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Exhibit A

May and June 2026



Mellony Taper

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ARTIST STATEMENT: "Bigger truths can be revealed in the telling of small stories. I am interested in the everyday, the unremarked and unrecorded, and in domestic narratives that span generations, class and circumstance. My narratives are very much a female perspective: daughters, mothers and sisters. I like the idea of the hidden histories that vintage domestic objects carry with them. I want these works to feel like inherited objects, domestic relics. I use them to present fragments of real or reimagined histories: giving hints of lives that are both familiar and strange. They are deliberately incomplete records and imperfect navigations of the ever-shifting perceptions of memory, time and experience."

MELLONY TAPER: 'ALL THIS USELESS BEAUTY'

16 May - 27 June: Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell Street, HONITON, EX14 1LX.

Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. 01404 45006 / thelmahulbert.com.

mellonytaper.com

Front cover: TOM WINTER 'VIEW OVER MUDEFORD SPIT' (Oil on canvas)

23 May - 7 June: Dorset Art Weeks venue 85, 78 Southwick Road, Iford, BOURNEMOUTH, BH6 5PU. 07836 610528 / dorsetartweeks.co.uk.

Headlines

May and June 2026



Lady Chatterley's Cover: The Book Designs of Stephen Russ

Until 30th May Chippenham Museum will be casting a spotlight on Stephen Russ, a designer, illustrator and teacher whose postwar book designs grace bookshelves across the country.

This is an opportunity to celebrate and rediscover the often overlooked design medium of the book cover, which had the power to bring contemporary art into every home.

Educated at the Royal College of Art in the 1930s Russ became the head of printed textile design at the Bath Academy of Art in Corsham. His love and talent for surface pattern design is apparent in many of his book covers. From the 1940s to 1970s Russ produced dozens of dust jacket designs for various publishing houses and authors. From standout jackets for Graham Greene first editions at Bodley Head to showcasing his versatility at Collins, with designs

ranging from nature books to the famous Collins Crime Club series.

He is perhaps best known for his work for Penguin, designing covers for their main orange series which had revolutionised publishing with inexpensive, accessible paperbacks, as well as their lesser-known series of music scores and the highly collectible Penguin Poets series.

The phoenix motif he designed for DH Lawrence's controversial *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, would become famous during the 1960 obscenity trial, appearing prominently in the subsequent marketing of the book that led to it becoming a best seller.

As well as this largely overlooked contribution Russ made to postwar design, the exhibition will look at his thirty-year career as a tutor.

His work is being brought to life at Chippenham Museum with the generous support of the Russ family alongside loans from the Penguin Archive and University of Bristol.

Suzy Rushbrook

'LADY CHATTERLEY'S COVER'

Until 30 May

Chippenham Museum, 9 - 10 Market Place, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 3HF. Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm. 01249 705020 / chippenham.gov.uk.



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Headlines



ALEX LOWERY 'WEST BAY 327' (Oil on canvas, 50 x 110 cm, 2026)

Beyond Words

In a celebration of Dorset and the artists who thrive in the county, *Beyond Words* brings the brilliance of ALEX LOWERY's paintings together with the quiet beauty of YO THOM's latest pottery and the lean, lovely lines of PETTER SOUTHALL's furniture to the galleries at Sladers Yard.

Alex Lowery's stunning new paintings of Portland and West Bay return to familiar places with new eyes. Looking over rooftops towards the sweeping coastline of Lyme Bay and the sea, with Portland misty in the distance, our eyes are drawn to planes of colour and light. Unpeopled, but full of the evidence of people, these paintings hold our attention in play. They take the eye around and through the image, from foreground to background, from rough foliage and the angled surfaces of buildings to luminous seas and sky, from the contemporary to the timeless and from the concrete to the infinite.

Moving back and forth in the space between naturalism and abstraction, Alex Lowery's paintings seduce us with texture and light. Whether it is the cliffs of West Bay and the rooftops around Pier Terrace, the road that rides the ridge of Portland or indeed L'Estaque near Marseille, he finds the beauty in light on tarmac, in corrugated iron and chimney pots in these seaside places. His compositions lead us through a

nexus of buildings whose details may be more or less abstracted. Ways through down to the beach are implied. Buildings may or may not look back at us through their windows. Unusual colours may be more accurate than we have noticed. Sometimes it takes looking at an Alex Lowery painting to realise how things really look.

Yo Thom's most recent studio pottery introduces new forms and designs. In addition to the very popular small and tender domestic pots that have made her name, she has been working on larger pieces which still retain her gentle aesthetic. The results are gorgeous platters, vases and tsubos, decorated in the enchanting



YO THOM 'SMALL WALLED DISHES'

sgraffito patterns she has developed inspired by the folding Dorset landscape.

Yo Thom's pieces interpret her beautiful rural surroundings in a style inspired by patchwork-style recycled Japanese folk textiles called 'boro'. Yo works in stoneware which is thrown, slabbed, coiled and pinched. Her distinctive soft-looking finishes are created using sgraffito techniques on an indigo slip partially covered with white glaze. Her pieces are functional and made to enhance food culture.

Petter Southall responds to superb natural timber with furniture designs that combine an exciting fluidity of line with tactile textures and physical strength. Satisfying, practical and original, his furniture is enhanced with understated and brilliantly judged detailing. Using a combination of boat-building and fine cabinetmaking techniques his work is built to last and to age beautifully. He uses ethically sourced timber and natural finishes, with an emphasis on harmony with the human body. Through skilful joinery and the use of mostly solid timber he avoids reliance on glues and composites which may not stand the test of time and can produce emissions.

9 May - 4 July: Sladers Yard, WEST BAY, Bridport, DT6 4EL. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4.30pm. 01308 459511 / sladersyard.co.uk.

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TOR EIGELAND: 60 YEARS BEHIND THE LENS

Tuesday 14 April - Thursday 21 May
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DorchesterArts

01305 266926 | dorchesterarts.org.uk
The Corn Exchange Gallery, High East Street,
Dorchester DT1 1HF

Tincleton Gallery

contemporary music & fine art in Dorset

Spring 2026

gallery & guest artists

Sat 13 Feb – Sun 12 July 2026



*“Rocky Inlet Off East Scotland”
oil on linen, by Kim Pragnell*

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Saturday and Sunday or by appointment • 10am - 4pm
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“Form & Function”

18th April to 27th June 2026



Nicky Knowles RWA



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04 APRIL - 10 MAY

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 **BlackSwanArts**
40th Anniversary

Headlines



Django Chutney

Django Chutney have been described as a virtuosic gypsy-jazz 'manouche et trois', with equal parts due respect for the genre, unruly chaotic energy and a huge dose of tongue-in-cheek humour.

The Brighton-based trio have been blowing away audiences since 2021. They create tightly woven, three-part vocal harmonies reminiscent of 1930s and 1940s American vocal groups the Mills Brothers and the Ink Spots.

This is combined with ridiculous guitar show-offery and double bass solos that drag Pops Fosters' slap technique kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

An infectious love of performing - whether it's jazz, blues, folk or Black Sabbath - has helped propel this trio into a non-stop run of shows around the festivals, pubs and jazz clubs of the UK, Europe and Japan.

Their repertoire is seemingly firmly rooted in the '30s Hot Club de France era, but will suddenly transport you through decades and styles from New Orleans jazz to Chicago blues and Parisian musette, effortlessly, respectfully, but most importantly, with true joie de vivre.

17 May: Marine Theatre, Church Street, LYME REGIS, DT7 3QB. 8pm. £18 / £16. 01308 424901 / marinetheatre.com.



HAMISH YOUNG 'TORN ENVELOPE NO. 1' (Solo Exhibition Winner, Open 2024)

Black Swan Arts Open 2026

The Open is Black Swan Arts' flagship exhibition, and artists and makers working across all disciplines and media are now invited to submit their entries.

Founded in 1986, Black Swan Arts has played a central role in Frome's cultural life for four decades. To mark its 40th anniversary, this year's Open will be shaped by a carefully chosen panel of guest selectors and judges drawn from across the contemporary arts, all independent of the organisation's Board and Programming Group. This approach allows for a thoughtful, open-minded and rigorous selection process.

Bringing together artists at different stages of their careers from the region and beyond, the 2026 Open aims to be bigger, broader and more ambitious than ever.

Selected works will be exhibited in the Long Gallery at Black Swan Arts from Saturday 8th August to Sunday 27th September 2026, accompanied by an exciting programme of talks and events.

The Open 2026 is now open for entries and will close for entries on Monday 1st June.

blackswanarts.org.uk

Diary Dates



THE MONOCHROME SET

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3 July

The Tree House, FROME.
cheeseandgrain.com

POTFEST

3 - 5 July

Turnpike Showground, SHAFTESBURY.
potfest.co.uk

SWANAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

10 - 12 July

swanagejazzfestival.co.uk

DORSET OPERA FESTIVAL

21 - 25 July

Coade Theatre, BRYANSTON, Blandford.
dorsetopera.com

MUCHELNEY POTTERY OPEN DAY

25 July

johnleachpottery.co.uk

DEVON OPEN STUDIOS 2026

6 - 21 September

Locations throughout DEVON.
devonartistnetwork.co.uk

B-SIDE FESTIVAL

10 - 13 September

Locations throughout PORTLAND.
b-side.org.uk

SOMERSET ART WEEKS 2026

19 September - 4 October

Locations throughout SOMERSET.
somerstartworks.org.uk



The Pound

Art in Motion: *The Everyday*

Opening Night: Thursday 7 May, 6.30pm
8 May - 6 June

James Cockerill: *Part Of*

Opening Night: Friday 12 June, 6.30pm
13 June - 18 July

The Pound Arts Centre, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9HX

(01249) 701628 | poundarts.org.uk | @poundarts



Visual Arts

May and June 2026



URSULA LEACH 'MODERN AGRICULTURE' (Oil on canvas, 122 x 122 cm)

Landscape: An Alternative View

"As the title suggests, this exhibition features a selection of work that demonstrates a very different approach to the traditional landscape paintings which are so familiar. Paintings by Elaine Collett, Ursula Leach, Tonia Gunstone, Pennie Elfick and Day Bowman, ceramics by Stephanie Carlton, and photographs by Kirsten Cooke."

Until 9 May: The Slade Centre, The Square, GILLINGHAM, SP8 4AY. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 3pm, Saturday 9.30am - 2pm. thesladecentre.com.

'LOOKING FOR APPEARANCE'

Until 2 May

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell Street, HONITON, EX14 1LX. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. 01404 45006. "Unique opportunity to view 30 contemporary works alongside important historic works by artists including Claude Rogers and William Coldstream, where observation and personal processes are used to explore visual appearances."

SALLY MCLAREN: 'A PASSION FOR PRINTMAKING'

Until 2 May

Sladers Yard Gallery, West Bay Road, WEST BAY, Bridport, DT6 4EL. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm. sladersyard.co.uk. "Solo retrospective printmaking show that fills the gallery with glorious colourful works."

'A SENSE OF PLACE'

Until 2 May

The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. Monday - Friday 9am - 9.30pm. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk. Photographs.

STEPHEN YATES

Until 3 May

Walford Mill Crafts, Knobcrook Road, WIMBORNE, BH21 1NL. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm. walfordmillcrafts.co.uk.

ALAN COTTON

Until 4 May

Kennaway House, SIDMOUTH, EX10 8NG. 10am - 4pm. 01395 568601 / alancotton.co.uk.

'SOUTH WEST ACADEMY VISITS LYME'

Until 7 May

Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, LYME REGIS, DT7 3PU. 10.30am - 4pm. townmill.org.uk. "Contemporary paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, photography, printmaking, abstraction, landscapes, and portraits."

'OBSERVE'

Until 9 May

White Chalk Gallery, 5 Old Swan Yard, DEVIZES, SN10 1AT. Thursday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. 07398 970439 / whitechalkgallery.co.uk. "Exquisite wildlife paintings by Hazel Mountford and ceramics by Karen Fawcett. Delve closer into the detail of these two incredible artists' work who capture the essence of our lively animal kingdom."



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'UN/Common People: Folk Culture in Wessex'

Until 10 May

The Salisbury Museum, The Kings House, 65 The Close, SALISBURY, SP1 2EN. 10am - 5pm. 01722 332151 / salisburymuseum.org.uk. "Celebrating the rich folk art, traditions and seasonal customs of Wessex, this exhibition explores how folk culture has been shaped by communities past and present."

PHILLIP LAI: 'RAIN / RUIN'

Until 10 May

Spike Island, 133 Cumberland Road, BRISTOL, BS1 6UX. 12noon - 5pm. 0117 929 2266 / spikeisland.org.uk.

OLUKEMI LIJADU: 'FEEDBACK'

Until 10 May

Spike Island, 133 Cumberland Road, BRISTOL, BS1 6UX. 12noon - 5pm. 0117 929 2266 / spikeisland.org.uk. "Solo exhibition by Nigerian-British artist, filmmaker and DJ Olukeni Lijadu. Developed through extensive research in Chicago, Lagos, and Bristol, 'Feedback' centres around a major film commission and marks a landmark in the artist's moving image practice."

'THINK XL'

Until 10 May

Black Swan Arts, 2 Bridge Street, FROME, BA11 1BB. Monday - Sunday 10am - 4pm. blackswanarts.org.uk.



SPRING ART EXHIBITION

Until 12 May

The Gallery Upstairs, Upton Country Park, POOLE, BH17 7BJ. 9.30am - 4pm. thegalleryupstairs.org.uk.

Above: Sally Holland 'Provencal town' (Oil, 40 x 39 cm)

'VERNAL'

Until 16 May

Studio 3 Gallery, Clevedon Craft Centre, Moor Lane, CLEVEDON, BS21 6TD. 10am - 4pm. studiothree.art.



'CHEQUE PLEASE' (Screenprint, 40 x 40 cm)

Paul Cleden: Lines in Motion

"This exhibition bursts with the energy of Paul Cleden's prints. Bold, flowing linocuts and multi-block prints turn everyday scenes into lively, dynamic compositions. The exhibition offers a glimpse into his process, where gesture, line, and layering come together to tell stories. Visitors can feel the movement, rhythm, and life in each hand-pulled print, experiencing the storytelling that makes his work so distinctive. Paul has also begun a series of studies at Muchelney Pottery with a view to producing a brand new collection of prints to be launched at the pottery's open day on 25th July."

Until 30 May: Muchelney Pottery, MUCHELNEY, near Langport, TA10 0DW. Monday - Saturday 10am - 1pm and 2 - 4pm. johnleachpottery.co.uk.

paulcleden.co.uk

PARTNERS IN ART

Frome Art Society's Spring Exhibition

BlackSwanArts
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2 Bridge Street, BA11 1BB
blackswanarts.org.uk
fromeartsociety.com

PREVIEW
Friday 15 May
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ALL WELCOME

EXHIBITION DATES
16 May - 21 June 2026
Monday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm
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Blandford Art Society

Submissions for our 2026 Open Exhibition will be open from 1 June to 12 July

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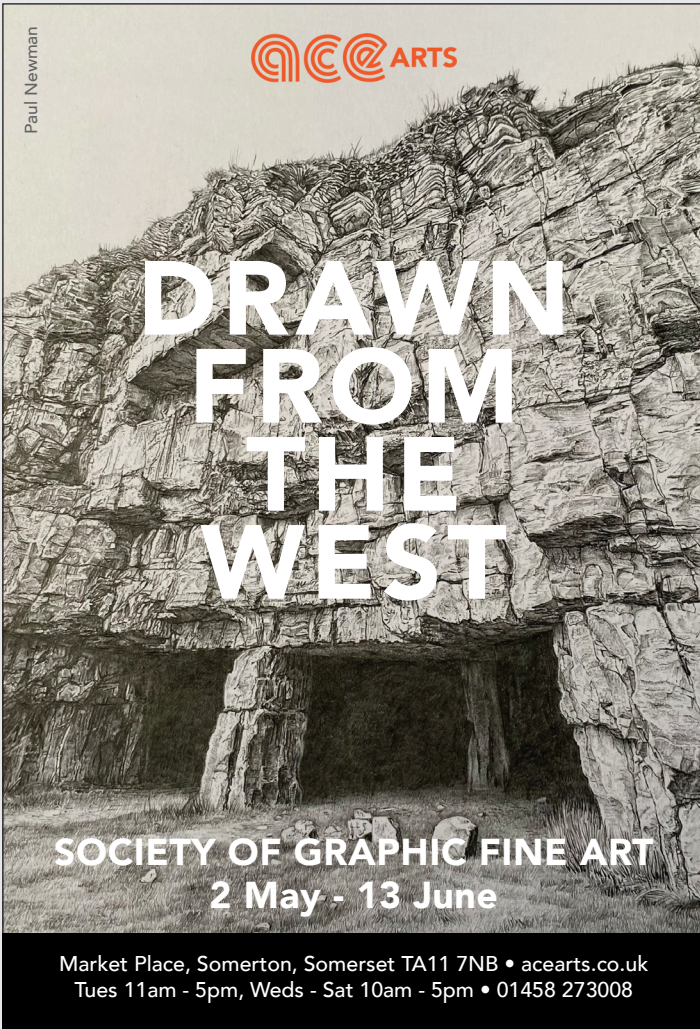
Featuring work by guest artist Jack Dickson, the exhibition will run from Saturday 15 to Friday 21 August 2026 in the Corn Exchange, Blandford Forum

blandfordsociety.weebly.com

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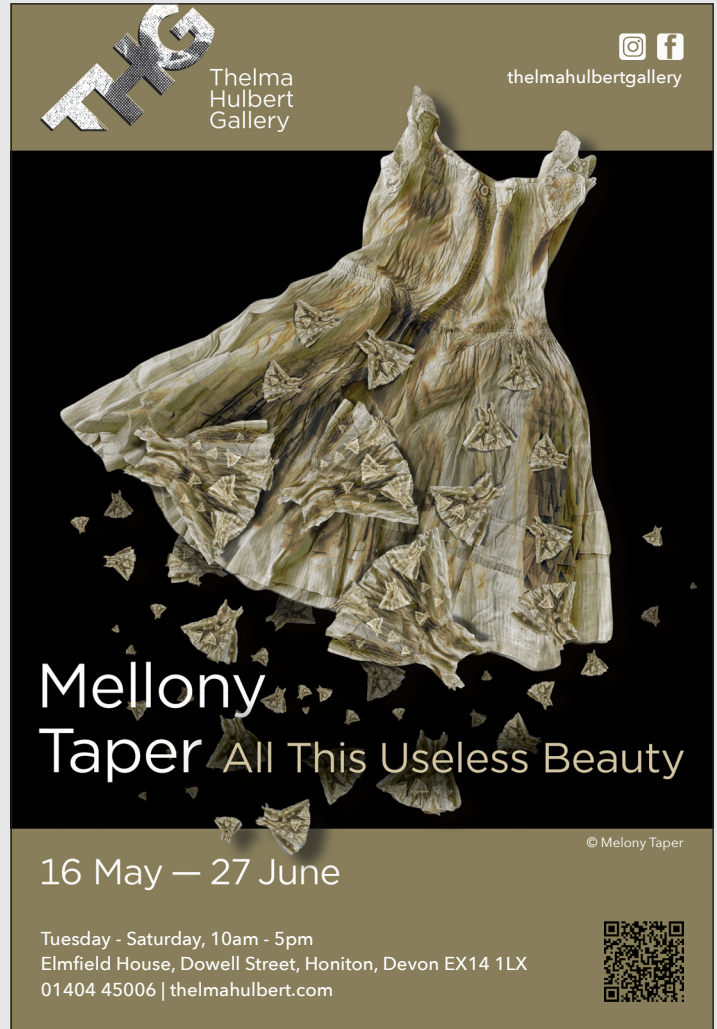


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THG Thelma Hulbert Gallery
[thelmahulbertgallery](http://thelmahulbertgallery.com)




Mellony Taper All This Useless Beauty

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16 May — 27 June

Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm
Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton, Devon EX14 1LX
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Visual Arts

'SKIN & BLISTERS'

Until 16 May

Fisherton Mill, 108 Fisherton Street, SALISBURY, SP2 7QY. Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 5pm. 01722 500200 / fishertonmill.co.uk. "Paintings, ceramics and digital art by artist sisters Rebecca Harris and Elizabeth Lee."

DAVID MANKIN: 'PORTALS'

Until 16 May

The Vanner Gallery, 45 High Street, SALISBURY, SP1 2PB. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. 01722 501551 / vannergallery.com.

FRIENDS OF THE RWA

Until 17 May

Link Space, RWA, Queen's Road, BRISTOL, BS8 1PX. Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm. rwa.org.uk. "Exhibition by thriving community of artists."

'COLLECTION'

Until 17 May

Sou'-Sou'-West Gallery, Manor Yard, Symonds Estate, SYMONDSBURY, Bridport, DT6 6HG. 10.30am - 3.30pm. 01308 301326 / sousouwest.co.uk.

DAVID BROOKE

Until 20 May

Jenny Penney Local Makers Shop & Gallery, Mangerton Mill, Mangerton Lane, BRIDPORT, DT6 3SG. 10am - 4pm. jennypenneyart.net.

TOR EIGELAND: '60 YEARS BEHIND THE LENS'

Until 21 May

The Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 3pm. dorchesterarts.org.uk. "At the age of 16 Tor Eigeland took time off school to work as a deckhand on a merchant ship and began a lifetime travelling the world. His discovery of photography set him on course for an extraordinary career as a photojournalist."

JOSS BARRATT: 'BRIDGWATER SKITTLES'

Until 21 May

The Engine Room, 50 High Street, BRIDGWATER, TA6 3BL. Monday, Wednesday - Friday 10am - 3.30pm. 01278 433187 / somersetfilm.com.

'MAKE LIGHT OF IT'

Until 29 May

The Little Gallery, 1 The Parade, MARLBOROUGH, SN8 1NE. Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm. winsorbirch.com. "Anna Simmons reflects on the relationship between light and dark, and the quiet beauty found within everyday moments."



KATIE JONES 'SELF PORTRAIT'

Cheddar Arts Trail

"The early May bank holiday weekend sees the return of the Cheddar Arts Fringe Festival. Since starting in 2015, CHAFF is now celebrating its biggest event yet, with 44 artists exhibiting their work at 19 locations around Cheddar village. This year, CHAFF welcomes 16 new members, including Katie Jones, a finalist in the 2025 Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year competition. The Cheddar Arts Trail features many talented artists and craftspeople, with a wide variety of arts and crafts on display and for sale. You'll find potters, painters, jewellers, photographers, sculptors, and writers, all eager to share their work. Alongside viewing art, visitors can also explore their own creativity by joining a range of free and paid workshops and activities at different locations throughout the weekend."

2 - 4 May: Locations in and around CHEDDAR, Somerset, BS27. 10.30am - 4.30pm. cheddarartists.com.

JOHN LOWE: 'HOUSE PORTRAITS'

Until 31 May

Athelhampton House, Athelhampton Road, PUDDLETOWN, Dorchester, DT2 7LG. 10am - 5pm. 01305 848363 / athelhampton.com.

'WATER WAYS'

Until 31 May

The Shippon Gallery, Hook Farm, CHARDSTOCK, Axminster, EX13 7DD. Thursday - Sunday 12noon - 5pm. 01460 220021. "Members of the artist-led group BHAAM reflect on their relationship with water and the 'water ways' of the Blackdown Hills."

FRANCES HATCH: 'SENSING PLACE'

Until 6 June

Bridport Arts Centre, 9 South Street, BRIDPORT, DT6 3NR. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm. 01308 424204 / bridport-arts.com. "Working outside and combining found materials with water-based media, such as watercolour, acrylic and gouache, Hatch allows the weather - rain, snow, humidity, wind, sun - to participate in the shaping of the work."



'JOHN PIPER IN THE SOUTH COUNTRY'

Until 7 June

Wiltshire Museum, 41 Long Street, DEVIZES, SN10 1NS. Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. 01380 727369 / wiltshireremuseum.org.uk. "The first ever exhibition devoted to showing how the late artist John Piper (1903 - 1992) responded to the landscape and architecture of Wiltshire and Dorset."

'FORM AND FUNCTION'

Until 27 June

The Pedestal Gallery, 3 Stony Street, FROME, BA11 1BU. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm. 07889 597637 / thepedestalgallery.co.uk. "Painting and collages by Nicky Knowles and Eddie Martin, ceramics by Ruthanne Tudball, Wayne Clark, Francis Lloyd-Jones and Phoebe Smith, alongside resident artists."

Exhibit A

Artists and photographers are invited to submit work for next issue's page 3 Exhibit A by emailing images to: simon@evolver.org.uk

Cathy Veale

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

23rd - 30th May

THE MEETING ROOM, MARINE VILLAS, SWANAGE PIER, BH19 2AP
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SUMMER 2026

Visual Arts

KIT GLAISYER: 'VIEWS ACROSS LYME BAY'

Until 30 June
Bridport Contemporary, 11 Downes Street, BRIDPORT, DT6 3JR. Saturday 10am - 3pm. kitglaisyer.com.

'SPRING 2026'

Until 12 July
Tincton Gallery, The Old School House, TINCLETON, near Dorchester, DT2 8QR. Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm. tinctongallery.com. "Mixed show by Tincton Gallery artists Imogen Bittner, Kim Pragnell, Mary Gillett, Philippa Headley, and Ruth Ander, plus guest artists Johannes von Stumm, Alison Wear, Almuth Tebbenhoff, and Ruth Chapman."



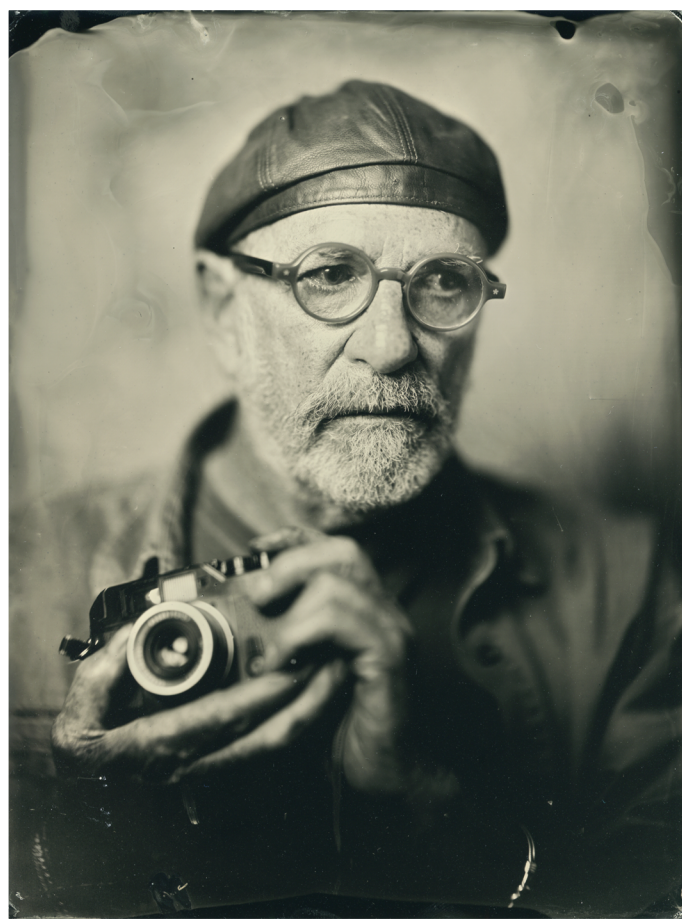
'HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION'

Until 9 August
RAMM, Queen Street, EXETER, EX4 3RX. Tuesday 10.30am - 5pm, Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm. Free entry. rammuseum.org.uk. "Highlights from RAMM's rich and varied fine art collection, dating from the 1400s to the present day."

Above: Nahem Shoa 'Portrait of Des'

'FLOWER FAIRIES: ENCHANTMENT BY THE SEA'

Until 4 October
Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum, East Cliff, BOURNEMOUTH, BH1 3AA. 10am - 5pm. £12.50 / £6. 01202 128000 / russellcotes.com. "Admire Cicely Mary Barker's original Flower Fairies artworks, alongside preparatory sketches and landscapes of Dorset. For generations, these enchanting illustrations have blended botanical detail with fairy magic, captivating imaginations worldwide."



TREVOR TOMS

(Self portrait photograph using the collodion wet plate process, August 2025)

3 Photographers

"Landscapes, street and contemporary photography by Tony Bates, Martin Black and Trevor Toms, a group of dynamic photographers returning for the second year to show their new and creative work."

10 - 23 June: The Gallery, Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Bell Street, SHAFTESBURY, SP7 8AR. 10am - 4pm. 01747 855243 / shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk.

'COLOURS OF LIGHT'

25 April - 6 May
Eype Centre for the Arts, Mount Lane, EYPE, Bridport, DT6 6AR. 10am - 4.30pm. jennypenneyart.net. "Work by Jenny Penney, Lindsey J Cole, Katy Tunstall, and Gillian McCormick."

JANE MUTH AND KEVIN SMITH

27 April - 10 May
Duchess of Cornwall Inn, Queen Mother Square, POUNDBURY, DT1 3DD. 10am - 9pm. 07956 020165 / artattheduchess.com. "Landscapes and skies."

PETER URSEM: 'EYE HEART HAND'

28 April - 22 May
Ilminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, East Street, ILMINSTER, TA19 0AN. Tuesday - Saturday 9.30am - 3pm. ilminsterartscentre.com. "Peter Ursem is known for his relief printmaking, in particular multi-coloured lino prints and recently also wood engravings, but he also works in charcoal and oil paints, and writes poetry and fiction."

'A FEAST FOR THE EYES'

29 April - 5 May
The Gallery, Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Bell Street, SHAFTESBURY, SP7 8AR. 10am - 4pm. 01747 855243. "Art with food at its heart."

'DISCERN'

29 April - 17 May
Sou'-Sou'-West Gallery, Manor Yard Symonds Estate, BRIDPORT, DT6 6HG. 10.30am - 4.30pm. 01308 301326 / sousouwest.co.uk. "Kimmy Thomson, David Chilton and Pamela Gregg present a mixed show featuring mosaic, paintings, glass, mixed collage and ceramic sculpture."

SPIKE ISLAND OPEN STUDIOS 2026

1 - 3 May
Spike Island, 133 Cumberland Road, BRISTOL, BS1 6UX. 11am - 5pm. 0117 929 2266 / spikeisland.org.uk. "Visitors are invited to explore the building's network of artist studios, galleries and creative businesses within the former tea-packing factory."

'WOMAN LIFE FREEDOM'

1 - 3 May
Hours, 10 Colston Yard, BRISTOL, BS1 5BD. Friday 6 - 9pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am - 5pm. 07766 054659 / hours-space.com.

DORSET INDEPENDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS

1 - 17 May
Sou'-Sou'-West Gallery, Manor Yard Symonds Estate, BRIDPORT, DT6 6HG. 10.30am - 4.30pm. 01308 301326 / sousouwest.co.uk.

BULL MILL STUDIO 'FIRST SATURDAY'

2 May
Bull Mill Studio, Bull Lane, CROCKERTON, Warminster, BA12 8AY. 10am - 5pm. 07730 400784 / nickandrew.co.uk / tanyahinton.co.uk. "Open studio exhibition featuring contemporary landscape painting and drawing by Nick Andrew, wildlife art on reclaimed wood by Tanya Hinton, and jewellery by Stephanie Gilbert."

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PAUL DENHAM AND VICTORIA MEADOWS

2 - 22 May

Artwave West, MORCOMBELAKE, DT6 6DY. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. artwavewest.com. "Paul Denham's subtle moorland oil paintings contrast beautifully with Victoria Meadows' intricate ceramics, where tactile forms and textures reflect their deep connection to nature."

'DRAWN FROM THE WEST'

2 May - 13 June

ACE Arts, Market Place, SOMERTON, TA11 7NB. Tuesday 11am - 5pm, Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. 01458 273008 / acearts.co.uk. "Drawing is fundamental to the Society of Graphic Fine Art's activities, and the work here represents a range of subjects executed using pencils or brushes, engraving or etching tools, threads or pens and ink, all to translate inspiring ideas into drawings."



CLAIRE WESTERN: 'SPRING TIDE'

4 - 9 May

The Pop-Up, 31 Fore Street, WELLINGTON, TA21 8AG. 10am - 4pm. 07518 753790 / clairewesternart.co.uk. "Vibrant and evocative exhibition of landscapes and seascapes."

IAN MASON: 'THE LONG GOODBYE'

4 - 30 May

Bridgwater Arts Centre, 11 - 13 Castle Street, BRIDGWATER, TA6 3DD. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 3pm. bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk. "Intimate and deeply personal photographs."

KATY RUNDLE: 'PAINTING WITH TEXTILES'

6 - 12 May

The Gallery, Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Bell Street, SHAFTESBURY, SP7 8AR. 10am - 4pm. 01747 855243 / shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk. "Embroidered textile collages celebrating life, light and nature."



PETE FRENCH 'BLACKWALL REACH, LONDON' (Oil on board, 44 x 60 cm)

Frome Art Society: Partners in Art

"Frome Art Society present their annual summer exhibition this year entitled *Partners in Art* in the Long Gallery to mark the Black Swan's 40th anniversary. The Society has stood alongside the Black Swan since its inception. We hope to showcase various members by having an 'Artist at Work' feature. The Society will be showing work from around fifty different artists. All are Society members who live in and around Frome and come together to paint, to learn and to share ideas and inspiration. The work on show reflects their diversity and includes paintings and drawings in a variety of styles. Artists range from experienced professionals to beginners who may be showing their work for the first time."

16 May - 21 June: The Long Gallery, Black Swan Arts, 2 Bridge Street, FROME, BA11 1BB. 10am - 4pm. 07886759527 / fromeartsociety.com.

'AN ANCIENT LIGHT IN THE DARK'

6 - 17 May

Walford Mill Crafts, Stone Lane, WIMBORNE, BH21 1NL. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm. 01202 841400 / walfordmillcrafts.co.uk. "Interactive folklore shadow installation created by students from Arts University Bournemouth, Bournemouth University, Queen Elizabeth School and children from the local Dorset Community."

'THE EVERYDAY'

8 May - 6 June

The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. Monday - Saturday 10am - 9.30pm. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk.

'HIGHLIGHTS'

8 May - 27 June

Studio 3 Gallery, Clevedon Craft Centre, Moor Lane, CLEVEDON, BS21 6TD. 10am - 4pm. studiothree.art. "Brilliant artists and makers."

'WHERE THREADS MEET'

9 - 30 May

Andelli Art, Mendip House, Upper Breach, SOUTH HERRINGTON, Wells, BA5 3QG. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. 07790 030506 / andelliart.com. "At the heart of this exhibition is storytelling. Both Elizabeth Loveday and Cathy Snelling create imagined worlds populated by curious characters, full of narrative and playful symbolism."



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Visual Arts

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11 - 24 May

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SILTON ART GROUP

13 - 19 May

The Gallery, Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Bell Street, SHAFESBURY, SP7 8AR. 10am - 4pm. 01747 855243. "Mixed media work."

NORTH SOMERSET ARTS EXHIBITION

15 - 17 May

Village Hall, Ox House Lane, Failand, BRISTOL, BS8 3TS. Friday 6pm - 8pm, Saturday 10am - 6pm, Sunday 10am - 3pm. northsomersetarts.org.

SUE WEBBER: '60'

15 - 21 May

Church House, CROWCOMBE, TA4 4AA. 10am - 4pm. 07930 487206. "Collection of work made through a creative lifetime, including illustration, photography, and bookmaking."

SUSAN COX

16 - 30 May

Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5EQ. 10am - 4pm. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk. "Susan explores the way that figures and narratives interplay together in her rich and vibrant paintings."

'ALL THIS USELESS BEAUTY'

16 May - 27 June

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Dowell Street, HONITON, EX14 1LX. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. 01404 45006 / thelmahulbert.com. "Solo exhibition of work by Mellony Taper, winner of the THG Open 2025, exploring female stories, considering how inherited experience and repeating generational patterns have shaped women's lives."

'LIKE'

19 - 25 May

Kit Form, 37 - 39 Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, BRISTOL, BS2 8JP. 12noon - 6pm. kit-form.com. "Eight female artists explore community, contemporary female perspectives, and the transition from digital connection to real-world collaboration."

EAST DORSET POTTERS: 'SIMPLY CERAMICS'

20 May - 7 June

Walford Mill Crafts, Stone Lane, WIMBORNE, BH21 1NL. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm. walfordmillcrafts.co.uk.



MEGAN CHEETHAM 'STRATA OF THE CHAIR NO. 3' (Oil on board, 40 x 40cm)

Salisbury Art Trail

"This year's Salisbury Art Trail will see more than 80 members of Plain Arts Salisbury exhibiting in their homes, gardens, studios and galleries in and around Salisbury. This year's free event will showcase a broad range of artistic disciplines: photography, painting, sculpture, mixed media, jewellery, ceramics, glass, and everything in between! The trail aims to be fun and inclusive, representing artists from all backgrounds and at every stage of their creative journeys. Many artists will also be giving live demonstrations and drop-in workshops will be open to the public. The Community Gallery in Salisbury Library will be Venue 1 and host the *Trailblazer* exhibition. Packed with examples of artwork from each of the participating artists, visitors can then choose which artists they would like to visit and plan their route."

23 May - 7 June: Various locations in and around SALISBURY, Wiltshire. 07383 871177 / salisburyarttrail.co.uk.

THE NOVA ART GUILD

21 May - 20 June

Fisherton Mill, 108 Fisherton Street, SALISBURY, SP2 7QY. Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 5pm. 01722 500200 / fishertonmill.co.uk. *Paintings, ceramics and photography.*

BATH TEXTILE ARTISTS: 'CLOTH AND PLACE'

22 - 25 May

West Barn Gallery, Pound Lane, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1LF. 10am - 5pm. bathtextileartists.com. "Gorgeous mix of textile work."

SHORELINE CREATIVES

22 - 25 May

St John's Hall, Hillside Road, CLEVEDON, BS21 7TH. 10am - 6pm. shorelinecreatives.co.uk. *Sculpture, illustration, oils, acrylics, mixed media and print.*

GLENN BROWN: 'ARROWS OF DESIRE'

22 May - 6 September

The Holburne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, BATH, BA2 4DB. 10am - 5pm. £16.50. holburne.org. "Glenn Brown is one of the most celebrated painters to come out of the Young British Artist generation. He is famous for brushstroke images, colours, painterly brushstrokes and drawn lines from art history to create fresh yet disturbing paintings that reveal a dark humour."

NORMAN ACKROYD: 'THE TRANSCIENCE OF LIGHT'

22 May - 6 September

Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge Street, BATH, BA2 4AT. Tuesday - Sunday 10.30am - 5pm. £9. 01225 477233 / victoriagal.org.uk. "Celebrating master printmaker Norman Ackroyd (1938 - 2024), this exhibition brings together Ackroyd's spectacular etchings from the 1980s onwards."



'BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM: PRINTMAKING FROM MANET TO PICASSO'

22 May - 13 September

The Holburne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, BATH, BA2 4DB. 10am - 5pm. £16.50. holburne.org. "Prints by key artists of the movement including Édouard Manet, Pierre Bonnard, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, and Pablo Picasso."

Above: Édouard Manet (1832 - 1883) 'Olympia' (Small plate, 1865)

BEAR FLAT ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS

23 - 25 May

Various locations in BEAR FLAT, Bath. 10am - 5pm. bearflatartists.co.uk. "A walkable trail taking in artists studios."

MINI PRINT EXHIBITION

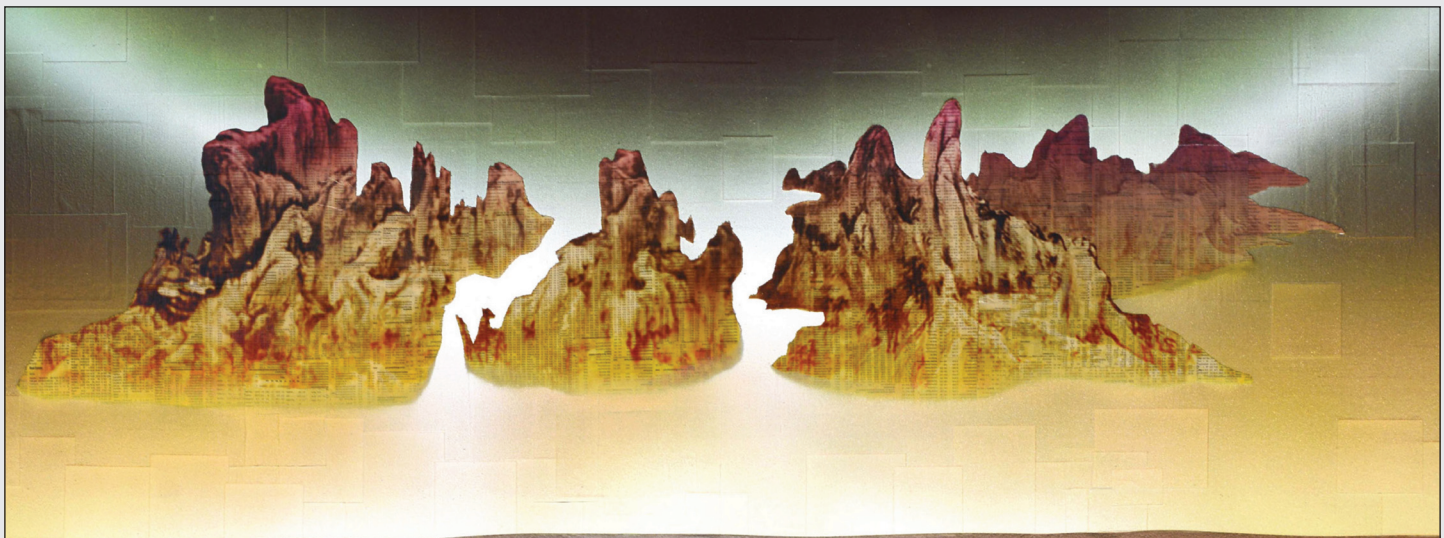
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23 May - 31 August

Galleries 1 and 2, East Quay, Harbour Road, WATCHET, TA23 0AQ. 10am - 5pm. eastquaywatchet.co.uk. "Works exploring transnational identity, migration complexities, and the trauma of displacement."

'COLOUR'

23 May - 6 September

RAMM, Queen Street, EXETER, EX4 3RX. Tuesday 10.30am - 5pm, Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm. £6. rammuseum.org.uk. "Over 150 objects spanning art, science, nature and cultural histories. Artworks by Hokusai, Kandinsky, Bridget Riley and Andy Warhol are on display alongside exquisite crafts and objects."



'HERE COMES THE SUN'

26 May - 19 June

Ilminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, East Street, ILMINSTER, TA19 0AN. Tuesday - Saturday 9.30am - 3pm. ilminsterartscentre.com.

"From sun-drenched coastlines to tranquil countryside vistas and distant cityscapes, Moish Sokal invites the viewer to experience the atmosphere and spirit of both local and far-reaching places."

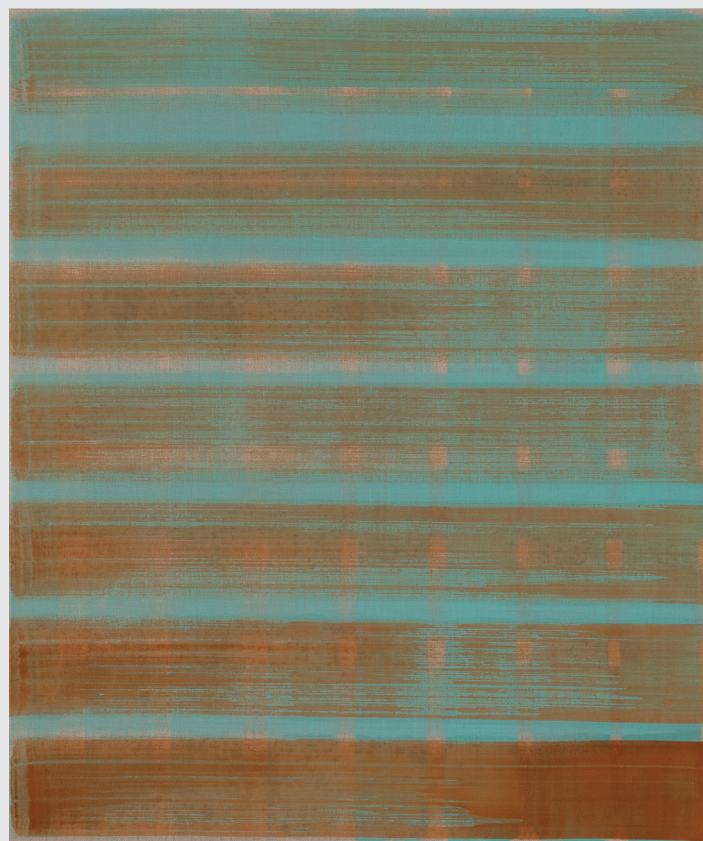


MILES CANTELOU: 'SOLID AIR'

27 May - 2 June

The Gallery, Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Bell Street, SHAFTESBURY, SP7 8AR. 10am - 4pm. 01747 855243 / milesantelou.com. "Contemporary abstract views influenced by mid-century New York artists."

Above: 'Paintings in an Exhibition'



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(Pigment from tin mine in water colour and oil on linen, 80 x 95 cm, 2024)

Onya McCausland: Tailings

"Developed from pigments sourced in post-industrial landscapes, McCausland's work focuses on an investigation into transforming industrial waste into luminous, site-specific colour. Her paintings are both meditative and quietly unsettling, and possess a sublime, arresting beauty. Their muted ochres, rusts, and smoky tones evoke geological time and ancient traditions, yet are derived from materials shaped by mining and environmental remediation. Within this tension, the work reveals a compelling duality: what appears natural is, in fact, the residue of ecological disturbance. Grounded in research across geology and chemistry, these paintings function less as images and more as material records, embodying both environmental memory and industrial aftermath, while inviting a slow, reflective engagement with questions of sustainability, landscape, and the enduring impact of extraction."

25 April - 30 May: Close Gallery, HATCH BEAUCHAMP, TA3 6AE. Thursday and Friday 11am - 4pm, Saturday 11am - 3pm. 07712 109172 / close ltd.com.

ASHBURTON ARTS TRAIL

29 - 31 May

Various locations in ASHBURTON, Devon. 10am - 6pm. ashburtonartisans.art. "A walking trail around artists' studios and shared spaces over one long weekend."

ELIZABETH BROWN

1 - 7 June

Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5EQ. 10am - 4pm. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk.

'A HENGISTBURY HEAD SKETCHBOOK'

1 - 29 June

Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre, BOURNEMOUTH, BH6 4EW. 10am - 4pm. 07969 436921. "Jayne Soakell and Sarah Humby exhibit the results of a year long artistic exploration."

'SEEKING ECOLOGICAL CITIZENSHIP'

1 - 30 June

The Millhouse, Rose Mills Industrial Estate, ILMINSTER, TA19 9PS. Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm, Saturday 10am - 2.30pm. millhousearts.co.uk. "Photographic prints, multimedia art forms, writing and poetry."

JANET JORDAN: 'WORDS AND PICTURES'

2 June - 21 July

Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre, School Road, Monkton Heathfield, TAUNTON, TA2 8PD. Monday and Thursday 10am - 4pm and 5 - 7.30pm, Tuesday 11am - 1pm and 5 - 7pm, Wednesday 10am - 12noon and 5 - 7.30pm, Friday 10am - 4pm, Saturday 9.30 - 11am. 01823 414141 / tacchi-morris.com. "Quirky etchings, calligraphy and paintings."

BULL MILL STUDIO 'FIRST SATURDAY'

6 June

Bull Mill Studio, Bull Lane, CROCKERTON, BA12 8AY. 10am - 5pm. 07730 400784. See 2 May.

GORDON CHEUNG: 'MANY WORLDS, ONE MIND'

6 June - 15 August

Close Gallery, HATCH BEAUCHAMP, TA3 6AE. Thursday and Friday 11am - 4pm, Saturday 11am - 3pm. 07712 109172 / close ltd.com. "Many of Cheung's works are built upon pages of Financial Times stock listings, embedding global finance into their foundation. Across these surfaces, Cheung constructs landscapes that echo classical European painting, yet on closer inspection reveal a distinctly contemporary language."



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DORSET ART WEEKS

23 MAY - 7 JUNE 2026



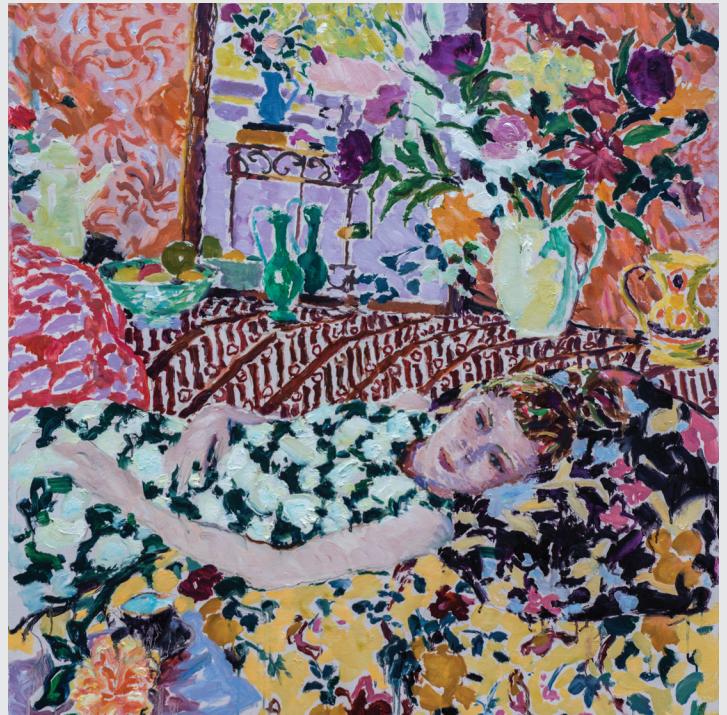
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ANNABEL BEASLEY (VENUE 69 + 88)



HUGO GRENVILLE (VENUE 217)

One of the delights of visiting artists' studios is the opportunity to leaf through their sketchbooks. They are a window onto a private world, an artist's safe space where they feel uninhibited and free to paint, draw, plan or scribble without being confronted by the large empty space of a canvas or piece of paper.

DORSET ART WEEKS, a celebration of artists working in their studios and exhibiting in public venues across the county, will be taking place from 23rd May to 7th June 2026. And there will be plenty of opportunity to delve into the intimacy of artists' sketchbooks.

THE SLADE CENTRE in Gillingham (venue 1 and 2) will be showing a retrospective of painting, sculpture and printmaking by BRIAN BISHOP. Very sadly, Brian died suddenly in 2025 so this is a wonderful opportunity to really engage with the range of his work. Brian worked with colour making constructions and three-

dimensional works on 2D supports sometimes using collage. His understanding of colour was instinctive, although he never thought of himself as a painter, rather someone who constantly explored saturated hues, layering them to achieve an investigation of their properties in geometric forms. The use of colour extended to 3D ribbon forms which established a dancerly position in space.



RACHAEL WILLIAMS (VENUE 81)

Working extensively in sketchbooks, and some of these will be on show, he explored his ideas, finally reaching a point at which he could start to transfer them onto paper, board canvas or into space. In the accompanying gallery at the Slade Centre, GROUP 7 will be showing recent work, including more work by Brian who was a long-term member of the group.

There are plenty of new artists taking part this year. OLIVE WATKINS (venue 22) is an Irish artist who is heavily influenced by Japanese culture. She visits Japan annually and her layered compositions, quirky portrait heads and street scenes using oil paint, collage and mixed media, are informed by her photography.

POLLY PENTREATH graduated from Glasgow School of Art in 2019 and is showing oil paintings alongside her mother, sculptor, LAURA PENTREATH. (Venue 269) Polly's still lives and Dorset landscapes are fluid and painterly reveling in saturated



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FRONT COVER: NOTARIANNI GLASS (VENUE 268)

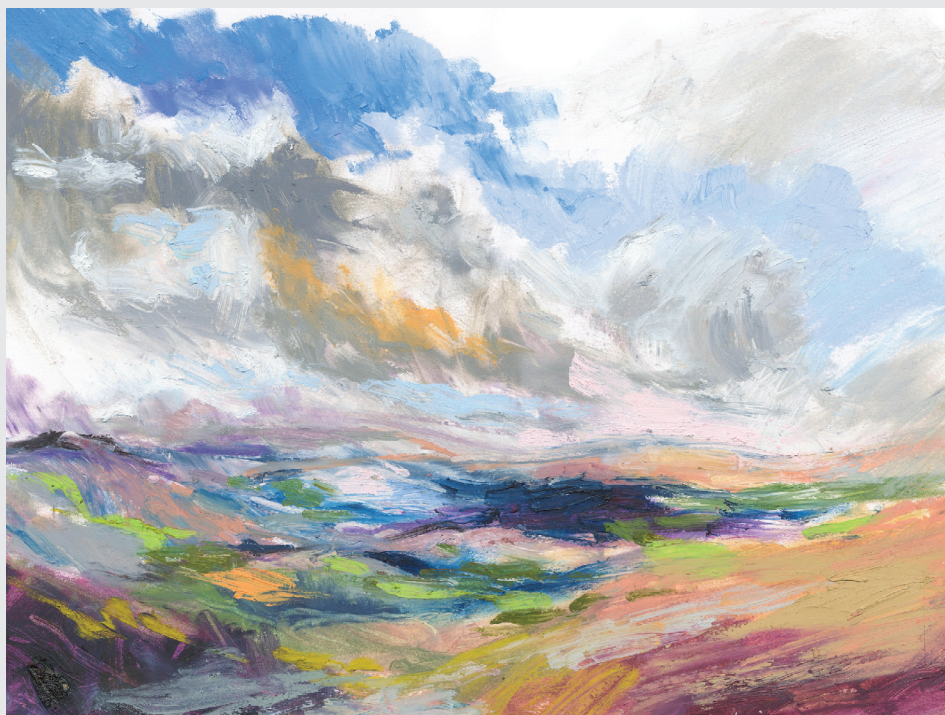
colour. They tend towards an abstracted view of something tangible, using different combinations of hues to capture the sense of mood and light.

Another stunning venue is THE WATER WORKS in the heart of Swanage. (venue 110) Originally built in 1864 by George Burt, the circular stone building and courtyard, that still holds the 113 foot deep artesian well, have now been beautifully renovated and will be host to three artists who have very different approaches to the landscape. ELEANOR SPALDING's expressive landscapes in oil and pastel have a visceral and energetic quality whereas KASIA ZAGLOBA's focus is quieter, using soft pastels to capture the interplay of light and reflections. Textile artist LAURA BUTT constructs detailed maps using collage and free motion embroidery.

JULIA CROLE is another exciting addition to DAW. (venue 242) She works on canvas and linen but also prepares small panels using traditional techniques and materials: rabbit skin glue, chalk gesso and egg tempera. Fluid and painterly her figures and landscapes are often 'haunted' by ideas of displacement absence and unexplained presences.

At the other end of the scale, renowned sculptor GRETA BERLIN (venue 236) will be taking part in DAW for the last time after thirty years. Don't miss this opportunity to view her signature sculpture in clay, stone, bronze and metal. For those who enjoy traditional figurative painting in the style of Matisse, Bonnard and the Nabis, HUGO GRENVILLE's studio in Bridport (venue 217) is another must see.

There are two major venues in Wimborne, the MUSEUM OF EAST DORSET (venue 69) and WALFORD MILL CRAFTS (venue 66). Walford Mill is right on the river, making it extremely picturesque but also meaning that they suffered badly from the floods earlier in the year. However with great good humour and positivity they reopened. There are a number of working artists' studios at



ELEANOR SPALDING (VENUE 110)

the venue which will allow people to experience a wide range of crafts and fine art.

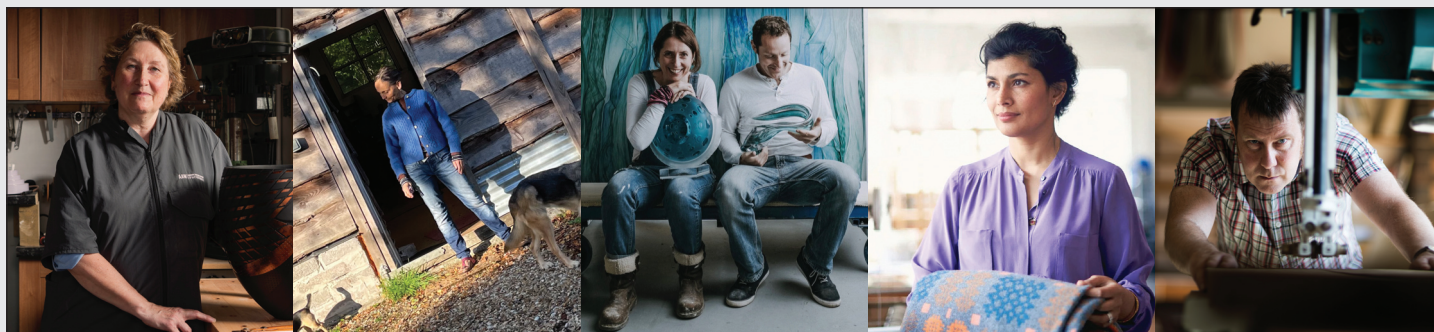
Within walking distance of the mill is the Museum of East Dorset (venue 69), where a multi-disciplinary exhibition, *Droves & Downs*, curated by MILLIE LAKE, reveals a fascinating insight into four artists' processes in response to Cranborne Chase



JULIA CROLE (VENUE 242)

National Landscape. SIÂN CANN, a visually impaired photographer, works with polaroid instant cameras and innovative cameraless techniques. Multi disciplinary artist ANNABEL BEASLEY has focused on fairytales and folklore and the people who inhabit the forest. Painter TONIA GUNSTONE spent time walking and absorbing the atmosphere of Mistlebury Wood and Win Green whilst RICHARD GREGORY's response includes drawing and an abandoned car wing which he has used as a support for a beautiful detailed painting. A large display case contains cameras, a mini concertina print, 3D works and research photos.

Just outside Wareham PETER JOYCE can be found at the Furzebrook studio complex (venue 101). Living between France and the UK Peter is taking part in DAW after a considerable gap. The works on show will reflect his immersion in the landscapes of both locations.



Venue 268: Mosaic Collective CORSCOMBE DT2 0NT

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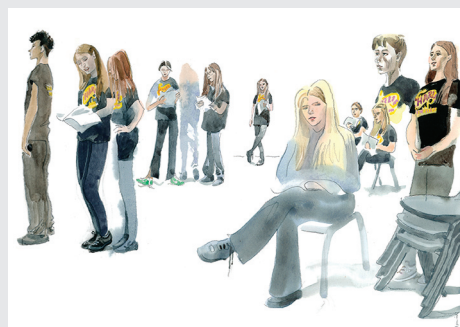


OLIVE WATKINS (VENUE 22)

Illustrator TONY KERINS is based at SANDY HILL ARTS (venue 108). His work ranges from picture books to maps to theatre sets and lots in between. A selection of A6 'everyday' drawings going back to the 1980s will be available to leaf through, as well as landscapes in watercolour pads and drawings of rehearsals for the annual show at Swanage School.

One of the themes running through this year's event is a concern with the destruction of the environment and the damage to wildlife and ancient landscapes. Contributing to this, KEVIN MOORE (venue 160) will be showing studies of insects. These are not small intimate studies, they are loosely painted oversized paintings of dead wasps, bees and bluebottles. Eye catching and attention grabbing, these works draw attention to their subjects' vulnerability in a changing climate where toxic weed-killers and sprays are still used in farming practices.

FLORA ROBERTS (venue 243) is a designer whose luscious wallpapers feature flowers and plants which she paints directly from life. Occasionally she has to tweak her paintings in order to fit the images into repeat patterns. "I love following the seasons, because I have an intrinsic belief that nature knows best and the right colours are presented to us at the right time if we look." Another mother and daughter combination, Flora will be showing both

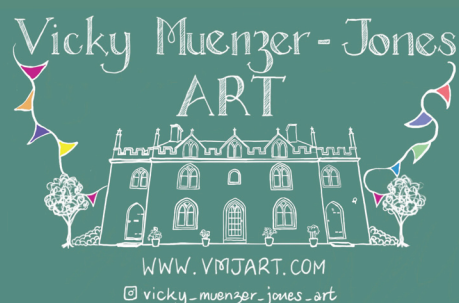


TONY KERINS (VENUE 108)

paintings and wallpapers alongside her mother ANNE ROBERTS' paintings.

At Sladers Yard (venue 183) in West Bay ALEX LOWERY is showing new paintings. Still predominantly featuring his poetic response to West Bay he continues his focus on the abstract shapes of roofs and buildings using vibrant yellows and purples. Also on show will be ceramics by Dorset based Japanese born studio potter YO THOM and steam-bent furniture by PETER SOUTHALL.

Also in West Bay, RUTH PIPER will be showing paintings alongside drawings by LIZ COXFORD (venue 185). Both artists respond to their surroundings focusing on the woods and hills, beaches and the coastline. Working on a ground of Paynes Grey - one of the most delicious blue black pigments out there - Ruth's paintings of trees, flora and fauna have a moody darkness which is both mysterious and melancholy.



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PETER JOYCE (VENUE 101)



KEVIN MOORE (VENUE 160)

Hidden away down a quiet lane in Monkton Wyld near Bridport is Little Goyle Studios (venue 235). JANE HEDGES' luminous paintings hinge on the emotions evoked by place. She breaks down her experiences of landscape, fragmented light seen through trees, through doors and windows into a rhythm of small interlocking geometric forms. IAN MIDDLETON sculpture responds to the "forces which shape our lives". His work is a process of endless intellectual engagement with materials and ideas.

CODA in Walkford (venue 81) is a music and arts trust which offers a range of opportunities to make and experience art and music across different demographics within the local community. Costume designer and maker NANCY BEARDALL has been making costumes for theatre and opera companies for nearly thirty years whilst RACHEL KINGSBURY describes herself as "an upholstery junkie with a passion for funky caravan interiors".

RACHAEL WILLIAMS is a jewellery designer and educator who is heavily inspired by the natural world. These resident artists will provide a wide range of workshops in ceramics, printmaking, painting, sewing and jewellery-making.



IAN MIDDLETON (VENUE 235)

Finally to SOPHIE MOLLINS, photographer, filmmaker and anthropologist (venue 203) who famously sent a divorced friend's wedding dress into space and filmed it! She will be revisiting the work, previewed in DAW 2024, which became *The Dorset Pavilion* at the Venice Biennale. She has produced a book about the history of that exhibition and its subsequent outings with additional material by Horatio Morpurgo, Dr Paul Lashmar and Elfrieda Stovin. She will also be showing work about books, words and trees. So in a way this venue encapsulates the DAW experience, which is evident in so many of these venues. It is about Dorset and about the making of work in response to a place, a time and a history and all of the processes and experimentation that that involves.

Fiona Robinson

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Venue 140 Art at the Vineyard

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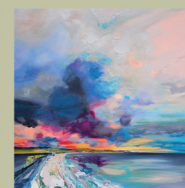
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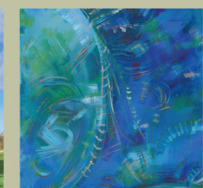
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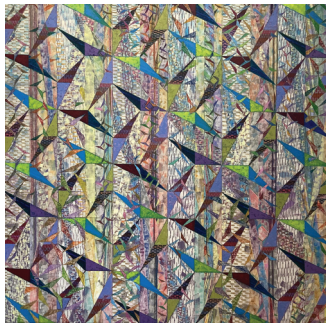
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VENUE 292

Norrie de Montigny

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VENUE 184



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Venue 74

Dick Hewitson and Barbara Davis

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Dick: Oils and acrylics. Contemporary figurative to abstract, including Dorset landscapes. I exhibit widely.

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Barbara Davis 'Flowers at Anderson Manor'
Acrylic on canvas, 60 x 60 cm



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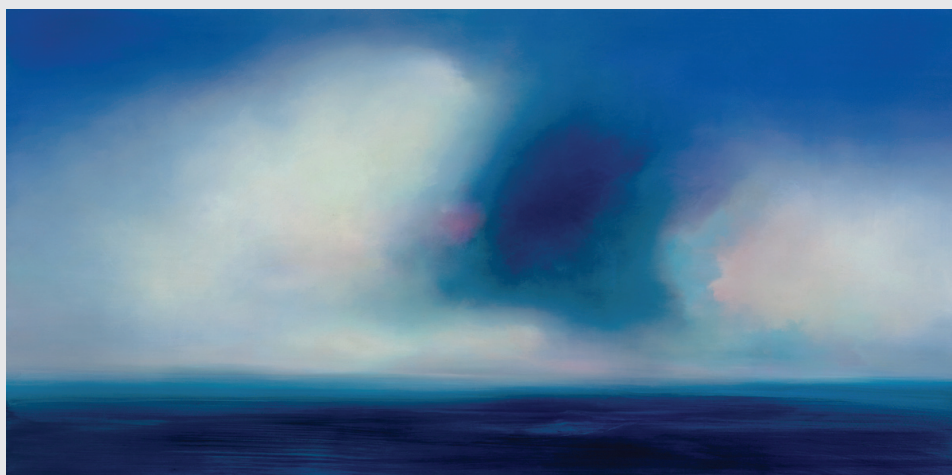
DICK HEWITSON (VENUE 74)



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SALLY BURNETT (VENUE 268)



KIT BENWELL (VENUE 184)



BRENDON MURLESS (VENUE 218)





VENUE 182

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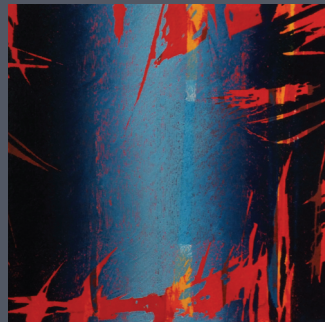
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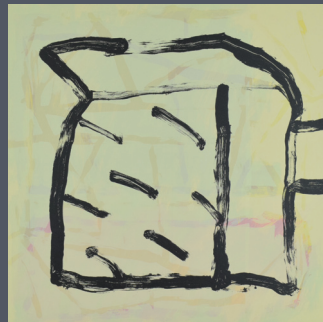
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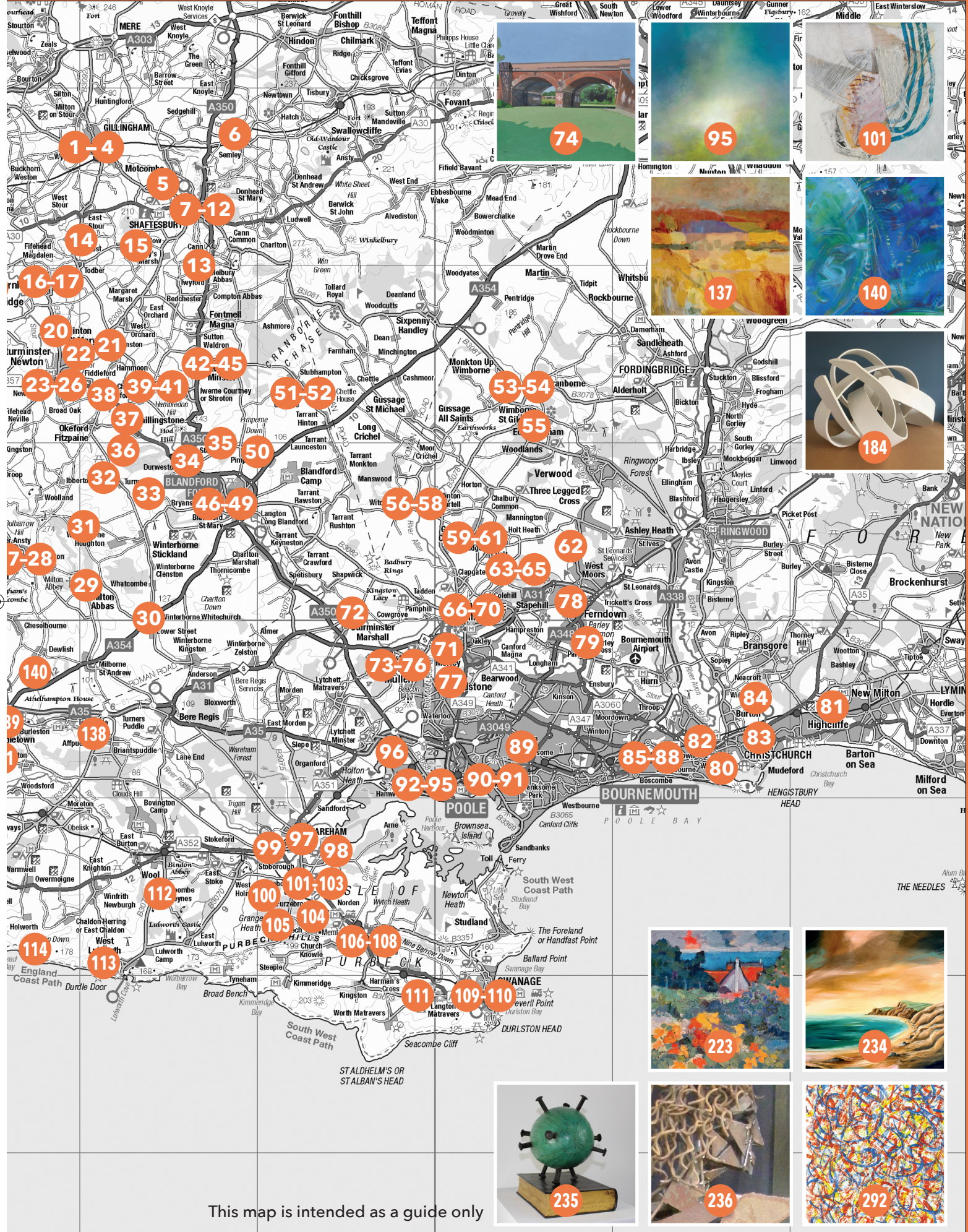
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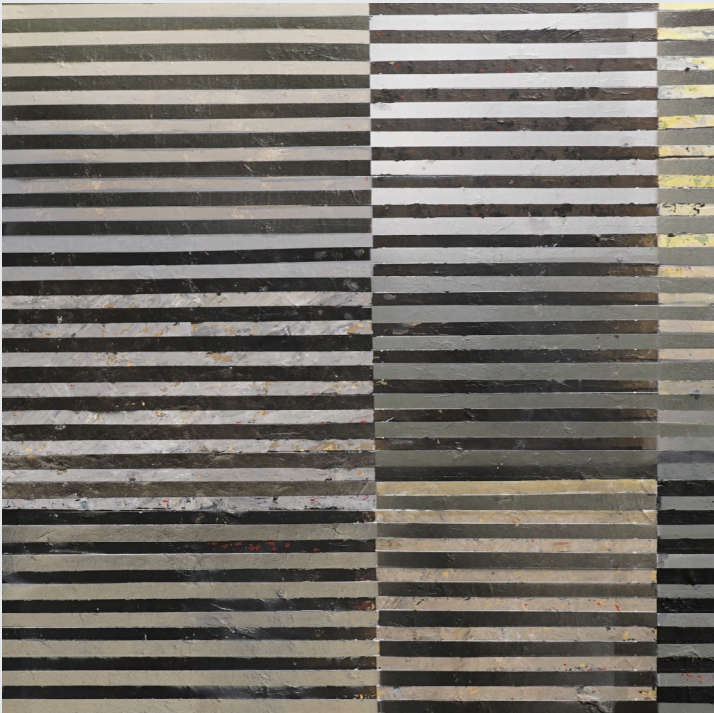
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JACK RAY (VENUE 252)



ALISON WEBBER (VENUE 156)



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VENUE 38

DEBBIE LEE: FLOW

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Roger Dell Seddon

Roger Dell Seddon is a Dorset artist specialising in landscapes and marine paintings in oils. RSMA and ROI exhibitor 2020 / 2021 and 2022.

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Venue 67

3 Walford Close, Wimborne Minster, BH21 1PH / 07494 819045 / 10am - 5pm (Closed Mondays)



Jason Pizzev

Jason Pizzev is a painter printmaker who works from his home studio in Wimborne Minster (the DAW venue). He has twenty years of experience as a teacher in schools and colleges and has previously worked as a professional illustrator.

Instagram: @pizzevdesigns



Tom Marshall

Tom Marshall draws people, places, birds; working outdoors in the local area, using a wide range of media, including woodcut, drypoint, pastel, watercolour, pen and ink, plus painting on copper and other unusual surfaces back home.

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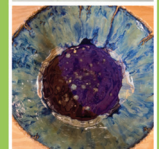
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Imogen Charleston

Imogen Charleston is a ceramicist and musician. Her primary material is clay and her concerns are environmental.

She always felt that art would be her career but following foundation studies she was unsure if she was ready to pursue a career that demanded so much. Instead she became an engineer. She channeled her creative energies into The Paper Cinema, a touring theatre company, combining puppetry, live music and animation, which she co-founded.

Ten years later she decided she needed a change of direction and change of career. She decided to travel selecting places that were far away from her home county of Dorset and which had very different cultural vibes.

First stop was Japan for nine months, then New Zealand for four months where she visited a working ceramics studio. This was the moment she rediscovered her love of clay, when she felt that "clay chose me". When she was growing up her grandmother used to bring back clay from her evening classes for Imogen. She still has some of those pieces.

Returning to the UK Imogen signed up for an Applied Arts degree at Bournemouth University, a course that particularly appealed to her because she was able to work with ceramics and glass blowing. Working with materials is really important to her.

She finds working with other ceramicists inspirational and important, for "learning and sharing", techniques, processes and materials. Since 2022 she has been firing regularly with the Oxford Kilns Project at Wytham Woods in Oxfordshire, as well as using Bill Crumbleholme's kiln at Upwey Potters (DAW Venue 135).

From January to March 2026 she did a residency at CODA in Walkford. The main focus of the residency was to build a wood-fired kiln. She based it on a design by Steve Mills, and "used all reclaimed or second hand bricks - some from old fireplaces, and some from a potter's soda kiln in Devon".

With her musical background, and inspired by her mother who made small animal shaped ocarinas, one of the things that emerged from her residency was the making of 'pinch pot' bird whistles (so called because they are made by pinching the clay between finger and thumb). These were facilitated through workshops with local schools and became "a celebration of the joy that can be felt through making and music". These small objects are a delight, emitting one soaring solitary note. She plans to continue exploring "ideas around musical ceramic objects".



POURING BOWLS

Imogen also makes functional ware, something that started through necessity when she began making ramen bowls for her own use. With their warm earthy colours and full generous forms, her pouring dishes are perfect for cupping in your hands, gifting an intimacy and sense of connection. She is keen to move more into sculptural forms following a commission for a wall-based piece at the Noisy Lobster, a restaurant at Avon Beach.



An important element of Charleston's practice is sustainability, and in pursuit of this she uses clays arising naturally in the ground. She also incorporates locally found materials, bits of detritus discovered on her beach walks, and discarded objects, both at the initial firing stage and in glazes. Although she feels that she is currently going down the "brown pot route" she is keen to start incorporating colour into her pots and is specifically looking at ways of making copper carbonate from old copper pipes and using iron filings.

During her degree she worked with slip cast porcelain making objects from fishing discard and plastic pollution. However questioning "the perceived value we put on things" she moved to stoneware, wanting "to reduce the environmental impact whilst still being able to explore ideas".

Fiona Robinson

VENUE 84

Moon Studio Ceramics, Hawthorn Farm Buildings, Lyndhurst Road, CHRISTCHURCH, BH23 7AB. 10am - 5pm (Closed 26 - 28 May, 1 - 4 June). 07543 165304 / imogencharleston.co.uk.

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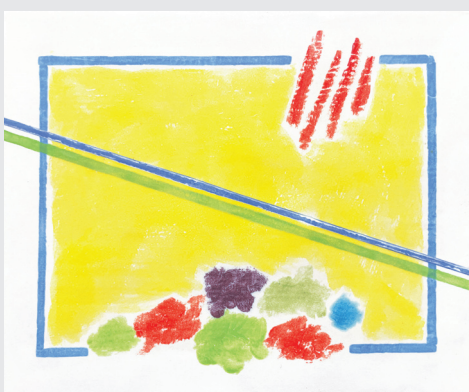
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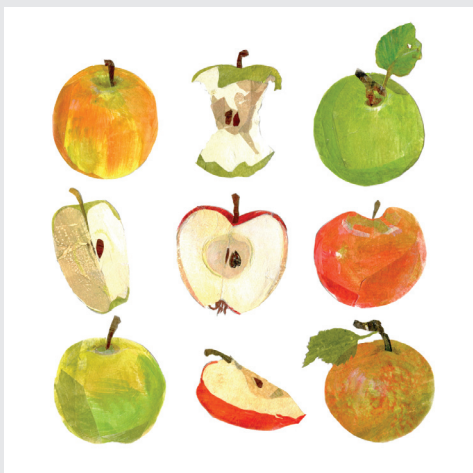
BEN WINTER (VENUE 85)



NORRIE DE MONTIGNY (VENUE 292)



IMOGEN BITTNER (VENUE 26)



CAROLINE SOER (VENUE 66)



ANGIE PORTER (VENUE 202)



ANDREA JENKINS (VENUE 12)



Morgan Willey

'Portland Under Passing Skies'
(Oil on board, 20 x 25 cm)

Venue 161

Colin and Morgan, father and daughter, share a studio in Dorchester and frequently paint side by side in the landscape, each bringing their own interpretation to the scenes they encounter

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Colin Willey

'View to St George's Fordington from the River'
(Oil on board, 60 x 80 cm)



Tom Marshall


I mostly work outdoors, drawing and painting the people, birds and dogs that I see on the local beaches and streets. I work back home on copper and other unusual surfaces, creating woodcuts and other hand-made prints, and small pieces in twisted wire.

Exhibiting at Venue 67 with Jason Pizzezy and Roger Dell Seddon

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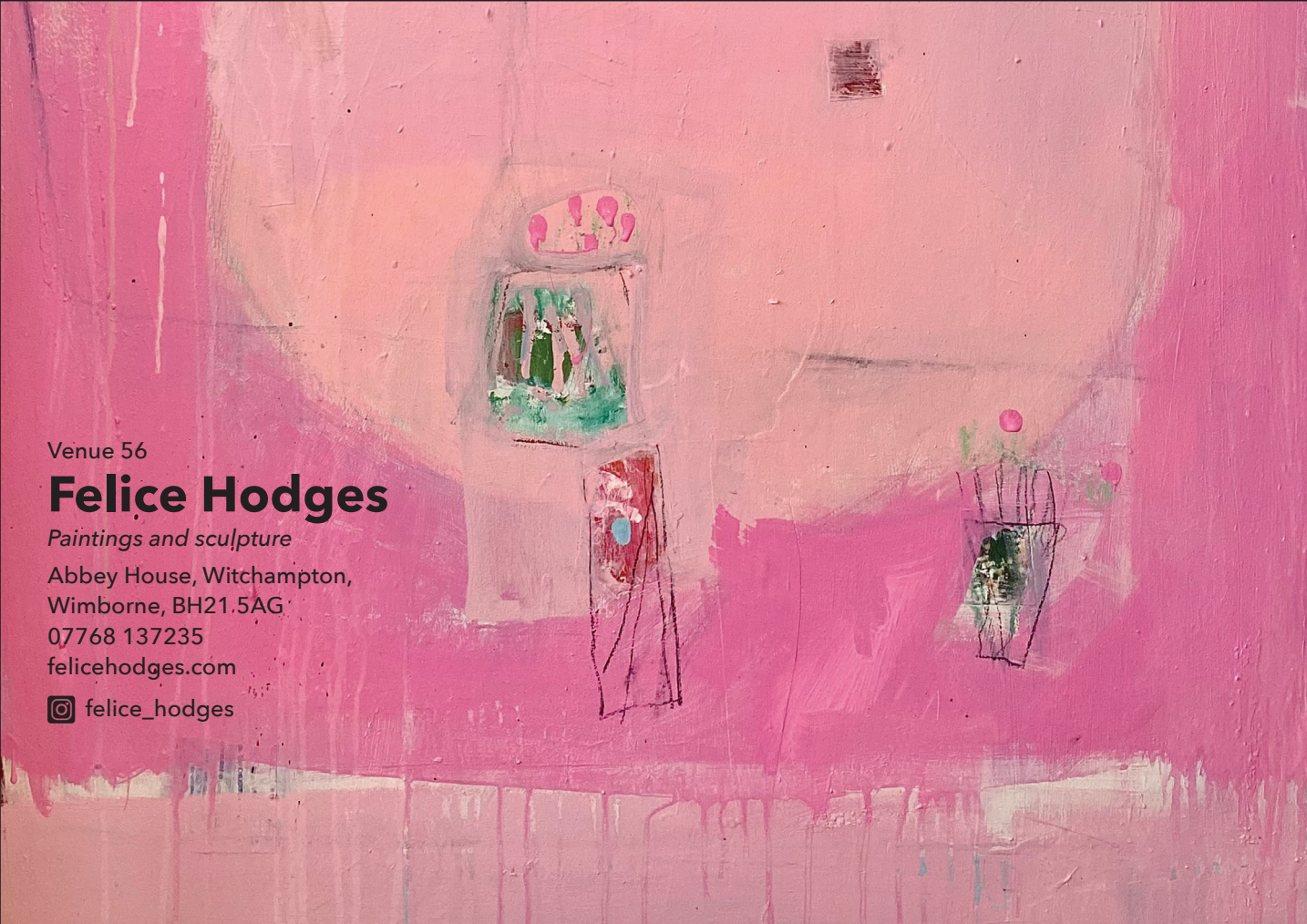
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Paintings and sculpture

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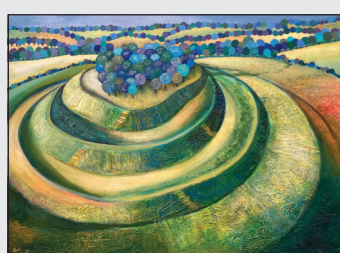
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Venue 230

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Venue 70

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Dorset Art Weeks 2026

For this year's Dorset Art Weeks, Dorset Visual Arts put out an open call for their headline commission - *Flow*. In partnership with the Countryside Regeneration Trust and supported by headline sponsors Hall & Woodhouse, it was awarded to Purbeck based artist Debbie Lee. The finished work will be on display at the Threshing Barn at Bere Marsh Farm in Shillingstone for the duration of DAW.

Debbie is a prolific artist who works in a variety of mediums and was recently selected to become an RWA Academician. She delves into literature and poetry to tell stories through her artwork, with a special interest in William Blake. This commission fits perfectly with Debbie's style of work, and with the title *Flow* she has chosen to present new stories on the river Stour. Through walking and drawing, gathering sights and sounds and inviting people to share their thoughts, she has created a 'flow' of connections to the river. Having undertaken numerous site visits and much reading and research, Debbie has completely immersed herself in this project with the dedication and conviction found in all her work.

I met Debbie on one of her visits, walking the Stour near Bagber. Here she talked about her process, experiences and the stories she has gathered from individuals around their relationship to the Stour, and how these have led her to create her own response to the river's journey.

Starting in February and working through to the spring equinox, Debbie has witnessed the Stour at its most mighty, overflowing all winter with its winterbournes running freely, often creating difficult travelling conditions for the project.

She has journeyed from the river's source at St Peter's Pump in Stourhead, where the elegant National Trust property tells of how the Stour was unnaturally harnessed to create picturesque lakes, down to its mouth in Christchurch. Here mute swan and a ducking stool, used to quiet the 'scolds' of quarrelsome women, signified silence instead of stories, but Debbie was not deterred. The river flows north to south, taking in three counties, running through clay, chalk and finally sand, with salmon swimming up from the sea.

Her visit to Bere Marsh Farm was an important one, the venue for the completed work and location of a nature reserve, originally part of the old railway track. At Shillingstone Heritage Railway Station she met a volunteer who explained how the raised track ran alongside the river and protected the village from flooding. She spoke with a wildlife photographer who studies the birds on the reserve before walking south towards Sturminster, the swollen river bursting its banks.



'FLOW TOWARDS HAMOON'

Debbie Lee: Flow

Subsequent visits took in many different sections of the river. From Marnhull Church Debbie's walk led her to where the river Lydden meets the Stour, then on to Hinton St Mary where a widowed farmer regaled her with tales of having rescued a grandfather clock from encroaching flood waters. From there she moved along Hardy's Way, reminiscing on *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*.

Near Wimborne she explored two locations where the river Tarrant and then the river Allen meet the Stour, these conversion points are important, Debbie's theory that one river's stories merge with another's are a rich resource. Her final visit took her to Canford Magna and the Victorian Suspension Bridge, rounded off with a visit

to the Hall & Woodhouse Brewery in Blandford to see the bore hole where water was drawn to brew their beer.

This is a just a taste of what is a wealth of information and exploration resulting in spectacular work. Flooded crypts, rescued otters, haunted mills and sketching to the sounds of noisy squirrels all feature - you will have to visit to see for yourself the culmination of this incredible project.

Suzy Rushbrook

VENUE 38

Bere Marsh Farm, SHILLINGSTONE, near Blandford, DT11 0QY. 10am - 5pm (Closed Sundays). 07908 255770 / thecrt.co.uk.

EVENT: Saturday 23 May

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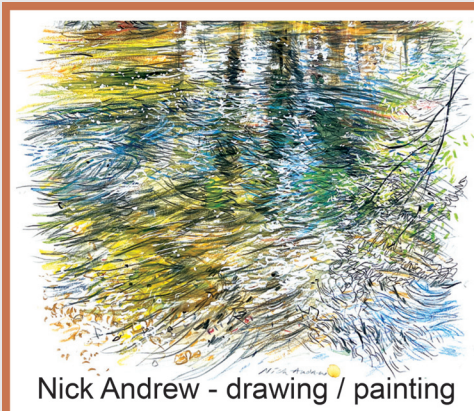
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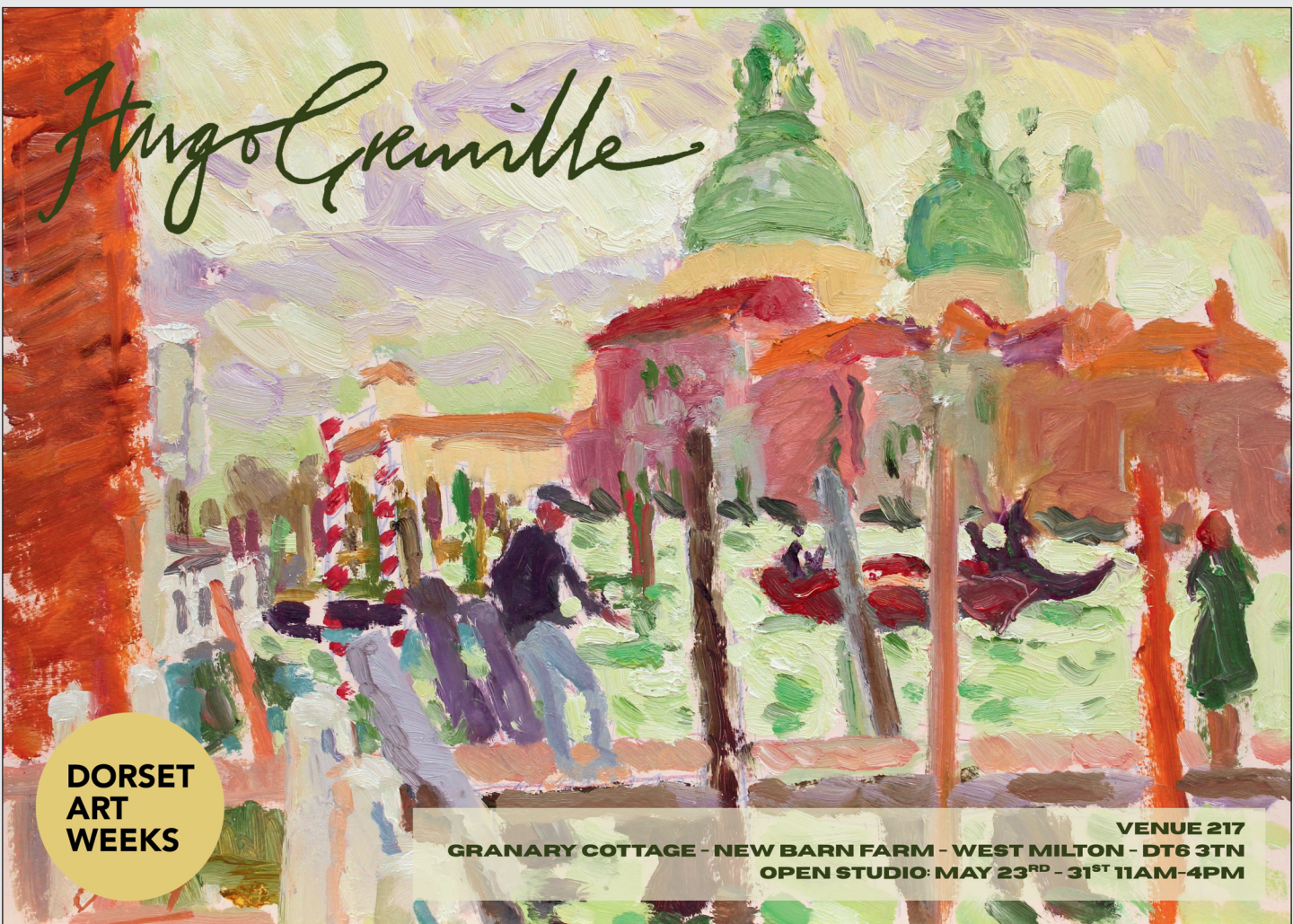
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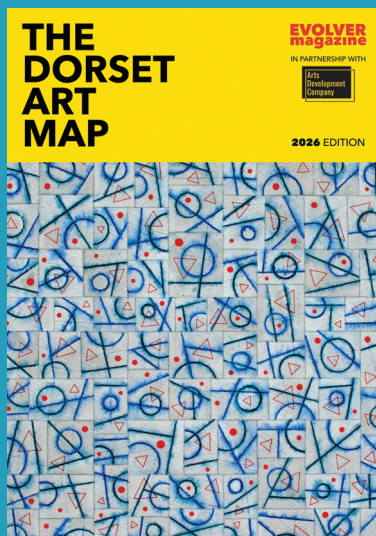
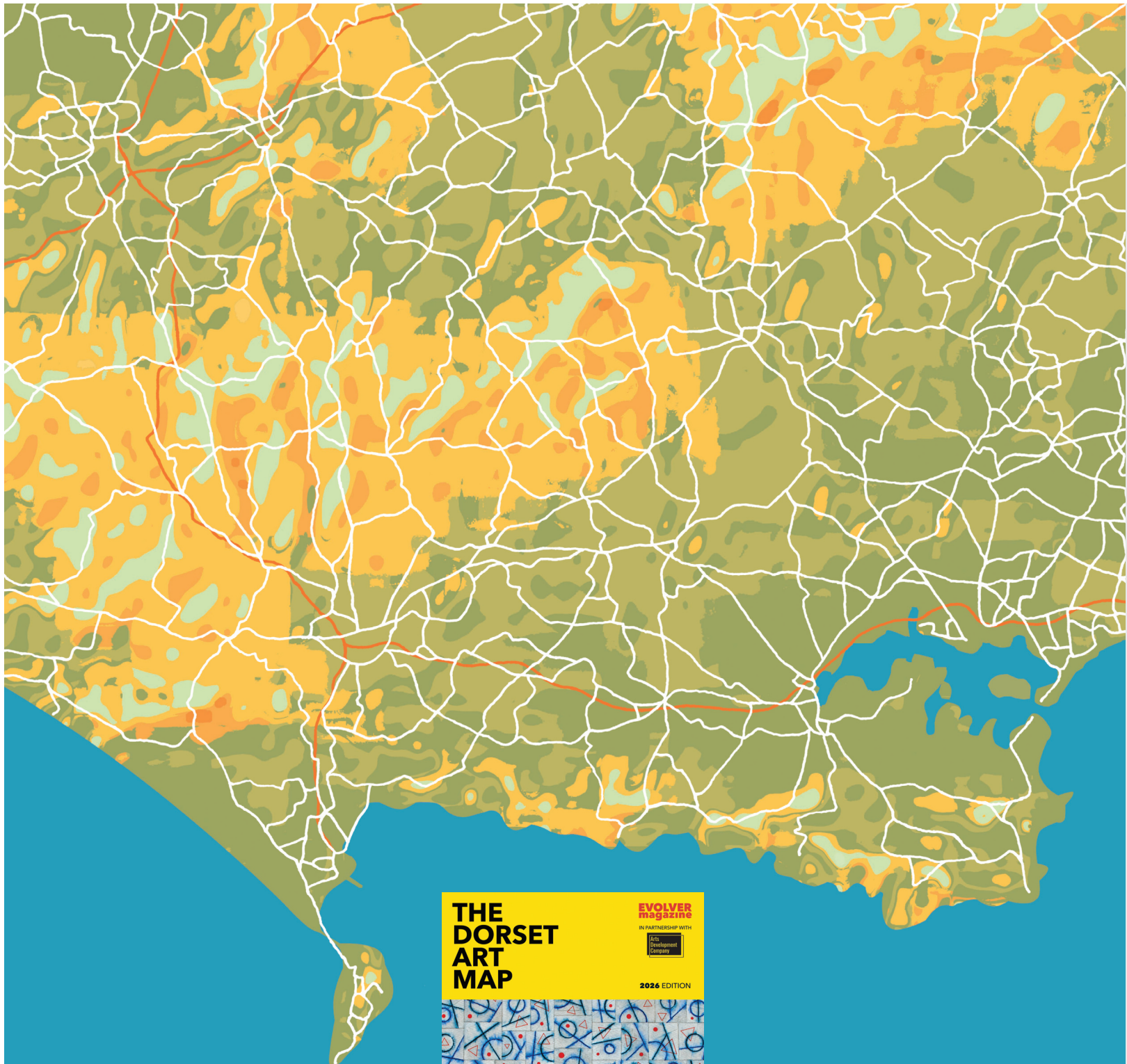
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Visual Arts

'THROUGH YOUR LENS'

8 - 21 June

Duchess of Cornwall Inn, Queen Mother Square, POUNDBURY, DT1 3DD. 10am - 9pm. 07956 020165 / arttatheduchess.com. "Winning entries from Love Poundbury's photography competition."

'WHERE THE WILD THYME BLOWS'

9 - 20 June

Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, WELLS, BA5 2UE. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm. 07515 709067 "Viewers are invited to enter a transitional space, a threshold between one state and another, and to perhaps return home slightly changed."

ANDIE SLAYFORD: 'THE SKY WAS NEVER STILL'

10 - 28 June

Walford Mill Crafts, Stone Lane, WIMBORNE, BH21 1NL. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm. walfordmillcrafts.co.uk. *Paintings.*

'DRAWING THE LINE'

11 June - 2 July

Sou'-Sou'-West Gallery, Manor Yard Symondsbur Estate, BRIDPORT, DT6 6HG. 10.30am - 4.30pm. 01308 301326 / sousouwest.co.uk. "Russell Coulson presents a selection of his prolific output of drawings."

'WILD IMAGININGS'

12 - 14 June

Church Rooms, CROWCOMBE, Taunton, TA4 4AA. 11am - 6pm. 07706 861395. "Colourful and imaginative paintings by Jill Newton and Jenny Barron, many with an animal theme and including a sprinkling of surrealism."

'SUMMER TREATS'

12 June - 5 July

Sou'-Sou'-West Gallery, Manor Yard Symondsbur Estate, BRIDPORT, DT6 6HG. 10.30am - 4.30pm. 01308 301326 / sousouwest.co.uk. "Open call for all artists and makers this summer. All submissions are displayed, see website for more details."

JAMES COCKERILL: 'PART OF'

13 June - 18 July

The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. Monday - Saturday 10am - 9.30pm. 01249 701628. "Contemporary stained glass."

OLD BAKERY ARTISTS

15 - 27 June

Wells Cathedral, Cathedral Green, WELLS, BA5 2UE. Monday - Saturday 9am - 4.30pm, Sunday 11am - 3pm. £15.50 / £10. wellscathedral.org.uk.



'PORTRAIT OF NINA HAMNETT' (Oil on canvas, 1917) © The Courtauld

Roger Fry: A Life in Art

"Roger Fry (1866 - 1934) was a curator, critic, painter and designer, who transformed British art. He was a member of the Bloomsbury Group, the influential circle of artists, writers and thinkers that included Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant. Fry's ideas helped to reshape artistic thinking in Britain and beyond. He is perhaps best known for introducing postimpressionist art to England. His groundbreaking exhibitions of 1910 and 1912 shocked, surprised and inspired the public and changed the direction of British art forever. This show brings together more than 40 vibrant artworks, rare loans, and neverbeforeseen pieces from private collections."

Until 4 July: The Museum of Somerset, Castle Lodge, Castle Green, TAUNTON, TA1 4AA. Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm. £5 / £4. swheritage.org.uk.

'IN PIECES'

20 - 28 June

Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5EQ. 10am - 4pm. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk. "Purbeck textile artists Jane Colquhoun, Charlotte Fereday, Cerdiwen Sooke and Emma McGinn present the first group exhibition of their work."

GILL BAILEY AND DENISE BUCK: 'NATURE IN ART'

22 June - 5 July

Duchess of Cornwall Inn, Queen Mother Square, POUNDBURY, DT1 3DD. 10am - 9pm. 07956 020165.

ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE OPEN EXHIBITION 2026

23 June - 31 July

Ilminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, East Street, ILMINSTER, TA19 0AN. Tuesday - Saturday 9.30am - 3pm. ilminsterartscentre.com. "Artists from across the region showcase their work in one of Somerset's leading artistic events."

MARK MOODY: 'LAND & SEA'

24 - 29 June

The Gallery, Shaftesbury Arts Centre, Bell Street, SHAFESBURY, SP7 8AR. 10am - 4pm. 01747 855243 / shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk. *Paintings.*

ART ON THE HEATH: 'SUMMER EXHIBITION'

25 June - 6 July

The Gallery Upstairs, Upton Country Park, POOLE, BH17 7BJ. 10am - 4.30pm. thegalleryupstairs.org.uk.

'DORSET IN COLOUR'

27 June - 5 July

Eye Centre for the Arts, St Peter's Church, Mount Lane, EYPE, Bridport, DT6 6AR. 10am - 4.30pm. 07958 756368 / carolineliddingtonart.com.

"The Dorset Colourists present their debut exhibition at this magical location. Dazzling colours depict the Oil paintings, original prints, water colours and acrylics presented by eight Dorset artists celebrating the joy of our beautiful county!"

'SHARING AFRICA'

29 June - 25 July

Bridgwater Arts Centre, 11 - 13 Castle Street, BRIDGWATER, TA6 3DD. Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 3pm. 01278 422700 / bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk.

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7 May: The Exchange, 72 - 73 Old Market Street, BRISTOL, BS2 0EJ. 7pm. £18.50. 0117 930 4538 / exchangebristol.com / greatlakeswimmers.com.

KALEIDOSCOPE CHAMBER COLLECTIVE

1 May
Wiltshire Music Centre, Ashley Road, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1DZ. 7.30pm. £27 / £15. 01225 860100 / wiltshiremusic.org.uk. "Chamber music at its most intimate and expressive."

BSO: 'BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH'

1 May
Christchurch Priory, 4 Quay Road, CHRISTCHURCH, BH23 1BU. 7.30pm. £27 / £15. 01202 669925 / bsolve.com.

ZUBIETA AND THE SUAVES

1 May
Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, BRIDPORT, DT6 3NR. 8pm. £18 / £17 / £16 / £8. 01308 424204 / bridport-arts.com. "Fronted by the captivating voice of Marta Zubieta, this six-piece band weaves a rich tapestry of bossa nova, samba and latin jazz."

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1 May
Hardye Theatre, Queens Avenue, DORCHESTER, DT1 2ET. 5.30 and 7.30pm. £13 / £7. 01305 266926.

THE LOST TRADES

1 May
The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £15. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk. "Folk and Americana, reminiscent of the California folk scene of the late '60s and early '70s."

GLORIOUS ASSEMBLY JAZZ ORCHESTRA

2 May
Messums West, Place Farm, Court Street, TISBURY, SP3 6LW. 6pm. £70 / £40. 01747 445042 / messums.org.

MOMOKO GILL

2 May
Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5JF. 6.30pm. £15. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk. "Brilliant self-taught drummer, producer, songwriter, and vocalist."

THE LOST TRADES

2 May
Caryford Hall, Maggs Lane, Ansford, CASTLE CARY, BA7 7JJ. 7pm. £12. caryfordhall.co.uk. See 1 May.

LAU NOAH

3 May
Wiltshire Music Centre, Ashley Road, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1DZ. 7.30pm. £25 / £14. 01225 860100 / wiltshiremusic.org.uk. "Creating beautiful, innovative and evocative vocal and guitar harmonies, Lau Noah is a self-taught, Catalan composer and songwriter, revered for her crystalline voice and innate songwriting talent."



HAIRCUT ONE HUNDRED

3 May
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk.

TOM JENKINS

3 May
Komedia, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 1.30pm. £10. 01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk. "Tom Jenkins weaves post-industrial landscapes and working-class stories into unique, traditionally crafted songs, inspired by his family of coal miners and farmers."

HANNAH SHILVOCK AND VIOLA LENZI

5 May
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 1.05pm. 01202 280000. Bass clarinet and piano recital.

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Music

BSO: 'CELESTIAL SYMPHONY'

6 May
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000.

THE ADAM BUXTON BAND

6 May
Komedia, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 7pm. £33.50. 01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk. "Adam and his band celebrate the release of his debut album 'Buckle Up!'"

ASTATINE TRIO

6 May
Wiltshire Music Centre, Ashley Road, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1DZ. 1pm. £13 / £8. wiltshiremusic.org.uk.

BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA

7 May
Ilminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, East Street, ILMINSTER, TA19 0AN. 7.30pm. £22. 01460 54973 / ilminsterartscentre.com. "Electrifying orchestra playing gypsy and folk-flavoured music from all around the world."

CARA DILLON

8 May
Wiltshire Music Centre, Ashley Road, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1DZ. 7.30pm. £30 / £16.50. 01225 860100. "For nearly 30 years, Cara's voice - deceptively delicate yet emotionally devastating - has evoked something timeless and elemental."



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22 May: Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk.



MIRANDA SYKES & JIM CAUSLEY

8 May
The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £17. poundarts.org.uk. "Miranda and Jim celebrate pioneering folk song collector Sabine Baring-Gould."

SWING EASY TOO

8 May
Orchard Cafe, Holme For Gardens, West Holme, WAREHAM, BH20 6AQ. 12.30pm. Free entry. 01929 554716 / holmeforgardens.co.uk. "Swing and easy music with a jazz feel."

PETE ROTH TRIO

8 May
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.45pm. 01202 280000.

DEATH OF GUITAR POP

8 May
Komedia, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 7pm. £26.01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk. "One of the hottest names in British ska!"

BETH ROWLEY

9 May
The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £22.50. poundarts.org.uk. "Renowned for her rich, soulful voice and heartfelt songwriting, Beth weaves together blues, Americana, and gospel spirituals with a sound that is both timeless and contemporary."

BSO: 'WEST END TO HOLLYWOOD'

9 May
The Beehive, Dowell Street, HONITON, EX14 1LZ. 7.30pm. £19. 01404 384050 / bsolive.com. "This unique concert brings film and stage classics to life, featuring well-loved favourites alongside hidden cinematic gems including The Artist, The Sound of Music, Toy Story and more!"

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9 May

The Mowlem Theatre, Shore Road, SWANAGE, BH19 1DD. 7.30pm. £15. 01929 422239 / soundcellar.org. "The evocative sounds of Brazil."

BATH CHORAL SOCIETY
9 May

Wiltshire Music Centre, Ashley Road, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1DZ. 7.30pm. £30 / £20. 01225 860100.

BASSEKOU KOUYATÉ & AMY SACKO
10 May

Wiltshire Music Centre, Ashley Road, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1DZ. 7.30pm. £26 / £14.50. 01225 860100 / wiltshiremusic.org.uk. "Legendary Malian musician and ngoni master Bassekou Kouyate tours with his wife, the revered griot vocalist Amy Sacko."

THE WILBYE QUARTET
10 May

South Somerset Music Centre, The Methodist School Room, South Street, CREWKERNE, TA18 8DB. 2.30pm. £12 / £10 / £6 / £5. 01460 594464. "A varied selection of madrigals, motets and songs from across the centuries."

SWING EASY TOO
10 May

Village Inn, Ulwell Holiday Park, Ulwell Road, SWANAGE, BH19 3DG. 1.15pm. Free entry. 01929 427644. See 8 May.

BSO: 'INNOCENCE LOST'
13 May

Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000.

BILL MERRICK
13 May

Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5JF. 6.30pm. £10. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk.

MEG MORLEY
13 May

The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 1pm. £8. poundarts.org.uk. "New compositions and improvisations."

SULA
14 May

The Grasshopper, 139 - 141 Bournemouth Road, POOLE, BH14 9HT. 7.30pm. £17.50 / £10. soundcellar.org.

DAVE NEWTON
14 May

St Philip & St James Church, Vicarage Lane, NORTON ST PHILIP, BA2 7LY. 1pm. £10. 01373 834488. "Dave Newton is the 16-times winner of the Best Pianist at the British Jazz Awards."



GREENWICH TRIO
15 May

Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, BRIDPORT, DT6 3NR. 11.30am. £16. 01308 42420 / concertsinthewest.org. "Fascinating classical and contemporary works."

GREENWICH TRIO
15 May

Ilminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, East Street, ILMINSTER, TA19 0AN. 7.30pm. £20. 01460 54973 / ilminsterartscentre.com. See above.

Music

PARTY IN THE CITY

15 May
The Holburne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, BATH, BA2 4DB. 5pm. Free entry. 01225 388569 / holburne.org. "Live music fills the Holburne for Bath's city-wide celebration!"

BSO: 'MUSIC FOR WIND OCTET'
15 May
Corn Exchange, The Market Place, DEVIZES, SN10 1HS. 7pm. £19 / £5. 01202 669925 / bsolive.com. "A celebration of the wind instrument, featuring the works of Mozart, Debussy, Gipsy, Zemlinsky and more."

LA VIE EN ROSE
15 May
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 8pm. £16 / £14. 01305 266926. "Gypsy jazz and hot swing."

ROSIE UPTON WITH JEFF GILLETT
16 May
The Pump, The Lamb, Mortimer Street, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8BN. 7.30pm. £10. thepumpthrowbridge.co.uk. "Rosie makes a very welcome return to The Pump with acclaimed guitarist Jeff Gillett in support of her new album 'Threads and Yarns!'"

GREENWICH TRIO
16 May
The Dance House, Gouldsbrook View, North Street, CREWKERNE, TA18 7AL. 7.30pm. £20. 01460 75928 / concertsinthewest.org. See 15 May.

THE CHARLOTTE CARRIVICK BAND
16 May
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 8pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk. "Modern bluegrass."



TANNAHILL WEAVERS
16 May
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 7.30pm. £20 / £18. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk.

DAVE SAUNDERS & HARRY SKINNER
17 May
Caryford Hall, Maggs Lane, Ansford, CASTLE CARY, BA7 7JJ. 3.30pm. £10. caryfordhall.co.uk. Blues.



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15 May: Village Hall, CRANBORNE, BH21 5PZ. 7.30pm. £14 / £6. 01725 517028 / artsreach.co.uk.

DJANGO CHUTNEY
17 May
Marine Theatre, Church Street, LYME REGIS, DT7 3QB. 8pm. £18 / £16. marinetheatre.com. "Rooted in the 1930s Hot Club de France era, this trio will suddenly transport you through styles from New Orleans jazz to Chicago blues and Parisian musette."

ENSEMBLE AUGELLETTI
17 May
Kimmeridge Hall, Bournemouth University, Fern Barrow, POOLE, BH12 5BB. 3pm. £25. 01202 745516 / bournemouthchambermusic.co.uk. "Everyday stories of the people living in the 17th and 18th centuries told through baroque chamber music."

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17 May
Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5JF. 6.30pm. £12 / £8. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk. "One of the UK's most respected contemporary acoustic guitarists."

WINCANTON CHORAL SOCIETY: 'THE ARMED MAN'
17 May
Wincanton Sports Hall, West Hill, WINCANTON, BA9 9SP. 7pm. £18. wincanton-choral-society.uk.

GLENN TILBROOK
21 May
Komedija, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 7pm. £33.50. 01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk.

GOOD HABITS
21 May
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 8pm. 01202 280000. "Genre-bending indie-folk."

JULIA CHAPLINA
21 May
Gateway Theatre, Town Hall, Fore Street, SEATON, EX12 2LE. 7.30pm. £25 / £10. seatonmusic.org. Piano recital.



DELE SOSIMI
22 May
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.45pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk. Jazz.

CAMILLA GEORGE
22 May
Wiltshire Music Centre, Ashley Road, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1DZ. 7.30pm. £25 / £14. 01225 860100.

PHIL BEER
22 May
Bridgwater Arts Centre, 11 - 13 Castle Street, BRIDGWATER, TA6 3DD. 7.30pm. £23. 01278 427692 / bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk.

CURSUS FESTIVAL
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dorchesterarts.org.uk. "Power trio."

TAMSIN ELLIOT TRIO

23 May
The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £15.
01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk.

SWING EASY TOO

26 May
Grand Hotel, Burlington Road, SWANAGE, BH19 1LU. 12.15pm. Free entry. 01929 423353. See 8 May.

KARAN CASEY TRIO

28 May
St John's Place, Lower Bemerton, SALISBURY, SP2 9NP. £22.50.
imotsalisbury.co.uk. "Ballads, love songs and searing versions of social justice songs."



LAURA JANE WILKIE

28 May
Taunton Brewhouse, Coal Orchard, TAUNTON, TA1 1JL. 7.45pm. £18 / £16. tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk. Folk.

FIONN REGAN

28 May
Komedia, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 7pm. £21. 01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk.

'CHALK: SONGS FROM THE SOUTH WEST'

29 May
Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5JF. 6.30pm. £15 / £12. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk. "Grace Newcombe, Liane Sadler and Colin Heller perform a folk-classic, trad-modern, fond yet honest spotlight on the South-Western countryside."

GOOD HABITS

29 May
The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £14. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk.

REBECCA NASH TRIO

30 May
St Philip & St James Church, Vicarage Lane, NORTON ST PHILIP, BA2 7LY. 7.30pm. £15. hardingtonvale.org.uk.



The Ocelots

"The Ocelots are twin brothers Ashley and Brandon Watson from Wexford. Building on the folk-rock essence of their debut, they released their second album, *Everything, When Said Slowly*, in February 2025."

22 May: The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £14. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk.

THE KILIMA QUARTET

31 May
South Somerset Music Centre, The Methodist School Room, South Street, CREWKERNE, TA18 8DB. 2.30pm. £12 / £10 / £6 / £5. 01460 594464 / southsomersetmusiccentre.co.uk. "Chamber music."

JENEBA KANNEH-MASON

2 June
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 7.30pm. £28 / £26. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk.

FIONA BEVAN + ADAM BEATTIE

4 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 8pm. 01202 280000.

'EIGHTIES CLASSICAL'

5 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk. "Nik Kershaw, Johnny Hates Jazz and Carol Decker take to the stage to perform their timeless classics, backed by the breathtaking power of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra."

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5 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.45pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk. Jazz.

'SPRING CONCERT'

5 June
Village Hall, Church Street, BURTON BRADSTOCK, Bridport, DT6 4QS. 7pm. £16. burtonbradstockfestival.com. "David Juritz, Craig Ogden and Miloš Milivojevic play Bach, Dowland, Chabrier, Satie and Schnittke in an evening of light-hearted, serious, tragic and comic music."



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5 June
The Millhouse, Rose Mills Industrial Estate, ILMINSTER, TA19 9PS. 7.30pm. Free entry. millhousearts.co.uk. "i-nichi is an international collaboration between Tokyo based singer-songwriter Seiko Nemoto and her 'English Gentlemen' - her hand-picked gang of oddball Wessex musicians. Seiko's instincts naturally guide the band's output on a zig zag path between angular punk, haunting Japanese poetry and wistful psychedelic pop."

ROBBIE MCINTOSH & ANDY GRANT

6 June
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 7.30pm. £18 / £16. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk.

DU GLAS

6 June
The Ropemakers, 36 West Street, BRIDPORT, DT6 3QP. 8.30pm. Free entry. theropemakers.com. "Country rock, Americana and folk music."

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6 June
 The Mowlem Theatre, Shore Road, SWANAGE, BH19 1DD. 7.30pm. £10. 01929 422239 / soundcellar.org.

YE VAGABONDS

7 June
 Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5JF. 6.30pm. £20. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk.

JOEL MUNDAY AND JULIAN TREVELYAN

11 June
 Sidmouth Parish Church, Church Street, SIDMOUTH, EX10 8LG. 7.30pm. £20 / £17.50. seatonmusic.org. “Classical music performance featuring local Devon violinist Joel Munday and pianist Julian Trevelyan.”

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11 June
 St Philip & St James Church, Vicarage Lane, NORTON ST PHILIP, BA2 7LY. 1pm. £10. 01373 834488 / hardingtonvale.org.uk. “Wonderful piano and guitar duo perform original composed and improvised music.”

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11 June
 The Grasshopper, 139 - 141 Bournemouth Road, POOLE, BH14 9HT. 7.30pm. £17.50 / £10. soundcellar.org. See above.

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12 June
 The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £15. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk.

SWING EASY TOO

12 June
 Orchard Cafe, Holme For Gardens, West Holme, WAREHAM, BH20 6AQ. 12.30pm. Free entry. 01929 554716 / holmeforgardens.co.uk. See 8 May.

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13 June
 Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk. “Conductor Maxime Tortelier leads Magna Sinfonia, Bournemouth Symphony and Youth Choruses, and eight soloists for this epic musical journey of faith and humanity.”

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13 June
 Caryford Hall, Maggs Lane, Ansford, CASTLE CARY, BA7 7JJ. 7pm. £12. caryfordhall.co.uk.

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13 June
 Wiltshire Music Centre, Ashley Road, BRADFORD-ON-AVON, BA15 1DZ. 7.30pm. £23 / £13. 01225 860100.

DUNCAN HONEYBOURNE

14 June
 South Somerset Music Centre, The Methodist School Room, South Street, CREWKERNE, TA18 8DB. 2.30pm. £12 / £10 / £6 / £5. 01460 594464. “Chamber music.”

SWING EASY TOO

14 June
 Village Inn, Ulwell Holiday Park, Ulwell Road, SWANAGE, BH19 3DG. 1.15pm. Free entry. 01929 427644. See 8 May.

CONTINUUM: 'SHAKESPEARE IN SONG'

17 June
 St Thomas's Church, St Thomas Square, SALISBURY, SP1 1BA. 7.30pm. £34 / £26. wiltshirecreative.co.uk.

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18 June
 Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000. “The Grammy-winning singer and composer known for her spellbinding blend of jazz, minimalism and South Asian classical traditions, embarks on a rare and unmissable tour with the London Contemporary Orchestra.”



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SAM SWEENEY TRIO

18 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 8pm. 01202 280000.

FLAT AND THE CURVES

18 June
Salisbury Arts Centre, Bedwin Street, SALISBURY, SP1 3UT. 7.30pm. £27 / £23. wiltshirecreative.co.uk. *"Original music, ferocious vocals and sharp comedy celebrate friendship, wine-soaked wisdom and growing up."*

TESS HIRST

19 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.45pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk. Jazz.

SAM SWEENEY TRIO

19 June
The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £18. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk.

MARVIN MUONEKÉ

19 June
Ilminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, East Street, ILMINSTER, TA19 0AN. 7.30pm. £20. 01460 54973. Jazz.

'SOLSTICE SOUNDS'

20 June
Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5JF. 2.30pm. £15 / £13. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk. *"Brighton's AtticOmatic weave together threads of jazz, post-punk, hip-hop, folk, and electronica. They headline a brilliant day of vibrant young music."*

T'PAU

20 June
Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. 7.30pm. £40 / £22. wiltshirecreative.co.uk.

LITTLE BULB

20 June
Salisbury Arts Centre, Bedwin Street, SALISBURY, SP1 3UT. 8pm. £22 / £14. wiltshirecreative.co.uk. *"Get your dancing shoes on for an evening of live music and dancing."*

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20 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 8pm. 01202 280000. *"Blues and boogie."*

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21 June
Exeter Phoenix, Gandy Street, EXETER, EX4 3LS. 8pm. £20. 01392 667080. *"One of the most innovative avant rock / jazz outfits in the history of British music show no signs of slowing down!"*



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LADY MAISERY + JIMMY & SID

21 June
Komedia, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 6.30pm. £23.50. komediabath.co.uk. Folk.

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

25 June
Salisbury Cathedral, SALISBURY, SP1 2EF. 7.30pm. £54 / £15. wiltshirecreative.co.uk.

SHIRY RASHKOVSKY & LANA SURAN

26 June
Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, BRIDPORT, DT6 3NR. 11.30am. £16. 01308 42420 / concertsinthewest.org. *"Lauded by The Strad for her 'thrilling and exuberant' Royal Festival Hall debut, Shiry Rashkovsky pursues an international and diverse career. Lana Suran is an internationally acclaimed Swedish pianist praised for her expressive power, refined tone, and deeply personal interpretations."*

SHIRY RASHKOVSKY & LANA SURAN

26 June
Ilminster Arts Centre, The Meeting House, East Street, ILMINSTER, TA19 0AN. 7.30pm. £20. 01460 54973 / ilminsterartscentre.com. See above.

LA NOVA SINGERS: 'SONGS OF STAGE AND SCREEN'

26 June
St Peter's Church, Church Road, Parkstone, POOLE, BH14 0NN. 7.30pm. £15. lanovasingers.co.uk.



IDA PELLIGLIOLI

26 and 27 June
Tincton Gallery, The Old School House, TINCLETON, near Dorchester, DT2 8QR. 7.30pm. £20. 01305 848909 / tinctongallery.com. *"Superb classical pianist."*

YOUTHSAYERS AND SOOTHSAYERS

27 June
Sandy Hill Arts, Sandy Hill Lane, CORFE CASTLE, BH20 5JF. 6.30pm. £15 / £10. 07929 771219 / sandyhillarts.co.uk. *"Hip-swaying ska, roots, and reggae."*

SHIRY RASHKOVSKY & LANA SURAN

27 June
The Dance House, Gouldsbrook View, North Street, CREWKERNE, TA18 7AL. 7.30pm. £20. 01460 75928 / concertsinthewest.org. See 26 June.

SWING EASY TOO

27 June
The Showbar, Mowlem Theatre, Shore Road, SWANAGE, BH19 1DD. 2pm. Free entry. 01929 422239. See 8 May.

B SHARP'S BUSKING FESTIVAL

27 June
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EDDIE GRIPPER TRIO

28 June
Marine Theatre, Church Street, LYME REGIS, DT7 3QB. 8pm. £18 / £16. marinetheatre.com. Jazz.

SWING EASY TOO

30 June
Grand Hotel, Burlington Road, SWANAGE, BH19 1LU. 12.15pm. Free entry. 01929 423353. See 8 May.

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24 May - 27 June: Various locations across SALISBURY. wiltshirecreative.co.uk.



'THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY'

27 April - 2 May

Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. 7.30pm (matinees 2.15pm). £49 / £12. 01722 320333 / wiltshirecreative.co.uk.

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'THE CONSTANT WIFE'

2 May

Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.45pm (Saturday matinee 2.30pm). 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk.

BSO: 'THE MUSIC OF LED ZEPPELIN'

2 May

Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk.

LAURA BELBIN: 'UNHINGED'

4 May

Komedia, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 7pm. £23. 01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk. Comedy.



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'SPITFIRE GIRLS'

5 - 9 May

Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. 7.30pm (matinees 2.15pm). £39 / £19. 01722 320333 / wiltshirecreative.co.uk. "A funny and heart-warming play inspired by the extraordinary true stories of the women who dared to fly during WWII."

'KRAPP'S LAST TAPE'

7 May

Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 8pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk.

'STORIES IN THE DUST'

8 and 9 May

Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. 11am and 2pm. £16 / £10. 01722 320333 / wiltshirecreative.co.uk. "A funny and heartwarming eco-fable featuring live music and puppetry."

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'SOMETHIN' OUTTA NOTHING'

9 May

Borough Gardens, DORCHESTER, DT1 1RG. 2pm. Free entry. 01305 260954 / artsreach.co.uk. "Playful, site-specific theatre adventure combining breakin' with immersive audio storytelling that puts you in the driver's seat. Grab a headset and join the journey of three friends as they hit the road in a rush to reach their own show. Once the engine starts expect explosive breakin' along with high energy hip hop before hitting the breaks for more loose and liquid movement. Along the way, you'll discover each artist's individuality through real, relatable stories and personal perspectives."

'DESDEMONA'

11 - 16 May

Studio Theatre, Ashley Road, SALISBURY, SP2 7TN. 7.30pm. £15 / £8. studiotheatre.or.uk. "A play about a handkerchief."

TOM ROSENTHAL

13 May

Komedia, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 6.30pm. £21. 01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk. Comedy.



TIM KLIPHUIS TRIO

Beaminster Festival

"The 29th Beaminster Festival features the usual mix of top quality music, including the Fibonacci Quartet, Ariel Lanyi, Coco Tomita, the Scott Brothers Duo, together with *Sounds from Stage and Screen*, the Tim Kliphuis Trio, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman, and Not the Rolling Stones! Unusual shorter concerts include *Dancing through Time* by Flutes and Frets, a double bass recital from Levi Andraessen, violinist Harriet Mackenzie performing with Morgan Szymanski, and Lucy Stevens as Kathleen Ferrier. Literary events include Nigel Planer's *Young Once*, John Kampfner's *Braver New World*, and Chris Chibnall talking about his career and the place of the Dorset landscape in his books. *Talent in the Town* on 20th June allows locals to share their hobbies, skills, collections and interests. The events kick off with the Pantaloons performing *The (Almost) Complete History of England* at Beaminster Manor on 7th June, and concludes with Bijou Opera performing *The Marriage of Figaro* on 5th July.

27 June - 5 July: Mostly St Mary's Church, BEAMINSTER, Dorset. £26 / £12. 03336 663366 / beaminsterfestival.com.

GRACE + GROWL DANCE COMPANY: 'COLLECT III'

15 May

Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, BRIDPORT, DT6 3NR. 7pm. £10 / £5. bridport-arts.com. "Grace + Growl Dance Company for mature dancers celebrate their 10th anniversary with some of the amazing people they've met along the way."

ANGELA BARNES: 'ANGST'

15 May

The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £17. poundarts.org.uk. Comedy.

DIYET & THE LOVE SOLDIERS

16 May

Comrades Hall, BROADWINDSOR, DT8 3QP. 8pm. £14 / £6. 07740 949904 / artsreach.co.uk. See 15 May.

'SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES'

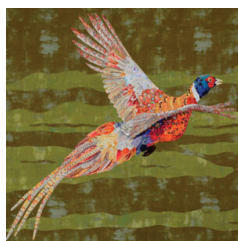
16 May

Backyard Theatre, 5 Anchor Street, WATCHET, TA23 0AZ. 7.30pm. £15. 0333 666 3366 / backyard-theatre-watchet.uk. "Pantaloons Theatre Company present a brand-new riff on the fiendishly famous case."

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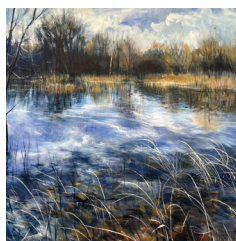
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30 May: The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £14. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk.

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17 May
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.30pm. 01202 280000.
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‘ROMEO & JULIET’
24 May - 7 June
Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. £28 / £24 / £15. wiltshirecreative.co.uk. *“Shakespeare’s classic tale of rebellion explodes onto the streets of Salisbury. Drama, music and parkour collide in this gritty and immersive walkabout production.”*

‘LOVE, LUST & EMPIRE: NAPOLEON AND JOSEPHINE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS’

28 May
The Avenue Tennis Club, The Grove, BURNHAM-ON-SEA, TA8 2PA. 1.30pm. £12.50. 07379 789876.

‘THE SILENCE OF SNOW’

28 May
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 7.30pm. £16 / £14. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk.

‘COSI FAN TUTTE’

29 May
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 7.30pm. £24 / £22. dorchesterarts.org.uk. *“New, vibrant production of Mozart’s classic comedy.”*



ANIA MAGLIANO: ‘PEACH FUZZ’

1 June
Komedica, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 6.30pm. £21. 01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk. *“From the quirks of her own body to the legend that is Eve (yes, from Adam and), to her newly discovered boundaries, this is Ania at her most relatable, and most funny!”*

AMY & CARLOS: ‘REBORN’

2 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.45pm. 01202 280000.
“Having made a stunning return to the Strictly dancefloor, Amy Dowden MBE, accompanied by fellow sensational Strictly Come Dancing star Carlos Gu, is back with a new show.”

ANIA MAGLIANO: ‘PEACH FUZZ’

4 June
The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £20. poundarts.org.uk. See 1 June.

‘KING ARTHUR AND THE HOLY FAIL’

5 June
The Holburne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, BATH, BA2 4DB. 7pm. £25 / £18. holburne.org. *“A hilarious, offbeat twist on Arthurian legend.”*



MARK WATSON

5 June
Hardy Theatre, Queens Avenue, DORCHESTER, DT1 2ET. 7.30pm. £25 / £23. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk. Comedy.

‘WHERE IS MRS CHRISTIE?’

6 June
Backyard Theatre, 5 Anchor Street, WATCHET, TA23 0AZ. 7.30pm. £15. 0333 666 3366 / backyard-theatre-watchet.uk.



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7 June
Beaminster Manor, BEAMINSTER, DT8 3DZ. 1.30pm. £18 / £6. 03336 663366 / beaminsterfestival.com. *"Live music, audience interaction and wild historical inaccuracy."*

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9 and 10 June
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11 June
Komedia, 22 - 23 Westgate Street, BATH, BA1 1EP. 6.30pm. £23.50. 01225 489070 / komediabath.co.uk.

MARCUS BRIGSTOCKE + PAUL FOOT

12 June
Hardye Theatre, Queens Avenue, DORCHESTER, DT1 2ET. 7.30pm. £25 / £23. dorchesterarts.org.uk. *Comedy.*

'PRIDE AND PREJUDICE... BUT FUNNY'

13 June
The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, CORSHAM, SN13 9HX. 7.30pm. £25. 01249 701628 / poundarts.org.uk. *"What do you get if you cross Jane Austen's famous novel with a bunch of buffoons? A ridiculous romp through all the Bennets, Bingleys, bachelors and balls (not that kind)."*

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'THE CURTAIN CALLS'

13 June
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 7.30pm. £12. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk.

'THE RESURRECTION'

13 and 14 June
St Thomas Church, St Thomas Square, SALISBURY, SP1 1BA. Saturday 7.30pm, Sunday 3pm. £25. 07963 481068 / salisburychamberchorus.org.

'PINOCCHIO'

14 June
Maumbury Rings, DORCHESTER, DT1 1QZ. 2pm. £14. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk. "Childless toymaker Geppetto makes a wooden puppet, little realising the chaos he is about to unleash. The puppet years for adventure and runs away, but instead of excitement only finds glorious attractions containing hidden dangers."



LUKE WRIGHT: 'PUB GRUB'

15 June
The Red Lion, STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DT2 7BZ. 7.30pm. 01258 857319 / artsreach.co.uk. "Fun and filthy poems from someone who knows what they're doing."



'JULIET & ROMEO'

18 June
Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. 2 and 7.30pm. £32 / 13. wiltshirecreative.co.uk. "Lost Dog blend dance, theatre and comedy for an alternative take on Romeo and Juliet."

'MURDERED TO DEATH'

18 - 20 June
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 7.30pm. £15 / £13. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk.

'OR WHAT'S LEFT OF US'

19 June
Salisbury Arts Centre, Bedwin Street, SALISBURY, SP1 3UT. 8pm. £20 / £16. wiltshirecreative.co.uk. "A true crime show about folk music and grief from the multi award-winning Shlt Theatre."

'BY A LADY: THE LIFE AND WIT OF JANE AUSTEN'

19 June
Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. 7.30pm. £35 / £19. wiltshirecreative.co.uk. "The life story of Jane Austen told through her own words and immortal characters, set to a sparkling musical backdrop."

LONDON CITY BALLET: 'REBIRTH'

23 June
Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. 7.30pm. £40 / £18. wiltshirecreative.co.uk.

MICHELLE WOLF

24 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.45pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk. Comedy.

'A BEAUTIFUL THREAD'

25 June
Lighthouse, 21 Kingland Road, POOLE, BH15 1UG. 7.45pm. 01202 280000 / lighthousepoole.co.uk. "Thomas Hardy in words and music with Anton Lesser."

'WHEN THIS IS OVER'

25 and 26 June
Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER, DT1 1HF. 7.30pm. £10 / £4. 01305 266926 / dorchesterarts.org.uk. "Stories of risk, courage, doubt and hope."

ALFIE MOORE: 'ACOLYAPSE NOW'

26 June
Salisbury Playhouse, Malthouse Lane, SALISBURY, SP2 7RA. 7.30pm. £24. wiltshirecreative.co.uk. "The antidote to fake news, lawlessness and the price of baked beans. With pragmatism and a healthy dose of laughter, Alfie tackles life's menacing showdowns in this hilarious and defiantly funny show."

'OTHELLO'

26 and 27 June
Rack Close, SALISBURY, SP1 2ES. 2 and 7pm. £25. wiltshirecreative.co.uk. "The all-male cast of The Lord Chamberlain's Men present an open air production of Othello with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance."

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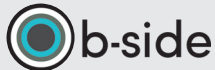


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