

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

WHAT'S ON GUIDE
AUG-OCT 2019





WELCOME TO ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS!

Royal Tunbridge Wells, nestled in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Kent and East Sussex border has always been a leisure destination since the discovery of the Chalybeate Spring in 1606.

Today, Royal Tunbridge Wells is a vibrant destination, less than one hour by train from central London, it is rich in arts and cultural events with a diverse offering for every age and taste. In the late summer and autumn months, we are living up to our nickname of “The Garden of England” with showcases of our local food and drink producers; a weekend long Beer Festival and 2 Food Festivals in September along with pop ups and special tasting events.

The Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival in October is a must – a celebration of the art of puppetry with plenty of ticketed and free events around the town. Truly breathtaking.

Heritage Open Days have more than 50 events taking place in September – some are listed in this guide but check online for the full listings. They are a great opportunity to learn more about the history and heritage of our lovely town and some of the characters who have lived here.

Live music, theatre and comedy is on offer all the time in Royal Tunbridge Wells with Trinity Theatre, The Forum and The Assembly Hall Theatre offering a range of shows and events. Local & Live, our very own long running music festival runs over the August Bank Holiday weekend in several venues around the town. The Spa Valley Railway will be welcoming Peppa Pig in August and Royal Victoria Place has a month long English Country Garden themed event throughout the school summer holidays.

When you get here, take the time to browse through the superb range of specialist and independent shops we pride ourselves on and if you fancy a meal or a drink, you will find full pub and restaurant listings at the back of this guide. Make a weekend of it and stay over – hotels are included too!

Maps, heritage guides and more information can be picked up from the Tourist Information Centre in The Corn Exchange in The Pantiles go to www.visittunbridgewells.com

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ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS
TOGETHER

AUGUST

■ FAIRFAX GALLERY 24TH ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBITION

Sat 15 June - Thu 12 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.fairfaxgallery.com/exhibitions

The 24th Summer Exhibition featuring over 100 original contemporary paintings and sculpture in its listed building on the Lower Walks.

■ PERSPECTIVES

Tue 23 July - Sun 04 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/gallery

This exhibition is an exploration of colour and form involving the investigation and perception of positive and negative space using mainly man-made materials in the creation of structural installations.

■ DISCOVERY DAYS – DIGGING FOR VICTORY!

1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 August

Venue: Royal Victoria Place

Join the Tunbridge Wells Cultural Team in a pop up garden in RVP to learn about WW2 and the different ways gardens were used then. Handle interesting items from the museum collection and try some crafts, free and no tickets required.

■ EXPLORE AND HAVE FUN IN AN ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN

29 July – 26 August

Venue: Royal Victoria Place

Event Link: www.royalvictoriaplacement.com

An enchanting country garden themed experience, featuring a number of larger than life creatures including an amazing giant barn owl puppet who will be taking flight during interactive shows every Tuesday and Thursday. Enjoy fun and games and storytelling adventures exploring the exciting secret lives of our favourite countryside creatures. Join the Eco Explorers whilst they take a look through their binoculars during one of their educational trails and learn all about the wonders of nature. Plus there's the chance to enjoy interactive fun, games and craft activities at the Enchanted Garden located on level 1 opposite M&S. All events are FREE and offer lots of fun fact finding, photo opportunities and the chance to explore the wonders of the countryside all summer long!

■ GOLF CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: PLATE MATCHES

Thu 01 August - Fri 02 August 2019

Venue: Calverley Grounds

Event Link: www.tunbridgewellscroquet.org.uk/gcworlds2019

The 2019 WCF Simon Carter Golf Croquet World Championship is being hosted in Kent and Sussex from 27th July to 4th August.

At Tunbridge Wells, the initial Block play from Saturday 27th July to lunch-time Wednesday 31st July, starting at 9:30am and continuing each day. 60 of the 80 players should be playing at some time during this period. The Plate event on Thursday 1st August and Friday 2nd August.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 01 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Live jazz at the Bandstand on the Pantiles featuring Spice Fusion

■ LE VENT DU NORD

Thu 01 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/music-dance

Combining stage presence with an energetic, dynamic flair, Le Vent du Nord are one of the leading names in Quebecois folk music with a glorious mix of fiddle and foot-tapping, guitar, accordion, piano, bass, hurdy-gurdy and five part harmonies.

■ THE REAL ALE TRAIN: ALES ON RAILS

Fri 02 August - Fri 03 August 2018

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Hop on board our Ales on Rails train to enjoy a pint or a few from local breweries whilst travelling through the High Weald!

■ FAUX FIGHTERS UK

Fri 02 August 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ THE GREY LADY JAZZ CLUB

Fri 02 August 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.thegreylady.co.uk/events.asp

The Grey Lady Jazz Club takes place on the first Friday of each month.

■ ROOSTER TAIL

Sat 03 August 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunash Tavern/events

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ ANY COLOUR YOU LIKE: A TRIBUTE TO PINK FLOYD

Sat 03 August 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

11 piece Pink Floyd tribute in support of Taylor Made Dreams. They enable children with life limiting illnesses to achieve their dreams, sourcing and financing therapeutic support and counselling.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 03 August - Sun 04 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com/whats-on/pantiles-market-third/

Spend the day in The Pantiles every other weekend, experiencing the hustle and bustle of the Pantiles Market.

■ DISNEY'S ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR

Sat 03 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/theatre

Travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice in her madcap adventures. Featuring updated songs from Disney's animated motion picture.

■ SUPPORT LOCAL SUMMER FAIR

Sun 04 August 2019

Venue: One Warwick Park

Event Link: www.supportlocalpopup.co.uk/popupeventdates

The perfect opportunity for local businesses to sell their products and meet their customers face to face whether they're an aspiring artist or an established business.

■ PAUL DUNTON & GUESTS

Sun 04 & Wed 07 August 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.paulduntonandguests.com/events

A candlelit showcase of the area's finest soloists and acoustic bands. 4 acts on the bill representing a multitude of musical styles and genres, audiences are treated to an exceptional night of local music culture.

■ GLYNDEBOURNE: THE MAGIC FLUTE

Sun 04 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/music-dance

A fresh and playful look at the opera's gender politics. Leading British bass Brindley Sherratt stars as Sarastro.

■ FINCHCOCKS: SUSANNE VON LAUN: MUSIC FROM VIENNA

Sun 04 August 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.finchcocks.co.uk/events.html

■ FRESH PAINT EXHIBITION

Mon 05 August - Sun 18 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ GHOST WALK

Tue 06 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.ukghoststore.com/product-category/ghostwalks

Start inside the Compasses, one of the oldest pubs in the area, hear stories associated with the pub. Then, make your way to the Pantiles, stopping at locations of interest whilst your guide and paranormal investigator tells stories associated with each. Finish around 20.30 at the Grey Lady.

■ ROYAL BALLET: ROMEO & JULIET

Tue 06 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/music-dance

■ NATIONAL PLAY DAY

Weds 7 August

Venue: Grosvenor & Hilbert Park

Open air family fun in gorgeous Grosvenor & Hilbert Park with Friends of the Park and the Kent High Weald Partnership

■ LUNA KIDS CINEMA

Weds 7 – Sunday 11 August

Venue: Dunorlan Park

Event Link: www.lunakidscinema.com/tunbridge-wells

Brand new to Tunbridge Wells for the first time this summer, 15 films over 5 days, the Luna Outdoor Kids Cinema. Everything from Mary Poppins Returns to Peppa Pig, Harry Potter and The Gruffalo.

■ SPA VALLEY RAILWAY: PEPPA PIG

Thu 08 August 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk/section.php/8/1/railway-events

Full details of times online.

■ AFTERNOON TEA AT THE SPA VALLEY RAILWAY

Thu 08 August 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk/product.php/21/afternoon-tea

Travelling on the Afternoon Tea train, you will experience the traditional English pastime of Afternoon Tea hauled by one of the Steam and/or Heritage Diesel locomotives.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 08 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Live jazz at the Bandstand on the Pantiles featuring Dino & Darby

■ OUTDOOR CINEMA - THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Friday 9 August

Venue: The Spa Hotel

Relax in the gorgeous grounds of The Spa Hotel and enjoy an evening of outdoor cinema with superb food and drinks available.

■ SWEENEY TODD SCHOOLS EDITION

Fri 09 August - Sat 10 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: <https://www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/theatre>

Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to nineteenth-century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him.

■ SOPHIE MULLAN

Sat 10 August 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunashtavern/events

■ ARTSBOX FRINGE FESTIVAL LAUNCH

Sat 10 August

Venue: Trinity Theatre

The launch of ArtsBox Festival 2019, a brand new fringe arts festival, celebrating local talent and putting emerging artists firmly in the spotlight. Spend your week enjoying events for kids, adults, artists, and enthusiasts.

■ AN INTRODUCTION TO CROQUET

Sat 10 August 2019

Venue: Calverley Grounds

Event Link: www.tunbridgewellscroquet.org.uk/intro

It really helps enjoyment of Croquet if you've learnt the rules; how to hold your mallet, hit a ball properly, run hoops and make breaks. Don't worry if you know nothing - this course is designed for you! Courses run by a qualified coach, last from 10am - 4pm.

■ INDEPENDENT FARMERS MARKET

Sat 10 August 2019

Venue: Market Square, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM

2nd and 4 Saturdays of every month. Market Square is the space behind Royal Victoria Place and can be accessed through the RVP Food Hall or directly from Camden Road.

■ GHOST WALK (IN FRENCH)

Sun 11 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.ukghoststore.com/product-category/ghostwalks

Meet at the Grey Lady, hear the ghost stories associated with this area, before heading through the Pantiles, stopping at locations of interest. Make your way to reputedly one of the most haunted pubs in Tunbridge Wells, the Compasses, where the ghost walk will finish around 19:30.

■ ANDRE RIEU 2019 MAASTRICHT CONCERT

Sun 11 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/music-dance

■ SOUVENIR OF AN OPEN DAY AT FINCHCOCKS MUSICAL MUSEUM

Sun 11 August 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.finchcocks.co.uk/events.html

■ CHURCHYARD SAFARI

Tue 13 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ MASK MAKING

Tue 13 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ BALKAN ADVENTURE: AN AFTERNOON WITH JOHN PILKINGTON

Tue 13 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ THE OLD SILK ROAD: AN EVENING WITH JOHN PILGTINTON

Tue 13 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ SECRET ART PARTY: DERAÏN

Tue 13 August 2019

Venue: The Black Pig, 18 Grove Hill Road, TN1 1RZ

Event Link: www.secretartparties.co.uk

Special painting masterclass, all levels are welcome! Enjoy creating your version of a masterpiece with a brush in one hand a drink in the other.

This month: Charing Cross Bridge by Andre Derain

■ THE SPACE JUNK ORCHESTRA

Wed 14 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the Artsbox Festival 19

■ MINDFULNESS LIFE DRAWING

Wed 14 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ CREAM TEA ON THE TRAIN

Thu 15 August 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Travel on the 15:20 from Tunbridge Wells West to Eridge whilst enjoying a wonderful Cream Tea and watching the glorious High Weald countryside, from the comfort of Bar Car 'Kate'.

■ FISH & CHIP LUNCH ON THE TRAIN

Thu 15 August 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Best of British food on a best of British train – nothing more to say!

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 15 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Live jazz at the Bandstand featuring Sonpikka

■ PAIR OF FOUR IMPROV COMEDY

Thu 15 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ LET THERE B/DC

Fri 16 August 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

A tribute to the great and very noisy AC/DC. School uniforms?

■ COMEDY CAFE

Fri 16 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ PEPPA PIG: MY FIRST CONCERT

Sat 17 August 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

Peppa Pig, along with Mummy Pig, Daddy Pig and George, visit the Assembly Hall Theatre - a fun, interactive introduction to a live orchestra for ages 18 months+.

■ G.E.M

Sat 17 August 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunashtavern/events

■ PRIDE LATE: BELLA PENFOLD

Sat 17 August 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

Featuring Bella Penfold, Bombay Monkey, Crayola, Dan Phibian, Zeelah, Luna Lestrangle. Over 18s only.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 17 August - Sun 18 August 2019 (nb there may be some dates excluded)

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com/whats-on/pantiles-market-third

Spend the day in The Pantiles every other weekend, experiencing the hustle and bustle of the Pantiles Market.

■ SEAN FENNESSEY & FRIENDS

Sat 17 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ WATERCOLOUR DROP IN WITH JULIE KING

Sat 17 August 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Part of the ArtsBox Festival 19

■ TW PRIDE MARCH

Sat 17 August 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TWpride

Tunbridge Wells Pride is back for another year. Re-imagined, alive and ready to go! The party this year is going to be bigger than before! Get Ready Tunbridge Wells!

■ FINCHCOCKS: SIMON EDWARDS & FREDERIQUE VARDA

Sun 18 August 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.finchcocks.co.uk/events

■ THAT'LL BE THE DAY

Thu 22 August 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

Featuring incredible live music performances, this hugely entertaining rock

and roll spectacular blends classic gold hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s, with bags of hilarious comedy.

■ SPA VALLEY RAILWAY: PEPPA PIG

Thu 22 August 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Full details of times online.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 22 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Live jazz on the Bandstand featuring The Skatonics

■ LOCAL AND LIVE 2019

Fri 23 August - Mon 26 August 2019

Venue: Calverley Grounds, The Spa Hotel, The Forum & more

Event Link: www.localandlive.org

Tunbridge Wells' very own brilliant annual music festival, Local and Live, returns bigger and even better (is that possible?!) Main Stage in Calverley Grounds from the 23rd to the 25th August, The Spa Hotel stage playing host to The Ackerleys on Bank Holiday Monday (26th) and further fringe events around town all weekend. After show events at The Forum for 4 nights too. Further info and line-ups available online.

■ DREAMBOYS

Sat 24 August 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

■ MOTH BLITZ

Sat 24 August

Venue: Grosvenor & Hilbert Park

Join Dr Ian Beavis to identify moths caught overnight. Learn about these fascinating night-time creatures. Free drop-in event at the Hub.

■ MATT BRIDLE

Sat 24 August 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beunashtavern/events

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ PANTILES GIN & JAZZ

Sat 24 August - Sun 25 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com

Chilled vibes, great drinks and fantastic music!

■ INDEPENDENT FARMERS MARKET

Sat 24 August 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM

2nd and 4 Saturdays of every month. Market Square is the space behind Royal Victoria Place and can be accessed through the RVP Food Hall or directly from Camden Road.

■ JOYRIDE AT THE BEDFORD

Sat 24 August 2019

Venue: The Bedford

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/thebedfordtw/events

■ OUT OF BOUNDS COMEDY: PAUL MCCAFFREY

Thu 29 August 2019

Venue: Royal Wells Hotel

Event Link: www.outofboundscomedy.co.uk/whats-on

Perfect venue for comedy, lounge style set up creates a superb atmosphere. Enjoy food before the show starts and make a real night out.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 29 August 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Live jazz on the Bandstand.

■ SOUL NIGHT

Fri 30 August 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunashtavern/events

An evening of Soul and Motown music on the last Friday of every month.

■ SCOWL

Fri 30 August 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ THE INFORMERS

Fri 30 August 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.thegreylady.co.uk/events.asp

One of Brighton's leading blues/soul combos, trio and 5-piece band.

■ J.E.M

Sat 31 August 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunashtavern/events

■ MURDER MYSTERY FISH & CHIP SPECIAL

Sat 31 August 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

There's been a murder..... the Police have drawn a blank, it's up to you to sleuth it out over a few drinks on the train.

■ SWITCH

Sat 31 August 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

Tim Cullen brings his SWITCH night back to Tunbridge Wells.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 31 August - Sun 01 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com/whats-on/pantiles-market-third

SEPTEMBER

■ FAIRFAX 24TH ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBITION

Sat 15 June - Thu 12 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.fairfaxgallery.com/exhibitions

The 24th Summer Exhibition featuring over 100 original contemporary paintings and sculpture in its listed building on the Lower Walks.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 31 August - Sun 01 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com/whats-on/pantiles-market-third

Spend the day in The Pantiles every other weekend, experiencing the hustle and bustle of the Pantiles Market.

■ PAUL DUNTON & GUESTS

Sun 01 & Weds 04 September 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.paulduntonandguests.com/events

Candlelit showcase of the area's finest soloists and acoustic bands. 4 acts on the bill representing a multitude of musical styles and genres, audiences are treated to an exceptional night of local music culture and songwriting.

■ CREAM TEA ON THE TRAIN

Thu 05 September 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Travel on the 15:20 service from Tunbridge Wells West to Eridge and watch the glorious High Weald countryside from the comfort of Bar Car 'Kate' whilst enjoying a wonderful Cream Tea.

■ FISH & CHIP LUNCH ON THE TRAIN

Thu 05 September 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Best of British food on a best of British train – nothing more to say!

■ SOUL TRAIN ON THE PANTILES

Thu 05 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Soul Train at the Bandstand on the Pantiles.

■ OAYSIS

Fri 06 September 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ THE GREY LADY JAZZ CLUB

Fri 06 September 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.thegreylady.co.uk/events

The Grey Lady Jazz Club takes place on the first Friday of each month.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

England's largest festival of history and culture! Every September 40,000 volunteers across England organise 5,000 events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore.

Here in Tunbridge Wells, you can explore behind the scenes at some impressive buildings, go on guided walks and generally learn more about the history of Royal Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding area, here's just a short list of what's on offer to you – a record number of 50 events this year! Please check online at www.heritageopendays.org.uk for times and booking information, not all events require booking but it is advisable.

■ ASSEMBLY HALL THEATRE

Behind the scenes tour of the Assembly Hall Theatre in its 80th year, two tours each day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 20th to 22nd September.

■ BISCUIT TIME!

The once world-famous Romary biscuits were created in Tunbridge Wells, come to the Camden Centre on Saturday 14th September to learn about the history.

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS CEMETERY

The Chapel will be open from 1-4pm on both the 14th and 15th September and a guided tour of Guardian Angel statues will take place on the 15th at 3pm.

■ GROSVENOR & HILBERT PARK

Saturday 14th September is the day to visit. An exhibition of the park's history from 10-4pm and a guided walk from 10.30am.

■ INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

Join local author Anne Carwardine to hear some fascinating stories of key local women through the ages, tours at 10am on both Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd September.

■ THE OPERA HOUSE

If you're not a regular at our local 'Spoons' you're missing out! Guided tours on 4 days from the 16th Sept onwards – a spectacular Grade II listed building.

■ THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS FORUM

26 years of live music & arts at The Forum – come and learn about its history from Victorian times onwards on Sunday 15th September.

■ TRINITY THEATRE

Behind the scenes tours on Sunday 15th September in this magical, Grade II listed, Decimus Burton building. There's 200 years of history to experience.

■ THE STORY OF TUNBRIDGE WARE

This cottage industry is now highly collectable – Clive McAllister is leading 2 walks starting in Royal Victoria Place, ending in The Pantiles on Friday and Saturday 20th & 21st September.

SEPTEMBER FOOD MONTH!

HARVEST TIME IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND!

Visit Royal Tunbridge Wells this September to indulge in some of the very best food and drink the UK has to offer.

Throughout September, our local independent restaurants and pubs will be laying on a sumptuous offering to visitors – you will more information with dates and times at www.tunbridgewellsfoodmonth.co.uk

here's a few snippets to whet your appetite!

■ OYSTER SHUCKING MASTERCLASS

Local fish expert, Matthew Sankey is holding an Oyster Shucking Masterclass in The Old Fishmarket Restaurant on The Pantiles.

■ BEER MATCHING DINNER

Fuggles Beer Café have joined forces with Will Devlin of The Smallholding to host a pop up restaurant on the 29th – a Beer Matching Dinner.

■ FORAGING WALKS

Wildfeast will be leading foraging walks across The Common, safely identifying and educating every step of the way.

■ HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL IN THE PANTILES

14th – 15th September

Demonstrations, sampling, tasting and street foods

■ CALVERLEY GROUNDS FOOD FESTIVAL

21st – 22nd September

■ FARMERS MARKETS

14th and 28th September



Local pubs and micro brewers will be busy, September 5th to 8th is Beer Weekend – our very own beer festival with Meet The Brewer events, specially brewed beers, brewing demonstrations dark beer and sour beer tastings, Beer Meets Brunch and even a Beer Quiz Night, everything hop related!

Lots more food and drink events are listed on www.tunbridgewellsfoodmonth.co.uk - we look forward to welcoming you!

■ GROSVENOR ROAD

Sat 07 September 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunash Tavern/events

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 07 September - Sun 08 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com/whats-on/pantiles-market-third

Spend the day in The Pantiles every other weekend, experiencing the hustle and bustle of the Pantiles Market.

■ MARK KINGSWOOD BAND

Sat 07 September 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Mark's music has a unique sound influenced by the likes of Michael Buble, George Michael and Josh Groban. Backed by a live orchestra and paying tribute to different musical eras.

■ FINCHCOCKS: GARY BRANCH & JEAN PHILLIPS

Sun 08 September 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.finchcocks.co.uk/events

■ MARGARET ATWOOD: LIVE IN CINEMAS

Tue 10 September 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/theatre

The Testaments, Margaret Atwood's highly anticipated sequel to The Handmaids Tale is revealed.

■ SECRET ART PARTY: MONET

Tue 10 September 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells, High Street / Chapel Place

Event Link: www.secretartparties.co.uk

Special masterclass experience, all levels are welcome! Enjoy creating your version of a masterpiece with a brush in one hand a drink in the other. This month: The Poppy Field Near Argenteuil by Claude Monet

■ CHILDCARE

Thu 12 September 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ SOUL TRAIN ON THE PANTILES

Thu 12 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Soul Train at the Bandstand on the Pantiles.

■ ANDREW LAWRENCE: CLEAN

Fri 13 September 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/comedy

Andrew Lawrence, star of Live at The Apollo and Michael McIntyre's

Roadshow takes a break from controversy. No politics. No religion. No smut. No swearing. Just great jokes and fun.

■ FINCHCOCKS: RYAN DRUCKNER

Fri 13 September 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.finchcocks.co.uk/events.html

■ HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Fri 13 September - Sun 22 September 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.tunbridgewellsheritageopendays.org

50+ walks, talks and open days across the town and borough.

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■ RED ROOSTER

Sat 14 September 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/thebeaunash/events

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ ORQUESTRA DE ABACAXI WORKSHOP

Sat 14 September 2019

Venue: Camden Centre

Event Link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/orquestra-de-abacaxi-tickets-61091234527

A new community orchestra running via a series of workshops, rather than regular rehearsals, exploring different musical styles of South America, from samba to funk with a full percussion section adding Brazilian flavour to the mix!

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS COLLECTORS' FAIR

Sat 14 September 2019

Venue: King Charles Church Hall

Monthly Collectors' Fair - a range of antiques and collectibles, including china, glass, brass, militaria, books, postcards, ephemera...

■ BOOGIE NIGHTS

Sat 14 September 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

DJs Markus Tim & Richard Marshall spinning Hard Funk, Disco, Hip Hop and classic House trax - all on vinyl.

■ THE VIOLET JIVE: PARTY TROPICALE

Sat 14 September 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.thegreylady.co.uk/events

■ PANTILES HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL

Sat 14 September - Sun 15 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

See page 15.

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■ RHOD GILBERT: THE BOOK OF JOHN

Wed 18 September 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

The multi-award-winning Welsh comedian is back (again), with a brand new live show. This is an extra date, following sell out of April show.

■ THE LEGEND OF BARRY WHITE

Thu 19 September 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

The world's only full touring show in celebration of the legendary Mr Barry White. Featuring international soul sensation William Hicks.

■ SOUL TRAIN ON THE PANTILES

Thu 19 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Soul Train at the Bandstand on the Pantiles

■ UNCLE VANYA

Thu 19 September 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/theatre

A modern production of Anton Chekhov's play, incorporating physical theatre and focusing on pastoral elements of conservation, as well the parallel human need for affection & care.

■ NIGEL BAGGE

Sat 21 September 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunash Tavern/events

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS RECORD FAIR

Sat 21 September 2019

Venue: King Charles Church Hall

Event Link: www.facebook.com/events/713322155728349

1000's of records and cds for sale from dealers throughout the South-East.

■ EBORACUM BAROQUE

Sat 21 September 2019

Venue: King Charles the Martyr

Event Link: www.mkctw.blogspot.com

This exciting baroque ensemble led by Chris Parsons open the Tunbridge Wells International Music Festival with a programme including Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons'.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 21 September - Sun 22 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com/whats-on/pantiles-market-third

Spend the day in The Pantiles every other weekend, experiencing the hustle and bustle of the Pantiles Market.

■ THE SOUND OF SPRINGSTEEN

Sat 21 September 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS FOOD FESTIVAL

Sat 21 & Sun 22 September 2019

Venue: Calverley Grounds

Sublime street foods from local independent businesses.

■ GHOST WALK

Sun 22 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.ukghoststore.com/product-category/ghostwalks

Meet at the Grey Lady where you will hear the ghost stories associated with this location and its area, before heading through the Pantiles, stopping at locations of interest as you make your way to reputedly one of the most haunted pubs in Tunbridge Wells, the Compasses, where the ghost walk will finish around 19:30.

■ SUPPORT LOCAL POP UP FAIR

Sunday 22 September

Venue: One Warwick Park Hotel

A chance to support small local businesses who aren't yet on the high street or stocked widely. Lovely arts and crafts and unique items.

■ HOSPICE 10K RUN

Sun 22 September 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/fundraise/event-grid

The Hospice 10K Run with 700 people hitting the roads of Tunbridge Wells and tackling the challenging but brilliant route starting from the Lower Cricket Ground.

■ PULLED APART BY HORSES

Wed 25 September 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS IN BLOOM AWARDS

Thu 26 September 2019

Venue: One Warwick Park

Event Link: www.facebook.com/events/239122700323840

The awards ceremony for the various categories in the town's 'Best' competition.

■ THE PALE WHITE

Thu 26 September 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ SOUL TRAIN ON THE PANTILES

Thu 26 September 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.visittunbridgewells.com/whats-on/annual-jazz-on-the-pantiles-p259501

Soul Train at the Bandstand on the Pantiles.

■ COMEDY NIGHT AT VITTLE & SWIG

Thu 26 September 2019

Venue: Vittle & Swig, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/events/258698445023121

With Lonestar Comedy. Call 01892 544522 to book your tickets.

■ IMAGO QUIZ NIGHT

Fri 27 September 2019

Venue: Culverden Stadium

Event Link: www.imago.community/About-Imago/Events

Paid bar, raffle and nibbles provided. Teams of 6, £7 per person.

To book contact hello@imago.community.

■ THE TOTAL WHO SHOW

Fri 27 September 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/music-dance

Catch the Total Who Show - featuring musicians who have performed with Roger Daltrey, Pete Townshend and John Entwistle.

■ KHARMA & THE DEVIL

Sat 28 September 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunash Tavern/events

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

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■ BEAST DECOYS

Sat 28 September 2019

Venue: The Forum

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BEASTIE BOYS - A tribute show by Beast Decoys.

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■ THE FESTIVAL OF HOPE

Sunday 29 September

Venue: The Forum

A day to welcome all, organised by Tunbridge Wells Welcomes Refugees. From afternoon to early evening, music, stalls and food. The event will feature Syrian and local UK music. Entry is free but make sure you donate generously!

■ RTWSO: HOWARD SHELLEY (PIANO)

Sun 29 September 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.rtwso.org/concerts

Royal Tunbridge Wells Symphony Orchestra concert season starts with a Slavic-themed programme. Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No 2, Shostakovich: Symphony No 1, Soloist: Howard Shelley (Piano)
Conductor: Roderick Dunk

■ POSTING LETTERS TO THE MOON

Sun 29 September 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Wartime letters between the actress Celia Johnson and her husband Peter Fleming read by their daughter, Lucy Fleming, with Simon Williams.

OCTOBER

■ PAUL DUNTON & GUESTS

Wed 02 October 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.paulduntonandguests.com/events

Candlelit showcase of the area's finest soloists and acoustic bands. 4 acts on the bill representing a multitude of musical styles and genres, audiences are treated to an exceptional night of local music culture and songwriting.

■ HORRIBLE HISTORIES: TERRIBLE TUDORS

Thu 03 October - Sun 06 October 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

From the horrible Henrys to the end of evil Elizabeth, hear the legends (and the lies!) about the torturing Tudors.

■ HORRIBLE HISTORIES: AWFUL EGYPTIANS

Thu 03 October - Sat 05 October 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

From the fascinating Pharaohs to the power of the pyramids, discover the foul facts of death and decay with the meanest mummies in Egypt.

■ FERRIS & SYLVESTER

Thu 03 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

Formerly solo artists in their own right, Issy Ferris and Archie Sylvester make music with elements of blues, folk and good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll, all from the kitchen of their flat.

■ THE GREY LADY JAZZ CLUB

Fri 04 October 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.thegreylady.co.uk/events.asp

The Grey Lady Jazz Club takes place on the first Friday of each month.

■ TENORS UN LIMITED: THAT'S AMORÉ!

Fri 04 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/music-dance

Troubles melt away as these greatest of showmen present their trademark soaring vocals, velvet harmonies and killer sense of humour.

■ GEZ GOLD

Sat 05 October 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beaunash Tavern/events

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ BACK TO THE EIGHTIES

Sat 05 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

A night of joyous 80s music. Expect to hear all the hits across the retro genres you love: pop, electronic, dance, groove, hip hop, soul, funk, hip house, rave, soundtracks and indie.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 05 October - Sun 06 October 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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■ NT ENCORE: ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS

Sun 06 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/theatre

■ FINCHCOCKS: STEVEN DEVINE

Sun 06 October 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.finchcocks.co.uk/events.html

PUPPETRY FESTIVAL WARM UP WEEKEND



■ MAKE A MAGPIE - PUPPET-MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday 5 October

Venue: Royal Victoria Place

Age: accompanied children aged 5+

Join Judith Hope, creator of giant walkabout puppets The Keeper's Nests - two large magpies in walking nests who stalk the streets - at this crafty workshop! Create your own magpie rod puppet, then write your own special secret for it to carry in its beak!

■ OUT OF THE HAT!

Sunday 6 October

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Age: 2 - 8 years

When Doris and Delilah wake up to find something strange and sparkly has fallen from the sky, they are inspired to put on the world's greatest magic show! A spectacular show of friendship and magic for all the family.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS PUPPETRY FESTIVAL

A festival of world-class entertainment for the whole family!

The biggest and best Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival yet, featuring theatre, talks, film, an exhibition, outdoor shows and workshops, plus an array of international artists appearing in the UK for the first time

For more information on times and tickets and to book:

Twpuppetryfestival.org

■ DETAILING DELIGHT: THE PUPPETRY ART OF RUST & STARDUST

Monday 7 October – Saturday 12 October

Venue: Exhibition - Trinity Theatre Gallery

Since 2015, Rust & Stardust has been creating extraordinarily detailed puppets and touring acclaimed works. Inspired by English folklore, magic and history, their work is underpinned by sustainability and traditional craft and costume techniques. Meet the company's directors on Saturday 12th October, when they will host a drop-in family workshop and catch them performing Tweethearts on Sunday afternoon at the Pantiles.

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER

■ LITTLE MONSTER

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Age: 3 – 5 years

Helped by 2 hapless, hopeless storytellers and their big bad book of rhymes,

WHAT'S ON

we will venture into the forest, peek into deep, dark caves, build walls and knock them down. Lovable puppets, magical shadows and live songs.

■ A-TA-KA! WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE

Make your own aerial sculpture and perform in the A-TA-KA! show

4.30-6pm: A-TA-KA! Workshop, Camden Centre

7.30-8.15pm: perform in A-TA-KA! show, Trinity Theatre Gardens

Age: 8-14

Come to the Camden Centre after school, explore the air and its possibilities. Taking inspiration from the dreams of Salvador Dalí, create an aerial animal sculpture using varied disciplines and homespun materials.

■ A-TA-KA!

Venue: Trinity Theatre Gardens

Everyone is invited to this free, magically surreal outdoor show on the theme of 'air': a musical spectacle of kites, torches and flying creatures that transform and light up the sky. A-TA-KA!, inspired by the 'melted dreams' of Salvador Dalí, has been performed at festivals around the world. We are thrilled to bring this show to the UK for the very first time.

■ THE ADVENTURES OF CURIOUS GANZ

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Running time: 50 minutes

Age: 8yrs +/Adults

Ganz, is curious! This exquisite show is based on the story of Joachim Ganz, a 16th-century copper smelter. He seeks answers to pressing questions of the day: Is the Earth flat? Are the stars fixed? A wondrous alchemy of the new, the strange, the brave and the curious, told through design, table-top puppetry, words and music.

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

■ THE LOST DOG

Venue: Trinity Theatre Gardens

Age: 8+

Lost Dog, an innovative play of puppetry and object theatre. The set is an installation: a large shanty doghouse constructed from recycled materials, with benches for seating. Without words, this touching story is told by actors from the perspective of an abandoned dog.

■ THE KUKURYKU MAGIC SHOW

Venue: The Forum

Age: 5+

Hilarious show for all ages. Meet world-renowned magician Osvaldo Drevno, who astounds the audience with outlandish and incredible illusions, and his glamorous assistants, which include a chicken. The show's puppets are created in felt by manipulator and actress Ola.

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■ MISCHIEF AND MYSTERIES IN MOOMINVALLEY

Venue: Camden Centre

Age: 4 – 7yrs

A beautiful book opens on stage to tell a tale of a world where anything is possible: Moominvalley, where everyone is welcome, nature thrives and adventures are plentiful. This charming show uses magical puppetry, an ingenious set, original music and interactive play.

■ PUPPET-MAKING FAMILY WORKSHOP

Venue: Trinity Theatre Gallery

£2 donation to cover materials. Join performers and puppeteers at this spoon-puppet session. Find out how to repurpose simple materials from around the house and transform them into something beautiful and amazing!

■ BEACHED

Venue: Trinity Theatre Cafe

A spellbinding mini marvel of a show for a mini audience of eight people only! Put on your headphones and become immersed in the tale of Arnold, whose walk quickly becomes an adventure. Suitable for everyone old enough to sit still and/or wear headphones.

■ THE HIT

Venue: The Forum

Age: 15yrs +

The Hit is Breaking Bad meets Samuel Beckett, puppetry designed to blow your mind. This black comedy tells the story of Mikey, AKA The Ghost, a hitman exposed to parts of the brain he never thought he'd see. Artistic director Russell Dean will introduce the performance and there will be a post-show discussion.

■ SHADOW PLAY

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Age: 8+/Adults

Venue: Trinity Theatre Gallery

Age: an understanding of dementia is essential.

A film + short talk + Q&A with Smoking Apples. During the summer of 2018, Smoking Apples led creative workshops for those living with dementia at Age UK Tunbridge Wells. Together, they created this funny, moving and heartwarming film. A must-watch for anyone with an interest in the links between arts, health and wellbeing as well as those working with, or caring for, people living with dementia.

■ VIDA ('LIFE')

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Age: 7+

Award-winning, intimate and funny show from Valencia-based actor and puppeteer Javier Aranda, performing in the UK for the first time. He conjures up his mother's life story using his hands and bits and bobs from her old sewing box. Alone on stage with only lighting and music to assist him, this gem of a show pushes the boundaries of hand puppetry.

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■ THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK

Venue: The Forum

Age: 4+ years

Inspired by Lewis Carroll's madcap poem, this fast-paced puppet show from a company of Royal Central School of Speech and Drama graduates features gallant piracy, heartbroken jujubs and tropical topsy-turvyness. An exceptional piece of theatre for all – bonkers for young ones and witty for grown-ups!

■ APPESED AD UN FILO (HANGING BY A THREAD)

Venue: The Forum

Age: 10 yrs+

Remo Di Filippo and Rhoda Lopez build marionette puppets in their small studio in Italy and perform around the world. This is their first appearance in the UK. This full-length production of the multiple-award-winning Hanging by a Thread will be the festival finale and will be accompanied by some excellent Italian cucina!

FREE OUTDOOR EVENTS

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

Throughout the day/No booking required

Venue: Millennium Clock, Five Ways

10.30am & 2pm	Di Filippo Marionette: Hanging by a Thread (short-length street performance)
11.10am & 2.40pm	Smoking Apples: Arbor
11.50am & 3.20pm	Seb Mayer: Don Quixote
12.30pm & 4pm	Judith Hope: The Cloud Travellers



SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

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12.35pm & 4.05pm	Hikapee: Look Up
1pm & 3.15pm	Judith Hope: The Keeper's Nests

Not sure what to see? Email info@twpuppetryfestival.org for suggestions!

■ ROYAL BALLET: DON GIOVANNI

Tue 08 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Kasper Holten's visually striking production accentuates the beauty and invention of Mozart's dazzling tragicomedy.

■ HENNING WEHN

Thu 10 October 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

The superbly witty and amusing Henning Wehn comes to town

■ THE SPITFIRES

Thursday 10 October

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ LUKE KEMPER

Thu 10 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Luke Kemper's House of Faces show comes to The Forum

■ GRAHAM HUGHES' SUNSHINE KINGS

Fri 11 October 2019

Venue: Masonic Hall

Event Link: www.twjazzclub.co.uk/future-concerts

■ CHARITY NIGHT: OVER THE EDGE

Fri 11 October 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.thegreylady.co.uk/events

■ GET READY

Sat 12 October 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

Take a trip back to 1960s Detroit with the brand-new, celebrated stage show featuring the music of the Temptations, Four Tops, Supremes, Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye.

■ GOLDY BEE & STUART EVANS

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■ SECRET ART PARTY: VAN GOGH

Tue 15 October 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells, High Street / Chapel Place

Event Link: www.secretartparties.co.uk

Special painting masterclass where all levels are welcome! Enjoy creating your version of a masterpiece with a brush in one hand a drink in the other. This month: The Head of a Skeleton with a Burning Cigarette by Van Gogh.

■ LARKINS

Thu 17 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ CAMRA REAL ALE & CIDER FESTIVAL & AUTUMN DIESEL GALA

Fri 18 October - Sun 20 October 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk/section.php/8/1/railway-events

Lots of trains, lots of beer and cider, lots of food, lots of entertainment. One of the biggest beer and cider festivals returning for the 9th year. 180+ real ales, 30+ ciders and 30+ green hop beers.

■ WAYNE BRIDLE

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■ JOSEPH WOLFE AND ANTHONY ZERPA-FALCON

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Event Link: www.mkctw.blogspot.com

Violin and piano recital.

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Sun 20 October 2019

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King of Pop - showcases the extraordinary talent of Navi, an impersonator who has performed for 28 years in over 350 international shows.

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Sun 20 October 2019

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■ I BELIEVE IN UNICORNS

Mon 21 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

I Believe in Unicorns brings best-selling children's author Michael Morpurgo's enchanting tale to life.

■ SPECTOR

Tue 22 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

■ HAYSEED DIXIE

Wed 23 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

A mixture of cover versions of hard rock songs and original compositions in a style that is a unique fusion of bluegrass and rock music.

■ CREAM TEA ON THE TRAIN

Thu 24 October 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

Travel on the 15:20 service from Tunbridge Wells West to Eridge and watch the glorious High Weald countryside go by from the comfort of our beautifully decorated Bar Car 'Kate' whilst enjoying a wonderful Cream Tea.

■ FISH & CHIP LUNCH ON THE TRAIN

Thu 24 October 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk/product.php/2/fish-chip-lunches

Best of British food on a best of British train – nothing more to say!

■ FEET

Thu 24 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

FEET are a young student band from Coventry founded in February 2016. The band have seen their success grow quicker than expected, with airplays on BBC Introducing in Coventry/Warwickshire and a small EU/UK tour during August of 2016.

■ PETER PAN

Thu 24 October - Fri 25 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/theatre

Classic account of children who follow Peter Pan and Tinker Bell into Neverland where children never grow old. An amateur Trinity Youth Theatre performance by talented young people.

■ WORRY DOLLS

Fri 25 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings

Worry Dolls are a compelling duo born out of the joint talents of multi-instrumentalists Zoe Nicol and Rosie Jones.

■ ACOUSTIC VARLIES

Sat 26 October 2019

Venue: Beau Nash Tavern

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/beunashtavern/events

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ THE SMYTHS

Sat 26 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings/

A celebration of the Smiths debut LP + hits and more!

■ INDEPENDENT FARMERS MARKET

Sat 26 October 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM

2nd and 4 Saturdays of every month. Market Square is behind Royal Victoria Place, accessed through RVP Food Hall or from Camden Road.

■ ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Sun 27 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/children

■ BEN ELTON LIVE

Mon 28 October 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

After 15 years Ben Elton returns to stand-up comedy with his 2019 UK tour.

■ THE NUTCRACKER

Tue 29 October 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

The Russian State Ballet and Opera House returns for their annual UK tour with a vibrant and enchanting full touring ballet production.

■ KATHLEEN FERRIER WHATTALIFE!

Wed 30 October 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/events/2019-10-30-theatre-kathleen-ferrier-whattalife-the-forum

A new one woman play with music, telling the story of the great English contralto, whose voice and recordings are treasured to this day.

■ ANDREW GRAHAM DIXON: THE MADNESS OF JOHANNES VERMEER

Wed 30 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

■ PRIVATE PEACEFUL

Thu 31 October 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on

Private Peaceful relives the life of Private Tommo Peaceful, a young First World War soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn.

■ ROH: DON PASQUALE

Thu 31 October 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net

Bryn Terfel heads a star cast for this new production of Donizetti's comedy of domestic drama across two generations.

■ COMEDY NIGHT AT VITTLE & SWIG

Thu 31 October 2019

Venue: Vittle & Swig, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/events/258698445023121

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RESTAURANTS

Royal Tunbridge Wells prides itself on the quality and diversity of our eateries. From innovative vegan and plant-based foods to locally sourced game, a warm welcome and the very highest standards await you!

■ ALEXANDRA'S

www.alexandrasrestaurant.co.uk

A traditional Greek dining experience in an elegant and modern interior, a must-go for fans of Greek cuisine.

■ ASK ITALIAN

www.askitalian.co.uk

Flavourful Italian food in a relaxed setting, ideal for family dining or even a candlelit dinner for two.

■ BILL'S

www.bills-website.co.uk

A brilliant location for shoppers, serving contemporary European cuisine from its home opposite Royal Victoria Place.

■ CARLUCCIO'S

www.carluccios.com

Next door to the beautiful Calverley Grounds with a menu of delicious Italian classics to choose from.

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www.cocoretro.com

Modern Parisian and Northern French cuisine served in a chic yet cosy setting.

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www.cote.co.uk

Authentic French dishes and seasonal set menus offering great value for money and classic flavours.

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www.creamscafe.com

The ultimate dessert experience, irresistible for children and adults alike.

■ DELANEY'S PANCAKE & WAFFLE KITCHEN

www.delaneyskitchen.co.uk

An exciting menu of sweet and savoury treats served in a laidback, fun atmosphere.

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www.dongiovannitw.co.uk

An authentic Italian dining experience, showcasing both fresh local produce and Italian ingredients.

■ ESTRO PIZZA & MORE

www.estropizza.co.uk

Devoted to exceptional food, Estro's stone baked pizzas are infamous.

■ GASTRONOMIA

01892 618281

An authentic Italian trattoria on The Pantiles specialising in traditional Italian food and deli items.

■ GIGGLING SQUID

www.giggingsquid.com

A quirky restaurant serving vibrant and exciting Thai food with some unusual flavour combinations.

■ GUSTA

www.gusta.org.uk

Gusta is an Italian delicatessen and wine bar serving artisan meats, cheeses, pasta, wines and coffee. Open until 9:30pm Thu and Fri & 9pm Sat.

■ HATTUSA

www.hattusa.co.uk

Serving the finest Anatolian dishes in colourful surroundings from its home on Camden Road.

■ IL VESUVIO

www.ilvesuvio.co.uk

A traditional Italian experience, combining ancient Neapolitan culinary arts with modern techniques.

■ ISTANBUL

www.istanbulmezzebargrill.com

A Turkish and Mediterranean restaurant offering a unique and flavourful experience for its visitors.

■ KAI'S KITCHEN

01892 534497

A family-run restaurant close to Calverley Grounds, serving delicious Thai classics in a relaxed setting.

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07542 590395

A newly opened Japanese restaurant, perfect for a quick lunch whilst shopping or taking a stroll.

■ KIRTHON

www.kirthon.com

A traditional South-Asian menu, combining locally sourced ingredients with Bangladeshi produce.

■ KITSU

www.kitsu.co.uk

A sushi and noodle bar opposite Royal Victoria Place serving fresh dishes prepared to order.

■ LA CASA VECCHIA

www.thepantiles.com/shops/la-casa-vecchia

Enjoy a relaxed, sophisticated and delicious meal on the historic Pantiles, the perfect spot for conversation, good food and drink.

PLACES TO EAT

■ LA FOLLIA

www.lafolliarestaurant.co.uk

The quintessential friendly Italian trattoria serving a menu of dishes originating from Monza.

■ MARLOWE'S

www.marlowes.co

A well-loved local favourite serving 100% Sussex beef patties that are packed with flavour.

■ THE MEXICAN KITCHEN

www.themexicankitchentw.com

Mexican classics served just a stone's throw away from shopping heaven on the High Street, Chapel Place and The Pantiles.

■ PANE E VINO

01892 459219

A family-run restaurant with an excellent reputation for delicious and authentic Italian food.

■ PIZZA EXPRESS

www.pizzaexpress.com

A fantastic family dining experience in a stunning period building, close to shopping destination Chapel Place.

■ PREZZO

www.prezzorestaurants.co.uk

Housed in a 1900s building with a contemporary spiral staircase, the perfect place for a casual lunch or dinner.

■ RAJ PAVILION

www.rajpavilion.net

An award-winning restaurant, serving traditional Indian cuisine just a few minutes' walk from the High Street.

■ RENDEZ-VOUS

www.rendezvoustw.co.uk

A French-inspired brasserie with an ever-changing, seasonal menu that showcases local produce.

■ SANKEY'S THE OLD FISHMARKET

www.sankeys.co.uk

A champagne and seafood bar serving sparkling wines and champagnes with the very best British fish and shellfish.

■ SEVENTEEN

www.onewarwickpark.co.uk

Classic British cuisine served in a light, modern setting, perfect for intimate meals or larger celebrations too.

■ SOPRANO

www.sopranowinebar.co.uk

A venue famed for its vibrant Mediterranean food and drink pairings.

■ SUCHEERA

www.sucheera.co.uk

An authentic Thai restaurant serving curries, noodles and stir fries that sing with flavour.

■ THACKERAY'S

www.thackerays-restaurant.co.uk

Once the home of author William Makepeace Thackeray, Thackeray's offers a relaxed form of fine dining.

■ THE BENGAL BRASSERIE

www.bbtw.co.uk

A Bangladeshi and Indian restaurant renowned for mixing traditional recipes with new, modern ideas.

■ THE DRAGON TAN

www.dragontantw.com

A local gem serving delicious Cantonese cuisine from its restaurant on Calverley Road.



■ THE GREY LADY

www.thegreylady.co.uk

The Grey Lady is a truly unique venue, serving a Mediterranean menu alongside its regular music events.

■ THE IVY

www.theivytonbridgewells.com

An iconic dining experience brought to Royal Tunbridge Wells, serving a menu of British classics.

■ THE SPICE

www.thespicetn1.co.uk

The Spice opened over 18 years ago, delighting guests with its take on traditional Indian, Bangladeshi and Tandoori dishes ever since.

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS BAR & GRILL www.individualrestaurants.com

Classic yet modern global food with a retractable roof for all-year outdoor dining, the Tunbridge Wells Bar & Grill is a fresh, intimate venue.

■ THE WARREN

www.thewarren.restaurant

From farm to table, The Warren serves fresh produce from its own estate and other trusted local suppliers, specialising in eclectic British dishes.

■ VITTLE & SWIG

www.vittleandswig.co.uk

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■ WAGAMAMA

www.wagamama.com

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■ WOODS RESTAURANT

www.woodsrestaurant.co.uk

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www.zizzi.co.uk

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www.zorbamezegrill.com

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PUBS

Locally brewed craft ales, more than 120 varieties of gins, sublime world and English wines and superb surroundings – explore our pubs and bars when you visit!

■ BEAU NASH

www.beau-nash.co.uk

A warm and welcoming pub dating back to the 1800s, serving a menu of pub classics.

■ CASSIDY'S

www.cassidysbar.co.uk

An Irish sports bar in a picturesque setting just off the High Street with outdoor seating too.

■ CHAPEL PLACE WINE & GIN BAR

www.chapelplacetw.co.uk

With over 120 gins to choose from, this quirky bar is a fantastic local haunt.

■ FRAMPTON'S

www.framptonsbar.co.uk

A fantastic pub on The Pantiles, serving fresh local produce in its dishes with a varied drinks menu.

■ FUGGLES BEER CAFÉ

www.fugglesbeercafe.co.uk

Home to over 100 gins and whiskies, speciality ales, ciders and rare bottles, served with the finest cured meat and cheeses.

■ GROVE TAVERN

www.grovetavern.co.uk

The oldest traditional pub in Royal Tunbridge Wells, the Grove Tavern dates back to the 17th century and offers a friendly and welcoming haven to its visitors.

■ GRUB & LIQUOR

www.grubandliquor.co.uk

A restaurant and cocktail bar with a vibrant atmosphere, Grub & Liquor serves locally sourced, freshly grilled food and signature cocktails.

■ PITCHER & PIANO

www.pitcherandpiano.com

A sophisticated experience whether it's bubbles over brunch or a Sunday roast, situated just opposite Trinity Theatre.

■ SANKEY'S SEAFOOD KITCHEN & BAR

www.sankeys.co.uk

High quality drinks and delicious, fresh food served in an opulent Victorian manor house on Mount Ephraim.

■ SUSSEX ARMS

www.thesussextw.co.uk

Hosts regular pub quizzes with real ale, craft beers and an ever-expanding list of wine and spirits.

■ THE BARN

www.barn-pub-rest.co.uk

Housed in a reconstructed Elizabethan barn, this characterful pub and restaurant also boasts an award-winning courtyard garden.

■ THE BEDFORD

www.thebedfordtw.co.uk

A traditional alehouse with great music and a variety of ales, ciders, beers, wines and spirits at the bar.

■ THE BLACK PIG

www.theblackpig.net

A relaxed, friendly pub just around the corner from the train station, with a focus on delicious, seasonal dishes.

■ THE COMMON ROOMS

www.thecommonroomsbar.com

Specialists in the art of cocktail making, serving premium cocktails that aren't available anywhere else.

■ THE COMPASSES

www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/kent/compasses

Nestled just off the High Street, this cosy pub is a wonderful location for dinner with friends, Friday evening drinks or even a traditional Sunday roast.

■ THE DUKE OF YORK

www.dukeofyorktunbridgewells.co.uk

A pub with an extensive food and drinks menu that combines the history of The Pantiles with contemporary style.

■ THE GEORGE

www.thegeorgepubtunbridgewells.co.uk

Built in the early 19th century as a coaching inn, this local pub serves locally brewed beers and a varied food menu.

■ THE GUINEA

www.theguineatn1.co.uk

Serving real ales, craft beers, cocktails and lots of tasty food options too, with live music and vinyl nights.

■ THE OPERA HOUSE

www.jdwetherspoon.com

Originally built in 1902 with many of its original features still intact, the Opera House now operates as a Wetherspoons pub.

■ THE PANTILES TAP

www.thepantiles.com/shops/the-pantiles-tap

An award-winning 16-tap real ale, artisan cider and craft beer paradise.

■ THE PRINCE OF WALES

www.princetw.co.uk

A comfortable and welcoming local pub serving real ale and traditional pub food, with a weekly pub quiz.

■ THE RAGGED TROUSERS

www.theragged.co.uk

An independent freehouse, the Ragged Trousers is a friendly and intimate pub serving the best of local breweries.

■ ROSE & CROWN

www.roseandcrown-tunbridgewells.craftunionpubs.com

Featuring a varied drinks menu and all the best sporting action, the Rose & Crown is a local pub with community at its heart.

■ THE ROYAL OAK

01892 542 546

A historic pub dating back to 1735 with a proud tradition of supporting local music, serving a range of local cask beers.

■ THE SECRET CELLAR BAR

www.theseccellar.co.uk

Exclusively open on Fridays and Saturdays only, this unique venue is a wine shop by day and a bar by night.

■ THE TOWNHOUSE

www.townhousetwells.com

A wine bar that combines its extensive drinks selection with tasty charcuterie boards and individual tapas dishes.

■ THE VALE VAULT

www.thebedfordtw.co.uk

A speak-easy style wine and cocktail bar in the basement of the Bedford pub, open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7pm.

HOTELS

From opulent luxury to quirky and comfortable, or even budget friendly, there are lots of gorgeous places to stay in Royal Tunbridge Wells to suit every taste and budget.

■ HOTEL DU VIN www.hotelduvin.com/locations/tunbridge-wells

Frequently visited by Princess Victoria in the 1800s, Hotel du Vin is an outstanding hotel set in a historic, Grade II listed building surrounded by beautiful gardens.

■ MERCURE HOTEL www.mercuretunbridgewells.co.uk

The Mercure Hotel features 84 contemporary rooms and an 18th century Georgian oast house.

■ ONE WARWICK PARK www.onewarwickpark.co.uk

Chic and minimalist, this luxury boutique hotel is located in the heart of town, with Chapel Place and The Pantiles just a short walk away.

■ ROYAL WELLS HOTEL www.royalwells.co.uk

Boasts spectacular views over Royal Tunbridge Wells with modern facilities and a contemporary design.

■ SUMMIT HOTEL [01892 522 225](tel:0189252225)

Situated in an elegant townhouse on Mount Ephraim, the Summit Hotel features a mix of contemporary and traditional interiors and is perfectly located just five minutes from the heart of the town centre.

■ THE MOUNT EDGCUMBE www.themountedgcumbe.com

A grade II listed Georgian building with a 6th century sandstone cave in the bar, the Mount Edgcumbe now serves as a cosy and welcoming family-run pub with several luxury boutique rooms.

■ THE RUSSELL HOTEL www.russell-hotel.com

A 2* converted Victorian Mansion overlooking The Common with large rooms and parking.

■ THE SMITH & WESTERN www.smith-western.co.uk/tunbridge-wells

Bringing a historic landmark back to life, this western themed hotel is housed in the original Old West Station.

■ THE SPA HOTEL www.spahotel.co.uk

Originally built as a country mansion in 1766, set in 14 acres of picturesque grounds and has a reputation for style, sophistication, relaxation and fine dining.

■ THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOTEL www.thetunbridgewellshotel.com

A Georgian gem, understated luxury located on the historic Pantiles, surrounded by independent boutiques and great places to eat and drink.

■ THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS RETREAT www.tunbridgewellsretreat.com

On the edge of the town centre opposite The Common, simple, budget accommodation.

■ TRAVELODGE www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/354/Tunbridge-Wells-hotel

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