 35628

Askham & Helton Community Centre

CA10 2PG

Fri 10 May 7:30pm - 01931 712187



music

In Dew of Roses

An intimate recital of music for four a cappella voices (soprano, alto, tenor and bass), from Elizabethan madrigals and songs to accessible contemporary works and linked by short poetry readings.

The company **EXAUDI** features four of the UK's most talented and experienced classical ensemble singers along with composer/ conductor James Weeks.

St Thomas Church, Stanhope

DL13 2UE

Thu 15 Feb 7:30pm - 01388 528673

Felton Village Hall

NE65 9NH

Fri 16 Feb 7:30pm - 07710 497088

HerStories A Concert for International Women's Day



A celebration of extraordinary women through song.

From smugglers to suffragettes, from nurses to political campaigners, join singer, songwriter and storyteller **Louise Jordan** for a musical

concert in celebration of **International Women's Day 2024**.

Lazonby Village Hall

Thu 29 Feb 7:30pm - 01768 870824

Orton Market Hall

Fri 01 Mar 7:30pm - 01539 624856

Frosterley Village Hall

Sat 02 Mar 7:30pm - 07718 385646

The Hearth, Horsley

Sun 03 Mar 7:30pm - 01661 852545

CA10 1AQ

CA10 3RL

DL13 2QW

NE15 0NT

All Things Come

Gareth Davies-Jones -

singer, songwriter, storyteller and producer - has been writing, recording and performing as a professional

musician for twenty years. Armed with a rich distinctive voice and two decades of perceptive, compelling songwriting spanning sixteen solo and collaborative albums, **All Things Come** sets out to warm the heart and soul.



Boldron Village Hall

Thu 14 Mar 8:00pm - 01833 638210

Great Whittington Village Hall

Fri 15 Mar 7:30pm - 07814 677554

Skirwith Village Hall

Sat 16 Mar 7:30pm - 01768 879024

The Community Hall at Grizebeck

Sun 17 Mar 7:30pm - 07905 779584

DL12 9RF

NE19 2HA

CA10 1RL

LA17 7XH



Stolen from God

Moving and thought-provoking, **Stolen From God** tackles the history of the transatlantic slave trade in story and song.

Award-winning troubadour **Reg Meuross** unearths both incredible tales and uncomfortable truths – now brought fully to life in this stunning song cycle and is joined by concertina wizard **Cohen Braithwaite-Kilcoyne**.

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

CA10 3HY

Thu 21 Mar 7:30pm - 07584 251352

The Watson Institute, Castle Carrock

CA8 9LT

Fri 22 Mar 8:00pm - 01228 670054

Bowes & Gilmonby Parish Hall

DL12 9HU

Sat 23 Mar 7:30pm - 01833 628343

Levens Village Hall

LA8 8NL

Sun 24 Mar 8:00pm - 07305 658648



Jack Dean & Company

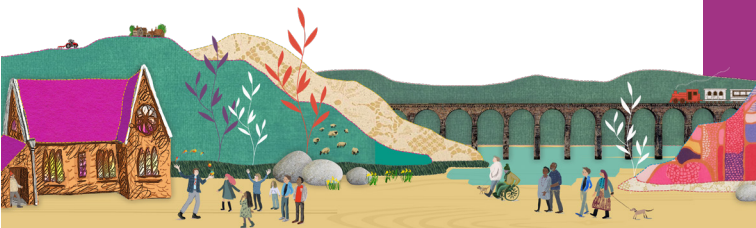
Jack Dean & Company are an artist-owned, disabled-led band and non-profit fronted by award-winning composer and musician Jack Dean.

Their music is a magpie's nest of English folk, hip-hop, indie and sea shanties. In 2022 they toured extensively, this year they are touring their new album, Tiny Violins.

Scarth Memorial Hall, Staindrop

DL2 3JL

Sat 20 Apr 7:30pm - 01833 66080





Katie Doherty and the Navigators

With visceral storytelling and music brimming with textures, reminiscent of her home on a hill farm in the North Pennines, **Katie Doherty** is joined by two world class Folk musicians, Dave

Gray on melodeon and Grace Smith on fiddle.

Together they exude a heart-swelling warmth and melody which will leave you feeling uplifted.

Frosterley Village Hall

Thu 11 Apr 7:30pm - 07718 385646

Woodland Village Hall

Fri 12 Apr 7:00pm - 07971 988752

Dufton Village Hall

Sat 13 Apr 7:30pm - 017683 52902

The Community Hall at Grizebeck

Sun 14 Apr 7:30pm - 07905 779584

Lesbury Village Hall

Sat 20 Apr 7:30pm - 07974 894888

Orton Market Hall

Sun 21 Apr 7:30pm - 01539 624856

DL13 2QW

DL13 5RH

CA16 6DB

LA17 7XH

NE66 3PP

CA10 3RL

While & Matthews

Celebrating their 30th year of playing together, **While & Matthews** are a leading force on the UK's acoustic/roots music circuit. Their songs cover life as they see it; from the industrial waste lands of the north to injustice and freedom, matters of the heart and everything in between.



The Community Hall at Grizebeck

Fri 17 May 7:30pm - 07905 779584

Appleby Hub

Sat 18 May 7:30pm - 017683 52902

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

Sun 19 May 7:30pm - 07584 251352

LA17 7XH

CA16 6QR

CA10 3HY

Clare Sands

Channelling the music of her ancestors, **Clare Sands** is a unique force in Irish music. Weaving traditional roots with contemporary sounds and influences, she sings for the young and the old, the brave and the bold.



The Hearth, Horsley

NE15 0NT

Thu 16 May 7:30pm - 01661 852545

Whittingham Memorial Institute

NE66 4UP

Fri 17 May 7:30pm - 01665 574384

Murton Village Institute

CA16 6LZ

Sat 18 May 7:30pm - 01768 353642

Helsington & Brigsteer Village Hall

LA8 8AL

Sun 19 May 7:30pm - 07771 737629



Rum Ragged

Rum Ragged takes a bold approach to the distinct folk music of their home, the Eastern Canadian island of Newfoundland.

Boasting bouzouki, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, guitar and button accordion, they enliven and enlighten audiences with both songs and tune sets which they deliver with an honest swagger that is far beyond their years.

Casterton Village Hall

LA6 2RX

Tue 11 Jun 7:30pm - 07531 143762

UTASS, Middleton in Teesdale

DL12 0SN

Wed 12 Jun 7:00pm - 01833 641010

Wingates Village Institute

NE65 8RW

Thu 13 Jun 7:30pm - 01669 620512



family

Out of the Box

Award-winning performer **Darryl J Carrington** blends world-class juggling, high-skill manipulation and original, TikTok trick shots and delivers them through gentle, non-verbal clowning.



Out of the Box is a performance of ever-raising stakes, impossible and implausible situations and a constant battle with physics!

St Mary's Village Hall

Fri 24 May 4:00pm - 07767 486958

NE61 6BL

Scarth Memorial Hall, Staindrop

Sat 25 May 4:00pm - 01833 660802

DL2 3JL

Wingates Village Institute

Sun 26 May 3:00pm - 01669 620512

NE65 8RW

Hepscott Parish Hall

Mon 27 May 4:00pm - 01670 514031

NE61 6LN

Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall

Tue 28 May 3:00pm - 01434 344424

NE47 7DX



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and there's more...

Our **Spring 2024 Season** will grow and blossom with the lengthening of the days. Please visit our website and follow us on the socials for the latest news and upcoming events.

You can also sign up to receive our regular **What's On** email newsletter, and find out more about our artists, venues and performances.

Participate

Highlights offers a wide ranging participation programme alongside its events, organising and delivering creative engagement projects and workshops across Cumbria, County Durham and Northumberland.

We work with people of all ages, schools, colleges and community groups, offering them the chance to get involved in and be inspired by the arts.

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creative highlights

Our programme of arts and crafts workshops introduces regional artists to our rural communities.

Metal Embossing

Crafts for Wellbeing

Learn the art of metal embossing, whilst creating a pair of decorative coasters from aluminium.

Relaxing and mindful, the workshop takes the participants through transferring the design to aluminium, learning the techniques of metal embossing and how to add a finish to make it look aged.

Suitable for beginners, you will leave the workshop with two finished metal embossed coasters.



Barningham Village Hall	DL11 7DW
Sat 10 Feb 10:30am - 01833 621203	
Armathwaite Old School Hall	CA4 9PB
Sun 11 Feb 10:00am - 07876 485011	
Wark Town Hall & Mechanics Institute	NE48 3LG
Tue 20 Feb 10:30am - 01434 230180	
The Community Hall at Grizebeck	LA17 7XH
Sat 02 Mar 10:00am - 07905 779584	
Woodland Village Hall	DL13 5RH
Sat 09 Mar 1:00pm - 07971 988752	
Amble Parish Hall	NE65 0DX
Sun 10 Mar 10:30am - 07724 687107	
Ellingham Village Hall	NE67 5HA
Tue 12 Mar 1:30pm - 07879 690563	
St Mary's Village Hall	NE61 6BL
Sat 13 Apr 1:00pm - 07767 486958	
Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall	CA10 3HY
Sat 11 May 1:00pm - 07584 251352	

Floral Lino

Crafts for Wellbeing

Chine collé is a fun lino printing technique, combining collage with lino printing. This is an opportunity to learn a traditional art form, exploring the tools, material and techniques needed for lino printing before using the technique to make a set of unique prints.



Suitable for beginners, and you will leave the workshop with a set of a dozen prints (approx).

Arnside Educational Institute

LA5 0DF

Sun 04 Feb 11:00am - 07980 077084

Soulby Village Hall

CA17 4PL

Sat 20 Apr 10:00am - 017683 71507

Allendale Village Hall

NE47 9PR

Sat 25 May 10:00am - 07854 982721



Landscapes in Watercolour

Jessica Kinnersley

Explore the effects of watercolour on cloth in this workshop. Working from a reference photo, you will be

gently guided through painting a fabric base, before picking out landscape detail using snippets of fabric collage and hand embroidery.

All materials are provided and there will be plenty of samples to inspire as well as lots of fabric to practice your painting skills!

Woodland Village Hall

DL13 5RH

Wed 27 Mar 1:00pm - 07971 988752

Newton & Bywell Community Hall

NE43 7UL

Fri 24 May 1:00pm - 07903 867924

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