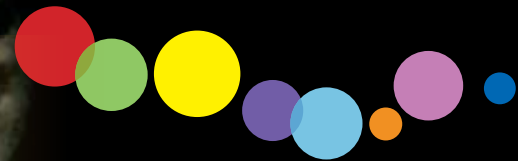


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Welcome to the Ashcroft Diary of Events

January

Monthly Shake: Charleston	Thur 17	£10	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop
Milton Jones	Thur 17	£12.50	7.30pm	Comedy
King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys	Fri 18	£13.50/£12.50	7.30pm	Music
Monthly Make: Willow Platter	Tue 22	£12.50	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop
Tom Stade	Fri 25	£15.00	7.30pm	Comedy
Clay in a Day	Sat 26	£22 Family	10am & 1pm	Childrens
Chris Addison	Thur 31	£20	7.30pm	Comedy

February

Katherine Ryan	Fri 1	£12/£10	7.30pm	Comedy
Julie Matthews	Sat 2	£13.50/£12.50	7.30pm	Music
Monthly Make: Make your own Canvas	Tue 5	£12.50	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop
Carthy, Hardy, Farrell & Young	Thur 7	£18.50/£17.50	7.30pm	Music
Neil Innes	Fri 8	£14.50/£13.50	7.30pm	Comedy/Music
Kan	Tue 12	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Music
Mid-afternoon Make: Make your own Birdfeeder	Thur 14	£10.00	1.30-3pm	Workshop
Tannahill Weavers	Sat 16	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Music
Carnival Time	Mon 18	£18.50	9am - 3pm	Childrens Workshop
Glee goes to the Carnival	Tue 19	£18.50	9am - 3pm	Childrens Workshop
Suitcase Circus	Wed 20	£22 Family/£7	11.30am & 2.30pm	Childrens Theatre
Circus Workshop	Thur 21	£18.50	9am - 3pm	Childrens Workshop
Circus Workshop	Fri 22	£18.50	9am - 3pm	Childrens Workshop
Richard Herring	Fri 22	£15	7.30pm	Comedy
Sink or Swim	Thur 28	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Theatre

March

Antonio Forcione	Fri 1	£16.50/£15.50	7.30pm	Music
Monthly Shakes:Line Dancing	Thur 7	£10	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop
Pete Firman	Wed 6	£15/£13	7.30pm	Comedy
Dhoad Gypsies of Rajasthan	Fri 8	£16.50/£15.50	7.30pm	Music
The Carrivick Sisters & Blair Dunlop	Fri 15	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Music
Craobh Rua	Sat 16	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Music
Mid-afternoon Make: Platted Wire Jewellery	Thur 21	£10	1.30-3pm	Workshop
The Coal Porters	Fri 22	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Music
Monthly Make: Lino-cut Card Making	Tue 26	£12.50	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop

April

Forest in a Box	Wed 3	£18.50	9am-3pm	Childrens Workshop
Blow up Forest	Thur 4	£18.50	9am-3pm	Childrens Workshop
The Wind in the Willows	Tue 9	£22 Family/£7	2.30pm	Childrens Theatre
Make your own Fairytale	Wed 10	£18.50	9am-3pm	Childrens Workshop
The Amazing Bubble Man	Thur 11	£22 Family/£7	11.30am & 2.30pm	Childrens Theatre
Stand up Comedy Workshop	Sat 13	£35	10am - 4pm	Comedy Workshop
Monthly Make: Recycled Landscape Collage	Tue 16	£12.50	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop
Shazia Mirza – Cuckooland	Thur 18	£15	7.30pm	Comedy
Tom Crean	Thur 25	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Theatre
Mid-afternoon Make: Make a Mosaic	Thur 25	£10	1.30-3pm	Workshop

Ashcroft in the Community

Over the past year, we have worked on a variety of projects with local school and community groups. These have resulted in films, performances and a mosaic pathway!

May

Inspector Norse	Wed 1	£14.50/£13.50	7.30pm	Comedy
The Trench	Thur 9	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Theatre
Shooglenifty	Fri 10	£14.50/£13.50	7.30pm	Music
Monthly Make: Recycled Jewellery	Tue 14	£12.50	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop
Colvin Quarmby	Fri 17	£13.50/£12.50	7.30pm	Music
Monthly Shake: Bollywood	Thur 23	£10	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop
Amy Wadge & Pete Riley	Fri 24	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Music
Regatta	Wed 29	£18.50	9am-3pm	Childrens Workshop
Making Waves Street Dance	Thur 30	£18.50	9am-3pm	Childrens Workshop
Mural Painting	Fri 31	£18.50	9am-3pm	Childrens Workshop

June

Monthly Make: Embossed Metal	Tue 4	£12.50	7.15-9.15pm	Workshop
Munro, O'Callaghan & Titchener	Fri 7	£12.50/£11.50	7.30pm	Music
Stepping Out – Portchester Players	Thur 13 - Sat 15	£10.00/£8.00	7.30pm	Theatre
Reason 3 Youth Theatre	Thur 20 & Fri 21	£3.50	7pm	Theatre
Here Comes the Sun	24–28	£3.50/£5		Theatre





SOLD OUT

*"He's fast absurd,
and very funny"*
Radio Times

Thursday 17 January,
7.30pm

Phil McIntyre
Entertainments present
**Milton Jones: Work in
Progress On the Road**

Milton Jones is back on the road with another tour but unfortunately it isn't quite ready yet. Don't panic though he's a professional and has been on Mock the Week, Live at the Apollo as well as performing nine of his own Radio 4 series.

If you love his old stuff you're bound to recognise some of his celebrated one-liners and some of those pictures he drew, plus lots of brilliant new jokes you'll hear before anyone else, up close and personal.

He's won awards you know.

Tickets: £12.50

www.miltonjones.com

WARNING: Comedy often contains strong language and adult themes



Friday 18 January, 7.30pm

King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys

More than just the world's greatest swing band, these guys are an institution and we are delighted to welcome them back to the Ashcroft. The fact that the band have been on the road for more than two decades is a testament to their skill, musicianship – and their sense of fun!

So shake off those winter blues and put a swing in your January step.

Please Note: This is a limited seating event to allow for dancing.

"A joyous jamboree of Jazz. King Pleasure? King Wonderful!" Sunday Mercury

Tickets: £13.50; £12.50 concessions

Friday 25 January, 7.30pm

Comedy Store Management
& 4DVD present

Tom Stade Totally Rocks

It's been a phenomenal eighteen months for Canadian émigré Tom Stade, playing to packed houses across the UK on his 100 date debut tour, being snapped up by 4DVD to record his debut DVD (due for release in 2013) and performing a storming set on BBC 1's Live At The Apollo. Join this "Part devil, part dude" (Kate Copstick, Scotsman), as he shares his refreshingly laid-back and unconventional ethos on life. A rollicking, carefree show from one of the country's most stylish and distinctive stand-up talents. Catch him before he explodes into a household name.



"A natural performer ... A flair for storytelling and a villainous sense of humour...master of hardcore comedy" List

Tickets: £15.00

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Saturday 26 January,
10am & 1pm
Clay in a Day

Come and mould yourself a memory with our clay day! There will be a relaxed claymation workshop where you can create your own character and see it move. As well as face-painting and then the opportunity to see the wonderfully imaginative show 'Claytime'. All families are welcome to this creative experience, including families with children and young people with disabilities, additional support will be available.

£22 (family ticket): £7

Indefinitearticles present
Claytime

A play with clay, where the audience are invited to participate. You are invited to a place where the earth's natural material meets with children's imaginations: a world of fabulous forms, amazing animals and morphing monsters. In this inclusive show, lighting won't be too low, and the door will be open for people to move in and out of the space as they need to. Subsidised places are available to families with a gateway card in receipt of particular income related benefits. Please contact the centre for details.

Thursday 31 January, 7.30pm

**Chris Addison –
The Time is Now, Again**

The star of *The Thick of It*, & *Mock The Week* brings his twice extended, critically acclaimed tour *The Time Is Now, Again* to a venue near you.

Top class stand-up from one of the classiest, toppest stand-ups around. You should come and see him.

SOLD OUT

"Exquisite, super-smart solo show ... gloriously funny"
Time Out

Tickets: £20

www.chrisaddison.com

WARNING:
Comedy often contains strong language and adult themes





Friday 1 February, 7.30pm

Katherine Ryan – Natures Candy

As seen on BBC's 'MOCK THE WEEK', Channel 4's '8 OUT OF 10 CATS', Dave's 'ONE NIGHT STAND', E4's 'DIRTY DIGEST' and more.

Having experienced motherhood, divorce, and MTV, this award-winning comedian proves that the things in life that make us bitter, can actually be quite delicious and hilarious.

*"Young, pretty, smart
and acridly funny"*
Sunday Times

Tickets: £12.00;
£10 concessions

www.katherineryan.co.uk

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and adult themes



Saturday 2 February, 7.30pm

Julie Matthews – The Radio Ballads Tour

In 2006, Julie Matthews was one of a handful of invited songwriters to take part in a brand new project, The BBC Radio 2 Radio Ballads. Inspired by the groundbreaking original Radio Ballads written by Ewan MacColl in the 50's and 60's, the new radio ballads set out to bring the topics that MacColl covered up to date.

Such was the success of this series, that Radio 2 also commissioned radio ballads in 2009 and for the 2012 Olympic games. In this show, Julie performs these songs live, along with the pre-recorded interviews which featured in the original programmes from names like Mary Peters and Tommy Smith.

Tickets: £13.50;
£12.50 concessions

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Thursday 7 February, 7.30pm

Carthy, Hardy, Farrell & Young

Four of the finest female players in British music, Eliza Carthy, Bella Hardy, Lucy Farrell and Kate Young bring together passion, soul and enormous talent. Their four part harmonies and quartet fiddle playing revive old favourites and initiate brand new songs.

Tickets: £18.50; £17.50 concessions

Friday 8 February,
7.30pm

Neil Innes – Another Chance to Get it Right!

Best known for his collaborative work with Monty Python and TV shows such as The Innes Book of Records (BBC2), Neil's solo shows mix fine musicianship and sharp observations celebrating the absurdities of modern existence.

According to Neil *"...if I could describe what it is I do on stage in a sentence or two, or even a cleverly constructed paragraph, then there would be absolutely no need for me to go on stage and do it"*

So, come and see for yourself!

**Tickets: £14.50;
£13.50 concessions**

www.neilinnes.org





Saturday 16 February, 7.30pm

Tannahill Weavers

Traditional Scottish music at its best - as tight and versatile as any band in the Celtic music scene, the Tannahills can summon rock-n-roll intensity or haunting introspection.

"An especially eloquent mixture of the old and the new"
New York Times

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions

Tuesday 12 February, 7.30pm

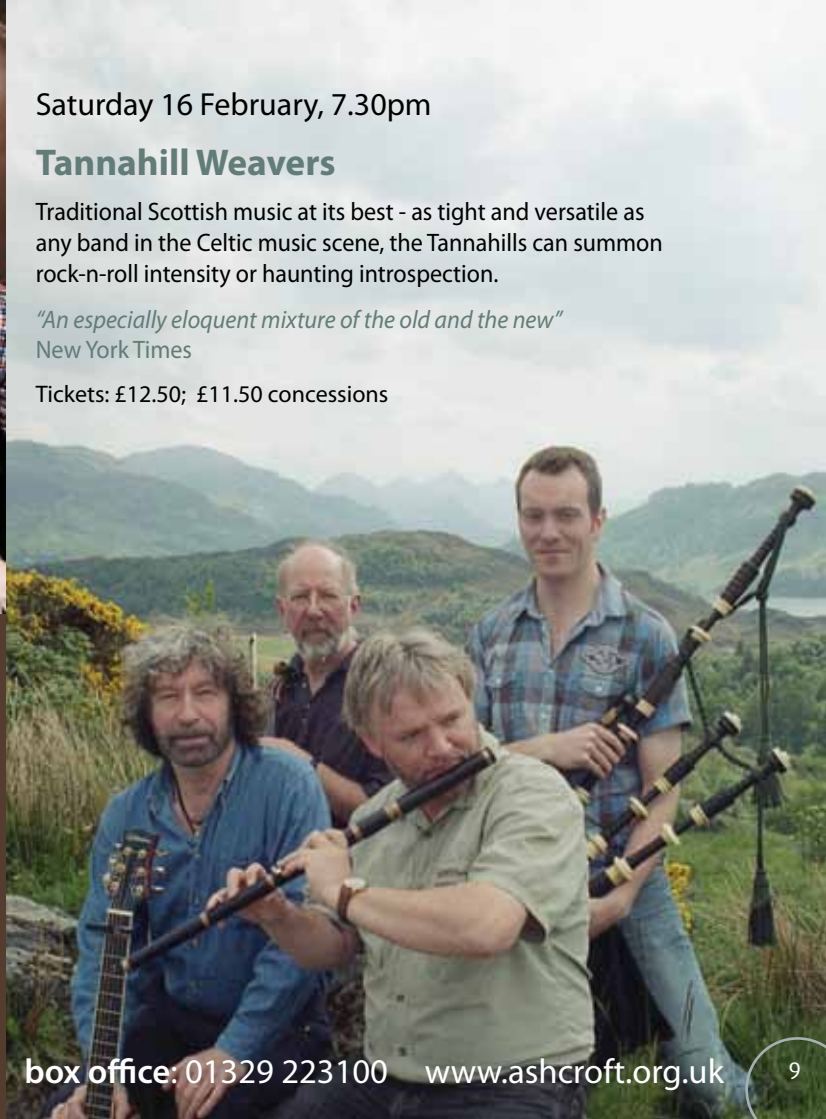
Kan

Kan is a unique melding of the bold and beautiful flute virtuosity of Brian Finnegan with the expressive and daring fiddle deftness of Aidan O'Rourke cemented by the organic and intuitive drumming of James Goodwin and the unfettered playful guitar reinventions of Ian Stephenson.

"Highly original" Rock N Reel Magazine

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions

www.kan-music.co.uk



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Carnival Time

Monday 18 February, Years R–6,
9am – 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Spend the day creating your very own mini Ashcroft carnival. Create your own float and then choreograph the procession for a performance at the end of the day.

Glee goes to the Carnival

Tuesday 19 February, Years R–6,
9am – 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Learn some exciting dance moves and catchy songs as our Glee club goes to the carnival. End the day with an informal performance for family and friends



House present Folded Feather with Suitcase Circus

Wednesday 20 February, 2.30pm
Tickets: £22 (family ticket), £7

A delightful heart-warming and interactive family-friendly spectacular. Suitcase Circus features the most unlikely of performers including the world's only acrobatic potato sack, a daredevil ski glove, an incredible dancing milkshake straw, the hypnotic tie snake Windsor Knot and the lovable yet bizarre magical Mexican hat Timrek.

*"Suitcase Circus are outstanding"
Time Out*

Circus Workshop

Thursday 21 February, Years R–2,
9am – 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Let the little ones join the circus for the day. Come and learn how to plate spin, juggle and perform acrobatics! Perform for friends and family at the end of the day.

Circus Workshop

Friday 22 February, Years 3–6,
9am – 2pm, Cost: £18.50

Roll up, roll up and join the circus here at the Ashcroft! Learn how to unicycle, juggle, balance and much more. Perform for friends and family at the end of the day.

All workshops culminate in a performance at 2.45pm.

Please note:
All participants will need a packed lunch (no nuts or nut products please). For children under 5, parents must remain in the building throughout the day.

Friday 22 February, 7.30pm

Richard Herring – Talking Cock

It's an object of shame and price; it inspires laughter and fear; it creates life, it can condemn us to death... and it can do wees as well.

How can one tiny flap of sponge and sinew be all these things?

Richard Herring intends to find out in this tenth anniversary update of the critically acclaimed show that exposes the truth about men and their flutes of love.

"Man's answer to the Vagina Monologues"
The Guardian

"An impassioned and thoughtful disquisition on masculinity, cultural identity and sexual anthropology... but there are still loads of jokes about porridge guns" The Observer

Tickets: £15.00

www.richardherring.com

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Thursday 28 February, 7.30pm

Spike Theatre present

Sink or Swim

En-route to America three hapless victims find themselves running for the lifeboats when they come under attack and their ship - The Sea Venture - is sunk. Our brave souls battle the elements, each other and a leaking lifeboat. 'Sink or Swim' is an insanely comic tale of tales and three men's maddening struggle's at sea.

'Sink or Swim' will celebrate Spike Theatre's 15th anniversary year of creating and touring original theatre and will reunite the creative team behind the award winning and critically acclaimed 'The Games'

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions

www.spiketheatre.com

"Spike produces an original style of 'Total' theatre" BBC Radio



Friday 1 March, 7.30pm

Antonio Forcione

Award-winning Antonio Forcione, acoustic guitarist, multi-instrumentalist, composer and talented artist, is a highly charismatic and inventive performer. He breaks the mould of most conventional, popular guitar sounds, be it in the field of jazz, Spanish, African, Brazilian or improvised music. We are thrilled to have him back at the Ashcroft.

"This renowned musical performer has changed the way we look at the humble acoustic guitar" ThreeWeeks

Tickets: £16.50; £15.50 concessions

www.antonioforcione.com

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Wednesday 6 March, 7.30pm

Phil McIntyre Entertainment
Presents

Pete Firman – Hoodwinker

Fresh from BBC1's 'The Magicians', with his own trademark blend of comedy and jaw-dropping magic, this is a show not to be missed! We are delighted to welcome Pete back to the Ashcroft – just how much more amazing can he be?

Tickets: £15.00; £13.00 concessions

www.petefirman.co.uk

"Firman is responsible for making it socially acceptable to say that you like magic again"
The Guardian

Friday 8 March, 7.30pm

Dhoad Gypsies of Rajasthan

A mesmerising and spectacular show. Poets, troubadours, musicians and dancers from the county of Maharajas, Rajasthan. Dhoad Gypsies consist of eight world-class musicians who perform a diverse repertoire of traditional, spiritual Rajasthani folk music enriched by world folklore on tabla, harmonium, dholak, sarangi, jaw harp and castanets. One not to be missed!

Tickets: £16.50; £15.50 concessions

www.dhoad.com



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Friday 15 March, 7.30pm

The Carrivick Sisters & Blair Dunlop

A fantastic double bill of young folk talent. Identical twin sisters, Charlotte and Laura Carrivick mix strong bluegrass influences with an English style. They have performed alongside Martin Simpson, Ralph McTell and Show of Hands to name but a few. Blair Dunlop has music in his blood with Ashley Hutchings and Judy Dunlop as his parents. He has performed in a mix of festivals including Cropredy and he also appeared as Little Willy Wonka in the latest adaptation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Johnny Depp starred as the grown-up version!).

"Comparisons to Alison Krauss and Union Station would not be out of place, for they are that good..." R2 Magazine



"He's immensely skilled in three respects; as singer, songwriter and guitarist" fRoots Magazine

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions

www.thecarrivicksisters.co.uk

www.blairdunlop.com

Saturday 16 March, 7.30pm

Craobh Rua

No strangers to our shores, this exciting acoustic four-piece take a refreshing unpretentious and uncommonly skilled run at some of the greatest music in the world. Craobh Rua (pronounced Crave Ru-ah) play Irish Traditional Music from the heart. A rich sound, acoustic driven, this is traditional Celtic fare at its finest, mixing rousing jigs, reels and polkas with tender ballads and airs.

"The mighty Northern style of Irish Traditional Music cruises through their veins" FRoots

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions

www.craobhrua.com



Friday 22 March, 7.30pm

The Coal Porters

The Coal Porters were formed in the 1990s by ex-Long Ryder Sid Griffin. Relocating from Los Angeles to London the band left its electric instrumentation behind and slowly mutated into the acoustic act they are today. In fact, the Coal Porters claim to be the world's first "alt-bluegrass" act, where they take old themes and melodies and soup them up for the 21st century. The band has demonstrated the power of fiddle, mandolin, banjo, acoustic guitar and doghouse bass, matched with three-part harmonies and memorable melodies – and taken this sound around the world.

"A sumptuous bluegrass spread impeccably served" Uncut Magazine

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions

www.sidgriffin.com

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Easter Holidays

Enchanted

Please note: All participants will need a packed lunch (no nuts or nut products please). For children under 5, parents must remain in the building throughout the day.

Forest in a Box

Wednesday 3 April, Years R–6,
9am – 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Create your very own forest in a box. Use a variety of materials to create your very own enchanted forest, then make the characters so the forest comes to life. Participants will be split into two groups according to age for the duration of the day.

Blow up Forest

Thursday 4 April, Years 3–6,
9am – 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Get magical in the forest. Learn balloon modelling and spend the day creating an enormous tree filled with wonderful animals and creatures that you can take home at the end. You may even learn some magic tricks too!



Image Musical Theatre presents **The Wind in the Willows**

Tuesday 9 April, 2.30pm
Tickets: £22 (family ticket), £7

Kenneth Grahame's Tales of the River Bank, the Open Road, the Wild Wood, the exuberant Mr Toad and Mole, Ratty and Badger are all here in this vibrant musical production.

Image Musical Theatre's immensely popular format gives the opportunity for everyone to take part in the show. Some children play the rabbits, the ducks and the thieving weasels while the audience learns and sings the chorus's of four songs.

This is family theatre at its very best.

Make your own Fairytale

Wednesday 10 April, Years R-6,
9am - 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Delve into a world of elves, goblins and fairies. Use drama to bring your story to life and then create your props to use in your performance at the end. Participants will be split into two groups according to age for the duration of the day.

*This workshop will culminate
in a performance at 2.45pm*

Louis Pearl is **The Amazing Bubble Man**

Thursday 11 April, 11.30am & 2.30pm
Tickets: £22 (family ticket), £7

Ever seen a moon bubble? How about a square bubble? What about someone inside a bubble? All this and much more awaits bubble-lovers everywhere in this wonderful family show.





Saturday 13 April,
10.00am – 4.00pm

Stand Up Comedy – Adult Workshop

Comedy has never been more popular. Marc Blake is an author, comedian and script editor with over 25 years experience in stand up, broken comedy and sitcom. Join him for this hilarious interactive day to help you find your inner funny.

Tickets: £35.00 including lunch

Thursday 18 April,
7.30pm

Shazia Mirza – Cuckooland

'Cuckooland' - Anyone can be anything, do anything and say anything. Who cares what anyone thinks you're going to say it anyway? You have to be a bit deluded but some people are just living in Cuckooland!

Hilarious brand new show from internationally acclaimed award winning stand-up comedian Shazia Mirza.

"Had the place in stitches"
Independent

**Tickets: £14.50;
£13.50 concessions**

www.shazia-mirza.com

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Thursday 25 April, 7.30pm

Play On Words Theatre in association with
European Arts Company presents

Tom Crean – Antarctic Explorer

Tom Crean (1877– 1938), the intrepid Antarctic explorer and one of Ireland’s unsung heroes is brought to life in this award winning, dramatic and humorous solo performance. Hear the riveting true stories of Crean’s Antarctic explorations as one of the few men to serve with both Scott and Shackleton and survive the three famous expeditions: Discovery, (1901 – 1904); Terra Nova (1910 – 1913); and Endurance (1914 – 1916). Winner of Fringe First in Edinburgh

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions

www.playonwordstheatre.com

*“a remarkable and uplifting piece of theatre,
gives everything and asks nothing”*
Sunday Independent

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Wednesday 1 May, 7.30pm

Lip Service present
**Inspector Norse (The Girl With Two
Screws Left Over)**

A self-assembly Swedish crime thriller from award-winning comedy duo LipService.

A man is found dead in a barn with a walking pole in his forehead. Enter Inspector Sandra Larsson in her authentic, rustic knitwear. With her own personal life unravelling before our eyes, it is up to her to follow the pattern of a mystery with many holes. Featuring Nordic walking and a drunken moose!

"LipService are the Laurel and Hardy of literary deconstruction" The Guardian

Tickets: £14.50; £13.50 concessions

www.lip-service.net

Callout to local knitting groups:

***Come and knit our set! Please email
knittingfornorse@gmail.com to get involved***



Thursday 9 May, 7.30pm

house present

Les Enfants Terribles with The Trench

Inspired by the story of a miner who became entombed in a tunnel during WW1, The Trench follows one man's epic journey as he battles for salvation and sanity. As the horror engulfs him, not everything in the darkness is what it seems when he discovers a strange world beneath the mud and death. Written by Oliver Lansley (BBC2's Whites, Sky's Little Crackers) the production blends live music, puppetry and physical performance.

"...the overall vision stays with you like a strange, significant dream"
The Times ****

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions



Friday 10 May, 7.30pm

Shooglenifty

Famous the world over for inventing Techno Ceilidh, Acid Croft and Hypnofolkadelia, Shooglenifty's original and exciting sound has launched the band on an international career. While their sound is difficult to put into words, audiences from around the world have fallen under their musical spell. So put your dancing shoes on and prepare for a night to remember!

Please note, this is a standing gig with limited seating for those who require it, to allow for dancing.

Tickets: £14.50; £13.50 concessions

www.shoogle.com

"This is tradition standing on its head...doing cart wheels and pole vaulting over every barrier in sight"
The Irish Times



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Friday 17 May, 7.30pm

Colvin Quarmby

With sublime songwriting, spine tingling five part harmonies, fine musicianship and a truly unique live stage show CQ have won plaudits and awards throughout the United Kingdom and Europe. There is a feel good factor to a ColvinQuarmby gig which is rarely equalled. Its not tangible, nor easily put into words, it needs to be experienced.

"The songs are brilliant. They should be a household name. Go see them." Phil Beer, Show of Hands

Tickets: £13.50; £12.50 concessions

www.colvinquarmby.co.uk



Friday 24 May, 7.30pm

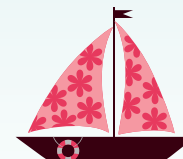
Amy Wadge & Pete Riley

Amy Wadge and Pete Riley first came together a little over two years ago to do some writing together. They immediately clicked and after many years as solo artists or as members of various bands, they decided to collaborate and have been touring, writing and recording together ever since. Amy also works extensively as a songwriter for other artists, recently she has achieved world wide success with double Brit winner Ed Sheeran having collaborated with him on EP 'Songs I wrote With Amy' and also 'Goldrush' on his quadruple platinum selling album.

"An irresistible, riveting performer"
Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2

**Tickets: £15.50;
£11.50 concessions**

HALF TERM BOATS AND BARNACLES



Regatta

Wednesday 29 May, Years R–6,
9am – 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Hold your very own regatta. Make your own boat and then transform your surroundings into a river complete with lily pads, frogs and dragonflies. Finish the day by racing your completed boats. Participants will be split into two groups according to age for the duration of the workshop.

Making Waves Street Dance

Thursday 30 May, Years R–6,
9am – 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Come and enjoy a day of dancing as you shake, shimmy and shuffle taking inspiration from the sea. This workshop will culminate in a performance at 2.45pm. Participants will be split into two groups according to age for the duration of the workshop.

Mural Painting

Friday 31 May, Years R–6,
9am – 3pm, Cost: £18.50

Start with the theme water and then spend the day being creative as you design a large mural with a professional artist. Then feel proud as your artwork is displayed at the Ashcroft. Participants will be split into two groups according to age for the duration of the workshop.

Please note:

All participants will need a packed lunch (no nuts or nut products please). For children under 5, parents must remain in the building throughout the day.



Friday 7 June, 7.30pm

Munro, O'Callaghan & Titchener

Many people will recognise John Munro, Eric Bogle's long-time side-man who toured in the UK with Eric for about 30 years, and Peter Titchener, who toured here several times in recent years with the band Colcannon. When Colcannon ended, Munro and Titchener joined forces with long-time friend Mike O'Callaghan. They not only create great music together, they also have an infectious chemistry which produces a wonderful atmosphere for them and the audience alike.

Tickets: £12.50; £11.50 concessions

www.mot.au.net



Thursday 13 –
Saturday 15 June,
7.30pm

Portchester Players
present

Stepping Out

Tickets: £10.00;
£8.00 concessions

Set in a church hall, the play catalogues the complicated lives of seven women, one man, their teacher and pianist at a weekly tap-dancing class. An eclectic group of individuals from disparate backgrounds and with differing motivations. Friendships blossom, fun, laughter and tears are inevitable.

HIRING



Thursday 20 & Friday 21 June,
7.00pm

Reason 3 Youth Theatre

Shhhh! It's a secret. I can't tell you more but all will be revealed when you buy your tickets....

Tickets:

£3.50 Early Bird (if purchased before 1 June)

£5 (purchased after 1 June)

Monday 24 –Friday 28 June,
Times will vary

Here Comes the Sun **Ashcroft Summer Showcase**

A celebration of the summer solstice.
Expect ritual, celebration and loads of summer tunes!

Tickets:

£3.50 Early Bird (if purchased before 1 June)

£5 (purchased after 1 June)

exhibitions

14 January – 15 February

Julie Tucker

Julie is a local freelance artist who specialises in portraiture and fine art with a passion for illustration. Julie is also a tutor at the Ashcroft Arts Centre. This exhibition is a varied collection of her art ranging from mermaids to fairies and everything in between.



26 February – 5 April

Freestyle Photography – Capturing the Moment

A collection of pictures by local photographer Steve Guilfoyle. Driven by a passion for photography going back over 30 years capturing images of local landscapes, events and occasionally something a little different, Steve has put together an exhibition which celebrates moments in time.

16 April – 24 May

Dusk – Tom Slinger

A new exhibition of photographs by Hampshire-based photographer Tom Slinger. This collection is inspired by the sun, its rise and fall throughout the day, and specifically capturing those golden moments when the glow of the skies creates an atmosphere of splendour and perfect beauty.



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3 June – 28 June

Here Comes the Sun

A celebration of young people's work from the range of art classes run by the Ashcroft.

www.ashcroft.org.uk

Monthly Adult Workshops

Come along to the Ashcroft for something new each month. Learn a new skill in a relaxed and creative environment and create something special to take away with you.

Monthly Makes

Workshops cost £12.50 each, which includes all materials and a drink from the bar.

Tuesday 22 January

Willow Platter

Discover the ancient craft of willow weaving and create your own stunning willow platter.

Tuesday 5 February

Make your own Canvas

Experiment with colour and imagination then paint your own mini canvas to take home and display.

Tuesday 26 March

Lino-cut Card Making

Use lino-cut printing techniques to create bespoke cards in time for Easter.

Tuesday 23 April

Recycled Landscape Collage

Use recycled materials to create a charming landscape picture that you can take away and frame.

Tuesday 14 May

Recycled Jewellery

Do you have old jewellery at home and don't quite know what to do with it? Bring it along and learn how to revamp it into something new and beautiful.

Tuesday 4 June

Embossed Metal

Produce something truly remarkable by learning embossing techniques to create a unique piece of art that can be used as art pieces to hang on walls or for scrapbooking.

Monthly Shakes

These workshops cost £10 each.

Thursday 17 January

Charleston

Experience a slice of the 1920's and come and learn how to do the Charleston.

Thursday 7 March

Line Dancing

Dust off your boots, come on down and grab your partner by the hand.

Thursday 23 May

Bollywood

Have fun learning this energetic and unique dance style that derives from the folk songs and traditional dances of India.

Mid-afternoon Makes

Enjoy a piece of cake, a cuppa and make something special to take away. Workshops run on Thursdays from 1:30-3pm and cost £10, this includes all materials, cake and a cup of tea or coffee.

Thursday 14 February

Make your own Birdfeeder

Whittle your own natural birdfeeders using hazel and willow. Just bring your hands.

Thursday 21 March

Platted Wire Jewellery

Come and create your own individual earrings, bracelet or necklace, using silver plated wire and beads. Use small hand tools to learn some basic techniques to produce jewellery pieces for yourself or as lovely gifts.

Thursday 25 April

Make a Mosaic

Use coloured glass, stone and other materials to make a beautiful and functional mosaic coaster or table mat, reminiscent of ancient times.

The spring term will run for 10 weeks and Summer term runs for 11 weeks.

Spring classes start Monday 7th January.
Half term (when classes do not run) is w/c Monday 18th February.

Summer classes start Monday 15th April.
Half term (when classes do not run) is w/c Monday 27th May.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please ring our Box Office, visit our website or pop into the centre for more information.

Concessions

If you are over 60 you qualify for 25% off the full price adult class rate.

Means Tested Benefit (MTB) Fee Remission.

If you would like to enrol on a non-vocational course and are in receipt of one of the following qualifying means tested benefits you can get your tuition fees at a reduced rate:

- if you are in receipt of income based job seekers allowance
- income support
- council tax or housing benefit
- family working tax credit
- disabled persons tax credit
- pension credit (you qualify for 50% discount)

Proof will be required.



Monday

Dancing Fit

10.30–11.30am, Ages 50+

£45.50 (£34.10 concessions) Spring Term

£50.05 (£37.51 concessions) Summer Term

Challenge both body and mind in this dance fitness class.

Drama for Adults with Learning Disabilities

2.30–3.30pm

£40 Spring Term, £44 Summer Term

Explore different characters, themes and ideas in this fun and creative class.

Egyptian Dance

7.30–8.30pm

£45.50 (£34.10 concessions) Spring Term

£50.05 (£37.51 concessions) Summer Term

Using various props, explore classical, baladi and shaabi styles of Raqs Sharqi.

Tuesday

Dance Class for Adults with Learning Disabilities

10–11am OR 11am–12noon

£40 Spring Term, £44 Summer Term

A chance to explore dance in a fun, creative and musical morning.

Pilates Lower Intermediate

11.30am–12.30pm

£45.50 (£34.10 concessions) Spring Term

£50.05 (£37.51 concessions) Summer Term

Strengthen your core muscles, improve posture, alignment and tone. For new improvers.

Pilates Upper Intermediate

12.45–1.45pm

£45.50 (£34.10 concessions) Spring Term

£50.05 (£37.51 concessions) Summer Term

Strengthen your core muscles, improve posture, alignment and tone. For improvers.

adult classes



Pole Fitness

7:30–8:30pm

£50.00 (£37.50 concessions) Spring Term

£55.00 (£41.25 concessions) Summer Term

Develop core strength and muscle tone in this fun fitness class. All abilities welcome.

Wednesday

Music for Pleasure

9.45–11.45am

£70.50 (£52.90 concessions) Spring Term

£77.55 (£58.19 concessions) Summer Term

Learn how to listen to and appreciate classical music with introductions to a variety of composers and historical periods.

Singing for Pleasure

1.30–3pm

£68.20 (£51.20 concessions) Spring Term

£75.02 (£56.32 concessions) Summer Term

Come along and sing a variety of different songs in a range of different styles.

Community Choir

7–9pm

£68.20 (£51.20 concessions) Spring Term

£75.02 (£56.32 concessions) Summer Term

Learn a range of songs old and new, pop and soul. Everyone is welcome!

Thursday

Pilates Beginners

10–11am

£45.50 (£34.10 concessions) Spring Term

£50.05 (£37.51 concessions) Summer Term

Strengthen your core muscles, improve posture, alignment and tone. Suitable for beginners.

Friday

All about art

10am–12noon

£70.05 (£52.90 concessions) Spring Term

£77.55 (£58.19 concessions) Summer Term

Enjoy art and try a variety of different media.

Art for adults with Learning Disabilities

1.15–2.15pm

£40 Spring Term, £44 Summer Term

Explore a range of multi-media including paint, collage and other expressive mediums.

Monthly Craft Workshops for Adults with Learning Difficulties

Led by artist Doug Robertson, these workshops offer an opportunity to learn and create something new in a relaxed and creative environment.

All workshops run from 6-8pm. Cost of each workshop is £7 which includes refreshments. Carers go free.

Monday 14th January	Monday 29th April
Monday 4th February	Monday 20th May
Monday 11th March	Monday 17th June



Monday

Reason 2 Youth Theatre

5.30–6.30pm | School Years 3–6

£35.50 Spring Term | £39.05 Summer Term

A chance to learn the skills and joys of theatre. Explore characters, themes and more in this fun and creative class.

Tuesday

Reason 1 Youth Theatre

4.30–5.30pm | School Years R–2

£35.50 Spring Term | £39.05 Summer Term

An introduction to the world of theatre. With games and exercises, start exploring characters and themes.

Reason 3 Youth Theatre

7–8.30pm | School Years 7–11

£45.80 Spring Term | £50.38 Summer Term

Develop your acting skills and understanding of the theatre in a fun and creative way. This class focuses on stage presence and technique.

Wednesday

Art on Wednesdays

School Years 3–6

£35.50 Spring Term | £39.05 Summer Term

Create your very own artwork and explore different art materials including pastels, paints, fabric, clay and so much more!

Thursday

Pre-primary/Primary Ballet

4– 4:40pm

£35.50 Spring Term | £44.00 Summer Term

This class is a great introduction to ballet and a fun way to encourage a love of dance.

Friday

Street Dance

School Years 3–6 | 4– 5pm

£35.50 Spring Term | £39.05 Summer Term

Strut your stuff and learn cool moves, including street, hip hop and break dancing.

School Years 7–11 | 5–6pm

£35.50 Spring Term | £39.05 Summer Term

Learn cool street dance, hip hop and break dancing moves to the latest tunes.

Saturday

SmART Club

School Years 3–6 | 9.30– 11am

£45.80 Spring Term | £50.38 Summer Term

Experience different art forms and styles and create your own masterpieces. This is a chance to explore pastels, paints, fabric, clay, collage and more.

Street Dance

School Years R–1 | 9–10am

£35.50 Spring Term | £39.05 Summer Term

School Years 1–2 | 10– 11am

£35.50 Spring Term | £39.05 Summer Term

School Years 3–6 | 11am–12noon or 12–1pm

£35.50 Spring Term | £39.05 Summer Term

Learn cool street dance, hip hop and break dancing moves to the latest tunes.



Ever thought about Volunteering?

Across South East Hampshire, there are a variety of opportunities to get involved at some of the exciting venues Hampshire County Council has to offer.



Volunteer at the **Ashcroft** as an evening usher or during the day selling tickets and supporting marketing and publicity.



Volunteer at **Westbury Manor Museum** throughout the day and learn more about the history of the town and its people

www3.hants.gov.uk/westbury-manor-museum



Volunteer at **Bursledon Windmill** and develop links with the local community at this unique site.

www3.hants.gov.uk/windmill

A real chance to contribute to your local area, develop skills for your CV, make friends and have fun.

stay ahead of the game!

We are delighted to welcome a number of exciting acts to the Ashcroft stage.

We are able to keep our customers up to date on breaking news, which includes announcements of performances from sell-out comedians, in advance by sending e-mails to our mailing list, or posting events on to our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Stay ahead of the game and add your details to our FREE mailing list, 'like' us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.



Can you spare a couple of hours?
Volunteer at the Ashcroft Arts Centre

Make a valuable contribution to our team by volunteering. In return you will receive full training and a chance to see some productions free of charge! We require daytime and evening help. Please contact us for further information.

Access

There is easy access for wheelchair users. Please ask us when you make your booking and we will ensure that spaces are kept for you. We have an induction loop in all areas for those with hearing difficulties. Accessible toilet and baby-changing facilities are also available.

Car Parking

Whilst the car park is free for our customers we are unable to guarantee the availability of on-site car parking due to heavy demand from centre users and permit holders.

Theatre Seating

Most theatre performances use rows A-I only. Certain performances have rows X-Z added where space allows. These are not raked seats.

I	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
H	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
G	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
F	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
E	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
D	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
C	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
B	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
A	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
X	...ENTRANCE/EXIT							7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Y	1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Z	1	2	3	4	5				7	8	9	10	11	12		

Paying for your tickets

You may pay using most credit/debit cards or by cheque (payable to Hampshire County Council) or cash. Card bookings are subject to a £1 administration fee. We do not accept reservations for shows. A range of concessions and discounts for group bookings are available. Tickets are not refundable or transferable. Tickets are also available to purchase online from our website.

Opening Times

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

Evenings when there is an event, class or workshop

Saturdays 9.30am-11.30am and 6pm-10.30pm (on event evenings)

Please note: opening times may vary during school holidays

How to contact us

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Email: ashcroft@hants.gov.uk

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Hirings

For information about hirings please visit www.ashcroft.org.uk or email the Operations Co-ordinator john.creeedy@hants.gov.uk

How to find us

By train: Fareham Station

By bus: Fareham Bus Station, High Street

By car: M27 Junction 11

Free on-site car parking for patrons (subject to availability)



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Mailing list

Keep up to date with events. Ask to be added to our FREE mailing list.

Data Protection

The Ashcroft Arts Centre is committed to upholding the Data Protection principles of good information handling practice. When processing your booking the Box Office will ask you for your name, address and telephone number. If you wish to be on our mailing list your personal information will only be used to send you relevant information from Hampshire County Council art venues and/or The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre, Havant. Your details will only be shared with an external organisation in order to enable us to contact you and will not be shared with any other organisation.

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