

Wednesday, 1 October

Monthly Jazz Jam 1st Wednesday of each month: We jam jazz! Performers - bring a tune of your choice. Punters - it may be improvised & rough round the edges.... But that's jazz! Come for a genuinely exciting and unique night of high quality jazz, virtuosic playing, and inclusive fun! 19:30 The Community Waffle House, Axminster EX13 5AP Just turn up! Or email live@waffle.org.uk for more info.

West Dorset Community Orchestra meet for rehearsal in Christian Fellowship hall, East Street car park, Bridport DT6 3PL from 6-30p.m. to 7-45p.m. Contact 01308 456297 www.westdorsetmusic.org.uk.

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Thursday, 2 October

September 5 (2024, Germany, 15, 95 mins, Director: Tim Fehlbaum.) During the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany, an American sports broadcasting team must adapt to live coverage of the Israeli athletes being held hostage by a terrorist group. Doors 7:00 pm, 7:30 pm start. Clapton & Wayford Village Hall (TA18 8PS). Membership £30, guests £5 per film. For more information/book guest tickets, please email mickpwilson53@btinternet.com or k_everard@live.com. Alternatively, ring Mick Wilson on 01460 74849 or Julia Borland on 01460 72769.

West Dorset Ramblers group 6.5 mile walk. Beaminster Circular Walk- north of Beaminster via Buckham Down. To book and for details please contact Chris 07715760884.

Bride Valley Films will be showing 'Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy'. The best Bridget Jones film, a great fourth sequel'. Bridget is back for one last chapter! Now a widowed single mother, she must juggle work, parenthood and romance. With the help of her loyal friends, Bridget navigates encounters with a younger man and a series of awkward encounters with her son's

science teacher as she strives to forge a new path toward life and love. Starring Renee Zellweger and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Litton Cheney Village Hall – DT2 9AU. Doors open at 7:00 pm with the film starting at 7:30pm. Tickets on the door £6 (to include a glass of wine).

Beaminster Museum's two seasonal exhibitions run throughout October. 'One and two halves to Beaminster' turns the spotlight on the history of public transport in the area, from horse-drawn carriages to early petrol-powered vehicles, from canals that never materialised and railways that stopped short of their destination. 'When the Romans Came to West Dorset' weaves together three intriguing stories: the Roman invasion from a West Dorset viewpoint, the history of Waddon Hill Roman Fort between Broadwindsor and Beaminster, and the role of digital technology in uniting artefacts from across the country. The Museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays, 10.30am – 4pm, Sundays 2pm – 4.30pm. Admission is free, but donations are very welcome. Whitcombe Rd, Beaminster DT8 3NB. www.beaminstermuseum.co.uk

Friday, 3 October

Screening: Radiohead x Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror (PG), 7pm Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £10 To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Waffle Live Presents: Tash n Dave With close harmony singing and a range of acoustic instruments, a you can expect music that ranges from Lennon and McCartney, Simon and Garfunkel through to Randy Newman and John Denver. 19:30 The Community Waffle House, Axminster EX13 5AP Book your tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tash-n-dave-tickets-1638300353459?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Or email live@waffle.org.uk for more info

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Saturday, 4 October

Jazz Concert with John Maddocks 7 Jazzmen at St Mary's church, Beaminster DT8 3BA. Doors open 7 for 7.30 p.m. John's own New Orleans style of music has evolved over time and the band currently presents tunes

from an early jazz repertoire together with more popular songs so all music lovers are thoroughly entertained. Tickets £15 adults, £3 under 16s available from Yarn Barton Information Centre, Beaminster 01308 862715 or online at www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk/tickets.

Bridport & West Dorset Rambling Club 7 mile walk from Mosterton. For further information please ring 01308 898484 or 01308 863340. New members/visitors welcome.

Dorset composer Matthew Coleridge conducts the 10th anniversary performance of his sublime choral work "Requiem" in Sherborne Abbey. Featuring 120 choral singers, international cello soloist Guy Johnston, acclaimed soprano Amy Carson and professional orchestra Southern Sinfonia, this promises to be an unmissable evening of glorious music. The concert will also include the second performance of Matthew's stunning new cantata "The Breath of Life", plus a Q&A session with the composer. Tickets £15 from

matthewcoleridge.com/concerts or email music@matthewcoleridge.com. 7pm. Sherborne Abbey, DT9 3LQ.

All Floyd, 8pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £29.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk

Sunday, 5 October

Choral Eucharist at 10.30am with music by Bairstow, Mozart and Ole Gjeilo. St Peter's Church, High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA. This service is free to attend. More information at www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org.

An afternoon of classical, popular and jazz music by "Superlocrian" 7 piece wind ensemble led by Sam Massey - Trumpet/Flugelhorn and with Gavin Mallett, Hugh Davies & Edward Leaker - Soprano & Alto Sax; Jade Gall - Saxes and Flutes, Tom Green - Trombone and Mike Poyser Tuba at 3pm St. Peter's Church, Dalwood, EX13 7EG (near Axminster). Wine/soft

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Opera Screening: RB&O -Tosca (12A) 210 mins, 2pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £11.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk

Beaminster Museum Free Sunday craft drop-in. Sessions are suitable for children aged five and over – no booking required. 2pm - 4.30pm, Whitcombe Rd, Beaminster DT8 3NB. www.beaminstermuseum.co.uk

Monday, 6 October

Scottish Dancing in Chardstock. An evening of Scottish Dancing in Chardstock Village Hall 7.30-10.00 p.m. Tea and coffee provided but please bring your own mug and wear soft soled shoes. No partner required. Cost £3.00. For more information contact David on 01460 65981 www.chardscottishcountrydance.co.uk.

Coffee Morning in aid of Gaza. Hosted by the Alexandra Hotel & Restaurant, Pound Street, Lyme Regis. 100% of money raised will go to MAP - Medical Aid for Palestines. From 11am.

Bridport Folk Dance Group. If you like music, gentle exercise and socialising, do come along to our dance sessions in the W.I. Hall, North Street on Monday evenings from 7.15pm-9.30pm. No experience or partner required. Occasional live music and always a Caller to guide the dances. Only £3. Tea and biscuits. Tel: 863552 or text 07456730753 for more information.

Hawkchurch Film Nights, in association with Moviola.org, proudly presents 'Mr Burton', 124 mins, Cert.12 (infrequent strong language, discrimination). Doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm at Hawchurch Village Hall, EX13 5XD. Ticket reservations £6.50 from csma95@gmail.com or leave a message on 07753 603219; tickets also available in advance for £6.50 from Hawchurch Community Shop or £7.00 on the door (cash only). Subtitles for hearing-impaired patrons provided if available. Home-made cake, teas, coffees, soft drinks, wine and other refreshments available.

Tuesday, 7 October

AUG Wessex Can we help? Do you sometimes have a problem getting your iPhone, iPad or Mac to do exactly what you want? Then we want to help. We are AUG Wessex. We meet once a month to learn what these devices can do and provide 1:1 help to suit your needs and remove some of the mystery. Come along, free of charge, to our open meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 7th October in the Skyrm Room, Beaminster and find out if we really can help. Typical questions are: where do I store my photos? how do I use WhatsApp? can

I make a flyer for the local fete on my iPad?. We can't guarantee to solve every problem but our members keep coming back determined not to let the technology beat them. Skyrm Room is in the Public Hall, 8 Fleet Street, Beaminster DT8 3EF.

Scottish Country Dancing at Horton Village Hall Nr Ilminster TA19 9QR from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Everyone welcome including beginners so come along and join in the fun. £3.00 pay on the door. Further information from Anita on 01460 929383 email anitaandjim22@gmail.com or visit our web site at www.ashillscd.wordpress.com.

West Dorset Ramblers group 7 mile walk. Searching for Stone Circles via Little Bredy & Hardy's Monument. To book and for details please contact Heather 07798 732252.

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Kilmington Film Matinee Mr Burton (12). Doors and bar open 6.45 film start 7.15 at Kilmington Village Hall EX13 7RF. Tickets £6 can be ordered by contacting: John at wattsjohn307@gmail.com or Tel: 01297 521681.

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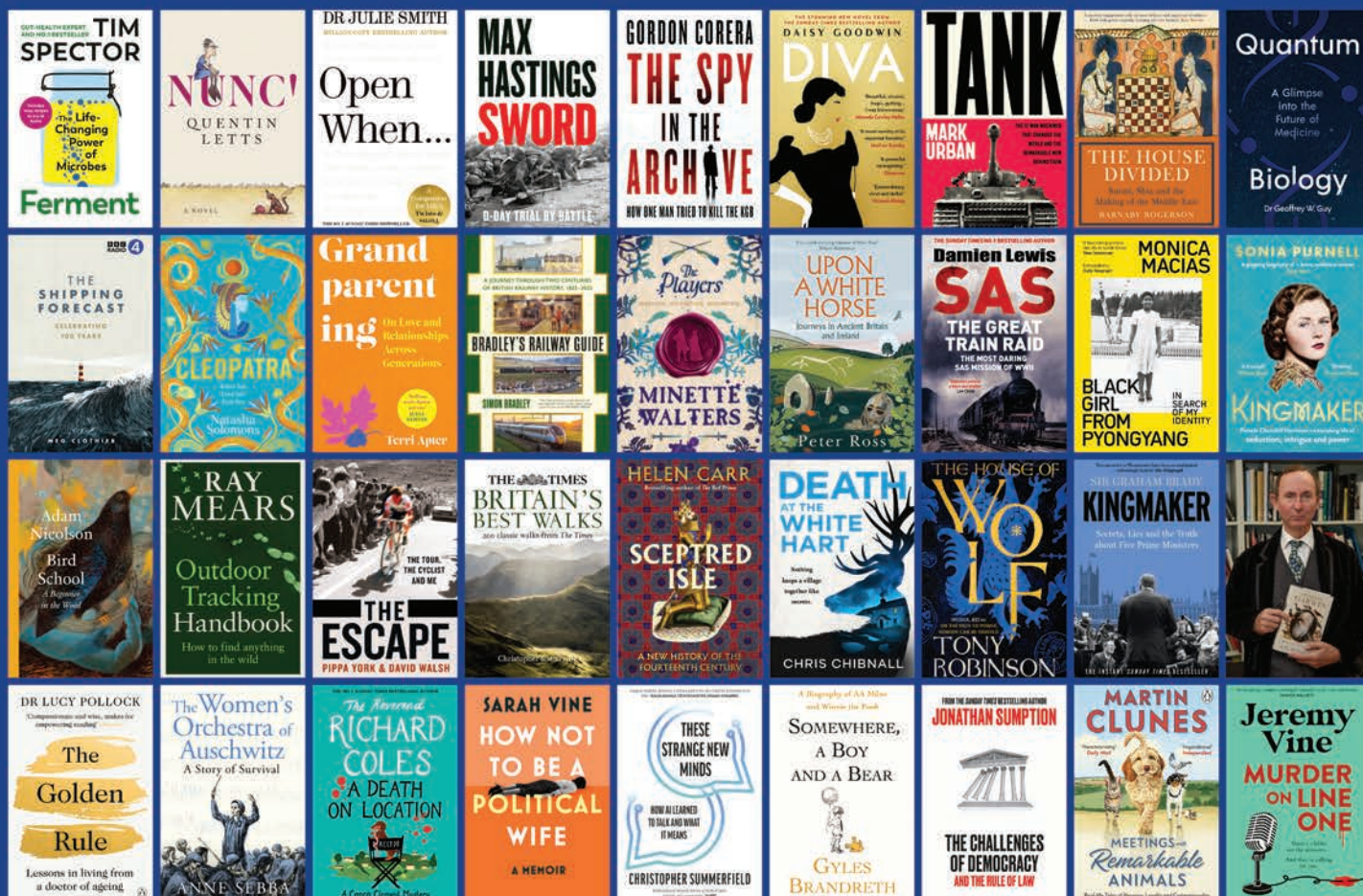
Thursday, 9 October

Book Launch: Gill Barr A Wide River Divides Us. Debut poetry collection launch with readings, conversation with Greta Stoddart, a poem-film and book-signing. Gill Barr's debut collection A Wide River Divides Us opens with acute recollections of a troubled childhood in 1970's Derry/Londonderry. Shocking and poignant poems evoke the child's experience as violence escalates in the streets around her. In a compelling fifty-year leap the poet then leaves behind the city of her youth and sweeps into an expansive future, where her loosening voice reckons with the past and with the self. The arc of this poetry collection is tremendous, ambitious, wide – what strikes most is its sheer variety and vitality. An accomplished

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A night of comedy, music and poetry for the ages 7.30pm at The Lyric Theatre, Bridport. Lost Mythos is a parish council meeting like no other. Fresh from their recent album collaboration, the haunting soundscapes of Mara Simpson and the words of acclaimed poet JLM Morton will take us back to a weird, forgotten Albion. Meanwhile, comic Emma Kernahan guides us through this mythical meeting agenda, blending unruly local folklore and stories from modern rural life. Tickets £12 - on sale at Bridport Tourist Information Centre.

Chesil Bank Writing Shed. Do you write? Would you like to write? Whatever you want to write, why not come and join our friendly group. New writers are always welcome. 7 pm - 9 pm, Portesham Village Hall. You can find out more by emailing linda@lindaph.co.uk.

Seaton Garden Club at 2.30 p.m. Venue The Masonic Hall Seaton. A Talk by Rob Hutch- of Hutch House Plants. Pot plant problems solved, -----so bring your ailing plants. Members free Visitors £2.00 plus refreshments. Contact 01297 22869 for more information.

Chard History Group Roger Marsh will talk on the on the Pen Mill Rail Crash of 1913. 7 for 7.30pm. Upstairs Chard Guildhall (with lift). Members £2.50 Non members very welcome £3.50. For further details contact Tessa on 01984481634.

Folk dancing at Combe St Nicholas village hall (TA20 3LT) at 1930 hrs. A Pair Of Shears will be providing the music and Simon Maplesden calling. It's £4.00 per person which includes a cuppa and cake, all welcome and it is a lot of fun! Further details from Elaine on 01460 65909.

Bridport History Society will be welcoming Tim Goodwin who will give a talk about Dorset during the English Civil War. The talk will be held at the United Church Hall on East Street, Bridport. Doors open at 2.15pm for a prompt 2.30pm start. All are welcome, members £1pp, visitors £5pp. Bridport History Society meets on the second Thursday of each month (except July and August). Membership is open to all (£12 individual / £18 couple). For more information visit: <http://www.bridporthistorysociety.org.uk>.

Kilmingston Film Matinee Mr Burton (12) (See 8th October). Matinee, doors open 1.45pm film starts 2pm, cream-teas served during the interval but must be pre-booked with your seats @ £4. see above and www.kilmingstonvillage.com/other-organisations.html for more information.

Friday, 10 October

Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman From their roots in 90s folk supergroup 'Equation' through to becoming

a revered duo in the folk music scene this multi award-winning folk music couple continue to exude timeless class with their exquisite brand of traditional and contemporary acoustic music. 2025 sees them celebrate 30 years of their musical partnership with the release of their first live concert album. Titled 'Another Day At The Circus' it perfectly encapsulates the intimate poignancy of an evening with a couple at the top of their game. Kathryn and Sean have twice been voted BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Best Duo as well as winning Best Duo honours from both Spiral Earth and Fatea Magazine. "It's folk music for the modern age." – The Telegraph, London. Tickets: £18. 7.30 - 10pm. Ilminster Arts Centre, To book phone: 01460 54973 www.ilminsterartscentre.com.

Beaminster's Yarn Barton Centre (reg'd charity) has its annual fundraising quiz night at the public hall, Fleet St, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Teams of 6 maximum. Tickets @ £10pp, to include ploughman's supper and a drink, are available from the Centre (01308 862715).

Talk - Air raid on RAF Warmwell in August 1940. This talk is about the air raid on 25 August 1940 on RAF Warmwell, believed to be the largest single bombing raid on an English airfield in WW2. Well known historian John Smith from Rockbourne in Hampshire will talk at 6.30pm in Moreton Village Hall near Dorchester, DT2 8RE. The raid was carried out by about 300 Luftwaffe JU88's on the strategically important airfield of RAF Warmwell, which was part of the south coast defence for the Battle of Britain which was to come later that month. This is part of the celebration of the stained glass window in Holy Trinity Church Warmwell, installed last year to the memory of the personnel of RAF Warmwell some of whose graves can be found in the Commonwealth War Graves in the Churchyard. Tickets £10 from David Walsh Tel 07770 343441 or davidpwalsh1802@gmail.com OR on the door if not sold out. All proceeds to Holy Trinity Warmwell and a donation to SSAFA.

Open Mic 2nd Friday of each month: Inclusive & family-friendly open mic hosted by Pete Scott Keyboard, drum kit, backing tracks, full PA set up and ready, band accompaniment available upon request. 19:30 The Community Waffle House, Axminster EX13 5AP. Book your tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-mic-tickets-1616809824709?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Or email live@waffle.org.uk for more info

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Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society.

Autumn Show and Coffee Morning, plant stall and raffle. Fun event judged by public vote and open to all. Free. Uplyme Village Hall 10am to 12 noon. More information <https://ulrhs.wordpress.com>.

The Friends of Weymouth Library (F.O.W.L.) talk will be by Alan Jenkins, a retired Dorset Police Inspector. He was involved in planning and commanding royal visits. On one royal visit to Dorchester everything that could go wrong did! We will learn what happened on that fateful day. The talk begins at 10-30a.m. in the Library. Tickets are £2 for members and £3 for non-members, and can be obtained from the Library (01305762410). For other information phone 01305 832613. Everyone welcome.

Lindisfarne, 8pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £33 To book electricpalace.org.uk

Sunday, 12 October

The Soulful Jazz of Cannonball Adderley 8pm Marine Theatre, Church St, Lyme Regis. Julian "Cannonball" Adderley was an American jazz alto saxophonist whose playing was infused with an infectious gospel tinged earthiness. His playing has been a great inspiration to saxophonist Will Paley who will be presenting Adderley's music accompanied by Philip Clouts at the piano and John Donnelly on the bass. Tickets available at www.marinetheatre.com. You can also purchase tickets from the Lyme Regis Bookshop and Bridport TIC (01308 424901).

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Winsham Art Club, 2pm at Jubilee Hall TA20 4HU. The theme this practical session is Trees on the Levels using Watercolour. It is a 2.5 hr. session led by a visiting tutor. Small friendly group of mixed abilities. Members £5, non-members £7. Annual membership £15. All welcome. Contact: Email : suzyna48@gmail.com for further details.

Tuesday, 14 October

Singing Bowl Soundbath 9PM Digby Memorial Hall,

Sherborne, DT9 3LN £17 Lie down, relax, and allow the Pure Sounds of a crystal and Tibetan bowl soundbath plus sacred vocal overtoneing give you a sonic deep-tissue massage, taking you into the deeper brainwave states of 'the relaxation response', while charging and balancing the aura and chakras of the subtle body, and detoxing the physical body. Booking 01935 389655 ahiahel@live.com.

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Bridport Film Society La Chimera by Alice Rohrwacher. Josh O'Connor plays Arthur, a renegade British archaeologist in 1980's Tuscany. Just released from prison, he makes an illicit living stealing historic artefacts with a bunch of disaffected locals helping his grave-robbing exploits. 7.45pm Bridport Arts Centre. Members and Guests (£5) only.

West Dorset Ramblers group 6.5 or 9 mile walk. Jubilee Trail east of Lewesden – and Pilsden. To book and for details please contact Ian 07826 150114.

Wednesday, 15 October

Coffee Morning, including cakes, scones & savouries, and bacon/egg rolls (made to order), 10.30am – noon; all welcome. Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. More details from Julia (01460 72769).

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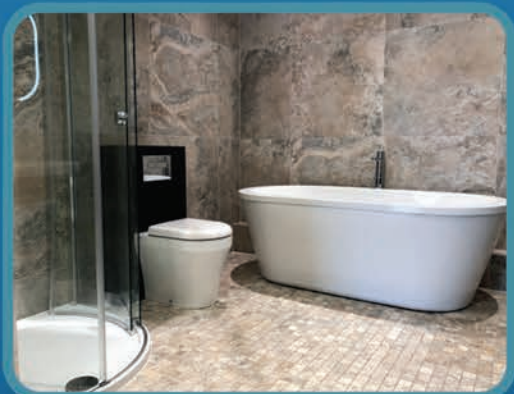
Friends of Lyme Regis Museum offer an illustrated talk, 'Shipwrecks of Lyme Bay' by Nigel Clarke at 2.30 pm in the Woodmead Hall, Hill Road, Lyme Regis. DT7 3PG. Nigel has published books on a wide variety of topics including geology, local history and walk guides. Members £3 visitors £5. All welcome. Enquiries to David Cox, 01297 443156.

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Friday, 17 October

Spikedrivers - bluesroots at its best 1992 ~ 2025 “A celebration, an anniversary and a farewell”. Their music has been described as ‘haunting’, ‘gutsy’, ‘tribal’ and even psychedelic. Blues in Britain says, “From the first note, Spikedrivers demand to be listened to. Ben Tyzack, Constance Redgrave, Maurice McElroy & Roger Nunn are four very talented musicians willing to experiment and evoke unusual contemporary sounds while they continue to keep diggin’ the blues by the roots.” Tickets: £22. 7.30 - 10pm. Ilminster Arts Centre, To book phone: 01460 54973 www.ilminsterartscentre.com.

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Informative talk – local speaker and enthusiastic ‘Mother of Pearl’ collector Fran Watson, will share his interesting hobby with us. £5 includes tea/coffee/squash & cake. Please book in advance. 3pm, at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Further information from Mary (01460 74849) or Julia (01460 72769).

A Warm Invitation to Milborne St Andrew. Friends from nearby villages are warmly invited to join us at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall for our next Milborne Movies screening: The Salt Path. Based on the bestselling memoir by Raynor Winn and starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs, this moving story follows a couple who, after losing everything, take to the South West Coast Path – a journey that passes through many landscapes familiar to us here in Dorset. Come and enjoy a night out on the big screen for just £6.50, which includes a drink or ice cream. A perfect evening of film and friendship, without the hassle of travelling far! at 7.30pm (doors and bar open at 7.00pm) Milborne St Andrew Village Hall, DT11 0JX. We’d love to welcome our neighbours from surrounding villages – bring your friends, enjoy the bar, and settle in for an inspiring film in good company.

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Friday, 17 - 18 October

Giovanni Lonati for classical piano.

Giovanni Lonati returns to Tincleton for a second concert, "The Hour Is Beautiful For Dancing". This his fourth time of trying to get here mind you, the first attempt was a casualty of Covid lockdowns, then he himself caught Covid just before boarding his flight in Rome on the second attempt. The third try was a dream and he wowed the audience in 2023 here in Tincleton and now returns two years later. The programme will be the same on both nights. As usual drinks & nibbles will be served. All concerts start playing at 8pm. Please arrive after 7:30pm. Tickets £20 each. To order tickets please email info@tincletongallery.com or call Tincleton Gallery on 01305 848909

Saturday, 18 October

Lunchtime concert between 12.30pm and 1.00pm given by Hannah McFarlane (cello) and Rob Taylor (piano), including works by Rachmaninov and Faure. St Peter's Church, High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA. Admission free. More information at www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org.



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'Colours of Autumn', a concert by Hertford Chamber Choir, directed by Manvinder Rattan. The Church of St Candida & Holy Cross, Whitchurch Canonorum, at 5.30pm. Tickets £15 (under-18s £5) on the door or in advance from www.buytickets.at/thefriendsofstcandida/1852386. Refreshments available afterwards. Organised by The Friends of St Candida.

Comedy: Georgie Carroll - Infectious, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £25.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Sunday, 19 October

Choral Eucharist at 10.30am with music by James Whitbourn, Byrd and Elgar. St Peter's Church, High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA. This service is free to attend. More information at www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org.

Dalwood Jazz Club presents "Three Good Men" - a tribute to the Benny Goodman Trio with Nick White - clarinet, James Clemas - keyboard and Jim Newton - drums at 3pm. Dalwood Village Hall, EX13 7EG (near Axminster). Bar for beer/wine/soft drinks and tea/coffee/cake etc. Parking at the Village Hall. £12.50p If possible, please book in advance and pay (cash or card) at the door. t.mackenney111@btinternet.com.

Axe Vale Orchestra Concert, 3pm, Axe Vale Orchestra invites you to an afternoon concert at Colyton Town Hall EX24 6JR. The programme includes Elgar Serenade for Strings, Orff Carmina Burana arrangement for ten wind instruments, Finzi Bagatelles for Clarinet with Strings - soloist Chris Gradwell, and Haydn Symphony No 96 'The Miracle'. Tea and Cake after the concert. Tickets £15 (free for under 18s or students), from www.axevaleorchestra.co.uk via TicketSource or on the door.

French + Breton Folk Dance, Bal Crewkerne with live house band, in the Speedwell Hall, Abbey Street, Crewkerne, TA18 7HY. Dance workshop for beginners 6-7pm followed by main dance 7-9.30pm. Admission £4 at the door. Tea and coffee available or bring your own drinks. Free parking in the town centre car parks. More information on our website: <https://balcrew.wixsite.com/balcrewkerne>

Monday, 20 October

Scottish Dancing in Chardstock. An evening of Scottish Dancing in Chardstock Village Hall 7.30 - 10.00 p.m. Tea and coffee provided but please bring your own mug and wear soft soled shoes. No partner required. Cost £3.00 For more information contact David on 01460 65981 www.chardscottishcountrydance.co.uk.

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or text 07456730753 for more information.

Tuesday, 21 October

Scottish Country Dancing at Horton Village Hall Nr Ilminster TA19 9QR from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Everyone welcome including beginners so come along and join in the fun. £3.00 pay on the door. Further information from Anita on 01460 929383 email anitaandjim22@gmail.com or visit our web site at www.ashillscd.wordpress.com.

West Dorset Ramblers group 7 mile walk. Dorchester to Hardy's Cottage - circular walk town to country and back. To book and for details please contact Janet 07947 881635

Wednesday, 22 October

Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society. Talk, Japanese Gardens by Charles Chesshire. Uplyme Village Hall 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm. Members free; guests £3. More information <https://ulrhs.wordpress.com>.

West Dorset Community Orchestra meet for rehearsal in Christian Fellowship hall, East Street car park, Bridport DT6 3PL from 6-30p.m. to 7-45p.m. Contact 01308 456297 www.westdorsetmusic.org.uk.

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG) 2025 122 mins 2pm, (Also at 7.30pm). Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £7.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk.

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Wednesday, 22 - 23 October

A Free exhibition on the life of Lord Horatio Nelson to celebrate Trafalgar Day and the launch of the David Clement Maritime Library and Archive. 10am - 5pm in the Bradshaw Meeting Room at Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5AH. For further details please email rebecca@saltwaternarratives.co.uk or telephone 07548 018654.

A Dreadful Hole - Horatio Nelson's Caribbean Posting, a talk by archaeologist and author, Nigel Sadler, 7:30pm - 8:30pm in the Bradshaw Meeting Room at Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5AH. Tickets £5 can be purchased from Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1665262357539?a>

ff=oddtcreator, by emailing rebecca@saltwaternarratives.co.uk or telephoning 07548 018654.

Thursday, 23 October

Folk dancing at Combe St Nicholas village hall (TA20 3LT) at 1930 hrs. Ian and Margaret will be providing the music and Jane Thomas is the caller. It's £4.00 per person which includes a cuppa and cake, all welcome and it is a lot of fun! Further details from Elaine on 01460 65909.

BridLit Special Event: Alexander McCall Smith, 7pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £16 To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Friday, 24 October

Pam Ayres: Doggedly Onward, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £35 To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Jess Gillam revisits Beaminster Festival. The Beaminster Festival is thrilled to present the Jess Gillam Trio in a very exciting Autumn Concert, kindly supported by the Friends of Beaminster Festival. The programme will feature Jess' typical wide-ranging programme showcasing the versatility of the saxophone including music by Gershwin, Corelli, Telemann and Barbara Thompson. Jess is joined by Zeynep Özsuca, piano, and Sam Becker, double bass. Jess came to the Beaminster Festival in 2017 after reaching the Grand Final of the 2016 BBC Young Musician and has since made a phenomenal career as an international soloist and also as a presenter of BBC Radio 3's This Classical Life; BBC Proms and BBC Young Musician. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Beaminster. Tickets are available from www.beaminsterfestival.com or call 0333 666 33 66.

Waffle Live Presents: Fly Yeti Fly Delicate-but-distinctive folk guaranteed to put a smile on your face. Blending rich vocal harmonies with intricate guitar arrangements, mandolin and harmonica, and with a warmth of spirit that radiates from the stage, the Wiltshire-based duo weave songs and stories about connection, community and the seasons. 19:30 The Community Waffle House, Axminster



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Saturday, 25 October

Bridport & West Dorset Rambling Club 7 mile walk from Beaminster. For further information please ring 01308 898484 or 01308 863340. New members/visitors welcome.

Yeovil Railway Centre, Yeovil Junction, Stoford BA22 9UU: Evening Halloween Disco with Steam Train (and on the 31st). Prebooking recommended - see website www.yeovilrailway.freesevers.com

Choral Evensong at 4.30pm with music by Natalie Burton, Rihards Dubra, Liz Dilnot-Johnson and Herbert Howells. St Peter's Church, High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1XA. This service is free to attend. More information at www.musicatstpetersdorchester.org.

Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre Craft and Fossil Fair 10am - 4pm in St Andrews Community Hall, Charmouth, DT6 6HL. Meet the fossil collectors and visit the stalls - glass, jewellery, pottery, willow craft, pebbles, ceramics, paintings, cards, baby knitwear, handcrafted bags, quilting and felt, FREE ENTRY Refreshments served all day- bacon rolls and cream teas. All proceeds go to support the Centre run as a small educational charity.

Come to the Ceilidh at St Mary's Church House Hall, South Street, Bridport. All Welcome...so don your dancing shoes!! Music by 'Orion's Ring' and the Caller is Rosemary Hunt. 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Only £10. (Accompanied children £1) Light refreshments available or BYO.

Purbeck Film Fest: The Marching Band (15) 2024 103 mins, 5pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £7.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk. The Roses (15) 105 mins, 8pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £7.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk

Saturday, 25 - 26 October

Angels of Sound Sound healing voice workshop Module 2 10am-5PM Osborne Village Hall, Osborne, nr. Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4LA £128/£64 deposit. Learn to give yourself and others a sound-healing treatment using the instrument that you already own—your unique voice! Booking essential ahiahel@live.com 01935 389655 www.centreforpuresound.org

Sunday, 26 October

Singing Bowl Soundbath 2pm Osborne Village Hall nr. Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4LA £17 Lie down, relax, and allow the Pure Sounds of a crystal and Tibetan bowl soundbath plus sacred vocal overtone give you a sonic deep-tissue massage, taking you into the deeper brainwave states of 'the relaxation response', while charging and balancing the aura and chakras of the subtle body, and detoxing the physical body. 01935 389655 ahiahel@live.com.

Netherbury Repair Cafe 10:00-12:00 at the Village Hall. Why not bring your broken items and see if one of our lovely team can fix them. We have volunteers who fix: electrics, bikes, textiles, ceramics, electronics, and wood and metal items. Please bring any spare parts that you think you might need. And while you are waiting you can sample what the cafe offers: home-made cakes, delicious coffee and a range of Clipper teas. Vegan and vegetarian-friendly. We are always looking for new volunteers and so if you love fixing things, baking or being part of a fun community event then come and join us.

Purbeck Film Fest: Ocean with David Attenborough (PG) 85 min, 5pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £7.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk. The Mastermind (12A) 110 mins, 8pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £7.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk

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Spine-tingling family theatre in Dorset this October. Touring Dorset this autumn with Artsreach, Squashbox Theatre's latest show Shivers & Shadows is a deliciously spooky treat for families. 2pm – Milborne St Andrew Village Hall. Follow Craig as he explores a creepy old mansion inherited from his eccentric great Uncle Vladimir. What spectres stalk its corridors, what eerie figures move through the forest, and what strange creature lurks in the cellar below? Shivers & Shadows is a fast-paced, inventive performance brimming with puppetry, tall tales, live music, comedy and just the right amount of spooky silliness. A perfect half-term outing for families with children aged 6+. Fancy dress

‘Every Brilliant Thing’ comes to Bridport’s Lyric Theatre

Friends of West Dorset are bringing their production of *Every Brilliant Thing* to the Lyric Theatre in Bridport on October 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. The show was a sell-out success at the Allington Arts Festival in September, and tickets are now available at the Bridport Tourist Information Centre by calling 01308 424901.

Critically acclaimed, the play explores depression and suicide, but according to the Guardian, it manages to be “*One of the funniest plays you’ll ever see about depression.*” Taking London by storm in the summer, the play is fundraising for a suicide charity, James’ Place UK. It is written by Duncan MacMillan and Jonny Donahue, and in London, Lenny Henry and Sue Perkins, among others, are performing solo roles. Casarotto and Ramsey Associates have granted the company permission to stage an amateur production of the play.

Romla Walker, who is playing the lead role in this one-person play, last year raised money for James’s Place UK, whose work drew her to this project. She is thrilled to be highlighting such vital issues in such a powerful way.

Margie Barbour, the director, explained that her brother’s suicide, aged 17, had changed her whole family’s life, and so she knew at first hand the impact of suicide. Margie shares the story of the play: ‘You’re seven years old. Mum’s in hospital. Dad says she’s “done something stupid”. She finds it hard to be happy. You start a list of everything that’s brilliant about the world. Everything worth living for. You leave it on her pillow. You know she’s read it because she’s corrected your spelling.’

Every Brilliant Thing is a funny, moving and interactive play that reveals the effect of mental illness on families while exploring the lengths we will go to for those we love. The child attempts to ease their mother’s depression by creating a list of all the best things in the world. Through adulthood, as the list grows, they learn the deep significance it has on their own life.

‘This play is life-affirming and shows the healing power of connection,’ says Margie. ‘From when I first came across it, I have wanted to find an opportunity to direct it. The Allington Arts Festival at St Swithun’s invited me to bring it to them, and I am delighted to do so.’

‘At heart it’s a play about living with depression, and it’s less about the idea that the list actually “works”



Romla Walker. Photograph © Colin Fursman

than that it’s a way of communicating love and care between those who struggle to talk about the pain they’re going through; that some things can only be addressed obliquely. *Every Brilliant Thing* is above all a communal endeavour.’

Chris Fogg, dramaturg, explained, ‘*Every Brilliant Thing* is a remarkable play—unique, innovative, engaging, compelling. It manages to be both comic and tragic at the same time, poignantly celebrating hope’s triumph over sorrow in a way that is as courageous as it is moving. Romla delivers an unforgettable, virtuosic performance in the lead role that is wittily nuanced and full of surprises, directed with precise, subtle clarity and confidence by Margie Barbour.’

Tickets are now available at £15 and can be purchased from the Bridport Tourist Information Centre by calling 01308 424901.

Please note: This production includes discussion of suicide and depression. Age recommendation 16+

encouraged – with prizes for the best! Optional post-show shadow-puppet workshop (£4 per child, booking essential). Part of the Artsreach autumn programme bringing professional performances to rural communities across Dorset. More details and booking: www.artsreach.co.uk.

‘Marshwood Vale’ is an anthology of poems written by the well-known Bridport poet, David Bushrod. Each poem is a lovingly crafted jewel capturing the grandeur of the Dorset coast. With the assistance of Mark D. ... man of the Thomas Hardy ... g poems recorded by David ... Robert Eshelby will examine David Bushrod's poetry and offer his ... to the poems of Abbotsbury, Egghardon, Golden Cap and other beloved Dorset features at Dorset Museum from 2 - 3pm. The 30th Anniversary edition of ‘Marshwood Vale’, with a foreword by Robert Eshelby, will be available from October 2025.

POSTPONED

Tuesday, 28 October

Scottish Country Dancing at Horton Village Hall Nr Ilminster TA19 9QR from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Everyone welcome including beginners so come along and join in the fun. £3.00 pay on the door. Further information from Anita on 01460 929383 email anitaandjim22@gmail.com or visit our web site at www.ashillscd.wordpress.com.

Bridport U3A The U3A monthly talk in October is being carried out by Mary Smith. The talk entitled ‘A Schoolgirls War’ tells the story of school life during the war. Starting at 2.00 pm at The British United church hall, East street, Bridport DT6 3LJ. The talk lasts for up to 1 hour followed by Q & A && then refreshments. Members free, visitors £3.00.

Bridport Film Society Kneecap by Rich Peppiatt. A fictionalised account of the controversial group's formation; their chosen moniker being a reference to the IRA's method of punishment during the Troubles. Combines the profane with a serious political message about Irish independence and riotous humour. 7.45pm Bridport Arts Centre. Members and Guests (£5) only.

West Dorset Ramblers group 9 mile walk Jakeman's Cross & Bushes Barn via Grimstone and Stratton Downs. To book and for details please contact Jill & Simon 07974 756107.

Wednesday, 29 October

Artsreach & Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall presents Wild by Black Country Touring. Featuring original songs, immersive soundscapes and storytelling, Wild is a vibrant, moving, captivating show that will leave you wondering... what is your Wild? at 7.30pm Tickets £12.50; 11-17yr old £6; Family £35 From Artsreach. co.uk and 01297560948 Card and cash bar and raffle with proceeds to Wootton Hall.

Screening: NTL – Mrs Warrens Profession (12), 120 mins, 7pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £17.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk

Thursday, 30 October

Clapton & Wayford Village Hall AGM; business followed by wine & nibbles, 7.30pm; all welcome. More details from Mary (01460 74849).

West Dorset Ramblers group 10 mile walk. Pilsden Pen circular via Drimpton, To book and for details please contact Chris 07715760884.

Family Theatre: Fun For Little Ones- A Tribute to Ms Rachel, 12pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £16.50 To book electricpalace.org.uk

Friday, 31 October

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (12A) 1975 100 mins, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £7 To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Samba Drumming Workshop with Drum Devon An enthralling trip to Brazil - James from Drum Devon's 90-minute workshop on Brazilian Timbal drums. Drumming isn't just fun, it's good for you too! (Please note £10 per ticket for this exclusive event) 19:30 The Community Waffle House, Axminster EX13 5AP Book your tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/samba-drumming-workshop-w-drum-devon-tickets-1638341707149?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Or email live@waffle.org.uk for more info

Saturday, 1 November

Mozart's Requiem 10.30 am to 16.30 pm at Thomas Hardye School Dorchester. Weymouth Choral Society warmly invites you to an exciting singing day, featuring the much loved Mozart Requiem, with special guest director Victoria Ely. Victoria is a sought-after choral conductor, founder of the highly acclaimed chamber choir 'Evoke', and Director of Music at Reading University. Cost: £20 per singer, to include music hire, morning refreshments, afternoon tea and cakes. For further information and to book your place, please visit: weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk, email philip.wise76@gmail.com or telephone 07762 416590.

Charity Ceilidh, fun night of dancing with caller and live music from the Wyld Band. Bar and hot snacks available. 7pm-11pm. Dancing 7.30pm. Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall, DT6 6ND. Tickets: £10 (£5 under 14). To book email saintandrewsmonkton@gmail.com

Saturday, 1 - 2 November

Winsham Art Group 2025 exhibition The Jubilee Hall, Winsham, TA20 4HU. Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm. Email : suzyna48@gmail.com for further details. Step into a world of colour, texture, and expression—an annual exhibition of new, original art by our talented members at affordable prices.