

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

GUIDE 2019





WELCOME

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, it became the place to visit and to be seen in. Today it is a vibrant destination, less than one hour from London by train, rich in arts and cultural events with summer long, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles, live music festivals and many fabulous parks to explore. The Garden of England boasts more artisan food and drink producers than any other region of the UK, they are very well represented in a wide selection of amazing restaurants, pubs and bars in Royal Tunbridge Wells.

With 2 theatres, one of the UK's few surviving live music venues, a heritage steam railway, a huge range of independent boutiques, gorgeous architecture and stunning countryside on the doorstep, Royal Tunbridge Wells is well worth a visit this year!

This guide not only provides you with event listings, but you can choose where to eat, drink and stay too. Plan your entire visit to Royal Tunbridge Wells from the comfort of your home!

When you do get here, you will find the Tourist Information Centre in The Corn Exchange in The Pantiles and you can check www.visittunbridgewells.com for more information about other attractions and events.

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ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS
TOGETHER



TUNBRIDGE WELLS

■ SPA VALLEY RAILWAY

Royal Tunbridge Wells' very own heritage railway with "A Destination at Every Station!". The Spa Valley Railway is a five-minute walk from the famous Pantiles in Royal Tunbridge Wells and operates both steam & heritage diesel trains throughout the year between Tunbridge Wells West & Eridge stations, with intermediate stations at High Rocks & Groombridge.

Passengers can enjoy the spectacular scenery along the line and choose to alight at any of the stations to enjoy a walk or explore nearby attractions including Groombridge Place.

There are special family events at Easter, Halloween and in December with the popular Santa Specials.

Adults can enjoy the annual beer festival, murder mystery evenings, fish and chip suppers, fine dining or engine driver experiences.

For railway and engine enthusiasts, there are visiting locomotives and a large engine shed – every little boy's dream!

Timetables, information and bookings can be made on the Spa Valley Railway website at www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk

■ THE ASSEMBLY HALL THEATRE

A leading theatre and arts venue, the Assembly Hall Theatre was built in

1939 ready to be used as a dancehall for troops, film shows and events to help raise money for the war effort in World War II. Fast forward 80 years and the historic venue now plays host to an exciting and diverse programme featuring a wide range of dazzling theatrical performances, famous comedians, music and more throughout the year.

You can read all about the theatre, find out about upcoming shows and get in touch at www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk. Fancy coming along to a show? Book online or over the phone on **01892 530613**

■ TRINITY THEATRE

Trinity Theatre is a vibrant arts venue in the centre of Tunbridge Wells. Welcoming 90,000 people a year through the doors of a converted Decimus Burton church for a range of theatre, music, dance, film and comedy. Alongside the artistic programme and gallery is the community output, from Speech Bubbles work with local schools to Senior Cinema scheme for older, socially isolated people.

Box Office **01892 678 678**, www.trinitytheatre.net

■ THE PANTILES

A beautiful, historic, open-air promenade surrounded by Georgian shop fronts, The Pantiles has been a popular leisure destination for centuries and now hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

The award-winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in early May, with a fantastic array of musicians taking to the stage every Thursday evening through to late September. For those who love the music of the seventies, Soul Train nights on The Pantiles provide the perfect excuse to dance the night away.

If food and drink is your thing, there's a number of superb bars and restaurants to choose from as well as regular markets, food festivals and Gin & Jazz events that showcase the very best of outstanding local producers. For more information, please visit www.thepantiles.com

■ THE FORUM

With so much going on across the town in the Summer months, it's easy to forget the Forum's year-round programme continues with national touring acts, local talent, festival warm-up shows, and tribute acts taking to its stage.

Situated on Tunbridge Wells Common, the Forum is a great spot in the Summer with a veranda overlooking Fonthill and a covered garden area.

The Forum also programmes smaller gigs in the basement room of the Sussex Arms pub.

To buy tickets and for up-to-date listings go to www.twforum.co.uk

■ ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE

Royal Victoria Place boasts a great selection of shops and places to eat and relax. It is home to some of the town's biggest brands including the famous Bond Street department store Fenwick, plus an enviable line up of stores including M&S, Next, Topshop, Oliver Bonas, Hobbs, Hotel Chocolat, Lush, French Connection, Timberland, L'Occitane, Pandora, Swarovski and many more.

Royal Victoria Place is open 7 days a week until 6pm weekdays and Saturdays with late night shopping every Thursday until 8pm and on Sundays is open 10.30am to 4.30pm. Royal Victoria Place has over 1,750 car parking spaces and offers free parking after 6pm every Thursday. Find out more and discover what's on at www.royalvictoriaplace.com

MAY

■ FREE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TASTER SESSIONS

8, 15, 22 & 30 May 2019

Venue: Britten's Music, Grove Hill Road

Event Link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/brittens-music-19771756212

If you've ever wanted to play an instrument or gave up years ago and want to pick it up where you left off, Britten's Music are offering free adult taster sessions in their music rooms. Check link for times and instrument types.

■ THREE TALL WOMEN

Tue 30 April to Sat 04 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Three Tall Women, a startling and provocative portrayal of a wealthy widow looking back on her life in an attempt to solve its riddles...

Albee's dialogue is charged with wit, pain and laughter.

■ A PAIR OF FOUR

Wed 01 May 2019

Venue: Sussex Arms

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

A Pair of Four formed in 2017 and are members of ClaquEURs Improvisation Theatre - ably guided by the renowned improvisation teacher, Jon Oram. Their focus is on comedy improvisation using a mixture of short form and longer form games, based on audience suggestions.

■ VUKOVI, SUPERLOVE

Wed 01 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

Live music at The Forum.

■ PAUL DUNTON & GUESTS

Wed 01 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.paulduntonandguests.com/events

Paul Dunton & Guests present a superb series of candlelit showcases of the area's finest soloists and acoustic bands. With 4 acts at each show, audiences are treated to an exceptional night of local music culture, songwriting and musicianship.

■ BLACK HORSE: JAM NIGHT

Thu 02 May 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/theblackhorsetw/

Live music night.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 02 May 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

Live, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in May and runs until the end of September each year. As close to perfect as it could be!



■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 May 2019

Thu 06, 13, 20, 27 June 2019

Thu 04, 11, 18, 25 July 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

■ NU METAL NIGHTS

Fri 03 May 2019

Venue: Sussex Arms

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

Live performance featuring Lump Buzkit and Deftones.

■ THE CUREHEADS

Fri 03 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

A tribute to the amazing The Cure (unsurprisingly!).

■ THE GREY LADY JAZZ CLUB

Fri 03 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Chilled vibe and lovely sounds.

■ REGGAE NIGHT

Sat 04 May 2019

Venue: Woods Restaurant

Event Link: www.unrulee-records.com

Unrulee Records & Liberated Radio's Ras Nik will be live and direct on the decks to celebrate the first May Bank Holiday. A Vinyl and CD mash up of great reggae music with something for all.

■ ROOSTER TAIL

Sat 04 May 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ THE LUKA STATE

Sat 04 May 2019

Venue: Sussex Arms

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

Live music at The Sussex Arms.

■ SICK JOY

Sat 04 May 2019

Venue: Sussex Arms

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

Live music at The Sussex Arms.

■ SWITCH

Sat 04 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

Live music at The Forum, Tim Cullen brings his SWiTCH night back to Tunbridge Wells.

■ BLUE VELVET CABARET CLUB

Sat 4 May 2019

Venue: Vittle & Swig

Event Link: www.vittleandswig.co.uk/private-hire-events

Join an eclectic mix of performers for a glamorous night at the cabaret, featuring the best of burlesque and an illusionist to keep you on the edge of your seat.

■ DISCO ODYSSEY

Sat 04 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Disco Odyssey will take you on a trip to the dance floor with help from classic tracks by artists from the golden age of Disco such as Sister Sledge, Stevie Wonder, Donna Summer, Chaka Khan, Diana Ross and many more. This six piece band put the FUN into funk for a fabulous party vibe.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 04 May to Sun 05 May 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

A pleasant way to while away a morning and early afternoon every other weekend, experience the hustle and bustle of The Pantiles Market.

■ EMC UNPLUGGED

Sun 05 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Join EMC Dance for an evening of live music and singing; acoustic re-works and unplugged versions of chart songs, 80's/90's, 00's classics, rock/pop/jazz/ and everything you love.

■ PAUL DUNTON & GUESTS

Sun 05 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.paulduntonandguests.com/events

Paul Dunton & Guests present a series of candlelit showcases of the area's finest soloists and acoustic bands. With four acts at each show, audiences are treated to an exceptional night of local music culture, songwriting and musicianship.

■ ROH: FAUST

Sun 05 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/music-dance
Classical Music. Experience the decadence and elegance of 1870s Paris in David McVicar's spectacular production of Gounod's best-loved opera.

■ FOGH FAMILY FETE

Mon 06 May 2019

Venue: Grosvenor & Hilbert Park

Event Link: www.fogh.org.uk/events

Music, entertainment, bouncy castles, donkeys, food & drink. Opening at 12pm, The Friends of Grosvenor and Hilbert Park bring a variety of, mostly family oriented, events to the towns' oldest public park.

■ TWODS: LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL

Tue 07 May to Sat 11 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

Based on the 2001 Hollywood movie, Legally Blonde The Musical is bright, bubbly and filled with feel-good music, high energy routines and side-splitting humour.

■ BLACK HONEY

Tue 07 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

Live music at The Forum.

■ JOSH WIDDICOMBE: WORK IN PROGRESS

Tue 07 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Text for the Josh Widdicombe listing: Join Josh Widdicombe as he tries out some new material ahead of his new tour. Age guidance 14+

■ HONEYBLOOD

Thu 09 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

Live music at The Forum.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 09 May 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

Live, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in May and runs until the end of September each year. As close to perfect as it could be!

■ NORTHANGER ABBEY

Thu 09 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

In Bath and then Northanger Abbey, Catherine must learn how to navigate between what is real about love, friendship and strange men... and what is not. Cyphers present a timeless adaptation of Jane Austen's novel about growing up and getting it all wrong.

■ CIVIC SOCIETY: THE ARTS AND CRAFT MOVEMENT AND IT'S GARDENS

Thu 09 May 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells Town Hall

Event Link: www.thecivicsociety.org/Civic103.htm

Stephen Harmer from Plumpton College, focuses on a lesser known aspect of this movement best known for innovation in decorative and fine arts.

■ THE INFORMERS

Fri 10 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

The Informers are one of Brighton's leading blues/soul bands. Their musical style has evolved over many years of playing some of the towns pre-eminent clubs and bars.

■ JACK DEE: WORK IN PROGRESS

Fri 10 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Join Jack Dee as he takes to the road trying out new material for his forthcoming UK tour.

■ WAYNE BRIDLE

Sat 11 May 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.



■ TRANSPORT FILM FESTIVAL

Sat 11 May to Sun 12 May 2019

Venue: Spa Valley Railway

Event Link: www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk/product.php/98/transport-film-festival

Films, some on 16mm and 8mm, of ships, planes, cars and trains dating from 1930's to present day. Featuring all stations and a two train service, a unique opportunity to see a variety of transport films at Tunbridge Wells West, Groombridge and Eridge. Travel all day on Steam and Diesel trains of the Spa Valley Railway and enjoy classic and original short transport films being shown at venues at each of the three main stations, including a rare opportunity to visit the unique Vintage Mobile Cinema bus.



■ PANTILES FOOD FESTIVAL

Sat 11 May 2019 to Sun 12 May 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com

Food and drink producers, street food and cookery demonstrations
- great day out, gorgeous setting!

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS COLLECTORS' FAIR

Sat 11 May 2019

Venue: King Charles Church Hall

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

■ HEADS SOUTH

Sat 11 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Live music at The Grey Lady.

■ ORPHEUS MALE VOICE CHOIR

Sat 11 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

The Royal Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir are back with a fantastic evening of music from shows, folk, hymns, traditional, pop, spirituals and the classics sung in rich harmonies.

■ BLACK HORSE: 38S

Sat 11 May 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/theblackhorsetw/

Live music at The Black Horse.

■ FARMERS MARKET

Sat 11 May 2019

Venue: Market Square

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM/

Held in Market Square off Camden Road. Fresh produce, plants, hot food. Market Square is behind Royal Victoria Place, can be accessed through RVP Food Hall or directly from Camden Road.

■ SUPPORT LOCAL SPRING FAIR

Sun 12 May 2019

Venue: One Warwick Park Hotel, Chapel Place

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

Support Local pop up markets are the perfect opportunity to find quirky or handmade treats, from arts and crafts to food and drink.

■ COMEDY TAPAS

Sun 12 May 2019

Venue: Sussex Arms

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

Live stand up night.

■ CHILDREN'S THEATRE - KING MIDAS AND OTHER GREEK MYTHS

Sun 12 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/events/king-midas-other-greek-myths

Follow the story of Midas and his Golden Touch from wishful thinking to guilt-edged guilt. Plus four other stories, including Pandora & the Box of Whispers, and Echo & Narcissus.

■ LES MUSICALS

Mon 13 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

Jonathan Ansell and Jai McDowall have joined forces showcase smash hit songs from the greatest musicals of all time. Immerse yourself in classics from Les Miserables, Phantom Of The Opera, Blood Brothers, Wicked, Jesus Christ Superstar, West Side Story, Miss Saigon, Chess, We Will Rock You and many more.

■ CHAPTER & VERSE + DELAIRE, THE LIAR

Tue 14 May 2019

Venue: Sussex Arms

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

Live music at The Sussex Arms.

■ NT LIVE: ALL MY SONS

Tue 14 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Academy Award-winner Sally Field & Bill Pullman star in Arthur Miller's blistering drama.

■ RSC: AS YOU LIKE IT

Wed 15 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

A playful and passionate version of Shakespeare's much-loved romantic comedy.

■ WEDDING OPEN EVENING

Wed 15 May 2019

Venue: The Spa Hotel

Event Link: www.spahotel.co.uk/2018/11/30/wedding-open-evening-2/

View beautiful function suites dressed for Wedding Ceremonies and Wedding Breakfasts. Wedding Coordinators will be on hand to give guided tours and assist with all aspects of planning your Big Day. From 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

■ LUTHER

Thu 16 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

The world's premier show celebrating 'The Velvet Voice' aka Luther Vandross. All the hits from his amazing career, culminating in 40+ million album sales and 8 Grammy awards. Hear the greatest dance anthems and love songs ever written, fronted by international Luther Vandross tribute Harry Cambridge and his 10 piece band.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 16 May 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

Live, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in May and runs until the end of September each year. As close to perfect as it could be!

■ ROYAL BALLET: BALLET TRIPTYCH

Thu 16 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

■ THE SUMMER OF LOVE

Fri 17 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

A nostalgic journey back to the legendary summer of 1967, a celebration of one of the most important cultural events in history. The Summer of Love is an eclectic explosion of flowers and of course, timeless music.

■ PAGAN

Fri 17 May 2019

Venue: Sussex Arms

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

Live music at The Forum.

■ BOOGIE NIGHTS

Fri 17 May 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.

■ SOUL KITCHEN

Fri 17 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Live music at The Grey Lady.

■ WILD WEST PARTY

Sat 18 May 2019

Venue: Woods Restaurant

Event Link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wild-west-party-tickets-56478473635

Calling all Cowboys and Cowgirls - dust off your Cowboy boots and get your spurs on, it's Wild West Party time! Head down to Woods Restaurant on The Pantiles to enjoy dancing, drinking and socialising with friends old and new! All set to the sounds of DJ Ice Cool.

■ JULIAN CLARY: BORN TO MINCE

Sat 18 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

In this outrageously camp new show, renowned homosexual Julian Clary will bare his soul as never before, all in the interests of light entertainment.

■ GOLDY BEE & STUART EVANS

Sat 18 May 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ FOGH DOG SHOW

Sat 18 May 2019

Venue: Grosvenor & Hilbert Park

Event Link: www.fogh.org.uk/events

Everyone's favourite dog show returns to Grosvenor and Hilbert Park. Choice of classes and basic agility course. Refreshments. Lower football pitch. £5 suggested donation. The Friends of Grosvenor and Hilbert Park bring a variety of, mostly family oriented, events to the town's oldest public park.

■ BLAENAVON

Sat 18 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

Live music at The Forum.

■ PROJECT 5

Sat 18 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Live music at The Grey Lady.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 18 May to Sun 19 May 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

A pleasant way to while away a morning and early afternoon every other weekend, experience the hustle and bustle of The Pantiles Market.

■ ROY ORBISON & THE TRAVELLING WILBURYS EXPERIENCE

Sat 18 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Come and celebrate with the band as they commemorate 31 years since the Wilburys original album release and pay a special tribute to The Big O.

■ RUMOURS OF FLEETWOOD MAC

Sun 19 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

The world's finest Fleetwood Mac tribute returns to the stage in 2019 with its 'Anniversary Tour', a brand new show celebrating 50 years of the very best including a special blues set paying tribute to Fleetwood Mac's legendary Peter Green era.

■ BOLSHOI: CARMEN SUITE & PETRUSHKA

Sun 19 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

■ MINI MANSIONS

Tue 21 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings
Live music at The Forum.

■ K&S POETRY: RAYMOND ANTROBUS

Tue 21 May 2019

Venue: The Bedford, High Street, TN1 1UX

Event Link: www.kentandsussexpoetry.com/monthly-meetings/
Public readings of the Kent and Sussex Poetry Society are open to all and take place every third Tuesday.

■ THE TRIALS OF OSCAR WILDE

Tue 21 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/events/the-trials-of-oscar-wilde
Following a sell-out west End run, European Arts Company presents this brilliant dramatisation of the libel and criminal trials of Oscar Wilde, written by his grandson Merlin Holland.

■ JOOLS HOLLAND AND HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA

Wed 22 May to Thu 23 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

Event Link: www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk/whats-on
Featuring Gilson Lavis with vocalists Ruby Turner & Louise Marshall.

■ RED RUM CLUB

Wed 22 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/events/
Formed in early 2016, this sextet from Liverpool, channel 'Tarantino-esque' wild western vibes with the help of a solitary trumpet. Recent debut album release got rave reviews and entered official charts .

■ THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Wed 22 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/children
Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar, has delighted readers since it was published in 1969 selling more than 43 million copies worldwide. The timeless classic has made its way off the page and onto the stage.

■ UNDER 18'S OPEN MIC NIGHT

Thur 23 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/events/2019-05-23-under-18s-open-mic-the-forum
As part of the free Unfest Fringe Event. Maximum of 10 slots available, 2 songs each (each slot is 10 minutes - set up, play & exit). Bring your required instruments and drum kit breakables (ie. cymbals, snare drum, kick drum pedal).

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 23 May 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

Live, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in May and runs until the end of September each year.

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■ RADIO ACTIVE

Thu 23 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Angus Deayton, Helen Atkinson Wood, Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope reunite following a sell-out and critically acclaimed run at Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Catch up with long suffering radio host Mike Channel, original foodie Anna Daptor, and accident-prone Martin Brown, as well as original musical creations such as parody bands The Hee Bee Gee Bees and Status Quid.



■ UNFEST 2019

Thu 23 May to Mon 27 May 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

Unfest - a 5 day celebration of superb, unsigned music acts at a number of locations, check online for listings.

■ SPANISH NIGHT

Fri 24 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.thegreylady.co.uk/event.asp?event_id=651

Spanish Night at The Grey Lady, special Tapas menu, soulful guitar and stunning flamenco dance. Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8.30pm.

Tickets can be booked online in advance.

■ ILLEGAL EAGLES

Fri 24 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

An amazingly good tribute to The Eagles - scores of all time favourite songs.

■ JESS ROBINSON: NO FILTER

Fri 24 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Multi-award winning Jess Robinson returns with more celebrity impressions, musical comedy and stunning vocal gymnastics. Jess and her live band take you on a dizzying journey through hilarious improvised musical impressions, serving up a feast of styles and genres from classical to rock to hip hop.

■ RUBY WAX: HOW TO BE HUMAN

Sat 25 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

We can't stop the future from arriving, no matter what drugs we're on. With a little help from monk Gelong Thubten, who explains how the mind works, and neuroscientist Ash Ranpura who explains where everything that makes us 'us' can be found in the brain. 'How to be Human' is the show you need to help you upgrade your mind as much as you've upgraded your iPhone.

■ ACOUSTIC VARLIES

Sat 25 May 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ SOUL AVENUE

Sat 25 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Live music at The Grey Lady.

■ CHILDREN'S THEATRE: HONK!

Sat 25 and Sun 26 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/events/honk

Honk! is flying the nest after an acclaimed, award-nominated run in London. Described as "flawless" and "an absolute joy to watch", Honk! is bursting with puppetry, magic and illusions... and water guns!

■ INDEPENDENT FARMERS MARKET

Sat 25 May 2019

Venue: Market Square, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM/

Held in Market Square off Camden Road. Fresh produce, plants, hot food. Market Square is behind Royal Victoria Place, can be accessed through RVP Food Hall or directly from Camden Road.

■ WALK RIGHT BACK

Sun 26 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

Featuring hits such as Bye Bye Love, All I Have To Do Is Dream and Cathy's Clown, this concert-based musical entwines the sad yet glorious story of The Everly Brothers' trademark 'harmonies from heaven'. Follow the brothers rise to fame and through their decade-long feud to their reunion.

TERROR

by Ferdinand von Schirach



Guilty. Not Guilty. You Decide.

■ TERROR

Tue 28 May to Sun 16 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/events/terror

A hijacked plane is heading towards a packed football stadium.

Ignoring orders to the contrary, a fighter pilot shoots the plane down – killing 164 people to save 70,000.

Put on trial and charged with murder, the fate of the pilot is in the audience's hands.

John Martin Productions and Trinity Theatre Productions present Tunbridge Wells's first site-specific, immersive piece of theatre.

Taking place in an actual courtroom in a secret location in Tunbridge Wells, this promises to be a thrilling and intimate drama where audiences determine the verdict and the fate of the defendant. With only 48 seats available for each performance, sign up now for Jury Service! Enter the courtroom. Hear the evidence. Make your judgement.

■ ANNA TOWNER EXHIBITION

On until Thur 30 May 2019

Venue: G&C Gallery

Event Link: www.gcgallery.co.uk/events/anna-towner-exhibition

Anna Towner, an artist living and working in Kent, presents her work at the G&C Gallery on Camden Road. Featuring striking paintings of women in both modern day and vintage styles, this exhibition is a must-see.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 30 May 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

Live, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in May and runs until the end of September each year.

As close to perfect as it could be!

■ NT LIVE: ALL ABOUT EVE

Thu 30 May 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Broadcast from London's West End, this new production asks why our fascination with celebrity, youth and identity never seems to get old.

■ COMEDY AT VITTLE & SWIG

Thu 30 May 2019

Venue: Vittle & Swig, Camden Road

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

With Lonestar Comedy, booking advisable, call 01892 544522.

■ KEVIN CLIFTON: BURN THE FLOOR

Fri 31 May 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

Combining jaw-dropping choreography and ground-breaking moves, Burn the Floor brings, infectious and rebellious energy to the stage.

Starring Strictly Come Dancing's favourite Kevin Clifton, and new heart-throb, Graziano Di Prima. Romantic Waltz, futuristic Foxtrot, passionate Tango the emotional power of the Cha Cha, the Samba and Jive, and the smoking, irresistible Rumba.

■ SOUL NIGHT

Fri 31 May 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

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

■ FIESTA LATINA

Fri 31 May 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Ticket includes one drink & Reggaeton/Salsa lesson (Beginners level/ couples, groups, singles all welcome, just bring your energy!) music and fun all night.

■ LIVE JAZZ NIGHT

Fri 31 May 2019

Venue: The Spa Hotel

Event Link: www.spahotel.co.uk/2019/03/28/live-jazz-night-2/

Enjoy dinner and drinks in The Chandelier Restaurant with live Jazz from the amazing 'The Violet Jive'.

Music is from 8.00pm. until 10.00pm. Food served until 9.30pm.

JUNE

■ FREE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TASTER SESSIONS

2, 3 & 5 June 2019

Venue: Britten's Music, Grove Hill Road

Event link: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/brittens-music-19771756212

If you've ever wanted to play an instrument or gave up years ago and want to pick it up where you left off, Britten's Music are offering free adult taster sessions in their music rooms. Check link for times and instrument types.

■ THE COUNTERFEIT STONES

Sat 01 June 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

It's phoney rock 'n' roll and you'll like it!

■ TAILSPIN

Sat 01 June 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/thebeaunash/events/
Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 01 June to Sun 02 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

A pleasant way to while away a morning and early afternoon every other weekend, experience the hustle and bustle of The Pantiles Market.

■ SHOW STOPPERS: WADHURST BRASS BAND & FRIENDS

Sat 01 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Devotees of musicals are in for a treat as Wadhurst Brass Band brings West End favourites for a charity concert in aid of Cancer Research UK. With music and songs from Les Miserables, Sweet Charity, Carousel and Oklahoma! - this brilliant brass band will entertain all, with its repertoire of traditional, popular and modern music.

■ RACE FOR LIFE

Sun 02 June 2019

Venue: Dunorlan Park

Event Link: www.raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/find-an-event/dunorlan-park-5k-2019-06-02-0000

This is a 5k for everyone. Thousands of people uniting with one purpose - to raise valuable funds for life-saving research.

■ SUPPORT LOCAL SUMMER FAIR

Sun 02 June 2019

Venue: One Warwick Park Hotel, Chapel Place

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

Support Local pop up markets are 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 02 June and Wed 05 June 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.paulduntonandguests.com/events

Paul Dunton & Guests presents a series of candlelit showcases of the area's finest soloists and acoustic bands. With 4 acts at each show, representing a multitude of styles and genres, audiences are treated to an exceptional night of songwriting and musicianship. Paul Dunton & Guests takes place most Wednesdays and Sundays. Published acts may change.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 06 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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Live, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in May and runs until the end of September each year. As close to perfect as it could be!

■ STAND UP: ROB BECKETT

Fri 07 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/events/rob-beckett-work-in-progress
Rob Beckett, Work in Progress, a night of stand up, testing out his new routine - see it first!

■ MY FIRST BALLET: SLEEPING BEAUTY

Sat 08 June to Sun 09 June 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

As a baby, Princess Aurora is cursed: on her 16th birthday, she will prick her finger on a spinning wheel. Enjoy the classic fairy tale ballet, in this new version, created for children aged 3+. With a narrator for the young audience, and shortened music, this is the perfect introduction to the beauty of ballet. Performed by second-year students of English National Ballet School, our My First Ballet series has been enjoyed by over 290,000 people since its creation in 2012.

Saturday: 12.00 and 4.00pm, Sunday: 11.00am and 3.00pm.

■ KHARMA & THE DEVIL

Sat 08 June 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/thebeaunash/events/
Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ CRAZY JEAN'S SOAPBOX RACE

Sat 08 June 2019

Venue: Dunorlan Park

Event Link: www.crazyjeansevents.com/

Following the success of 2018, Crazy Jean's return for another outing of the fantastic soapbox races, all proceeds for local charities, a brilliant fun day out for all the family.

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS COLLECTORS' FAIR

Sat 08 June 2019

Venue: King Charles Church Hall, Warwick Park

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

■ DOLLS

Sat 08 June 2019

Venue: Sussex Arms

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

DOLLS' own brand of infectious grunge-punk is fuelled by Jade (guitar and vocals) and Bel (drums and vocals).

■ INTO THE BLUE

Sat 08 June 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Live music at The Grey Lady.

■ PANTILES VINTAGE FESTIVAL

Sat 08 June to Sun 09 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com

An open air vintage festival in glorious historical surroundings.

■ TAKE THAT: GREATEST HITS

Sat 08 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Celebrating 30 incredible years, Take That are bringing their spectacular 2019 Greatest Hits tour to cinemas for one night only! Broadcast live from their last UK concert of the tour, this highly anticipated show promises to be their best yet.

■ INDEPENDENT FARMERS MARKET

Sat 08 June 2019

Venue: Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM/

Held in Market Square off Camden Road. Fresh produce, plants, hot food. Market Square is behind Royal Victoria Place, can be accessed through RVP Food Hall or directly from Camden Road.

■ ROYAL BALLET: ROMEO & JULIET

Tue 11 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers encounter passion and tragedy in Kenneth MacMillan's 20th-century ballet masterpiece.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 13 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

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■ OPEN AIR CINEMA - BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Fri 14 June 2019

Venue: The Spa Hotel

Event Link: www.spahotel.co.uk/2019/03/26/open-air-cinema/

Open Air Cinema is back with a bang, screening the hugely popular, recently released Bohemian Rhapsody! Food and drink from 7pm, the film starts after sunset (approx 9.30pm).

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS POETRY FESTIVAL

Fri 14 June to Sun 16 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.tunbridgewellspoetryfestival.co.uk

Back for a second year, the Tunbridge Wells Poetry Festival will be exploring both local and national poetic talent in a programme of exciting events.

■ CIVIC SOCIETY: AN INTRODUCTION TO ART NOUVEAU ARCHITECTURE

Thu 13 June 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells Town Hall

Event Link: www.thecivicsociety.org/Civic103.htm

Ian Gledhill returns with a well illustrated consideration of the astonishing flowering of the architectural style that flourished briefly around 1900, particularly in Belgium and France. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

■ LIVING DANGEROUSLY: SIR RANULPH FIENNES

Fri 14 June 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

Both light-hearted and strikingly poignant, the evening covers Sir Ranulph's childhood and school misdemeanours, his army life and expeditions, right through his goal to become the first person to cross both polar ice caps and climb the highest mountain on each of the 7 continents.

■ MANOEUVRES

Fri 14 June 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

MANOEUVRES are Europe's premier tribute to OMD one of the most influential and original bands to emerge from the early days of synth pop in the late 1970's.

■ JIMMY CARR: TERRIBLY FUNNY

Sat 15 June 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

One of the best-loved comedians in the world with his brand-new tour for 2019 and 2020, Terribly Funny.

■ GAZ COOMBES SOLO

Sat 15 June 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/events/2019-06-15-gaz-coombes-solo-the-forum

Former frontman of Supergrass, a Brit-pop elder statesman, a pop songwriter who is ready to explore new territory without swearing off his allegiance to melody.

■ GROSVENOR ROAD

Sat 15 June 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS RECORD FAIR

Sat 15 June 2019

Venue: King Charles Church Hall

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

1000's of records and CDs for sale from dealers from across the South-East, free entry.

■ SCREENING OF SWAN LAKE

Fri 15 June to Sat 16 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/events/matthew-bournes-swan-lake

Screening of Matthew Bourne's critically acclaimed ballet filmed at Sadler's Wells, thrilling, audacious and witty production.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 15 June to Sun 16 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

A pleasant way to while away a morning and early afternoon every other weekend, experience the hustle and bustle of The Pantiles Market.

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS YARD SALE

Sat 15 June 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells

Event Link: www.twyardsale.co.uk/

The Tunbridge Wells town-wide Yard Sale is effectively a car boot sale in a front garden, driveway, garage or porch. A fantastic opportunity to pick up bargains and spot future treasures!

■ SUPERCAR SESSION

Sun 16 June 2019

Venue: Dunorlan Park

Event Link: www.facebook.com/events/617794741891975/

A car show for enthusiasts and owners to enjoy the sights and sounds of each other's pride and joys.



■ KENT CC VS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CC: COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP DIV 1

Mon 17 June to Thu 20 June 2019

Venue: Nevill Cricket Ground

Event Link: www.kentcricket.co.uk/fixtures-and-results

■ K&S POETRY: PHILIP GROSS

Tue 18 June 2019

Venue: The Bedford, High Street TN1 1UX

Event Link: www.kentandsussexpoetry.com/monthly-meetings/

Public readings of the Kent and Sussex Poetry Society are open to all and take place every third Tuesday .

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 20 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

Live, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in May and runs until the end of September each year.

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■ SCREENING: THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

Thu 20 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/events/

Staged at the beautiful and iconic Globe Theatre in London, this new production of The Merry Wives of Windsor broadcast live to cinemas, featuring exclusive behind-the-scenes insights into the play.

■ BLACK DEER FESTIVAL

Fri 21 June to Sun 23 June 2019

Venue: Eridge Park

Event Link: www.blackdeerfestival.com

A journey into the world of Americana & Country. Amazing headline and up and coming acts at one of the UK's hottest new festivals. Immerse yourselves in the community, music, food and storytelling of a culture like no other.

■ GEZ GOLD

Sat 22 June 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ BOOGIE NIGHTS

Sat 22 June 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

■ GIN & JAZZ

Sat 22 June to Sun 23 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event link: www.thepantiles.com

Come and join the best artisan gin producers at Gin & Jazz on The Pantiles, a daytime festival with over 40 stalls, superb street food and fantastic jazz sounds.

■ PANTILES GIN AND JAZZ FESTIVAL

Sat 22 June to Sun 23 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com

This event was incredibly popular last year with scores of artisan gins to choose from - spoil yourself!

■ INDEPENDENT FARMERS MARKET

Sat 22 June 2019

Venue: Tunbridge Wells, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM/

Held in Market Square off Camden Road. Fresh produce, plants, hot food. Market Square is behind Royal Victoria Place, can be accessed through RVP Food Hall or directly from Camden Road.

■ PAUL YOUNG

Wed 26 June 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

Everyone's favourite 80's crooner Paul Young is back on tour, performing his much loved album 'No Parlez', celebrating 35 years since its release.

■ MILTON JONES: WORK IN PROGRESS

Wed 26 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Clever, cutting edge, stand up comedy.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 27 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

Live, award winning Jazz on The Pantiles starts in May and runs until the end of September each year. As close to perfect as it could be!

■ NT LIVE: SMALL ISLAND

Thu 27 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

Andrea Levy's Orange Prize-winning novel, Small Island comes to life in an epic adaptation.

The play follows 3 intricately connected stories. Hortense yearns for a new life away from rural Jamaica, Gilbert dreams of becoming a lawyer, and Queenie longs to escape her Lincolnshire roots. 40 actors take to the stage of the National Theatre in this moving story. Filmed as part of NT Live's 10th birthday.

■ SOUL NIGHT

Fri 28 June 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

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

■ NIC BENNETT

Fri 28 June 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Nic Bennett is a solo/acoustic performer, who has just supported Brian McFadden (also with X Factor's Luke Friend) on his UK & Ireland tour, before opening for Suede in London.

■ THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA

Thu 27 June to Sat 29 June 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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



Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos! A stunning adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised! Direct from the West End, an Olivier Award nominated hit show. Thursday: 1.30pm and 4.00pm, Friday: 10.30am and 1.30pm, Saturday: 10.20am and 1.30pm.

■ NIGEL BAGGE

Sat 29 June 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/thebeaunash/events/
Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ SOUL TRAIN

Sat 29 June 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

Event Link: www.thepantiles.com

Get down and boogie to some funky seventies classics at Soul Train nights on The Pantiles. The perfect excuse to dance the night away!

■ THE STORY OF DOLLY PARTON

Sat 29 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

Event Link: www.trinitytheatre.net/events/the-dolly-parton-story

The Dolly Parton Story follows Dolly's incredible journey in this groundbreaking "show-umentary" format, taking you from her humble Smokey mountains beginnings to her arrival as "Queen of Country".

■ GLYNDEBOURNE: CINDERELLA

Sun 30 June 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

A new production directed by critically-acclaimed actor and director Fiona Shaw, the classic Cinderella story is told with composer Massenet's sensuous and lavish score. Glyndebourne favourite and international star Danielle de Niese plays the titular role in this glittering and colourful opera.

JULY

■ PAUL DUNTON & GUESTS

Wed 03 July 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

Event Link: www.paulduntonandguests.com/events

Paul Dunton & Guests presents a superb series of candlelit showcases of the area's finest soloists and acoustic bands. With 4 acts at each show representing a multitude of musical styles and genres, audiences are treated to an exceptional night of local music culture, songwriting and musicianship. Published acts may change.

■ RSC: TAMING OF THE SHREW

Wed 03 July 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre

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

A fierce, energetic comedy of gender and materialism.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 04 July 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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

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■ ACOUSTIC VARLIES

Sat 06 July 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

Event Link: www.facebook.com/pg/thebeunash/events/
Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ DURAN

Sat 06 July 2019

Venue: The Forum

Event Link: www.twforum.co.uk/listings/
A tribute to 80's band Duran Duran.

■ PANTILES MARKET

Sat 06 July to Sun 07 July 2019

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Support Local pop up markets are the perfect opportunity to find some different or unusual gifts and ideas, all from local producers.



■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS MELA

Sun 07 July 2019

Venue: Calverley Grounds

Event Link: www.tunbridgewellsmela.com/
A fantastic, vibrant and colourful celebration of cultures at the Tunbridge Wells Mela - a fantastic day out

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■ JAMES ACASTER

Thu 11 July 2019

Venue: Assembly Hall Theatre

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

One of comedy's most original voices, James Acaster, comes to Tunbridge Wells.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

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■ PUB IN THE PARK

Fri 12 July to Sun 14 July 2019

Venue: Dunorlan Park

Event Link: www.pubintheparkuk.com/

Pub in the Park returns for 2019 with its unique mix of gastronomy and great music acts, check website for full line ups.

■ THE VIOLET JIVE: PARTY TROPICALE

Sat 13 July 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady

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

Live music at The Grey Lady.

■ MIDNIGHT RIDER

Sat 13 July 2019

Venue: Beau Nash

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

Live music at the Beau Nash every Saturday night.

■ TUNBRIDGE WELLS COLLECTORS' FAIR

Sat 13 July 2019

Venue: King Charles Church Hall

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

■ XAVIER RALPH ALBUM LAUNCH

Sat 13 July 2019

Venue: The Forum

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

Live music at The Forum.

■ INDEPENDENT FARMERS MARKET

Sat 13 July 2019

Venue: Market Square, Camden Road

Event Link: www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM/

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■ K&S POETRY: ANNUAL OUTDOOR MEETING

Tue 16 July 2019

Venue: The Bedford, High Street, TN1 1UX

Event Link: kentandsussexpoetry.com/monthly-meetings/

Public readings of the Kent and Sussex Poetry Society are open to all and take place every third Tuesday.

■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

Thu 18 July 2019

Venue: The Pantiles

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■ ALEX GOLD

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■ JAZZ ON THE PANTILES

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Venue: The Pantiles

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■ SOUL NIGHT

Fri 26 July 2019

Venue: Beau Nash**Event Link:** www.facebook.com/pg/thebeaunash/events/

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

■ SUGARHILL GANG

Fri 26 July 2019

Venue: The Forum**Event Link:** www.twforum.co.uk/events/2019-07-26-the-sugarhill-gang-the-forum

Every time they play, it sells out fast! The amazing Sugarhill Gang return to the Forum.

■ INTO THE BLUE

Fri 26 July 2019

Venue: The Grey Lady**Event Link:** <http://www.thegreylady.co.uk/events.asp>

Live music at The Grey Lady.

■ GLYNDEBOURNE: BARBER OF SEVILLE

Fri 26 July 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre**Event Link:** www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/music-dance

Mischief and mayhem run riot in Rossini's most popular comedy. Figaro, the renowned Barber of Seville, has a cunning that knows no bounds. His playful energy is brought to life in director Annabel Arden's sparkling and springing production. This is also another chance to catch Danielle de Niese who plays the determined Rosina.

■ SOUL TRAIN

Sat 27 July 2019

Venue: The Pantiles**Event Link:** www.thepantiles.com

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■ SUPER DUPER AND THE YA YAS

Sat 27 July 2019

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■ INDEPENDENT FARMERS MARKET

Sat 27 July 2019

Venue: Market Square, Camden Road**Event Link:** www.facebook.com/TunbridgeWellsIFM/

Held in Market Square off Camden Road. Fresh produce, plants, hot food. Market Square is behind Royal Victoria Place, can be accessed through RVP Food Hall or directly from Camden Road.

■ RSC: MEASURE FOR MEASURE

Wed 31 July 2019

Venue: Trinity Theatre**Event Link:** www.trinitytheatre.net/event-category/theatre

Written in the early 1600s, Shakespeare's Measure for Measure remains astonishingly relevant today. A new production by Gregory Doran.



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.

■ COCO RETRO

www.cocoretro.com

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

■ COTE

www.cote.co.uk

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

■ CREAMS CAFÉwww.creamscafe.com

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

■ DELANEY'S PANCAKE & WAFFLE KITCHENwww.delaneyskitchen.co.uk

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

■ DON GIOVANNIwww.dongiovannitw.co.uk

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

■ ESTRO PIZZA & MOREwww.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 SQUIDwww.giggingsquid.com

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

■ GUSTAwww.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.

■ HATTUSAwww.hattusa.co.uk

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

■ IL VESUVIOwww.ilvesuvio.co.uk

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

■ ISTANBULwww.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.

■ KIKO

07542 590395

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

■ KIRTHONwww.kirthon.com

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

■ KITSUwww.kitsu.co.uk

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

■ LA FOLLIAwww.lafolliarestaurant.co.uk

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

PLACES TO EAT

- **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

Vittle & Swig specialises in contemporary British cuisine, served in a beautiful and modern interior.

■ WAGAMAMA

www.wagamama.com

Bringing Japanese classics to the high street, Wagamama is ideally located just a few minutes from the train station.

■ WOODS RESTAURANT

www.woodsrestaurant.co.uk

Freshly cooked, locally sourced, seasonal dishes feature at Woods Restaurant, the perfect place for any occasion.

■ ZIZZI

www.zizzi.co.uk

Set in a stunning listed building on the High Street with a classic wood fired oven, Zizzi serves tasty and authentic dishes.

■ ZORBA

www.zorbamezegrill.com

Taste bud-tingling Turkish cuisine in an easy-going, fun setting in the centre of the town.



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.

■ 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 BARNwww.barn-pub-rest.co.uk

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

■ THE BEDFORDwww.thebedfordtw.co.uk

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

■ THE BLACK PIGwww.theblackpig.net

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

■ THE COMMON ROOMSwww.thecommonroomsbar.com

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

■ THE DUKE OF YORKwww.dukeofyorktunbridgewells.co.uk

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

■ THE GEORGEwww.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 GUINEAwww.theguineatn1.co.uk

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

■ THE OPERA HOUSEwww.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 TAPwww.thepantiles.com/shops/the-pantiles-tap

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

■ THE PRINCE OF WALESwww.princetw.co.uk

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

■ THE RAGGED TROUSERSwww.theragged.co.uk

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

■ THE ROYAL OAK

01892 542546

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 BARwww.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 TOWNHOUSEwww.townhousetwells.com

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

■ THE VALE VAULTwww.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.

■ **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 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 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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

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

Offering fantastic value for money in a great location, the Travelodge provides a convenient base to explore.

■ **ROYAL WELLS HOTEL** www.royalwells.co.uk

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

■ **MERCURE HOTEL** www.mercuretunbridgewells.co.uk

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

■ **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 RUSSELL HOTEL** www.russell-hotel.com

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

■ **THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS RETREAT** www.tunbridgewellsretreat.com

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





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